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Secretary's Report

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

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE--AgC:004 Points under different judges

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

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

AgC:00-4 (Points under different judges). Moved by Annelise Allan and seconded by Elaine McCollough, Committee vote unanimous (13 yes, 0 no):

The Agility Committee recommends to the Board the deletion of the phrase "...under at least two (2) different judges" in Sections 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 and that notification of this change be published in the Aussie Times and that the change be incorporated in the January 1, 2001 edition of the Agility Rulebook.

Committee's comment: To be certain that points for all Agility titles are received under at least two different judges is an enormous tracking task for the ASCA Business Office to do accurately, thoroughly, and consistently. There appear to be no strong reasons for maintaining the current rule. Many competitors choose to stay at a given level to earn their Outstanding and Superior titles at that level before moving to the next level and hence get qualifying scores under many different judges. Furthermore, all courses are reviewed for all judges. It appears that quality of the title will in no way be diminished by deleting the requirement that points for Agility titles be secured under at least two different judges. NADAC has already moved forward on this point by eliminating this requirement for Jumpers and Gamblers, effective as of January 1, 2000.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE--AgC:00-5 Sanctioning Forms

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

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

AgC:00-5 (Sanctioning Forms). Moved by Annelise Allan and seconded by Carol Maslansky and Lynne Fickett, Committee vote unanimous (13 yes, 0 no): The Agility Committee recommends to the Board to delete the current language of Section 2.6.1 and insert the new language below for Section 2.6.1 and that the revised language of this section be published in the Aussie Times and be included in the January 1, 2001 edition of the Agility Rulebook:

2.6.1 Sanctioning Forms

An Agility trial may consist of a single day or it may consist of two or more days in calendar order (i.e., separate days are not considered separate trials nor are separate classes considered separate trials). The sanctioning request form shall consist of a single form for the trial (not separate forms for each day of the trial) and shall make provision for indicating the exact day or days (including partial days) covered by the trial.

Prior to holding an ASCA trial, the approved affiliate club must apply for trial dates on a "Request for Sanctioning of an ASCA Agility Trial" form. This form must be submitted postmarked no less than 45 (forty-five) days prior to trial date along

with the required \$15.00 per each calendar day sanctioning fee (the fee for a partial day shall be the same as a full day). The "Request for Sanctioning of an ASCA Agility Trial" form may be requested from the ASCA Business Office.

Committee's comment: Within the Agility Community there has been a longstanding tradition of considering that a single Agility trial may consist of a single day or a sequence of calendar days in succession. Clear definition of this matter will reduce confusion in this matter. Requiring a single sanctioning form to cover a single day or a sequence of days will reduce significantly the paper work required for both the ASCA Business Office and for the hosting club filling out the paper work. The duplication of information required by requiring separate forms for each day is unnecessary (e.g. the list of equipment, the diagram of the site, the judges, etc. need to be listed only once for a multiple day event).

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

AHBA Agreement

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move to accept the following agreement with AHBA

April 29, 2000

Peggy Richter
President
American Herding Breed Association
1218 Moonwind
Inyokern, CA 93527

Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc.
PO Box 3790
Bryan, TX 77805-3790

It is agreed that:

AHBA (American Herding Breed Association) has no objection to ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) Affiliates holding AHBA herding events so long as they abide by the AHBA rules regarding AHBA herding events for the AHBA trial or test being held (this includes obtaining AHBA sanctioning via AHBA trial secretary). AHBA has no objection to AHBA events being held in conjunction with ASCA events. ASCA shall allow its Affiliates to hold AHBA events per AHBA rules.

Peggy Richter, President, AHBA Date

Kathy Warren, President, ASCA Date

Voting:
Approve: Berryessa, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Tubbs
Disapprove: Gray, Hawley, Martin, Rossy, Warren
Motion is defeated

88:28 ASCA RULE BOOKS

Motion by Gray, second by Rossy

I move to update the remaining ASCA Program rulebooks with the following:

Stockdog Rulebook:

Add the following after 6:

7 Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement.

7.a The registries with which ASCA has an agreement are: North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) and the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC)

8 The Host Affiliate of an ASCA National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

9 The ASCA Business Office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events.

Tracking, Obedience and Agility:

Insert

1.1 Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement.

1.1a The registries with which ASCA has an agreement are: North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) and the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).

1.2 The Host Affiliate of an ASCA National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

1.3 The ASCA Business Office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Association (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2.3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events.

Renumber remaining sections as applicable.

Comments: This completes the update and brings the rule books into alignment with the recent changes to the Affiliate Club Bylaw Addendum.

Voting:

Approve: Gray, Martin, Rossy, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Berryessa, Hawley, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Motion is approved

93:19 BOARD POLICY--Emergency Vote

Motion by Toft, second by Warren

I move to accept the following as a Board Policy for Emergency Motions and Voting:

Rules and Procedure for conducting emergency votes:

- A. An emergency vote is any Board vote taken in less than the normal 5 day comment and 3 day voting period.
- B. Emergency votes may be taken by e-mail, fax or telephone.
- C. Deadline for an emergency vote must be stated at the beginning of the motion or directive. In no case shall the deadline be less than 24 hours if taken by e-mail. E-mail motions must be accompanied by a fax of the motion at the same time the e-mail vote is called for.
- D. Reason for an emergency vote must be stated at the time the motion is made in the comments accompanying the motion.
- E. Emergency voting procedures are not to be employed frivolously. Only those issues with imminent deadlines or concerning critical ASCA functions shall be eligible for an emergency vote.
- F. Emergency motions shall require a majority of the Board to approve in order to pass.
- G. All emergency motions and votes shall be reported immediately on expiration of voting deadline.

H. All emergency motions and votes shall be reported in the normal ASCA media for recording of motions and votes as soon as possible.

Comments: It is helpful to have some guidelines regarding how to conduct an emergency vote that are agreed upon ahead of time. This prevents any dispute among the Board over proper procedure.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

99:09 BUDGET

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to approve the Finalized Budget dated 4/28/00 you should have found in your fax machine.

ASCA 2000 BUDGET

INCOME

AT Advertisement	33000
Breeders Directory	2000
DNA	12000
Interest Income	16000
Members	210000
Misc.	3000
NSF Fines	2000
Registry	260000
S & T Subscriptions	4300
Sales	2000
SD Finals	7500
SD Trials	7000
Show/Ob/Agility	35000
Ob Finals	1850
Total	595650

EXPENSES

Accountant	5000
Advertisement	12000
ADP	1500
Attorney	12000
Aussie Times	
Printing	100000
Postage	37500
Awards	1650
Banking Charges	3000
Board meeting	8000
BO Maintenance	2000
Bonus	2000
Bookkeeper	3000
Computer Equipment	5000
Computer Supplies	400
Computer Repair	800
DNA	12000
Education-Ofc Staff	500
Election	4000
Equipment	5000
Insurance	
D & O	6100
Liability	16000
Work Comp	720
Health	12000
Interest Expense	2100

Internet	2500
Jr	1550
Kennel Inspection	500
Misc	3500
National (Board)	20000
NSF	3000
Ob Finals	2050
Programmer	90000
Payroll	
BO	72000
EC	3000
Ex. Sec.	8523
Editor	8085
Treasurer	2250
Payroll Tax	30000
Postage	43000
Printing	35000
Property Tax	536
Refunds	800
Repairs--BO	1500
Sales	500
SD Finals	13000
Service Contracts	1500
Shipping	2200
Subscriptions	300
Supplies	15000
Telephone	20000
Utilities	
Gas/Electric	5400
Water	300
Other	150
Website	360
Total	638774

Comments: I made some more changes. I added \$2000 for bonus, \$2250 for Treasurer payroll (severance), I increased Programming to \$90,000 because coming in under budget is better than over and the final payment will be towards the end of the year or possible beginning of next year. I heard nothing from any of you so expect this to be OK.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

BUSINESS OFFICE--Late sanctioning request

Motion by Warren, second by Toft

I move to allow the sanctioning of the June 3-4, 2000 Mid-Atlantic event as requested by Dorene Farnham.

Conditions of approval:

1. Anne Swaner to be directed to contact Ms. Farnham immediately so that she may go ahead and fax the sanctioning to the Office immediately, fee to be paid by credit card.
2. Anne Swaner to be directed to notify the Club President with a CC to the Club Affiliate Rep that a \$100 fine will be levied against the Mid-Atlantic ASC.
3. The Club shall also be notified that sanctioning will not be sent for this event until receipt by the ASCA Business Office of the fine paid in full by money order or credit card.

Comments: Obviously we don't have time to go through a proper motion here. This needs to be done by the end of the business day tomorrow, today being the 3rd. So I'm calling for an emergency vote. Please contact me by tomorrow AM, 7ish my time and let me know if you approve of helping this club out or sticking to the existing rules. If you all are in favor of

granting this club sanctioning according to the stipulations above say yea. If you all are not in favor of granting this club sanction say nay.

Voting:

Approve: Gray, Hawley, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Warren

Disapprove: Berryessa, Martin

Non-voting: Tubbs

Motion is approved.

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE--DNA Dispute Resolution Rule Change

Motion by Gray, second by Warren

I move to accept the following change in the DNA Dispute Resolution Rules

Motion by Ann Dechant, second by Pete Adolphson 3/23/00-Deadline:
4/13/00

Approve: CA, Chris, Ann, Pete, Peter H, George, Sally

Disapprove: none

Change section #7 of the DNA Dispute Resolution Rules to read as follows:

Owner(s) of dogs from all generations which have been affected by the "incorrectly identified" parent will also be sent letters from ASCA by certified and regular mail informing them of the situation within approximately 45 days of the discovery of the error. The dog in question and those affected by the "unknown" lineage will be placed on Not For Breeding status and pedigrees will be modified to correctly reflect their "unknown" origin within their pedigrees.

The remaining section and all other sections remain unchanged.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE--Genetic Disease Database

Motion by Gray, second by Warren

I move to accept the following procedure from the DNA Committee:

CA Sharp's motion requesting funds to be set aside for banking blood samples of known affected dogs. Moved 3/11/00--
deadline April 1

Approve: George, CA, Pete, Sally, Ann, Peter H., Chris

Disapprove: none

MOTION:

Whereas ASCA has stored blood samples that might in some instances be useful to other parentage verification programs or to genetic research. In order to facilitate and promote genetic disease research, ASCA will do the following:

ASCA will also admit up to 25 ASCA-registered dogs per year to the DNA program at no charge to the owner if the following criteria are met:

1. The dog has an inherited disease.
2. The owner will provide information on what the disease is plus diagnostic evidence to that fact (OFA evaluation, CERF form, statement from veterinarian, lab reports, etc.)
3. The owner will provide a blood sample, using ASCA's DNA kit (also to be provided at no charge.) NOTE: Such documentation may be on an affected offspring rather than the dog itself, for purposes of indicating carrier status.
4. The owner fills out and signs a release form allowing ASCA to contribute a portion of the sample and the dog's pedigree to legitimate research projects.

Dogs so enrolled will become part of a "Genetic Disease Database". Information will remain confidential and will not be provided to anyone other than a qualified researcher.

These samples will be entered in the parentage verification program and the remaining sample stored, as with any other dog. Should ASCA at some future date become aware of a legitimate research project being conducted on any disease for which one or more samples are stored, ASCA may contact that project to inquire whether a portion of the sample(s) might be wanted for the research. If the sample(s) are wanted, ASCA will direct it's contracted lab to forward them. ASCA will also forward to the researcher a certified pedigree on each of the dog(s) so submitted.

Any dog previously enrolled in ASCA's DNA program via a blood sample may also be added to the Genetic Disease Database if the owner submits the above documentation, however no refund of DNA program fees will be made. If the annual limit of 25 has already been met, an owner has the option of submitting a sample at his/her own expense.

These provisions apply ONLY to dogs specifically enrolled in the Genetic Disease Database. Stored blood samples for other dogs enrolled in the DNA parentage verification program will NOT be released without the written request of the owner.

Rationale: When a dog develops a hereditary disease, or has been shown to be a carrier of such a disease, there may be no current research program available to take information or samples. The proposed Genetic Disease Database would allow owners to keep DNA samples and pedigree information available to such projects even if their dogs--or even they, themselves--may have passed away before such a research program is started.

Voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Hawley, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Trumbull-Clark

Motion is approved

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE--ISAG Letter

Motion by Gray, second by Warren

I move to accept the following letter from the DNA Committee in hopes of moving ISAG forward in developing a standardized set of markers for canine parentage verification.

May_____, 2000

Dr. Robert Morris
ISAG Canine Committee Chair

Dear Dr. Morris:

The purpose of this correspondence is to request that ISAG prioritize the establishment and promote a recommendation for a set of standardized DNA markers for canine parentage verification.

Historically, the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. (ASCA, est. 1957) has been the parent registry for owners of Australian Shepherds. ASCA is an international organization with over 100,000 dogs in its registry database. ASCA also has over 6600 members and 91 affiliate clubs supporting our trial and show programs throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. Because of the breed popularity, the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the United Kennel Club (UKC) began to officially recognize the breed several years ago and have begun their own registry databases. In 1994, ASCA initiated the first DNA parentage verification program for a dog registry. ASCA consciously chose to select ImmGen, Inc., because it utilizes a public domain marker set and thus avoids payment of DNA marker-technique patent royalties. The AKC and UKC have since each initiated their own DNA programs for parentage verification utilizing PE AgGen (using proprietary markers) as their DNA laboratory. Although each organization uses the same laboratory, they still do not fully cooperate with one another in sharing DNA parentage certifications.

Most Aussies are registered with multiple breed registries, each utilizing the unique marker sets described above. Besides being cost prohibitive, complying with multiple DNA parentage verification requirements often subjects owners of the breed into having to choose only one breed registry, potentially creating divergent gene flow within the breed. As discussed above, the unique problem for owners of our breed is that ASCA, AKC and UKC all have programs with DNA labs which either use different marker sets whose results are not comparable or who do not universally share data. As the only truly international organization, ASCA has an agreement to accept profiles from our German affiliate club members which have been profiled by Prof. Klaus Olek and Dr. Juergen Weber of IMD (Institut fuer Molekularbiologische Diagnostik) GmbH lab. This lab has adopted the same public domain marker set used by ImmGen. ASCA's DNA Committee is currently negotiating a similar

agreement with the Canadian laboratory Vita Tech. Furthermore, ASCA is willing to accept DNA profiles from any laboratories using the same public domain markers as ImmGen. An internationally recognized standard set of markers would significantly improve potential cooperation between all health and genetic databases and registries.

We strongly request ISAG prioritize the establishment of a public domain Standardized marker set for canine DNA parentage verification. It is our hope a standardized marker set will promote the utilization of a public domain marker set for DNA parentage verification and away from the proprietary system which is now in place with some registries. It is our belief a standardized marker set will accommodate all dog owners and DNA testing laboratories by providing one DNA test which could be submitted to national and international registries for their DNA programs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jo Kimes
Executive Secretary
Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc.

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE--Terminology

Motion by Gray, second by Warren

I move to place the following definitions in the Registry Rules under Terminology

DNA-CP: "DNA-Certified Profiled"

An ASCA registered Australian Shepherd that has been DNA profiled but at least one of whose parents have not been DNA-profiled.

DNA-VP "DNA-Verified Parentage"

An ASCA registered Australian Shepherd whose parents have been DNA-profiled.

Comment: Motion by CA Sharp, seconded by Ann 3/20/00--Deadline 4/10/00

Votes:
Approve: Chris, Peter, George, CA, Sally, Ann, Pete
Disapprove: none
Non-voting: Kim Cochran

Board voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE--USASA letter

Motion by Gray, second by Warren

I move to accept the DNA's Committee motion to send a letter to USASA.

Motion 3/20/00 by Ann to Approve USASA letter by CA Sharp. Second by CA Sharp on 3/21/00--Deadline 4/12/00

Votes:
Approve: Chris, George, CA, Sally, Ann, Pete, Peter H.
Disapprove: None

Alan McCorkle (or current) President, USASA
Kate Eggleton, PhD, Health and Genetics Committee Chairman

Epilepsy is a growing problem in Australian Shepherds, the breed to which both our clubs are dedicated. It is not a show dog problem or a working dog problem, it is a breed problem. The impact of this terrible disease goes beyond where a dog is registered or what programs its owners choose to compete in.

As you are probably aware, VetGen, LLP, has an on-going canine epilepsy study aimed at developing a DNA gene test for the disease. With such a test, all affected and carrier animals could be identified before they were bred and before they became ill. Our breed is in danger of being eliminated from that study due to lack of response from owners and breeders.

ASCA's Board of Directors and DNA Committee have placed a one-page announcement in the Aussie Times and on our web site urging people to support this study. We would like to request the United States Australian Shepherd Association take similar action by placing a similar announcement in the Journal and on your web site. (do they have one?)

Serious health issues transcend registries and our differing political goals. We ask that you join us in the effort to support this research.

Very truly yours,
Kathy Warren, ASCA President
Pete Adolphson, DNA Committee Chairman

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

96:17 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Motion by Berryessa, second by Tubbs

I move that the current Junior Committee be declared defunct, so that the new Junior Committee Rules can be implemented.

Comments: There were many resignations of active Junior Committee members, so that the committee was irreparably harmed. The new Junior Committee Rules will be designed to overcome some of the weak points that brought about the resignations.

Voting:
Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Martin, Rossy, Tubbs, Warren
Disapprove: Toft, Trumbull-Clark
Non-voting: Hawley
Motion is approved

96:08 LEVINE VIDEO

Copy of ad faxed 4/28/00 titled "Is Your Aussie A Star?" compiled by Linda Gray.

Voting:
Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Hawley, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Tubbs, Warren
Abstain: Trumbull-Clark
Ad is approved

96:08 LEVINE VIDEO--ASCA Video Brochure

Motion by Gray, second by Warren

I move to purchase 300 copies of the ASCA Video Brochure from Levine Entertainment, Inc., 6650 N. Glenwood Ave., Suite 2 South, Chicago, IL 60626-4710

Our original cost was	5995.00
300 copies	951.00
total	6946.00

6946 divided by 300 = 23.15 each
post & handling 2.72

total 25.87

Would suggest selling for 23.00
post & handling 3.00
total 26.00

Comment: Since we approved purchasing enough copies to cover our costs the next item was to make it cost effective for the membership. Buying less than 300 copies would make it too expensive. If we run out we can always buy more and make a profit to boot.

Voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Hawley

Motion is approved

98:02 MVA COMMITTEE--VC00-02 MVA Agility Bitches in Heat

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to approve the following recommendation from the MVA Committee:

Replace 9d (Agility, bitches in season) of the Most Versatile Aussie Rules with the following:

"Host Clubs are encouraged to offer the opportunity for bitches in season to compete in Regular Agility at the National Specialty for Versatility consideration. However, the decision of whether to provide for bitches in season at the National Specialty to compete in Regular Agility for Versatility consideration is solely the discretion of the host club. Whenever the host club elects to offer the opportunity for bitches in heat to compete for Versatility, the following rules shall apply:

- 1) Versatility bitches in season shall run after all other competitors in Regular Agility have completed their runs. If Regular Agility is run before the Jumpers and Gamblers classes, then the Regular courses for the bitches in season will need to be reset after the Jumpers and Gamblers classes are run.
- 2) Round one and round two (if offered) at a given level (Elite, Open, Novice) shall be run back to back.
- 3) Versatility bitches in season shall wear panties during their runs.
- 4) Bitches in season should be crated sufficient distance away from the agility ring so as not to create a distraction for the dogs in the ring.
- 5) Qualifying scores of bitches in season shall be used for Versatility consideration only and shall not count as points toward any title requirements, nor shall they be eligible for trial placement consideration.

Committee's comment: The above recommended policy suspends the normal Agility rules (Section 1.2) which explicitly state "bitches in heat....are ineligible for entry" at an Agility trial. The Agility Committee believes that special provisions are appropriate to accommodate bitches in season for Versatility consideration. The Agility Committee believes that the decision of whether to accommodate bitches in season in Agility at the National Specialty should be made solely by the host club. However, when bitches in season are allowed to compete in Agility for Versatility consideration the aforementioned rules for competition should apply. The host club would have to reset the courses as necessary after all other dogs have run.

Motion made by Carol Maslansky, second by Lynn Fremuth. In favor: Lori Acierto, Sandra Case, Chris Davies, Lynn Fremuth, Andrea Hoffman, Carol Maslansky, Debra St. Jacques, Terry Thomascik, DeeDee Baldwin. Opposed: Monica Barger Non-voting: Sandra Katzen, Nick Davis, Lori Acierto

This is based very closely on a recommendation made to the MVA committee by the agility committee. The intent is unchanged. Some of the language is a bit different. The recommendations do not change anything in the versatility rules, but do clarify some points as far as the agility competition portion of the program.

DD Baldwin
MVA Chairperson

Board voting:

Approve: Gray, Hawley, Rossey, Tubbs, Warren
Disapprove: Berryessa, Martin, Toft, Trumbull-Clark
Motion is approved

80:33 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RULES

Motion by Toft, second by Berryessa

I move to accept the National Specialty rules following this motion in 7 parts. Upon approval these rules are to be sent immediately to the Georgia club and CASA as guidelines only. These rules will be available as a guidebook from the ASCA Business Office on request and will be available on the ASCA website. These rules will be effective January 1, 2002.

Comments: These rules have been thoroughly reviewed and corrected by Michelle based on her experience putting on the 1999 Nationals. The MVA rules have been removed in anticipation of the MVA Committee completing the new rulebook governing MVA competition. We anticipate further revisions upon advice from future Host Clubs. (NOTE: Full text of the rules is not included here due to space considerations. Full text is available on request from the ASCA Business Office or on the ASCA website--www.asca.org)

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

98:11 OBEDIENCE RULES--Rule Change

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to delete the following from the Obedience Rules and Regulations:

Ch. 1, Sec. 3 Tracking and Tracking Dog Excellent Test

And to renumber Sections 4-31 to reflect this deletion

Effective 6-1-00

Comments: This appears to be an oversight from when the Tracking rules were removed from the Obedience Rulebook. It is covered under Ch. 1, Sec. 2 in the Tracking Rulebook

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

90:03 SHOW RULES CHANGE--Administrative Changes

Motion by Gray, second by Rossey

I move to add the following to the Show Rules and Regulations:

Insert after 3.1:

3.2 Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement.

a. The registries with which ASCA has an agreement are: NADAC and the Canadian Kennel Club.

3.3 The Host Affiliate of an ASCA National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

3.4 The ASCA Business office will sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used

here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events.

Renumber remaining sections as applicable

Comments: All program rule books need to be revised to reflect the changes regarding what ASCA will sanction and what it will not sanction. Once it is worded to approval, the remaining rule book swill be revised as applicable.

Voting:

Approve: Gray, Martin, Rossy, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Berryessa, Hawley, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Motion is approved

90:03 SHOW RULES CHANGE--Rule Books & Forms

Motion by Toft, second by Berryessa

I move to make the following rulebook and reporting forms changes:

ASCA Gross Receipts Form: Remove the words "recording fees" and replace them with "Event Membership Dues".

Agility Rulebook: Section 2.6.5.3 Remove the words "recording fees" and replace them with "Event Membership Dues" (2 places)

Show Rules and Regulations: Section 13.1 In the first paragraph remove the words "recording fees" and replace them with "Event Membership Dues".

Stockdog Rules and Regulations: Chapter 6, Section 1 Remove the words "An office fee" and replace with "Event Membership Dues".

Stockdog Rules and Regulations: Chapter 11, Section 4, No. 2 First Sentence---Remove the words "A mandatory fee" and replace them with the words "Additional Event Membership Dues". Second sentence remove the word "fees" and replace with the word "dues".

Obedience Rules and Regulations: Ch. 1, Section 32 After each ASCA sanctioned event, all Judge's Books (Non-Regular and Regular classes), ASCA Official Entry Forms for all qualifiers, Gross Receipts report, including Event Membership Dues, Sanction Grant, Obedience Show Report must be sent to the ASCA Business Office, postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days after the close of the show. Penalty for non-compliance is one dollar (\$1.00) for each day's delay and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of ASCA. The club shall retain all other ASCA official entry forms, except the entry forms listed above, for a period of one year from date of show.

Tracking Rules and Regulations: Ch. 1, Section 22

After each ASCA sanctioned event, all Judge's Books and charts, ASCA Official Entry Forms for all qualifiers, Gross Receipts report, including Event Membership Dues, Sanction Grant must be sent to the ASCA Business Office, postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days after the close of the test. Penalty for non-compliance is one dollar (\$1.00) for each day's delay and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of ASCA. The club shall retain all other ASCA official entry forms, except the entry forms listed above, for a period of one year from date of test.

ASCA Junior Showmanship Program Rules, Page 2 following OWNERSHIP: SUBMISSION OF RECORDS

After each ASCA sanctioned event, all Judge's Books, ASCA Official Entry Forms for all Juniors entered in Regular classes, Gross Receipts report, including Event Membership Dues, Sanction Grant must be sent to the ASCA Business Office, postmarked not later than fifteen (15) days after the close of the show. Penalty for non-compliance is one dollar (\$1.00) for each day's delay and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of ASCA. The club shall retain all other ASCA official entry forms, except the entry forms listed above, for a period of one year from date of show.

Comments: Michelle discovered that we had not brought all the program rules in line with the wording change in the National Specialty rules. This motion merely changes what we are calling the "recording fees" in order to bring ourselves into compliance with the IRS at the suggestion of our accountant. The wording for the Obedience, Tracking and Jr. rules is for the independence of those programs from the Show Rules and Regulations. The wording is identical to the wording in the Show rules except for changes made specifically for each program.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

90:03 SHOW RULE CHANGES---Conformation, Obedience, Stock, Agility,
Tracking

Motion by Toft, second by Warren

I move to accept these rules changes effective June 1, 2000:

The following to be added to the Show Rules and Regulations Chapter 3, Section 3.18; Stockdog Rules and Regulations Chapter 3, Section 13, number 7; Obedience Rules and Regulations Chapter 1, Section 1.8; Tracking Rules and Regulations Chapter 1, Section 1.7; Agility Rules and Regulations Chapter 2, Section 2.1.1:

Sanctioning postmarked between 30 and 45 days prior to an event will be accepted upon payment of a fine of \$15 per day past the 45 day deadline. Sanctioning requests *received* less than 30 days prior to an event will not be accepted under any circumstances. Clubs submitting delinquent sanctioning requests 3 times will lose all late sanctioning privileges for a period of 2 years. It is recommended Clubs retain proof of mailing for all sanctioning requests. The ASCA Business Office will not accept responsibility for sanctioning requests lost in the mail.

The following to be added as Show Rules and Regulations Chapter 3, Section 3.17:

ASCA Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA and wish to hold a Conformation Dog Show at which Championship points may be awarded, must make application to ASCA on the form provided for permission to hold such show. This application must be submitted and postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the event. A sanction fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) per trial shall be submitted with the application.

The following to be changed in the Stockdog Rules and Regulations Ch. 3, Section 13:

Number 2, remove the word "received" and replace with the word "postmarked"

Comments: The changes regarding fines for late submission of sanctioning will give the ASCA Board and ASCA clubs firm guidance on the handling of requests for late sanctioning. The change regarding sanctioning deadlines for Conformation shows appears to be an oversight in the rules. All other program rules contain this exact wording and it has been, at the least, an ASCA policy that conformation shows have a 45 day deadline for quite some time.

Voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Hawley

Motion is approved

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES--Ch. 3, Sec. 3.2f

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to approve the following recommendation from the SDC:

Chapter 3, Section 3.2f

Change Ch. 3, Sec. 2f to read as follows below, that the current 2f—Post Advanced Trial Dog will become 2g and that the current 2g be deleted.

Ch. 3--General Regulations

Section 3--Trial Divisions and Classes

2f--For Exhibition Only "FEO"--In the started and open divisions, once a dog has earned two (2) qualifying scores in the division you may choose to stay in that division for up to sixty days and compete for points, placements and awards OR you may choose to run FEO. After the sixty (60) day period has expired, a dog may continue to run in that same division but it must be "For Exhibition Only". No placements, point, or prizes will be awarded for dogs running "FEO". The owner or exhibitor must note on the ASCA entry form "FEO" and inform the judge they are running "FEO" before the start of their run.

SDC Comments: The current 2g has already been stated in Ch. 3, Sec 2a & 2b motions from the last packet. This is basically the same motion for FEO that was made before and then withdrawn as there was some discussion that the "in a division" should be more clearly stated as "started and open divisions". There has been some confusion and misunderstandings of the intent of the sixty (60) day period, and the FEO trial division. With this in mind the SDC has tried to clarify the language and simplify the explanation. Additional comments are available from Jo Kimes.

Motion by Moe seconded by Walter

SDC Voting:

Approve: Carter, Davies, Presley, Moe, Simmons, Rossy, Bailie, MacKenzie

Non-voting: Harris, Sutherland, Williams, Walter, Walker

Comments: This is a continued clarification of the FEO rules.

Board voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES--CH. 6, Sec. 2

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to approve the following recommendation from the SDC:

Chapter 6, Section 2

Delete Ch. 6, Sec. 2--Dogs Not Competing for Certification

Comments: This rule is already covered in Ch. 3, Sec. 3.2f. We no longer have a choice if we want to be certified unless you trial in the FEO class.

Motion by Moe second by Walter

SDC Voting:

Approve: Carter, Bailie, MacKenzie, Presley, Moe, Rossy, Simmons

Non-voting: Harris, Davies, Sutherland, Williams, Walker, Walter

Board voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES--Ch. 11, Sec. 9

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to accept the following recommendation from the SDC:

Chapter 11, Section 9

Add to Chapter 11--ASCA STOCKDOG FINALS, Section 9--Procedures for Finals Judges, that will read as follows:

Chapter 11 ASCA STOCKDOG FINALS

Section 9 Procedures For Finals Judges

1. The COURSE DIRECTOR will select a "senior judge". This selection will take place in a private judges meeting before the handlers meeting of the first finals run. At this meeting the CD and the SENIOR JUDGE will be responsible for review of finals/trial rules and regulations with all judges--specifically, attempts, run away lines, daylighting, and calling time.

- a. The senior judge will have the final call on disputes and/or questions.
- b. Judges should be strategically seated in order to get the best vantage of the entire arena. This includes take pen, handler's lines, and obstacles. Any of the four judges may call the handler's lines and attempts for any of the obstacles.
- c. HANDLER'S MEETING: At the handler's meetin gthe Senior Judge and/or the CD will address the following:
 1. judge placements
 2. procedure #6 below should be read (finals runs should be exemplary to protect our stockdog program

3. questions from contestants will be fielded by all judges.
2. Judges must be placed apart from spectators and each other (it will be the host clubs responsibility to see that appropriate seating is made available by roping off designated "judges areas" and placing table/chairs in appropriate places surrounding the working arena).
3. Judges will score and total score sheets separately from each other--the idea is to have four (4) "individual scores".
4. After scoring and totaling score sheet for each run judges will hand score sheet to designated person who will deliver it to appropriate individuals for calculation and posting of scores. This will take place without consultation between any of the other finals judges.
5. No judge will consult with or visit with spectators or contestants during final runs. If judges are approached they will direct the person or persons to the CD who is responsible for handling comments, questions, or complaints during the trial.
6. Time and/or warning can and will be called by any of the four judges for violations of ASCA stockdog rules, lack of progress, gripping, or abuse of stock. Judges will respect each other's calls.

SDC Comments are available from Jo.

Motion by Moe second by Simmons:

SDC Voting:

Approve: Carter, Bailie, MacKenzie, Davies, Presley, Moe, Rossy, Simmons

Non-voting: Harris, Sutherland, Williams, Walker, Walter

Comments: This came about after the problems encountered at least years SD Finals. It was determined by the SDC that guidelines for the Finals judges was necessary.

Board voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Hawley, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Trumbull-Clark

Motion is approved.

Advertising: Bulletin Board page for the July-August issue of the Aussie Times approved unanimously

Appointed: New DNA Committee members approved unanimously: Joan E. Holmes, Laura Iwan, Kristin McNamara, D. Susan Whitman

New Obedience Committee members approved unanimously: Sally Mann, Bob Amen, Mary Burlingame, Janet

White

New Judges: Teena Meadors unanimously approved as ASCA Senior Breeder Judge

Jasa Peterson approved with one abstention as ASCA Provisional Judge

Debbie Gower unanimously approved as ASCA Senior Breeder Judge

Terri Morgan unanimously approved as ASCA Breeder Judge

Request Approved: To allow the Mastiff Club of America to use our Juniors program as a model for their Juniors program.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

REGISTRY	MEMBERSHIP	SHOW/STOCK
Ind 557	New-Single 76	Sanc. Rec'd 40
NFB 48	New-Dual 19	Sanc. Proc'd 52
Litter 290	New-Foreign 1	Sanc. Pend 7
Trans 86	New-Canadian 1	Results Rec'd 30
Lease 11	Renew-Single 265	Results Proc'd 16
LEP 10	Renew-Dual 64	Results Pend 5
Dups 18	Renew-Foreign 1	S & T Sub. 27
Hardship 19	Renew-Canadian 6	Certificates 355
Pedigree 79	Jr Times 3	
New Ken 5	Aff. Rnw 1	
Rnw Ken 27		
Judge Apps 0	SHOWS HELD	
Email 1338	Conf/Obed shows 64	
DNA Kits 28		

DNA Tests 52

Stock 32
Ranch 1
Agility 22
Tracking 0

Kris Toft, Secretary