Secretary Report February 2001

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

February 1-28, 2001

98:06 2000 ASCA National Specialty

Motion by Warren, second by Berryessa

I move to reimburse the Greater Atlanta Australian Shepherd Club #13,073.85 for expenses incurred to host the 2000 Stockdog Finals, $1,533.75 for the Obedience Finals, and $118.25 for Junior Finals Ribbons for a total of $14,725.85.

Comments: This motion includes the correction to the Finals expenses and the cost of the Junior Finals ribbons.

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

98:16 Affiliate Bylaws Changes

Request by ASC of Oregon to amend their bylaws.

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Request is approved

01:03 Executive Sec. Ofc.—Computer Bid

Motion by Warren, second by Davenport

I move to purchase the following computer for the Executive Secretary's office:
PIII 866 MHz (BX Motherboard and cooling fan)
256MB RAM
40GB Drive
52X CD-ROM
32MB AGP Graphics
56K V.90 Modem
17" Monitor
Epson Stylus Color 777 Printer
Keyboard, Wheel Mouse, Floppy Drive, Mid-Tower Case
MS Office SBE
Windows Millinium Edition
Mcafee Virus Scan

Machine: $1765
Office SBE: $225
Windows Me: $90
Mcafee $49
Tax: $174.18
Total: $2304.64

Comments from Patrick:

I went out and configured a couple of machines at Dell and Gateway. Rough prices are about $1650 for the Gateway (933) and $1700 for the Dell (866). You've got to factor in about $200 shipping, so we're looking at $1850 and $1900 respectively.

The "but" about Dell or Gateway is that Jo won't have a local person she can go to for help. Since she's comfortable with Computer Solutions, I'd suggest we spend the extra $200 or so and go with them. They seem responsive over the phone, and---in the worse case---Jo can go sit in their store until they make things right for her.

McAfee versus Norton for Anti-Virus: Computer Solutions prefers to use McAfee. Since they'll end up with it if Jo has a problem, I'd prefer to defer to their wishes.

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

96:17 Jr. Showmanship---Committee

Motion by Berryessa, second by Davenport

I move to accept the following people for the ASCA Junior Committee:

Adults: Rebecca Noe, Kathy Remington
Juniors: Holly Smith, Kimmie Warren, Lyna Ellrodt
Voting:
Approve: Adolphson, Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark
Abstain: Warren
Motion is approved

98:11 Obedience Rules-Code of Ethics

Motion by Davenport, second by Warren

I move that the following Code of Ethics for ASCA Obedience Judges be placed in the Obedience Rule Book, effective immediately:

CODE OF ETHICS FOR ASCA OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Judging is a privilege, not a right. The ASCA Obedience Judge's conduct must always be impartial, dignified, and becoming to the judge, to the sport of obedience, and to ASCA. A judge's actions must be above reproach.

Judges shall be professional in demeanor and arrive neatly and professionally dressed, with due consideration of anticipated weather and ring conditions.

Judges shall refrain from negative comments about individuals, dogs, and other judges, except when required in the course of trial administration and disciplinary procedures.

Point deductions in the ring and other judging calls shall be based strictly on the dog and handler's performance as a team as described in the ASCA Obedience Rules, and in no case shall be based on the identity or reputation of the owner, the handler, the breeder, or the dog's lineage.

The safety of the dog and handler shall be the judge's foremost concern in designing patterns in an obedience ring.

Judges shall be ever mindful that trials are staffed largely or entirely with unpaid volunteers, and shall treat ring stewards, exhibitors and spectators with due courtesy and consideration.

Any judge found to be abusing the privilege of judging for ASCA or violating this Code of Ethics may have such judging privileges revoked or suspended by ASCA.

Comment: The purpose of this document is to have a COE in each rule book pertaining to that program. The last paragraph was prepared by the ASCA lawyer. This would allow the club, member or BOD to act on a judge violating or abusing the privilege to judge for ASCA either by BOD decision or through the
dispute rules.

The Obed. Committee participated in the language in this COE for their program and it has been reviewed by Chuck. This was a project given to me by Kyle

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

98:11 Obedience Rules--Ch. 5, Sec. 14

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee:

The Obedience Committee recommends the following motion to the Board of Directors, to become effective 6-20-01
Approved: Amen, Cyboron, Bohren, Hemelin, Link, White, Case, Burlingame, Willems, Not voting: Swatko, Mann

Motion by Bohren, second by Willems: The ASCA obedience regulations will be amended as follows. In Chapter 5, Section 14, Directed Jumping Scoring, the second paragraph (beginning with "Substantial deductions be made....") is to be replaced with the following: Substantial deductions shall be made for a dog that stops or sits before the handler's command to sit, for a dog that fails to sit, and for a dog that is obviously stopped by the ring barrier rather than the handler’s command. Minor to substantial deductions shall be made, depending on degree, for a dog who turns on the go out before the command to sit. Depending on the extent of the deviation from a sit along the approximate center line of the ring and approximately 20 feet beyond the line of the jumps, minor to substantial deductions shall be made. Further, Section 13, Chapter 4 is to read as follows: A dog that fails to stay until directed to jump or refuses to jump on the first command or that fails to clear all boards must be scored zero (0). A minor or substantial deduction, depending on extent, shall be made for a dog touching any of the boards whereas a dog must receive zero (0) if it uses any of the boards as an obvious aid in jumping. Minor or substantial deductions, depending on the circumstances, shall be made for a dog that does not return directly to the handler or displays any hesitation or reluctance to jump. All other appropriate penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall apply.

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

00:20 Registry Rules
Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Adolphson

I move to accept the previously sent "Registry Rules and Regulations for Record Keeping and Identification of Dogs" with the following change:

Section 2.5, Kennel Name Regulations
Delete #14, 15, & 21

Comments: Kris Toft has done an immense amount of work on this book and we appreciate her efforts. Lola Hill (Office Manager) has told me that she feels this book will be very helpful to both the Office Staff and our ASCA members by having this information available in a book format with the easy to understand language used. The above stated deletions are being made from the original due to the fact that they are the *only* items in this book that are not already in use by the Office Staff or that have not been pre-approved by the Board. Everything else in this book has been Board approved or is in use today by the Office.

Voting:
Approve: Adolphson, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark
Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, Warren
Motion is defeated

00:20 REGISTRY RULES--A.I. Policy

Motion by Berryessa, second by Toft

I move that the ASCA Registry General Rules and Regulations, Artificial Insemination Policy, be amended as follows:

1st Sentence: The following procedures will be required to identify semen and dogs involved in artificial insemination utilizing either chilled or frozen semen. Insemination involving fresh semen that is inseminated into the bitch directly after collection is exempt from these requirements.

Section 1: Sire and Dam must be identified with a tatoo or microchip and DNA profiled by a lab approved by ASCA.
Section 2: Collected frozen or chilled semen will be permanently identified with the ASCA Individual Registration Number, date collected, breed, registered ASCA name and either the tatoo or microchip number.
Section 3: Leave as now reads

Last paragraph:
Change first sentence to read: All procedures involving artificial insemination with chilled or frozen semen shall be certified in writing by a licensed veterinarian and shall include the ASCA registered name, number and verification of the sire and dam's tattoo or microchip number on ASCA's Litter Registration Application For Artificial Insemination With Chilled or Frozen Semen.

Comment: The original rules only allowed a tattoo as a means of identification. Since microchipping is common means of identification now, it needed to be added. It is also important for ASCA to have records of the breeding in case of future questions. Previously only the owners kept records of Artificial Breedings.

Lola said the rules changes would help clarify some grey areas for her. I have also faxed some suggested form revisions for the office to work with. The voting is only on the motion, but if there are any comments on the forms, I will forward them on to the office.

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved

APPROVED: Renee Reschenthaler appointed unanimously to the MVA Committee

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Kris Toft, Secretary