

National English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association 2019 Annual Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express in Pratt, Kansas on November 20, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A roll call was taken. Delegates for thirty-four clubs were present which constitutes a quorum.

Acceptance of Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2018 meeting as published and distributed be approved.

Motion approved

Presidents Message

No Presidents Message

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's 2018 report as published and distributed be approved.

Motion approved

Election of Officers

Russ Smith gave a report for the nominating committee which consisted of Dean Koehler Chairman, Russ Smith, Dan Murray, Paul McGagh, Jim Keller and John Hall. The committee received one proposal to host the 2022 National Open. The hosting clubs will be the St. Croix, Minnesota and Minnesota Heartland clubs and the trial will be held in the Austin Minnesota area.

Russ made a motion to elect the following slate by acclamation:

President	Gary Riddle
First Vice President	Steve Seltzer
Second Vice President	Mike McGinty
Secretary/Treasurer	Mhari Peschel

It was seconded. **Motion approved.**

Announcement of Judges for the 2020 National Open Championship

Mhari Peschel announced that the judges for the 2020 National Open would be Morgan Haglin and Mike Elsasser.

Member Club Dues for 2020

Motion

It was moved and seconded that member club dues for 2020 be \$75.00 per club.

Motion unanimously approved

Presentation of Location for the 2020 National Open Championship

Gary Riddle gave a proposal to hold the 2020 National Open in Clarkston, Utah beginning on November 17, 2020. There are approximately 750 acres of ground available. The headquarters hotel would be in Logan, Utah.

Gary noted that there was a budget attached to the proposal which estimated what entry fees could be based on entry numbers of 120, 110 and 100 entries. He felt that the entry fee should be \$270 especially considering the cost of the agronomist report which would be performed. Otherwise he felt that he could make an entry fee of \$235 work.

Gary Wilson noted that the spaniel community is on board with performing an agronomist report/survey on the national grounds but wondered whether this could be considered an operational expense rather than a trial expense for purposes of the entry fee. Mhari Peschel stated that there are currently funds in the treasury in the event a trial loses money.

It was moved and seconded to accept the location proposal made by Gary Riddle.

A vote was taken and the motion to accept the location and date for the 2020 National Open was passed.

Qualification for the 2020 National Open

Jim Keller made a motion that the number of points required for entry in the 2020 National be three points. Gary Breitbarth seconded the motion.

Gary Wilson commented that with the number of trial entries generally declining we should remain at two points. John Hall stated that we shouldn't necessarily look at funding the costs of a national through additional entries.

Bill Boeckman noted that he is from the Midwest where the trial numbers seem to be larger than in other parts of the country and it is harder to earn points so he would like to keep it at two points.

A vote was taken Motion failed

Bill Boeckman moved that the point requirement be two points for the 2020 National Open. George Akkouris seconded the motion.

Motion passed

Entry Fees for the 2020 National Open

Gary Wilson suggested that considering the additional cost of the agronomist report that we split the difference between the current year and the proposed budget and set the entry fee at \$250

It was moved and seconded that the entry fee be \$250.00. Motion passed.

Note: There was no discussion about the closing dates but the Secretary intends to maintain the 18/11 two step closing and to continue partnering with Hunt Secretary. The closing dates would be October 30, 2020 and November 6, 2020.

Time for Annual Meeting for 2020

The time and place of the annual meeting will be 4:00 p.m. on November 16, 2020 at the headquarters hotel.

It was Moved, seconded and Motion passed

Other Business

Seed Committee

Holly Boggess gave a presentation put together by the committee formed at last years National Open. The committee members were Holly, Camie Barrow, Dean Koehler,

Cristy Joy, John Dunn, Gary Riddle and Skip Smith. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Holly then stated that the committee would like to put together a field guide for identifying the “mean” seeds and that it would require funding.

Several points were raised

Had the AKC been approached for funding the guide

There is an app called plantsnap that will identify plants based on a photo

A guide would be helpful to take to the local FSA offices

If a dog has a seed that can be retrieved it can be sent to Dean Koehler for identification

Suggestion that we go ahead with the Field Guide and sell it to cover costs

If we do it can it be digital

Mhari Peschel suggested that perhaps this project should be handled through the parent club since it is benefiting all spaniels

Steve Beyer asked that we request the NOC and the NAC to each participate in the funding of the project with a contribution of \$10,000 each. After additional discussion this proposal was withdrawn.

Holly then asked where her committee should be focused.

Cristy Joy moved that the NOC should request that the current seed committee should be maintained intact and that it should come under the purview of the parent club. Further, there will be funding for this committee provided through the NOC and the NAC upon the request of the Parent club.

The motion also stated that if the parent club does not accept this responsibility then the committee will continue to be sponsored by the NOC.

Motion seconded Motion approved.

Cristy also committed to make the request for funds from the NAC.

Steve Beyer noted that there might be a time lag. The parent club meeting would be in the end of April and the NOC will not have another meeting until next November. Would that mean that funding wouldn't be available until after next November?

It was moved and seconded that the funding of up to \$10,000 for this project from the NOC would be available to the committee prior to next years' annual meeting

Motion approved

HOF Selection Committee

Steve Beyer stated that Jim Keller had been elected to serve on the committee the prior year but then requested to be replaced in order to nominate a dog for entry in the HOF. Steve then nominated Gary Wilson to be appointed to the committee .

It was moved and seconded that Gary Wilson be the NOC representative to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Motion approved.

Field Trial Chairman's Presentation

Rick Shively welcomed the participants to Kansas and gave information about parking, shuttle usage, courses and airing areas. The trial will start at 8:30 sharp and reminded folks to please respect the property which the landowner has allowed us to use.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously approved.