



ECSFTHFC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. EST

In attendance were: AR Ginn, Peter Rizzo, Larry Hansen, Kate Romanski, Barbara Haupt, Hobson Brown, and Keith Meissner, Absent was Robb Cotiaux.

AGENDA

*****Approval of December minutes**

We opened the meeting with discussion of the December meeting minutes. AR moved that the minutes be accepted as published on the Hall of Fame website. Hob seconded and the minutes were approved.

*****Election of new committee Chair**

Members were asked for nominations for committee chair. Larry nominated Hobson Brown, AR seconded, and Hob Brown was unanimously approved. Hob will serve for one year.

*****Discussion of plans for induction ceremony**

Hob led the discussion of the plans for the induction ceremony. Prior to the meeting he had sent us paperwork regarding these plans. Barbara made the motion that the information Hob has submitted regarding the induction ceremony be included in these January minutes. They will be good to have for future reference.

The motion was carried unanimously and that information is included below.

We also discussed the image that would be on the scroll presented to the inductees this year. In a previous meeting it was decided to use our English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame logo on the scroll. This presented some problem because of the redundancy in wording on the logo and on the scroll. Hob will speak to the artist about including the green oval surrounding the dog.

***Update of the upcoming HOF induction ceremony
Saturday, February 8, 2014***

Dogs

FC Parkbreck Elm Of Bishwell, "Mave"

Tom Ness and Robin Putnam will attend. Tom will speak about Mave and accept the scroll. As Mave is announced her framed photo will be put on an easel for all to see. Tom will come forward and speak about Mave for a few minutes and then be awarded a scroll. After the ceremony, pictures will be taken and then the photo will be hung in the HOF.

NFC FC EFC Shawfield Glenfire, "Simon"

We have received word that Dean Bedford, the son of owner Dean Bedford, may attend if the weather permits. He lives in Michigan. He will accept the scroll for Simon and also speak about Larry MacQueen as he remembers him and actually shot with him over the Bedford's other NCC winner, Greatford Charlie.

PEOPLE

Larry MacQueen

His grandson has sent some great photos but may not be able to attend. Dean Bedford and Tom Ness, who nominated MacQueen and hunted with his son, can speak and accept the scroll.

Keith Erlandson

Mike Gilpin and Marilyn will come to the ceremony. Mike, who nominated Keith, will speak about Keith and accept the scroll which will be sent to his wife in Wales. Keith's induction was noted in Shooting Times.

What has been done in preparation for the ceremony:

With regard to ads for the program, one from the ECSCA has been arranged by Kate Romanski, one in honor of Tom and Mave is being sponsored by the ND Sporting Spaniel Club and a third for Tom and Mave is being sponsored by the Browns.

Copies of the program will be sent to all on the committee who cannot attend. The program will include the photos which are too large to send via g-mail and the more detailed of the two descriptions.

Tom Dixon, a Harriman grandchild who donated \$1000 to the Bird Dog Foundation, has donated a replica of a sign that appeared on the Harriman estate for the silent auction.

We are in good shape for the induction ceremony.

The schedule that is sent with a congratulatory letter to each inductee:

2014 Field Trial Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
National Bird Dog Museum and Field Trial Hall of Fame
505 Highway 57
Grand Junction, TN 38039
731-764-2058

Saturday --- February 8, 2014

9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
 Life and Patron Memorial Honorees Recognized
 Recognition of Field Trial Hall of Fame Honorees in the

Audience

- 9:30 am Inductions English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame
Lawrence R. MacQueen
NFC FC EFC Shawfield Glenfire, "Simon"
Keith Erlandson
FC Parkbreck Elm Of Bishwell, "Mave"
- 10:00 am Inductions English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame
- 10:30 am Retriever Field Trial Hall of Fame Inductions
- 11:00 am Conclusion of Morning Session
- 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Luncheon hosted by Purina
- 1:30 pm Welcome and Introductions
Life and Patron Memorial Honorees Recognized
Recognition of Field Trial Hall of Fame Honorees in the Audience
- 2:00 pm Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame Inductions
- 2:30 pm German Shorthaired Pointer Field Trial Hall of Fame Inductions
- 3:00 pm Pointer and Setter Field Trial Hall of Fame Inductions
- 3:30 pm Conclusion of Afternoon Session
- 4:00 pm Reception hosted by The American Field

Attire

Sports jackets and ties for men. Ladies dress accordingly.

Directions and Accommodation

The National Bird Dog Museum and Field Trial Hall of Fame is located in Grand Junction, Tennessee which is 50 miles east of Memphis, Tennessee on Highway 57 and one mile east of Highway 18.

Grand Junction is has been called the “Bird Dog Capital of the World.” The closest town with restaurants and services is Collierville which is about 30 minutes west of Grand Junction. The recommended hotels are:

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Collierville
4640 Merchants Park Circle (stores and restaurants)
Collierville, Tennessee 38017
901-850-9390

Hampton Inn (Headquarters hotel for springer trial)
1280 West Poplar Ave.
Collierville, TN 38017
901-854-9400
Dogs allowed in rooms --- \$10 per dog per night
Rate is \$99 --- ask for PARENT CLUB rate

Airport

Memphis, Tennessee --- Home of Elvis Presley and Graceland

Other Events

February 5,6,7,8 (Wednesday-Saturday)

February 5 (Wednesday) - English Springer Spaniel Field Trials --- Open and Amateur --- Alternating Stakes

All day starting at 8:00 am and ending around 3-5 pm. An article of clothing in blaze orange no smaller than a hat is required. Hats are available at the tent. Springer trials are run under the same rules as cocker trials.

There will be a training day on Tuesday, February 4 followed by a reception at the Bank of Fayette County.

February 6 (Thursday)

Springer Trial Banquet at the Field Trail Hall of Fame

February 7 (Friday)

BBQ Dinner at Buzzy's Lodge

February 8 (Saturday)

Induction Ceremony --- See separate page for schedule

February 9 (Sunday)

5:00 pm --- Reception hosted by Eukanuba and NFTCA and the National Field Trial Championship Association (RSVP)

February 10 to conclusion

Annual National Field Trial Championship for Pointers and Setters at the nearby Ames Plantation. The first championship was held near West Point, Mississippi in 1896. It has been held at the Ames Plantation since 1915. You may rent a horse and watch the event which takes place on 6,000 acres!

Note: This is the second year of inductions for the English Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame and no cocker trials are scheduled at this time. Most of our field trial participants reside in the Northeast, Midwest and West Coast, thus training dogs and/or traveling to this location with dogs at this time of year is difficult. There is, however, a growing group of participants that may come together to organize cocker trials here in the future

Preparation Required for Hall of Fame ECS Induction Ceremony

End of October/Early November

Following the announcement of the new inductees at the banquet of the Cocker National Championship, we officially notify the inductees and those who nominated them. Send a congratulatory letter with details about the HOF and the HOF schedule for the week of the ceremony which is usually

the second weekend in February. Include travel details and hotel information. In the case of deceased inductees, contact spouses, children and grandchildren --- this can require some research.

Prepare an invitation list for Barbara Sweeney who works at the HOF and who is responsible for sending out post card invitations each year. Our list includes members of the HOF committee, donors and prior inductees. It should be updated every year.

Mid- November/December

Work with inductees and their families to select the photos that will be placed on an easel during the ceremony and then hung in the HOF. Kate Romanski, ECSCA historian, has older photos that we have put on disk if the family does not have one. We would prefer to have photos printed in size 11X14 and framed (frames are 1 ½ inch quarter sawn molding from Superior Molding, color is listed as golden oak but appears cherry in color. The outside dimension of frame is 17 3/8 X 15 1/16; inside dimension of frame is 14 ¾ X 12 1/2, the mat is 1 ½ to 2 inches sized to fit image). There is no rule on size – just concern for wall space and aesthetics, but the guideline for the finished frame is to be no larger than 22X24 for dogs and 18X24 for people. Images are generally just the dog or just the person to avoid confusion, but there is no formal rule on this and some have chosen to have both pictured.

To date photos have been produced by Bob's Photo in Bismarck, ND and framing has been done by Paulette at Red Cedar Gallery in Bismarck, ND. Over time contemporary inductees may choose to select and frame their own photos or paintings at their expense as is done by other HOF groups but, when dogs and/or people from the early era of cocker trials are selected for the HOF, we may be required to take on the task of producing a photo and framing it.

Prepare detailed descriptions of each inductee for the HOF program. Begin with the nomination forms. In the case of dogs and people from the early era, consult our research and ask family members for further information. In the case of dogs and people from the modern era, work directly with the people and get their approval on the description. Send descriptions and photos for the program via email to David Fletcher, HOF board member who prints the program. His phone number is 517-625-7030 and his email is dcfletcher@tds.net.

Solicit ads for the HOF program --- \$125 for black and white; \$250 for color, full page only. Send ads to David Fletcher and checks made out to the Bird Dog Foundation noting money is for the program to David Smith. Also consider silent auction items for donation.

Prepared description cards (size 4X8) that will be placed under each photo in the HOF. Email text to David Fletcher who will print description cards and mail to HOF along with plexiglass and screws for hanging.

Prepare scrolls that will be presented to each inductee. Scrolls (size 11X15) are printed by David Fletcher (send him exact names for inscription) and then sent to the head of the Cocker HOF Committee and the head of the Bird Dog Foundation for signing. Scrolls are then picked up at the HOF by a local framer who puts each one in a frame (no mat) and returns to the HOF for the ceremony.

January

David Fletcher will send the program information for proofing.

Coordinate who will speak for each inductee and accept the scroll.

Make sure framed scrolls and framed photos are delivered to the HOF for the ceremony.

February

Coordinate the hanging of the inductee photos and the accompanying description cards in the HOF.

All framing, printing and shipping costs will need to be paid. Hob Brown has paid for photo developing, framing and delivery of the inductee photos for 2013 and 2014. Scroll printing and framing and the printing of the description cards has been paid out of our HOF funds. Shipping of the scrolls for signature and then the shipping of scrolls from the museum to the recipient (as in the case of Mrs. Erlandson who lives in Wales) is paid out of our HOF funds.

Lisa and Hob Brown
January, 2014

*****Update on Wall of Champions**

We need to highlight the information about the Wall of Champions to the people in our respective regions for their participation. There are many who are committed but we have not received their information to date.

NEW BUSINESS

*****Cabinet for Hall of Fame display**

AR will touch base with John Leininger who will build the cabinet. We plan to go ahead with this project and can cover the cost.

*****Other Expenses**

We have received no additional funds since the last meeting however there are no other major expense items at this time.

The Founder's plaque is in possession of AR. He will make arrangements to get it to the Hall of Fame.

We do not know how much the display will cost or if it will be installed by the induction ceremony. Hob will contact Terry Reckart tomorrow.

Up to this time, we have been paying for the picture framing of the inductees. The Board at the Hall of Fame requests recipients to provide the picture and the framing, however those of us who have visited the facility have noted the disparity in picture and frame sizes and quality. In many cases this gives a poor appearance and impression. If we do the framing ourselves, at least we get uniformity and consistency. On the other hand, that is an expense we need to think about. Perhaps we can have guidelines with regard to picture size and framing in the future.

*****Looking Forward**

Barbara has agreed to continue taking the minutes for 2014.

At our next meeting a new treasurer will be selected. Prior to our next meeting, Hob will project expenses for the incoming treasurer.

We hope to involve and energize more people in the cocker community – to get them more interested. Committee members can share ideas and topics they would like to have discussed. We would like to get fresh perspective from new members that we can look at. As a committee we hope to hear everyone's ideas and share our visions for the future.

A By-Laws change to consider: At present a dog or person nominated for the Hall of Fame can be eliminated after two years. All agreed we are such a small community, we do not wish to eliminate worthy dogs or people from the future Hall of Fame prospects.

*****Adjournment and date of next meeting**

Robb Cotiaux had requested we change the time of our committee meetings to 8 pm. EST since he has to get up at 3:30 a.m. for his work. All agreed to this suggestion, therefore, the next meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. on February 25th. This January meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Haupt