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National English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association 2024 Annual Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Rend Lake Golf Resort on December 7, 2024.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum 32 of 38 paid clubs were in attendance.

Acceptance of Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2023 meeting as published and distributed be approved.

Motion approved

Presidents Message

Mike Nolan noted that he was very grateful to be the President of the NESSFTA this year. With the passing of Camie Barrow, who was the fundraising chair, there were people that really stepped up to fill that roll including Kevin Martineau and Rick Paquin. Mike also thanked Deanna Keller for being a go to person regarding the trial planning and logistics and Mhari Peschel for all the that is done throughout the year. He reminded people that we are here to have fun and enjoy the dogs.

Acceptance of the 2023 Treasurer's Report

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's 2023 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;

President

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Secretary/Treasurer

Gary Riddle

Ray Hankins

Kevin Martineau

Mhari Peschel

Motion approved.

Announcement of Judges for the 2025 National Open Championship

Judges will be Dominique Savoie and Rick Shively

Member Club Dues for 2025

Motion

It was moved and seconded that member club dues for 2025 be \$75.00 per club.

Motion unanimously approved

Presentation of Location for the 2025 National Open Championship

Gary Riddle said that it was an honor to be at the meeting representing Utah. He noted that he is happy to have Brent Blundell and Josh Riddle as his “right hand men”. The location of the trial would be on the Blundell property and some additional property in the Clarkston area of Utah. He proposed a start date of November 18, 2025 and an entry fee of \$400. He also proposed that the qualification be two points.

Jim Keller asked how the \$400 entry fee was determined. Gary responded that he assumed an entry of 100 dogs and that there would be some fundraising but that he did not want to take on a major fundraising effort. Based on their estimates at the 100 dog entry \$400 would be breakeven for the trial

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Clarkston, Utah location with a start date of November 18, 2025 be accepted

Motion Approved

Qualification

Discussion

Dean Reinke said that he would like to see a three point entry qualification. Gary Riddle said that he had considered that but felt that he needed a two point entry to get a 100 dog entry.

Bill Boeckman said that at three points you would not get as many dogs and that would hurt the trial.

Todd Fearon stated that 2 points was just a third place in a local trial. You should have at least that many points to enter a National.

Holly Boggess asked if he had considered higher point requirement and a \$425 entry fee.

Bill Cosgrove asked if the trial could “make it” if there was an 80 dog entry.

Bill Boeckman noted that placing a dog fourth in a big trial should be enough to qualify. Dean Reinke noted that a 1 point qualification would hurt the local clubs since fewer dogs would have to keep running to be qualified.

It was moved and seconded that there be a 2 point qualification

Motion passed

**It was moved and seconded that the entry fee be \$400
28 in favor and 4 opposed Motion Passed**

Moved and seconded that the Meeting be held on November 17, 2025 at 4pm at the Hotel

Unanimous vote in favor Motion passed

Note: The closing date was not voted on but an 18 and 11day two tier close is consistent with prior years.

Other Business

Other

Kevin Martineau passed out a leaflet describing the area where he hope to hold the 2027 National Open. It gave information about the Osceola, IA area.

Field Trial Chairman's Presentation

Jim Keller welcomed trailers to Southern Illinois. He discussed how the shuttles would work and referred people to the shuttle assignments. He noted that the bird supplier was Elk Ridge and the planter would be Donny Manning.

Morgan Haglin discussed the shuttle routes and cut off points and reminded folks to stay on the designated shuttle paths.

Jim noted that there would be hard stop no later than 4:30 pm on Sunday and possibly earlier depending upon where they were on the course.

There will be a caravan leaving the Events Center at 6:15am

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously approved.

