

Maine Spaniel Field Trial Club

Secretary's Report

Held At:

Burano's Pizza – Hallowell, Maine
Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 12:30pm

In Attendance – Theresa & Ray Sampson, Melissa O'Brien, Jack & Martha Klette, Pat & Deidre Keliher, Dick & Sandy Moore, Terry Oliver, Jeannette & Nick Sampson, Tom & Rachel Grant, Gary McFadden, Susan Saveikonis, Peter D'Alfonso, Tom Hart, Zane Townsend & Shanna Googins, Jenny Wadhwa, Angus Zuklie, Shawn & Linda Bergeron, Tenley Skolfield

Report of the President - Theresa Sampson – After a delicious lunch the meeting was called to order at 2pm. Theresa reviewed the Board of Director Meeting minutes from 12-7-25 and there were no questions.

Report of the Vice President – Pat Keliher confirmed that the Fall Springer Trial at Green Point in Dresden on September 5 & 6 was confirmed by the state. Pat also shared a scary story about a recent incident with his dog where he needed to perform CPR and encouraged everyone to look up how to do it.

Report of the Secretary - Melissa O'Brien, handed out the minutes of the April 13, 2025 meeting and it was accepted.

Report of the Treasurer - Jack Klette, reported a new balance of \$17,974 which was accepted. Jack also reported a balance of \$2857 in the Cary Haupt Award fund.

Committee Reports

- **Training Day/Water Day** – TBD – Theresa is looking to host a training day at her house in the spring. Terry Oliver has a potential place in Buxton to also do a training day. Pat Keliher also might be able to host.
- **Hunt Test** – June 20 & 21 at Firefly Kennel in Dixmont, Maine. Shawn Bergeron is the Chairperson, and Melissa O'Brien is the Secretary. Ray Sampson will be bird planter. Jenny Wadhwa will be marshall. Judges TBD. Gun Captain and guns are needed. Also looking for volunteers to do the lunches.
- **Spring Cocker Field Trial** – May 30 & 31 at the Nichols Property in Center Conway, NH. Theresa Sampson is the Chairperson & Melissa O'Brien is the Secretary. Terry Oliver will be gun captain, Ray Sampson will be bird planter, Jeannette Sampson will Marshall. Judges are Jack Glinisky and Pete Zuleger. A work day/cleanup day will be needed.
- **Springer Field Trial** – September 5 & 6 – Location is Dresden. Peter D'Alfonso will be the Chairperson and Theresa Sampson will be the Secretary. Gun captain is needed. Ray Sampson will be bird planter.
- **Fall Cocker Field Trial** – September 26 & 27 - Location = Belgrade. Pat Keliher will be the Chairperson & Tenley Skolfield will be the Secretary –Judges: Ted McCue and Olivia Mortimer Steele.
- **Election of new members** – Tom Hart and Leanna D'Alfonso were voted in.
- **Nominations Committee** – Pat Keliher, Theresa Sampson & Shawn Bergeron volunteered for this committee.
 - There are two Board of Director openings. Theresa Sampson, President and Pat Keliher, Vice President have declared they stepping down. If anyone is interested in any of the officer positions, please reach out to a committee member. Officers will be voted on at the next meeting (late March or early April).

Unfinished Business

- Land and land agreements for club events and training – This a continuous discussion to look for new property to hold events. It was discussed that if we had a solid place that the club would be able to hold more training days and that might generate more interest in club membership. Maine does have some public land available that should be looked into.

New Business

- Barbara Haupt wants the \$1000/year that she donates to be spent. Theresa Sampson had some plaques made for recipients. Peter D'Alfonso was recognized and given a plaque for his 2025 win. Theresa purchased raffle prizes for the meeting with some of the money which was drawn during open forum.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting TBD (late March or April)

Open Forum

- Melissa O'Brien suggested that judges be given the option of being taken to dinner by a club member or if they would rather have a stipend and get dinner on their own.
- Pat Keliher mentioned that we were asked to host the 2027 Cocker Nationals, but after discussion it was decided that we don't have an adequate place to host it nor the volunteers to make it happen.
- Theresa reported that Mike Sanford was our delegate at the 2025 Springer Nationals and that the 2026 Springer Nationals may be held in New England.
- Jack Klette is working with George Akkouris about working with some of our guns to be promoted to gun captain. Nick Sampson was nominated to get in the gun captain program.
- Pat/Tenley was told by Susan Springer that the Central Maine Club was going to be hosting a judging seminar.
- Congratulations was given to Jenny Wadhwa for her accomplishments with her Irish Water Spaniels competing at a national level and earning many placements.
- Raffle winners were Angus, Jack, Jenny, Theresa, Sandy, and Deidre.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa O'Brien
MSFTC Secretary

Club Officers

President – Theresa Sampson
Vice-President – Pat Keliher
Secretary – Melissa O'Brien
Treasurer – Jack Klette

Board of Directors

Shawn Bergeron (26)
Kim Trafton (26)
Ray Sampson (27)
Jeannette Sampson (27)
Julie Brown (27)