

November 2016 Secretary's Report

This report details the day-to-day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors through mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications. This report is respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.

Judge Approvals

Apprentice Agility Judge Harold Baska (Georgia)
Non-Regular Breeder Judge Dawn Williams (Indiana)
Provisional Breeder Judge Leah Swatko (Ontario)
Approved Breeder Judge Heather Braddock (Connecticut)
Approved Breeder Judge Laura Gibson (Texas)
Approved Breeder Judge Kelly Sweeney (Connecticut)
Senior Breeder Judge Nannette Newbury (California)

Committee Appointments

Mallori Bryan was added to Region 5 of the Junior Committee.

Board Email Motions

BD.16.136 ASCA QuickBooks for budget

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

Second by Vest

I motion to use the ASCA QuickBooks accounts for budgeting purposes. This will provide a consistent accounting/financial methodology going forward.

Comment: Moving to the ASCA QuickBooks accounts for budgeting will maintain a consistency in ASCA's financials and will not require changes when the Treasury position is changed.

Effective date: Immediate upon BOD approval

BD.16.137 Memorial for Linda Mahoney

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

Second by Gray

We motion to approve a memorial donation of \$100 from ASCA on behalf of Linda Mahoney who most regrettably passed away in Sept 2016. Linda's family requested that the donation be made to the ASCA Foundation in support of ASCA's DNA program.

Comment: Linda was one of the original members of the ASCA DNA Committee and was an avid supporter of the project. Her rational and pragmatic approach helped the committee to achieve the success it enjoys today.

Linda was also instrumental in ASCA stockdog program as she served many terms on the ASCA Stockdog Committee, both as a Member and Chair. Again, her calm demeanor in the face of challenge helped to mold the Stockdog Program into a program that is enjoyed by all today. Linda also participated successfully in the stock arena with several dogs...her last being Dylan.

Linda's sense of logic and no-nonsense approach made her the perfect candidate for stepping up to Chair a floundering ASCA Committee when requested to do so by the ASCA BOD. Her efforts to get the Committee back on track and working smoothly took months, but she persevered. That Committee is fully functional today and stands as a testament to Linda's efforts.

Linda Mahoney is missed by all that knew her, especially in the ASCA family. Her support of ASCA and the Membership will not be forgotten.

Effective date: Upon BOD approval.

BD.16.138 FrogSlayer Hosting/Maintenance Statement of Work Oct 2016 - Sept 2017

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

Second by Wesen

We motion to approve the attached FrogSlayer Statement of Work (SOW) for hosting/maintenance of the ASCA system/website. This SOW provides for 12 months of ongoing cloud-based hosting services, beginning October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017. Total cost of the SOW is \$18,000.00, with the first payment due immediately and the remainder to be paid quarterly. ASCA will be responsible for maintaining the quarterly payment schedule as defined in the SOW.

Comment: FrogSlayer designed ASCA's new system and to ensure continuity and prevent systems issues, they have been chosen to maintain/host the new system and website. FrogSlayer management/hosting will include/but not limited to the following: source code repository, associated databases, web services, staging sites and any other key software components, miscellaneous infrastructure tasks like: port handling, SSL setup, firewall management, server sandboxing, logging and reporting, security testing, etc., nightly backups of data and VM images across all EC2 cloud servers, server OS software licenses and regular OS updates across all EC2 cloud servers. Includes built-in support time from FrogSlayer's Director of IT & DevOps to: (1) monitor infrastructure on an ongoing basis and (2) handle issues as they arise. Future system hosting/maintenance contracts/SOWs will be negotiated on a yearly basis by ASCA. Effective date: Upon approval by the BOD.

BD.16.140 Sympathy Cards for Deceased ASCA Members

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

Second by Gray

We motion to provide an ASCA sympathy card to deceased Members that have gone above and beyond in their support of ASCA and the Australian Shepherd. These are Members that have tirelessly donated their time and effort in support of ASCA's programs, committees, and venues.

Sympathy card requests for a Member that meets these standards will come from the BOD to the ASCA Business Office. The BOD will provide additional detail regarding the Member's contributions to the Business Office.

To be added to the Policy Book as follows:

Policy Book: 9.11 SYMPATHY CARDS

Comment: The BOD believes that a sympathy card from ASCA is a tangible recognition to affirm the deceased Members contribution to ASCA.

Effective date: Upon BOD approval.

BD.16.142 Recognition of Juniors in Performance Events (Revised)

Approve: DeChant, Gray, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Oppose: Gibson, King, Roberts

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion carries.

Comment from Gibson: The deadline for this issue of the Aussie Times has passed. I recommend we recognize these juniors with photos in the Nationals issue of the AT.

Comment from King: While I support ASCA's juniors and believe we need to recognize their achievements I think this motion needs more work. I think the National junior winners in all venues should be recognized in the Nationals AT issue. I think the year end junior winners should be recognized in the Junior AT issue. This motion only recognizes some of the junior winners at Nationals. I think this motion should go to the junior committee for their work to cover all juniors and their achievements for Nationals and year end.

Motion by Wesen

Second by Vest

I motion to recognize the ASCA Nationals Juniors in Performance events in the Jan-Feb Junior edition of Aussie Times. HIT Junior - each performance event ½ page in the Jan-Feb Aussie Times. MVJ Winner - Back cover of Jan-Feb Aussie Times

Comment: Recognition of ASCA's Juniors is critical to the future of our performance programs. It is imperative that the BOD ensures that they receive the deserved recognition.

Effective date: Upon BOD approval.

BD.16.143 Tracking Committee Mission Statement (Revised)

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

Second by Vest

We motion to approve the ASCA Tracking Committee's Mission Statement as provided by the Committee:

The ASCA Tracking Committee is dedicated to maintaining and growing a highly-regarded, non-competitive tracking program for the global ASCA community, a program that encourages human-canine teamwork and showcases the Australian Shepherd's natural scenting ability, extraordinary focus, and drive to complete a mission.

Comment: The Mission Statement will be displayed at the top of the Tracking Committee information on the ASCA website. The Mission Statement will also be added to the top of page 1 of the Tracking Rulebook at the next printing date.

Effective date: Upon approval by the BOD.

BD.16.145 Moratorium on new Agility Licensees

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

Second by Vest

I move that the ASCA Board of Directors immediately set a moratorium on approving any new Agility Licensees until such time that licensees have been phased out or the Board has approved new guidelines.

The moratorium passed by the Board in July was for 60 days and has expired.

The Agility committee is working on new guidelines, however we are also exploring whether the licensees would rather just convert to an affiliate club.

Committee Recommendations

Hall of Fame Committee

HF.16.03 Addition of ODX to Hall of Fame

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by DeChant

I move to approve the addition of the ODX to the Hall of Fame Program as outlined in the attached Motion. It would be effective upon approval by the Board and all ODX titles earned would count for all HOF up to now and going forward.

Motion by Dorothy A Montano, second by Sharon Elkins to add ODX to the HOF requirements.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 4

Non-voting: None

Abstain: None

ASCA recognizes the kennels/breeders who have produced titled Australian Shepherds that have met the HOF requirements as set forth below.

A. Qualifying titles counting toward a Kennel/Breeders Hall of Fame are as follows:

1. Agility: RS-O (Regular Standard Open) or RV-O (Regular Veterans Open) or RJ-O (Regular Junior Open) (only one of these per Australian Shepherd to count)
2. Obedience : CDX, (companion excellent) or ODX (open dog excellent) Only one per dog to count
3. Tracking : TD (tracking dog)
4. Stockdog : ATDd (advanced trial dog ducks) and/or OTDs (open trial dog sheep) and/or OTDc (open trial dog cattle).
5. Conformation : CH (conformation champion), A-CH (altered conformation champion)
6. Rally: RM (Rally Masters)

B. A Kennel/Breeder must have accrued twenty (20) qualifying titles on their progeny as follows:

1. Ten (10) stockdog and conformation titles, with a minimum of three (3) in each, and
2. The remaining Ten (10) in any category named in A.1-6 above.

Hall of Fame Excellent:

BREEDER AND/OR KENNEL REQUIREMENTS 20 (TWENTY) QUALIFYING TITLES REQUIRED AS FOLLOWS:

A. SIX MANDATORY STOCKDOG TITLES (individually or combined)

Qualifying titles are:

1. ATDc (Advanced Trial Dog Cattle) (1 pt) or
2. ATDs (Advanced Trial Dog Sheep) (1pt) or
3. RTDsc (Ranch Trial Dog Sheep/Cattle) (combined for 1 pt) or
4. PATDs (Post Advanced Trial Dog Sheep) (1 pt) or
5. PATDc (Post Advanced Trial Dog Cattle) (1 pt)

B. SIX MANDATORY CONFORMATION TITLES (Titles earned in HOF count towards HOFX)

Qualifying titles are:

1. A-CH (Altered Champion) (1 pt) or
2. CH (Champion) (1 pt)

C. FIVE ADDITIONAL TITLES IN EITHER PERFORMANCE, STOCKDOG, OR CONFORMATION AS NAMED ABOVE

Qualifying performance titles are:

1. OBEDIENCE: UD (1 pt) (Utility Dog)
2. TRACKING: TDX (1 pt) (Tracking Dog Excellent)
3. AGILITY: (must earn ALL THREE Elite titles of Regular, Gamblers, and Jumpers) (1 pt)
 - a) Qualifying Regular titles are: RS-E or RJ-E or RV-E (Regular Standard Elite or Regular Junior Elite or Regular Veteran Elite)
 - b) Qualifying Jumper titles are: JS-E or JJ-E or JV-E (Jumper Standard Elite or Jumper Junior Elite or Jumper Veteran Elite)
 - c) Qualifying Gambler titles are: GS-E or GJ-E or GV-E (Gamblers Standard Elite or Gamblers Junior Elite or Gamblers Veteran Elite)

D. THREE TITLES OF EXCELLENCE (A dog may earn more than one and two dogs must be titled in this category.) ADD: Two of the three titles must be titles that include stock and/or conformation.

Individual titles making up these specialty titles may be counted towards stockdog, conformation or performance requirements named above. Qualifying titles are:

1. VCH (Versatility Champion) (1 pt)
2. PCH (Performance Champion) (1 pt)
3. ATCH (Agility Trial Champion) (1 pt)
4. OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion) or OTCH-O (Obedience Trial Champion-Open), only one per dog to count (1 pt)
5. WTCH (Working Trial Champion) (1 pt)
6. SVCH (Supreme Versatility Champion) (1 pt)
7. SPCH (Supreme Performance Champion) (1 pt)
8. MTD (Master Tracking Dog) (1 pt)
9. RTCH (Rally Trial Champion) (1 pt)

Additional Requirement: HOF (Hall of Fame) MUST BE EARNED PRIOR TO PUTTING IN FOR HOFX (Hall of Fame Excellent).

Sires and Dams

Qualifying titles earned by an Australian Shepherd produced by a sire or dam counting towards that sire or dams HOF requirements are as follows:

1. Agility: RS-O (Regular Standard Open) or RV-O (Regular Veterans Open) or RJ-O (Regular Junior Open) (only one of these per Australian Shepherd to count)
2. Obedience : CDX (companion excellent) or ODX (open dog excellent) Only one per dog to count
3. Tracking : TD (tracking dog)
4. Stockdog : ATDd (advanced trial dog ducks) and/or OTDs (open trial dog sheep) and/or OTDc (open trial dog cattle).
5. Conformation : CH (conformation champion), A-CH (altered conformation champion)
6. Rally: RM (Rally Masters)

B. Australian Shepherds produced by the Sire must have earned a combination of twelve (12) of the above named titles with a combination of three (3) Stockdog or Conformation titles and the remaining nine (9) from any area named in (A.1-6) above.

C. Australian Shepherds produced by the Dam must have earned a combination of eight (8) of the above named titles with a combination of two (2) Stockdog or Conformation titles and the remaining six from any area. named in (A.1-6) above.

Versatility

Minimum Requirements to be met for the VCH (Versatility Champion) title:

1. CH or A-CH (regular class breed championship)
2. Two OTD (open trial dog sheep & cattle) and one ATD (advanced trial dog ducks) in working.
3. One of the following five:
 - a) CDX, (companion excellent) or ODX (open dog excellent) Only one per dog to count
 - b) CD/TD (companion dog in obedience/tracking dog)
 - c) TDX (tracking dog excellent)
 - d) Three Open Agility titles: Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (standard, junior or veterans)
 - e) REM (Rally Excellent/Masters)

Supreme Versatility

Minimum Requirements to be met for the SVCH (Supreme Versatility Champion) title:

1. CH or A-CH (regular class breed championship)
2. WTCH (working trial champion)
3. One of the following:
 - a) UD (utility dog in obedience)
 - b) Three Elite Agility titles: Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (standard, junior or veterans)
 - c) REMX (Rally Excellent/Masters X)

Performance

Minimum Requirements to be met for the PCH (Performance Champion) title:

1. Two ATD (advanced trial dog titles)
2. Two out of the following four:
 - a) CDX (companion excellent) or ODX (open dog excellent) Only one per dog to count
 - b) TDX (tracking dog excellent)
 - c) All of Open Regular, Open Gamblers and Open Jumpers (standard or veterans in agility)
 - d) REM (Rally Excellent/Masters)

Supreme Performance

Minimum Requirements to be met for the SPCH (Supreme Performance Champion) title:

1. WTCH (working trial champion)
2. Two of the following three:
 - a) UD (utility dog in obedience)
 - b) All of Elite Regular, Elite Gamblers, Elite Jumpers (standard or veterans in agility)
 - c) REMX (Rally Excellent/Masters X)

Most Versatile Aussie Committee

MV.16.08 Clarification of highest score, addition of Breed Standard

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

I move we approve the following recommendation from the MVA Committee.

There are four changes.

Rule Clarifications - 2016.08.2

Motion by Renee Watson

Second by Andrea Hoffman

Motion statement: I move to amend the Rule book with the clarifications as listed below. None of these changes affect how MVA is scored.

Change #1 -

1.1.8 OBEDIENCE - Original

A. The highest qualifying score from a regular class will be used to compute MVA points.

B. Points will be computed using a 3% factor as follows:

- Utility = Score plus 10 points

- Open = Score

- Novice = Score minus 10 points

1.1.8 OBEDIENCE - Suggested

A. The highest qualifying score from a regular class will be used to compute MVA points. Highest score is defined as the score that will result in the highest number of MVA points.

B. Points will be computed as follows:

- Utility = Score plus 10 points

- Open (CDX or ODX) = Score

- Novice = Score minus 10 points

Change #2

1.1.9 AGILITY - Original

A. Only Regular Agility, from the standard, veterans or junior division, will be used for versatility.

B. The highest qualifying score will be used to compute MVA points.

1.1.9 AGILITY - Suggested

A. Only Regular Agility, from the standard, veterans or junior division, will be used for versatility.

B. The highest qualifying score will be used to compute MVA points. Highest score is defined as the score that will result in the highest number of MVA points.

Change #3

1.1.11 RALLY - Original

A. The highest qualifying score from an A or B Advanced, Excellent or Masters class will be used to compute MVA points.

1.1.11 RALLY - Suggested

A. The highest qualifying score from an A or B Advanced, Excellent or Masters class will be used to compute MVA points. Highest score is defined as the score that will result in the highest number of MVA points.

Change #4: Add the Breed Standard to the Rule Book. We will insert at the back of the Rule Book prior to the Evaluation form.

Special Rationale: In our conversation around the evaluation form, we felt it would be helpful to have the Breed Standard as part of the MVA Rule Book.

Comments/Rationale: There was some confusion around the wording of these sections of the rules. We felt it necessary to define within the different programs what was meant by "highest score."

Effective date: This motion will go into effect at the next printing of the applicable Rule Book.

Results of the committee vote:

Yes: 7

No: None

Abstain: None

No Vote: None

MV.16.09 Revised MVA Evaluation Form

Approve: DeChant, Gray, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Oppose: Gibson

Abstain: King

Non-Voting: None

Motion carries.

Comment from Gibson: The instructions on the form call for the judge to give NS to cryptorchid dogs, yet altered dogs, dogs with no testicles, are eligible to compete. I think this needs to be clarified. Other than that, I support this motion.

Motion by Silveira

I move we accept the following recommendation from the MVA Committee.

Revised MVA Evaluation Form - 2016.08.1

Motion by Anne Shope

Second by Andrea Hoffman

Motion statement: I move to approve the MVA Evaluation form as updated and presented and that this form replace the one currently in the Rule book.

Comments/Rationale: The form has been revised to make it easier for the judges performing the MVA evaluations to score the dogs and also clarify how a dog which may have disqualifying faults according to the Breed Standard should be scored. It is the combined opinion of the Committee that any dog with a DQ fault should not be eligible to receive a qualifying score in the MVA competition. In the revised form, judges are instructed to give the dog with a DQ fault a NS=No Score on the evaluation form. This means the dog does not receive a score and as such will not be eligible for a qualifying score in the MVA competition. The form as revised is patterned after the form used for the Conformation Finals and as revised will award the dog a potential of 100 points, rather than 90 as previously structured.

1.1.5 CONFORMATION (See Appendix A) New Form will need to be inserted into Appendix A A. The MVA evaluator must be an ASCA breeder judge; a senior breeder judge is preferred but is not mandatory. An ASCA provisional breeder judge cannot be an MVA evaluator. The MVA evaluator will be allowed to show prior or subsequent to the day of the MVA evaluation. Further, any dog(s) owned by the evaluator may compete in any and all programs, other than MVA, on the same day that the

evaluations are performed, provided the handler is someone other than that evaluator. Members of the evaluator's immediate family may handle the dog. If the evaluator is judging other classes or programs in addition to the MVA evaluation at the cluster, the ASCA rules pertaining to that judging shall take precedence.

B. ~~Ninety One Hundred~~ points are available. The form and point schedule used will be provided to the evaluator.

C. This class will not be placed and no awards will be given. The score given by the evaluator will be used.

D. Only Australian Shepherds with full registration privileges will be allowed to compete in MVA. No LEP/Tracking number registered dogs will be allowed in MVA. This class is open to spayed and neutered animals as well as intact animals.

Effective date: This motion will go into effect at the next printing of the applicable Rule Book.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 7

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-voting: None

Stockdog Committee

SD.16.25 Chapter 24.2.4.d, Include G & H for Finals Point

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I make a motion to correct the wording in Chapter 24, section 2.4 d regarding qualifying points towards Stockdog finals, as recommended by the SDC.

Subject: Chapter 24.2.4.d, Include G & H for Finals Point

Effective Date: June 1, 2017

Motion by Judy Deshazo

Second by Wayne Kirby

Motion Statement: I make a motion to correct the wording in Chapter 24, section 2.4 d regarding qualifying points towards Stockdog finals.

Rationale: The new courses, G and H, need to be added to the list of courses to be used for finals points in the ASCA Stockdog rule book, Chapter 24, Section 2.4 d.

Current Wording:

24.2.4 d

Qualifying points towards eligibility in the Stockdog Finals for each class of stock are earned in the following ways:

d. One point for each qualifying score that earns High In Trial Aussie in Class of Stock (Cattle, Sheep/Goats, Ducks/Geese) at a trial for Course A, B, C, D, E or F.

Proposed Change:

24.2.4 d

Qualifying points towards eligibility in the Stockdog Finals for each class of stock are earned in the following ways:

d. One point for each qualifying score that earns High In Trial Aussie in Class of Stock (Cattle, Sheep/Goats, Ducks/Geese) at a trial for Course A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 12

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-voting: 1

Comments: None

SD.16.26 Judges scribing, timing, etc. for other Judges during Stockdog Finals

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira

Oppose: Vest, Wesen

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion carries.

Comment from Vest: The rationale on this motion is faulty as no complaints were filed regarding the alleged incidents. Minus a complaint, this type of allegation is considered as gossip or hearsay. Using this as a basis to create a motion that insults the integrity and most certainly does question the honesty of Stockdog Judges is not a positive statement from ASCA. The motion specifies Stockdog Judges as the issue, thereby impugning their character and integrity. I am concerned that passage of this motion may have a trickle-down effect to local SD trials. In many cases, especially at the AM/PM trials, one SD Judge will time/scribe for the other as volunteers are scarce. Passage of this motion may call this practice into question.....after all the Finals points are earned at local SD trials. The damage that this motion will do is long term, possibly at the local SD trialing level as well as it removes any semblance of trust ASCA professes to have in its Stock Judges.

Comment from Wesen: Hardship on clubs for manpower. Many of the BOD are Stockdog judges. This should be across the board to all finals.

Motion by Gibson

I make a motion to include a rule in the Stockdog Rule Book, Chapter 24, Section 9.3 preventing any ASCA Stockdog Judge from scribing, timing, or conversing with a finals Judge while a run is being judged, as recommended by the SDC.

Subject: Judges scribing, timing, etc. for other Judges during Stockdog Finals

Effective Date: June 1, 2017

Motion by Maxine Schvaneveldt

Second by Marti Parrish

Motion Statement: I make a motion to include a rule in the Stockdog Rule Book, Chapter 24, Section 9.3 preventing any ASCA Stockdog Judge from scribing, timing, or conversing with a finals Judge while a run is being judged.

Rationale: For the past three years at finals, there have been Judges seated with and scribing for finals Judges. Each year has caused discussion and concern among the contestants. The three years in question have not involved the same Judges, so it appears to be more widespread than one or two individuals. By including this rule in Chapter 24, controversy can be avoided in the future by eliminating

the appearance of possible outside influence of a finals Judge. This is not a statement calling into question the integrity of our Judges, but a statement that will prevent any questions being asked and which will allow the Judges to feel less pressure from observers while they are Judging. This rule clarifies what is acceptable and describes a situation which will prevent future complaints.

Current Wording:

24.9.3

Judges must be placed apart from spectators and each other (it will be the Host Club's responsibility to see that appropriate seating is made available by roping off designated "Judges' area" and placing table/chairs in appropriate places surrounding the working arena.

Proposed Change:

24.9.3

Judges must be placed apart from spectators and each other. It will be the Host Club's responsibility to see that appropriate seating is made available by roping off designated "Judges' area" and placing table/chairs in appropriate places surrounding the working arena.

a. No Judge, whether Apprentice, Provisional, or Regular, may time, scribe, sit with, or have a conversation with a finals Judge while a finals run is being judged.

Results of committee vote:

Approve: 10

Disapprove: 2

Abstain: None

Non-voting: 1

Comment from Landry: Our stockdog judges already prescribe to a vigorous Judges' Code of Ethics. I can't help but believe that judges will still feel like this motion insults their integrity and questions their honesty.

Comment from Kirby: The BOD is supposed to work the finals. With this 6 of the BOD would not be able to help with the finals. The new rule states judge not Stockdog judge also. I don't think a Stockdog judge should time, scribe or seat with a Stockdog judge when he/she is judging a trial.

Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2016

Present: President Laura Gibson, 1st Vice President Ann DeChant, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Cindy King, Director Linda Gray, Director Ken Silveira, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Director Jean Roberts

There is a quorum with 6 voting members of the Board present.

- *Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm Central Time.*

October Email Votes

BD.16.146 Ratify October BOD email votes

Motion by Gray to ratify the email votes for September. Second by Silveira.

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Silveira, Wesen; Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: Roberts, Vest; motion carries.

- *Roberts joined the meeting at 6:01 pm.*

Treasurer's Report

Wesen gave the report. She spoke about the importance of passing the motion to use QuickBooks for the budget. Balance for the period ending October 31, 2016, is \$115,294.20.

BD.16.147 October Treasurer's report

Motion by Gray to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Second by Silveira.

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira; Disapprove: 0, Abstain: Wesen, Absent: Vest; motion carries.

Introduction to Committee Procedures

Introduction to the Committee Procedures Handbook

ASCA's standing committees serve in assisting the ASCA Board of Directors in advancing the interests of the Australian Shepherd and encouraging sportsmanlike competition at ASCA shows and trials.

Members with relevant expertise provide an important service to ASCA through their participation on these committees. The Board of Directors encourages members to send in their resumes to fulfill this valuable role in ASCA's success.

The purposes of ASCA's standing committees are as follows:

- 1) to serve as program experts and to advise the Board of Directors, as needed
- 2) to work on directives from the Board of Directors
- 3) to monitor the rule books for possible improvements and updates on an annual basis
- 4) to consider new programs that will help preserve or promote ASCA and the Australian Shepherd
- 5) to share information about ASCA's programs with the general public
- 6) to improve and grow ASCA's programs
- 7) to increase participation in ASCA's programs and in ASCA as a whole

In an effort to achieve these purposes, all standing committees will set goals for themselves each year, as part of ASCA's Strategic Plan. These goals will guide and focus the work of the committees.

BD.16.148 Introduction to Committee Procedures

Motion by Gibson to add this as an intro to the Committee Procedures. Second by Roberts.

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Wesen; Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: Vest; motion carries.

ASCA-L

The Board discussed appointing four moderators for the ASCA-L. Their duties would be to keep things polite and on topic. Those who are interested in filling the position should have previous experience in moderating lists or groups. Roberts will send out a request for resumes and the Board will revisit at the December meeting.

Committee Liaisons

This topic has been moved to the December meeting. The Board would like Counsel to be present.

Definition of Show Secretary & Ring Steward/Contact with Judges

This topic has been moved to the December meeting.

Conflict Resolution Protocol

This document is the result of work done by the Dispute Rules Committee and has been through Board revisions. Gibson will make several edits. This document will replace the Dispute Rules in the back of every rule book and on the website.

BD.16.149 Conflict Resolution Protocol

Motion by Gibson to adopt the new Conflict Resolution Protocol and accompanying form to replace the old Dispute Rules. Second by Gray.

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Wesen; Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: Vest; motion carries.

Sympathy Cards

There is a motion for this voting cycle regarding sympathy cards for deceased members that have gone above and beyond in their support of ASCA and the Australian Shepherd.

2017 National Specialty Premium

BD.16.150 2017 National Specialty Premium

Motion by DeChant to approve the 2017 National Specialty Premium and Texas Shootout rules. Second by Wesen.

Approve: DeChant, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Wesen; Disapprove: 0, Abstain: Gibson, Absent: Vest; motion carries.

Social Media Photo Policy

This topic has been moved to the December meeting.

Tail Issue

This topic has been moved to the December meeting.

2017 Nationals Meetings

The dates of the Board's Nationals meetings will be published in the 2017 Nationals Premium.

The Board will meet on:

Saturday, October 28 from 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, October 29 from 1:00pm-5:00pm

Friday, November 3 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Translation of Conformation Judge Test

The Board is attempting to have the conformation breeder judge test translated into German. This is to satisfy the request of a member to be allowed to re-take the test in her native language. DeChant will contact a member to ask for their assistance with the translation.

We are going to work on having all judge tests, for all programs, offered in the judge's native language. We are starting with the conformation test because of an urgent need.

Société Centrale Canine de France

The Société Centrale Canine de France (under the FCI) is considering closing their stud book, and would only accept dogs with AKC registration going forward. They would no longer recognize dogs that are only registered with ASCA. Gibson will write a letter to the club and ask them to reconsider their decision, explaining to them ASCA's reach and importance to the breed, as well as our relationship with CKC.

- *The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.*