



**ESAA Board of Directors
Videoconference
May 15, 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, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice, BJ Parsons. Dave Mates attended as a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM.

National schedule for 2024

- * It was suggested by the membership survey to have regular and non-regular class dogs and bitches judged by one of the elected judges.
- * Junior Showmanship, BOB, Best Puppy, and Best Bred-By-Exhibitor would be judged by the other elected judge.
- * The judge receiving the greater number of votes will be offered the choice of assignments.
- * The updated fee for each judge's contract would be \$1000.
- * **A Goldberg/Quigley motion was passed to approve the updated judges' assignments and contracts as suggested in the report.**
- * For future consideration for 2024:
 - ESAA pays \$200 for SD/BB plus a room night. It would be appropriate to add brace and team to this judging assignment on the Day of Vision.
 - That would allow National judging to end with Best of Breed judging, Best Bred-By-Exhibitor, and Best Puppy.
- * **A Quirk/Bell motion to move brace/team to follow Stud Dog and Brood Bitch and be judged by that same judge to the Day of Vision was passed.**

Orlando

- * There is no host club which makes the Orlando Regional Specialty different from other regional specialties offered by a host club.
- * Should it be treated more like WGS with higher judging fees?

- * A Raber/Chase motion was passed to table this discussion until we can get more specific information from Amy.

Brainstormed possible procedures for puppy buyers who might have questionable environments?

- * Perhaps part of Breeder Education on the new website.
- * Create a Breeder Education Team that can answer questions from prospective breeders; possibly create a “potential buyers” survey; suggest how to request references; connect members to share information, etc.

National hotel update

- * There were issues with the reservation links. Tannley has worked with the hotel to resolve those issues.
- * Tannley has had to insist that rooms be moved around to be available.
- * Out of the 456 total rooms committed in the hotel contract, 339 rooms have already been reserved.
- * Tannley made sure no one person was reserving a huge number of rooms that might result in significant last-minute cancellations.
- * The hotel has been very uncooperative with breakfast/lunch concessions.
- * Grooming space will be tight.
- * The most cost-effective traditional banquet would be a buffet, but at a cost would be \$65 because of added fees. A Raber/Quigley motion was passed to look at other options.

Election of Officers: We are on track with Election Buddy.

Website: The tentative launch date is Sunday. Board members will get a link to review the site to make sure everything important is included. Things like archives may be added over time.

A Quirk/Mistler motion to adjourn was passed at 9:02 EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

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