

ASCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 23, 1994

Phoenix, Arizona

The ASCA General Membership meeting was held during the National Specialty at Rawhide in Phoenix, Arizona on Wednesday, November 23rd. The meeting was called to order by ASCA President, Neil Weaver, at 7 PM. Board members introduced were Betty Martin, Vice President; Jo Kimes, Executive Secretary; Jean Carrillo, Secretary; Chic Acierto, Treasurer; Dan Moos, Sandy Tubbs, Vicky Partridge, Lori Middleton and Linda Gray, ASCA Directors.

Vicki Rand, *Aussie Times* Editor; Lola Hill, the ASCA Business Office Manager; Dawn Jones, ASCA's Public Relations and Marketing Manager and Kyle Trumbull-Clark, Administrator of the ARPH Program were also introduced.

An agenda and a Treasurer's financial report of the first three quarters of 1994 were made available to the members at the meeting. The projected Registry activity for 1994 is 3031 litters registered, with 6236 individuals. This is approximately 200 more litters registered than last year and almost the same number of individuals. Income so far this year was \$359, 742.

Chic Acierto received an award that expressed the Club's appreciation for his continued time, effort and dedication for the development and growth of the Australian Shepherd Club of America while serving as ASCA Treasurer. He was also awarded a lifetime ASCA membership.

Lola Hill, ASCA Business Office Manager reported that the office began in 1990 with a rented office and two employees. Today, we own our own facility and the office now has four full-time and one part-time employee and we're continuing to grow. Lola manages the entire business office; Anne Swaner handles Conformation, Obedience and Juniors; Shelly Martin is the Registry Coordinator; and Dawn Jones handles the ASCA Public Relations, Membership, and distributes correspondence between Stockdog Committee Members.

Dawn, who has been with the office staff for over a year, reports that she is researching advertising prospects for ASCA and our programs. She will be conducting a survey on what our members read besides the *Aussie Times, Dog World and Dog Fancy*.

Vicky Partridge, Director, reported on the Conformation Committee for Rhonda Silveira. From November 1993 to November 1994, ASCA had 159 Champions and a total of 449 shows. In conformation and obedience, there were 368 shows with 79 being conformation only.

The question of a possibility of spay and neuter programs, including conformation, was presented. Also, concern was expressed over the national over-pet-population problem.

In Ken Silveira's absence due to family illness, the Obedience report was also given by Vicky Partridge. During the period of November 1993 to November 1994, there were 132 CD's, 32 CDX's, 5 Ud's and 1 OTCH. We also had 2 Tracking titles. For titles received by other breeds we had 191 CD's, 28 CDX's, 1 UD, and 3 TD's. During that time, there also were two sanctioned tracking trials.

Just prior to the National meeting in Phoenix, six Aussies participated in the Cycle Classic in Pasadena, California. In Novice, with over 70 dogs in the class, Judy Norris placed 4th with Gold Nugget's Red Alert, CD. High scoring, but not placing in the Novice class were: Ch. Gold Nugget's Rae of Hope CD exhibited by Jennifer Smith; Terranova's Miss Mynders CD exhibited by Laurie Sasaki; Viscount Trevor of Venice CD, exhibited by Danie Dalton; Tri-Ivory Wanna be Famous exhibited by Lila Lippow and exhibited in Open Class was Tri-Tacular Jazz of G'Day by Francine Josephson.

The Stockdog Program report was given by the Committee's Board liaison, Dan Moos. 135 trials were sanctioned from November 1993 to November 1994. Aussie titles received: 313 Started, 163 Open, 107 Advanced with a total of 583. There were 17 ranch trials-cattle, 7 ranch trials-sheep and 5 ranch dog inspections. Twenty-nine Aussies received Started, 113 Open, 78 Advanced. Also, there were 3 ranch trial-cattle, 7 ranch trial-sheep and 8 Working Trial Champions with 436 titles awarded to other breeds. Total titles given: 1077 for last year.

Provisional Judges receiving their full Stockdog judging status were Boyce Baker and Wade Carter. Marti Parrish successfully completed her Stockdog Apprenticeship and was approved as a Provisional Judge. During the past year, Maarten Walter and John Rossy have been approved to begin their apprenticeships.

During the past year, the Stockdog Committee recommended a ranch trial program that is now in effect and approved a Post ATD division for an additional challenge. A new score sheet has been tried during 1994 and opinions and input on its suitability are welcomed. Also, there was a request for a volunteer to fill the Region 6 contestant's position on the Committee.

A comment was made that the ASCA Stockdog judges are overworked, and that there was a need for more people to become judges. It was also mentioned that Stockdog judges should receive better treatment -- like picking them up at the airport!

In discussing the need for funding support from dog-related businesses, *Aussie Times* Editor Vicki Rand suggested that ASCA should put together a proposal and approach Purina. The suggestion was made that ASCA consider setting up an "Other Breed" trial program. Currently Purina supports Border Collie, Coon Hound, Retriever, and Pointer events.

ASCA's Agility Program has been completed and will become effective January 1, 1995. ASCA adopted the North American Dog Agility Council's (NADAC) rules. The program is open to all breeds. Copies of the new program were available at the meeting.

The progress of the Most Versatile Aussie Program was questioned. ASCA has a MVA committee and the Board has looked at four programs during this past year. A program has not yet been finalized but will be completed before the 1995 Nationals. Members' ideas for the program should be sent to Vicky Partridge, ASCA Director.

Some Affiliate Show Secretary's requested that a copy of the registration accompany an entry. It is that person's option of proving registration. Although the rule does not indicate that it is a requirement, it is being done by some of the Club Show Secretaries. Registration must be shown, however, should the Show Secretary ask for it.

Questions were raised by members concerned with old photos of the non-Aussie appearing dogs (Page 8 in the Nov-Dec '94 *Aussie Times*) that due to the Registry Rules years ago, were required to be accepted. Neil Weaver explained that the revision of rules now under consideration would restrict this type of dog to a "Not for Breeding Status" (Plan B). He asked for membership input on the issue.

A suggestion was made that when a new kennel name is applied for, the name will be listed in one issue of the *Aussie Times*. Should there be an established kennel name owner who questions the new application due to a sound-alike or close spelling, he/she would have an opportunity to contact the ASCA Board or Business Office prior to acceptance to voice disapproval.

Kyle Trumbull-Clark, Administrator of the ARPH reported on the progress of her committee. From January 1, 1994 to November 15, 1994, ARPH has rescued a total of 161 dogs and during that time, have placed 114 dogs. Twelve were put down due to health problems or aggressive nature, and 35 are now available. Out of the total of 201 dogs rescued through the program, ARPH has placed 154.

Lori Middleton, ASCA Director, moved to adjourn the General Membership Meeting; Betty Martin, ASCA Vice President, seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Jean Carrillo
ASCA Secretary