

Agenda
ESSFTA Field Meeting
Friday, April 27, 2018 at 1:00 pm
Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel
4300 East Washington St, Phoenix, Arizona 85034
602-273-7778

Field Governors: Mark Haglin, President, David Sanford, Field Vice-President, Kathy Nestor, Treasurer, Barb Granatir, Corresponding Secretary, Cathy Iverson, Frank Mackinson, Don Mock, Peter Renwick, Amy Rogers, Elaine Vanderslice, Greg Wharton.
Field VP Welcome—David Sanford

- Visitors comments
- Interim phone meetings—additions to minutes— (Any votes taken since last meeting should be recorded at this time.)
- Field Awards Committee—Field Governors suggestions for regional members willing to serve. 4 distinct and different duties.

Approvals

- Approval of 2019 HOF Tennessee Trial. Chair is Mike Wallace. The Volunteer English Springer Spaniel Club is willing to run the trial and assume financial responsibility.
- Approval of 2018 Parent Club Fall trial in New York. Chair is Dan Lussen
- Recommendations for Life Patron Award for 2018.

Old business

- David Hopkins to review the By-Laws for updates on process and procedures, requested research into communication by e-mail as opposed to physical mailings.
- Website Committee—update on ESSFTA website
- Trial Management—Puppy Judges names on premium
 **Proposal—Steve Beyer*
- Tail docking

New business

- Consideration of permanent date changes for nationals of December 1, 2020
11/21 was approved at NAC 2019. This is a constant subject of complaints causing early hot weather trials.
- Field governors: Semi-annual submitting of trial dates: need to provide gun captain's name and insurance policy number for club for approval.
- Field trial management issues.
- Interim meetings approval for NAC clubs and members including electronic voting and phone meetings. (What bylaws would need to be changed.)

Club Business:

- Club sizes and low entry's. Encourage working together to increase participation with clubs in the same state.
- Conflicting dates over 200 miles * *Proposal: Donny Pyle*
- Is there a need to change amateur stake—complaints of amateur status update

Membership Business:

Committee Report (on field side)—Danelle Oliver, Chair—**Proposal—Membership requirement and software*

Gunning Business:

Committee Report—Robert Clayton, Chair

- *Proposal—45 back and high window*
- Should a safety report be required after field trials
- Updated list of guns, P, Q and captains to be given to regional governors
- Update website with gunners list in members only area
- Insurance for gunners

Judges Business:

- Report from Barb Boetcher-apprentice judges program, New judges in 2017 Todd Agnew, Katie Gorecki, Michael Pollack, and Rumi Schroeder.
- Judging dogs of own breeding
- Updated list of judges to be given to regional governors
- Apprentice update
- Update website with judges list in members only area

Nationals Business:

NAC Report/NOC Report

Hall of Fame Business:

Committee Report—David Sanford, Field VP, Chair

Request for approval for framing of awards by parent club

HOF Nominating Committee Update—Bob Bullard, David Sanford, Field VP, Ray Cacchio, Mark Hairfield, Dan Lussen, Mhari Peschel, Jess Sekey

Bylaws and rules update

Other business

Adjourn

Field Awards Committee

2018-04

Field Awards

In keeping with the rich traditions and history of the sport, the ESSFTA Parent Club will develop, evaluate and present awards recognizing excellence and outstanding achievements by members and their dogs.

Committee

The Field Awards Committee will track and review qualifications and present recommendations for awards to the board for a vote. They will notify recipients and present awards on behalf of the parent club, recognizing the history each award represents. Additionally, the committee will evaluate the awards programs and the impact the individual awards have on the mission of the ESSFTA, working with event coordinators to ensure a successful awards ceremony in keeping with the traditions of the sport.

Chair

The chair of the committee will oversee and represent the committee and its members, manage deadlines, report to the board, request funding from board and ensure the continuity and consistency of the committee.

Recordkeeping

The committee will track and manage historically correct, accurate and up to date high point and other records and make them available to members through the website as approved. A regular backup of the data should be presented to the board of governor's representative on a regular basis.

Hardware

The committee will provide for all ordering, engraving, and transportation to events and all installation as needed. They will provide for retrieval of traveling awards, including shipping costs as required.

Historian

The committee will appoint an Historian to keep the history of the award, prior recipients lists, biographies, and photos about award winners in the eyes of the public and members. The committee will provide for the presentation of all awards, working with event management, to ensure a successful awards ceremony, in keeping with the history and traditions of the sport.

David Sanford

From: Steve Beyer <sbeyer8823@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 7:46 PM
To: David Sanford; cathy@springercreekranch.com; Tom Meyer
Subject: David, I thought about this and decided that a very simple addition...

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

David, I thought about this and decided that a very simple addition to the rules will solve the problem without getting complicated.

Puppy Judges must be listed on your premium before AKC will assign an event number. If you chose to not list puppy judges on the premium, you must include the statement that entrants may scratch their puppies any time before the puppy stakes starts for a full entry refund.

Sent from my iPad

David Sanford

From: Lisa Pyle <lisapyle16@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 8:27 PM
To: David Sanford
Subject: Multiple Trials

David,

I am requesting the Parent Club put into discussion multiple trials in the Rocky Mountain Inner Club. The miles and hours travelled to get from one location to another for a trial is extensive. I have put together just a few to show just how much we, in the Rocky Mountain travel for a trial.

Zenda, KS to Dunnegan, MO is the shortest distance of 290 miles

Dunnegan, MO to Longmont, CO 747 miles

Beatrice, NE to Huntsville, TX 761 miles

Longmont, CO to Beatrice, NE 516 miles

Longmont, CO to Huntsville, TX 976 miles

These are not all the scenarios that could be listed but gets the point across.

Thank you for your consideration for the discussion of this topic.

Donny Pyle
President, Oklahoma Springer Spaniel Club
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405-250-6369

MEMBER MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PROPOSAL

It is time for membership management software. PC Magazine recommends cloud based software Club Express and rates it as outstanding. Here is the link to the review:

<https://www.pcmag.com/review/344711/clubexpress>

It is very reasonably priced and has many features that would streamline membership management. Some highlights that will increase communication and the experience with our members:

Members join by entering their own information and paying right online.

Secretary doesn't touch money and it is deposited directly into checking account.

Approval of member before accepting is possible in setup function.

Members can check classifications that apply, which gives management access to groups, such as club names, inner clubs, gunners, judges, innerclubs etc.

Reports are easy to print from the membership secretary.

The membership secretary can spend more time training dogs and less time doing paperwork.

Cost approximately \$5 per membership. Inactive members and supporting members (those not participating) pay nothing.

How it works

Please visit clubexpress.com for complete information on the software.

Concerning membership, much of the functionality is self-service after the club or association customizes how it wants the member sign-up process to work. When you sign up for a ClubExpress account, you receive a call from an account support representative within the hour asking if you need any setup help. ClubExpress then walks you through a setup checklist that corresponds to each major section in the admin control panel.

Information from the member application could be duplicated right into the software but more functionality can be added. There are levels of classifications that can be used. For example: If I were to sign up for my membership, I would type in my contact information and areas of interest: field/bench then what inner club, then I could check my membership type: individual, family, club, etc. Then for instance if I chose "field", I could also check all that apply: qualified gunner, qualified gun Captain, judge, apprentice judge, pro, breeder, etc etc. Then later, the secretary can make a list from those choices, such as "print me a list of all qualified judges" or "print me a list of all gunners in my inner club" to give to the BOG or committee chairs as needed.

During setup, there is an option to allow membership anytime in the year or at a certain time like we do now. Before membership is accepted, approval would be made then the software would send an email to the person stating they have been approved and they can then complete their membership.

They pay right on the software and the money goes straight into the bank account set up. Reports of all sorts can be printed. There is also the ability to assign a membership number and also, at an additional cost, send a membership card to the person. They receive a welcome email etc. Those members who are do not sign up can be sent an email in future years with reminders to click and sign up/pay.

If someone is not capable of signing up online, any person, including the membership secretary could do the form for them, and should be happy to do that without complaint.

Emails and correspondence could be sent based on lists from the membership management software.

Pricing

The cost would be approximately \$100 a month for three hundred members (\$160 for 500 members, \$225 for 800 members) with access for three people to the database (secretary, BOG rep, one other). It is priced based on active members and number of people who need access to the database.

There is a one time set up fee of \$150. Now, there are additional options that can be purchased, such as QuickBooks integration etc. Those costs are all one time fees and we can look into other options if the BOG is interested in pursuing these options as necessary in the future. Any additional fees would be brought to the BOG immediately for approval always before purchase.

There is unlimited phone support too.

Proposal to allow the membership secretary to spend up to \$2500 for the first year for 500 members or \$3500 for up to 800 members. Depending on number of members we have.

To pay for this, BOG could include it in the price of membership. Approximately \$5 of membership fee would go toward this but would make signing up for memberships self service and allow the membership secretary to spend more time and members a better experience in joining, which will increase participation in the sport.

It could take effect as soon as we start accepting memberships for 2019 and is pretty quick to setup. BOG might allow us to try it for a year then decide in a year what they think to continue.

David Sanford

From: David Sanford
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 3:43 PM
To: David Sanford
Subject: Gunning Proposal

On Tue, Mar 6, 2018 at 4:20 PM, Robert Clayton <rclayton00@gmail.com> wrote:

David,

Find herein our proposal in response to the AKC's recommendation on changes to gunning rules. This is based on significant communication with the InterClub Safety Chairs. I would like to add here that I do not have 100% consensus from the group on the entirety of this proposal but it is my belief we will all support it in a positive manner. While we all believe and agree that the principle issue is a result of not strictly enforcing the current rules and preferred practices of gunner development, we generally acknowledge as a group that the proposed changes below will result in clearer and more defined expectations of our gunning community. I would also like to make sure the PC Board is fully aware there is significant disgruntlement among the field trial community that ANY changes are being considered in haste and without their input. Based on communications I and other Safety Chairs have received I expect there will be significant back lash from the field trial community.

Gunning Rules:

- Safety is paramount and unsafe shots should never be taken regardless of placement on course. A gunner should never be questioned for not taking a shot.
- We recommend closing the window at all times. Many clubs are already adopting this and while occasionally a high window shot can be both safe and good for the dog, we believe elimination of this will have minimal effect on the number of potential retrieves.
- We recommend limiting the wing guns to a shooting window between 7:30 and 4:30, or 45 degrees back on each side, see attached diagram for clarity. Many clubs have already adopted this but it has not always been strictly enforced.
- Safety Chairs and Gun Captains will be expected to strictly enforce these rules and to also report repeat offenders to the Parent Club Safety Chair for gunning status change.

We believe enforcement resides with the Clubs and the Field Trial Committees. We ask that if accepted by the Parent Club that the communication of these changes are communicated by the Parent Club to the ESS Club Officers and the field trial community. We also ask that the Parent Club institute ramifications for non-compliance and ask that the ramification be denial of field trial dates resulting in field trial licenses from the AKC being denied.

I would like to thank the Interclub Safety Chairs for their patience and support over the last few weeks.

Apprentice Program Information

Updated 2/20/2018

Below you will find a list of people who are going through the ESSFTA Field Trial Apprentice Program since the program was revised on 7/1/2011. The individuals listed below have taken the seminar and have passed their test, and are now eligible to apprentice Field Trials upon the request of a Club Field Trial Committee.

Last Name	First Name	Interclub	Seminar Date	Date Test Passed	Apprenticeship		Interclub	AKC #
					1st Apprenticeship Date/Club	2nd Apprenticeship Date/Club		
Anderson	Jeff	Western	1996	09/26/13				
Beauchamp	Robert	Western	2017	10/26/17	Apr-18		Rocky Mt	100103
Boetcher	Barbara	Western	2004	02/19/13				ZH699
Bruggeman	John	Mid-East	2011	08/14/14				ZF122
Bunker	Chip	Rocky Mt.	2012	07/13/12				91383
Cacchio	Alex	Eastern	2016	06/24/17				
Davis	Bob	Western	2017	09/16/17				
Jensen	Chris	Eastern	1997	11/30/13	Mar-17		Mid-East	
Kieckhefer	Connie	Mid-West	2013	01/19/15	Mar-18		Mid-West	ZA691
Leonetti	Mike	Western		01/26/15				
Lowe	Bill	Eastern	2011	05/11/12				82468
Oliver	Danelle	Mid-West	2013	01/19/15				90135
Price	John	Rocky Mt.	2011	09/26/12				
Seltzer	Steve	Rocky Mt.	2011	08/14/11				97129
Schneider	Rick	Mid-West	2016	01/10/18				72854

ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION
2017 Annual Meeting of the Delegates
Riverwoods Conference Center
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4:00 pm November 28, 2017

Minutes

Roll was determined, and a quorum confirmed: 44 clubs paid dues, 38 delegates attending

There was a motion to approve and accept the 2016 Delegates' Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

There was a motion to approve and accept the 2016 Financial Report.

Motion approved.

General Chair Gary Riddle thanked Bob Child and Joshua Riddle for all their hard work to obtain grounds and organize the trial.

Report of nominating committee

2018 – Russ Smith

2019 – John Meyer

2020 – Bill Cosgrove (Bill will either be the chair of the ME 2020 trial or find someone who will take that position by the next delegates' meeting).

Presentation of 2018 NAC

- 2018 will be held in Ohio near and around the Deer Creek Lodge facility. Jim Keller said there was Canadian Wild Rye in one of the fields in that area that was used for the NOC in 2016. Russ Smith said they do not intend to use that field.
- Start Date will be November 15th, 2018.
- Much discussion regarding moving that date to be later. Due to the work and arrangements already done, Russ Smith did not want to move the date.
 - A vote was taken to accept the 11/15 date. 19 yes, 21 no. The date was not passed.
 - Discussion was had regarding why the date could not be moved and a question was asked whether Russ would try to renegotiate the arrangements to move the date out. He said he couldn't and discussed the work that had already been done regarding permits, vehicle commitments, and other commitments to the venue.
 - A revote was taken to accept the 11/15 date. 17 yes, 19 no. The date again was not passed.
 - More discussion regarding dates in general particularly the fact that the disapproval of the current plan was too close to the trial date. Also, the current rule, which Russ used when planning the event is that no trial may begin prior to 11/15 and no closing date could exclude qualifications earned during the AKC week 44.
 - A revote was taken to accept the 11/15 date. 29 yes, no opposition.
 - The date was passed.

Qualifications:

- Dean Reinke moved that the qualification be changed to 3 points. His reason was that people may attend more local trials if they needed to get more points to attend the national and that local clubs need to have more entries each year. Other discussion brought out that many amateurs new to the sport might not be likely to attend the

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national if the requirement to attend was greater as the cost to get that many points may be exclusive.

- A motion was made and seconded to have the qualification points to be 2. This was passed with 28 yes and 10 no.
- Entry fee
 - The proposed fee of \$230 was deemed inadequate by the delegates. A motion was made, seconded and approved to raise the entry fee to \$250. Discussion included the loss that the NOC incurred at the same venue with a \$235 entry fee. The increase to \$250 was passed.
- The proposal for the 2018 trial was passed with the amendments stated above.

Coast to coast:

David Sanford presented the new rotation that was developed by Daryl Johnson that would alleviate the opposite coast problem that occurs every five years with NOC and NAC. The NOC had already approved the change contingent on the NAC also approving it. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the new rotation beginning in 2020. The new rotation beginning in 2020 will be:

	NOC	NAC
2020	W	ME - First year on new rotation
2021	RM	E
2022	MW	W
2023	ME	RM
2024	E	MW
2025	W	ME
2026	RM	E

Date survey:

- Steve Beyer presented the results of the survey taken this year regarding starting dates.
- Jim O'Keefe and Dean Reinke questioned the assumptions made based on the results and expressed their opinion that the majority (55%) actually agreed that the trial should start later than 11/15. Steve's assumption was that the survey indicated that there was not sufficient votes among those that thought the date should be controlled (there were 86 respondents that wanted no control at all) to make a change. A motion was made and seconded to move the earliest date to 11/21. This was seconded and passed with 29 yes and 9 no.

Placement Information for Statistics and Other Reports

- Jan Johnson asked the delegates to encourage the FTS' to send marked catalogs to her or at the least use the recommended template for placements. Clubs have become lax in getting full

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information to her, essft.com, and Mhari. Holly Boggess (essft.com) requested that the MS-Word templates be used when submitting placements to her as it was easier to process.

Requirements to be on the ballot to judge a national:

- The BOG recommended to both delegations (NAC & NOC) to increase the number of trials judged from 6 to 12 to qualify to be on the ballot to judge a national. These 12 trials were to be US only and only Springer Spaniel trials (no Canadian trials or Cocker trials would qualify). The 12 trials translate into 24 stakes. This was approved the NOC earlier this year. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and approved.

2019 National Amateur Championship

- John Meyer presented his plans for the 2019 trial that will be held in Kentucky and begin on 11/21/2019.
- There will be 6500 acres available to use. The grounds are within 10 miles of the lodging. Average weather there this time of year is a high of 50 degrees and lows in the 20s.

Peter Renwick presented information about dogs at hot trials and how we all need to be more cognizant about the effect of high temperatures is on dogs.

2020 National Amateur Championship

- Peter Renwick was also slated to make a presentation on the Eastern Interclub plan for the 2020 trial but determined that with the change in rotation that moves Eastern Interclub's event to 2021 and the change in start date made the current presentation outdated. He would work with Tim Edwards to devise a new plan for 2021 and present at a later meeting.

The original agenda included an item regarding amateurs handling dogs belonging to others at a NAC and the role of professionals at a NAC, however, that item was not brought to the floor.

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.