

# **DRAFT**

## **National English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association 2022 Annual Meeting**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Holiday Inn Austin on November 16, 2022

### ***Roll Call and Determination of Quorum***

**40 of 47 paid clubs were in attendance.**

### ***Acceptance of Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting***

#### **Motion**

**It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2021 meeting as published and distributed be approved.**

**Motion approved**

### ***Presidents Message***

Mike McGinty gave some of the details for the upcoming trial including a 4:30 pm stop time on Tuesday prior to the banquet.

### ***Acceptance of the 2021 Treasurer's Report***

#### **Motion**

**It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's 2021 report as published and distributed be approved.**

**Motion approved**

### ***Election of Officers***

**The nominating committee put forward a slate of officers for the upcoming year. It was moved and seconded that the following slate be approved by acclamation;**

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| President             | Bill Cosgrove |
| First Vice President  | Jim Keller    |
| Second Vice President | Gary Riddle   |
| Secretary/Treasurer   | Mhari Peschel |

**Motion approved.**

### ***Announcement of Judges for the 2023 National Open Championship***

Judges will be Robert Clayton and Kevin Martineau

### ***Member Club Dues for 2023***

#### **Motion**

**It was moved and seconded that member club dues for 2023 be \$75.00 per club.**

**Motion unanimously approved**

### ***Presentation of Location for the 2023 National Open Championship***

Bill Cosgrove submitted a proposal to hold the 2023 National Championship in the Marion/Chillicothe area of Ohio. There are hundreds of acres available on several farms that are being made available. The same agronomist that was used for the National Amateur Championship in 2020 will be used to survey these fields. (See Attached proposal.)

There was much discussion primarily revolving around the statement that there have been trace amounts of seeds detected in these areas previously and every effort will be made to remove these grasses.

The question was posed as to why we were even considering an area that admittedly had some rye grasses. There was a point where we were asking for areas with none of these grasses. There was concern about the agronomist report and whether it was extensive enough. There was also concern as to whether areas where these rye grasses were endemic to the area should even be considered.

There was more discussion as to whether an area that had been surveyed extensively, such as Pinckneyville, IL should be an area we look to for Nationals. This area has input and support from the state and other dog breed clubs that work to make this area safe for the dogs.

Additional questions as to buying permanent grounds and the upkeep required was something that we could do.

There was also discussion as to whether a standardized format for an agronomist report should be developed.

**Jim Keller made a motion to: (a) Table the approval of the proposal location (b) appoint a committee made up of George Akkouris, Mike Wallace and Gary Wilson charged with submitting the concerns regarding the proposal to Bill Cosgrove not later than November 21, 2022 and (c) Bill would have the opportunity to update/revise/change his proposal within 30days from the receipt of the written**

**“summary of concerns”. (d) at that time the proposal would be resubmitted to the delegates for a vote.**

**Motion was seconded by Kathy Nestor**

**A paddle vote was taken 35 in favor. Motioned approved.**

### ***Other Business***

The discussion continued regarding the need for a standardized format for the required agronomist report. Also the need to develop a policy with respect to the handling of refunds for scratches due to the existence of seeds. The current policy has been to issue full refunds.

**Dean Reinke moved that a committee be formed to draft a standardized format for the required agronomist report. The committee would include Cathy Lewis- Chair, Jerry Barrett, John Dunn and Alan Young.**

**Motion was seconded and approved.**

### ***Field Trial Chairman’s Presentation***

Kevin Martineau gave some info about start time, quit time and shuttle policies for the trial. We will be starting at 8 a.m.

**It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**

**Motion unanimously approved.**

### **Delegate Vote on tabled motion**

**I, Jim Keller, move that the location, dates, qualification points and entry fee as set forth in the proposal be approved. I also move that the annual meeting time be set at 4:00 p.m. on November 15,2023.**

**Motion Seconded by Kathy Nestor**

**Delegates written ballots submitted. In favor 25 Opposed 10  
No vote received 5**

**Motion approved.**

