



**ESAA Board of Directors
Videoconference
October 10, 2022**

In attendance: Kristen Apodaca, Rachel Barnes, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Leslie Crawford, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Joanne Mistler, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice, BJ Parsons. Dave Mates was a guest for the beginning of the meeting to answer any questions on the updated budgets for the National.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02PM EDT.

The purpose of the meeting is to continue to review reports.

Health Clinic Budget

- * ESAA offers several services to our members at no cost, or at a reduced rate. AKC and CHIC DNA, thyroid, and microchipping are all included for 2022.
- * With ESAA donating \$3000 for the health clinic, it is projected to cover all costs.
- * The report was approved on a Chase/Rice motion.

ESAA 2022 National Specialty Budgets

- * Agility is projected to come in at a loss since there are no "separate runs" for English Setters, but ESAA is providing trophies for three categories.
- * Obedience and Rally are projected to also have a loss due to the cost of the rosettes.
- * The proposed budget for the conformation portion of the 2022 National is projected to show a minor profit.
- * The Top 20 budget is projected to have a profit of over \$2000.
- * A Mistler/Crawford motion was passed to approve the updated budget package.

Secretary's Report

- * This report reviewed expenditures for AKC National Medallions and postage.
- * All judges' contracts were sent out for the 2022 National, the Orlando Regional, and the 2023 National.
- * ESAA sent out over 35 mass mailings so far in 2022.
- * The Board voted on 24 ballots by email this year.
- * ESAA came to an agreement with Bright Spot Therapy to donate \$250 every December in memory of those ESAA members who have passed the previous year.
- * There was a verbal agreement made between a former ESAA member and the National Bird Dog Museum for a \$200 annual fee for the upkeep of the dual champion plaque. The secretary has had several conversations with the museum's director and is waiting for a written agreement to be signed and returned to make this donation permanent.
- * The report was passed on a Rice/Mistler motion.

Electronic Balloting

- * Cindy Rice sent a proposal to the Board outlining 2 companies that provide electronic balloting services for the possible future election of officers, as required by AKC.
- * Election Buddy and Simply Voting were both discussed with the pros, cons, and costs of each company considered.
- * Cindy outlined the benefits and drawbacks of each company. For our purposes it seems like Election Buddy is the program that would be a better fit for ESAA.
- * A Raber/Hunter motion was made to go with Election Buddy and create a committee to move forward with this project.
- * This is pending the State of New Jersey, in which ESAA is incorporated, permitting electronic balloting for not-for-profit organizations.

Membership Ambassador

- * Susie reviewed a new initiative for a membership ambassador program to reach out to new members.
- * Becky Zimmerman Lloyd has agreed to head this program.

Juniors

- * The 2021 National hosted a small group of juniors with a handling workshop and ice cream social.
- * Jessica Bratz was awarded the Misty Mondok Academic Scholarship. She was the only applicant this year.
- * No juniors submitted forms for Royal Canin.
- * There was a discussion of how to contact juniors who might qualify for our scholarships and send reminders as well.
- * Regional Vice Presidents are a great source of contact for juniors in their region.
- * The report was approved on a Crawford/Mistler motion.

Health and Genetics Quarterly Report

- * This report verified that the previously approved research grants have been funded.
- * The report also included an important update on a possible canine vaccine for Desert Valley Fever. Researchers are hoping the vaccine will be available sometime in 2023.
- * This update was approved on a Chase/Crawford motion.

Versatile English Setter

- * This is the third year for the program, and it is up for Board review.
- * As of July 2022, there have been 111 English Setters who have earned VES titles.
- * The 2021 National catalog included a list of all VES dogs. The committee is hoping that will continue going forward.
- * The AKC is constantly adding new activities to their programs, so the VES committee would like Board permission to adjust the requirements table as needed.
- * Another change the VES committee is requesting is to have just one owner be a member in good standing of ESAA rather than all co-owners. This has been a stumbling block which has caused hard feelings when VES applications must be turned down. Currently all other ESAA awards, as well as futurity and maturity, require all owners to be members of ESAA. A Raber/Mistler motion was passed that we need to be consistent with all of our programs and continue to require all owners to be members.
- * Currently dogs having been awarded a VES title the previous year (Aug 1 – July 31) are the only ones eligible for the VES Showcase at the National. The committee would like to keep the July 31 cut-off date but allow any dog with a VES title from any year to participate in the Showcase. This will allow the inclusion of dogs that might not be able to attend the National as it rotates to different parts of the country. The committee would like to have the VES Showcase each year prior to Best of Breed judging. A Quigley/Bell motion was made to permit all prior VES recipients to participate in the showcase.
- * The latest table of requirements was attached.
- * If the three-year review is acceptable to the Board, the committee would like to waive the need for an annual review unless issues arise that need to be addressed.
- * The VES committee will be expected to submit a brief report to the Board each year as is expected by all committees.
- * The VES report was passed on a Raber/Bell motion.

Winter Garden Specialties

- * Due to the Westminster change in date, the WGS lost nearly all its \$20,000 treasury.
- * So far, the on-line auctions have been a success in replacing much of that loss.
- * Westminster is once again holding its show in June but has not chosen a date. Therefore, The WGS has had to decide on when and where to hold their 2023 shows.
- * The best-case scenario for 2023 is to hold the WGS in March as part of the cluster of shows in Edison, NJ. These shows start with a Thursday evening Big Apple Sporting Dog show, with all-breed shows Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- * Kathy Cunningham-Roy will let the Board know as soon as a final decision has been made.
- * A Crawford/Bell motion was passed to approve the WGS report.

John Nielsen Collection

- * A Quirk/Raber motion was made to donate one or more items to the WGS auction and to the ESAA raffles. The motion passed without objection.

An additional Zoom meeting is scheduled for 8 pm EDT Monday, October 24 to go over some items not needed for a face-to-face conversation.

A Quirk/Bell motion to adjourn was passed at 9:25 EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

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