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OCTOBER 1998 SECRETARY REPORT

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.

October 1-31, 1998

RENTAL CAR: A request was made by former director, Betty Martin, for ASCA to pay more than the allotted \$75 for her car rental at the 1998 Nationals. Approve: Michelle, Terry, Jane & Gary. Disapprove: Lori, Kathy, Kyle, Linda & Phil.
Request is denied.

The ASCA BoD is pleased to welcome the Feather River ASC as a new Affiliate Club of ASCA. The President and Affiliate Rep is Lisa Renville, 2554 Lake Hills Dr., Oroville, CA 95965.

MISC-1997-1998 TOP TEN RIBBONS: Motion by Trumbull Clark, seconded by Middleton. I move that the office staff send the final listings of the 1997-1998 Top Ten Conformation and Obedience winners to Jo Kimes, Executive Secretary, to be forwarded to "Awards By Joann" for preparation and mailing of the winners ribbons. List to include winners' addresses, so that "Awards By Joann" can mail the ribbon directly to the owner of the dog. Ribbons to have 7" rosette head, 18 1/2" streamers and the ASCA logo imprinted on the button. Conformation ribbons to have novelty ribbon detail, Obedience ribbons to have lace detail. Jo Kimes to please let the Board know when these ribbons have been mailed successfully. Invoice to be sent directly from "Awards By Joann" to the Treasurer.
Approve: Kyle, Kathy, Terry, Lori, Michelle, Gary, Phil & Linda.
Disapprove: Jane.
Motion carries.

TOP TEN AND FINALS RIBBONS: Motion by Trumbull-clark, seconded by Middleton. I move that the following be added to the Rules For Hosting the National Specialty and to the Board Policy Book: All rosette ribbons be purchased by ASCA for the year end Top Ten and Finals for all programs on an annual basis from "Awards By Joann", 1955 8th St., Los Osos, CA 93402 (805) 528-3939. This to be done on a contract basis with "Awards By Joann". Invoice to be sent directly from "Awards By Joann" to the Treasurer for payment. Ribbons to be sent to the Host Club Chairperson by Sept. 1 of each

year, so they can be brought to the Nationals when needed. Ribbons for each program will consist of a 7" wide rosette with 18 1/2" streamers, the ASCA logo to be imprinted on the button. Obedience to have "lace" detail, Stockdog Finals to have "gingham" detail, Junior Handling to have "gold edge" detail, Agility to have "silver edge" detail, Conformation to have a "novelty" detail to be decided by "Awards By Joann".

The listing of the Top Ten and Finals dogs shall be given to the Executive Secretary immediately upon the final approved list being made by the office staff. The Top Ten Obedience dogs' names for the year 1999 shall be given to the Executive Secretary immediately upon the final approved list being made by the office staff. The Executive Secretary to send these lists to "Awards By Joann" upon her receipt, which shall be on or before July 1 of each year. The named streamers to be attached to the Conformation, Agility Top Ten and Junior Handling Finals ribbons. For the year 1999, the dogs' name streamers to be attached to the Obedience Top Ten ribbons. For the Stockdog Finals and the year 2000 (and forward) Obedience Finals dogs' name streamers shall be ordered but not attached. Any additional dogs' names that need to be ordered due to alternates being used shall be sent by express carrier to be delivered to the Executive Secretary to a place to be specified by the Exec. Sec. for completion at the Nationals. This is to ensure the proper names on ribbons for any alternates.

Approve: Lori, Linda & Kyle. Disapprove: Terry, Jane, Phil, Michelle & Gary. Abstain: Kathy.

Motion fails.

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE- Motion by Trumbull-Clark, seconded by Middleton. I move to accept the following recommendation from the Agility Committee: AgC98-11 (Responsibilities of Trial Secretary). That the Agility Committee recommends to the Board that the following wording be added to Section 2.1.4.4 and that it be incorporated in the revisions of the January 1, 1999 Agility Rulebook: Both the ASCA Agility Trial Secretary and the Trial Chair (when the Trial Organizing Committee has a Trial Chair) should be on the grounds during the agility trial. The Trial Chair and Organizing Committee are responsible for the supervision of the correct functioning of the trial. The Trial Secretary is responsible for the preparation and completion of all paperwork that must be returned to ASCA. Committee's Comments: Currently the ASCA office is sending out a reminder concerning the necessity that the trial secretary must be present during the agility trial. Putting an explicit statement in the Agility Rulebook regarding this matter will enable the office to reduce the amount of special reminders that are sent out when a trial is sanctioned. For a club that is putting on its first agility trial, such a statement in the Rulebook will be a helpful reminder of the responsibilities that must be carried out. A parallel kind of statement is in Section 8.7 of "Show Rules and Regulations" and it is thus appropriate to have this kind of statement in the Agility Rulebook. Moved by Carol Maslansky and seconded by Pete Dolan (Agility Committee Vote unanimous:13 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention; 1 not voting).

Approve; Kyle, Gary, Kathy, Linda, Phil, Terry, Michelle & Lori.

Non-Voting: Jane.

Motion carries.

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE-Motion by Trumbull-Clark, seconded by Middleton. I move to accept the following recommendation from the Agility Committee: AgC98-12 (Veterans Rules) That the Agility Committee recommends for implementation and inclusion in the January 1, 1999 Agility Rulebook that the following paragraphs be added to Section 3.2.2: 3.2.2.1 Crediting Standard Division Points Toward Veterans Division Titles other than the ATCH 3.2.2.1.1 Crediting Standard Division Points Toward Veterans Novice, Open, and Elite Titles. If a competitor wishes to transfer credit for points earned from an unfinished Standard division title to a Veteran division title, a request must be submitted to the ASCA office. The request will be granted, but once the change in crediting the points toward the Veteran's Division title has been done, a request for change back to crediting the points for the Standard Division title will not be granted. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in Standard division these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veterans division. When the dog earns 10 additional points in the Veterans Open Jumpers, the Veterans Open Jumpers title will be awarded. 3.2.2.1.2 Crediting Standard Division Points Toward Veterans Division Novice, Open, and Elite Outstanding / Superior Titles. If a competitor wishes to transfer credit for points earned toward an unfinished Outstanding or Superior title in the Standard Division toward Outstanding or Superior titles in the Veterans Division, a request in writing must be submitted to the ASCA office after the appropriate corresponding basic Veteran division title is earned. The request will be granted, but once the change in crediting the points toward the Veteran's Division Outstanding or Superior title has been done, a request for change back to crediting the points for the Standard Division title will not be granted. 3.2.2.2 Crediting Standard Division ATCH points toward a Veteran Division ATCH. If a competitor wishes credit for ATCH points earned toward an unfinished ATCH in the Standard Division to be transferred and credited toward a Veterans Division ATCH title, Elite Veterans titles in each of the Classes (Regular Agility, Gamblers, Jumpers) must be earned before the previously earned ATCH points in Standard division are credited toward the Veteran ATCH title. After the Veteran Elite title is earned, a request, in writing, must be submitted to the ASCA office requesting that the previously earned ATCH points in the Standard Division be credited toward the Veterans ATCH title. The request will be granted, but once the change in crediting the points toward the Veteran's Division title has been done, a request for change back to crediting the points for the Standard Division title will not be granted. Points earned in the Veterans Division after the Veterans Elite title is earned are credited toward the Veteran ATCH title. Committee's Comments: The above practice has been in effect in NADAC for the past several years. ASCA Agility has been growing rapidly and the question of how to convert points earned in the Standard Division to Veterans titles will arise more frequently in the future. Having a detailed explicit policy formulated in the Agility Rulebook will prevent confusion as to how this should be done. An explicit policy will enable consistency of application. Moved by Paul Kirk and seconded by Elaine McCollough and Pete Dolan (Agility Committee Vote unanimous: 13 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention; 1 not voting) Approve: Kyle, Gary, Kathy, Linda, Phil, Terry & Lori. Non-Voting: Jane & Michelle.

Motion carries.

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE: Motion by Trumbull-Clark, seconded by Middleton. I move to accept the following recommendation from the Agility Committee: AgC98-13 (Good Standing with ASCA Clarification). That the ASCA Committee recommends to the Board for implementation and inclusion in the January 1, 1999 Agility Rulebook that the words "a member" be deleted from point 12 of Section 2.1.2 of the Agility Rulebook. Moved by Paul Kirk seconded by Pete Dolan (Agility Committee Vote unanimous: 13 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention; 1 not voting) Committee's Comments: The current point 12 of Section 2.1.2 reads as follows: "A statement that the show committee has the right to refuse any entry, including a statement that anyone who is not currently a member in good standing with ASCA will not be allowed entry into the trial." The statement as currently worded seems to require membership in ASCA in order to be able to enter an ASCA Agility trial. Membership in ASCA is *not* required for entry for the trial. However for all trials "good standing with ASCA" is required (e.g., you may not have outstanding bounced checks that have not been made good). Deleting the phrase "a member" will make it clear that it is ASCA's policy to welcome all (both members and non-members) who are in good standing with ASCA. Membership in ASCA is not required for participation in ASCA agility trials.

Approve: Linda, Kyle, Gary, Kathy, Phil, Terry, Michelle & Lori.

Non-Voting: Jane.

Motion carries.

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE: Motion by Trumbull-Clark, seconded by Middleton. I move to accept the following recommendation from the Agility Committee: AgC98-9 (Equipment Specifications). That the Agility Committee recommends to the Board that Appendix A of the ASCA Agility Rulebook be revised as indicated below. Implementation date: Clubs may optionally begin using the revised equipment specifications immediately after it is passed by the Board. Changes from current equipment specifications shall be required for ASCA-only sanctioned agility trials beginning January 1, 1999 and are to be included in the January 1, 1999 revisions of the Agility Rulebook. NADAC has informed all NADAC approved clubs that these equipment changes are required after September 1, 1998; thus, after September 1, 1998 equipment used at dual-sanctioned ASCA-NADAC trials must meet the new specifications.

a) Revise the third sentence of the third paragraph of Section 1 (Appendix A: Equipment Specifications) to read as follows: "Slats shall be no greater than 1/4 inch (3/8 inch rounded slats are acceptable) in height when used on any contact obstacle (slats shall not be made out of plywood)." b) Revise Section 4 - Tunnels (Appendix A: Equipment Specifications) to read as follows: Open Tunnel: The diameter (opening/exit) of the tunnel shall be approximately 24". The length shall be no less than 10' and no more than 20'. Closed Tunnel: The closed tunnel is made up of two parts: a solid opening (barrel) and the fabric chute. The rigid opening shall be no more than 30" in length and shall have a minimum opening of 22" inside diameter in height. The rigid opening shall be supported so as not to sway, the circumference edge of the entrance shall be padded whenever there are sharp edges, and the inside dog running area (normally approximately 24" in width) is to have a non-skid surface. The fabric portion of the chute shall be no more than 8 feet long

and flare out over the 8 feet distance to a circumference of 86 inches minimum and 90 inches maximum at the exit. c) Revise Section 5 - Hurdles/Jumps (Appendix A: Equipment Specifications) to read as follows:

Tire Jump: The tire jump consists of a tire suspended within a frame that is approximately 48" wide and 5' high. The tire shall have an aperture diameter of no less than 20" to a maximum of 24". The tire shall be striped for visibility and the inside aperture shall be taped in such a manner as to be free of gaps, protrusions, and/or sharp edges. The height of the tire jump is to be adjustable to all ASCA jump heights.

Non-Winged Hurdles/Jumps: All jumps are to be 4' to 5' wide with uprights a minimum of 32" high and adjustable for all ASCA jump heights (8", 12", 16", 20", and 24"). Two bars may be crossed to form an "X" for the 4" jump height. Bars must be easily displaceable, may be made of wood, plastic or PVC and shall be striped for visibility. Jump supports may be constructed of any solid material. A minimum of two bars per jump is required. It is advised, to facilitate course design, that at least two of the jumps have bars 54" to 60" wide.

Winged Hurdles/Jumps: Same specifications as above with the addition of side wings or other support standards. Wings shall be free of sharp or hazardous edges and shall be a minimum of 6", preferably 12", higher than the highest ASCA jump height.

Spread Jumps: Two single bar hurdles may be placed together to form a Spread Jump or a single obstacle may be constructed for a Spread Jump. Only ascending spread jumps are used in ASCA (no parallel spread jumps are allowed). No spread Jumps shall be used in the Veteran's Division. No spread Jumps shall be used in the 8" height class. Dogs jumping 12" and 16" shall not exceed a 10" spread. Dogs jumping 20" and 24" shall not exceed a 18" spread.

Triple-bar jumps shall not be used in ASCA. Long Jumps/Broad Jumps shall not be used in the ASCA agility program.

Committee's Comments: 1) On September 1, 1998 NADAC implemented the requirement that slats on a-frames shall be no greater than 1/4" in height; currently the ASCA rulebook states that it is "suggested" that they be no greater than this height. Also on September 1, 1998 NADAC is implementing the requirement that the fabric portion of the closed tunnel be no longer than 8 feet in length. All clubs approved for sponsoring NADAC trials have been informed of these requirements and were told that they could begin using equipment meeting the new requirements before September 1, 1998 if they wish to do so. Thus, dual-sanctioned NADAC-ASCA agility trials must have equipment that meets the NADAC revised specifications by September 1, 1998. However, ASCA-only sanctioned agility trials are not required to meet these new equipment specifications until January 1, 1999. 2) These equipment specification revisions will enhance dog safety in agility by reducing the risk of injury. All too frequently dogs get tangled in the 12' chutes. By reducing the length of the chute to 8' this problem will be greatly reduced, if not completely eliminated. A body of evidence is now available from studies that slats higher than approximately 1/4" can cause many injuries to a dog's toes and feet. This specification of maximum height of slats will bring a sharp reduction of these types of injuries. The cost to clubs of making these changes should not be used as an objection to changes that will greatly enhance the safety for the dogs. Use of the closed tunnel in course design has been optional. The reduction in the customary length of the fabric chute of the closed tunnel will enable a number of NADAC/ASCA judges who have excluded the closed tunnel from their course designs due to concerns regarding dog

safety to include the closed tunnel in their course designs. 3) The current ASCA Rulebook gives no specifications for the Open Tunnel and the Closed Tunnel. The specifications provided above, based on current practice, will provide information in the Rulebook for clubs and competitors. 4) The current ASCA Rulebook gives no specifications for Hurdles/Jumps. The specifications provided above, based on current practice, will provide information in the Rulebook for clubs and competitors. Moved by Paul Kirk and Seconded by Elaine McCollough and Donna Arnold (Agility Committee Vote unanimous: 13 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention; 1 not voting)
Approve: Kyle, Gary, Kathy, Phil, Linda, Tery, Michelle & Lori.
Non-Voting: Jane.
Motion carries.

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: ASCA is pleased to announce the following people have been appointed or reappointed to the Obedience Committee:
Bonnie Heitz - CA (Has been chosen as Chair), Peggy Timm - IL, Sandy Case - OK, Carlene Heschke - TX, Annetee Cyboron - CO, Nancy Link - CA, Michelle Mingus - CA, Dee Dee Baldwin - WA, Leah Swatko - Ontario, Canada, Chris Davies - PA, Craig Bohren - PA, Resumes shall continue to be solicited to fill out the committee.

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: ASCA is pleased to announce the following people have been appointed or reappointed to the Agility Committee:
Marj Vincent - California, Donna Arnold - Texas, Sandra Katzen - Washington, Ron Schumann - Ohio, Carol Maslansky - Arizona, Paul Kirk - California, The committee to continue to solicit resumes from the ASCA Membership to fill out the committee.
Comment: This will result in 3 committee members being from only 2 of the regions, but should not pose a problem at this time. This committee has functioned quite well with more than 2 members per region in the past, in fact has functioned very well with an extra member. As resumes are received, they shall be voted upon by the Board.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION: Motion by Trumbull-Clark, seconded by Warren. I move that the ASCA President shall send to Mr. Jim Mullins by October 9, 1998, a copy of the newly accepted change to the Articles of Incorporation that was unanimously approved by the General Membership at the General Membership Meeting on September 17, 1998. That Mr. Jim Mullins shall incorporate the new wording into the Articles of Incorporation and complete any necessary filings for the change. The change being: Modify second sentence of Article 4.1 of the Articles of Incorporation to read: "The power to alter, amend, or repeal the by-laws, or to adopt a new set of by-laws, shall be reserved to the membership."
Approve: Phil, Lori, Kyle & Kathy. Disapprove: Michelle, Gary & Jane.
Non-Voting: Terry & Linda-(did not receive vote request due to equipment failure).
Motion carries.

MISC. RENTAL CAR: A second request was received by former director, Betty Martin, for an additional \$25 (over and above the \$75 allotted fee) to go

towards the rental of her car at the 1998 Nationals.

Approve: Jane, Phil, Gary, Michelle & Terry. Disapprove: Kyle & Kathy.

Abstain: Lori & Linda.

Request is approved.

98:22 BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Motion by Martin, seconded by Harrell. I move that we accept all applications for the By-laws Committee that were received by the announced deadline of September 30, 1998 and appoint all applicants to serve on the Committee.

Comment: We received a workable number of applicants by the deadline and there is no reason not to allow all those who applied the opportunity to be a part of this process. In the interest of membership input this is in the best interest of ASCA.

Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is carries. The committee members whose resumes were received by the deadline and appointed to this committee are: Betty Martin - Oregon, Marty Dillon - Michigan, Bud Lehmkuhl - Nevada, Peter Adolphson - Washington, Michael Bryant - Georgia, Leah Swatko - Ontario Canada, Susan Whitman - Arkansas, Jerry Aufox - Illinois, Paul Kirk - California, Patrick MacRoberts - California, and Kris Toft - Missouri .

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES: Motion by Warren, seconded by Middleton. I move to: Add to CH. 11 Sec. 6.5 last sentence: Second place winner will carry the title of: (year won) ASCA Reserve Champion (class) Dog. Comment: Rather than call the second place winners in the Finals "second place" it was felt that they were deserving of a more prestigious title therefor the SDC would like to honor these second place dogs with the title of Reserve Champion.

Approved: Shope, Walker, Moe, MacKenzie, Warren, Harris. Disapprove: Rossy.

Non-voting: Baker, Middleton, Swanke, Walter. Absent: Davies.

Approve: Linda, Kathy, Kyle, Lori, Gary, Phil & Terry. Disapprove: Jane.

Non-Voting: Michelle.

Motion carries.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES: Motion by Warren, seconded by Middleton. I move to Change Ch.5 Sec. 4 as follows: SECTION 4- Overflow Judge Provisions 1. If trial entries warrant an overflow Judge can be used. 2. When overflow Judges are used, classes of stock will be split by division per Judge.

3. Contestants must be notified of any Judges changes. The owner shall be permitted to withdraw such entry, at any time, prior to the date of the trial and the entry will be refunded. 4. If a division has to be split, the Course Director shall divide the entry as evenly as possible between the advertised Judge and the overflow Judge by drawing lots. Change Section 4 to Section 5, Change Section 5 to Section 6, Change Section 6 to Section 7, Change Section 7 to Section 8. Comment: The SDC has allowed overflow judges but has never had anything written down as to how it should be done. This will take care of that.

Approve: Shope, Simmons, Baker, Warren, MacKenzie, Moe, Rossy, Walker, Harris. Non-voting: Middleton, Swanke, Walter. Absent: Davies.

Approve: Kathy, Linda, Kyle, Lori, Gary & Phil. Disapprove: Jane & Terry.

Non-Voting: Michelle.

Motin carries.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES: Motion by Warren, seconded by Middleton. I move to: Change Ch. 5 Sec. 3.2 to read: Unless otherwise stated in the premium list, the first 40 entries per Judge will be accepted in postmark order. In case of duplicate postmark entries, a random draw of those entries will be made to determine the order of acceptance. An entry received more than 10 days after the postmark date, will be accepted by receipt date. Comment: Our current rules give an unfair advantage to those living close to the person taking entries. By limiting the postmark date to 10 days, this gives the host club the ability to notify owners of acceptance of entries without worrying about the very lost entry that comes in 2 weeks late. Approved: Shope, Simmons, Walker, Moe, MacKenzie, Rossy, Warren, Harris. Non-voting: Baker, Middleton, Swanke, Walter. Absent: Davies. Approve: Kathy, Linda, Kyle, Lori, Gary, Phil, & Terry. Disapprove: Jane. Non-Voting: Michelle. Motion carries.

ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT

REGISTRY		MEMBERSHIP		EVENTS	
Individual	558	New Single	71	Sanc. Recd.	18
Non-breeding	40	New Dual	28	Sanc. Procd.	26
Litters	278	New Foreign	0	Sanc. Pending	2
Transfers	89	New Canadian	2	Results Recd.	39
Lease	10	Renew Single	206	Results Procd.	27
LEP	6	Renew Dual	59	Results Pend.	14
Duplicates	19	Renew Foreign	1	S&T News	22
Hardships	12	Renew Can.	7	Certificates	427
New Kennel	5	JR Times	8		
Renew Kennel	12	Affiliates	0		
Pedigrees	33				
Conf/OB Show	62				
Stock Trials	15				
Ranch Trials	0				
Agility Trials	15				
Tracking Tests	0				
Judges Apps.	7				
E-mail Reqs.	645				
DNA kits sent	27				
DNA Tests	30				

Submitted by:
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