

National English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association 2017 Annual Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Holiday Inn Austin and Conference Center in Austin, MN on November 14, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A roll call was taken. Delegates for forty eight clubs were present which constitutes a quorum.

Acceptance of Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2016 meeting as published and distributed be approved.

Motion approved

Presidents Message

Dean Koehler welcomed the delegates to Austin and said that more information about the field trial would be given at the end of the meeting.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's 2016 report as published and distributed be approved.

Motion approved

Election of Officers

Jeff Brooks gave the report for the nominating committee. The Western Interclub will be hosting the 2020 National Open and the committee requested proposals. The proposal that was selected was made by Gary Riddle for a trial to be held in the Logan/Newton Utah area using the same grounds that would be used for the upcoming National Amateur.

Jeff made a motion to elect the remaining slate by acclamation:

President	Mike Wallace
First Vice President	Don Bramwell
Second Vice President	Gary Riddle
Secretary/Treasurer	Mhari Peschel

It was seconded . **Motion approved.**

Announcement of Judges for the 2018 National Open Championship

Mhari Peschel announced that the judges for the 2018 National Open would be Casey Butz and Mark Haglin..

Member Club Dues for 2018

Motion

It was moved and seconded that member club dues for 2018 be \$75.00 per club.

Motion unanimously approved

Presentation of Location for the 2018 National Open Championship

Mike Wallace proposed that the 2018 National Open Championship would be held in the Cambridge, MD area starting December 10, 2018. The birds would be provided by Blue Ribbon Game Farm, Gun Co-Captains would be Johnny Castellani and John Meyer and head marshal would be Debbie Olszewski. The headquarters would be the Holiday Inn Express. The best airport access would be Baltimore..

It was moved and seconded to accept the proposal made by Mike Wallace with the start date for the trial being December 10, 2018 in the Cambridge Maryland area. Motion Approved.

Qualification for the 2018 National Open

It was stated that the current number of points for qualification is 3 points.

Jim Keller moved that the qualification for 2018 be 5 points. Motion was seconded.

Paul McGagh asked why we shouldn't try the 3 point qualification for a few more years. It was asked how the 3 point qualification had affected entries. Mhari Peschel said that the 2015 National had just under 100 starters, the 2016 National had close to 130 entries

and 2017 National had 114 entries. Gary Wilson noted that the location of the trial plays a big part in the number of entries

Jim Keller asked if it was still true that the increase in trial entries according to the AKC records was still mostly due to increased participation in trials to earn the additional qualifying points. We didn't have any data to respond to that question.

Jason Givens commented that maybe we should try the 3 points for a bit more time before making another change.

Jim Keller amended his motion to have a 3 point qualification. It was seconded.

Gary Wilson asked why the Amateur went to 1 point. Mhari Peschel said it was because the last National Amateur held in Utah was very small and they wanted to reduce the requirement to one point to increase participation.

The motion was approved 25 in favor 20 against.

Mike Wallace proposed that the entry fee be \$235.00 It was moved and seconded and approved.

There was discussion about keeping the closing schedule of 18 days and 11 days. It was asked what day of the week the trial would start. December 10, 2018 is a Monday. That would make the 18/11 closing dates November 22, 2018 and Friday November 30, 2018.

John Hall brought up the issue of alternating stakes trials that start on the last qualifying date but end after the qualifying date. After much discussion it was recognized that clubs need to be aware of the dates and if possible they can run their trial as one stake on Saturday and one stake on Sunday. The trial in question would normally have run both thirds on Sunday but because of a small entry they completed the open third on Saturday.

This is an issue that should be considered in setting the date of the National Open trial

Time for Annual Meeting for 2018

The time and place of the annual meeting will be 4:00 p.m. on December 9, 2018 at the Holiday Inn (trial headquarters).

Other Business

It was moved and seconded to approve the contribution. Motion Passed.

1. The parent club has requested that the NESSFTA contribute \$2,500.00 to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Tick Borne Disease initiative. This amount is in addition to amounts donated by the Parent Club and the National Amateur.
IT was moved and seconded to approve the contribution. Motion Passed
2. Dean Reinke suggested that a committee be formed with a representative from the National Open, National Amateur and Parent Club to develop a policy or a mission statement with respect to accommodations that can be made to handicapped spectators. He recommended that Dan Murray be the representative from the NESSFTA.

Bring Tabled Motion back for a vote regarding the First Vice President

A revote was taken with respect to the two proposals for the 2018 National Open Championship. In favor of Gary Wilson's proposal 23 Against 27

It was then moved and seconded that Mike Wallace be elected First Vice President by acclamation. Motion passed.

Field Trial Chairman's Presentation

Brent Lemaster gave directions to the grounds and said that maps would be available. The trial will start at 8:00 a.m. The grounds are approximately 15 minutes from the lodge. .

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously approved.

Rotation change approved by both NOC and NAC

This proposal would change the rotation starting in 2020. The effect would be to avoid the “opposite coast” problem nationals being no more than 2 IC’s apart except for the years it would be I the RM and E which would be three IC’s apart

	NOC	NAC	
2017	MW	W	Old rotation
2018	E	ME	Old rotation
2019	RM	MW	Old rotation
2020	W	ME	New rotation adoption
2021	RM	E	New rotation
2022	MW	W	New rotation
2023	ME	RM	New rotation
2024	E	MW	New rotation
2025	W	ME	New Rotation
2026	RM	E	New Rotation
2027	MW	W	New Rotation
2028	ME	RM	New Rotation