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### Secretary's Report

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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

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE--AgC: 00-6 (Revisions to Section 5.1.3)

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Agility Committee:

AgC: 00-6 (Revisions to Section 5.1.3). Moved by Annelise Alan and seconded by Carol Maslansky; Committee vote in favor of the motion is unanimous (13 yes, 0 no): The Agility Committee recommends to the Board to that the sentence "A judge may also assess a five (5) fault penalty if they feel the dog made enough contact with the pole, bar, or board that it should have been displaced" in Section 5.1.3 (F) be deleted and that Section 5.1.3 (G) be deleted in its entirety and that notice of this change be published in the Aussie Times and that these changes be included in the January 1, 2001 edition of the Agility Rulebook.

Committee's comment: It is rare for a judge to assess a fault when a dog makes contact with the jump pole when the pole does not fall. Furthermore, when such calls are made, the call can be open to considerable dispute as to whether the fault should have been assessed at all. It is the Committee's opinion that the provision for such arbitrary calls should be removed and that faults for poles should only be assessed when the pole is displaced by the dog. NADAC has already deleted this sentence from its rulebook. The table has already been removed from the equipment list; thus section G of 5.1.3 discussing the assessment of table faults is no longer necessary. The Committee recommends that section G be deleted in its entirety.

Voting:  
Approve: Unanimous  
Motion is approved

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE--ASCA Genetic Engineering

Motion by Gray, second by Warren

I move ASCA adopt the following policy from the DNA Committee

ASCA Genetic Engineering

Until the membership of the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. and its Board of Directors are satisfied each has gained a comfortable level of knowledge and assurances that specific technical, moral and legal aspects of cloning, gene splicing or other artificial attempts to enhance or manipulate the canine genome are resolved, ASCA will not allow registration of any dogs produced by such a manner. Furthermore, if and/or when the membership and the ASCA Board determine such technical, moral and legal assurances have been met, ASCA may or may not alter this rule.

Additionally, due to the extreme seriousness and potential repercussions with respect to this issue, it has been determined this rule may be changed ONLY by both an affirmative vote of the membership and the ASCA Board of Directors or as allowed by the current Bylaws of the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc.

1: This rule must abide by all applicable state, local, and federal laws within the United States as well as International laws with which the United States has agreed to abide.

Effective Date: 30 days after publication in the Aussie Times.

Placement: Within the Registry Rules

Comments: Recent genetic research has shown propagation from somatic cells (Cloning) may soon be possible and potentially available and because the potential exists that gene splicing and other forms of genetic engineering may be possible in the canine fancy in the future, ASCA has developed the above policy.

Committee voting:

Approve: CA, Chris, George, Peter, Pete, Sally

Disapprove: Ann

Non-voting: Kim

Board voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Hawley

Motion is approved

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE--Testing requirement for Elderly Parent(s)

Motion by Gray, second by Warren

I move to accept the following motion from the DNA Committee. This will replace the existing section on elderly parents under Litter Registration--Rules and Procedures:

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1990--ANY LITTERS WHOSE SIRE IS OVER (15) FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR DAM WHO IS (12) YEARS OF AGE, WILL REQUIRE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE ASCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO REGISTER.

It will be effective 30 days after being published in the Times.

DNA testing requirement for Elderly Parent(s)

Should the registry receive a litter registration application in which the sire is 15 years of age or older and/or the dam is 12 years of age or older the following shall apply:

1. The over-age parent(s) must be DNA profiled, if not already enrolled in ASCA's DNA-PV program.
2. All puppies to be registered must be enrolled in ASCA's DNA-VP (Verified Parentage) program.
3. Any parent of such a litter that is not over-age shall also be so profiled if not already enrolled in ASCA's DNA-VP program.

Rationale: DNA testing allows clear and certain identification of parents. Current rules regarding sires over 15 and dams over 12 require the board to spend valuable time on what is basically a registry verification procedure which can be conclusively decided through the DNA-VP process.

In Favor: CA, Chris, Ann, George, Peter, Pete, Sally Non-voting: Kim

Board voting:

Approve: Gray, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Tubbs, Warren Disapprove: Hawley

Non-voting: Berryessa

Motion is approved

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE--Name Change request

Motion by Gray, second by Warren

I move we approve the DNA Committee's motion below:

MOTION: I move the ASCA DNA Committee be renamed the ASCA DNA & Genetics Committee.

Effective date: Thirty days after publication in the Times

COMMENTS: Since many issues that are dealt with by this Committee are related to genetics and this relationship will become stronger in the future as DNA screening for genetic diseases become available, I feel a name change to include Genetics will allow the Committee to continue to pursue these issues as part of its Mission. While DNA for parentage verification has been the main focus of the Committee, we are increasingly dealing with issues related to DNA testing for other purposes. The members serving on this Committee have an interest in present and future research projects which involve the use of DNA and a name change will formalize this connection with all aspects of genetics.

Motion: Ann Dechant, Second Pete Adolphson; Moved 5/14/00 voting deadline: 6/4/00

Approve: Joan, Kris, George, Laura, Susan, Chris, CA, Pete, Ann, Sally, Peter, Kim

Board voting:

Approve: Gray, Hawley, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Berryessa

Non-voting: Trumbull-Clark

Motion is approved

97:14 DNA & GENETICS COMMITTEE--Healthgene

Motion by Gray, second by Toft

I move to approve the following motion from the DNA Committee:

I move we accept HealthGene Inc. as an ASCA designated DNA testing laboratory. Technical and logistical coordination between ImmGen and HealthGene would begin immediately after affirmative approval of the motion by the ASCA Board of Directors. ImmGen will be informed of the motion and directed to coordinate with HealthGene by ASCA's appointed DNA laboratory Liaison Lori Middleton.

Effective date: Immediately after approval by the Board.

Comments: Because of the difficulty Canadian members have experienced in transporting blood samples or other materials considered "biohazards" across international borders, the DNA committee identified a Canadian laboratory, HealthGene, Inc. for the purpose of conducting DNA testing for those ASCA members who reside within Canada. HealthGene is highly experienced in canine DNA testing and screening for canine health conditions and offers DNA testing at a cost comparable to ImmGen (currently \$38 US which includes the kit). HealthGene is also experienced in other veterinary laboratory diagnostic services. Should this motion be accepted by the ASCA Board of Directors, HealthGene has agreed to utilize the same DNA markers as currently used by ASCA's main laboratory ImmGen, Inc., and has also agreed to use the universal marker set established by ISAG when that set has been finalized. ImmGen and HealthGene have agreed to coordinate scientific, database and logistical aspects necessary for the implementation of this program. The framework for the coordination effort will be based upon that currently being utilized by ASCA's German affiliate laboratory. Additional information on HealthGene can be found at HealthGene.com.

Motion by Peter Adolphson 5-23-00 second by Susan Whitman 5-23-00

Votes:

In Favor: Chris, Joan, CA, Kris, George, Ann, Pete, Sally, Laura, Kim, Susan

Board voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Hawley, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Tubbs, Warren

Motion is approved

96:17 JR. SHOWMANSHIP--Jr. Committee

Motion by Berryessa, second by Tubbs

ASCA JUNIOR COMMITTEE

## Membership

### 1. Members

a. The committee will consist of 6 Juniors and 6 adults, plus an adult Chair. Each of the 6 geographic regions will normally be represented by 1 Junior and 1 adult. If a Junior or adult is not available from a region, that position may be filled with first either a Junior or adult from that region or, second, a Junior or adult from another region. Adult and junior members may not come from the same household.

b. A Junior that ages out (is 18 years at the start of a Junior year) is allowed to stay on the committee until the ASCA Board of Directors conducts the annual appointment of members to fill the expiring terms. If a Junior that has been on the committee ages out, that Junior is allowed to stay on the committee for another year if no other Junior is available from that region.

c. All terms of membership expire approximately every 2 years at the ASCA National Specialty. The ASCA Board of Directors will review resumes at the ASCA National Specialty to fill the expiring terms. Members may be reappointed.

d. If a member resigns or needs to be replaced prior to the ASCA National Specialty, the committee may choose to recommend the ASCA Board of Directors replace the member from non-voting members of the committee, replace the member from resumes that have been submitted in the past 6 months and/or place an announcement in the Aussie Times asking for resumes. The Committee will be allowed to make recommendations to the ASCA BOD on the prospective member(s). When a position becomes vacant, the Committee Chair will forward to the Liaison a summary of all openings available and the current regional representation on the committee. The Liaison will then make a motion to the ASCA BOD to either accept an applicant or vote on applicants as needed.

e. Any Junior can be a non-voting member of the committee. They are required to submit a resume. Non-voting members may comment and fill positions on sub-committees.

f. All resumes are to be submitted to the ASCA Executive Secretary, who will forward a copy to the Junior Committee Chair and the Liaison.

### 2. Membership requirements

a. All Juniors will be required to participate in at least 1 ASCA program on a yearly basis.

b. All members will be required to vote on at least 80% of the motions brought before the committee. If the member falls below 80%, the committee chair will notify them in writing. This requirement can be waived by application to the ASCA Board of Directors for just cause (i.e. illness). The member will then be given a month to bring the voting percentages up to 80% on motions that are brought before the committee from a date set by the ASCA Board of Directors. If the member is unable to accomplish this, they may be replaced.

c. Members are also required to serve on at least 1 sub-committee during their term.

### 3. Committee Chair

a. The Junior Committee Chair will be an adult ASCA member. If desired, the Committee may appoint a Co-Chair that will come from the Junior members. The Co-Chair will assist the Chair with any tasks the Chair requests.

b. Each year an election of the Junior Committee chair shall be held during the period of 30 days before to 30 days after the National Specialty. Chairs shall serve for a one year term and may be reelected. This person may come from within the committee or from outside. If the Committee Chair comes from within the committee then that person will be replaced with someone within the region the Chairperson came from. The person elected must have a minimum of one year in that respective Committee as a member and a minimum of three consecutive years as an ASCA member in good standing. If the Chair is unable to carry out his/her duties as listed in these procedures, the committee shall elect a new chair. If at any time a committee member believes that the Chair is not carrying out his/her duty, the committee member may contact the liaison for resolution.

### 4. Liaison

Each Committee shall vote and select one Board member to function as the liaison between the committee and the Board. The Board liaison is not a member of the committee but is responsible to explain to the committee what the Board's position is and must fully understand the committee's recommendations so he/she may help the Board to understand the position taken by the committee on any issue. The liaison is not to interfere in the deliberations of the committee and is not allowed to change or alter any of the recommendations made by the committee, but must endeavor to understand the committee's position and present it to the Board as presented by the committee. This does not prohibit the liaison from bringing potential problems to the committee's attention. The Board liaison to a committee is required to present the committee's proposal to the Board in the form of a motion.

### 5. Regions

a. Region 1---Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska

b. Region 2---California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah

c. Region 3---Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Provinces in Canada west of Ontario

- d. Region 4---Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky
- e. Region 5---Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma
- f. Region 6---Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Washington DC, Europe and Provinces in Canada east of Manitoba

#### Voting Procedure

1. All members (including the Chair) will have one vote in all issues brought before them.
2. When there is a quorum of 50% or more of the committee present at the ASCA Nationals, business may be conducted and any motions passed at this time can be presented to the ASCA Board of Directors for their approval during the scheduled committee meeting with the Board.
3. Any committee member may raise issues for discussion. All issues, whether received from the General Membership, Judges, Non-members, Board member or Committee members must be sent to the Chairperson who will:
  - a. Immediately distribute issue(s) to all committee members, including non voting members, and the Board liaison. Set a three week deadline from the postmark date of the mailing to members for receipt of comments back from committee members.
  - b. At the deadline, the Chairperson copies all comments received and distributes them to committee members and Board liaison.
  - c. Set a three week deadline from the postmark date of the mailing to members for receipt of a motion with a second and any further discussion.
  - d. At the end of the second and any further discussion period, the Chairperson will copy all comments and distribute them to the committee members and Board liaison.
    - 1) If a motion with second is received, the Chairperson will also include a vote card to committee members.
    - 2) If no motion is received, it is a dead issue.
  - e. The Chairperson sets a deadline of three weeks from the postmark date of the mailing to members for receipt of the votes.
  - f. At the end of the three week voting period the Chairperson will tabulate the votes cast and mail the results to the committee members and Board liaison.
  - g. If the committee so chooses, all discussions and voting may be by Email. This option may be chosen if all members have access to Email. If Email is used, the 3 week time periods for receipt of comments and votes may be reduced to 2 weeks. The Committee Chair will keep a printed copy of all members votes on each motion.
  - h. The Chairperson will then mail, Email or fax the committee motions on the issue to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the Board. Material received with the motion must include:
    - 1) A motion with a second
    - 2) All comments made during the discussion periods
    - 3) Any correspondence received from the General Membership
    - 4) Results of the vote
  - i. The liaison will then send the motion onto the ASCA Executive Secretary after obtaining a second.
4. Conditions affecting voting:
  - a. No vote will be taken if the motion does not have a second.
  - b. No votes will be counted after the deadline is reached
  - c. A simple majority of votes received is necessary to pass a motion.
5. When publishing voting results for the committee and the Board, members names and how they voted must be listed. When publishing votes in the Aussie Times, only the final count will be published.

#### Miscellaneous

1. The Executive Secretary will forward Committee Members names to the Office. The Office will then forward a current copy of the ASCA Program Rule Book and a copy of the Committee Procedures to each Committee Member. The Office will automatically send Committee Members and Board Members rule books when updated. The Program Rule Book will be made available on the ASCA Web page and available upon request from the Business Office.
2. When a committee schedules a meeting with the Board, the Committee Chairperson will provide the Board with an Agenda for the meeting at least fourteen days prior to the meeting. The agenda may include, but is not limited to:
  - Committee recommendations to the Board
  - Issues requiring clarification

Advice on trends or programs

Issues requiring direct discussion

Committee recommendations on the Agenda will follow the Committee Procedures.

Fourteen days prior to the meeting the material must be sent to the Board for each recommendation.

3. Committees may schedule one conference call each year at ASCA's expense, which will include all Committee Members and the Board liaison. The Agenda for this call must be submitted to the Board prior to the call. The purpose of the call is to allow the entire Committee to be in touch at least once each year and enable them to discuss issues of a complex nature.

4. Committee agendas are determined by the Board, Committee Members and the General Membership.

a. First priority is given to items submitted by the Board.

b. Priority of other items are determined by the amount of input received from the members (both committee and general).

#### Committee Chairperson's Duties

1. All correspondence comes to the committee Chairperson. The Chairperson immediately copies it and sends it out to committee members, including non-voting members and the Board liaison.

2. The Chairperson is responsible for the administration of the voting procedures.

3. The committee Chairperson will take minutes at all committee meetings and conference calls and will distribute these minutes to the committee members and Board liaison within a week of the meeting/call.

4. The Committee Chairperson will prepare a detailed report for each issue of the AUSSIE TIMES. This report will include, but is not limited to, the following:

a. All issues that have been sent to the Board with the committee's recommendation since the last report. Each of these issues should be accompanied by a short description.

b. All issues, with short descriptions, under consideration by the committee.

c. The last paragraph of the report should be, "The committee welcomes your comments on these issues".

d. In any issue deemed necessary by the Chair, a request for resumes to fill any upcoming openings in the committee may be made.

This report must be approved and initialed by the Board liaison before being submitted to the AUSSIE TIMES editor.

5. The committee Chairperson must answer all correspondence directed to the committee providing whatever answers or assistance is requested. If unable to help the person who is writing the committee, the Chairperson must refer the person to the office or officer who may be of assistance.

6. Reimbursable expenses incurred by the committee chairperson are:

a. postage

c. cost of copies

b. stationary

d. up to \$25 in phone calls per month

All reimbursable expenses, with receipts, must be submitted to the ASCA Business Office within sixty days of the expense.

Voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Hawley, Martin, Rossy, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Toft

Abstain: Gray

Non-voting: Trumbull-Clark

Motion is approved

#### 80:33 RULES FOR HOSTING NATIONAL SPECIALTY--Nationals Rules

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to make the following addition to the National Specialty Rules.

Section 8 rename to: Meeting and Board Accomodations

Add section 8.3

The Host Club shall also reserve a block of rooms at the Nationals Headquarters Hotel for the use of the ASCA Board of Directors. The Board Point of Contact will notify the Host Club of the type and number of rooms required for Directors and any additional ASCA personnel attending the Nationals.

Voting:  
Approve: Unanimous  
Motion is approved

#### 80:33 RULES FOR HOSTING NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to make the following addition to the Nationals Specialty Rules, Section 10.4

ASCA will provide Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) to be used for Best Junior Handler and Reserve Junior handler prizes and rosettes for the ASCA Junior Handling Finals. ASCA will also provide Ten Dollars (\$10) per participant for placement and participant rosettes.

Comment: This is in our policy book and should more appropriately be in the National Specialty Rulebook.

Voting:  
Approve: Gray, Rossey, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Warren  
Disapprove: Berryessa, Martin, Tubbs  
Non-voting: Hawley  
Motion is approved

#### 80:33 RULES FOR HOSTING NATIONAL SPECIALTY--Jrs

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to make the following addition to the National Specialty Rules, Section 10.5;

ASCA offers transportation to the National Specialty for the All Around Junior Handler for the year.

Comments: This is another thing that is in the policy book that would be more appropriately included in the National Specialty Rules.

Voting:  
Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Hawley, Rossey, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Warren  
Disapprove: Martin, Tubbs  
Motion is approved

#### 80:33 RULES FOR HOSTING NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to make the following addition to the National Specialty Rules under "REQUIRED RIBBONS/AWARDS" following "Tracking":

ASCA will donate one DNA blood draw kit with test paid for by SACA, to the following winners of the ASCA Nationals each year:

- \* Best of Breed
- \* High in Working Trial
- \* High in Obedience Trial
- \* High Score in Agility
- \* Best Jr. Handler
- \* Tracking

The Tracking recipient will be chosen in the following manner:  
1. New TDX title

2. New TD title

3. Previously titled TD dog passing the TD test In the case of a tie, the Tracking Judges would select a passing dog for the award. If there are no qualifiers, the award will not be presented.

Comment: This is another item in the policy book that would be more appropriately contained in the National Specialty Rules.

Voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Hawley, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Martin

Motion is approved

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES--Sanctioning fees

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to accept the following SDC recommendation effective Jan. 1, 2001

Chapter 3, Section 1

Change to Read:

The ASCA Sanctioned Trial will require the use of ASCA Stockdog Course A or B, it's score sheet and all other ASCA Stockdog Program criteria, including the sanctioning fee of \$15.00 per trial.

Approved: MacKenzie, Harris, Rossy, Carter, Sutherland, Presley, Williams, Moe, Simmons, Walter, Walker

Non-voting: Davies, Bailie

Comments: The original rules state "sanctioning fee of \$15 per day of trial." We have a number of clubs that do AM/PM trials. This is to clarify that the fee is for each trial and not each day with unlimited number of trials. Ask Jo for SDC comments. KW

Board voting:

Approve: Gray, Hawley, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Tubbs, Warren

Disapprove: Berryessa

Motion is approved

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES--Runs permitted per day

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to accept the following SDC rule change effective Jan. 1, 2001

Chapter 3, Section 10.2

Change (4th sentence) to read:

The number of runs permitted per head of stock will be a maximum of three (3) runs for sheep, and four (4) runs for cattle and ducks per day.

Approved: Harris, Rossy, Carter, Sutherland, Moe, Simmons, Walter, Walker

Disapprove: MacKenzie, Williams

Abstain: Presley

Non-voting: Davies, Bailie

Comments: This is not a rule change but a rule clarification. The intent of the original rules was to only run stock x number of times in a day thinking one trial per day. However we do have clubs running more than one trial per day and if we stick with the way the rule is currently written with no indication if this is for day or trial there will be trials where the stock are going to get worked double time. For SDC comments contact Jo. KW

Board voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Gray, Martin, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Tubbs, Warren  
Disapprove: Hawley  
Motion is approved

APPROVED: Bylaws changes for Mid-Atlantic ASC, Inc.  
Affiliate application for Crystal Coast ASC  
Pam Bethurum to field inquiries for information

#### BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

REGISTRY	MEMBERSHIP	SHOW/STOCK
Ind 540	New-Single 70	Sanc. Rec'd 12
NFB 54	New-Dual 13	Sanc. Proc'd 16
Litter 301	New-Foreign 0	Sanc. Pend 3
Trans 67	New-Canadian 1	Results Rec'd 40
Lease 15	Renew-Single 201	Results Proc'd 31
LEP 8	Renew-Dual 53	Results Pend 6
Dups 14	Renew-Foreign 2	S & T Sub. 7
Hardship 23	Renew-Canadian 9	Certificates 330
Pedigree 97	Jr Times 6	
New Ken 3	Aff. Rnw 1	
Rnw Ken 4		
Judge Apps 0	SHOWS HELD	
Email 1003	Conf/Obed shows 47	
DNA Kits 32	Stock 19	
DNA Tests 31	Ranch 0	
	Agility 20	
	Tracking 0	

Kris Toft, Secretary

