

March 2005 Secretary's Report

This report details the day to day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors and includes issues brought before the ASCA Board and communications done by mail, fax, e-mail and/or phone.

March 1 – 31, 2005

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Motion 2

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following:

This motion passed the committee in February. Voting in favor: Deb St. Jacques, Susan Schroeder, Anne Hershey, and Celeste Kelly; Voting opposed: Ralph Swingle, and Jane Palmer. Not voting: Nancy Boettcher and Craig Bohren.

2-05.

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Sue Schroeder, that we change Chapter 1, section 6c to read:

"6c Unregistered Dogs

All dogs six months or older must have an LEP number, or an ASCA tracking number in order to compete in an ASCA sanctioned tracking trial.

At the discretion of the club, and it must be posted in the test Premium, a dog will be allowed to compete in a trial if the handler applies for an ASCA tracking number concurrently with the submission of their entry. The handler will be issued a receipt by the Secretary of the test valid for (60) days to allow the business office time to issue the tracking number."

Note: We need to fix this reg. in order to comply with current tracking number rules.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE -Motion 3

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following:

This motion passed the committee in February. Voting in favor: Anne Hershey, Deb St. Jacques, Susan Schroeder, Jane Palmer, Ralph Swingle, and Celeste Kelly. Voting opposed: none. Not voting: Nancy Boettcher and Craig Bohren.

3-05.

I, Celeste Kelly, and seconded by Sue Schroeder, move that we replace the title of Chapter 2, Section 9 to read:

"Drawing for the run order of Tracks."

Note: this is to clarify this draw reg. from the draw for entry reg.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE -Motion 4

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following:

This motion passed the Tracking committee in February. Voting in favor: Ralph Swingle, Deb St. Jacques, Susan Schroeder, Jane Palmer, Celeste Kelly and Anne Hershey. Voting opposed: none. Not voting: Nancy Boettcher.

4-05.

I, Susan Schroeder, move, and seconded by Celeste Kelly, that change by partial deletion, Chapter 1, Section 17, 3rd line (ribbons and prizes.)

"Tracking Test", the name of the test giving club." *(Delete the rest of the line-----(the date of the test and the name of the city or town where the site is located.)*

The ASCA logo may be used in awards offered by an ASCA Affiliate Club hosting a sanctioned Tracking Test."

Note: This would save clubs some money in ribbon expenses if they weren't locked into using ribbons for a single event.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Motion 5

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve:

The following motion has passed the committee. Voting in favor: Ralph Swingle, Susan Schroeder, Celeste Kelly, Deb St. Jacques, and Jane Palmer. Not voting: Craig Bohren and Nancy Boetcher.

I, Celeste Kelly , move, and seconded by Sue Schroeder, that we change Chapter 1, section 6 B to read:

"Chap. 1, Sec. 6B Registered Dogs only

As used in these regulations, the term "dog" refers to either sex. All Australian Shepherds must have a registration number or an LEP number in order to compete in

ASCA sanctioned Tracking Trial. All dogs not so registered must have an ASCA tracking number issued by ASCA in order to compete in any ASCA tracking trial. "

Note: We need to fix this reg to comply with current rules.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

MISC- Website

Motion by Hollen, seconded by Gray.

I move that the ASCA Director candidates be provided with equal web space on the ASCA website to post their resumes for public viewing.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

05:02 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RULES-Motion 2

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.

I would like to make the following motion:

Change section 2.4 of the current 'National Specialty Guidelines' from:

2.4 Upon approval of the final Premium List, the Host Club will receive from ASCA \$1500 as ASCA's sponsorship. The entry fees for the Finals (Stockdog, Obedience and Juniors) will be forwarded to the Club after entries close and all entrants are confirmed.

To:

2.4 Upon approval of the final Premium List, the Host Club will receive \$1500 from ASCA as ASCA's sponsorship. The entry fees for all ASCA Program Finals will be forwarded to the Club after entries close and all entrants are confirmed.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

05:02 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RULES -Motion 3

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.

I would like to make the following motion.

Change Section 13.6 of the current 'National Specialty Guidelines'

"13.6 The MVA Rules allow bitches in season to compete, however, determination whether they may compete in the Agility Trial will be the responsibility of the host club and their decision shall be included in the Premium List. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only."

To:

"13.6 Bitches in season are allowed to compete in the National Agility trial. Please consult Chapter 9, Section 2 of the ASCA Agility rulebook for compete rules."

[Note: this rule was changed by the agility committee after 2002 nationals. The committee didn't feel it was right that all the other venues accommodated bitches in season and agility didn't. So the agility rules were changed.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

05:02 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RULES-Motion 4

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.

I would like to make the following motion:

To Section 18. Required Ribbons and Awards of the current 'National Specialty Guidelines' add the following:

"Agility Finals: Please consult Chapter 8 of the ASCA Agility Rules and Regulations for complete details of required ribbons."

In the same Section 18 Change:

" ASCA will donate one DNA blood draw kit with test paid for by ASCA, 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"

To:

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

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

[Note: High Score Agility is not an actual award. High In Trial Agility is.]

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

05:04 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RULES - Motion 5

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.

I would like to make the following motion:

Change Section 14.2 of the current 'National Specialty Guidelines' :

"14.2 Detailed expense reports must be submitted to the ASCA Board of Directors for the Stockdog Finals, Obedience Finals and Junior Handling Finals within ninety (90) days after the last day of the Nationals. Each report must include, but is not limited to, a complete accounting of all receipts including judges expenses, ribbons/trophies, equipment, etc. If you are in doubt as to what information is to be included on your expense reports, contact the Executive Secretary."

To:

"14.2 Detailed expense reports must be submitted to the ASCA Board of Directors for all ASCA Program Finals within ninety (90) days after the last day of the Nationals. Each report must include, but is not limited to, a complete accounting of all receipts including judges expenses, ribbons/trophies, equipment, etc. If you are in doubt as to what information is to be included on your expense reports, contact the Executive Secretary."

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

05:02 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RULES - Motion 6

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.

I would like to make the following motion:

In the National Specialty Guidelines, Appendix A

Remove: " _____ ---NADAC sanctioning if Agility is to be dual sanctioned"

[Note: Dual sanctioning is no longer permitted by NADAC due to the fact that we only allow Aussies to participate. The agility rules have been changed to reflect this as well.]

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

05:02 NATIONALS SPECIALTY RULES – Name

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.

I would like to make the following motion.

I move to change the name of the document 'National Specialty Guidelines' to 'National Specialty Hosting Rules'.

Comment: The word 'guidelines' makes it seem like it's optional for clubs to adhere to this document.

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

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES - Ch13, Sec 1 Membership

Motion by Davenport.

I move to approve the following SDC motion:

Effective date 30 days after publication in the *Aussie Times*. This motion will appear in the June 2005 rulebook shaded in gray with the effective date of August 1, 2005 (deadline to AT May 15, publication date July 1), Motion to replace Chapter 13, Section 1 of the ASCA Stockdog Rules with the following:

Section 1

1. The Committee will consist of seven (7) active ASCA trial contestants and five (5) ASCA approved Stockdog judges. One (1) contestant shall be appointed from each of the seven (7) geographic regions. One (1) judge shall be appointed from five (5) of the seven (7) geographic regions. Members from the same region(s) may be appointed if applicants from different regions are unavailable. Contestants may only fill the Contestant positions and Stockdog Judges may only fill the Judges positions on the committee.

2. A contestant member's term shall be for a two (2) year period beginning during Nationals occurring in odd-numbered years. A judge member's term shall be for a two (2) year period beginning during Nationals occurring in even-numbered years. A committee member may be appointed in the middle of a term to serve for the remainder of that term. Mid-term vacancies will be announced in the *Aussie Times*. Resumes from ASCA members must be received by ASCA's Executive Secretary within a forty-five (45) day period following the publication date of the *Aussie Times*. All resumes will then be submitted to the ASCA Board of Directors who will choose an applicant to fill the vacancy.

3. When a person is appointed to a SDC position, whether as a judge or contestant, they will fulfill the appointed term for that position until it expires.

4. 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, and Provinces in Canada east of Manitoba.
- g. Region 7 - All areas outside of North America.

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Holmes

Approve: Simmons, Zilch, Silveira, Holmes, Bryant, Pechka-King, Baker, Adamczyk, Mahoney
Disapprove: Hischer, Kissman, Hardin, Schvaneveldt
Non-Voting: Walker

Motion is Approved, I will notify the BOD.

SDC Comments:

I approve this motion as it helps to answer many open questions to the SDC structure that have not been in a written rule form. I feel that the SDC should stay with the recommended Committee Procedure structure of 13 members including the chairperson. In my opinion more people on a committee does not make it better. With communications made so easily available in today's world the SDC gets plenty of input from SDC members and the general membership via the internet. If people in regions want their voice heard they know how to reach this committee. I have been on the SDC for a number of years now I don't ever recall all the SD Judge positions being filled by SD Judges. Another thing that committee members don't really consider is the amount of work a chairperson has to do and as the numbers increase so does the work. As a volunteer chairperson who has donated huge amounts of time to ASCA's Stockdog program I think we should stick to the committee procedures of 13 committee members. This committee has worked very efficiently for many years with 13 members. Sharon Simmons

I think the change that only judges can fill judges positions and only contestants can fill contestant positions will lead to a balanced number of opinions. Since the past has shown that there are always less judges sending in resumes than contestants and judges normally ARE contestants too AND also contestants travel around the country and see many different places and situations, I think that the number of 7 contestants and 5 judges to fill the vacancies in the stock dog committee are acceptable. Sandra Zilch

This will allow for good representation across the regions and also allow for ample representation from the judges sector. IMO it is not necessary to require equal representation between judges and contestants. Historically the SDC has not had a full complement of judges in a very long time, and since judges travel far wider than contestants they should have a broader view of the needs of ASCA's stock dog trial

competitors. Joan Holmes

This committee has for some time been made up of more contestants than judges, so this is not a significant departure from how it has been composed in the past. I feel that we need to hold the size of this committee to 12 members plus a chairperson, and this change seems to be a good way to do it at this time. MGBryant

I don't agree with the composition proposed. I think an equal number of judges and contestants is better. Judges may have a different view of things than contestants and they bring a lot of experience along which contestants doesn't necessarily have.

With my little experience of working in this committee (I'm new to it). I never had the impression that the two additional committee members made the discussions more complicated. ASCA tend to grow and possibly even more regions will be built in the future so I think to have 14 members (7 judges and 7 contest) is suitable for this committee. To go back to 12 members is a step back. I agree with the idea to only put judges in a judge position and contestants in a contestant position. Raphaelle Hischier

From what I have read and seen it seems to be a good way to go. Boyce

I believe in the right of equal representation whether at the Federal level or at the SDC level. With the proposed change in the current rule 'Members from the same region(s) may be appointed if applicants from different regions are unavailable.', I believe that 7 judges could easily be found to fill 7 positions. 15 member committees are not unworkable, this SDC is currently getting a lot of issues resolved. Preston Kissman

I would like to see equal representation of judges and contestants. Maxine Schvaneveldt

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

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES-Junior and Novice Score Sheet

Motion by Davenport.

I move to approve the following motion from the SDC (with attachments)

To: SDC

Re: Vote Results - New Score Sheet for the Working Junior and Novice Handler

Motion is to replace the existing Working Junior and Novice Handler Score Sheet with the attached new Working Junior and Novice Handler Score Sheet.

Comments: Our program has needed a revision to the Score Sheet for years. I feel the changes made to the score sheet are a big improvement over what we currently are using. I also see that the Working Junior Class will now have goals and this will add value to this class that was really never there before.

Motion by Simmons seconded by Holmes

Approve: Holmes, Hischer, Schvaneveldt, Adamczyk, Simmons, Bryant, Hardin, Kissman, Walker, Baker, Zilch, Mahoney Disapprove: Pechka-King
Non-Voting: Silveira Motion is Approved I will notify the BOD's.

SDC Comments:

This has been a long time coming and will be a big improvement.
Joan Holmes

CH. 3 Sec. 3.2.d & 3.2.e Replace current rules with the following:

d. WORKING JUNIOR HANDLER*

1. Working Junior Handler is open to all juniors 8-17 years of age. The Working Junior Handler must be a minimum of 8 years old to trial on ducks, 12 years old to trial on sheep and 14 years old to trial on cattle. (Junior's age is calculated as of June 1st of the current Junior Year)
2. Handlers may use any dog in this division, titled or non-titled.
3. Dogs entered in the Working Junior Handler may compete in any other division on the same class of livestock on the same day.
4. The Working Junior and Novice Handler Scoresheet will be used for judging. All open rules apply with the exception of the open handler's line will not be used.
5. Only the junior and dog may be in the arena. Coaching from outside the arena is allowed, but points will be deducted.
6. A Working Junior Handler is required to earn 6 qualifying scores from 4 individual Stockdog Judges on each type of stock before moving on in the class of stock. Example: If the junior is 12 years old they may enter ducks and sheep. For each class of stock ducks and sheep the junior must earn 6 qualifying scores in each sheep and ducks before that Junior may move on into the Open Working Junior class or the regular started, open and advanced classes. If a junior earns 6 qualifying scores in ducks only the junior may only work ducks in the Open Working Junior class.
7. A qualifying score is 88 points out of a total of 125 points possible.

Note: Scores from Working Junior Handler are not eligible towards title certification or special awards such as High Score Aussie, High Ducks, High Sheep, High Cattle or High Combined. Scores will count for year end Junior Merit awards for the Working Junior Handler.

Non-Regular Junior's: An affiliate club may offer non-regular classes to encourage beginning juniors. Clubs need to make certain that the stock provided for beginning juniors is gentle in nature. Good sportsmanship and good stockmanship should be emphasized at all times. Non-regular classes will not count towards the sanctioned trial entry limit.

e. OPEN WORKING JUNIOR*

1. The Open Working Junior is open to all Junior's 8-17 years of age. The Open Working Junior must be a minimum of 8 years old to trial on ducks, 12 years old to trial on sheep and 14 years old to trial on cattle. (Junior's age is calculated as of June 1st of the current Junior Year)
2. All Juniors are required to earn 6 qualifying scores from 4 individual judges on each type of stock in the Working Junior Handler class before moving on into the Open Working Junior class. Example: If the junior is 12 years old and would like to enter sheep, however this junior has never trialed before. Then that Junior is not eligible to trial in the Open Working Junior Class. The Junior must start in the Working Junior Handler class earn six qualifying scores on sheep and then may move on into the Open Working Junior class or the regular started, open and advanced classes. If this same Junior wants to enter into ducks, again this junior will have to earn the 6 qualifying scores in the Working Junior Handler class before entering the Open Working Junior class or regular started, open or advanced classes.
3. The junior and dog will be judged according to all applicable ASCA Stockdog Rules for Started, Open, Advanced, and Post-Advanced divisions.
4. Qualifying scores from this division are applied towards title certification and all year end awards including year end Junior Merit awards for the Open Working Junior.
5. If a Junior has titled a dog in started prior to June 1, 2005 he or she may continue on in that class of stock. However if a Junior has not put started titles on a dog he or she must start in the Working Junior Handler classes and earn the qualifying scores to be able to compete in the Open Working Junior class.

***For further information regarding Junior's see ASCA's Junior Showmanship Program Rules.**

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA, INC STOCKDOG TRIAL PROGRAM

Working Junior and Novice Handler Scoresheet

COURSE A _____			DUCKS _____
COURSE B _____	AUSSIE _____	JR. HANDLER _____	SHEEP _____
COURSE C _____	OTHER BREED _____	NOVICE HANDLER _____	CATTLE _____

FILL IN EVERY BLANK	POINTS AVAILABLE	POINTS EARNED
TAKE PEN/GATHER -----	5	_____
DRIVE/FETCH THROUGH OBSTACLE 1-----	5	_____
CROSS-DRIVE/FETCH THROUGH OBSTACLE 2-----	5	_____
SET-UP WORK AT CENTER OBSTACLE -----	5	_____
CONTROL TO AND REPEN -----	5	_____
TOTAL COURSE SCORE-----	25	_____
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ABILITY OF HANDLER TO CONTROL DOG-----	20	_____

HANDLERS KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO WORK THE COURSE-----	20	_____
ABILITY OF THE HANDLER TO READ LIVESTOCK AND TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO KEEP THEM UNDER CONTROL	20	_____
TEAM WORK (ARE THE DOG AND HANDLER COMFORTABLE----- WITH EACH OTHER, DO THEY WORK TOGETHER)	20	_____
RING SIDE HANDLING (COACHING IS ALLOWED FROM OUT----- SIDE OF THE WORKING ARENA, POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED)	10	_____
HANDLERS SPORTSMANSHIP-----	10	_____
TOTAL ABILITY SCORE-----	100	_____

COURSE SCORE	_____
ABILITY SCORE	_____
FINAL SCORE	_____

JUDGES SIGNATURE _____

LOCATION _____ DATE _____

THIS SCORESHEET IS INTENDED TO RECOGNIZE AND GIVE CREDIT FOR QUALITY HANDLING ABILITY WHETHER THE DOG IS HIGHLY TRAINED OR JUST BEGINNING IN IT'S TRAINING LEVEL. SCORES SHOULD REFLECT THE QUALITY OF WORK THE HANDLER HAS DEMONSTRATED IN TRIALING WITH HIS/HER DOG.

COMMENTS: _____

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

Approved

ASCA Breeder Judge Approvals:

Non-Regular Breeder Judge

Shawna Sakal Beaty, CA

Margi L. Floyd, WA

Dr. Laura Cheves Clayton, FL

Provisional Breeder Judge

Kathy Bryan, AZ

ASCA Senior Breeder Judge

Shelly Hollen, TX

ASCA Stockdog Judge Approval:

James Bergert from Provisional Judge to ASCA Stockdog Judge.

ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT –MARCH 2005

REGISTRY
SHOW/STOCK

MEMBERSHIP

IND. REGS	761	NEW-Single	122	SANC. PROC	54
NON BREEDING	88	NEW - Dual	28	RESULTS PROC.	36
LITTERS	388	NEW-Foreign	2	S&T SUBSCRIP.	6
TRANSFER	55	NEW-Canadian	1	CERTIFICATES	414
LEASE	5	NEW - Service	296		
LEP	6	LIFETIME	3		
DUPLICATES	32	RENEW-Single	263		
HARDSHIPS	0	RENEW-Dual	69		
PEDIGREES	124	RENEW-Foreign	18		
NEW KENNELS	12	RENEW-Canadian	4		
RENEW KENNELS	38	JR TIMES	11		
		AFFIL. – New	0		
JUDGES APPS	3	AFFIL – Renew	4		
DNA KITS MAILED	222				
DNA TESTS DONE	176				
SHOWS HELD:					
# OF CONF	66				
#OF OBED	33				
#OF STOCK	19				
#OF RANCH	3				
#OF AGILITY	36				
#OF TRACKING	0				