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ASCA SECRETARY'S REPORT

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91:07 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE- Membership Packets. Motion: Jane Harrell. Second: Betty Martin. Effective immediately all information regarding suspended persons, suspended dogs, persons on the NSF check list be eliminated from all membership packets or information packets sent out by the ASCA Business Office.

Author's Comment: I think this should be self-explanatory. However, I must agree that to present this type of negative information to new members does not do much for good public relations. Approve: Martin, Carrillo, Middleton, Harrell, Tubbs, Gray, Walter & Silveira. Disapprove: Weaver. Motion Carries.

96:06 MANDATORY DNA TESTING. Motion: Jane Harrell. Second: Betty Martin. Rescind and repeal all phases of the mandatory DNA testing program as stated in 96:06 DNA Motion: Motion: Lori Middleton. Second: Linda Gray. Incorporate the DNA Test Requirement Schedule into the DNA section of the ASCA Registry Rules and insert the same schedule under the respective sire and dam signature lines on the Litter Application Form by January 1, 1997, the first phase of which becomes effective January 1, 1997. The exception being with the spot DNA testing currently in force. All DNA testing will be done on a voluntary basis, and that:

- a. a notice to this effect be included in all future issues of the *Aussie Times* beginning with the September/October 1996 issue. This same notice will be sent out with all mailings from the ASCA Business Office;
- b. beginning with the September/October 1996 issue of the *Aussie Times*, educational material involving the benefits of DNA testing will be distributed to the entire ASCA membership and any other interested parties;
- c. the question of mandatory DNA testing will be placed on the 1998 Election Ballot. No mandatory DNA testing will be imposed without the consensus and agreement of a majority of the voting ASCA membership.

Author's comment: I think a program as dynamic and progressive as this should have been put before the membership prior to it's passing. Because of the technical nature involved, a full educational process should be started. It is time to back up and listen to our membership. We are being placed in a reactionary mode of defending our actions rather than a progressive one. Let's take the time to educate them as well as ourselves that DNA is ASCA's future--and let's allow the membership to make this progressive step forward for us.

Motion to table by Neil Weaver. Second: Ken Silveira. I move that we table the 96:07 motion dated 6/28/96 by Jane Harrell to "rescind and repeal all phases of mandatory DNA testing" until after the National membership meeting held on September 19, 1996.

Author's Comment: Tabling this motion will give us at least 2 things-- more time for people who register with ASCA to read and hear the whole story on ASCA's DNA programs AND face to face input from up to 1000 ASCA members at the Oregon Nationals. We need both of these things to happen before we consider taking even one small backwards step. Approve: Middleton, Weaver, Gray, Silveira and Walter. Disapprove: Carrillo, Martin, Harrell and Tubbs. Motion Carries. ASCA Executive Secretary directive to the Board: "Vote on Jane's original motion will be due September 19, 1996.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULE CHANGE- Motion: Lori Middleton. Second: Linda Gray. **#1.** Change Ch 3 Sec 7.4: Change second sentence- *At the option of the Host Club, bitches in season may be permitted to compete in order or after the last run.* Effective 1-1-97.

#2. Change Ch 11 Sec 2.5 to read: *Qualifying points towards eligibility in the Finals for each class of stock will be earned in the following ways:* One (1) point for each score received of 100 or more. One (1) point for each qualifying score that earns High Score Aussie in Class of stock (cattle, sheep & duck) at a trial. Examples: 1) A sheep score of 97 that goes High Score Aussie in Sheep at a trial, that dog earns 1 point toward sheep for the Finals. 2) A dog scores 107 in Cattle but places second to High Score Aussie in cattle, earns 1 point toward cattle in the Finals. 3) A dog scoring 106 and High Score Aussie in Ducks at a trial, he earns 2 points towards Ducks for the Finals. 4) A dog scores 99 on sheep and DOES NOT get High Score Aussie in Sheep at a trial, he earns zero (0) points toward the Finals.

#3. Add in Ch 11 Sec 1- Add Sec 1.3- *All Contestants first go around draw will be with fresh stock. Subsequent draws will be gate sorted rather than presorted of running bitches in heat order that they draw, running them last, or not allowing them to compete at all. It shall be stated in the premium list so as to give contestants the option of running their males.*

#1. Approve: Harrell, Middleton, Tubbs, Weaver, Gray, Silveira & Walter. Disapprove: Martin & Carrillo. Motion is approved with an effective date of 1/1/97.

#2. Approve: Middleton, Tubbs, Weaver, Gray, Silveira, Walter & Carrillo. Disapprove: Harrell & Martin. Motion is approved with an effective date of 6/1/97.

#3. Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved with an effective date of 6/1/97.

90:38 AGILITY- Motion: Maarten Walter. Second: Linda Gray.

#1. Retroactively (for 1995 & 1996) higher level legs attained in dual sanctioned NADAC/ASCA trials be credited for lower level ASCA requirements.

#2. The ASCA Agility Committee recommended to the ASCA Board that in ASCA-only trials, or in NADAC/ASCA dual-sanctioned trials, qualifying legs executed at a higher level than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement be credited for legs needed for the lower level title.

#3. The ASCA Agility Committee believes that "Appendix B" (page 23) in the ASCA Rule Book does not reflect the intent of Section 4.4 (page 10) that establishes a single ATCH certificate that requires a complete fulfillment of three separate requirements (200 points in Regular Agility, plus 100 points in Gamblers, plus 100 points in Jumpers). The ASCA Agility Committee therefore recommends to the ASCA Board the "Appendix B" be deleted and that Section 4.4 of the ASCA Rule Book be revised to parallel the language of Section 4.4 of the 3/1/95 NADAC Rule Book (page 14) with "ATCH" being substituted for "NATCH". The ASCA Agility Committee further requests that the notice of this change be published in the next issue of the *Aussie Times*. **#1.** Approve: Unanimous. Effective retroactive for 1995 & 1996. **#2 & #3.** Approve: Unanimous. Effective 6/1/97.

96:07 DNA- HARDSHIP REGISTRY- Motion: Jane Harrell. Second: Betty Martin. Rescind and repeal changes to the Hardship Registry as stated in 91:24 Hardship Registry- Board Directive- Effective July 1, 1996, the following additions will apply to the Hardship Registry:

- *Owner of Sire will have to sign Application.*
 - *Three photos (left side, right side, and front) of sire, dam and applicant will accompany application.*
 - *DNA tests will be required for sire, dam and applicant at applicants expense. DNA test kits must be purchased from ASCA Business Office.*
 - *A notice to this effect be included in the September/ October 1996 Aussie Times.*
- Any Hardship Registration Application returned after June 1, 1996 will be reconsidered.*

Author's Comments: The membership has voted solidly year after year to leave the Hardship Registry open. Placing these restrictions on the registry will in fact close it by making it extremely difficult or impossible to hardship register a dog. This is not what our membership wants. Moreover, these changes were not made in accordance with ASCA's Bylaws in that the effective date did not allow the information to be published and presented to the membership for 30 days prior to becoming effective. Approve: Carrillo, Harrell, Martin, Walter, Gray, Middleton and Tubbs. Disapprove: Silveira and Weaver. Motion Carries.

OBEDIENCE RULES- Other breeds in ASCA Obedience. Motion: Jane Harrell. Second: Betty Martin. The following instructions be given to the ASCA Business Office immediately.

- Only titles earned in ASCA Obedience trials will determine whether any dog enters the A or B division of Novice, Open or Utility. Titles earned in any other registry (AKC, UKC, CKC, etc.) will have no bearing on the ASCA Obedience program.
- Novice A: shall be for dogs that have not earned an ASCA CD title. A person who has previously handled or regularly trained a dog that has earned an ASCA CD title may not be entered in Novice A.
- Novice B: shall be for dogs that have not earned an ASCA title CD. If the owner or handler has previously titled dogs to an ASCA CD title they must enter in the Novice B class.
- Open A: shall be for any dogs that have earned the ASCA CD title but have not won the ASCA title of CDX. ASCA Obedience Judges may not enter or handle dogs in this class.

Author's Comments: When thinking of the differences between Novice and Open A or B classes- the distinction in Novice is based on the experience of the handler, not the dog. In Open, it is just the opposite where the distinction is based on the experiences of the dog and not necessarily that of the handler. I don't really believe a motion is necessary, but perhaps it is better to establish this procedure so that whenever written instructions are given to the office, they must be handled through this motion process. Approve: Tubbs, Harrell, Carrillo, Walter, Martin, Middleton, Gray & Weaver. Disapprove: Silveira. Motion Carries.

87:07 ASCA NATIONAL FINALS- Aussie Times Listing. Motion: Jane Harrell. Second: Betty Martin.

- Reinstate to its' previous format, ranking by number or points earned to date, the listing of the National Finals Stock Dog Qualifiers Listing in every issue of the *Aussie Times* and
- have the 1995-1996 year end listing of the National Finals Stock Dog Qualifiers ranked by number of points earned throughout the trial year, published in the September/October 1996 issue of the *Aussie Times*.

Author's Comments: Reinstating this listing by the actual number of points earned will not cause a hardship in the Business Office as the computer program to handle this is already in place. Keeping the listing by rank, i.e. number of points earned, indicated who's been actively competing with their dogs. I believe the competitors like to see this listing as do many ASCA members not involved with the programs. It is good PR for ASCA and our Stockdog program. Approve: Tubbs, Harrell, Carrillo, Walter & Martin. Disapprove: Middleton, Weaver & Silveira. Abstain: Gray. Motion carries.

91:24 HARDSHIP REGISTRY, Canadian Kennel Club. Motion: Jane Harrell. Second: Betty Martin. The Canadian Kennel Club will be listed in the ASCA Hardship Rules (#6) with IESR, NSDR, & UKC. Approve: Unanimous.

BROCHURE AND INFO PACKET. From Terry Martin. Rewrite: Hereditary Defects of the Australian Shepherd. Approve: Harrell, Carrillo, Martin, Tubbs, Weaver, Gray and Walter. Disapprove: Silveira. Abstain: Middleton. Motion carries.

June 1996 Reporting Error- DNA- Request from Lori Middleton. For Dr. George Johnson, an associate professor at Arkansas Tech University to address the technical questions of DNA at the National Membership Meeting in Oregon. (Vote tally correction) Approve: Unanimous.

THE ASCA BOARD IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT NEAL DESHAZO HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE STOCK DOG COMMITTEE TO MOVE TO THE PROVISIONAL JUDGE STATUS.

WE ALSO WELCOME NANCY LINK FROM REGION 2 AND ANNETTE CYBORON FROM REGION 3 AS THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE ASCA STANDING OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE.

90:03 SHOW RULES CHANGE- Point Schedule. Motion: Ken Silveira. Second: Lori Middleton. The Conformation Point Schedule be calculated based on all of the ASCA Sanctioned conformation shows held during the regular show year of June 1 through May 31 and that this be effective for the June 1, 1995 through May 31, 1996 show year. Approve: Walter, Silveira, Carrillo, Gray, Weaver & Middleton. Disapprove: Harrell, Tubbs & Martin. Motion carries.

94:10 NATIONAL SPECIALTY- Donation. Motion: Linda Gray. Second: Maarten Walter. ASCA donate the following to the Nationals:

1. One blood draw kit and certificate for a free test to the Best of Breed dog at the National Specialty. If the Best of Breed dog has already been tested, the kit and certificate will go to the next dog in line that hasn't been tested (i.e. Best of Opposite, Best of Winners) If all have been tested, the kit and certificate are added to the ARPH Raffle.
2. One blood draw kit and certificate for a free test to the High Scoring Stockdog, High Scoring Obedience and Top Agility Dog. If the High scoring and top dogs have already been tested, the kit and certificates go to the next dog in line for the award that hasn't been tested. If all have been tested, the kit and certificate are added to the ARPH Raffle.
3. Two blood draw kits and certificates for free tests to the ARPH Raffle.

Author's Comments: Money will be spent. This will encourage people to test their dogs and get used to the idea. Approve: Silveira, Gray, Middleton, Weaver & Walter. Disapprove: Martin, Harrell, Carrillo & Tubbs. Motion Carries.

Additional issues brought before the ASCA Board in July are defined as to category, but are not specifically reported here: 2 Affiliates, 5 Breeder problems, 7 Committees, 3 Programs, 1 Discipline, 1 Registry and 8 Miscellaneous.

The ASCA Business Office reports the following activities for July 1996:

REGISTRY- Totals

631 Individual Registrations, 41 Non Breeding, 330 Litters, 108 Transfers, 4 Leases, 4 LEP, 19 Duplicates, 14 Hardships, 11 Pedigrees, 2 New kennels, 13 Renewed kennels and 227 e-mail requests. 38 DNA kits mailed.

MEMBERSHIP

147 New members, 328 Renewals, 17 Jr. Times and 0 Affiliate.

SHOW/STOCK

24 Sanctions received, 14 Sanctions processed, 8 Sanctions pending, 90 Results received, 27 Results processed, 5 Results pending, 27 S&T subscriptions and 386 Certificates.

MEMBER OPINIONS: addressed to the ASCA Board regarding mandatory DNA testing are as follows:

11 - Individuals approve of mandatory DNA Program testing.

20 - Individuals disapprove mandatory DNA Program testing.

0 - Affiliate Clubs approve mandatory DNA Program testing.

2 - Affiliate Clubs disapprove mandatory DNA Program testing.

515 Fax pages were received in this office during July 1996 with 43 pages in a single day.

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