



**The English Setter Association of America  
Board of Directors  
Videoconference  
June 10, 2025**

In attendance: Kristen Apodaca, Colleen Bell, Julie Brimble, Lynda Chase, Leslie Crawford, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, John Fabelo, Rachel Fraser, Janet Gray, Judi Hunter, Joanne Mistler, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Cindy Rice, Roxanne Seale, BJ Parsons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM ET.

The minutes of the last meeting have already been approved.

President – no report.

Secretary – no report.

Treasurer – no report.

Committees – no reports.

Unfinished Business – none.

Election to Membership – none.

Cindy Rice gave an update on Election Buddy. Although EB sends reminders to those who have not yet voted, we will have a reminder posted to the ESAA Facebook page.

New Business

**2025 National Budget:** This meeting is to review the 2025 National budget for Seattle. There were several items of discussion regarding the budget.

**Food**

- ✦ Concern was expressed over the \$81 banquet fee even though that was the least expensive buffet option. The estimate of 100 members attending also seems very optimistic. The show committee is looking at alternative ideas.
- ✦ The Board asked if the banquet could instead be broken into two smaller meals in the price range of about \$30 each, one on Tuesday and the other on Friday following the completion of Best of Breed judging. Julie Brimble suggested perhaps a dessert buffet/cash bar on Tuesday and hearty appetizers/cash bar on Friday following BOB when the awards could be handed out and pictures taken.
- ✦ We were reminded that ESAA is responsible for a \$10,000 food/beverage obligation.

**Banquet Favors**

- ✦ **A Raber/Cunningham-Roy motion passed unanimously to eliminate banquet favors beginning with the 2025 National and going forward.** This line item can be deleted from the proposed budget.

## Hospitality/Welcome

- \* It was recommended to investigate morning hospitality with a cash bar on the Day of Vision. In light of the \$10,000 food/beverage obligation to the hotel, the Board asked if the hospitality allocation can be spent at the hotel for morning hospitality/cash bar on the Day of Vision rather than bring in outside supplies to a room for hospitality. Perhaps supplemented by a small ticket charge if necessary.
- \* If it is decided to sell tickets for hospitality, including a drawing for a gift card was mentioned as a possibility.
- \* The Board noted that moving hospitality to ringside would free up the presidential suite for trophy storage and provide a sleeping room for six nights for one of the show chairs, which would be a savings of \$1,086 off the proposed budget.

## AKC TV/Video

- \* This would be of value for our historic records; however, we had no videoing in 2021, and no one had a complaint. The proposed cost is \$1,800 with a contribution of \$1,000 from AKC who would own the video.
- \* Dog Show Pro Videos (our usual vendor who does not charge for their service) indicated people are no longer purchasing "complete show" videos as they had in the past.
- \* It was suggested to ask the membership for volunteers to help with videoing various classes as a pilot project this year. Janet Gray chairs the Publications and Communications committee and will work on the request.
- \* **A Raber/Bell motion was made to eliminate the AKC TV/Video for 2025 and remove the line item from the proposed budget. The motion passed on a 13 – 2 vote.**

Non-budget Items: Judges' ed., and the impact crate raffle are not part of the National budget and are to be removed from the proposed budget. Judges' Ed. should be included as a separate event tab as is done with the Health Clinic but is not included in the budget.

There were some questions regarding the raffle which a few Board members will be addressing.

Julie Brimble will review actions taken and Board requests with the Show Committee and report back to the Board.

Janet is going to continue reminding members of information already shared, along with new information as it becomes available.

A Raber/Mistler motion was passed to adjourn at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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