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July 2002 Secretary's Report

This report details the day to day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors and includes issues brought before the ASCA Board and communications done by mail, fax, e-mail and/or phone.

July 1 - 31, 2002

SDC-Course C

Motion by Warren, Liaison to the Stockdog Committee.

I move to accept the following SDC Recommendation. Diagram will be faxed.

Course C

Motion by Walker, second by Baker

I move to put into effect January 1, 2003, Course C for a trial period of 1 year. This course is to run in a minimum arena size of 150 feet by 250 feet or bigger. After the first year trial period it will come up for review for possible revisions. Full description to follow and diagrams are attached.

A special thanks to Sherry Baker for coming up with another new and inventive course.

Note: for consistencies between arenas, changes have been made to the distances of the chute. This change involves variances in the distance from Obstacle 2 to the Chute, rather than the distance of the chute to the advanced handlers line.

SECTION 10 - ARENA CONDITIONS, SIZE, RUN TIMES AND COURSE CONSIDERATIONS

2.

Add after the 3rd sentence:

EXCEPTIONS: The arena size for Course C, cattle and sheep will be a minimum of 150 feet by 250 feet (plus or minus a total of five (5) feet in combined directions).

Change first sentence to:

5. A maximum of two attempts at each obstacle in any of ASCA's Approved Stockdog Courses.

7. On Course A and Course C

Change first sentence to:

8. Time and scoring for all runs will begin when handler opens the take pen gate in Course A and Course C or when the dog begins the gather in Course B.

SECTION 11 - ARENA AND OBSTACLES

3. Course C Arena

a. Set-Up - The duck, sheep and cattle arenas will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in Appendix (I) and Appendix (J) described in this section.

b. Sequence - The direction of the obstacles will be to move the stock up the middle of the arena till the stock is parallel to the opening of obstacle 1 then proceed through the opening in obstacle 1 in a counter-clock wise circle towards obstacle 2, then proceed in a clockwise circle through the opening of obstacle 2 towards the chute. Advanced and open will proceed through the chute and to the Reopen. Started will proceed from obstacle 2 towards the Reopen. The sequence of events shall be as follows: take pen, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, chute and reopen. Obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the chute as described in Chapter 3, Section 10.4. No points will be awarded for the chute for started dogs.

c. Exceptions-If the Course Director feels that there is too much interference with the chute on the right side of the arena then the course may be run in the opposite direction by moving the chute to the left side of the arena and running obstacle 1 on a clockwise direction and obstacle 2 on a counter-clock wise direction towards the chute. (see Appendix J)

d. Panels - Cattle and sheep arena panels will be eight (8) to twelve (12) feet in length and will be at least four (4) feet high. Duck arena panels will be four (4) feet long and at least two (2) feet high.

e. Take Pens - The duck arena take pen shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet by eight (8) feet and a maximum of sixteen (16) feet by sixteen (16) feet. The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the reopen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep will be released into the arena from the take pen. Advanced handlers must position themselves on the handler's side of the Advanced handler line wherever they feel

it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena.

Open Handlers must position themselves on the handler's side of the open handlers line wherever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. All take pens shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence opposite the first obstacle whenever possible. The take pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

f. Obstacle 1 - This obstacle consists of two panels, positioned at a 45-degree angle to the upper corners of the arena in line with each other. The duck arena obstacle 1 shall be eight (8) feet from the rear fence and eight (8) feet from the side fence at a 45 degree angle from the corner of the arena with a four (4) feet opening between the other in line panel. The sheep and cattle arena Obstacle 1 shall be twenty-five (25) feet from the side fence and twenty-five (25) feet from the rear fence at a 45 degree angle from the corner of the arena with a ten (10) feet opening between the two inline panels. Obstacle 1 is considered passed when at least one (1) head of livestock passes the plane between the two inline panels. If the stock pass through obstacle 2 from the wrong direction then at least one (1) head must be driven past the plane of the inline panels so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

g. Obstacle 2 - This obstacle consists of two panels, positioned at a 45-degree angle to the upper corners of the arena inline with one another.

The duck arena obstacle 2 shall be eight (8) feet from the rear fence and eight (8) feet from the side fence at a 45 degree angle from the corner of the arena with a four (4) feet opening between the other inline panel.

The sheep and cattle arena Obstacle 2 shall be twenty-five (25) feet from the side fence and twenty-five (25) feet from the rear fence at a 45 degree angle from the corner of the arena with a ten (10) feet opening between the 2 inline panels. Obstacle 2 is considered passed when at least one (1) head of livestock passes the plane between the 2-in-line panels. If the stock pass through obstacle 2 from the wrong direction then at least one (1) head must be driven past the plane of the inline panels so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

h. Chute - The chute consists of four panels. The duck arena chute shall be two (2) feet wide at the exit. The sheep and cattle arena chute shall be four (4) feet wide at the exit. The wing ends of the chute shall be positioned twenty-

five (25) feet for the sheep and cattle arena, eight (8) feet for the duck arena from the side fence and (100) feet for the sheep and cattle arena, (30) feet for the duck arena, from the back fence side of the arena with the wings positioned at a 45 degree angle to the center of the chute.

Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which movement through the obstacle was executed.

i. Handlers lines - The Advanced handlers shall be (50) fifty feet for the sheep and cattle arena, (15) Fifteen feet for the duck arena, from the back fence side of the arena. The Open handlers line shall be twenty-five feet (25) for the sheep and cattle arena, eight feet (8) for the duck arena, off of the nearest point of obstacle 1 and 2 towards the chute.

j. Reopen - The handler may reopen at anytime. The reopen may be the same pen as the take pen. When the reopen gate is opened, no further points can be earned on any other part of the course.

Add:

APPENDIX C - COURSE DESCRIPTION AND MATERIALS

IV. Course C

1. Ducks

A. Arena: minimum of 60' X 90' up to a maximum of 100' X 100' (plus or minus five (5) feet combined).

B. Panels: four (4) feet X two (2) feet.

C. Pen: located at end of arena opposite Obstacle 1 and 2, preferably outside the arena; 8' X 8' minimum, 16' X 16' maximum with the take pen gate a minimum of 8 feet.

D. Obstacle 1: two (2) panels positioned eight (8) feet from rear fence and eight (8) feet from the side fence at a 45 degree angle from the upper left corner of the arena inline with each other with a four (4) feet opening.

E. Obstacle 2: two (2) panels positioned eight (8) feet from rear fence and eight (8) feet from the side fence at a 45-degree angle from the upper right corner of the arena in line with each other with a four (4) feet opening.

F. Chute - Consists of four panels. Opening located thirty (30) feet from the back fence side if the arena with the wings positioned at a 45 degree angle to the of the center of the chute and eight (8) feet from the side fence, with a two (2) feet exit. See drawing in (Appendix I) and (Appendix J).

G. Reopen: Same as take pen or on same side of arena.

2. Sheep/Cattle

A. Arena: 150' X 250' minimum (plus or minus five (5) feet combined).

B. Panels: eight (8) feet - twelve (12) feet.

C. Pen: located at end of arena opposite obstacle 1 and 2, preferably outside the arena.

D. Obstacle 1: 2 panel positioned twenty-five (25) feet from rear fence; and twenty-five (25) feet from the side fence at a 45 degree angle to the upper left corner of the arena in line with each other with a ten (10) feet opening.

E. Obstacle 2: two panels positioned twenty-five (25) feet from rear fence; and twenty-five (25) feet from the side fence at a 45-degree angle to the upper right corner of the arena in line with each other with a ten (10) feet opening.

F. Chute: Consists of four panels. Opening located (100) feet from the back fence side of the arena with the wings positioned at a 45 degree angle to the of the center of the chute and twenty-five (25) feet from the side fence, with a four (4) feet exit. See drawing in (Appendix I) and (Appendix J).

G. Reopen: same as take pen or on same side of arena.

Approve: Mahoney, Holmes, Harris, Sutherland, Simmons, Myrick, Schvaneveldt, Walker, Baker Abstain: Mackenzie, Robinson Non-voting: Walter, Bailie

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion carries.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES -- Entlebucher Mountain Dog

Motion by Warren, Liaison to the Stockdog Committee.

I move to approve the following SDC recommendation.

Motion by Bailie second by Walter

Appendix I Herding Breeds Eligible to compete in ASCA Sanctioned Stockdog Trials Entlebucher Mountain Dog

Motion to add the Entlebucher Mountain Dog from Switzerland to Appendix I, the list of Herding Breeds eligible to compete in ASCA Sanctioned Stockdog Trials.

Approve: Mahoney, Bailie, Mackenzie, Harris, Sutherland, Myrick, Robinson, Schvaneveldt, Walter Disapprove: Holmes, Baker, Walker, Simmons

Board voting: Approve: Aufox, Warren, Trumbull-Clark, Gray, Davenport & DeChant. Disapprove: Toft. Non-Voting: Berryessa. Motion is approved.

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Agility Merit Rules Motion Passed

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, Liaison to the Agility Committee.

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Agility Committee. The committee recommends the following name change and program changes to the Agility Merit Program. To become effective as of June 1, 2002, (please see comments).

Change the title of the program to "Agility Merit Program" as "Agility Top Ten" program is a term used by the USDAA.

1. Merit points can come from any level, any division and any class.
2. There will be nine Merit lists. One for Regular, one for Jumpers and one for Gamblers for each level, Novice, Open, Elite.

The divisions will be grouped together for each class/level. (i.e. the elite regular merit points can come from the Standard, Veteran or Juniors division.

3. Points will be earned by earning a qualifying score in the class. A 10 point Q will earn 1 point, a 5 point Q will earn 1/2 point. The points will only count towards the merit list for the class and level they were earned in. (Points don't transfer.)

4. Dogs can stay at a level and earn points indefinitely.

5. All ASCA registered or LEP Australian Shepherds are eligible to earn points in the Agility Merit program.

6. The program will run from June 1st to May 31st of the following year.

Comments about this motion:

The Agility Merit program is being changed for several reasons.

1. The existing system is vague in it's description of how to earn points and there was a lot of confusion surrounding it.

2. The existing system is very labor intensive for the ASCA office. The new system will take advantage of the new computer system and allow computer generated reports to do the work instead of manual searches and calculations. The motion is being backdated to June 1st to take advantage of the new computer system. We didn't want the office to go through another year of manual calculations.

3. The new system is easier to understand. It encourages the competitor to go out and have fun with their dog throughout the year. It rewards accuracy as well as consistency.

Committee vote result: Unanimous approval.

Board voting: Approve: Afox, Warren & DeChant. Disapprove: Trumbull-Clark, Toft, Gray & Davenport. Non-Voting: Berryessa. Motion is defeated.

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Novice A/B sits and down motion
Motion by Trumbull-Clark, Liaison to the Obedience Committee.
I move to accept the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee.

Motion by Case, second White

The Obedience Committee recommends to the Board of Directors the following changes in the Obedience Rules to become effective Jan 1- 2003:

Chapter 4, Open, Section 1. Delete the second paragraph starting with "Each dog must be handled by its owner or by a member of his immediate family." Replace it with "Each dog in this class must have a different handler during the Long Sit and Long Down when judged in the same group."

Rationale: The change in wording would make this section consistent with the wording of the same section in Novice A. It is more concise, and there is no reason we should require the extra handler to be a member of the family in Open if we don't in Novice.

Approved unanimously -- Case White Swatko Waller Willems Burlingame, Link, Mann, Bohren Cox

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

98:15 ASCA OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - collar motion

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, Liaison to the Obedience Committee.

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee.

Motion by Link, second Waller

The Obedience Committee recommends to the Board of Directors the following change to be effective Jan 2003:

Chapter Two: Regulations for Performance and Judging
Section 17 Collars

Change second sentence to read: "The collar may be of a buckle, slip, or martingale type." Add after the fourth sentence, add "Martingale collars may be of any combination of chain, fabric or leather."

Comments: This addition of the martingale collar which is in essence a limited slip collar that pulls from two sides rather than one, as in a choke collar, was requested by an exhibitor and the committee agreed that it was a reasonable

request. The martingale collar gives a dog handler no advantage nor harms the dog in any way.

Approved: Link, Waller, White, Case, Bohren, Burlingame, Cox Disapproved: Swatko, Willems.

Board voting: Approve: Aufox, Warren, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, DeChant & Gray. Disapprove: Davenport. Non-Voting: Berryessa. Motion is approved.

Approved:

Affiliate Club Application: AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD FANCIERS OF ALBERTA

President: Debbie Markowski, Box 4, Hayter, AB T0B 1X0

Affiliate Rep.: Tracie Ball, 120 Riverwood Circle, SE, Calgary, AB T2C 4A9

ASCA Approved Breeder Judge Applicant - Heidi Mobley

ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge Applicant - Sandy Rees

ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge Applicant - Tina Burks

Adding Walter O'Brien of Dundee, IL to the Tracking Committee

Pete Adolphsons resignation from the ASCA Board of Directors

Reinstated: DISQUALIFIED DOG - 3 Oaks Dakota Bonfire

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Registry Membership Show/Stock

Ind. Regs 636 New-Single 44 Sanc. Recd 52

Nonbreeding 47 New-Dual 5 Sanc. Proc. 24

Litters 245 New-Foreign 1 Sanc. Pend 5

Transfer 74 New-Canadian 0 Results Recd 35

Lease 10 Renew-Single 216 Results Proc. 5

LEP 8 Renew-Dual 52 Results Pend. 1

Duplicates 22 Renew-Foreign 2 S &T Subscrip. 3

Hardships 5 Renew-Canadian 4 Certificates 571

Pedigrees 21 Jr. Times 2

New Kennels 5 Affil. New 1

Renew Kennels 19 Affil Renew 0

Judges Apps 0

E-mail requests 2640

DNA kits mailed 35

DNA tests done 54

Shows held:

of Con/Obed 50

of Stock 19

of Ranch 0

of Agility 14

of Tracking 0