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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

00:01 2000 ELECTIONS--ASCA ballot schedule change

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to accept the following revised schedule for balloting for the year 2000:

July 11: Ballots sent to all members. If a ballot has not been received by August 1, member(s) should contact the ASCA Business Office.

September 11: Part 1 of the two-part ballot (candidate voting and referendum question voting) due in the hands of the receiver (not postmarked). Part 2 (the proxy) may be sent with Part 1, submitted any time prior to the ASCA General Membership meeting on October 11, or brought to the meeting.

September 16: On or before this date, all Director Candidates to be notified of voting results. Official notice of voting results given to the membership at the General Membership meeting at the 2000 ASCA National Specialty on Wednesday, October 11.

Comments: This change in the election schedule is necessary for 2000 in order to remain in compliance with the Proxy Voting requirements of the Bylaws. Proxies are only valid for a period of 3 months. Under the schedule published on page 116 of the March-April Aussie Times, most of the proxies would have expired before the date of the General membership meeting. This change will affect voting for 2000 only at this pint. (It may be necessary to alter it in 2001, but we won't know this until CASA sends us their schedule.) The Bylaws Committee has amended the proxy voting in their draft of the new Bylaws to read that the proxies will be valid only for the duration of the Membership meeting. This will allow us to return to the old election schedule after the new Bylaws are approved.

Chuck Carnese has reviewed this schedule and found it to be in compliance.

Voting:

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

Disapprove: Hawley

Motion is approved

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE--Equipment and Rule Change

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Gray

I move to accept the following recommended changes from the Agility Committee:

AgC: 00-1 (Equipment & Rule Changes). Moved by Marj Vincent and seconded by Paul Kirk (Committee votes are indicated on each of the points below). the Agility Committee recommends to the Board the following amendments to the Agility Rulebook be published in the Aussie Times and become effective for ASCA only Agility trials June 1, 2000 and be published in the June edition of the Agility Rulebook (these changes become effective for NADAC sanctioned trials, January 1, 2000):

- 1) Amend Section 2.3 Jump Height Exemption List to include the following two breeds: Petite Basset Griffon Vendeen, German Shepherd Dog; (Committee vote unanimous; 13 yes, 0 no)
- 2) Amend Section 2.4 Agility Obstacles by deleting "or Crossover"; (Committee vote 10 yes, 3 no).
- 3) Amend Section 2.4 Agility Obstacles by deleting "Pause Table"; (Committee vote 9 yes, 4 no).
- 4) Amend Section 3.1.4 Class Entry Restrictions to delete the period at the end of sentence one and insert, "if the club has offered second day move-ups. Clubs are not required to allow move-ups during a multiple day trial." (Committee vote 12 yes, 1 no).
- 5) Amend Section 5.1.3 (A) Running the Wrong Course--10 faults by inserting at the end of section title the words "(Regular Agility and Jumpers Classes)" (Committee vote unanimous)
- 6) Amend Section 5.1.3 (B) Failure to Complete--20 faults by inserting at the end of section title the words "(Regular Agility and Jumpers Classes)" (Committee vote unanimous)
- 7) Amend Section 5.1.3 (C) Unsafe Execution of an Obstacle--20 faults by deleting the word "Execution" and inserting the word "Performance" and inserting at the end of section title the words "(Regular Agility and Jumpers Classes)" (Committee vote unanimous)
- 8) Amend Section 5.1.3 (D) Missed Safety Zone--10 faults by inserting at the end of section title the words "(Regular Agility Class)"; and by deleting "The ascent ramp of the Teeter-Totter"; (Committee vote unanimous).
- 9) Amend Section 5.1.3 (E) Missed Weave Pole (one or more)--5 faults by inserting at the end of section title the words "(Regular Agility and Jumpers Classes)" (Committee vote unanimous)
- 10) Amend Section 5.1.3 (F) Displaced Jump Pole, Bar or Plank--5 faults by inserting at the end of section title the words "(Regular Agility and Jumpers Classes)"; and by deleting all instances of the word "Plank" and inserting for that word the word "Tire"; (Committee vote unanimous).
- 11) Amend the third paragraph of Section 1 in Appendix A so that it reads: "Slats are not required on the Teeter-Totter, Dog Walk, or the lower 1/2 of the A-frame. A good, non-slip surface is required, so dogs have traction on the ramp surface." (Committee vote unanimous)
- 12) Amend in Section 1 in Appendix A the contact zone of the Dog Walk and the Teeter-Totter to read 36-42" (Committee vote 12 yes, 1 no)
- 13) Amend Section 5 in Appendix A to delete the current description of the Tire Jump and insert the following description:
"The tire jump shall be comprised of a framework similar to a non-winged jump and the tire part which will be two parts of a circle. The top portion of the tire shall be approximately 75-85% of the circle and the lower portion to be 15-25%. Each of these two tire portions is to be a minimum of 4" in diameter, although a 6" diameter is recommended. Each portion is to have a 1"-1-1/4" piece of PVC or similar material running through it from which each portion will be suspended from jump cup holders. The side upright framework from which the tire is suspended can be made similar to that of a non-winged jump. The heights of the jump cups shall be such that the lower inside portion of the tire is suspended at the appropriate height
(8/12/16/20/24). The jump cups for the upper portion of the tire shall be such that the upper portion has as small a gap as possible between the upper and lower portion of the tire, so as to create the visual appearance of a complete circular tire. There shall be no upper framework over the top of the tire. The jump wings shall only be wide enough to allow the PVC poles to suspend the tire, but not so wide as to allow a dog to pass between the frame and the tire. Many of the existing non-wing jumps can be used as a tire frame, if the bottom is of the type which uses a PVC pole as a bottom base, in which case a shorter piece of PVC may be used for the bottom. Several equipment manufacturers have made an attachment which can be added to the wings to increase the height of the sides to the appropriate heights for the upper portion of the tire. The tire is to be suspended such that if the tire is hit by a dog from the side, at the bottom, or at the top, either the bottom portion or the top portion will be displaced. The material used for the tire shall be comprised of black plastic drainpipe or similar material so that if it is filled with foam to retain its circular shape, it will still be very lightweight and easily displaceable. The tire should not be so heavy as to cause injury to a dog because of its weight." (Committee vote 12 yes, 1 no)

Committee's comment: Recently NADAC has made some changes in its rules. The Agility Committee has reviewed these rule changes and approves the foregoing listed changes for the ASCA Rulebook.

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE--HIT Awards

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Gray

I move to approve the following recommended change to the Agility Rules from the Agility Committee:

AgC:00-4 (High In Trial Awards). Moved by Elaine McCollough and seconded by Carol Maslansky; Agility Committee vote 12 "yes", 1 "no". The Agility Committee recommends to the Board that Section 2.6.4.2 of the current Agility rulebook be deleted and a new Section 2.6.4.2 be inserted and, if approved by the Board, that it be published in the Aussie Times and in the June 1, 2000 Agility Rulebook:

(New Section 2.6.4.2) High in Trial Awards.

Awards for high scoring in level (Novice, Open, Elite), and/or high in trial (HIT) are not mandatory. However, such awards are often given at the ASCA National Specialty. When such awards are given, computation for these awards shall be done in the following manner:

- a) Separate awards will be given to each of the three Divisions (Standard, Veterans, Junior Handlers). Junior Handlers' scores will be based on Regular Agility and Jumpers classes only.
- b) For purposes of computing high in level (Novice, Open, Elite) and/or high in trial, the class the dog is in for Regular Agility will be its class; scores in Jumpers and Gamblers in either the same or a higher or lower class will be used in the computation of scores. However, High in Trial Qualifying points (HITQ-points) earned shall be dependent upon the class level in which qualifying scores are earned (see point "c" below).
- c) Each faultless qualifying run in Regular Agility, Gamblers, or Jumpers shall be given the following HITQ-point value: runs in an Elite class shall be given 7 HITQ-points; runs in an Open class shall be given 6 HITQ-points; runs in a Novice class shall be given 5 HITQ-points. Each faulted (.01 to 5 faults) qualifying run in Regular Agility shall be given one-half the value of the equivalent level HITQ-points (runs in an Elite class shall be given 3.5 HITQ-points; runs in an Open class shall be given 3 HITQ-points; runs in a Novice class shall be given 2.5 HITQ-points). The dog with the most HITQ-points is declared the winner.
- d) In the event of a tie for HITQ-points, the following procedures shall be used for breaking the tie. First tie breaker: the dog at a higher level in Regular Agility is declared the winner. Second tie breaker: placement points in all classes for the tied dogs shall be computed with 4 points given for first place, 3 points for second place, 2 points for third place, and 1 point for fourth place; the dog with the most placement points is declared the winner.
- e) The computation for high scoring awards shall be posted for the competitors.

Committee's comment: The scoring system for computing high in trial and/or level awards in the current Agility Rulebook evolved from attempts to use many different previous flawed systems. The basic concept (primary consideration of qualifying scored) underlying the present system has been well received by Agility competitors. However, the system in the current Agility Rulebook has three major problems. Trial secretaries have complained heavily about the time consumed for the computation of scores (the Standard Division dogs must be combined with the Veteran's Division dogs in the computation of high scoring awards and other small classes also were combined with larger classes for placement point computations). Another problem in the current system is the use of 5th place which is not usually given in trial posted results (placements are usually first through fourth). A further problem of the system in the current Agility Rulebook is that it does not adequately differentiate between the difficulty of courses based on level (Elite, Open, Novice). The revisions proposed to the high scoring awards corrects all three of these major problems. But most importantly, it retains the consideration of qualifying scores as the fundamental factor in assessing performance. The Committee believes that this improved high scoring award system will be enthusiastically received by the Agility community.

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved.

93:19 BOARD POLICIES--Bulletin Board

Motions (2) by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to establish the following ASCA policy:

Each issue of the Aussie Times will contain from 1 to 3 pages devoted to important Board issues and announcements. This page(s) will be maintained by a person appointed by the President who will be responsible for its timely submission to the Times in camera ready form and for keeping it current. The page(s) will be for the use of the ASCA Board of Directors and other ASCA officials such as the Business Office manager, Webmaster, and other persons the Board may designate. All content will have final approval of the Board prior to publication.

Comments: ASCA has a variety of news items, issues, announcements, etc. that need special notice in the Times each issue. Many people do not wish to wade through the often lengthy Secretary's reports to find out what is going on. 1-3 pages in each issue of the Times would help us highlight and emphasize important changes, issues, etc. that the membership needs to know about.

I move to accept the page faxed to everyone entitled "ASCA Bulletin Board" for the May-June issue of the Aussie Times (deadline March 15).

Comment: Kyle will submit it to Vicki in both color and in black and white and Vicki will publish it in color if there is space in the Times for another color page. Otherwise it will be published in black and white.

Voting:

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

Disapprove: Berryessa

Motions are approved

93:19 BOARD POLICIES--Finance Committee

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move we accept the following as an official ASCA Policy

THE TREASURER/FINANCE ADVISORY PANEL

A. The Treasurer shall be a current ASCA Director who shall be appointed by the Board.

B. The Treasurer's duties shall include but not be limited to; Chair of the Finance Advisory Panel; oversight of the bookkeeper and employees handling the Club's payables and receivables; have responsibility for all funds, assets and payables of the Club.

C. The Finance Advisory Panel members shall be appointed by the Board and must include the following: the Treasurer, the President, and one other elected Director. Assistant Treasurer(s) and up to three (3) individuals who shall be from the ASCA membership and who have special financial expertise may also be chosen to serve on the Panel. This panel shall be governed by the Board of Directors.

D. The term for each Panel member, other than the President, Treasurer and elected Director, shall be a minimum of two years unless a member is unable to fulfill the duties and commitments required of Panel members.

E. The duties of the Finance Advisory Panel shall include but not be limited to oversight of the Club's financial needs, review of all financial reporting prior to the Board's review, submission of nominations for new Panel members to the Board when needed and any other duties assigned by the Board of Directors.

Comments: It has been recommended by our attorney, Chuck Carnese, that this Panel be included as a policy rather than a Bylaws addition in order to give the Board some flexibility in the day to day operations of the Club. This Panel is an outgrowth of the current Finance Committee that was approved in December. The wording does not significantly change the

structure of the Committee from what we have currently. The Bylaws Committee is working on a Bylaw amendment that will bring the wording of the Treasurer position into agreement with this policy and that motion will be sent to the Board shortly.

Voting:

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

Disapprove: Martin

Motion is approved

91:07 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE---Business Office Computer System

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to bring Patrick MacRoberts to the April 5-9 meeting in Bryan. The purpose will be to have Patrick meet with the Board, Lola and an ACSI representative in order to discuss and coordinate a rewrite of the ASCA Management Service (AMS). Patrick will nail down what ACSI is going to do and how much it is going to cost. If necessary a conference call(s) to Maarten Walter for his computer management expertise and coordination to move ASCA in the proper direction of updating the Business Office efficiency.

Comments: At this time our AMS is antiquated and inefficient. Too many of our reports are being created manually which defeats the purpose of computers as well as wasting a lot of time. Much work has already been done to rewrite the AMS but there is still much to be done. We need someone in Bryan with the technical expertise to meet with ACSI/Office Manager/Board to discuss where ASCA's business is going and how to go about getting there. While Patrick is there he will also work with the Office Staff to teach them how to use the software for creating reports.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

91:07 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE--Programming Computer Team

Motion by Warren, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to create a team consisting of Patrick MacRoberts, Maarten Walter, the ASCA President, Office Manager and a Team Leader. The purpose of this team will be to continue work with ACSI to present a service agreement and exact cost to complete the rewrite of the ASCA Management System.

The President as Board and Office liaison, will work with Maarten and Patrick to review all correspondence and consult in areas of computer expertise. Office Manager, Lola Hill, will be the lead office contact and the in-house expert, who will become fluent in the new system, provide first level of support for questions, problems and be responsible for creating custom reports. The Team Leader is to act as liaison between the ASCA Business Office, the ASCA Computer Team and ACSI.

The Team Leader job description will be posted on the Web Page asking for volunteers and resumes will be sent to the Computer Team for selection.

All travel expenses and per diem will be paid by ASCA if it is necessary for any of the team to spend time at the Bryan Office. Any of the Office Staff that is required to work overtime during the upgrade will be compensated.

Comments: We are coming to the point in time where our Business Office can no longer function efficiently because of our antiquated systems. At this time our Business Office is manually creating all Agility reports, Stockdog Merit Program reports, Junior Year End reports, Obedience Finals reports, and Show and Trial reports, among other duties. ASCA's current system is written in an old language that is very hard to find programmers for and that has a database format this is not very efficient.

In order to bring ASCA's system up to efficient levels the entire AMS (ASCA Management System) needs to be replaced. This is a very expensive short term undertaking but will produce a cost efficient system by reducing the amount of manual labor now being used to create reports, by preparing the Business Office for future enhancements such as remote data entry, remote data access, Business Office writing capabilities, new and changed ASCA programs, and preparing ASCA's processing to move to the Internet. This will also give us a modern-day database that will have more power, speed, and safety features built in.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

92:20 BYLAW REVISION--Newsletter changes

Motion by Toft, second by Gray

I move to accept the following changes recommended by the Bylaws Committee with the accompanying explanation to go in the May-June Aussie Times and with the ballot. This issue will go on the 2000 proxy ballot.

Motion by Jerry Aufox, second by Pete Adolphson

I move to present for Membership adoption and ratification new wording to replace Article I, Section 1.C of the ASCA Bylaws as follows:

C. "Club Newsletter" shall mean the "Aussie Times" or an equivalent replacement publication published by the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. in its regular course of business and distributed by paid subscription to the Club's members.

Rationale: Chuck requested an alteration in the original motion. He thought it would be best to remove the word "all" from the last line. This would bring it into line with the membership changes since we are giving them the option to subscribe to the Times or not. He is of the opinion that the word "all" before the words "the Club's members." implies we have to send it to them whether they pay the subscription or not.

Committee voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Aufox, Bryant, Kirk, Lehmkuhl, MacRoberts, Swatko, Whitman

Motion is approved

Board voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

92:20 BYLAW REVISION--Membership changes

Motion by Toft, second by Gray

I move to accept the following changes recommended by the Bylaws Committee (with two Board revisions) with the accompanying explanation to go in the May-June Aussie Times and with the ballot. This issue will go on the 2000 proxy ballot.

Article IV, Sections 1-6

SECTION 1, MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

There shall be five (5) classes of membership in the Club. They are as follows:

A. Full Membership: Accorded to an individual eighteen (18) years of age or older, who has completed the appropriate application and paid the prescribed fees as established by the Board. A Full Member shall have all the rights and privileges provided under the Bylaws, rules, regulations, procedures and policies of the Club including, but not limited to cast one (1) vote on any subject at any meeting, cast one (1) vote in any election or referendum, stand for election as a Director in accordance with these Bylaws and use the Club registry at half price. A second Full Membership to an individual eighteen (18) years of age or older living in the same household, may be accorded at a rate as set by the Board.

B. Service Membership: Accorded to an individual who has completed the appropriate application and paid the prescribed fees as established by the Board. A Service Member shall have the right to use the Club registry and purchase Club merchandise or publications. A Service Member shall have no other rights or privileges of Membership in the Club.

C. Lifetime Membership: Accorded to an individual eighteen (18) years of age or older, who has completed the appropriate application and paid the prescribed fees as established by the Board. A Lifetime Member shall have all the rights and privileges provided under the Bylaws, rules, regulations, procedures and policies of the Club to a Full Member.

D. Honorary Membership: Accorded to an individual eighteen (18) years of age or older by the Board of Directors. The Board may grant an Honorary Membership by unanimous vote to a qualified person who has contributed noteworthy service to the Club and/or to the Australian Shepherd Breed. An Honorary Member shall not be required to pay any membership fees after being elected to that status and shall have all of the rights and privileges provided under the Bylaws, rules, regulations, procedures and policies of the Club to a Full Member. An Honorary Member shall receive the Club's Newsletter without having to pay a subscription fee.

E. Affiliate Club Membership: Accorded to an incorporated club or other organizational structure which meets the qualifying standards of ASCA and whose bylaws and purposes are approved by ASCA in accordance with these Bylaws. An Affiliate Club Membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote per subject in any membership vote. An Affiliate Club shall be subject to annual or other periodic qualifying reviews by the Club in order to maintain membership.

2. Section 3 to be renumbered to Section 2.

3. Rename and renumber Section 4 to Section 3 "APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP"

4. Section 5 to be renumbered Section 4 and any reference to Section 4 be changed to a reference to Section 3.

5. Section 6 to be renumbered Section 5 and any reference to Section 4 or Section 5 be changed to a reference to Section 3 and Section 4 respectively.

6. Section 7 to be renumbered Section 6.

(The following explanation will accompany this change in the Aussie Times and will be sent with the ballot)

The ASCA Board has learned changes must be made in our accounting system in order to remain in compliance with IRS regulations for 501(c)7 corporations--ASCA's current non-profit tax status. The most important of the necessary changes is a reduction in the amount of non-member income ASCA receives. In order to achieve this, we have created a new category

of membership called a Service membership. Service members are people who wish to use ASCA's registry, purchase ASCA merchandise and/or any other goods or services directly from ASCA. This does not apply to non-ASCA members who enter ASCA sanctioned Affiliate Club events since those funds do not go to ASCA's Treasury. Juniors may now join ASCA as Service members with all the rights and privileges they have today. The Service membership fee will be very minimal so as not to impose undue hardship on those who use it. At the request of the ASCA membership, we have also added a Lifetime membership. For a one-time fee, anyone may join ASCA for life, never paying membership dues again.

We have created a sample Membership Application to give you some idea of how these new changes will work. The ASCA Board has not decided on how or if the fees will change yet. Detailed financial data on the Aussie Times is not available to us at this time but should be in the near future.

There is a related change needed in the ASCA Bylaws to make everything consistent with the membership changes. Everyone will now subscribe to the Aussie Times each year (except for Honorary members) separately from the membership dues. This will help us to keep a closer eye on the Aussie Times finances and balance our books more accurately.

It is anticipated future improvements in the Aussie Times will result from our ability to know what the Aussie Times brings in and costs.

It is vital these changes be enacted in order to maintain ASCA's non-profit status. Without these changes, ASCA's very existence is threatened. Your ASCA Board and your ASCA Bylaws Committee have agreed on these changes for the betterment of ASCA. We urge the ASCA membership to join us and approve these changes. Please contact any ASCA Director or any ASCA Bylaws Committee member with any questions you might have.

Board voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

(The Bylaws Committee unanimously endorsed the motion above with the changes made by the Board to their original motion.)

92:20 BYLAW REVISION--Treasurer

Motion by Toft, second by Gray

I move to accept the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee below with the accompanying explanation to go into the May-June Aussie Times and with the ballot. This issue will go on the 2000 proxy ballot.

The Bylaw Committee makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors relating to amending the existing bylaws of ASCA.

THE TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall be an elected member of the Board of Directors and shall be elected by the Board. The Treasurer's duties shall include, but not be limited to: overseeing the activities of the accountant, bookkeeper and all employees who handle the Club's funds, receivables and payables; responsibility for assuring that all funds, assets and payables of the Club are properly handled and accounted for; and chairing any financial committee established by the Board to advise the Board regarding financial affairs.

Comments: This change is needed to bring the Bylaws into compliance with the Finance Committee the Board has formed to oversee ASCA's finances.

Motion made by Leah Swatko, seconded by Paul Kirk

Voting:

Approve: Peter Adolphson, Jerry Aufox, Mike Bryant, Paul Kirk, Bud Lehmkuhl, Patrick MacRoberts, Leah Swatko, Susan Whitman

Non-voting: Marty Dillon

(The following explanation will accompany this change in the Aussie Times and with the ballots)

In a little over 40 years, ASCA has grown from a small group of dedicated Aussie fanciers with few assets, to a corporation with a permanent headquarters and many financial responsibilities. Centralization of all ASCA functions to Bryan, TX has been a goal for over 10 years. We are nearing the final phases of that process.

The Business Office manager now handles all ASCA income and payments with oversight from the ASCA Board, ASCA Finance Advisory Panel and with the assistance of an accountant and a bookkeeper.

The new ASCA Finance Panel is made up of 3 Directors and 3 ASCA members who have special financial expertise. Their job will be to review all of ASCA's financial reporting and plan for ASCA's future financial needs. This Panel will report to the ASCA Board of Directors and will be governed by the Board.

Because of these sweeping changes, it has become vital our Bylaws keep up with the times. A job once done by one person is now handled by 3. Oversight of the finances has increased and the process has changed dramatically. The duties of the Treasurer have been completely changed and the Bylaws now must reflect those changes. The following wording is in the Bylaws now:

"The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and assets of the Club. The Treasurer shall receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Club from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Club in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; and in general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors."

In order to keep ASCA moving forward, the following wording is required to bring the Bylaws in line with ASCA's needs:

ARTICLE VIII, Section 8:
TREASURER

"The Treasurer shall be an elected member of the Board of Directors and shall be elected by the Board. The Treasurer's duties shall include, but not be limited to: overseeing the activities of the accountant, bookkeeper and all employees who handle the Club's funds, receiveables and payables; being responsible for assuring all funds, assets and payables of the Club are properly handled and accounted for; and chairing any financial committee established by the Board to advise the Board regarding financial affairs."

The Board and the Bylaws Committee have reviewed and approved these changes. Please vote for this much needed improvement in ASCA's Bylaws and do not hesitate to contact any Director or Bylaws Committee member if you have any questions about this change.

Voting:

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

Disapprove: Martin, Tubbs

Motion is approved

98:16 AFFILIATE CLUB BYLAW CHANGES--Addendum

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move to make the following change to the ASCA REQUIRED ADDENDUM TO AFFILIATE CLUB BYLAWS

Delete the current Section 2.1: The Club is an official Affiliated Club of ASCA and shall not affiliate with any other dog club or registry.

Replace 2.1 to read in total: The Club shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry with which ASCA has a reciprocal agreement.

Add a new 2.2 which shall read: The Host Club of an ASCA National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates, other than a registry with which ASCA has a reciprocal agreement, to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

Comments: We have allowed Affiliate Clubs to operate in direct violation of their Bylaws ever since NADAC agility trials were approved. This change will bring all Bylaws into line with this current practice and will allow ASCA to retain some control over Affiliate associations.

Voting:

Approve: Hawley, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Berryessa, Gray, Martin, Tubbs, Warren

Motion is defeated

98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE---Motion to Revoke

Motion by Hawley, second by Warren

I move to revoke the BOD directive regarding judging tails, overseas.

BOD DIRECTIVE REGARDING JUDGING TAILS OVERSEAS: Liz Gibson made a motion and Shelly Hollen seconded that the directive issued by the BOD and reported in the Nov. 1998 Secretary's Report be revoked.

The directive is:

"The ASCA Board of Directors has been requested to make a determination whether the Australian Shepherd can be faulted for having a tail longer than 4 inches (as described in our Breed Standard) in a country that does not allow tail docking. Our Articles of Incorporation allow enforcement of our purposes only insofar as 'are not forbidden by the law of the state, territory, district, or possession of the United States, or by the foreign country.' Therefore, it is the interpretation of the ASCA Board of Directors, that in a country where tail docking is forbidden, that the tail can not be faulted if it is over 4 inches in length. At this time there will be no preference for tail set."

Comment: The Breed standard, by not disqualifying or even severely penalizing tails longer than four inches, already allows for leeway regarding judging within countries where docking is banned. It should remain up to the individual judges discretion as to how much or little to penalize such a fault. As long as information regarding the legality of docking (and other alterations) shall be provided to the judge by the hosting affiliate, a judge should be perfectly capable of making an intelligent, fair decision within the confines of the ASCA Breed Standard. There is no need for additional instruction essentially asking that a portion of the breed description be ignored. The ASCA Australian Shepherd should be judged by the same standard across the world. It is this particular directive, more so than the actual law itself, that has created most of the uproar among particular segments of the ASCA membership.

Committee vote:

Approve: Lydine Denzine, Liz Gibson, Shelly Hollen, Gemi Brickson, Mary Hellmeister, Beth Ellen Roop, Teena Meadors, Sheila Hall, Wendy Finsterwald

Disapprove: Sheree Sanchez

Motion is approved

Board vote:

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

Abstain: Berryessa, Gray

Motion is approved

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE

Motion by Gray, second by Toft

I move ASCA accept the following motion from the DNA Committee as ASCA Policy:

I move ASCA agree to accept DNA-PV* records from other registries and share its records with other registries, provided those registries are using either the same lab as ASCA or a lab which is using the same set of markers ASCA's lab employs.

*DNA-PV = Parentage Verification

Parentage Verification programs collect data (in this case on DNA marker alleles). When an individual is entered into the program, it's data is compared with those of it's alleged parents (if on file) so it's heritage can be verified.

Such information sharing would be done at the request of a dog's breeder or record or registered owner and be in regard to that dog only. A fee will be charged for this service which will cover any related laboratory and/or administrative costs.

Motion by CA Sharp, second by Ann DeChant
Voting was unanimous in favor:

Rationale: ASCA operates an international registry but we recognize Aussie owners in other parts of the world might find it more in their interests and that of their dogs to utilize a registry in their own country. Also, even in North America, Aussies are often registered with other registries in addition to ASCA. Because ASCA recognizes registry integrity is vital to the future of the breed and, as the original parent club of the Australian Shepherd, is vitally interested in the status and well-being of Aussies everywhere, we wish to do everything within our power to promote pedigree accuracy.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

97:12 EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR--Ads

Motion by Martin, second by Toft

I move to approve the ads submitted to the Board by the Education Coordinator in their final revised form.

Voting:

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

Non-voting: Hawley

Motion is approved

97:12 Educational Coordinator--Dispute Rules Article

Motion by Gray, second by Warren

*If memory serves me, Terry wrote such an article when she was Educational Coordinator.

I move to have the Education Coordinator write an article explaining the how, when and why to use the Dispute Rules for the Times, to be included in Affiliate sanctioning packets and also sent to people who send in letters to the Board asking us to get involved in their ASCA affairs.

Comment: If we can educate the membership on the use of the dispute rules it may make our job somewhat easier.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

99:14 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Warren, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to add Dee Dee Baldwin, Gail Winnick, and Mike Jasper to the Finance Committee. Their primary purpose will be to go over the monthly reports from the Business Office and the Bookkeeper.

Comments: We should see our first monthly report coming in from our bookkeeper soon. We already have our first report from the Business Office. Resumes are on file with the Executive Secretary.

Voting:

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

Non-voting: Berryessa

Motion is approved

99:02 HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE--Survey

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to publish the Hall of Fame Committee's membership survey in the May-June issue of the Aussie Times and to post it on the ASCA website until August 1, 2000.

Comments: The Committee has requested this due to receiving a lot of comments from the membership about the program. There have been a lot of different suggestions and opinions and they would like to have a better idea of where the membership as a whole stands on this. Most comments to date have come just from the affiliate e-mail discussion list. Vicki has indicated to the Committee that there is room for it in this issue.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

98:02 MVA COMMITTEE---Publishing the rules

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Most Versatile Aussie Committee:

Amend rule #5d of the MVA Rules to read "This class is open to spayed, neutered and intact dogs and bitches, either ASCA registered or with an ASCA LEP.

VC00-04 Motion by Sandy Case, second by Lynn Fremuth

In favor: Acierto, Barger, Case, Davies, Fremuth, Hoffman, Maslansky, Thomascik

Opposed: Baldwin

Non-voting: Katzen, St. Jacques

Comments: The MVA committee feels that it is important to take a position on LEP'd dogs competing in ASCA programs. Rescue is seeing large numbers of very nice pure bred dogs coming into the program who have no registration, no documentation. As the popularity of the breed grows, and we see more dogs in rescue, the organization who profits from the registration of breeding stock and promotes the breed in many ways, should support rescue to the greatest degree possible. This includes offering the widest possible range of activities open to them. The arguable reason for requiring full registration for any event is that you do not want to have unknowns passing on their genetic material. If the dog is LEP'd it is by definition neutered and unable to affect the gene pool. No matter how gorgeous that dog, you are NOT using the conformation ring to prove its quality as a breeding animal. It would be better to see these dogs competing than intact low quality or genetically questionable dogs who can then use their titles and accomplishments (maybe lots of first places from the Novice class) to promote their future puppies. And, if the dog does not meet the breed standard of the Australian Shepherd...well, after all, is that not what the conformation judge/evaluator is there to decide? Therefore, the MVA committee wants to state specifically in the rules that spayed, neutered, and LEP'd dogs be allowed to compete in MVA conformation competitions/evaluations.

Voting:

Approve: Hawley, Warren

Disapprove: Berryessa, Gray, Martin, Trumbull-Clark, Tubbs

Abstain: Toft

Motion is defeated

92:02 REGISTRY OFFICE--DNA & certified pedigrees

Motion by Toft, second by Warren

I move to amend the Registry Rules as follows:

Under "Pedigree Service" delete the sentence "Pedigree information will be released only to the current ASCA recorded owner of the dog or to the breeder, or litter owner"

Under "Pedigree Service" add the sentence "Pedigree information will be released to any ASCA member upon written request and payment of the designated fee to the ASCA Business Office."

Comment: The membership has brought this up several times and from past comments it appears that a majority of the membership are in favor of this.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

90:03 SHOW RULES CHANGE---Premium List/Flyer

Motion by Toft, second by Warren

I move that the following change be made to the ASCA Show Rules and Regulations---Ch. 3, Sec. 17; To the ASCA Obedience Rules and Regulations Ch. 1, Sec. 8; To the ASCA Tracking Rules and Regulations---Ch. 1, Sec. 1.7; To the ASCA Stockdog Rules and Regulations---Ch. 3, Sec. 2.5; To the ASCA Agility Rules and Regulations---Ch. 2, Sec. 1.1: and that the previous motion amending these same rules be rescinded

Any ASCA Affiliate requesting ASCA sanctioning for any event(s) shall, when making application for said event(s), include in such application a list of all national, regional or local laws, rules or regulations which are not generally applicable to most other ASCA events held within the United States, regarding dogs, their exhibition and the holding of such event(s). Such laws, rules or regulations shall be printed in English, and in the language of the nation where said event(s) will be held, and shall be printed in the premium list for said event(s). This rule applies only to those laws, rules or regulations of which the Affiliate is aware or which it becomes aware prior to printing of the premium list.

Effective 6-1-00

Comments: Chuck Carnese has created this wording and the Agility Committee Chair has reviewed it and found it acceptable.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES--Judges Contract

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to change Ch. 3, Sec. 2.2 Host Organization to read:

2. Whenever an ASCA Affiliate Club is responsible for making arrangements with and paying for the services of an ASCA Stockdog Judge, the Affiliate Club is encouraged to execute a contract with each Judge they hire so both the club and the Judge have a clear understanding of the financial agreement. The contract should include but is not limited to: transportation, lodging, meals and Judges fee or honorarium.

Change 2 to 3, Change 3 to 4, Change 4 to 5

Motion by Simmons, second by Moe

Approved: Sutherland, Moe, Walker, Bailie, Simmons, MacKenzie, Williams, Harris

Disapproved: Presley, Rossy, Carter, Walter, Davies

Comments: This motion is to encourage clubs and judges to have a written contract before the trial to alleviate any misunderstandings after the trial. SDC discussion can be obtained from Jo.

Board voting:

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

Disapprove: Hawley

Abstain: Martin
Motion is approved

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES--Trial Divisions and Classes

Motion by Warren, second by Gray

I move to Change Ch. 3, Sec. 3.2a & 2B to read as follows:

a. Started Trial Dog is for dogs six (6) months of age or older on the day of the trial that have not earned a Started, Open or Advanced Trial Dog certification for the class being entered. Any dog that has received two (2) qualifying scores in the Started Division may continue to compete in this division for up to a sixty (60) day period after earning the second qualifying score regardless of whether the certificate has or has not been received. Prizes, placements, and points are still awarded during this sixty (60) day period.

b. Open Trial Dog is for dogs that have been certified or have qualified for Started Trial Dog for the class being entered, but have not been certified for the Open or Advanced Trial Dog for the class being entered. Any dog that has received two (2) qualifying scores in the Open Division may continue to compete in this division for up to a sixty (60) day period after earning the second qualifying score regardless of whether the certificate has or has not been received. Prizes, placements, and points are still awarded during this sixty (60) day period.

Motion by Moe, second by Simmons

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

Abstain: Walter

Comment: This is simply a clarification and a combining of two rules that are in two different places in the rule book. The intent of the 60 day rules was to allow placing and awards. The FEO does not allow placing and awards and does not go into effect until 60 days after the last qualifying score is received. SDC input can be obtained through Jo.

Board voting:

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

Disapprove: Hawley

Motion is approved

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE

Ad submitted by Linda Gray thanking members for purchasing jackets (2/25/00 fax) for the May-June issue of the Aussie Times will be accepted.

Appointments: Anne Shope to the MVA Committee

Approved: Boise ASC as a new ASCA Affiliate: 8744 Foothill Rd. Middleton, ID 83644

Trademark License Application from Frank Butera for use on the "ASCA Events Calendar" web page.

Judges slate for the 2000 ASCA National Specialty.

Gail Karamalegos as ASCA Non-Regular Conformation Judge

Ron Reishus as ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge

2000 National Specialty judges slate and judge change.

Resignations: Marty Dillon from the ASCA Bylaws Committee

JoAnn Wolf and DeeDee Baldwin from the Obedience Committee.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

REGISTRY

Ind--625

NFB--37

Litter--296

Trans--89

Lease--12

LEP--5

Dups--10

MEMBERSHIP

New-Single--78

New-Dual--27

New-Foreign--2

New-Canadian--0

Renew-Single--296

Renew-Dual--74

Renew-Foreign--6

SHOW/STOCK

Sanc. Rec'd--41

Sanc. Proc'd--36

Sanc. Pend--10

Results Rec'd--35

Results Proc'd--31

Results Pend--6

Certificates--525

Hardship--21
Pedigree--97
New Ken--17
Rnw Ken--16

Renew-Canadian--15 S & T subscription--31
Jr. Times--8
Aff--3

Judges Apps--3
Email--1124
DNA Kits--49

SHOWS HELD
Conf/Obed Shows--50
Stock--11
Ranch--1
Agility--2
Tracking--0

Kris Toft, Secretary