

English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame Committee Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2016 – 7:00 pm CST (Conference Call)

Members in Attendance: Bethann Wiley, A.R. Ginn, , Sheryl Mayo, Larry Hansen, Keith Meissner, Pete Rizzo, **Absent: Rob Cotiaux**

Guest: Kate Romanski (ECSCA Historian)

Old Business

- 1. Update on trophies at the Museum** - Kate received permission from the ECSCA to donate the Shawfield Glenfire Trophy to the ECSCHoF. The trophy is now on display in the showcase in the Cocker Section of the Hall of Fame. Bev Matthews has delivered the Field and Stream Challenge “Keeper” Trophy which was donated by the Maine Spaniel Field Trial Club to the Hall of Fame. It will also be put on display in the showcase. Kate has gotten approval from the American Spaniel Club for the “Original” Field and Stream Challenge Trophy to be donated to the Hall of Fame. AR stated that the Field Champion Plaque of the 1925-65 Field Champions is up on display at the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame committee has a list of modern era field champion dogs that have made a donation for the Modern Era 1993-Present Field Champions plaque. Anyone with a Field Champion from the modern era that would like to have their dog immortalized at the Hall of Fame can send a donation of \$100 per Field Champion to Pete Rizzo at 20 Crestview Drive, Tomkins Cove, NY 10986. Pete is working with the original builders of the 1925-65 Field Champions Plaque in order to continue to have a matching plaque for the modern era to be displayed at the Hall of Fame.
- 2. Update on financial situation** – A.R. has had the financial records viewed by a Certified Public Accountant and everything financially looks to be in good shape. The committee then went into Executive Session Discussion.
- 3. 2016 Calendar**
March 1st will be the next meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee
May 1st – July 30th is the deadline for Hall of Fame nominations
May 10th Meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee
September 6th Meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee
October 4th Meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee
Presentation of inductees made at the NCC

4. **Review By-laws and Operating Procedure** - Kate suggested that we need an introductory paragraph for the By-Laws as well as simplifying the By-Laws in order to make them easier to read. The By-Laws also need to be updated to reflect the present. This was tabled until the next meeting in order to give everyone a chance to review the material and make an informed decision. It was stated that “The Advisory Panel” collects the nominations and forwards the information to the Hall of Fame committee. The committee then reviews the nominations and chooses up to 3 dogs and up to 3 people from the nominations. There are several early era dogs and people that the committee still has from previous nominations that will be included in this year’s nominations. Keith wondered what the purpose of the Advisory Panel was and that maybe sending nominations directly to the committee would help solicit more nominations by avoiding a step in the process.

5. **Other Business** - How to increase participation and interest in the Hall of Fame. AR stated that we need a strong head of The Advisory Panel to help solicit nominations for the Hall of Fame. Kate stated that we as a group need to talk to more people and spread information about not only the Hall of Fame but also about getting nominations of deserving people and dogs into the Hall of Fame. Larry would like to see us bring nomination papers to the field trials that we attend and hand them out to handlers. The thought was that if we can personally hand out nomination forms to field trialers, we would develop more interest and help to simplify the process of nominations. Bethann would like to look into the possibility of getting field trial secretaries to include Hall of Fame information in the Trial Catalogs, as well as having more information posted on fieldcockers.com.

6. **Adjournment at 9:06PM Easter Standard Time** - Bethann made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry seconded it.

7. **Next Meeting March 1st 8PM Eastern Standard Time**