



**ESSFTA Field Board of Governors Meeting  
April 29, 2022 at 1:00 PM Eastern Time**

Attendees: FBOG and ESSFTA members

- A. HOF Selection Committee Appointments Report
- B. Apprentice Judge Program Report – Lisa Pyle
  - a. Apprentice Program changes
  - b. The Apprentice Approval Checklist review
  - c. AKC rule book – wording for our apprentice program changes
- C. Judges' Program
  - a. Operational Maintenance of Judges Program
  - b. "Mike Ludwig Rule", needs to be made official.
  - c. Canadian Spaniel Trial Judge Approval – proposed language: "United States Citizen's that have Judged Canadian Spaniel Trials and passed the AKC Apprentice test shall be approved to Judge AKC events in the United States.
  - d. Mentoring Program for Current Approved Judges
  - e. Frequency of Judging Nationals
- D. Gunning Program Report
  - a. Program Discussion with Safety
  - b. Operational Maintenance of Gunning and Gunners
- E. By-Law Discussion and recommended changes.
- F. Discuss adding the English Springer Spaniel breed for eligibility to participate in AKC Retriever Hunt Tests.
- G. Mean Seed Committee Report – Cristy and Dean (Committee Members)
- H. Coordination between ESSFTA and ESSFT – Mike Nolan & Holly Boggess
- I. Discuss modifications requested for the ESSFTA Web Site
  - a. Apprentice Judge Program Approval Checklist
  - b. Transparency-Communication
  - c. Monthly Meetings and sharing Meeting Minutes (example: New members approved)
  - d. Additional Items added, moved or changes discussion
- J. Membership Recruitment Discussion
- K. Financial stewardship - investment strategy and implementation
- L. New Items
- M. Adjournment