



**ESAA Board of Directors
Videoconference
February 22, 2022**

In attendance: Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Leslie Crawford, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Amy Duncan, John Fabelo, Jane Flynn, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Sandy Miller, Joanne Mistler, Mary Nowak, BJ Parsons, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber.

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM EST.

Mary K Iverson joined the Board for a discussion of the **Annual Awards** report.

- ✿ The John Stocker Bowl worth \$3,000 is missing. The last recipient signed responsibility for the form but has not been able to find it since 2019.
- ✿ A Miller/Kerwin-Bush motion was passed that, since the recipient signed the form, they are responsible to reimburse ESAA for the value of the trophy. The secretary will send a letter of such to the 2019 recipients.
- ✿ The Board discussed whether ESAA wants to use AKC's report for all competing English Setter, or have the applicant continue to apply for the award individually. The Board asked Mary K to investigate the cost of the AKC data-base report for English Setters competing in the calendar year.
- ✿ There is confusion regarding the requirements for the Dare To Dream NOH Award. We no longer have a donor for this award. There were questions regarding the funding, the criteria, and/or whether to retire the current trophy. A Chase/Mistler motion was made to offer the trophy back to the MacKenzie's who originally donated the trophy. The motion passed.
- ✿ The top Owner Handler each year will receive a plaque. This is intended for Amateur Owner Handlers.
- ✿ It was suggested to have all trophies taken for an updated appraisal. The Board agreed to this.
- ✿ Everyone liked the new runner-up certificates and the slide show. The only suggestion was to hold each slide a little longer before changing to the next.
- ✿ A Raber/Kerwin-Bush motion was passed to accept the report.

2022 ESAA National Report

- ✿ A question was asked about the finish time of Obedience and Rally versus the beginning of the Central Carolina specialty. Concern was expressed over fitting CCESC's full show in with a noon start.
- ✿ The possibility of holding the Central Carolina specialty outside was discussed, but the weather is a concern since the dates are late October/early November as well as whether AKC would allow a last minute outside option. This will be investigated, as will the possibility of two rings for Monday.
- ✿ The new AKC guideline was discussed for the possibility of splitting the Bred-By Exhibitor classes into puppy bred-by and adult bred-by.

- ✿ Julie Quirk made a motion to split the Bred-By Exhibitor classes into BBE puppy and BBE adult and allow the BBE puppy to compete for both Best Puppy and Best Bred-By. The motion was seconded by John Fabelo and passed without objection.

Versatile English Setter

- ✿ It was questioned why ESAA does not pay for the VES ribbons at the Versatility Parade.
- ✿ The Veteran Sweeps exhibitors pay an entry fee that covers the cost of the Veteran Sweeps ribbons, and the Top 20 entrants pay an entrée fee that covers both the ribbons and catalogs for the Top 20 Event. VES paying for the cost of their ribbons is in keeping with this practice.

Dedication of the 2022 National

- ✿ Kathy suggested the 2022 National be dedicated to Carl Sillman. This was overwhelmingly approved by the Board.

ESAA Annual

- ✿ It was discussed as to whether ESAA should change the upcoming Annual from a two-year volume to a four-year Annual for 2018 – 2021, particularly since many activities were canceled for 2020.
- ✿ At this point there are very few ads for a two-year Annual.
- ✿ The new titles reports can easily be split up by each of the four years.
- ✿ A Flynn/Quirk motion was made to change the upcoming Annual from a 2018-2019 volume to a four-year Annual including the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. This would be a one-time occurrence for this volume. The motion passed unanimously. The block of years can be reevaluated in the future as needed.

A Quirk/Bell motion to adjourn was passed at 9:29 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Coleen M. Raber
ESAA Secretary