



English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB / PARENT CLUB OF THE BREED

Board of Governor Meeting Notes

Saturday May 1, 2021

The annual meeting of the ESSFTA Board of Governors took place in via Zoom on Saturday May 1, 2021

Attendees:

Kathy Nestor (F,R), Elaine O'Keefe (F,R), Bob Beauchamp (F,R), Peter Renwick (F,R), Dean Koehler (F,AL), Cristy Joy (F,AL), Rick Shively (F,R), Steve Seltzer (F,AL), Josh Riddle (F,AL), Mike Nolan (F,AL), Mark Gebert (F,AL), Sue Burgess (B,AL), Sue Ellen Healy (B,AL), Bev Sigi Felton (B,AL), Clemencia Saavedra Plata (B,R), Kathy Patregnani (B,AL), Janet Warner (B,AL), Lori DiLorenzo (B,R), Carol Hathaway (B,R), Mary E.P. Burney (B,R), Pam Holt (B,R)

B = Bench Governor; F = Field Governor; R = Regional Governor; AL = At-Large Governor

Members: Holly Boggess (ESSFT); Randy Capsel, (Hunt Report)

Board of Governors Meeting

- I. Meeting was called to order at 12:55 pm Eastern Time
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting
 - A. Addition or Corrections – None
 - B. Motion by Sue Burgess; 2nd to the motion by Bev Sigi Felton
- III. Report of the President by Sue Ellen Healy
 - A. 2020 has been a challenge
 - B. Thank you for holding it together and everyone's effort.
- IV. Reports of the Officers
 - A. Membership Secretary Report – Kathy Nestor (Danelle Oliver not attending)

Actions Items:

1. *Provide the New Members a Welcome Package (Reinstate this activity)*
2. *Recruitment for new members – Move to Membership Committee to make a recommendation for the next steps*
3. *Establish the By-Law Review Committee and use the AKC Attorney that is working with the other breeds. Members of the Committee will be Bev Sigi Felton, Dawn, Mike Nolan and Nancy Johnson.*
4. *Modify the Membership Form for all family members contact information*

B. Treasurers Report – Kathy Nestor

Motion:

1. *Utilize the Royal Bank of Canada to Invest the Raymond James money. By Mike Nolan; 2nd to the motion: Bob Beauchamp Voice Vote: Unanimous*
 - a. Raymond James money needs to be annualized to invest for interest profit.
 - b. The Current amount in the account is \$175,000 +/-
 - c. Royal Bank of Canada has been assisting the Foundation. Nick Webster.
 - d. 501(C4) must pay tax only on Investments
 - e. Mike Nolan will assist Kathy Nestor with the details.

Action Item:

2. *Itemized breakdown of Purina Pro Plan Account in future Treasures Reports.*

C. Field Vice President Report – Steve Beyer (Document is attached)

Motion:

1. *Field Trial Apprentice Judges who received emergency Judging assignments from the AKC are required to meet the requirements of the Apprentice Program and finish their Apprentice Judging. Motion by Mike Nolan and 2nd by Kathy Nestor Approved by voice: unanimous.*
 - a. The AKC granted individuals Emergency Judging assignments. The events valid and are sanctioned by the AKC.
 - b. The FBOG will notify Lisa Pyle to have the Emergency Judges complete the Apprentice Judge Program.
 - c. The group recommends the FBOG should notify the AKC to minimize the emergency approvals as much as possible.

Motion:

2. *National Amateur Championship AKC Points shall be included in the High Point scoring in the following year. The 2020 NAC High Points will be included in the 2021 High Point total. – Motion by Kathy Nestor and 2nd by Steve Seltzer Approved by voice: unanimous*
 - a. The placing dogs of the National Amateur Championship would be awarded; First – 10 points, Second – 8 points, Third – 4 points, Fourth – 2 points as defined by the AKC.
 - b. The National Open scores the Championship awards this way.
 - c. We will follow the AKC and the Open delegates format

Motion:

3. *Limited Entries Field Trials are not allowed. – Approved by voice: unanimous*
 - a. Limited Entry at Field Trials are not allowed by the AKC rules per the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Spaniels.
 - b. Use strategies and list options in the Premium to allow for approved changes if needed.

Action Item:

4. *Water test Guidelines at the National Amateur Championship*
 - a. The FBOG will establish Guidelines for the NAC committee to use when holding a water test at the NAC when the trial will cause an unacceptable danger to the competing dogs. – Approved by voice: unanimous
 - b. The Rules allow for a dismissal of the Water Test at the NAC. Page 15
 - c. Mike Nolan will draft the Guidelines such as the Air and Water Temperature Matrix using scientific information
 - d. A thought was to have a Certified Water Test during the year of the NAC to use as Qualification for Entry in the National Amateur Championship.

Action Item:

5. *Genetics and Awards Committee will work on a recommended practice for the Breed Standard Health requirements for the ESSFTA Awards.*
 - a. The BOG recommends our members do Breed quality testing.
 - b. Discussion to have Breed Standard Health requirements for Awards
 - c. BBOG requires Sire and Dam of the Year to pass the Health clearances
 - d. There are requirements for Frozen Semen.
6. *The 2021 HOF inductions are June 12*

D. Bench Vice President Report – by Sue Ellen Healy

Motion:

1. Hold an AKC Fast Cat Event – <https://www.akc.org/sports/coursing/fast-cat/>
*Motion by Bev Sigi Felton and 2nd Carol Hathaway Approved by voice:
unanimous*

Motion:

2. Allow the amount not spent that was raised previously as the seed money amount as a starting balance or \$1000 for the Top Twenty each year and will be reviewed. *Motion: Kathy Nestor 2nd no second and no vote*
 - a. Top Twenty requests to be a stand-alone committee and have its own financial checkbook with separate fund raising. Currently the fund raising \$ are in the National Specialty Event's general fund. The Top Twenty can follow the established guidelines for ESSFTA committees.
 - b. Laurie Green sent in the information.
 - c. Goal of the Top Twenty Committee and why this request is important. The committee has be revamped and very focused on fund raising. Budget is \$20,000. Need to do \$7000 prior to event. We would like to do raffles. New accounting person and there are monthly meetings. They want to carry over the balance to their own budget.
 - d. Special donations can be dedicated to be used for certain event sections of the National Specialty Event.
 - e. Parent Club name dictates it has accounting consequences. NAC has a separate account. Hunt Committee has a separate account.
 - f. The current consensus is to see how this year goes and discuss again at the next annual meeting – no action at this time.

V. Slate of Board of Governors and Officers – Nominating Committee

- A. Bios were introduce of individuals selected for the Board.
- B. The current of Board of Governors and Officers cannot be replaced by a vote to accept the Nomination Committees report.
- C. It was recommended that the people who are going off the Board of Governors should resign. The President - Sue Ellen - will appoint the Nomination Committees recommendations to replace the individuals who have resigned based on the 2021 Nomination Committee report.
- D. The nominees were uncontested.
- E. By-laws state the open nominations are from November to February to the Nomination Committee.
- F. Steve Beyer resigned at the Field Vice President and an At-Large Goveror. Sue Ellen Heally appointed Mike Nolan as the Field Vice President and Josh Riddle at the Board of Governor At-Large.

VI. New Business

Motion:

A. Provide coordination between ESSFTA and ESSFT.com with a budget not to exceed \$5,000 in 2021 to increase Parent Club exposure. Motion by Mike Nolan and 2nd by Cristy Joy Approved by voice: unanimous

1. We need to raise awareness of the ESSFTA in the Field Trial community
2. The group should pay for a page on ESSFT such as \$5000 and create a formal agreement between ESSFTA and ESSFT.
3. Put this cost in the 2021 Budget.
4. The FBOG will have a committee lead by Mike Nolan to work with Holly Boggess at ESSFT.com
5. Communication Improvement on ESSFTA
6. ESSFTA does have a FaceBook Page with 2500+ likes

Adjournment at 3:38 pm Eastern Time Motion by Carol Jansen and 2nd was by Kathy Nestor