

## English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame Committee Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2016 – 7:00 pm CST (Conference Call)

**Members in Attendance:** Bethann Wiley, A.R. Ginn, Larry Hansen, Keith Meissner, Pete Rizzo

**Guest:** Kate Romanski (ECSCA Historian)

**Absent:** Rob Cotiaux and Sheryl Mayo

### Old Business

1. Update description of criteria to be a member of the HoF Committee (green font) – discuss any further revision of this section.

### Section 2. Committee Nominations and Election

A) Nominations for prospective members of the ECSFTHFC shall be submitted to the ECSFTHFC Chairperson prior to the expiration of the class of membership stated above and by a date determined by the current ECSFTHFC. Nominations can be made by any individual who has an English or American cocker spaniel eligible to run in the National Cocker Field Trial Championship (NCC) for the current year as well as by any prior ECSFTHFC or ECSCA Field Trial Committee members. Nominees shall have extensive experience with cocker field trials. *The nominee should be somebody who participates in handling, training, judging and/or shooting over English Cocker Spaniels. A nominee should have a strong interest in the history of the English Cocker Spaniel and the sport of cocker field trials. The nominee must be willing to attend several meetings each year via conference call and support the Hall of Fame committee efforts to research dogs and individuals, fundraise for the Hall of Fame and participate in other activities the committee deems important.* The nomination must include the full name, address, email address and phone number of the nominee and a short biography which details the nominee's credentials. This biography will be sent out with the ballot.

Keith, Pete, AR, Larry and Bethann all stated that the above paragraph was acceptable. Larry made a motion and Keith seconded it, a vote was taken and all were in favor of including the new section as written in the bylaws. The new text will be added into the bylaws.

### New Business

1. **Update from the NCC on the Induction announcement.** Bethann & Pete made the induction announcements at the 2016 NCC to have Albert Winslow, NFC FC Berol's Petey's Boy and FC CFC Warrener's Yellowhammer MH (Sydney) were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Pete & Bethann stated that the announcements went well and felt that everyone was engaged and interested. Several people were interested in talking and discussing the inductees

after the announcement. Bethann found this to be a good sign that there was an increase in interest in the Hall of Fame.

**2. Update on activities for the Induction ceremony in February.** Bethann is in the process of contacting Alberts Winslow's family about attending the inductions ceremony. She has also contacted Henry Berol's family members about the induction of the dog Berol's Petey's Boy which their father, Henry Berol, bred. She is working on contacting the owner and handler. Also she has contacted Sydney's owners, Vicky Thomas and Paul McGagh, for more information about her as well as attending the induction ceremony. Mike Schroder and the Fox Valley Club will be hosting a 3 day Cocker Trial to coincide with the inductions Thursday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be Banquets on Thursday and Friday nights and the trial will stop for the Hall of Fame inductions and then finish up after the ceremony.

**3. Discuss open HoF committee positions and how to seek nominations to fill open positions.** The Hall of Fame has several positions that will be opening up this year as some members terms are finished at the end of the year. AR and Pete have decided to not continue on as HoF committee members at the end of their term in December. Rob has stated that he would like to continue as a committee member. Nominations should be sent to Bethann ([bethannwiley@yahoo.com](mailto:bethannwiley@yahoo.com)) by December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. *The nominee should be somebody who participates in handling, training, judging or shooting over English Cocker Spaniels. A nominee should have a strong interest in the history of the English Cocker Spaniel and the sport of cocker field trials. The nominee must be willing to attend several meetings each year via conference call and support the Hall of Fame committee efforts to research dogs and individuals, fundraise for the Hall of Fame and participate in other activities the committee deems important.*

An election will occur per the Hall of Fame By-laws and Operating procedures if multiple nominations are received.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm CST

Next meeting will be in the beginning of January 2017

(Reminder of our Calendar)

**2016 Calendar**

March 1<sup>st</sup> will be the next meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee

May 1<sup>st</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for Hall of Fame nominations

May 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee

September 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee

October 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee (date changed)

*Solicit Nominees for 2017 HoF Committee*

Presentation of inductees made at the NCC