



**ESAA Board of Directors  
Teleconference  
April 22, 2019**

**In attendance:** Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Jane Danek, John Fabelo, Jane Flynn, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Dave Mates, John Nielsen, Mary Nowak, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Lori Whorff.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Cunningham-Roy at 8:05 pm EST.  
The Purpose of this meeting is to begin reviewing ESAA committee reports.

**Electronic Newsletter – Setter Letter - Jenn Strickland**

- ✿ Since Jenn Strickland has to give up the editor's position for the eNewsletter, Kathy made a motion for the Board to approve Jennifer's recommendation of Vanessa Maynard as the new editor beginning with the June issue. Vanessa will be apprenticing for the May issue. Dave Mates seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Kathy will request that there is a brief bio and picture of Vanessa as an introduction in the May issue.
- ✿ The report to accept the Setter Letter report was approved on a Chase/Mates motion.

**Ad Hoc Committee on the 2016/2017 Annual**

- ✿ It is recommended that a supplement of corrections be assembled and e-mailed to the membership. Some of the information will be reprinted and added to the next annual or the fees for missing pages will be refunded at the choice of the applicant.
- ✿ It is recommended that a standing Oversight Committee of ESAA members is needed to help to collect and verify the accuracy of the information going to the Annual Editor.
- ✿ Due to the timeline and cost savings the next issue will have to be another double year issue for 2018/2019.
- ✿ The committee assembled a list of "issues" that had been reported to them along with suggested solutions and corrective actions.
- ✿ A Nowak/Mates motion to accept the report was approved without opposition.

**Membership – Rhonda Dillman**

- ✿ Kathy reviewed the losses and increases in membership for each region.
- ✿ We lost two clubs in the past few years...Central Florida and Atlanta. Rumors of the folding of the Smoky Mountain club are being checked. John Nielsen is available as a resource to help with the re-establishment or start-up of any club as our AKC representative.
- ✿ The membership report was passed on a Mates/Quigley motion.

**Agility – March – Donna Richardson**

- ✿ Donna Richardson does a fabulous job each year with this event.

- ✿ The budget proposal and the actual figures were very close which is very impressive.
- ✿ It was mentioned that perhaps all of our event premium lists could be listed in the eNewsletter with the help of the webmasters as well as a link from the events calendar on the ESAA web site.
- ✿ A Mates/Chase motion to accept the report was passed.

#### **2018 National Health Clinic – Harvey Wooding**

- ✿ A Mates/Nowak motion to accept the report on the 2018 Health Clinic was passed.

#### **BAER Database – Jane Wooding**

- ✿ This is the largest data base on the hearing of any breed.
- ✿ Our rate of affected puppies has not changed. We will ask for that percentage to be included even though it has not changed. [I have that request in to Jane so I can add it to the current report.]
- ✿ The report was passed on a Nowak/Whorff motion.

#### **ESAA Medallions and Bowls – Mary Nowak**

- ✿ Costs of the bowls and engraving increases each year. ESAA continues to provide 2 free bowls per year to clubs for their specialties.
- ✿ Mary went over the cost of the bowls when ordered in bulks of 36.
- ✿ The report was passed on a Mates/Kerwin-Bush motion.

#### **Health and Genetics – Dr. Michelle Raisor**

- ✿ This report always reviews the reports of the studies ESAA has been supporting.
- ✿ After 30 years of research on deafness there is still no definitive answer to the cause of deafness.
- ✿ A Bush/Chase motion to accept the report was passed without objection.

#### **Historian – Dr. Carl Sillman**

- ✿ There are no proposals or budget needs.
- ✿ A Quirk/Danek motion to accept this report was approved without objection.

#### **Public Education – Julie Brimble**

- ✿ There has been a problem with Judges' Education reports not including budgetary needs, which had always been a part of the Public Education report. We need clarification as to whether or not it should be separated from Public Education.
- ✿ A Raber/Quigley motion was made to separate the Judges' Education budget from the Public Education budget. Each committee is a separate and equal committee of ESAA. The motion was passed without objection.
- ✿ The Public Education committee report and budget was accepted on a Mates/Quigley motion.

#### **Judges' Education – Penny DiSiena**

- ✿ Penny submitted a proposed budget for the 2019 Judges' Education seminars currently planned throughout the year.
- ✿ The budget and report were accepted on a Nowak/Quigley motion.

There was a brief sharing of information regarding the Futurity Winner at an ESAA National Specialty. Several years ago, an anonymous donor gave \$5,000 to ESAA to initiate a fund for the breeder of the Futurity winner. If both the sire and dam of the Futurity winner have CHIC #s, the breeder of the Futurity winner would receive \$500. We are pleased to have received another \$5,000 anonymous donation to allow that program to continue for another 10 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 EDT on a Quirk/Raber motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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