



**ESAA Board of Directors
Videoconference
April 9, 2024**

In attendance: Kristen Apodaca, Leslie Crawford, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, John Fabelo, Rachel Fraser, Tannley Goldberg, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Joanne Mistler, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice, BJ Parsons. Guests Mary K Iverson and Kendra Huber.

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM.

Annual Awards w/ Mary K and Kendra

- * Follow up on report from 2022.
- * Last year Canine Chronicle stats were used, but the dates for Owner Handler were not the same, so that was confusing at first.
- * Group, Breed, National Owner Handler series, and Junior stats from Canine Chronicle were used. Mary K will use those statistics for Group, Breed, Junior, and National Owner Handler Series again this year.
- * The rest of the awards had to be applied for, and that will remain the same.
- * Mary K will find out what it would cost to buy reports from AKC for all other awards based on statistics.
- * There will be a redline of the Award definitions for clarity, to identify which awards require an application and which do not, to reflect the changes by AKC to Juniors showing dogs they do not own, and to propose eliminating the separation of points when owners change mid year.
- * We do not know how much money is in each specific fund for the perpetual trophies. All trophies were lumped into one account and were not divided per trophy.
- * Recommend awarding the points the dog gets rather than the owner. However, all owners must be members of ESAA.
- * The owner handler award is being retired. Jim MacKenzie has requested it be returned to him.

Brief President's Report

- * Question regarding medallions for some of the new events. This will be investigated further.

- * AKC Safe Sport proposal: AKC is encouraging Parent Clubs to come up with guidelines. ESAA will wait to see what AKC comes up with and how it works for other clubs.
- * Susie mentioned a software package that would help the electronic newsletter to keep moving forward. The cost is \$371 per year. **A Rice/Crawford motion was made to purchase software for the newsletter. The motion passed on a 7 – 5 vote.**
- * Benita Ford Estate: There are a number of nice prints and figurines from the estate. Kristen has volunteered to pick up the pieces and bring them to the National in Ohio where they will be used for various fund raising initiatives.

Bookkeeper Position

- * Two resumes were received thus far from individuals outside ESAA.
- * Ideally, we would like to get a few more resumes.
- * We need more specific information about how many hours the position might require.

National Update

- * Working on getting information on the website.
- * We have all committees up and running except publicity.
- * Trophy donations flier will be on the website soon.
- * Room nights are still available every night with the exception of Sunday, September 29.

ESAA Store

- * Board members have been great at submitting suggestions.
- * Joanne shared just a few items that are coming in.
- * She also shared some ideas for banquet favors with extra going to the store.

Reports

- * **Standing Rules**
 - Clarification was made that reimbursement for room nights at the National for the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Chair and Co-Chair would be from the night before the Board meeting through the night of the Annual Meeting.
 - The night before the Board meeting would be reimbursed for the rest of the Board.
 - All reimbursements are subject to change each year depending on the budget.
- * **Ambassador**
 - Request something on the website for volunteers to mentor new members.
- * **Breeder Referral:** A question was put forth regarding why some might not take advantage of this service.
 - Those who don't sign up every years are often those who only breed litters every few years.
 - Some breeders get just as many referrals from their own websites and social media.
- * **Year End Reports**
 - BAER
 - Bowls/Medallions

- Delegate 3/24
- Historian
- Hunt Test
- Juniors
- Membership
- Public Ed
- VES

Regional VP Reports

- New England
- South East
- South Central
- West Central
- East Central
- North Pacific

A Mistler/Cunningham-Roy motion was made to pass the reports as a consensus.

- * All approved reports can be viewed at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dmi6oii4zbyy4m3/AAAJ_PhjG_FIXSnpTaJS23tca?dl=0

ESAA Account Correction:

- * The F&M \$14,788.33 Memorial \$4,037.86 CD Endowment \$50,000 are the restricted fund accounts.
- * Only funds from the following accounts can be used to pay for club activities & events:
 - General Account \$5,455.30
 - Wells Fargo \$11,805 Money Market \$96,951,46

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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NEXT MEETING: Note date change for May to Tuesday, May 21.

Special Meeting: Tuesday, April 16.