



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

Annual General Membership 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

41 ESSFTA members attended the Membership Meeting
Member: Holly Boggess (ESSFT); Randy Capsel, (Hunt Report)

General Membership Meeting

- I. Meeting was called to order at 11:07 am Eastern Time with introductions.
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting
 1. Addition or Corrections – None
 2. Motion Sue Burgess 2nd Bev Sigi Felton
- III. Report of the President by Sue Ellen Healy – 2020 has been a challenge
- IV. Reports of the Officers
 - A. *Field Vice President – Steve Beyer (attached as a separate document)*
 1. HOF Selection Committee Appointments Report
 2. Apprentice Judge Program
 3. Nominating Committee report – Peter Renwick (see attached report)
 4. Mean Seed Committee Report – Holly (Chairperson) Cristy and Dean (Committee Members present)
 5. Financial Report – Kathy Nestor Request of the \$5000 for communication
 6. National Amateur Championship Awards and AKC Points awarded to the placing dogs for the following year.
 7. Limited Entry at Field Trials
 8. Water test issues at the National Amateur Championship
 9. 2021 Hall Of Fame inductions are June 12, 2021

10. The FBOG recommends our members do Breed quality testing.
 - a. Discussion on the Breed Standard Health requirements for Awards
 - b. Sire and Dam of the Year
 - c. Verify what is in the rules for English Springer Spaniels for the Health clearances. It will not be used for the Awards qualification at this time.
 - d. Move to Genetics and Awards Committee for recommended practice on Breed standards. Awards to Membership meeting and BOG
 - e. Frozen Semen requirements
11. Coordination between ESSFTA and ESSFT to raise awareness of the Parent Club

B. Membership Secretary Report – Danelle Oliver

1. No report available
2. 2020 Membership list needs updated
3. Recruitment for new members – recommend to move this action item to the Membership Committee
 - a. Expand membership
 - b. Make it easier to become a Member.
 - c. Provide a way to become a Member in multiple ways.
 - a) Preliminary or Associate Members and use as a transition
 - b) Full Members can vote.
 - d. Extend payment plan options
 - a) a lifetime member option
 - b) pay for multiple years after
 - c) Option if you have been a member for a longer time.
 - e. By-Law changes are required for Membership changes
 - f. Have an Attorney review – AKC Attorney is doing this for other breeds so Sue Burgess will check into this as an option.
4. Provide a New Member Welcome Package – reinstate this practice
5. Modify the Membership form so all family members can provide their contact information
6. Establish the By-Law Review Committee
 - a. Hire an Attorney to work with the Committee or provided by the AKC
 - b. AKC has a contact to work with for By-law changes
 - c. Bev Sigi Felton, Dawn, Mike Nolan and Nancy Johnson
7. Provide Membership Secretary Support for Danelle Oliver – Sue Ellen will contact Danelle to discuss the needs.
 - a. Kathy Nestor will work on finding options for deposit depositing Membership dues.
 - b. The Governors need to help with Membership in their region.
 - c. Covid-19 waivers have been issued by the AKC
 - d. Computer Program issues have made it very challenging
 - e. Barb Granatir could help

V. *Treasurers Report – Kathy Nestor*

1. The Report shows a \$36,000 +/- was the profit for the 2020 year.
 - a. Covid-19 has been horrible for people, however, good financially due to the restriction on meetings and event activities which lead to a reduction in expenses.
 - b. Membership dues were up \$2,000 +/-
 - c. All areas of ESSFTA were profitable.
2. The Raymond James money needs to be annualized to invest for interest profit.
 - a. The Current amount in the account is \$175,000 +/-
 - b. Royal Bank of Canada has been assisting the Foundation. Nick Webster is the contact. Use this contact in the future.
 - c. 501(C4) must pay tax only on Investments
 - d. Mike N will assist Kathy N with the details.
3. The 2021 Budgets
 - a. Randy Capsel sent in the Budget for Hunt Committee was received.
 - b. Please send in your areas budget.
4. Purina Pro Plan Account
 - a. The Purina Partnership is based on the Members and Receipt program. It is used for the Rescue Program, National events, Hall of Fame inductions, Booth expenses at Fairs and Trade Shows, Education and Research.
 - b. It is shown in the General Fund.
 - c. 2019 had a balance of \$64,000.
 - d. Itemized breakdown of this Account in future Treasures Reports.
 - e. The NAC Secretary – Elaine O’Keefe – can ok up to \$500 expenditures from the account.
 - a) Create and send a request in writing for approval.
 - b) The 2020 expenditures were for a banner to increase Mean Seeds Awareness and the Welcome banner to the ESSFTA National Amateur Championship.

VI. Committee Reports and Task Forces

1. Foundation
2. Web Site Update – Sue Burgess
 - a. Host is Green Geeks and Ryan is helping assist.
 - b. Web site has 300+ pages. Please continue to send concerns and updates.
 - c. Redesign the Home Page
 - d. Breeders directory will be updated and active.
 - e. Delegates have been meeting by Zoom.
3. AKC President Report (see Attached Report)
4. AKC Delegate Report – Sue Burgess
 - a. Semen Bank Report
 - b. Wait List for Hunt Test
 - c. President Video and Report is attached.

- d. AKC committee – establishing the manual for a Parent Club with the resources.
 - e. When will AKC meet in person? – Possible in September?
 - f. Sue Burgess will update the AKC Breed sheet for new Owners.
5. Illustrated breed standards Committee
- a. Contract officially started Jan 2019 and is complete.
 - b. Steering Committee is working on it and then will issue the final recommendation.
 - a) Sketches are finalizing
 - b) Wording is complete
 - c. Working on handouts to sell.
 - d. Joan Beck will assist with printing, copywriting and other items.
 - e. Confirmation Judges will get a DVD/jump drive for Judging.
 - f. Printing Copies are funded by ESSFTA
6. Breeder mentoring education program
- a. Targeted to the conformation dogs
 - b. Funded project by the parent organization – tabled
 - a) Structure should be for all dogs
 - b) Confirmation dog-field working dog-agility dog
 - c) Working on something that will work for all.
 - c. Talk with Carol Jansen for video access breeding
7. Nominating Committee
- a. Bios were introduced of Individuals for the Board
 - b. Slate for the 2019 must be used. People can resign and Sue Ellen will appoint to replace based on the 2020 Nomination Committee report.
 - c. The nominees were uncontested so the Board is seated by the nominations committee for the Governors. By-laws for open nominations from November to February and then the nominations are submitted to the Board of Governors.
8. Rescue Committee (see attached report) – Randy Capsel
- a. Clubs send the reports to Randy
 - b. Summary
9. Hunting Working Dog Committee (see attached report) – Randy Capsel
- a. Working Dog participation has decreased
 - b. Spaniel Hunt Test titles has increased
 - c. 2020 report will be available for the use by the Awards Committee

VII. Adjournment at 12:50 pm