March 2017 Secretary’s Report

This report details the day-to-day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors through mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications. This report is respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.

New ASCA Judges

Approved Agility Judge Peggy Meersman (Belgium)
Approved Agility Judge Allard Wagenaar (Belgium)
Junior Handling Judge Shelby Shank (Arizona)
Non-Regular Breeder Judge Brandy Esch (Colorado)
Non-Regular Breeder Judge Valerie Yates (Ontario)
Non-Regular Breeder Judge Lisa Ott (Wisconsin)
Provisional Breeder Judge Elizabeth Jaco (Texas)
Provisional Breeder Judge Kalla Jaco (Texas)
Provisional Breeder Judge DiAnna Williams (California)
Approved Breeder Judge Linda Braun (New York)

Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2017

Present: President Laura Gibson, 1st Vice President Ann DeChant, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Cindy King, Director Linda Gray, Director Preston Kissman, Director Jean Roberts, Director Ken Silveira, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: None

There is a quorum with 9 voting members of the Board present.

- Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm Central Time.

Items in Executive Session:

There were 3 items that were discussed in Executive Session below. The times are marked for when ES was entered and exited. Only the notice of the violation and the penalties assessed are published below.

Ratification of February Business

BD.17.28 Ratify February BOD email votes
Motion by Vest to ratify the email votes for February. Second by Wesen.
Approve: Unanimous; motion carries.

Judge Approval

Kirsten Cole-MacMurray should have been approved as Apprentice Stockdog Judge, but her level was published in the Aussie Times incorrectly and the motion was made based off what was published.

BD.17.29 Rescind JA.17.04 Provisional Stockdog Judge: Kirsten Cole-MacMurray (California)
Motion by Gibson to rescind approval of Kirsten Cole-MacMurray as a Provisional Stockdog Judge. Second by Silveira.
Approve: Unanimous; motion carries.
The Stockdog Rules only state the applicant must be published in the Aussie Times. There have been more mistakes in this process than just the incorrect publication, and the Board intends to make an exception based on the circumstances.

**JA.17.15 Apprentice Stockdog Judge Kirsten Cole-MacMurray (California)**

Motion by Gibson to, in light of the errors that were made in the approval of Kirsten Cole-MacMurray as an Apprentice Stockdog Judge, make an exception and approve her based on her publication in the Aussie Times. Second by Silveira.

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen; Oppose: 0; Abstain: Gray; *motion carries.*

**February Treasurer’s Report**

Wesen gave the report. Ending balance for period ending February 28, 2017, is $169,274.96. Discussion of fee schedule and ADMS account goals has been added to the Spring Meeting agenda.

**BD.17.30 February Treasurer’s report**

Motion by Gray to accept the Treasurer’s report as read. Second by Vest.

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: 0; Abstain: Wesen; *motion carries.*

**System Upgrade**

Vest gave the report. The Office Manager is currently working to make sure that the agility trial results can be automatically downloaded into ASCA’s system. For other programs – if sanctioning for a show is done online an Affiliate may manually enter that show’s results online.

**Director’s Handbook**

Directors should send their feedback to Jaco. The committee will present a proposal for a new handbook at the Spring Meeting.

**Performance Survey**

Liaisons should look through the survey results and determine if it would be suitable to take back to their committees.

- The Board entered Executive Session at 6:39 pm.

**Disqualified Dogs**

E190074 Clearview’s Can You Hear Me Now
E149909 Jubilee’s Four Alarm Fire

**Registry Investigation**

Silveira is investigating. Further discussion will continue at the Spring Meeting.

- The Board exited Executive Session at 7:20 pm.

**Moderators for ASCA-L**

Roberts is working on a position description. She suggests having four moderators – all ASCA members, but no Board members. Applicants should have experience moderating discussion lists.
Moderating Aussie Times Submissions
Concern had been voiced over an article in the January/February issue of the Aussie Times. Gibson reported that she had shared the Board's concerns with the AT editor and with the person who wrote the article.

Creation of a Judges' Education Committee
The Board discussed placing one person or a committee in charge of judge education for all programs. They would be responsible for putting in place coherent and consistent requirements for judges to keep updated on education.

Barn Hunt/Nose Work Survey
ASCA has only started to gauge interest in these programs. Further discussion has been added to the Spring Meeting agenda.

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.