

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.

March 1 - March 31, 2006

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES-CH. 9, Sec. 2 & 7.

Motion by Davenport.

I move the following from the SDC:

Motion by Bryant, Second by May

I move that the following changes be made to Chapter 9 of the Stockdog Rules:

1. Remove Section 7.
2. Change Section 2 to read:

SECTION 2 - APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The Ranch Dog application must be sent to the ASCA Business Office and must be postmarked at least 60 days prior to the proposed inspection date. The Business Office shall forward the request to the Ranch Trial Sanctioning Committee (RTSC). The RTSC shall have 30 days to consider the application and to request clarifications on any details on the application and to request changes to the tasks to be judged. The applicant shall respond to any and all requests within this 30 day period. The RTSC shall then either approve or deny the application and return it to the ASCA Business Office.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to engage an ASCA Stockdog Judge to conduct the inspection and to inform the ASCA Business Office who the judge shall be. The ASCA Business Office shall then forward the application and score sheets to the judge in a timely manner.
3. The applicant must state in the application that at least part of his/her livelihood is derived from working with livestock in occupations as listed in Section 1 of this Chapter.
4. The applicant must state in the application that the dog(s) is/are of valuable assistance in performing the tasks listed.
5. The applicant must state in the application the location of the inspection and the proximity of this location to the applicant's current residence.
6. The applicant must diagram or describe the tasks on which the dog (s) will be judged. This must be sufficiently detailed for the RTSC to determine that the work is worthy of being judged.

7. The application fees shall be \$10.00 for the first dog and \$5.00 for each additional dog. The applicant must own or co-own the dog(s) to be inspected. The applicant must be a Full Member or Service Member of ASCA. A check or money order made payable to ASCA must be included with the application.

Rationale:

1. This motion formally makes the Ranch Trial Sanctioning Committee responsible for approving Ranch Dog Certification applications.
2. This motion ensures that all applicants have at least ASCA Service Member status.
3. The wording has been modified to be more precise and to be gender-neutral.

Approve: Baker, Bryant, Hardin, Hischer, Holmes, Kelly, Kissman, May, Pechka-King, Silveira, Walker Disapprove: (none) Not voting: Zilch Motion is carried.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

03:05 EDUCATION COMMITTEE -Byline Format

Motion by Berryessa.

I move that we accept the following motion from the Education Committee:

Kay Marks second Kristin McNamara

I move that any and all articles produced by any member of the education committee under its auspices be credited per the format below as suggested by Lisa Giroux.

Title of article

ASCA Education Committee and the year produced

List of committee member names

Text of article

Credit to the main author

Comments: The Byline format was created to recognize the authors of the article with credence given to the entire Education Committee for review and approval of specified article. The concern against such a Byline Format was that a Committee effort does not generally single out individual authors, but presents a collective effort from all Committee members.

January 30, 2006 Vote Approve: Bell; Cochran; Giroux; Hollen; Marks; Martin; McNamara; Mitchell; Stephenson. Disapprove: Reedy.

Directors voting: Approve: Gray, Davenport, Bryant, Stevens & Berryessa. Disapprove: DeChant & Walter. Abstain: Aufox & Hellmeister. Motion is approved.

03:05 EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Liaison

Motion by Berryessa.

I move that the following Liaison program be created by the Education Committee.

In order to facilitate communication between the various ASCA Committees and the Education Committee (EC), the EC would like to create a Liaison program to act as an information network. Members of the EC would request feedback from the ASCA Committee they are networking with and convey any relevant information to the EC when necessary. The Liaison program will in no way supersede committee authority or interfere with committee operation. It will exist solely to support the common goal of education and awareness.

Chris Reedy second Kay Marks

Comments: This program is an effort to fulfill the EC collective goal of resourcing and distributing information from all venues and programs to improve availability and awareness of such information to the ASCA membership and interested public. Concerns rest on the reaction and interaction of the individual Committees such that there is no threat of interference with their own goals or authority.

Vote (2/17/06) Approve: Bell; Cochran; Giroux; Hollen; Marks; Martin; McNamara; Mitchell; Reedy; Stephenson. Disapprove: none. Unanimous approval.

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, Gray, Bryant, DeChant, Walter, Stevens, Hellmeister & Berryessa. Disapprove: Davenport. Motion is approved.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES- CHAPTER 10, SECTION 2, Paragraph 2

Motion by Davenport.

I move the following from the SDC. Chris VT

Motion by Bryant, second by Holmes:

I move that the following modifications be made to the Stockdog Rules and Regulations:

Change Chapter 10, Section 2, Paragraph 2 to read:

Sorting: Minimum of ten (10) head required at the start. At least one sort is required. Work required includes the sorting of a minimum three (3) animals and moving them to a separate pen and/or holding them in a designated area. A drafting race may be used to sort sheep/goats. The dog and handler may work together during sorting. Animals to be sorted may either be marked prior to the run, or designated by the judge during the run.

Rationale: This eliminates the potential hardship that may be incurred by the host club or ranch owner of having to pre-mark large numbers of ranch animals. This is especially critical with respect to cattle.

Approve: Baker, Bryant, Hardin, Hischier, Holmes, Kelly, Kissman, May, Pechka-King, Silveira, Walker Disapprove: (none) Not voting: Zilch Motion is carried.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

Subject: 94:01 STOCK DOG COMMITTEE- Working Description Ballot

Motion by Davenport.

I move the following from the Stockdog Committee:

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Holmes.

I move the following recommendation be sent to the ASCA Board of Directors.

The ASCA Stockdog Committee recommends that the following questionnaire be used to poll the ASCA Membership. A copy of the Working Description will accompany this questionnaire. Once the results of the poll are obtained, the board will forward them to the Stock Dog Committee.

Use the following form to indicate your opinion on the placement of the Working Description within ASCA's rules and documents.

If you believe that The Working Description of the Australian Shepherd should be appear in any of the places identified in items 1 thru 5, then check all that apply.

---- 1. The back of the Individual Dog Registration Application form

---- 2. As an Appendix of the ASCA Stockdog Trialing Guidelines

---- 3. As an Appendix of ASCA Stockdog Rules and Regulations

---- 4. On ASCA Stockdog Score Sheets

_____ 5. Other _____

If you think that The Working Description of the Australian Shepherd should NOT appear in any of the places identified in items 1-5, then check "N" below.

_____ N. None of the above.

Approve: Baker, Bryant, Hardin, Holmes, Kelly, Kissman, May, Pechka-King, Silveira, Walker, Zilch. Disapprove: Hischier Motion is carried. Comments For: (none) Comments Against: (none)

Directors voting: Approve: Gray, Davenport, Bryant, DeChant, Walter, Stevens, Hellmeister & Berryessa. Non-Voting: Aufox. Motion is approved.

03:05 STANDING EDUCATION COMMITTEE-Pamphlet

Yes: Laura, Lori, Marilyn, Liz, Kelli, Devona, Jamie, Chris, Joan, Kim

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Gray, Bryant, DeChant, Stevens, Hellmeister & Berryessa. Disapprove: Walter. Motion is approved.

93:19 BOARD POLICIES-9.11.5 Ground Travel (Privately owned vehicles)

Motion by Gray, seconded by Hellmeister.

I move to add the following to Policy 9.11.5

9.11.5 Ground Travel (Privately owned vehicles)

c. Estimate for the most economical air fare must be obtained from the airlines and/or major Internet Travel sites a minimum of 6 weeks before the 1st day of the meeting. A copy of the flight itinerary with price listed must be sent to the Business Office before reimbursement will be paid.

Directors voting: Approve: Hellmeister, Walter, Berryessa, Bryant, Gray, Davenport & Aufox. Disapprove: Stevens. Abstain: DeChant. Motion is approved.

Zoomerang Survey

Motion by DeChant, seconded by Gray.

I move that we purchase a year's subscription to Zoomerang Surveys (Zoomerang.com) so that we could put surveys on the web site and in the AT so that we can obtain member feedback on ideas and proposals such as the discussion that is going on with changes to the conformation program. This is a fully developed survey program that helps you create good surveys and provides excellent results that you can actually use. We could get this for \$350 a year as a nonprofit. We can use the AT and the ASCA-L to direct Members to take the surveys on the web site.

Directors voting: Approve: Walter, Bryant, Gray, Aufox, Davenport, DeChant & Berryessa. Abstain: Stevens & Hellmeister. Motion is approved.

93:19 BOARD POLICIES - ARPH LEPs

Motion by Gray, seconded by Davenport.

I move to approve the following change to Policy 18.6:

From:

By request of ARPH, ASCA will honor free LEP registration to ARPH adopted dogs. When applying for LEP, the owner must include proof that the dog was adopted through ARPH (such as a copy of the adoption agreement.)

Should the dog be approved for LEP registration, the LEP fee will be waived. Adoption through ARPH in no way guarantees that the dog will automatically receive an LEP

registration number from ASCA."

to:

Policy 18.6

By request of ARPH, ASCA will honor free LEP registration to ARPH adopted dogs. When applying for LEP, the owner must include proof the dog was adopted through ARPH (such as a copy of the adoption agreement.) Should the dog be approved for LEP registration, the LEP fee will be waived. Adoption through ARPH in no way guarantees the dog will automatically receive an LEP registration number from ASCA. Owners of dogs applying for LEP status must be full or service members of ASCA.

Comment: The wording in this motion is from the motion passed in April 05 that never got into the policy book, Jean wanted the last sentence added to the Policy.

Directors voting: Approve: Stevens, DeChant, Bryant, Gray, Davenport, Hellmeister, Berryessa & Walter. Disapprove: Aufox. Motion is approved.

02:07 ASCA ENDOWMENT FUND -

Motion by Gray, seconded by DeChant.

I move a link named "ASCA Foundation" be put on the website. This link will take you to a list of the current projects and a form to donate to the foundation.

Note: Form still needs to be developed.

Directors voting: Approve: Hellmeister, Stevens, Davenport, Gray, Berryessa, Bryant, Walter & DeChant. Disapprove: Aufox. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Appendix D

Motion by Bryant.

Motion 07-2006 by Sue Graham, 2nd by Pamela, effective August 1, 2006.

Appendix D, section 5, last sentence reads: Unless otherwise agreed by the course reviewer and judge, course diagrams shall be submitted in "Course Designer 2000" format.

Change to: Unless otherwise agreed by the course reviewer and judge, course diagrams shall be submitted in either "Course Designer 2000" or "Course Designer 2003" format.

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, Gray, Davenport, Bryant, Berryessa, DeChant, Walter & Hellmeister. Disapprove: Stevens. Motion is approved.

96:16 JR. SHOWMANSHIP - JHCOE

Motion by Hellmeister.

I move to accept the following recommendation of the Junior Committee:

Motion by Julie Bender, Second by Kristin Grazulis Vote: Unanimous

I'd like to make a motion to except the JHCOE as written below.

To correct Appendix H to become Appendix A as there is no Appendix A-G. To have the JHCOE placed after Appendix A on page 14, and be listed under Appendix B, to placed before the ASCA Junior Handling Patterns on page 14 in the June 2006 edition of the Junior Handling Rule Book.

Junior Handling Code of Ethics

The Junior Handling Code of Ethics has been written by ASCA Juniors and approved by the ASCA Board of Directors. The JHCOE is designed to assist all juniors with their journey during the ASCA year.

These ethics are set up as guidelines and we understand that there will be grey areas. It is our hope that Juniors will look to the JHCOE when faced with a difficult situation and feel confident in the choices they may have to make.

1. We encourage developing friendships and interaction between Juniors. All Juniors should talk to other juniors in an encouraging, helpful and positive manner at all times. As a Junior you are expected to treat adults and other Juniors with respect, as well as their property, dogs and space inside and outside of the ring. When you are participating in any ASCA activities, you carry the responsibility of representing the ASCA Junior Program to the public. You are also expected to conduct yourselves in a manner that reflect well on your country, state, and affiliate club, as well as yourselves.

2. The judge's decision must be respected. Whether you win or lose, you should always conduct yourself in a positive manner. All Juniors win or lose, should not throw down a ribbon at any time. They should not pout, complain, or speak poorly of the judge. All Juniors should be well mannered when competing or watching.

3. ASCA Junior handlers should treat their dogs with kindness and respect, should never hit or kick their dogs; this is never an appropriate method of training a dog. It is a privilege to handle a dog in and around ASCA events. Giving your dog the appropriate time and effort in training will give you good response and playfulness in the ring. What ASCA Juniors learn with these dogs will be with them forever. Juniors can teach other people how to treat their dogs by example.

4. ASCA Junior exhibitors are expected to train, care for and groom their animals during shows and at home. Juniors will do their own work, appropriate for their age and physical and mental development. This includes research on your dog, its training, care and grooming.

5. When Juniors are asked to handle dogs other than their own they should do so for the experience, increased knowledge and to show good showmanship by assisting another handler, not for payment. Juniors are encouraged to only handle other's dogs if time and desire permits. Juniors should never feel obligated to handle dogs other than their own.

We'd like to encourage all juniors to visit the ASCA website; review the Junior Rules and the Breed Standard. It is our wish that all Juniors have a positive experience; making new friends, enjoying the company of good dogs and enriching your lives with new life skills; and setting a high standard of excellence.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - CRCD 2003

Motion by Bryant.

As a side note, each upgrade license is \$50. So we are talking a total of \$150. Ally

You may need to explain what CRCD is to the rest of the Board of Directors and how important it is to be able to ensure that ASCA will have consist courses throughout the country.

Motion by Sue Graham, effectively immediately, the Agility Committee asks that the ASCA Board of Directors approve the reimbursement (to our course reviewers) of the cost of the program upgrade for Clean Run Course Designer 2003 (CRCD 2003).

Rational: Many of the judges ASCA will wish to use in their Agility Program no longer have the Clean Run Course Designer 2000 version, and it is not available any longer. CRCD 2003 will be able to read both versions, CRCD 2000 and CRCD 2003.

This motion passed, the votes were as follows: Yes from Sue, Kristi, Ron, Lisa K, Andrea, Art, Pamela, Margaret & Dianne. Non-voting: Lisa D.

Directors voting: Approve: Bryant, Davenport, Walter, Berryessa, DeChant & Hellmeister. Disapprove: Aufox & Stevens. Abstain: Gray. Motion is approved.

97:15 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES - 3.e

Motion by Gray seconded by Davenport.

I move to add the following to the Committee Procedures.

3.e. Committees may elect a Co-Chair to take over committee duties in the absence of the Chair.

Directors voting: Approve: Davenport, Gray, Bryant, DeChant, Walter, Stevens, Berryessa & Hellmeister. Disapprove: Aufox. Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Sec. 2.5

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following from the Tracking committee:

I, Craig Bohren, move, and seconded by Anne Hershey, that we add the following to Section 2.5 of the tracking rules and regs:

The alternate track may be used as a titling track if it is not needed as an alternate track, if its use does not require the judges to judge more than the allowed number of tracks per test, and if the judges agree to use it for titling.

Also, in the second sentence, "spare" should be changed to alternate."

The new reg would read:

Section 2.5. Alternate Track.

Judges are encouraged to plot an alternate track in the event a retest of one of the dogs is required, or if one of the tracks becomes invalidated. The alternate track should be fully equivalent to any other track so that it can be used promptly, saving time and permitting the test to proceed in an orderly fashion without interruption. The chart showing the plot of the alternate track should appear in the Judge's books. The alternate track may be used as a titling track if it is not needed as an alternate track, if its use does not require the judges to judge more than the allowed number of tracks per test, and if the judges agree to use it for titling.

Voting in favor: Craig Bohren, Anne Hershey, Jane Palmer, Angela Rector, Deb St. Jacques
Voting opposed: Ralph Swingle, Celeste Kelly, Judy Whittaker, Meghan Rosenstengel
Abstain: none
Not voting: Susan Schroeder

Directors voting: Approve: Davenport, Aufox, Gray, Bryant, Walter, Stevens, Hellmeister & Berryessa. Disapprove: DeChant. Motion is approved.

00:20 REGISTRY RULES - Multiple Sires

Motion by Berryessa, seconded by Gray:

I move that the attached form be used for registering litters with multiple sires.

Note: We worked with Jean to develop a form that would allow everything to be done on one form, plus had the necessary explanations as regards cost on it.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

Approved

BREEDER JUDGES APPLICANTS:

NON-REGULAR - Gerald Smith - San Antonio, TX

NON-REGULAR - Melinda Gann - Arlington, TX

NON-REGULAR - Andrea Armstrong Bair - Bellflower, CA

PROVISIONAL BREEDER JUDGE - Linda Buell - Shingle Springs, CA

PROVISIONAL BREEDER JUDGE - Amy Burnette - Woodstock, GA

BREEDER JUDGE - Rick Gann - Arlington, TX

SENIOR BREEDER JUDGE - Jasa (Peterson) Hatcher - Chino Hills, CA

Place on the Spring Meeting Agenda a complaint against a Senior Breeder Judge