



**ESAA Board of Directors
Videoconference
May 1, 2023**

In attendance: Kristen Apodaca, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Leslie Crawford, John Fabelo, Tannley Goldberg, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Joanne Mistler, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice, BJ Parsons. Guests Kayla Kozak, Dave Mates, and Jill Warren.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM.

Judges' Quick Study Card

- ✦ A clarification was sent out to the Board as to the purpose of the Judges' Quick Study Card. It was stressed that it was to highlight points as a *reminder* to judges who are already familiar with both the written standard as well as the Illustrated Standard for English Setters. It was never intended as a training tool.
- ✦ Jill Warren stressed that the more materials provided for prospective judges the better, and they all come from the Standard.
- ✦ At this point, members can have additional input by volunteering to be guest authors for the AKC Gazette.
- ✦ One solution considered is to send out stickers to update the portion on color. However, many of the Board members expressed the opinion that we should have a new card printed once it has been updated and approved.
- ✦ It was suggested that the Board take more time to examine the card in greater depth.
- ✦ Each Board member had an opportunity to have the floor for a few minutes. Everyone was very appreciative to Penny, Jill, and BJ for the great job they did on the card.
- ✦ **A Chase/Mistler motion was passed to name BJ Parsons as the new Judges' Education Chair.**
- ✦ All Board members should examine the card in detail and send any feedback to BJ Parsons by May 15.

Top 20 Discussion

Summary of concerns and rationale behind keeping the Top 20 raffle separate from the ESAA general raffle:

- ✳ The separate Top 20 Raffle has historically earned enough to fund all Top 20 trophies, rosettes, and qualification bags with enough going back into the general fund to help ESAA earn a profit overall for the National. The one exception was 2021 when a large order of towels was purchased to be used for upcoming years.
- ✳ The Top 20 raffle committee has always attempted to solicit “higher end” items than are often donated to the ESAA general raffle.
- ✳ In 2022 Top 20 earned 77% as much net profit as the ESAA raffle (\$3500 vs \$4500 net profit) with less than 33% of the items (32 vs 110+) In total \$8000 was raised. Top 20 contributed 44%.
- ✳ **A motion to rescind the decision of 10-31-2022 to combine the Top 20 and ESAA General Raffle was made by Cindy Rice and seconded by Judi Hunter. Following discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.**

Recommendation for OH, beginning with 2024

- ✳ The Top 20 committee recommended reducing the Top NOHS from 15 to the top 5 NOHS for 2024 (plus Top 20 Breed and Top 20 All-Breed).
- ✳ **A Quigley/Quirk motion to keep NOHS to the top 15 was passed unanimously.**

Treasurer’s Position – Phase 2

- ✳ Adding a bookkeeping position had been previously and briefly discussed by the Board to reduce the responsibility for the volunteer treasurer, which has become overwhelming as new responsibilities have been added over the years.
- ✳ The proposal is to have Lynda Chase work with the new treasurer in the position of paid bookkeeper for 2023/24 as a transition for the new treasurer as well as for the initial phasing in of a bookkeeper position.
- ✳ At some point in 2024 after the phase-in process has been completed and things are running smoothly, the bookkeeper position would be opened to the membership if the Board so desires.
- ✳ The first year of the new position would be charged \$20 per hour, open to further review when the bookkeeping position comes up for review by the Board.
- ✳ **A Quirk/Brimble motion was made to hire Lynda Chase as the bookkeeper at a rate of \$20/hour for one year to aid with the transition of reducing the responsibilities of the treasurer. The program will be reevaluated at the end of the year.**

A Quirk/Bell motion to adjourn was passed at 9:30 EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

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