May 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.

May 1 - 31, 2005

04:09 2006 Nationals - Date change
We’ve had to revise our dates for the ’06 Nationals. As opposed to running Friday to Friday as we first thought we need to run Saturday to Saturday that week. Could you please notify the board so that we can get approval on the date change and get our contract signed with the Fair Park.

Thanks much,
Kathi ~ RRVASC President

(Note: Dates would be the 16th thru the 23rd. The old dates were Sept. 15 thru 22.)

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Request is approved. I will notify the club.

Committee Chairs Attendance at 2005 Nationals
Aufox: Please post the following motion for discussion:

The following ASCA Committee chairs shall receive $200. for expenses if they attend the 2005 Nationals in Georgia:
1) Conformation Committee Chair -- Ms. Liz Gibson
2) Stock Dog Committee Chair -- Ms. Sharon Simmons
3) Breed Standard Review Committee Chair -- Ms. Terry Martin
4) Tracking Committee Chair -- Ms. Celeste Kelly
5) Agility Committee Chair -- Mr. Pete Dolan
6) Obedience Committee Chair -- Ms. Mary Burlingame
7) DNA & Genetics Committee Chair -- Chris Reedy
8) Junior Committee Chair – Claire Gustafson


04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE
Motion by Bryant seconded by Hellmeister.
I move to make the following changes to the agility rule book:

In Section 1.4 'Participation in Classes'

Remove the sentence:

"Participation is a privilege afforded by the Host club(s) and may be extended or withdrawn by the Host club's trial committee."

Replace Section 1.4 'Participation in Classes'

with the following:
Section 1.4 - Participation in Classes

1.4.1
No dog that is owned or co-owned by the judge or a member of the judge's immediate family may show in a class in which that judge is judging. No person from the judge's immediate family and/or household may show any dog in a class in which that judge is judging, except For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries.

1.4.2
The Show Committee may decline any entries or may remove any dog(s) or person(s) from it's show for cause, but in each such instance must file good and sufficient reasons for so doing with ASCA Business Office within seven days of the close of the show.

1.4.3
No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted by a Show Secretary, which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.

1.4.4
No entry shall be accepted from any person who is not in good standing with ASCA on the day of the closing of the entries. Before accepting entries, a list of disqualified dogs and persons not in good standing with ASCA will be provided by the ASCA Business Office as part of the show packet/books. A club may not discriminate between exhibitors of entrants when accepting entries.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE – Judges
Motion by DeChant
I move that the following motion from the Conformation Committee be approved:

Moved by Wendy S. second by Glenda

I move that Section 7.5 be amended as follows:

AS READS NOW:
SECTION 7.5: A Conformation judge shall not personally exhibit any dogs at an ASCA sanctioned Conformation event, in the same state in which he is to judge, four (4) days prior to the judging assignment.

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 7.5: A Conformation judge shall not personally exhibit any dogs nor be a spectator at an ASCA sanctioned Conformation event, in the same state in which he is to judge, four (4) days prior to the judging assignment.

FOR- Wendy F., Wendy S., Janet, Peter, Rick, Mary, Margi, Glenda, Liz. AGAINST- none
NON-VOTING- Denise This motion passes.

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Sidwell Resume
Motion by Walter, seconded by Bryant.
I move to appoint Lynn Sidwell to the Obedience Committee.

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

CONFORMATION COMMITTEE - Ch.4
Motion by DeChant.
I move that the following Motion from the Conformation Committee be approved:

Glenda made this motion with a second by Peter.

The motion is as follows:

Chapter 4 and Chapter 4, Section 4.14

Are both the areas of the R & R that have the May 31, 2005 deadline in them.

MOTION: I would like to add the line added in each section after each section that has May 31, 2005 date ONE SENTENCE:

"As of June 1, 2005 a full slate of mandatory classes must be offered."

To read as follows:

Chapter 4

A-CH OPTIONAL CLASS DIVISION REDUCTION:
Until May 31st 2005, Hosting clubs have the option of selecting the reduced class divisions for the Altered Program only:

6-12 months
American Bred
Bred By Exhibitor
Open

These classes shall be divided by sex. Clubs may still maintain the current ten class division if they so desire.
As of June 1, 2005 a full slate of mandatory classes must be offered.

Section 4.14. ASCA Altered Conformation Program (A-CH)

The Altered Conformation Program shall be a regular, mandatory program held in conjunction with all ASCA Conformation events. All ASCA Conformation Rules and Regulations shall apply to the Altered Program.

ELIGIBILITY
Eligibility is restricted to regular ASCA registered dogs that have been spayed or neutered. LEP registered dogs are not eligible for competition in altered or non-altered conformation programs. The ASCA Breed Standard shall be used as a measurement of comparison in all other areas
regarding Altered Championship competition. Points earned in Non Altered conformation classes can be carried over into the Altered Conformation. ASCA Champions of record will be eligible to compete in Best of Breed in the Altered Program if they have been neutered.

CLASSES- Until May 31, 2005, Hosting clubs have the option of offering a full slate of regular classes or selecting the reduced class division for the Altered Program only: 6-12 mo., Am. Bred, BBX, Open.

CLASSES
Regular Classes shall be:
6 months-9 months
9 months-12 months
12 months-18 months
Novice
American Bred
Bred By Exhibitor
Open Blue Merle
Open Red merle

As of June 1, 2005 a full slate of mandatory classes must be offered.

COMMENTS:

I vote NO. There are still too many areas of the country (So. Cal for ex.) where there just is not enough interest in Altered to offer the full slate. Maybe keep the option open until a minimum number of dogs are shown per year?? Wendy F.

At this time I still have to vote "NO". I do have a question. If this motion passes, are you then going to make sure that all affiliates are required to charge the same amount for entries. Since Altered and Intact are the same, I believe this needs to be the same as well. Rick

I would like to add a notation to my yes vote for the altered motion. The reason i voted YES is because i think that since there is an altered program, then it needs to be consistent with the other conformation program. I do NOT feel that the affiliates appreciate being made to do as much for the altered program due to the lack of numbers participating. I absolutely do not think that the CC should have any control over the entry fees for the altered or any other program that a club sponsors. Denise

I vote no. There is no reason to take the choice away from the Affiliates. Wendy S

FOR: Janet, Liz, Mary, Peter, Glenda, Denise, Margi  AGAINST: Wendy F., Wendy S., Rick ABSTAIN: none  This motion passes.


93:19 BOARD POLICIES - Motion 3
Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.
I move to change the board handbook as follows:

Section 29 ASCA Election Calendar
Remove the last paragraph:
The following explanation will appear on the ballot with regard to the Hardship Clause: “The Hardship Clause was enacted to allow dogs from non-ASCA registered parents, which meet the ASCA requirements, to become ASCA registered. Each year the ASCA membership will vote on leaving the Hardship Clause in effect until closed by a vote of the ASCA membership.”

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

**93:19 BOARD POLICIES**
Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.
I move to change the board handbook as follows:

Section 28 DNA Fingerprinting

Change item a to read:
Therion International, LLC will be the approved lab of use for both random and voluntary DNA profiling programs.

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

**93:19 BOARD POLICIES - Motion 4**
Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.
I move to change the board handbook as follows:

In Section 34 National Specialty
Change the following items:
• ASCA National Stockdog Finals
• ASCA National Obedience Finals
• ASCA National Agility Finals
• ASCA National Junior Showmanship Finals

To read as:
• ASCA Stockdog Finals
• ASCA Obedience Finals
• ASCA Agility Finals
• ASCA Junior Showmanship Finals

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

**93:18 BOARD POLICIES - Motion 1**
Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.
I move to change the board handbook as follows. Linda Gray seconded.

Section 9 Motions/Voting
Move the last sentence of this section:
Notice of the results of disciplinary matters will be published in the ASCA media. It will be limited to listing of the person’s name, violation and penalties.
To section 24.1 'Content'. Add the sentence above as a new item 'g' at the bottom of the list.

Comment: The sentence doesn't belong in the voting section. It belongs in the Aussie Times content section.

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

93:19 BOARD POLICIES - Motion 5

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

I move to change the board handbook as follows:

Section 39 Frequent Contacts
Replace Anne Swaner with the current ASCA employee filling her position.

Remove sentence: 'List Moderators: Michelle Berryessa, Kris Toft'

Remove George Johnson and replace with Linda Gray

Update Jo Kimes' mailing address.

Remove Patrick MacRoberts as the webmaster.

Add:

ASCA-L - ASCA Email Discussion List

ASCA-L@APPLE.EASE.LSOFT.COM

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Judges Req.
Motion by Walter.
I move to accept the Obedience Committee’s motion.

Motion by Burlingame, second by Waller.

I move that Chapter 10, section 9 be deleted from the Obedience Finals chapter. Further, I move that a new section named ‘Obedience Judge Requirements’ be added to the Obedience Regulations page (page 6), following the Code of Ethics section.

The body of this new section will read:

The following are minimum requirements for judging each class.

Novice requirements:
3 CD titles and successful completion of the general knowledge and Novice sections of the judges test.
Open requirements:
3 CD titles, 2 CDX titles and successful completion of the general knowledge, Novice, and Open sections of the judges test.

Utility requirements:
3 CD titles, 2 CDX titles, 1 UD title and successful completion of the entire judges test.

REASON:
Judge requirements should not be listed with the Obedience Finals information and need to be in a more accessible area.

Voting yes: Unanimous.

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

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE – Gamblers
Motion by Bryant.
I move to approve the following motion from the Agility Committee:

Motion by Kristi, Seconded by: Cynthia and Andrea

I move to change Section 5.2.1 which currently reads:

5.2.1 Course Time – Gamblers Class

The judge shall be responsible for establishing the time allotted for the gamble. The time given for the point accumulation period shall be forty (40) seconds for the Large Dogs and forty-five (45) seconds for the Small and Medium Dogs.

TO:
5.2.1 Course Time – Gamblers Class

The judge shall be responsible for establishing the time allotted for the gamble (please see description below.) The time given for the point accumulation period shall be forty (40) seconds for the Large Dogs and forty-five seconds for the Small and Medium Dogs. The “Gamble” is composed of four obstacles. These four obstacles make up three sequences:

1-2

2-3

3-4

Each “sequence” is the transition from obstacle to the next.

When calculating the gamble, a judge will start with a “base” time. Seconds will be added to or subtracted from the base time, taking the three sequences in the gamble into consideration.
### Gamble Base Times

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Modifying the Gamble Base Time:

- Add 1 second for each “challenging sequence”
- Subtract 1 second for each “simple sequence”
- Do nothing for a “normal sequence”
- Add 1 second for A-Frame, teeter or short weaves
- Add 2 seconds for long weaves

An example of a simple sequence would be two jumps in a straight line. For that kind of sequence, the judge would subtract 1 second. Anytime the sequence is logical or follows the path that the dog is already taking, it should be considered a simple sequence.

Anytime where the dog must change direction, or shorten his stride (collection) a judge would add a second. A serpentine of four jumps would be considered three challenging sequences and a judge would add three seconds. An arc of four jumps would be considered three simple sequences and a judge would subtract three seconds.

Voting results are: Yes: Pete, Shelley, Kristi, Frank, Cynthia, Ron, Lisa, Andrea, Pam, Margaret
No: None  Abstain: Elaine  Nonvoting: Sue, Diane  Motion passes.

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

#### 97:15 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES –

Motion by Bryant seconded by Davenport.
I would like to make the following motion to change the Committee Procedures:

Modify Item 5 of the committee procedures:

Current:
5. Each Committee shall vote to 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 to see to it that Committee Procedure, Board Policy and Robert’s Rules of Order are followed.

New:
5. Each Committee shall vote to 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 to see to it that
Committee Procedure, Board Policy and Robert’s Rules of Order are followed. At the Liaison’s discretion, he/she may redirect the committee to realign with current committee priorities.


93:19 BOARD POLICIES - Sec. 7
Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.
I move to make the following change to the board policy book.

In Section 7.21.1 Cover Theme
Change item c:

MAY/JUNE theme shall be Obedience. The cover shall be the National Finals Winner with the remaining three winners each given a color full page inside the issue.

To read:
MAY/JUNE theme shall be Obedience. The cover shall be the Super Dog Finals Winner with the remaining three Obedience Finals winners each given a color full page inside the issue.

In Section 7.21.1 Cover Theme
Change item d:

a. JULY/AUGUST theme shall be Stock Dog. The National Stock Dog Finals winner shall be on the cover. The other two winners will each receive a color full page inside the issue.

To read:
a. JULY/AUGUST theme shall be Stock Dog. The Stock Dog Cattle Finals winner shall be on the cover. The other two winners (if different dogs than the Cattle Finals winner) will each receive a color full page inside the issue.

Section 7.21.2 Selection of Cover Photo
Append the following to the end of this section:

In making the selection for the cover, the editor shall work with the Owner of the winner or the winner to get a photo that highlights the venue for which the dog was awarded the cover. For example, an ideal Stock Dog cover winner would display the dog working cattle. An ideal Agility cover winner would display a dog performing an agility obstacle or running a course.

It shall be understood that the final selection will rest with the Editor who will make every effort to get an appropriate photo from the winner. The photograph must be clear and sharp and be appropriate for a magazine cover. With the exception of the Best Junior Handler Finals winner, win photos and photos with people posed with their dogs are not acceptable.

In the event that the cover winner does not or cannot submit a photo which meets the Editors criteria outlined above, the following alternates may submit a photo for consideration:

a. JANUARY/FEBRUARY will be the Reserve Best Junior Handler Finals winner.
b. MARCH/APRIL will be the National MVA second place dog.
c. MAY/JUNE will be the Utility Obedience Finals winner.
d. JULY/AUGUST will be the Stock Dog Sheep Finals winner.

e. SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER will be the Veterans Agility Finals winner.

f. NOVEMBER/DECEMBER will be the Conformation Merit dog with the second most points for the year.

[Note: As rulebooks are reprinted, each venue shall include appropriate wording, that pertains to winners photos, in their rulebook.]

Section 7.21.3 Notification of Cover Winner
Append the following to the end of the paragraph:
“The Winner shall include the dog's full registered name, award won and full name of the owner.”


97:15 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES – Membership
Motion by Bryant, seconded by Davenport.
I would like to make the following motion to change the committee procedures document:

Change:
MEMBERSHIP
1. Committees shall normally be made up of thirteen (13) ASCA members including the Chairperson.

To Read:

MEMBERSHIP
1. Committees shall be made up of no more than thirteen (13) ASCA members including the Chairperson. Ideally the Committee shall have at least one Member and no more than two Members from each of the ASCA regions.

Remove:
3. d. Ideally the Committee shall have two (2) Members from each of the ASCA regions. Regions lacking Members may have a Member appointed from another neighboring region in order to fill the Committee.

[Note: the verbiage in 3d was added to Membership, item 1.]


98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE- FCI Judges
Motion by DeChant
I move that the following Motion from the Conformation Committee be approved:

This motion was made by Peter with a second by Liz. TO READ AS FOLLOWS (with new wording in red and underlined):

SECTION THREE: Other Registry ASCA Judges Requirements.
ASCA’s policy of accepting other registry judges: A minimum of three years of active judging experience would be required of outside registry judges before being accepted into ASCA’s Conformation program. Currently recognized judges in ASCA’s system would not be affected. Judges not already on the approved ASCA list would have to provide written documentation verifying their experience before being approved as ASCA judges.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Outside Registry Judges:

Judging at an ASCA Sanctioned Conformation show is an honor and a privilege, not a right. Judge applicants must satisfy ASCA’s stated minimum eligibility requirements for judges, but satisfying the minimum requirements does not entitle an applicant to become or remain an ASCA judge. In addition to satisfying other stated qualifications to serve, an applicant must consistently display the highest level of ethical conduct, impartial demeanor, professional comportment and dedication to upholding ASCA’s codes, rules, decisions and the Statement of Purpose in ASCA’s Bylaws. Any documented failure to perform on this level may result in denial or revocation of judging privileges by the ASCA Board of Directors without regard to any other qualification or prior service.

ASCA recognizes judges’ license from the following organizations:

American Kennel Club (AKC)

United Kennel Club (UKC)

Canadian Kennel Club

FCI

Judges from these registries must have been recognized judges within one of these organizations for a minimum of three (3) years. AKC, UKC, FCI or CKC Judges who have judged ASCA Conformation events prior to June 01, 2001 are exempt from this requirement. Verification of new judges by contacting their primary registry is the responsibility of the affiliate club that hires the judge.

COMMENTS: I vote YES of FCI judges... provided that they meet the requirements of other "outside" judges and have Aussie education. Denise Creelman, ASCA Sr. Breeder Judge

Comment: I don't feel that FCI judges are qualified enough. Mary

Vote results are as follows: FOR: Wendy F., Janet, Glenda, Rick, Peter, Denise, Liz, Wendy S., Margi AGAINST: Mary Non-Voting: none


99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - CH. 1 & 2.
Motion by Gray.
I move to approve the following motions from the Tracking Committee.

Motion 7
I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Deb St. Jacques, that we change the following to read:

Chapter 1,
Section 2, 3rd paragraph

Whenever a Tracking Test is announced in a premium list of an Affiliate Club’s show or Obedience Trial, the club shall appoint a Tracking Test Secretary, Chairperson, and a Tracking Committee as per Section-3 of the Tracking Rules and Regulations. This Tracking Committee shall appoint one person to receive all of the entries for the Tracking Test(s).

Comment: This is to make it clear that one person should receive entries.

Motion 8
I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Deb St. Jacques, that we add the following statement to Chapter 2, Section 4, between the 1st and the second paragraph:

All tracks are to be started in a cover of a type predominant in the area of the field which contains the first leg and first turn of the track.

Comment: This is to benefit the dog, and places the first part of every track in the predominant field cover in that field.

Motion 9
I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Deb St. Jacques, that we add the following to:

Chapter 2

Section 14: Leashes and Harness

At the end of second paragraph -following the last sentence--tags may be attached to the collar, "ADD"

The leash must show on the top of the harness while tracking, and it shall not be deliberately run through the underside of the dog controlling or restricting the dog’s movement.

Comment: This reinforces our tradition of not restraining the dog in any way during the running of tracks.

Motion 10-05
I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Deb St. Jacques, that we change the term "spare" track in the regs to "alternate" track.

This means that Chapter 2, section 5, will now read:

Section 5: Alternate Track.

Judges are encouraged to plot an alternate in the event a retest of one of the dogs is required, or if one of the tracks becomes invalidated. The alternate track should be fully equivalent to
any other track so that it can be used promptly, saving time and permitting the test to proceed in an orderly fashion without interruption. The chart showing the plot of the alternate track should appear in the Judge's books.

Motion, 11
I, Susan Schroeder, move, and seconded by Celeste Kelly, that we add this sentence to the revision of Chapter 2 section 22 titled Judges Books in the next to the last paragraph, starting after the third line, Motion 12

"The Judge's books should include a fourth page for the exhibitors."

Motion, 12
I, Susan Schroeder, move, and seconded by Celeste Kelly, that we add this to the revision of Chapter 2, Section 19,
Add to the 1st sentence: -

after the dog finds the article(s), however, exhibitors shall not excessively play with articles as toys, toss them to the dog or throw them on the ground, which may be construed as a restart. Only those items considered by the judges------(on to the end of the paragraph.)

Motions #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12 have all passed the tracking committee in April, 2005, by unanimous vote. Here are the Committee members voting in favor of all of these motions: Anne Hershey, Ralph Swingle, Deb St. Jacques, Susan Schroeder, Craig Bohren, Celeste Kelly, and Judy Whittaker. Voting opposed: none.


98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE - Chapter 3
Motion by DeChant.
I moved that the following motion by the Conformation be approved:

The following motions have been made by Wendy S. with a second by Liz

AS READS NOW:
CHAPTER 3 MAKING APPLICATION TO HOLD A SHOW
SANCTIONING RULES
APPROVAL OF JUDGES LIST
(IF APPLICATION IS FOR A SPECIALTY ALSO SEE CHAPTER 5 SPECIALTY SHOW)

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
CHAPTER 3. Sanctioning Rules
(If application is for a specialty also see Chapter 5. Specialty Show)

The header needs to be underlined to stay in format with the rest of the rules. I think that "making an application to hold a show* is redundant and the topic of Approval of Judges list is not covered here. Is it omitted, or covered somewhere else? Couldn't find it.

SECTION 3.1 no changes
AS READS NOW:
SECTION 3.2 Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement. The registries with which ASCA has an agreement are: NADAC and the Canadian Kennel Club. Suggestion: Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement. The registries with which ASCA has an agreement are: NADAC and the Canadian Kennel Club.

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 3.2 Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement. The registries with which ASCA has an agreement are: NADAC and the Canadian Kennel Club. Suggestion: Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or co-sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement. The registries with which ASCA has an agreement are: NADAC and the Canadian Kennel Club.

Grammatical changes

SECTION 3.3 No changes

AS READS NOW:
SECTION 3.4 The ASCA Business office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events.

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 3.4 The ASCA Business office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds preceding, during (from the first day through the last of) or immediately following the USASA Nationals events. I think this change more closely reflects the intent of this rule.

AS READS NOW:
SECTION 3.5 ASCA Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA and wish to hold a Conformation Dog Show at which Championship points may be awarded, must make application to ASCA on the form provided for permission to hold such show. The Sanctioning form shall list date, location, Show Secretary/Chairman's name, address and phone number, all classes offered, judges names and addresses and assignments, unless as otherwise provided in SECTION 4.13, SECTION 5.2.h

Any ASCA Affiliated Club requesting ASCA sanctioning for any event(s) shall, when making application for said event(s), include any applicable county, state, country or any other bylaws, rules of conduct or associated restrictions regarding dogs, their exhibition and the holding of said event(s) and shall include a list of such rules, bylaws or restrictions in the premium list. Such rules, restrictions, bylaws etc. shall be printed in English and the language of the country where said event(s) will be held, listing all pertinent information. This application must be submitted and postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the event. A sanction fee of twenty-five dollars ($25) per trial shall be submitted with the application.
TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 3.5 ASCA Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA and wish to hold a Conformation Dog Show at which Championship points may be awarded, must make application to ASCA on the form provided for permission to hold such show. The Sanctioning form shall list date, location, Show Secretary/Chairman's name, address and phone number, all classes offered, judges names and addresses and assignments, unless as otherwise provided in SECTION 4.13, SECTION 5.2.h

I find no references to this in section 4.13, and Section 5.2 h refers to drawing for assignments, which is no longer done. (we can fix this also when we do section 5.)

Any ASCA Affiliated Club requesting ASCA sanctioning for any event(s) shall, when making application for said event(s), include any applicable county, state, country or any other bylaws, rules of conduct or associated restrictions regarding dogs, their exhibition and the holding of said event(s) and shall include a list of such rules, bylaws or restrictions in the premium list. Such rules, restrictions, bylaws etc. shall be printed in English and the language of the country where said event(s) will be held, listing all pertinent information. This application must be submitted and postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the event except as noted in Section 3.7. A sanction fee of twenty-five dollars ($25) per trial shall be submitted with the application.

The amount of the fee is set by the B.O. per Section 3.6 and is redundant, and I think we need to mention the late fees here.

All entries shall close prior to the judging of the first class.
All Affiliate clubs must send a show flyer to the ASCA Business Office before the date of the scheduled event.

SECTION 3.6 No changes

AS READS NOW:

SECTION 3.7 Late Sanctioning Fees:
Sanctioning requests received between 30-45 days prior to an event will be accepted upon payment of a fine of $50 per day past the 45-day postmark deadline. Sanctioning request *received by the Business Office* less than 30 days prior to a sanctioned event will not be accepted under any circumstances. Clubs submitting delinquent sanctioning request 3 times will lose all late sanctioning privileges for a period of 2 years. It is recommended Clubs retain proof of mailing for all sanctioning requests.

The ASCA Business Office will not accept responsibility for sanctioning requests lost in the mail. All sanctioning requests sent after the 45-day postmark deadline must be original forms (no faxes or e-mails) and must have all required signatures and fees.

If the Host Club with the preexisting dates postmarks their sanctioning request form past the 45-day deadline and it is not received 30 days prior to the event, they will lose first right to this date for that year.
TO READ AS follows:

SECTION 3.7 Late Sanctioning Fees:
Sanctioning requests received between 30-45 days prior to an event will be accepted upon payment of a fine of $50 per day past the 45-day postmark deadline. Sanctioning request "received by the Business Office" less than 30 days prior to a sanctioned event will not be accepted under any circumstances. Clubs submitting delinquent sanctioning request 3 times will lose all late sanctioning privileges for a period of 2 years. It is recommended Clubs retain proof of mailing for all sanctioning requests.

The ASCA Business Office will not accept responsibility for sanctioning requests lost in the mail. All sanctioning requests sent after the 45-day postmark deadline must be original forms (no faxes or e-mails) and must have all required signatures and fees.

--If the Host Club with the preexisting dates postmarks their sanctioning request form past the 45-day deadline and it is not received 30 days prior to the event, they will lose first right to this date for that year.

Suggestion: Delete this paragraph since it is covered in Section 3.19

SECTION 3.8 No changes
SECTION 3.9 No changes
SECTION 3.10 No changes

AS READS NOW:

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Suggestion: Change the word "name" to NUMBER.
The judges books have no names on them, only numbers.

AS READS NOW:

SECTION 3.12 In the event it becomes necessary to change the physical location where a show is to be held, after the Sanctioning form has been received by the ASCA Business Office, the show committee or the show coordinator shall obtain approval of the new show location from the ASCA Business Office.
a. If the location change is made prior to twenty (20) days before the date(s) of the show, notice of the change must be sent to all prospective exhibitors.
b. The club will be responsible for having a notice posted in a prominent place at the original location informing exhibitors of the change in location. The notice must state specific directions to the new location.

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_Suggestion: add before a:_ **In an Emergency Re-location the ASCA Business Office must be notified as soon as possible after the fact.**

*I have been at shows that have been re-located when the B.O. is closed, and they could technically be challenged as to validity.*

FOR: Wendy F., Janet, Rick, Peter, Mary, Denise, Margi, Liz, Wendy S. AGAINST- none NON-VOTING- Glenda  This motion passes.