



ESSFTA Field Board of Governors Meeting

April 30, 2021

Zoom Meeting began at 1 pm

Attendees: FBOG: Steve Beyer, Cristy Joy, Mark Geeb, Steve Seltzer, Kathy Nestor, Peter Renwick, Rick Shively, Bob Beauchamp, Mark Haglin, Elaine O'Keefe, Mike Nolan, Dean Koehler and Joshua Riddle. Mean Seed Committee/ESSFT: Holly Boggess



A. HOF Selection Committee Appointments Report

- a. Danny Lussen was appointed as the Parent Club Trial Chairman -
Approved by voice: unanimous
- b. HOF Selection Committee: Don Mock was appointed by the Field VP,
Mhari Peschel will serve her second term appointed by the Field VP
– Approved by voice: unanimous

B. Apprentice Judge Program

- a. The FBOG is requiring the individuals who received emergency Judging assignments to meet the requirements of the Program and finish their Apprentice Judging. Approved by voice: unanimous.
- b. Discussion:
 1. The AKC granted individuals Emergency Judging assignments. The events valid and are sanctioned by the AKC.
 2. The FBOG will notify Lisa Pyle to have the Emergency Judges complete the Apprentice Judge Program.
 3. The group recommends the FBOG should notify the AKC to minimize the emergency approvals as much as possible.



C. Nominating Committee report – Peter Renwick (see attached report)

- a. There is concern we have not followed procedure because of Covid-19
- b. More discussion will happen at the 2021 Membership meeting.

D. Mean Seed Committee Report – Holly (Chairperson) Cristy and Dean (Committee Members)

- a. The Committee is in the process of finishing the graphics and printing the Seed book.
- b. The group should continue to encourage the Trial Community to work on their due-diligence to hold trials where there is limited exposure to Mean Seeds.
- c. The NAC must continue to budget for an Agronomist report.

E. Financial Report – Kathy Nestor

- a. Covid-19 has effected the Financials by reducing expenses.
- b. All groups were in the black for 2020
- c. Raymond James account – How to generate more interest? Colorado account. Only made \$32 last year.

F. National Amateur Championship Awards and AKC Points

- a. 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. – Approved by voice: unanimous
- b. Discussion:
 1. 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.
 2. The National Open scores the Championship awards this way.
 3. We will follow the AKC and the Open delegates format

G. Limited Entry at Field Trials

- a. No Limited Entries Field Trials are allowed. – Approved by voice: unanimous
- b. Discussion:
 1. Limited Entry at Field Trials are not allowed by the AKC rules per the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Spaniels.
 2. Use strategies and list options in the Premium to allow for approved changes if needed.



H. Water test 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. Discussion
 1. The AKC Rules allow for a dismissal of the Water Test at the NAC.
 2. Mike Nolan will draft the Guidelines such as the Air and Water Temperature Matrix using scientific information
 3. A thought is to have a Certified Water Test during the year of the NAC to use as Qualification for Entry in the National Amateur Championship.

I. 2021 HOF inductions are June 12

- a. Kathy will discuss with Tanya the typical Donation/Contribution of \$500
- b. Kathy will discuss with Tanya to set up remote watching
- c. Mike Nolan will present for the ESSFTA

J. The FBOG recommends our members do Breed quality testing.

- a. Canine Hip Dysplasia · Elbow Dysplasia · Eye Certification are recommended to maintain the quality of the Breed.
- b. It has been recommended to require Certification of a dog to receive the AKC and ESSFTA awards.
- c. The FBOG are not going to require Certification to receive awards.

K. Coordination between ESSFTA and ESSFT

- a. The FBOG asked to budget \$5,000 in 2021 to have larger Parent Club expos on ESSFT.com
- b. Discussion:
 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

L. Membership Recruitment Discussion

- a. Mike Nolan asked to present recommendations to the ESSFTA Board of Governors to enable easier membership requirements and procedures to join and renew membership.
- b. Discussion
 1. The goal is to make it easy to join and attract young people.
 2. It will be on new business during the BOG meeting May 1st.