

National English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Best Western Half Moon Bay, Half Moon Bay, California on November 14, 2010 at 4 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Don Mock.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A roll call was taken. Delegates for forty-five clubs were present which constitutes a quorum.

Acceptance of Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the minutes as published and distributed be approved.

Motion approved

Presidents Message

President Don Mock welcomed the delegates to Half Moon Bay. He thanked his field trial committee and all of the regional volunteers and said that there would be a report at the end of the meeting giving additional information regarding the trial. .

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report as published and distributed be approved.

Motion approved

Election of Officers

Dave Granatir, Chairman of the Nominating Committee began his presentation by discussing the role of the nominating committee. Its purpose is to recommend a slate of

officers for the NESSFTA. The selection of that slate is designed to facilitate carrying out the operations of the NESSFTA and to conduct annually the National Open Championship Field Trial. Dave discussed the fact that the NESSFTA and its delegate clubs "own" the National Open Championship Field Trial and while the location of the trial rotates throughout the country it is the responsibility of the NESSFTA to select the officers that will undertake the purposes of the NESSFTA including the conduct of the trial in future years. In order to accomplish this task the nominating committee requests proposals for the conduct of future trials and reviews those proposals and makes its recommendation for a slate of officers that will facilitate the purpose of the NESSFTA. The committee included Dan Hale, John Wright, Tom Menzel and Ben Martin in addition to Dave.

In making its selection for presentation at this meeting the committee received one proposal and one letter of intent to host the National Open Championship Field Trial in 2013. The committee considered (a) grounds, (b) cover, (c) birds, (d) workforce to put on the trial, (e) facilities and (f) weather. Dave summarized the process undertaken by the committee and the reasons for their decisions.

Dave Granatir then presented the slate of officers as put forth by the nominating committee:

President	George Kittle
First Vice President	John Hall
Second Vice President	Mike Wallace
Secretary/Treasurer	Mhari Peschel

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the slate of officers as presented be elected by acclamation.

Motion unanimously approved.

Announcement of Judges for the 2011 National Open Championship

Don Mock announced that the judges for the 2011 National Open would be Ralph Botti and Bill Boeckman. Mark Haglin who had originally been selected had to withdraw.

Member Club Dues for 2011

Motion

It was moved and seconded that member club dues for 2011 be \$75.00 per club.

Motion unanimously approved

Presentation of Location for the 2011 National Open Championship

Russ Smith distributed a presentation that had been prepared by George Kittle who was unable to attend the meeting. The presentation included starting the trial on December 3, 2011 on grounds near Onsted, Michigan. The cover includes assorted grasses, and the birds would be provided by Elk Ridge Game Farm. The proposal included the availability of hotels and the proximity to the Detroit airport and the Toledo airport. The Field Trial Chairman will be Dan Tuttle and the Gun Captain will be Dave Barto.

Bill Willett commented that by starting the NOC on December 3, 2011 that was going to make it very difficult for the National Amateur trial which will be held in Nebraska if the Amateur is to be held later than the Open. The weather would make finding adequate open water unlikely for the Amateur.

Janet Christensen asked what the weather would be like in Michigan in December. Russ referred to the proposal which stated the the average highs and lows during that period were 40 degrees and 22 degrees and that snow was not likely at that time. She also made the comment that it would be helpful if the Chairs of the NOC and the NAC could work together to schedule the trials before the presentations at the annual meeting.

Bill Willett asked Russ how flexible George was with the proposed dates. There was a short break while Russ and Bill spoke to George on the phone.

Russ returned and stated that George would revise his proposal to include a start date of December 10, 2011.

Gary Wilson asked if it would be possible to postpone a decision until the Open and Amateur representatives could discuss it further.

Russ and Bill said that George's scheduling choices were influenced by the Michigan deer season which is from November 15 until November 30. He did not want to hold the trial in early November so his recommendation was to hold it in December.

Bill Willett stated that he would propose that the National Amateur begin on November 28 which would allow that trial to run to conclusion and allow several days of travel time before the start of the National Open.

There was further discussion as to whether the National Open had to precede the National Amateur and it was stated that while it has been customary in recent years it has not always been the case.

Dean Reinke made a motion that the proposal including a start date of December 10, 2011 be accepted. The motion was seconded.

In favor 28
Opposed 16

Motion approved.

Qualification for the 2011 National Open

It was moved and seconded that the qualification for the National Open remain at two points.

Motion unanimously approved.

Entry Fees for the 2011 National Open Championship

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the entry fee for the 2011 National Open be \$200.00

Motion unanimously approved.

Closing dates for the 2011 National Open Championship

Jeff Brooks moved that the closing dates be 18 days before the start of the trial for the first closing and 11 days before the start of the trial for the second closing for those dogs not previously qualified. The motion was seconded.

Motion unanimously approved

Time for Annual Meeting for 2011

It was moved and seconded that the 2011 Annual Meeting be held on December 9, 2011 at 4 p.m.

Motion unanimously approved

Other Business

Proposal for support of the Bird Dog Hall of Fame Building Fund

Dick Vermazen discussed the proposal that had been circulated by Bob Iversen. It was noted that the current space occupied by the English Springer Spaniel inductees in the Bird Dog Hall of Fame is somewhat temporary and that a new wing is being built to house the continental breeds which include the ESS. The space allocated to the ESS is based on the funds raised by that breed for the building fund as a percentage of the total

funds raised for the building fund. Janet Christensen noted that one of the criteria for induction into the Hall of Fame has been performance at national championships and that there are several NOC Champions that are represented there.

It was moved and seconded that the NESSFTA contribute \$20,000.00 to the Bird Dog Foundations Hall of Fame for the express purpose of building and endowing the English Springer Spaniel area of the new Continental Wing.

Dave Granatir asked what the status of the organization is and would there be a problem with the deductibility of the contribution. Mhari Peschel responded that it would be a 501©4 organization making a contribution to a 501 © 3 organization for the purpose of furthering the exempt purpose of the organization.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Proposal to Contribute \$1,000.00 to the AKC fund earmarked for seed awn research

Mhari Peschel reviewed the proposal from David Hopkins requesting a contribution of \$1,0000.00 to the AKC Humane Fund – Mean Seeds subfund. There has been great interest and support from many breeds in this research and the initial studies have begun. A brief report regarding the study was distributed to the delegates. The results of complications from seed awns, both veterinary bills and in some cases death of our dogs, has been felt by many of us and this is one opportunity for the NESSFTA to participate in this project.

Bill Willett said that if the NESSFTA made this donation he would give a matching amount to the fund.

It was moved and seconded to make a contribution of \$1,000.00 to the AKC Humane Fund-Mean Seeds subfund.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Update on the 2012 National Open Championship

Dan Langhans gave an update on the 2012 National Open Championship which will be held in Pyramid State Park in Illinois. There is lots of varied cover available, a good bird supplier and facilities in Carbondale, IL. The date will likely be in the first week of December.

Gary Wilson requested that Dan and his group please communicate with the National Amateur group regarding dates so that a conflict could be avoided.

Discussion of Water Test at the National Championships

Mike Wallace noted that the judging literature discusses the criteria that should be evaluated when judging a water series or test. He reminded the group that this is a judged segment of the trial and he has seen these criteria either ignored or given little credit in determining placements. He offered his comments as food for thought in future National Championships.

Field Trial Chairman's presentation

Don Mock said that the trial would start at 8 a.m. and that maps to the grounds were available if anyone didn't already have one. He discussed the shuttle system and also noted that the trial would run until 4 p.m. on Monday. He wished everyone good luck.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously approved.

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Treasurers Report 2010

**National English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association
Balance Sheet**

As of December 31, 2010 and 2009

	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>	<u>Dec 31, 09</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
100-Checking FNB Longmont	31,453.30	21,770.70
106-Raymond James MM Account	<u>59,446.10</u>	<u>59,438.93</u>
Total Checking/Savings	90,899.40	81,209.63
Other Current Assets		
110-Accounts Receivable	<u>1,653.50</u>	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,653.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>92,552.90</u>	<u>81,209.63</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>92,552.90</u></u>	<u><u>81,209.63</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
411- Accounts Payable Vendor	<u>12,608.71</u>	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>12,608.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>12,608.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	12,608.71	0.00
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	34,300.00	34,300.00
Retained Earnings	46,909.63	41,882.58
Net Income	<u>-1,265.44</u>	<u>5,027.05</u>
Total Equity	<u>79,944.19</u>	<u>81,209.63</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>92,552.90</u></u>	<u><u>81,209.63</u></u>

**National English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association
Profit Loss**

January through December 2010 and 2009

	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 09</u>
Income		
600- Membership Dues	3,750.00	3,900.00
650-Trial Entry Fees	19,400.00	23,800.00
652-Bird Sales	2,820.00	0.00
660-Banquet Income	3,465.00	2,870.00
662-Merchandise Sales	-2,409.89	218.68
664-Fundraising	13,364.31	6,556.46
665-Catalog Sales	1,301.59	15.00
666-Advertising Income	3,469.00	2,512.94
670-Donations	4,800.00	3,000.00
675-Interest Income	7.17	18.23
Total Income	49,967.18	42,891.31
Expense		
701- Insurance	600.00	600.00
704- Grounds Expenses	6,000.00	0.00
705-Licenses and Fees	368.00	420.60
706-Atv Rental	694.59	0.00
710-Advertising	180.00	0.00
711-Catalog	2,241.87	2,675.65
712-Copies	251.29	186.26
713-Postage	430.14	134.45
714-Meeting Expense	300.00	296.65
715-Office Supplies	59.39	0.00
717-Photography	1,500.00	1,500.00
722-Trial Supplies	1,098.92	458.34
723-Portolets	542.95	848.58
724-Equipment Rental	0.00	1,753.92
726-Gunners expenses	1,850.00	1,284.41
730-Birds	11,250.00	9,600.00
732 Bird Planter	3,104.88	2,454.66
735 Awards	4,204.58	1,278.39
740 Participant Gifts	164.25	302.74
742 Committee Gifts	332.86	167.70
743-Committee Expenses	0.00	1,394.77
744-Judges Gifts	500.00	1,011.20
745 Judges Expenses	2,064.25	2,715.63
746- Marshal expenses	351.22	164.60
750 Hosted Cocktail Party	7,033.73	5,395.34
752 Banquet	4,909.70	3,199.64
755- Miscellaneous	200.00	20.73
760-Charitable Contributions	1,000.00	0.00
Total Expense	51,232.62	37,864.26
Net Income	-1,265.44	5,027.05

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Profit Loss by Class

January through December 2010

	<u>2009 Field Trial</u>	<u>2010 Field Trial</u>	<u>Operations</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Income				
600- Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
650-Trial Entry Fees	0.00	19,400.00	0.00	19,400.00
652-Bird Sales	0.00	2,820.00	0.00	2,820.00
660-Banquet Income	0.00	3,465.00	0.00	3,465.00
662-Merchandise Sales				
663-Cost of Merchandise	0.00	-4,149.89	0.00	-4,149.89
662-Merchandise Sales - Other	0.00	1,740.00	0.00	1,740.00
Total 662-Merchandise Sales	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-2,409.89</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-2,409.89</u>
664-Fundraising				
664-02 Calcutta	0.00	350.00	0.00	350.00
664-03 Auction	0.00	2,962.00	0.00	2,962.00
664-04 Raffle Income				
664-045 Cost of Raffle Merch	0.00	-2,047.69	0.00	-2,047.69
664-04 Raffle Income - Other	0.00	7,850.00	0.00	7,850.00
Total 664-04 Raffle Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,802.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,802.31</u>
664-06 Series Sponsorships	0.00	4,250.00	0.00	4,250.00
Total 664-Fundraising	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,364.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,364.31</u>
665-Catalog Sales	0.00	1,301.59	0.00	1,301.59
666-Advertising Income	60.00	3,409.00	0.00	3,469.00
670-Donations	0.00	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
675-Interest Income	0.00	0.00	7.17	7.17
Total Income	<u>60.00</u>	<u>46,150.01</u>	<u>3,757.17</u>	<u>49,967.18</u>
Expense				
701- Insurance	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
704- Grounds Expenses	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
705-Licenses and Fees	0.00	368.00	0.00	368.00
706-Atv Rental	0.00	694.59	0.00	694.59
710-Advertising	0.00	180.00	0.00	180.00
711-Catalog	0.00	2,241.87	0.00	2,241.87
712-Copies	0.00	134.48	116.81	251.29
713-Postage	0.00	147.89	282.25	430.14
714-Meeting Expense	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
715-Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	59.39	59.39
717-Photography	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
722-Trial Supplies	0.00	1,098.92	0.00	1,098.92
723-Portolets	0.00	542.95	0.00	542.95
726-Gunners expenses	0.00	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00
730-Birds	0.00	11,250.00	0.00	11,250.00
732 Bird Planter	0.00	3,104.88	0.00	3,104.88