

# ESAA Annual Meeting November 4, 2022 Virginia Beach, VA

The ESAA Annual Membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm ET.

Attendance: 93

Guests: 6 East Central: 9

Mid Atlantic: 16 North Central: 15

New England: 8 North Pacific: 10

South Central: 2 South East: 17

South Pacific: 2 West Central: 8

### **President's Report:**

- Susie opened the meeting by thanking Colleen Bell and Julie Quirk for all their work as show chairs for the 2022 National.
- She also thanked Frank Luksa and B.J. Parsons for their organization of the National Field Trail and associated events.
- Futurity and Maturity judge Sandi McCue was invited to say a few words about her judging assignment.
  - She was honored to be selected for the assignment. She had a lot of nice puppies presented to her that represented breed type.
  - She mentioned several areas for which we still need to breed for improvement: Overall balance, front assembly with the correct angles that allow our breed to "set" correctly, long forward reach and rear drive for efficiency in the field.
- Susie announced the Board of Directors of ESAA:
  - Secretary Coleen Raber
  - Treasurer Lynda Chase
  - VPs at large Sandy Miller, Julie Quirk, Tannley Goldberg
  - East Central: John Fabelo

- Mid Atlantic -Colleen Bell, Joanne Mistler
- New England Rachel Barnes
- North Central Judi Hunter
- North Pacific Julie Brimble
- South Central Leslie Crawford
- South East Kristen Apodaca
- South Pacific Anna Quigley
- West Central Cindy Rice
- AKC Delegate Dr BJ Parsons
- Susie presented the Jan Borchardt Courage Award to Melissa Newman. The award was accepted on her behalf by Julie Brimble.
- The 2022 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award was presented to Judi Hunter.

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- Susie mentioned this was the first National where an on-line catalog was offered so those watching through live streaming could follow along.
- Becky Lloyd was introduced as the new Membership Ambassador.
- The Board passed a motion that all new members in 2023 will get that year's membership free of charge.
- The Board approved a new website to be launched in 2023 and to be designed by Dirigible Studios. We plan to add a pedigree program to the website in the future.
- The Board passed a motion for \$10 from all member dues to be set aside and designated for use for National trophies.
- Susie reviewed some of ESAA's health research priorities. We are hoping to create a future survey targeting the health of our breed.
- Susie stressed that ESAA is still committed to a rotating National. We got off track with the closing of Pheasant Run and Covid but should be back on track in 2024. ESAA is committed toward a goal of trying to make attendance at the National more affordable.

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Coleen Raber reported that at the 2021 Annual Meeting held in Seattle, WA we had 88 members in attendance.
- Coleen reminded everyone to be sure to sign the attendance sheet at each table.
- Following no additions or corrections, the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes were approved on a Hockenberry/Apodaca motion.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Lynda Chase encouraged everyone to review the Treasurer's full report as it is listed at the Approved Reports link in the Members Only section of the ESAA website.
- She reminded the membership that ESAA annually donates not only to research, but also to disaster relief where needed.
- The field trial committee was praised for their work.

- ESAA continues to be in excellent financial shape.
- The Treasurer's report was approved on a Raber/Hockenberry motion.

With no other business to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm PDT on a Bell/Quirk motion.

The banquet favor this year is an ESAA garden flag. If anyone is interested in purchasing a flag, they are available from Joanne Mistler at the ESAA store.

The podium was then turned over to Mary K Iverson for the presentation of the Annual Awards.

Respectfully Submitted,

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