

2018 ETSCA Annual Meeting Minutes

The Annual Meeting of the English Toy Spaniel Club of America took place on May 25, 2018. President Bruce Van Deman called the meeting to order at 9:10 to allow time for members not in attendance at the meeting to teleconference into the meeting from anywhere. There were 24 members, 4 guests, and four additional members attending by teleconference. Bruce thanked all for attending and for everyone's help for making 2018 National Specialty Show a success.

The President's address was delivered via a set of PowerPoint slides that were projected for those attending the meeting. The presentation will be archived on the club website for all members to review. The presentation included a review of the Board progress and promises fulfilled by the Officers and Board since last year. Karen Pouder and Janelle Smedley were thanked for all our wonderful trophies. Sue Jackson Sue Plance and co-workers Linda Lockey and Jeanne Schoff for Hospitality and Show committee. Bonnie Miller for her services as our Sweepstakes Judge. Bonnie thanked us and said she really enjoyed herself. Bonnie also does our Welcome Bags. Mary Hoagland with helpers Julia and Holly catalog sales, Jamie Beuke and Carol Sommers for the Silent and Banquet Auctions. Ron Morgan announcer. Everyone that helped in so many ways. Bruce went on to say we have nine new standing committees approved by the Board with their scopes, objectives, and member qualifications defined on the club website, including the National Show Committee Roster with all the jobs available and identification of Chair and Co-Chairs...this way we are training the co-chairs to be familiar with the jobs each role requires. With all the committees in place, there are positions for 57 people to fill and there is roughly 91 members in the Club so look them over and volunteer for something that interests you or where you can help.

There are also three new club programs completed in the past 12-months; Breed Mentor/Tutor, Junior Membership, and Fundraising. We have applications and requirements for you to become Parent Club Approved Mentor and will listed on the AKC website for Breed Tutor and Ringside Mentoring. Even if you have been approved in the past, please re-apply on this form to be included on our list. Judges Education is a very important job. This year marks a very successful accomplishment with a Fundraising effort that was established including beautiful items using the 2018 National Specialty Theme "On the Move". Items included Sweatshirts, T-Shirts, Bags, and Magnets being offered by pre-order. The initiative was very well received by members and non-members and was viewed as a fun reminder of our 2018 National Specialty event. Many were sorry they didn't order or order more....so get yours early next year.

Wednesday evening May 23, a Breed Seminar was given as part of our Judges Education Activity and it was well-attended by 24 individuals, including members, future Judges, and interested Guests. This activity was complete with hands-on and mock judging. A big thank goes to those members that furnished dogs for this educational event.

In March, a form for Breeder Referral was sent to the membership. To be included in the Breeder Referral List, please complete the form and return it to Theresa Cousins.

The teleconference meeting format will be used to establish a quarterly ETSCA Town Hall meeting in 2018-2019.

As of January 1, 2018, fourteen new awards were added to the annual awards banquet honoring the accomplishments of members in more categories. All current awards will be awarded at this evenings' event. Members not in attendance at the awards banquet will receive their awards by mail.

Bruce presented the state of the breed by reviewing dog and litter registrations over the past 5 years. [*Author's note: Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation for specific numbers.*]

National Show Committee report by Sue Place: Everything is in place for tonight's Banquet and I'm very happy with the way everything has gone so far. A special thanks to Linda Lockey who co-chaired our Coffee & doughnuts and supplied and donated all the pop and water. Also, thanks to Banquet and Luncheon co-chair Jeanne Schoff for all her expert help and for making all the center pieces and checking on all the set-ups. As a special note, this is Jeanne's last year as she has other commitments and plans on moving either South or to a smaller place, so we will really miss her!

Janelle Smedley asked everyone to submit ideas for a Theme for next years Specialty. Now is your chance!

Theresa Cousins reported that e-mails and letters were to every regarding several topics over the past 12 months and restated that Committee descriptions and applications are on the Website. Theresa reported receiving only a few Breeder Referral forms and has received over thirteen calls the past week and about 60-70 calls for breeder referrals since the beginning of the year. By having them contact Theresa directly, she can send the inquiries to members with puppies or adults and never lists your personal information at the club website.

Treasurer Report: Jamie Ward was not in attendance but sent all information and necessary funds for the Specialty and complete records will be mailed to all members. After two decades of servicing as our Treasurer Jamie choose not to run for another term. Bruce told everyone how lucky the club has been to have such a dedicated, responsible person serve our Club so well for 20 years and she will be missed. A standing round of applause was given for Jamie Ward with well wishes. Bruce Van Deman then introduced our newly elected Treasurer Dianne Hill. Dianne thanked everyone and that she would do her best to perform her duties as Treasurer but don't expect 20 years from her, she'll be 90! Jamie has provided an outline of the Treasurer duties and a work time line to assist Dianne. Club records will be sent to Dianne and a final report of the Club finances will be sent to the membership after the May 31,2018 checks clear. Dianne will officially take over as Club Treasurer on June 1,2018. Karen Pouder requested an itemized list of all show expenses and income for the National Specialty. ACTION ITEM: Itemized show expenses

AKC Delegate Report: Rick LeBeau gave his report from the delegates meeting of March 12-13, 2018. Main topic was the election of the board of directors which took four rounds of Balloting with the following elected Harold Tatro, Ann Wallin, Chris Sweetwood and Chairman Ron Menaker. AKC.TV is an OTT digital channel available on almost any device where viewers can browse an on-demand library of videos live puppy cams and AKC events to engage and delight the fancy and the general public. New content will be uploaded weekly. Rick feels that the new Parent Club Committee sub-committee, "Breed sustainability" will be of keen interest to our club on the go forward. A request to the AKC regarding a break down by color variety on English Toy Spaniels being registered which everyone thought would be great, currently we are lumped as one breed and not even divided by varieties. AKC is encouraging Parent Clubs to copyright their Breed Standards. When asked why ...because anyone can use it and other countries accept other sizes and colors. No dates on ribbons for all breed clubs to cut costs. Pat Cox said performance has recycled ribbons already. Dog Museum is moving to its new home at 101 Park Ave NYC. E-balloting is being initiated by the Leonberger Club and they are willing to discuss the process with any interested Parent Club. Many issues were done with 2 steps front 1 step back!

Health Committee Report: Debi Bell with committee of Tina Sterling, Bonnie Miller, Jane Naimark, and Karen Pouder. The question is where we want to use our 5% funds which are \$81 as most studies have will interest to English Toys ...we are looking at Heart and tick-borne illness with the final pick due in June. Debi also brought up the latest numbers from OFA Hearts 92% good 3% questionable 5% bad Eyes 41% 50% breeder op 9% bad. Many more hearts were being summated than eyes. Explanation is after the first-time resubmission of hearts is free with eyes you pay... kennel rate for eyes 5 or more same owner is \$7.50 so we still need to send them in. Guest Julie Whaley said she was very interested in helping with any thing health related. Karen Pouder said please send in all your results. Heather Reid and Carol Beuke also would be willing to join the health committee. Looking into a Health Award.

Website Update: Theresa Cousins reported that our website is updated quarterly and is user-friendly and do not need a password to access any area of the site. She will be adding information from Regional Specialties, the National Specialty, and the Awards Banquet. Also, candid pictures of ETS have fun and doing things. All committees and applications are also on our Website.

Tellers Committee Report: Chair Heather Reid said they received 52 votes and the 2021 Breed Judge is Bruce Van Deman and our Sweepstakes Judge is Debi Bell.

Officers elected for the terms of 2018 -2020 are as followed:

V. President: Debi Bell

Treasurer: Dianne Hill

Directors: Tom O'Neal and Jane Naimark

We welcomed three new members: Patti & Dick Caldwell and Lola Miller

And were saddened by the passing of two long time members Pauline Patterson and Patricia Halloran-Krokel, both from California. They will be missed.

New Business: Term Limits on Officers

Term limits have been brought up before and Tom O'Neal said we need new people who are qualified and willing to service as Officers and that terms have come up before but not many show an interest in running. Bruce said we elect half of our officers each year for Two-Year Terms which works so there is always some experienced members. Next year we elect President, both Secretary Offices, and one Director. Bruce stated that if member any has an interest in running for office, please let us know. Heather Reid suggested that should include any committee as well...e-mail to any Officer your willingness to serve and that you want to run.

Bruce reminded everyone that "it takes a Village" to make us Great and that in the era of "Fake News" we should strive for more personal communication if not Face to Face. So instead of Facebook or email, please pick-up the phone and call one another.

Janelle reminded members of the Regional Specialty in Des Moines and this year there will be back-to-back shows plus the supported entry days. Please try to attend. Working together we can do so much and we hope you take an interest in one or more of the new opportunities available.

With no more new business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Debi Bell

Seconded Curt Miller

Meeting Adjourned: 10:37

Yours,

Sue Plance,

English Toy Spaniel Club of America, Recording Secretary

Pending Approval