



ECSFTHF Committee Meeting Thursday, September 19, 2013

Present were Dennis Joannides, A.R. Ginn, Hob Brown, Barbara Haupt, Peter Rizzo and Kate Romanski (ECSCA Historian). Guest: Terry Reckart , Absent were Sue Rose and Larry Hansen.

The meeting commenced at 9 p.m. EDT and concluded at 10:40 p.m. EDT.

AGENDA

*****APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES** – A draft of the minutes of the August 21, 2013, is on our website www.englishcockerhalloffame.com

Correction: We should refer to the ECS Field Trial Hall of Fame (ECSFTHF) instead of ECS Hall of Fame which is another group.

Addition: There are two people, Roland Harriman and Albert Winslow in addition to the two dogs nominated for the Hall of Famed that were carried over from last year. AR moved and Dennis seconded the minutes be accepted. The motion passed.

*****STATUS OF HOF DIPLAY** —Terry Reckart gave an update from the Auburn Career Center where students are working on the ECSFTHF project. Terry has had four meetings with the students regarding the project which is divided between two separate classes.

1. LOGO -- The logo has been forwarded to the students in the metal work area. They are working on the software portion of it now and will send us the cost of the metal. The students will make the logo sign out of metal with an LED back light that will shine through the sign. It will have laser engraving and is plasma cut so contrast from behind is necessary. Terry mentioned they could also do a lapel pin of the logo with an earring type stud.
2. The DISPLAY -- The device called a high pad connects to a television and turns the tv into a computer monitor. The monitor becomes the tablet. There would be five icons on the touch screen which will open up a Power

Point presentation. Terry took the pictures Dennis sent and put them into groupings: People and Places; Pictures of the dogs; Desire – dogs flushing birds, retrieving over fences, etc; the old days (old black and white stills), and videos of trials. Each presentation would be about three minutes, a good time frame for most attention spans.

The time line given to the students for their completion of the projects:

Logo sign and pins by Oct 18;

Power Point format, sometime before Christmas;

All hardware and software functional by January 30th;

Installation at Hall of Fame the first week of February.

Terry said the key is to make the display robust and user friendly. Part of the programming will turn on when the museum opens and turns off when it closes. It is all automatic. Some discussion took place on the best size for the screen and whether a kiosk would be better suited. The wall space we are considering is 45 inches wide and we wouldn't need to utilize that much. Some of the other breeds in the HOF already have monitors in use. AR will ask David at the museum what size monitors other people are using. Consensus is we go along with the standard set by others in the museum. Terry stated whatever size is suitable they can do. Some felt it would be nice to have a bench nearby where people could watch the video display at an angle that would not interfere with the remainder of the exhibit. .

******ELECTRICAL FACILITIES** -- AR gave an update on the electrical wiring at the museum. and the needs for our display. He will get a price on the lighting and four outlets. We need to specify where the new ones are to go. There may be two outlets there already.

****** BUDGET for DISPLAY** Our present budget is between \$1500 and \$2000. Hob said we only have \$5000 left in the treasury and need to consider the funding for electrical changes, if necessary. We should know the costs by mid October.

******NOMINATION FORMS FOR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:** dogs and individuals. No new nominations have been received but several dogs and people are being talked about. Hopefully nominations will be submitted

******STATUS OF THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE HFC**

Kate Romanski has received nominations for Robb Cotiaux, Dennis Joannides, Keith Meissner, Peter Rizzo, and Sue Rose. Nominees will be given the opportunity to have the final decision on their bios. Kate will send out the ballots which must be returned by October 15th

******STATUS OF WEBSITE** Larry, Dennis, and Wendy feel it's ready to be released. It might be nice to coordinate what's on the website with what the students are doing for the Hall of Fame. The recent changes to the website are the logo & masthead. The photo galleries are being divided into groups making them easier to download and view. We could have a new section for Contributing Authors – offering the opportunity to people who want to do articles and/or commentaries.

Committee members agreed the website will be released ASAP. Nadine will be notified, and a note can be put on fieldcockers.com with the website address and link.

******FUND RAISING REPORT FROM PETE RIZZO** We had a discussion on the placement and appropriate size for the Wall of Champions plaque or plaques. A form can be made up for owners of field champions to complete (Registered Name, Call Name, DOB, Owner, etc.) Owners can submit the form for their field champion to Pete with their \$100 check made out to ECSCA. Forms will be available at the NCC and also posted on the website. So monies can be available to enhance specific needs within our displays and website, donation checks should be made payable to the ECSCA versus the Bird Dog Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

******ECSFTHF INFORMATION AT THE NCC** – We might want to have a table to display information and website. Perhaps we need to create a tri-fold informative brochure as well as a form for submission for the Wall of Champions.

******DIRECTION OF THE HFC** – Discussion regarding spending more of our meeting time discussing the history, the people, and the dogs.

******PROPOSED AMENDMENT** -- Dennis proposed the by-laws be changed for closing dates of nominations for the HOF and HFC from September 30 to September 15, beginning in 2014. Barbara seconded and the motion was

approved unanimously.

*****ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Holding a committee meeting at the NCC was rejected because of all the other demands on individual time. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m. and our next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, October 17th at 9:00 EDT. This meeting will be closed to outside guests and devoted exclusively to discussion of this year's candidates for the ECSFTHF.