



**ESAA Board of Directors  
Videoconference  
May 21, 2024**

**In attendance:** Kristen Apodaca, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Leslie Crawford, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, John Fabelo, Rachel Fraser, Tannley Goldberg, Paula Helming, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Joanne Mistler, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM ET.

**President's Report**

- ✧ Positive feedback regarding the new format of the Setter Letter.
- ✧ Spam email is making its rounds.

**BIS Settlement**

- ✧ The Board had already voted on and approved a previous version of the settlement agreement.
- ✧ A new version was proposed with a few minor alterations.
- ✧ A previously adopted proposal may be changed with a proposal to amend with a 2/3 majority vote.
- ✧ **Following discussion of the updated proposal, a Crawford/Goldberg motion to amend to the later version was passed by a unanimous vote of those present.**

**Intro To Birds – participant fee**

- ✧ The field committee would like to offer an Intro To Birds clinic at the ESAA National.
- ✧ A discussion took place as to whether the clinic participants should pay a participation fee to cover the cost of the birds.
- ✧ Volunteers might be needed to help with this event.
- ✧ **A Raber/Cunningham-Roy motion was passed to have a participation fee to cover the cost of birds at the Intro To Birds clinic.**

**NFC/NAFC plaque to be placed in NBDM - \$250 cost**

- ✧ The field committee proposed placing a plaque in the National Bird Dog Museum which would include a plate with the names of all past and future winners of the National Gun Dog Championship and the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship.
- ✧ Several questions arose. Frank Luksa joined the call to answer questions.
- ✧ **A Cunningham-Roy/Mistler motion passed to reimburse the Field Committee for the \$250 cost of the new plaque.**
- ✧ We still do not have a "history" tab on the website for National level results for conformation, obedience, rally, gun dog championships, dual champions, and historian articles.

**Approval for National Field Championships**

- ✳ Nov. 11 – 15, Medford, NJ
- ✳ January 24 – 25, 2025, Paris KY
- ✳ **A Raber/Quigley motion to approve the National Field Championship dates in Medford New Jersey Nov. 11 – 15 and in Paris, KY Jan. 24 – 25. The full events will be considered once the budgets have been approved by the finance committee. The motion was passed without objection.**

#### **2026 and 2028 Brief Nationals – Indianapolis**

- ✳ The Board received proposals for both the 2026 and 2028 Nationals to be held in the Midwest at the Marriot East in Indianapolis, IN.
- ✳ Several concerns were expressed regarding the amount of grass available, and the safety/security of the area at night.
- ✳ Tannley will get more specific information on the set up of the potty area.
- ✳ Feedback was received from other breed exhibitors regarding this site.
- ✳ A number of Board members expressed concern regarding the Indianapolis site and requested more information and other possible options.

#### **Orlando Specialty**

- ✳ At this point ESAA does not have a member or committee to chair a Friday regional specialty in Orlando in December as part of the AKC National Championship.
- ✳ **A Raber/Fabelo motion to forego the 2024 ESAA Regional in Orlando was passed on a 10 – 5 vote.**

#### **Financial:**

- ✳ General Account           \$1,034.88
- ✳ Wells Fargo (dues)       \$13,370
- ✳ Futurity & Maturity       \$15,091.49
- ✳ Memorial Acct           \$4,073.29
- ✳ Money Market           \$96,953.85

- ✳ We are in very poor shape financially.
- ✳ Lynda Chase will be taking care of the treasury for the next two weeks while Paula is out of the country.

A Raber/Quirk motion to adjourn passed at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**NEXT MEETING: NOTE CHANGE IN DATE - Tuesday, June 18.**