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October 2017 Executive Secretary's Report

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Motions originating from the Board

BD.17.179 Transfer of ASCA Yahoo groups to Groups.io

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

Second by King

I move that all ASCA owned groups hosted by Yahoo be transferred to Groups.io by Jan. 1st, 2018.

Comments/Rationale: Groups.io is a more secure and easier to use platform for hosting our committee groups. The ASCA DNA group was successfully moved to groups.io from Yahoo. There have been no complaints from ASCA users, thus far.

Parties affected: Committee members, ASCA Office

Ray has said that it would take about 1/2 day to move all of the groups.

Effective date: Upon Board approval

BD.17.180 2018 Stockdog Finals Judges

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gibson, Kissman

Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

Second by King

I move to approve the slate of judges for the 2018 Stock Finals.

Preston Kissman, Ken Lyle, Steve Shope, Sharon Simmons, Larry Teaff, and Brad Warren

Rationale: The Board is supposed to approve them

Parties affected: Stock Finals judges, 2018 Nationals Host Club

Effective date: Upon Board approval

Emergency Motion

BD.17.190 Stay Exercise During HIT Runoff RULE BOOK CORRECTION

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I make an emergency motion to approve the following from the Rally Committee.

Motion by Corinne Shanks

Second by Karen Black

Purpose: This is a clarification of the current rule, which, when corrected in September, resulted in the removal of "on lead". Though the rule book states all novice courses are to be run "on lead", there is concern that the wording effective 10/1/17 in section 1.18.4 of the rule book will cause additional confusion in the event of a HIT Runoff.

Comments/rationale: When motion RC - 7.29 was written and approved, "on lead" was not specifically stated (see Approved by the Committee below). The current Rule Book wording, is not the same as was approved by the committee. This motion is to clarify the 10/1/17 rule book to avoid confusion.

Previous:

1.18.4 Ties for HIT

In case of a tie between dogs eligible for any of the above awards, each Team shall perform the Novice course on lead. The highest score shall determine the winner. In the event that more than one Team receives the same score, the faster time shall determine the winner.

Approved by the committee:

1.18.4 Ties for HIT

In case of a tie between dogs eligible for any of the above awards, each Team shall perform the Novice course, including the stay exercise. The highest score shall determine the winner. In the event that more than one Team receives the same score, the faster time shall determine the winner. **The sit or down stay will be kept on the course for the run-off.**

Current:

1.18.4 Ties for HIT

In case of a tie between dogs eligible for any of the above awards, each Team shall perform the Novice course, including the stay exercise ~~on lead~~. The highest score shall determine the winner. In the event that more than one Team receives the same score, the faster time shall determine the winner. The sit or down stay will be kept on the course for the run-off. (Effective September 2017)

Proposed:

1.18.4 Ties for HIT

In case of a tie between dogs eligible for any of the above awards, each Team shall perform the Novice course, including the stay exercise, **on lead**. The highest score shall determine the winner. In the event that more than one Team receives the same score, the faster time shall determine the winner. The sit or down stay will be kept on the course for the run-off.

The wording of the current rule book for Junior Handler HIT also needs to be corrected to the same wording.

Current:

1.20.2 Tie for HIT Junior Handler

In case of a tie between Junior Handlers eligible for any of the above awards, each Junior Handler and dog shall perform the Novice course, on lead. The highest score shall determine the winner. In the event that more than one Team receives the same score, the faster time shall determine the winner.

Proposed:

1.20.2 Tie for HIT Junior Handler

In case of a tie between Junior Handlers eligible for any of the above awards, each Junior Handler and dog shall perform the Novice course, including the stay exercise, on lead. The highest score shall determine the winner. In the event that more than one Team receives the same score, the faster time shall determine the winner.

Parties affected: Contestants that are tied for HIT that run the course must be aware that the sit/down stay is part of the course, and performed on lead.

Effective date: On Approval by the BOD.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

Motions originating from the Committees

Obedience Committee

OB.17.05 Send Trial Paperwork and Rulebook to Judges

Approve: 7

Oppose: Gray, Roberts

Motion carries.

Letter of Dissent from Gray: Policy 8.9.2 was not followed.

Letter of Dissent from Roberts: I can't approve this motion without a notation as to where this policy will reside in ASCA documents.

Motion by Wesen

I move to approve this motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion by Katie van de Sandt

Second by Jane Small

I move to ask the Business Office, when obedience trials are sanctioned, to email the judge a copy of the premium and/or sanctioning paperwork, a link to the latest rulebook and an offer to mail a printed copy of the current rulebook, if the judge requests it.

Rationale: Make sure judges have the details of trials they have agreed to judge in their hands before the trial. Make the process for getting a current rulebook easily visible to and convenient for judges. Ensure judges receive similar information when judging obedience that they have already been receiving when judging rally.

Parties affected: Business Office is asked to send information to judges of sanctioned trials.

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be immediately following approval by the Board of Directors.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 7

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 3

The Obedience Committee does not recommend that this motion be printed in the rulebook.

OB.17.06 Send Rulebook Changes to Judges

Approve: 8

Oppose: Gray

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to approve this motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion by Katie van de Sandt

Second by Jane Small

I make a motion that we ask the Executive Secretary, in May of each year, to email to all Obedience Judges the list of upcoming changes for the June rulebook. Include in the letter a request to judges to notify the Business Office if for any reason they would like to be removed from the ASCA Obedience Judges list.

Rationale: To facilitate keeping judges updated on changes in the obedience rules and to help keep the judges list updated.

Parties affected: Obedience judges will get rule updates. Executive Secretary will be asked to email out the rule change doc once a year. Executive Secretary responded that she can initiate the emailing of the rule change document.

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 7

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 3

The Obedience Committee does not recommend that this motion be printed in the rulebook.

Stockdog Committee

SD.17.09 Dogs in the Arena

Approve: 0

Oppose: 8

Abstain: Gray

Motion fails.

Comment from DeChant: I am opposed as I think it needs more work.

Comment from Kissman: This is a proposed rule modification from the SDC that will not be followed. The existing rule is currently not being followed. If the SDC wants to level the playing field at a Stockdog Trial, they will have to come up with a better solution.

Comment from Vest: Will not be able to support this motion as written. I appreciate the purpose of the motion and understand that the SDC is trying to correct an issue. However, in a lot of the A.M./P.M. trials, the stock are run back to back to prevent them having to be caught up and penned again later in the day. Re/ awards, rarely do Affiliates hand out ribbons/awards until the A.M/P.M. is complete as some award High Combined and other awards that require the completion of both trials.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the motion from the SDC:

Motion by Jim McKay

Second by Judy DeShazo

I move that the Stock Dog Committee change the wording of 4.11.1 in section 11.

CURRENT WORDING:

4.11.1

No competing dogs will be allowed in the trial arena on the day of trial except during their run. A non-competing dog may be used to work the stock only at the discretion of the course director and the judge. The trial arena includes all areas where dogs are competing and all areas used for handling the livestock.

PROPOSED WORDING:

4.11.1

Competing dogs will not be allowed in the trial arena on the day of the trial until the trial is finished, with the exception of the runs in which the dog is entered. The trial arena includes all areas where the dogs are competing and all areas used for handling trial livestock, including pasture and corral holding areas or pens. The trial is considered finished after all runs, including run offs, for that trial have been judged. When more than one sanctioned trial is held on the same day, a dog who has previously competed that day may be used for livestock management, provided the trial in which the dog competed is finished and the dog will not be competing in any further runs, including run offs, that day. A non-competing dog may be used to work the stock only at the discretion of the course director and the judge.

Rationale: These rules need clarification as there has been confusion at several locations during trials.

Parties affected: Competitors in Stock trials

Effective date: upon approval of the BOD

Results of the committee vote:

The following motion was approved by the SDC on 9/22/2017 with all members voting as follows:

Approved: 9

Opposed: 3

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Present: President Laura Gibson, 1st Vice President Ann DeChant, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Cindy King, Director Linda Gray, Director Preston Kissman, Director Jean Roberts, Director Elect Liz Busquets, Director Elect Denise Creelman, Counsel Chuck Carnese, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Director Ken Silveira

There is a quorum with 8 voting members of the Board present.

- Gibson called the meeting to order in Executive Session at 6:01 pm Central Time.

Executive Session

The Board started their meeting in Executive Session to discuss eight topics. They are summarized below.

September Email Business

BD.17.181 September Email Business

Motion by Roberts to **ratify all September email business**. Second by Wesen.

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: Silveira; *Motion carries*.

Business Office Staff

Last month, the Office Manager proposed a reorganization of Business Office duties, due to the upcoming retirement of Susan Byrne. Currently, Ms. Byrne's duties are Front Desk/Membership/Bookkeeper. The Office Manager proposes that Sarah Jackson take over the book-keeping duties, in addition to her current duties as Assistant Manager, but instead of her duties as Registrar. This would open the positions of Front Desk/Membership and Registrar to two new employees.

- Silveira joined the meeting at 6:06 pm.

BD.17.182 Business Office Reorganization

Motion by Vest to **accept the proposed Business Office reorganization plan as presented by the ASCA Business Office Manager. This would increase headcount by 2 individuals. Effective immediately**. Second by Wesen.

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: King; *Motion carries.*

Member Appeal

The Board heard an update from Counsel regarding an appeal of a member's suspension and fine.

Request for Conflict Resolution

The Board dismissed a request for conflict resolution.

Appeal of Request for Conflict Resolution

The Board dismissed an appeal of a request for conflict resolution.

Judge Requirements

The Board discussed whether judges admitted to a program are subject to the rules in place when they were approved, or the rules in place at the time they apply for advancement. They will discuss at Nationals.

- Carnese left the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Request for Reinstatement

The Board received a request to begin the conformation program's reinstatement procedure. They will discuss at Nationals.

September Treasurer's Report

Wesen gave a summary of the Treasurer's Report for period ending September 30, 2017. She will give a full report at Nationals. The Board approved the 2017 budget.

- The Board exited Executive Session at 7:58 pm. The remainder of the meeting was conducted in Open Session.

Open Session

System Report

Vest reported that ASCA has received several quotes for migrating ASCA's cloud from FrogSlayer to a server of our choosing. These will be presented to the Board for decision at Nationals.

Website Event Calendar

Vest reported the progress of the new event calendar for the ASCA website, being created by Frank Butera.

ASCA Discussion List

The Board discussed using Groups.io to launch a new ASCA-owned discussion list.

BD.17.186 ASCADiscussionGroup on Groups.io

Motion by Gibson to **have Ray Fryar launch ASCADiscussionGroup Groups.io as an official communication tool of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. The ASCA Business Office will be the owner of this lightly moderated group. The group will be operated and moderated according to the policy below.** Second by Wesen.

Approve: Gibson, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen; Oppose: DeChant, Gray, King, Roberts; Abstain: 0; *Motion carries.*

Description: ASCADiscussionGroup is a forum for members of the Australian Shepherd Club of America, in which topics of interest to members of the club may be discussed. This forum will serve as a vital link between the ASCA membership and its Board of Directors.

*** If you cannot, or do not wish to, comply with the terms in this message, please UNSUBSCRIBE NOW. ***

Continuing to receive mail from ASCADiscussionGroup implies you agree to hold the Group owners and moderators, the Australian Shepherd Club of America® (ASCA) and Groups.io, owner of the system on which this group resides, harmless for opinions expressed on this group. The opinions expressed in this lightly moderated group do not reflect the opinions of the group owner, administrators/moderators, ASCA, or Groups.io. The ASCADiscussionGroup group name is the property of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. All rights reserved.

This group was created with the purpose of enhancing the communication between the ASCA® members and their Board of Directors.

- Only issues which deal with ASCA and ASCA Affiliate clubs may be discussed here.
- One must be an ASCA member to join the list.
- New members to the list may be reviewed prior to posting initially.
- The list itself is lightly moderated: NO trolling or disrespectful discussion will be tolerated; NO profanity will be allowed. Reasoned debate is fine and expected.
- The ASCA-L owners and moderators may, at their discretion, remove or restrict postings of any group Member for violation of this mailing list's rules. Group members who violate the group's rules will be given one warning. A second violation will result in permanent removal from the group.

DO:

- Introduce yourself: name, location, history or relationship to ASCA.
- Conduct constructive, articulate, and respectful conversations. Bullying, name-calling and personal attacks will not be tolerated.
- Allow our volunteer moderators to do their jobs.
- Let us know if there's an issue with the Group itself (operationally).

DO NOT:

- Repost anything you see come through this without explicit permission of the original author.
- Forward non-list members' messages to the Group.
- Disrespect anyone on this list with abusive language or personal aggression.

This is a privately-administrated group, and as such, there is no "right to free speech." (To U.S. citizens: Constitutional right to free speech is limited to the U.S. Government ONLY.)

Please keep in mind that this group is made possible through donated time and services. It is here by the efforts of real people willing to volunteer their time and energy, not because of any abstract constitutional principles.

If you wish to communicate with the group moderators they can be reached via email at: TBA

Although this group is the property of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA), it is a public group open to all ASCA members, who are free to post their own opinions and beliefs. Such opinions and beliefs are solely those of the author of the post, and not those of ASCA, its officers, directors or agents. ASCA is not responsible for any personal information a person discloses in posting to this group, nor for any opinions or beliefs posted thereto, and ASCA has no responsibility to publish, remove or edit any submissions to the group.

Rationale: This now Groups.io will serve as an official communication tool between the ASCA's Board and its membership and will serve as a place for members to civilly debate issues pertaining to ASCA.

Parties affected: All ASCA Members

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval

ASCA Website Forum

The Board discussed the re-launch of the improved forum on the ASCA website.

BD.17.187 ASCA Website Forum

Motion by Gibson to **have Heidi Mobley launch ASCA Website Forum as an official communication tool of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. ASCA will be the owner of this lightly moderated forum. The forum will be operated and moderated according to the policy below.** Second by Wesen.

Approve: Gibson, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen; Oppose: DeChant, Gray, King, Roberts; Abstain: 0; *Motion carries.*

Description: ASCA Website Forum is a forum for members of the Australian Shepherd Club of America, in which topics of interest to members of the club may be discussed. This forum will serve as a vital link between the ASCA membership and its Board of Directors.

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Participating in the ASCA Website Forum implies you agree to hold the ASCA and its moderators harmless for opinions expressed on this forum. The opinions expressed in this lightly moderated forum do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the administrators/moderators or ASCA.

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Rationale: This new forum will serve as an official communication tool between the ASCA's Board and its membership and will serve as a place for members to civilly debate issues pertaining to ASCA.

Parties affected: All ASCA Members

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval

ASCA Regions

The Board discussed a proposal presented by Kissman to better align the ASCA Regions with the current member population and geographic areas.

Existing:

| Region | States/Provinces | Population |
|--------|--|---|
| 1 | Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska | 642 |
| 2 | California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah | 1089 |
| 3 | Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Canada (MB, SK, AB, BC, YT, NT) | 367 (Region 3 includes part of Canada which has an ASCA membership of 172. No easy way to divide the 172 into the two pieces, so Region 3 may be about 500) |
| 4 | Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky | 759 |
| 5 | Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma | 1231 |
| 6 | Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Washington D.C., Canada (ON, QC, NS, NB, PE, NF) | 608 (adding the other part of Canada may increase this Region to 750) |
| 7 | Europe | 775 |

Proposed:

| Region | States/Provinces | Population |
|--------|---|------------|
| 1 | Half of California, Jan has a proposed line that would divide California into two Regions | 545 |
| 2 | Other half of California | 544 |
| 3 | Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington | 508 |
| 4 | Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico | 579 |
| 5 | North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma | 448 |
| 6 | Texas | 434 |
| 7 | Western half of Canada (86), Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois | 467 |
| 8 | Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama | 381 |
| 9 | Eastern half of Canada (86), Michigan, Indiana and Ohio | 321 |
| 10 | New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia | 394 |
| 11 | North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida | 359 |
| 12 | Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island | 243 |
| 13 | Germany | 559 |
| 14 | That which is non-United States and non-Germany | 231 |

New Office Building

The Office Manager has been working with Mike Black on the preparations necessary to begin work on a new building for the ASCA Business Office. The new route of the proposed oil pipeline would follow the existing access road for ASCA. It would have no effect on the construction of a new building.

Director's Handbook

Directors are to send any remaining changes to the Executive Secretary by October 23rd. The final version will be voted on during the Nationals meeting.

2017 Nationals Judge Change

Kelsey Jones has had to withdraw as the 2017 Nationals Best of Breed Judge. This information has been posted on the Nationals website and Facebook page. Anyone in conflict is eligible for a refund, per the rules.

BD.17.188 2017 Nationals BOB Judge Change

Motion by DeChant to **approve Jasa Hatcher as replacement for Kelsey Jones, who had to resign as Best of Breed Judge for the 2017 Nationals.** Second by Gray.

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: Gibson; *Motion carries.*

Rally Committee Flyer

The Rally Committee has requested the flyer they created be printed for distribution at the 2017 ASCA Nationals.

BD.17.189 Rally Committee Flyer

Motion by Wesen to **approve the printing and distribution of the Rally Committee's flyer.** Second by Kissman.

Approve: Unanimous; *Motion carries.*

Publishing New Judges

The Board needs to clarify the intent of motion BD.17.04 Publishing Names of New ASCA Judges. They will discuss at Nationals.

- Gibson adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.