



**ESAA Board of Directors
Videoconference
September 18, 2023**

In attendance: Kristen Apodaca, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Leslie Crawford, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Rachel Fraser, Tannley Goldberg, Paula Helming, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Joanne Mistler, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice, BJ Parsons. Guest Graham Hagenah.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM.

Breeder Education Page: Webmaster Graham Hagenah joined the meeting to introduce the proposed Breeder Education page of the website. It is a work in progress.

Breeder Resource Team Criteria: The following criteria was submitted to the Board for consideration to be a member of the Breeder Resource Team:

- * Must be a member of ESAA in good standing for a minimum of 15 years.
- * Must have 15 years' experience breeding litters.
- * Must have whelped a minimum of 7 litters (over the 15+ years).
- * Must have bred 25 English Setter Conformation Champions.
- * Must be an AKC Breeder of Merit
- * Each team member will submit a resume to be included on the website. It was suggested the resume should include how they meet the above criteria.
- * A Brimble/Hunter motion was passed to approve the BRT Criteria.

Guidelines for Questions Submitted to the BRT:

- * Questions and answers must be stated in a factual manner.
- * All questions and answers will be moderated by Joan, as the chair.
- * NO questions will be accepted if it includes a request, recommendation, reference, opinion, or referral.
- * The above will apply to answers as well.
- * Questions submitted may be answered by some or all team members, and may also be submitted to a single team member via email or message.
- * Frequently asked questions and answers will be cataloged and then moved into and held in the FAQ resource library.
- * A Bell/Brimble motion was approved without objection.

Proposed BR Team:

- ✦ The following ESAA members have agreed to serve on the Breeder Resource Team:
 - Joan Savage- Chair
 - Judi Hunter
 - Karen Kennedy
 - Melissa Newman
 - Hilary Oakes
 - BJ Parsons
 - Carol Ulrich
 - Tammy Vann
 - Jill Warren
 - Rebecca Yuhasz

- ✦ This team might have members ebb and flow. If it is apparent that certain individuals are responding and not others, Joan will reach out to identify if they have lost interest and would like to be replaced.
- ✦ The BRT was approved on a Brimble/Goldberg Motion.

Breeder Resource Team Mission Statement

ESAA's first sentence in our code of ethics is "**To encourage and promote**" the quality of the breeding of purebred English Setters and to do **all** possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

The vision of ESAA is to provide our membership with the resources needed to educate breeders on all topics to breed healthy and quality English Setters.

The value of this program is ESAA is COMMITTED to providing resources to creating a solid future for our breed.

To educate and encourage our breeders to breed English Setters of the highest quality meeting the standard AKC has set for our breed.

The Mission statement was approved unanimously on a Crawford/Bell motion.

Standing Rule Proposal

The ESAA Board will deliberate and discuss matters affecting the Association at its meetings and not through email or online forums such as Facebook. Board action by email is limited to routine matters and the proposal must be distributed to all members of the Board at the same time. If two or more members believe a matter presented by email is not routine and requires deliberation and discussion, they may elect to have the matter held for a vote at the next meeting of the Board.

The proposal was passed on a Cunningham-Roy/Hunter motion.

ESAA BOB Bowl: Some ideas will be discussed as possible alternatives to the BOB Bowl which are given for National, ESAA Regional, And Club Specialties.

2023 National Update

- * Grooming areas might be ready for some by 8:00 Monday morning.
- * Obedience and rally will begin at 1:30 Monday.
- * Monday welcome buffet will be pizza for \$20 due October 1, and a cash bar during the gun dog sweeps.
- * Sept 22 is the final day for catalog recognition of raffle donations.
- * All welcome pizza banquet orders are due October 1
- * Entries close October 4.
- * Still one grooming space available.
- * Room group rates are due September 22.
- * Grooming seminar registration deadline October 1.

A Quirk/Bell motion to adjourn was passed at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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