



**ESAA Board of Directors  
Videoconference  
February 20, 2023**

**In attendance:** Kristen Apodaca, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Leslie Crawford, John Fabelo , Rachel Fraser, Tannley Goldberg, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Sandy Miller, Joanne Mistler, Julie Quirk, Anna Quigley, Coleen Raber, BJ Parsons. Guest Dave Mates attended.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM

**Annual Overview of 2020/21**

Question and Answer with Linda Lauby.

- \* Call for materials will be ready soon.
- \* Forms will be able to be filled out online and submitted that way.
- \* One priority is to find out who submitted ads for the 4 years and needs to submit for 2020/21.
- \* The call for materials will contain some specific information that will answer a number of questions.
- \* CFM can be sent both through an eBlast as well as a mass mailing.

**Annual Discussion 2018/19:**

- \* 2018/19: Waiting for 3 clubs still in the process of gathering materials. Pending those reports being received this week, the Annual should be ready to send to a printer by March 1.
- \* Need to decide: Printer and number of the run.
  - 650 to mail one to every member.
  - Pre-orders with a quick turn-around time of 30 days.
- \* Walsworth (~\$21.35 for 650, ~\$41.28 for 250) or Ingram (~\$23.50 for 650, ~\$26.00 for 200) – both companies used 8.5 x 11 for their respective estimates.
- \* Susie's proposal is:
  - Preorder- order an over run to put in store.
  - If they don't meet the 30-day free pre-order deadline, they can purchase one if available in the ESAA store.
- \* A motion was made by Tannley Goldberg and seconded by Anna Quigley to have a 30 day pre-order form for the 2018/19 National. Pre-orders can be picked up at the 2023 National free of charge. Any member wishing to have the pre-ordered Annual sent to their home will pay a shipping charge. There will be a limit of one Annual per membership. The motion passed unanimously.
- \* A Quirk/Bell motion was passed to get updated specific printing and shipping costs once the pre-order amount is known.

## Reports:

### Facebook – Moreau and Leavelle

- \* When FB instituted changes earlier in the year, they took all accounts where Lisa Moreau was a volunteer administrator and moved them to a business account under Lisa M.'s name. She has been unable to resolve this situation.
- \* In the past year the ESAA FB page added about 200 more followers to 2511 total followers. Lisa L. listed the top 5 countries and cities viewing the page. All viewing statistics had an increase in 2022.
- \* Lisa Leavelle resumed as administrator of the ESAA FB page. The secretary is no longer listed as an administrator at her request.
- \* In 2023 Lisa L. hopes to add more Specialty results, field results, performance results, as well as upcoming events and information about our regional clubs.
- \* She would also like to add pertinent health information as it becomes available.
- \* OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS – Lisa M. is willing to continue the current arrangement with Lisa L. as an “employee” of her business for the time being but would ask ESAA to find a way to move the page to an ESAA run account. ESAA has never established guidelines for what can or should be posted on the ESAA Facebook page. As a past Administrator, Lisa M. is happy to be part of any committee established for this purpose. Coleen Raber will contact both Lisa's regarding this committee.
- \* The FB reports were approved on a Quigley/Mistler motion.

### Health Clinic

- \* No appointment changes within 24 hours prior to start of the clinic nor during clinic hours.
- \* Staffing always needs 8 volunteers. Can be in 4 hour shifts.
- \* Clinic scheduled for Mon-Tues-Wed only. We are at the mercy of local FedEx and can't take the chance samples won't arrive by Friday late morning. There isn't anyone available at MSU and OFA to receive them during the weekend.
- \* Once clinic appointments slots are filled, no add-ons will be permitted that would extend the clinic hours.
- \* Vet and vet techs are arranged by the host club of the National or by ESAA. Due to state license regulations, the vet and techs must be licensed by the state in which the clinic is held.
- \* The room for the clinic should be 1 large room or 2 rooms separated by an accordion door, if possible, to allow sharing of paperwork staff and clinic staff.
- \* Forms should be kept for 2-3 years to allow for reviewing, especially when a new Chair takes over.
- \* Maintain a financial excel record.
- \* Develop a yearly budget.
- \* ESAA should expect billing from MSU (Michigan State University), OFA (Eddie Dzuik) and AKC and make appropriate arrangements for payment. ESAA has an account with MSU with the Chair being the contact person. MSU and OFA are notified of our clinic date so we can take advantage of any discounts. OFA recently changed their discounts available.
- \* The current ESAA policy is to pay the Vet up to \$500.00, while the vet tech gets paid up to \$250.00. These fees can and should be negotiated by the Chair. This year the vet donated her fee to a charity that works with therapy dogs. I am willing to contact her to see if she is willing to participate in 2023, if the

host club hasn't found one already. She would need to get her license in the state. BJ Parsons expressed willingness to help as she can, but her time could be limited with other National responsibilities.

- \* PayPal payment info should go directly to the Chair. It makes confirming payment more efficient.
- \* As for supplies, we have been lucky to have members that work at a vet clinic to get the tubes through them for free. We have a tub of other supplies (gloves, dressings, alcohol, peroxide, etc) which are replaced as needed, so the budget varies slightly there yearly. We order DNA swabs for AKC. They recently changed their kits to be totally prepaid (\$50.00) and the user needs to activate it at their home computer. In talking with the AKC DNA manager, we can still get the old version, so we can continue to run our clinic as we have. We just need to be specific when we order. AKC may eventually run out of them, but we can figure out a new solution if that happens.
- \* Invite the Chair of a National event, such as the Health Clinic, to attend the Board meeting where decisions about that event will be made.
- \* Julie Quirk made a motion that the Board accept these recommendations as a guideline for future health clinics. The motion was seconded by Colleen Bell and passed.

## Health and Genetics

- \* Grant 02519 and 02819 are done by the same researcher, Edward Breitschwerdt, DVM, but target different areas. Bartonella, a bacteria transmitted by ticks, has been implicated in endocarditis, hemangiosarcoma (HSA) and arthritis. The first grant looks at Bartonella infection of splenic and cardiac tumors associated with hemangiosarcoma. The second grant is working to develop a test (ELISA assay) that can detect Bartonella and eventually a vaccine. I think that both grants are very interesting since ticks can be transmitters for many diseases.
- \* Grant 02864 also looks at hemangiosarcoma, but spayed females. Spayed females have a two-to-ten-fold increase of developing HAS. This grant is looking at levels of luteinizing hormone, a hormone that stimulates ovulation, to see if there is any correlation to HSA and if so, can LH secretion be reduced.
- \* Grant 03011 wants to try a vaccine, that is used to treat canine melanoma and osteosarcoma on dogs, with hemangiosarcoma. They hope the outcome will be that the dogs with HSA will respond positive to the vaccine.
- \* Grant 03000 uses histotripsy as a non-surgical limb salvage treatment for osteosarcoma. Histotripsy is a precision non-thermal focused ultrasound method that mechanically disintegrates tissues. It also potentially stimulates an anti-tumor immune response against metastatic disease. The study will use MRI to quantify the degree of histotripsy ablation in osteosarcoma, which is a vital step in clinical use as a standard of care.
- \* Grant 02930 is a study that uses cannabidiol (CBD) to treat epilepsy in dogs. The primary objective of this study is to find an effective dose of CBD for idiopathic epilepsy with uncontrolled seizures. An effective dose with limited side effects has the potential to improve the quality of life of epileptic dogs.
- \* Grant 02981 is trying to develop a vaccine for Ehrlichia and Anaplasma platys, both tick-borne pathogens. Ehrlichia has long term debilitating effects while Anaplasma platys causes thrombocytopena, a condition where the body has low platelet count which causes anti-clotting. The goal of this study is to identify vaccine candidates using computer analysis of the genome and validating the results through laboratory assays.

- \* A Raber/Quirk motion was made to donate \$2500 to all 7 of the recommended studies. The first three studies will be funded by the CHF/PPP fund. The last 4 studies will be funded by the Dick Fox Memorial Fund from OFA.
- \* It was suggested that \$7000 of the Dick Fox Memorial Fund be donated toward a fellowship study where the Veterinarian school candidate is focusing on the study of early onset hemangiosarcoma. This was passed on a Raber/Crawford motion.

### **2023 National Update**

- \* Tannley has created templates and forms for committee chairs.
- \* Some room nights were added and some king rooms were included which were previously not available.
- \* Activity rooms are set.
- \* Received bids from Superintendents and Show secretaries.
- \* At this time there is no agility nor field events scheduled. However, some of the agility-interested members will investigate the possibility of having agility.

### **New Website Update**

- \* Build has begun.
- \* All files have been transferred to Dirigible.
- \* Dirigible and Susie set up a Google Drive to build an E.S.A.A. picture gallery for the Website and Setter Letter which both parties can access.

A Quirk/Bell motion to adjourn was passed at 9:32 EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Coleen M. Raber*

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