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ECSCA Field Trial Committee

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America
Field Trial Committee

Meeting Minutes Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2016
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Members Present:Deb Strohl, Mike Schroeder, Vicky Thomas, Keith Meissner, Terry Reckart
Absent: Dennis Joannides, Pete Rizzo,

I. Call to order A call to order was made at 8:03pm EST

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Approval of the agenda

IV. UnfinishedBusiness

A. Judges Criteria After approximately 2 years of working on the "Criteria for Judging," it's now approved by the ECSCA Board of Directors!

5/3/2016
I am pleased to confirm that the ECSCA Board unanimously approved the attached revised "Criteria to be Eligible to Judge an AKC Cocker Field Trial."

Regards,

Margie Wilson
President
ECSCA

B. Gun Committee: Unfortunately, the invitation inviting the Gun Committee to join us for this meeting was sent late. So, we generally reviewed the proposed document. So, without the input of the Gun Committee, we didn't want to adopt particular policies. Vicky reported she had been in touch with Dave and John and it was her opinion they were generally in agreement with the Gunning Proposal about the Regionalization, but they might want to further discuss a different method of selecting an NCC Gun Team/Captains (See blue print below). Dave

Barto mentioned "in his perfect world", there would be "2" NCC Co-Gun Captains, each responsible for his own 4 member team.

Mike and Terry offered opinions on the proposal (below) as it would offer more representation on the NCC gunning committee and would hopefully open up more opportunities for guns being invited to shoot the NCC. The FTC members saw value in both scenarios.

The FTC questioned how Gun Captains had been selected in the past and we agreed that some of the NCC proposals probably had been accepted without knowing who the Chairperson had actually selected to be Gun Captain at the time the NCC was awarded. This is because often the grounds are the focus and the trust in the NCC Chairman's ability to "pull" the event together. The FTC believes it's should be part of their responsibility to at least review who is selected to be the NCC Gun Captain and the list of prospective guns, if not at the time the NCC proposal is made, but certainly before the Gun Captain is named. It then was debated if the selection of the Gun Captain falls under the Gunning Committee or as part of "How to Run and NCC". If we adopt the method (in blue) below, this would fall under the Gunning Committee.

SELECTING GUNNERS FOR NCC EVENTS
March 30, 2016

1. The gun committee should nominate 2 or 3 individuals from their region that they believe would make excellent Guns at the Nationals. This selection process should be made by reaching out to the regional clubs holding trials and getting their input as to "Quality Guns".
2. The full Gun Committee will then review the list of candidates for qualifications (to be determined by Gun Committee).
3. List of nominations will be submitted to the FTC for review.
4. The list of names to the NCC Gun Captain(s). The GC should then select his/her gun teams from the list provided. The FTC will provide
   a. There should be two teams consisting of four to five persons including the GC.
   b. Two alternates should be chosen
5. The Gun Captain will forward his Gun Team selection to the FTC for review. After review and approval, the Gun Team will be published on Field Cockers. Posting of the Gun Team should occur at least sixty days prior to the National event.

Notwithstanding the method of selecting our future NCC Gun Captains, Deb suggested we receive a short bio on each NCC gunner and that it be inserted in the NCC Catalog. It's noted that now that "Spaniels In the Field Magazine no longer exists, we are losing a portion of our shared history and perhaps we could preserve some legacy of each National in our yearly catalog. Along with adding Gunner Profiles, maybe a synopsis of the prior year's event should be included in the Catalog. The FTC felt these were great ideas and help to make trialers more familiar with the gun team and NCC history.

The FTC got back to discussing several additional gunning issues and decided to hold off on any further discussion other than to accept the recommendation to eliminate "The Gunning Team Report" section found in the criteria. The Gunning Team Report was to be submitted by the Gun Captain after each trial and it's been ignored for years. The FTC voted to remove this portion of the Gunning Committee criteria.

C. Insurance Report: Several weeks ago, it was suggested the FTC investigated our insurance coverage as it relates to gunners and planters working at an ECSCA Licensed trial. All of the field trial clubs and ECSCA share similar insurance policies from a company called Equisure. Each field trial club or organization staging a field trial or hunt test need to obtain an individual policy, the ECSCA policy does not cover individual field trial clubs.

Our initial investigation seemed to imply that individuals that volunteered at the event that were NOT members of each individual trial club would not be provided liability coverage during the event. This information caused a great deal of stress and the FTC spent over 30 minutes reviewing the effects it would have on field trial gunners and field trial clubs. Below is the language from Equisure:

PERSONS INSURED

Each of the following is an Insured under this insurance to the extent set forth below:
a) The Named Insured is the Club which is a participant member of the Master Policyholder identified in Item 1 of the Declarations that has purchased coverage under this Master Policy.
b) Employees of the Named Insured (but only in respect of Accidents arising out of their employment by the Named Insured and during the Policy Period)
c) Any Volunteer of the Named Insured (but only in respect of Accidents arising out of their activities as such during the Policy Period)
d) Any Individual Member of the Named Insured (but only in respect of Accidents arising out of the activities the Individual Member performs on the Named Insured's behalf)
e) In the event of the death of an Insured as provided for above, the personal representatives of the Insured in respect of liability incurred by the Insured

No other person or entity shall be considered an **Insured** unless specifically stated otherwise herein.

Fortunately on May 5th, a second investigating was conducted and Equisure provided an email response that in essence states anyone volunteering at a field trial would have coverage under their insurance. However, the insurance did not cover any ATVs.

V. NCC Review 2016- The budget for the 2016 NCC Budget was Postponed until June. Chris Dartt will present a budget to the FTC at that time.

VI. Groups Using ECSCA License The FTC has been urging groups using the ECSCA License for their field trials to employ more than 2 judges if they contemplate multiple events (4 different trials) at a single venue. The AKC has a rule that prevents an individual that is judging a set of trials (Open and Amateur) under one event number, from entering in the other stake. So, if a professional trainer was attending a trial and entered in the Open Stake, he would be prohibited from judging the Amateur stake the following day (assuming it's the same event number.) But, if on Monday the Club had a 2nd Open event, the individuals that judged on Saturday and Sunday could compete in that event because the Monday trial would have a separate event number. AKC also has a rule that an Amateur Trial must be attached to an Open Trial.

VII. Jordan Horak has completed the Field Trial Submission form that can be filled in on your computer. We've attached it at the end of these minutes for you to see. Note, it won't work from these minutes, you will need to download from fieldcockers.com.

The FTC would like to thank Jordan for all the hard work and effort that he put into completing this form!

New Business:

a) Other FTC Issues and Concerns tabled till next meeting
   1. Getting someone to edit minutes tabled till next meeting
   2. HOF- Only one person at induction tabled till next meeting
   3. Update/create the Spaniel Test for Cockers after the AKC Seminar? tabled till next meeting

Adjournment – A call for adjournment was made at 9:25pm

Next FTC Meeting May 17, 2016 8:00 pm EST Gun Committee should attend.

SEE ATTACHED

Final Version ECSCA BOD Approval 5/3/2016
4/18/2016 approved by FTC

Criteria to be Eligible to Judge an AKC Cocker Field Trial and the Cocker National Championships

Cocker field trial judges should have extensive experience and knowledge in spaniel handling, training, and several prior spaniel field trial judging assignments to enhance the judging panel. It is essential that judges be of the highest standard possible, active in all phases of spaniel training, trialing and handling.

Part 1. The following criteria are necessary requirements for judging AKC Member or Licensed Cocker Spaniel Field Trials.

1. Field Trial judging experience between the two prospective Judges must meet a combined minimum of twelve (12) AKC Championship Stake judging assignment points as documented by AKC. The twelve (12) Championship Stake judging assignment points must have occurred in five (5) different locations. Championship Stakes award points toward an AKC Field Champion title or AKC Amateur Field Champion title. (Lanaguage change 4/19/16)

2. All judges wishing to judge a Cocker Spaniel Field Trial shall receive a copy of the most recent edition of "*A Guide to the Conduct and Judging of Cocker Spaniel Field Trials"* (a.k.a. "The Green Book")supplied by the ECSCA Field Trial Committee (FTC). All judges shall be asked to become familiar with its contents and address any questions they may have to the ECSCA FTC or the Field Trial Chairman of the sponsoring club. (Paragraph added 2/9/2016pending ECSCA BOD approval)

3. All Spaniel Judges with prior AKC Championship stake judging assignments point(s) will be grandfathered as meeting the criteria below.

Part 2. How to become a Cocker Field Trial Judge

Prospective individuals wishing to become judges for Cocker Spaniel Field Trials must:

1. Attend an AKC Spaniel Field Trial Judging Seminar prior to apprenticing at a field trial
   (Amended 1/26/2106 pending ECSCA BOD Approval)

2. Complete two (2) Apprentice Judging Assignments under two different AKC Senior judges. The Apprentice assignments shall be completed at an AKC approved Championship Stake Spaniel Field Trial with prior permission from the local Field Trial Committee. The Senior Judge should be contacted by the local trial committee and agree to the assignment. The standard AKC Apprentice form must be completed by the Senior Judge and submitted to the AKC for recording purposes with an additional copy supplied to the ECSCA FTC Chairman.
   (Amended 2/9/2016 pending ECSCA BOD approval)

Part 3. National Cocker Championship (NCC) Field Trial selection criteria:

In addition to the judging criteria for Cocker Spaniel Field Trials, individuals nominated for NCC Judges must:

1. Have twelve (12) AKC Championship Spaniel Stake judging assignment points. Three (3) of the 12 assignments must be from judging AKC Cocker Field Trial Championship stakes. These three (3) trials must be separate assignments at different locations. (Amended to three separate venues on 3/8/2016 from two separate venues on 1/26/16. Pending ECSCA BOD Approval)

2. Have handled a spaniel and earned at least one (1)Championship point by placing in an Open All-Age or Amateur stake at an AKC Field Championship trial. (Amended by the FTC to allow handing any dog, not just ones without an FC or AFC 4/19/16)

3. Have actively handled a spaniel in an AKC field trial in the past three (3) years prior to the NCC they would be judging.

Prior FTC Approved revisions: 6/5/2012, 3/8/2016, 3/21/2016 (spelling and language edit only)
Original Document: 3/5/2011 3/30/2016 (spelling and language edit only)

Below are the 3 page of the Trial Submission Forms that will not work until you download from FieldCockers.com. We've presented them here for informational purposes only!

Cocker Field Trial Submission of Events

Step 1. For Cocker Field Trials, submit the following information to the Field Trial Committee Chair for approval (2016 FTC Chairman: gigvicky@aol.com). Once this form is received, your event date will be listed on fieldcockers.com as Pending AKC Approval. This is NOT the AKC application and you must submit that separately.

Club Sponsored or ECSCA Event: (Choose One)	Club Name:	Date of last trial: Click or tap to enter a date. OR New Event: ☐
Physical Address of Trial: street, city, state, zip	ARE YOU USING ENTRY EXPRESS? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Field Trial Chairman:FirstLast Email Address	Event Secretary:FirstLast Email Address	Gun Captain:FirstLast
Apprentice Judge:☐ N/A FirstLast	Judge #:	Mailing Address: street, city, state, zip

EVENT DATES AND TYPE

(Please provide the Judges' mailing addresses so we can send a current copy of the green book.)

Date #1: Click to enter date	Trial Type: Select	Judge #1:FirstLast address Judge #2:FirstLast address	Judge #: Judge #:
Date #2: Click to enter date	Trial Type: Select	Judge #1: FirstLast address Judge #2: FirstLast address	Judge #: Judge #:
Date #3: Click to enter date	Trial Type: Select	Judge #1: FirstLast address Judge #2: FirstLast address	Judge #: Judge #:
Date #4: Click to enter date	Trial Type: Select	Judge #1: FirstLast address Judge #2: FirstLast address	Judge #: Judge #:
Date #5: Click to enter date	Trial Type: Select	Judge #1: FirstLast address Judge #2: FirstLast address	Judge #: Judge #:

NOTE: If more dates are necessary, please include them on additional page (Check here ☐ if there is an additional page)

Step 2. Event Premium / Entry Forms

At some point, you will have generated your Trial Premium and Information packages. Please email a copy of the event premium, entry blank or information flyer to the FTC Chairman (email above) and to fieldcockers@yahoo.com. Please note ***If your event is being handled through Entry Express, you must use the Print to PDF feature to save the premium to be emailed. We will not perform this task for you.*** **This must be received 4 weeks prior to the event!** **Date emailed:** Click to enter date

Cocker Field Trial Submission of Events

Step 3. Submission of Event Results

Following the completion of the trial, email the results of each event from above to the FTC Chairperson who will forward to **Sue Rose** (Historian) roses@msu.edu, Bethann Wiley (**National Qualifier Database**) bethannwiley@yahoo.com, and fieldcockers@yahoo.com.

You can either fill out this form or cut and paste the results from another document into the field at the end of this paragraph, whichever is easiest. In either case, please be sure to include all necessary information (note: reference the fields below to identify necessary information)

Event #1

1st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
2nd Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
3rd Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
4th Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
Guns Award:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
		Owner's Address		Handler's Name
Additional Awards (If any were given):	Award name		Call Name	Owner's Name
Registered Name		Owner's Address		Handler's Name

Event #2

1st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
2nd Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
3rd Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
4th Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
Guns Award:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
		Owner's Address		Handler's Name
Additional Awards (If any were given):	Award name		Call Name	Owner's Name
Registered Name		Owner's Address		Handler's Name

Cocker Field Trial Submission of Events

Event #3

1st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
2nd Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
3st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
4st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
Guns Award:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
		Owner's Address		Handler's Name
Additional Awards (If any were given):	Award name		Call Name	Owner's Name
Registered Name		Owner's Address		Handler's Name

Event #4

1st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
2nd Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
3st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
4st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
Guns Award:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
		Owner's Address		Handler's Name
Additional Awards (If any were given):	Award name		Call Name	Owner's Name
Registered Name		Owner's Address		Handler's Name

Event #5

1st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
2nd Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
3st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
4st Place:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
New FC? ☐	New NCC Qualifier? ☐	Owner's Address (if new NCC Qualifier)		Handler's Name
Guns Award:	Registered Name		Call Name	Owner's Name
		Owner's Address		Handler's Name
Additional Awards (If any were given):	Award name		Call Name	Owner's Name
Registered Name		Owner's Address		Handler's Name