

Secretary Report January 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.

January 1-31, 2001

98:16 Affiliate Bylaws--CAASA

Changes to CAASA Bylaws approved unanimously

00:21 Agility Finals

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Adolphson

I move to accept the following proposal from the Agility Committee for an Agility Finals Program to be inaugurated during the 2002 Nationals. That a full page announcement ad be conspicuously placed in the March/April 2001 issue of the AUSSIE TIMES with the rules immediately following.

Motion AGC 00-16 proposing an Agility Finals program to begin in 2002 made by Allison Bryant and seconded by Annelise Allan. The motion was approved unanimously.

Section 1 Runs

1. The Agility Finals will be run in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty each year. Agility Finals will not be held on the same day as any other agility competition.
2. The finals will consist of four rounds total--2 rounds Regular, 1 round of Jumpers and 1 round of Gamblers. There are no elimination rounds. Dogs that qualify for the finals are eligible to compete in all four rounds. All four rounds will take place on the same day.

Section 2 Eligibility

1. Eligible dogs will be ASCA registered dogs. The top 20 merit dogs and alternates, as defined and selected by the Merit program as published in the Aussie Times, will be invited to compete at the Agility Finals.
2. Eligible scores will be those received during the ASCA Agility Finals year. The ASCA Agility Finals Year will be the twelve month period from June 1st of the previous year to May 31st of the year that the Finals are held. The ASCA business office will send the Nationals host club an Agility entry form for each dog entered in the Finals by the close of the pre-entries for the Nationals.
3. Eligible dogs for the Agility Finals are the top 20 dogs as ranked in the Aussie Times. There may be more than 20 dogs if there are ties in the top 20 listings. The next ten dogs in the listing will be contacted as alternates.
4. Bitches in heat will be allowed to run. They will run at the end of each class. A rug or tarp will be brought out to the start line, and the dog may be placed on the rug or tarp to begin her run. Bitches in heat will also wear panties during their run. Bitches in heat must be crated (not in an ex-pen) prior to and during the competition, except when competing, away from the agility ring at a distance or location to be determined by the Host Club.

Section 3 Verification

1. All eligible contestants and alternates who have qualified for the Finals will be notified by United States Postal Service Certified Mail by the ASCA Business Office. The certified letter will be postmarked no later than July 1st of the Finals Year. Alternates will be notified of their standing as well. The ASCA Business Office will take necessary steps to notify foreign qualifiers.
2. All eligible contestants must verify that they will be competing at the Agility Finals by filling out an official entry form and sending it and the entry fees to the ASCA Business Office. The verification must be clearly postmarked by July 15th of the Finals Year. These forms will be forwarded to the host club by the ASCA Business Office by the close of the Nationals entries.

3. If an eligible contestant fails to send in an entry, the next alternate who has stated his/her intent to attend will be notified by the ASCA Business Office. Alternates must verify their intent to compete at the National Finals by filling out an official entry blank and sending to the ASCA Business Office by the due date. Alternates will pay when they become eligible. Alternates become eligible when a qualifier fails to verify his/her intent to attend the Finals by the due date as specified in section 3.2. No entry fee will be refunded.

Section 4 Fees

1. The entry fee charged for the Agility Finals will be \$80 for all four rounds. No entry fees will be refunded. Dogs will not be allowed to enter a portion of the rounds. If they enter the Finals, they must enter all four rounds. Entry fees will be used to cover any expenses that the host organization may incur while putting on the Agility Finals as well as for awards. The host club will submit their expenses to the ASCA Board of Directors. When all expenses have been met any additional monies will be used for funding the next year's Finals.

2. The ASCA Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Host club(s) of the Finals, the Board of Directors, and the ASCA Agility Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year.

3. Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board of Directors and the ASCA Agility Committee at least six months prior to the Finals.

Section 5 Awards

1. Each round of Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers Agility will be placed one (1) through ten (10). Rosettes will be awarded for each placement. All rosettes will have the date and location of the Agility Finals, placement, name of the class (i.e. Jumpers) and ASCA Agility Finals printed on them. A side streamer will have the dog's full registered name with titles printed on it. First place will be blue, second place red, third place yellow, fourth place white, fifth place pink, sixth place green, seventh place purple, eighth place brown, ninth place teal and tenth place maroon. A special award will be given to the winner of each class. All exhibitors not placing in the top ten (if more than ten dogs are entered per class) will receive a participation rosette printed with the same information as the placement rosettes, (including the side streamer with the dog's full registered name and titles), except the word "finalist" will appear instead of the placement.

2. The top ten overall dogs shall receive rosettes. Second through tenth place rosettes should have the date, location, placement, "Overall", and ASCA Agility Finals. For example: 2002 ASCA Agility Finals Overall First Place. All exhibitors not placing in the top ten (if more than ten dogs are entered per class) will receive a participation ribbon printed with the word "finalist" instead of the placement. All of these ribbons shall have the dog's full registered name including titles printed on a side streamer as well.

3. The Champion agility dog shall receive a rosette which states date, location and ASCA Champion Agility Dog with a side streamer that has the dog's registered name and titles printed on it.

4. All of the monies received from the finals entries minus the expense to the host club(s) for hosting the Agility Finals and all monies donated will be used for prizes for the Agility Finals only. Any unused monies will revert to the Agility Finals fund.

5. The Host Club is responsible for procuring rosettes and awards for the Agility Finals.

6. Presentation of the awards shall be done in a manner to showcase the event.

Section 6 Judging and Scoring

1. One judge will be used to judge all four rounds. This judge may be the same judge that judges the Agility Nationals Trial. The courses for the finals shall not be the same as the ones used for the National Trial.

2. There will be four rounds used to determine the champion. 1 Jumpers, 1 Gamblers and 2 Regular rounds. All Finals qualifiers will compete in all four rounds.

3. Veteran and Junior dogs will jump at their appropriate jump height which will be one height lower than what their standard division jump height would be.

4. There will be no Standard Course Time. Scoring will be on a time plus faults basis. The scores from the four

rounds will be cumulative. All jump heights will be combined for determining the placements and champion.

5. Faults will be assessed in accordance with the ASCA program rules for agility with the exceptions noted below. For Jumpers and Regular classes, faults incurred during the round will be added to the dog's course time. Faults will be double what they normally are under ASCA rules for knocked bars (10 faults) and missed contacts (20 faults). Faults for missed weave poles and wrong courses will remain at 5 and 10 faults respectively. Faults for failure to perform will remain at 20 faults. The purpose of this is to encourage speed and accuracy during the run by increasing the faults for those actions which most often occur with increased speed. The other types of faults usually result in additional time spent, so no additional penalty is needed. Elimination will result in 200 points being added to the overall cumulative score for regular and jumpers. Elimination during the gamblers run will result in a score of zero (0) being subtracted from 100.

6. For the gamblers class, the points accumulated will be subtracted from 100 and then added to the dog's time for the gamble score. This will then be added into the dog's cumulative score. The gamblers class will be run in accordance with the ASCA program rules for agility.

7. The dog with the lowest cumulative score from the four rounds will be the ASCA Champion Agility Dog.

8. If there is a tied final score, then the dog with the fewest course faults would place higher and if there is still a tie then the dog with the most gamble points would place higher.

9. The Jumpers class will run first, then the Gamblers and then the two Regular runs. The Jumpers height order will be random draw. Then the order of go within each jump height will be random draw as well. Each subsequent class will be in reverse order of current placement based on the cumulative scores with the exception of bitches in heat, who will run last in each class.

10. Scores will be posted when they are available. It is required that two different people NOT entered in the finals check the computation of the scores before they are posted.

11. All ASCA agility rules apply with the following exceptions:

A. Qualifying scores will not be applied towards ASCA certifications or towards the Merit Agility program (and therefore next year's finals.)

B. Only dogs eligible for the finals may compete.

C. Only ASCA registered Australian Shepherds may compete

D. Faults will be assessed as specified in section 6.5

E. There will be no Standard Course Time for the Regular classes or the Jumpers round.

F. Non-qualifying scores will be used to determine a dog's cumulative score from the four classes.

Section 7 Selection of Finals Judges

1. Once the host club, location and dates for the finals have been determined, the Host Club will select judges from the current list of approved Level 1, 2 or 3 NADAC Agility judges until such time that ASCA develops its own list of approved agility judges.

2. Judges will be in good standing with ASCA and NADAC.

Section 8 Stewards

1. The timer and scribe can not be a family member or a member of the household of any of the Finals competitors. Nor can they be an owner of any dog competing in the finals.

2. The normal amount of people to run a one ring trial will be needed for the finals. At a minimum the host club will need to fill the following positions:

2 timers

1 scribe

1 gate keeper

1 score runner

3 jump setters

1 chute setter

1 scorer (scoretable)

ribbon preparers (can be the same people as above)

4 course builders (can be the same people as above)

3. Both Timers will time each round. One timer will be designated as the primary timer and the other the backup. The primary timer's time will be used for all dogs unless the stop watch malfunctions. In the event of a malfunction, the backup timer's time will be used. In the event that both stopwatches malfunction, then the dog will be required to rerun and their previous run will not count.

4. Timers must time the entire round (i.e. the entire Jumpers class). Comments: An Agility Finals Program is something that our competitors have wanted and will be a wonderful program to add to ASCA's other Finals Programs. Denise Creelman of the Host Club for the 2002 Nationals was contacted and she stated that holding the first annual Agility Finals will not be a problem The Agility Finals should last approximately one half day. As this Program uses the already in current use Merit Award listings for the finalists, this should cause no undue problems with the Office as far as clerical work starting on June 1, 2001. This Program also closely mimics the current Obedience Finals (whose first annual event went extremely well) and the Stockdog Finals.

Voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, Rossy, Toft,

Trumbull-Clark

Abstain: Warren

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies--Affiliate Bylaws Review Committee

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move that the Affiliate Bylaws Review Committee review and approve all Affiliate Bylaws changes and/or additions/deletions effective immediately upon approval of this motion. The committee shall consult with the ASCA Attorney if they feel necessary prior to their final approval.

Comments: It is logical to have this committee review and approve changes that Affiliates wish to make to their Bylaws as this committee approves all new Affiliate's Bylaws. The current committee members have approved this addition.

Voting:

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Warren

Abstain: Adolphson

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies--Breed Standard

Motion by Adolphson, second by Toft

I move that the following be made ASCA Board Policy 4.22 (Aussie Times) The ASCA Breed Standard shall be published in every other issue of the Aussie Times within the first 50 pages of the publication. Effective date: May/June 2001 issue of the Aussie Times I further move that a prominent icon which links to the ASCA Standard shall be presented on the Internet Home page of ASCA.org

Comments: The ASCA Breed Standard is the foundation upon which our breed rests. Both longtime and new ASCA members should be reminded of the contents of the ASCA Breed Standard so they maintain its spirit and intent when involving themselves in every aspect of the Australian Shepherd breed.

Voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Berryessa, Davenport, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Warren

Disapprove: Afox

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies---Travel Agent

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move that ASCA use as it's Travel Coordinator, Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Bryan, TX effective immediately upon approval. That the name, address, e-mail address and phone number of Carlson Wagonlit Travel be listed in the Director's Manual under "Frequent Contacts". That an account be set up with Carlson Wagonlit Travel per the following:

Transportation:

- 1.) The names of each traveler which ASCA will provide transportation for shall be given to Carlson Wagonlit Travel prior to the Spring Meeting, the Nationals or any other meeting or event as approved by the Board of Directors by an appointed Director.
- 2.) The ASCA credit card number shall be used to provide payment for airline reservations for only those named on the list provided to the agency.
- 3.) Each allowable traveler shall contact the agency directly to make their arrangements a minimum of 30 days prior to travel in order for the agency to get the best rate possible. After 30 days prior to travel, if no arrangements have been made through the travel agent, the traveler must arrange and provide (pay) for their own travel.

Motel:

- 1.) The names of each traveler which ASCA will provide motel accommodations for shall be given to Carlson Wagonlit Travel prior to the Spring Meeting, the Nationals or any other meeting or event as approved by the Board of Directors by an appointed Director.
- 2.) The ASCA credit card number shall be used to provide reservations for motel accommodations for only those named on the list provided to the agency.

Car Rental:

- 1.) The names of each traveler which ASCA will provide car rental for shall be given to Carlson Wagonlit Travel prior to the Spring Meeting, the Nationals or any other meeting or event as approved by the Board of Directors by an appointed Director.
- 2.) The ASCA credit card number shall be used to provide reservations for car rental for only those named on the list provided to the agency. Kyle Trumbull-Clark shall be the point of contact for the year of 2001.

Comments: ASCA Policy #6.12.2 allows for a representative to be appointed by the Board to make all airline reservations, motel accommodations and travel arrangements. As this position is time consuming and can become quite involved, especially when making travel arrangements for the Nationals, this position and the Board would be best served by a professional in this field. The charges are minor considering the effectiveness and future

savings to be had by using a professional travel agency. The reasons to use a professional travel agency instead of a Director volunteering for the position or requiring our Executive Secretary to do this job (which is not in the Position Description) are:

--"Meeting rates" which start at 5% for 10 people flying to the same destination may be negotiated by the travel agent.

--Faster searches for the best rates possible

--The best scheduling can be made by an agent

--24 hour toll free emergency number to get help if there is a problem with the airline

--Hotel rates can be negotiated by a professional

--Rental cars can be negotiated by a professional

--Able to handle scheduling changes prior to flight

The Bryan area was chosen due to the central position in the country; ease in any necessary dealings with the Office; the lack of any conflict of interest which could occur. Several agencies in the Bryan area were contacted for a list of their services. There were several important factors which prompted the choice of this agency:

--A toll free number that Directors may use for contact

--An e-mail address which can be used for contact

--E-tickets are available

--A 24 hour toll free number to use in case of emergency

--Regular business hours are longer than other agencies (Mon.-Fri. 8-6, Sat. 10-2)

--They will keep personalized travel arrangements for each traveler Carlson Wagonlit Travel charges \$20 per ticket for their services. Included in the \$20 charge is:

--Negotiating "Meeting Rates" with the airlines if we have 10 or more travelers

--E-ticket

--Searching for the best rate possible

--Arranging for the best schedules possible

--Advance seat assignments

--24 hour toll free emergency number

--Tracking of frequent flier miles

--Tracking of refunds

--Hotel reservations

--Car rental reservations

Voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Berryessa, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Afox, Davenport, Warren

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies---Letters to the Editor Policy

Motion by Warren, second by Aufox

I move to change policy 4.9 Aussie Times to read:

Letters to the Editor:

Letters must be no longer than 250 words. Short, typed letters of 150 words or less are preferred. Your letters must be signed and include your address and phone number. Address and phone number will not be printed unless it is requested by the author. The editor reserves the right to reject letters that are too long, libelous or contain personal attacks. The above statement must be included in each Aussie Times.

Comment: Per our attorneys instructions, "there should be a policy re. letters to the editor, and it should be printed in the Times that the editor reserves the right to edit or not publish some of the letters received." I have run this wording by Chuck already.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

00:19 Budgets---Advertising

Motion by Toft, second by Rossy

I move to continue the Dog World boxed ad for another year. Cost is \$68 per month with a 12 times insertion discount. Total for a year is \$816. The ad shall continue with the current wording, which is:

THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA

Original Parent Club Since 1957

PO Box 3790, Bryan, Texas 77805-3790

phone 979-778-1082 fax 979-778-1898

email: asca@tca.net * web: <http://www.asca.org>

ASCA offers all breed competition & titles in its obedience, tracking, agility programs, as well as herding breed competition and titles in its stockdog programs.

Comments: Dog World contains two advertising sections for the various breeds. One is the classified section in the back, which we have already approved an ad for in 2001. The other is the breed display section in the main part of the magazine (with the articles, etc.). The boxed ad goes under the heading for AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD and is currently (Feb. 2001 issue) the only ad running under that heading. Dog World also is running our press release regarding the Altered Champion program on the same page as the boxed ad in the February 2001 issue (highlighted with a color background). This is economical and valuable advertising for ASCA and should be continued.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

00:19 BUDGETS--Ranch & Rural Living

Motion by Toft, second by Rossy

I move to place an advertisement in the Breeder Directory of Ranch and Rural Living magazine---a regional magazine with a national audience based in San Angelo, TX. Cost for the ad will be \$84 a year. Copy for the ad will be as below (there is a limit of 6 lines of copy for the ad---this limit is set by the magazine).

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA

Registry PLUS Show, Obedience, Agility, Stockdog, and Tracking programs for Aussies and other breeds.

ASCA Business Office, PO Box 3790, Bryan, TX 77805-3790

Phone: 979-778-1082 E-mail: asca@tca.net

Webpage: www.asca.org

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

01:01 Directors Manual

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move to add to the Director's Manual the following. Each will be an aid to new and even current Directors when the need to find specific information is required.

1.) Page 2:

Place directly under the heading, "Statement of Individual Director's Responsibilities": (See Bylaws, Article VII)

2.) Page 4:

Place directly under the heading, "ASCA Officer Duties": (See Bylaws, Article VIII)

3.) Page 5:

Place directly after: "Executive Committees may be chosen by the Board at any time for any purpose.": (See Bylaws; Article VII, Section 16; Article XII)

4.) Page 6:

Place directly under the heading, "National Specialty": (See Policy Book, Appendix, "National Specialty Rules")

5.) Page 7:

a.) Place directly under the heading, "Affiliate Clubs": (See Bylaws, Article IV, Section 5. See Policy Book Sections 2.0; 16.1)

b.) Place directly under the heading, "Aussie Times": (See Bylaws, Article XV. See Policy Book Sections 4.0; 6.9.3; 6.9.4)

6.) Page 8:

a.) Place directly under the heading "Attorney": (See Policy Book Section 3.0)

b.) Place directly under the heading "Awards": (See Policy Book Section 5.0; 13.1.1)

7.) Page 9:

a.) Place under the heading, "Board Conduct of Business" at end of second paragraph: (See Bylaws; Article II, Section 2)

b.) Place under the heading, "Board Conduct of Business" at end of third paragraph: (See Policy Book Section 6.1)

c.) Place directly under the heading, "Motions/Voting": (See Policy Book Sections 6.9; 6.13; 18.1)

8.) Page 10:

Place directly under the heading, "Expenses": (See Policy Book Sections 6.6; 14.0)

9.) Page 11:

Place directly under the heading, "Travel": (See Policy Book Section 6.12)

10.) Page 12:

a.) Place directly under the heading, "Vacancies": (See Bylaws; Article VII, Section 13; Article VIII, Section 4. See Policy Book Section 6.11)

b.) Place directly under the heading, "Conflict of Interest": (See Policy Book Section 6.5)

11.) Page 13:

a.) Place directly under the heading, "DNA Fingerprinting": (See Policy Book Section 9.0)

b.) Place directly under the heading, "Elections": (See Policy Book Section 10.0)

12.) Page 14:

a.) Place directly under the heading, "Employees": (See Policy Book Section 11.0; Appendix, Employee Handbook)

b.) Place directly under the heading, "Finances": (See Policy Book Section 17.0)

c.) Place directly under the heading, "General Membership Meeting": (See Bylaws, Article V)

13.) Page 15:

a.) Place directly under the heading, "Jacket/Merchandise": (See Policy Book Section 6.7)

b.) Place directly under the heading, "Policy Book": (See Policy Book Section 6.10)

c.) Place directly under the heading, "Programs": (See Bylaws, Article XIII. See Policy Book Section 13.0)

d.) Place directly under the heading, "Registry": (See Policy Book Section 15.0; Appendix, Registry Rules)

Comment: As the Director's Manual is written in a "reader friendly" format rather than the more formal wordings used in the Bylaws or the Policy Book, having an easy way to reference the formal wordings will be helpful to new Directors and old alike.

Voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Aufox, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Davenport, Warren

Non-voting: Berryessa

Motion is approved

93:03 Employees---Employee Handbook

Motion by Warren, second by Berryessa

I move Chris Davenport with the help of Chuck Carnese go over the Employee Handbook and make any necessary changes.

Comments: Our attorney has suggested we revise our Employee Handbook a number of times. Let's get started.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

94:16 Insurance

Motion by Toft, second by Aufox

I move to accept the quote of \$10,904.13 (this includes all taxes and fees) from Horizons Insurance (through Colony Insurance Co.) for blanket event coverage for our affiliates ASCA-sanctioned events for 2001 with the following conditions:

1. This coverage is based on 409 events in a year (this is the figure from Lola for the total number of events held in the most recent show year--May 99-June '00). If we go over this number of events this year, they could charge us for the events over 409. If we go with the quote from Colony Insurance we will be locked into this policy for a minimum of 3 months. We can cancel the Colony policy at the end of 3 months and get a refund of all but one-quarter of our premium. This refund could be applied to a cheaper policy at that time if Horizons can find one.

2. This coverage does not include Additional insureds, which is when a site asks to be added on the policy as an "Additional named insured". If a site requests this, it will be an additional \$52.55 per request. This additional cost will be passed along to the club requesting it. Very few sites request this. Neither of the two pending requests are asking for it.

3. Horizons is still looking for a better quote than the \$10,904.13 quoted above. There is another company they are checking with they will hear from tomorrow which may not charge for additional insureds and may quote us a lower premium. If we send a check and they have a better premium for us with the other company, they will apply our check to that policy instead and refund any overage.

4. This policy will solve our immediate problem and give us time to investigate better coverage, notify our affiliates of any necessary increases in fees and allow the affiliates time to obtain their own coverage. At this time, ASCA takes in approximately \$27,000 a year from recording fees. This is the 50 cents per entry charge ASCA makes to affiliate clubs.

Voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, Rossy, Toft,

Trumbull-Clark

Abstain: Warren

Motion is approved

94:16 Insurance--Letter

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to publish the following article in the May-June issue of the Aussie Times.

AFFILIATES--MORE ON INSURANCE

A few of the sites used for ASCA shows and trials throughout the country will ask to be added to our event coverage policy as an "Additional Named Insured". This is the box at the bottom of the request form for a Certificate of Insurance that comes with every show packet. At this time, if a site asks for this, it will cost your Affiliate Club \$52.55. Here's the good news. The \$52.55 fee covers THAT SITE for the entire year (January 1 through

January 1). You may have as many sanctioned events as you wish at that site in a year's time without any additional charge for insurance. Of course, if you hold sanctioned events at other sites and if any of them ask to be Additional Named Insureds, you will have to submit another \$52.55 fee. Fees must be submitted to the ASCA Business Office with the request form. All forms with fees must be submitted 30 days prior to the event. If you have any additional questions about ASCA's insurance, please contact Kris Toft. (Thanks to Lisa Renville of Feather River ASC for raising this question!)

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approve

98:02 MVA Committee--MVA Nationals

Motion by Warren, second by Berryessa

I move to accept the following recommendation by the MVA Committee:

The Guidelines for the ASCA Nationals include:

1) Awarding of MVA and AAJ will be done prior to awarding of Premier 10 and BOB.

2) The MVA participant ribbons be distributed during the conformation evaluation. VC00-07 Motion by DeeDee Baldwin, second by Sandra Case

In favor: Lori Acierto, Monica Barger, Sandra Case, Lynn Fremuth, Andrea Hoffman, Debra St. Jacques, Terry Thomascik, Anne Shope. Against: None

Non-voting: Chris Davies, Sandra Katzen

Comments: This motion comes in the wake of the 2000 Nationals and the concerns and comments the committee members were given during the Nationals. We feel it's important to include these items in the guidelines so the host club will understand how important it is to have the MVA and AAJ awards before BOB.

Board voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

98:02 MVA Committee--MVA Committee Actions

Motion by Warren, second by Berryessa

I move to accept the following MVA recommendation:

Revise the Most Versatile Aussie Conformation Worksheet to include a description of the correct tail. To accomplish this revision, while maintaing the current 30 point possible subtotal, the General Appearance section will be rewritten to combine two of the subsections (#1 and #3), as follows:

"Well-balanced dog of medium size and bone, slightly longer than tall. Masculinity or femininity is well-defined."

The following subsection will be inserted after the above to become #2 subsection:

"An identifying characteristic is his natural or docked bobtail. Tail is straight, not to exceed four (4) inches." The description of the coat and color will become #3 subsection, and the remainder (#4, #5, #6) will remain the same. Each of the six subsections equals five points in value, for a subtotal of thirty points for the General Appearance section.

VC00-09 Motion by Lynn Fremuth, second by Sandra Case

Voting in favor: Monica Barger, Sandra Case, Lynn Fremuth, Andrea Hoffman, Terry Thomascik, Anne Shope. Voting Against: Lori Acierto, Deedee Baldwin, Debra St. Jacques, Non-voting: Chris Davies, Sandra Katzen

Comments: Any discussion of the Aussie tail was inadvertently omitted from the conformation evaluation as originally approved. This motion was made to include the tail as part of the conformation evaluation scoresheet.

Board voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

80:33 National Specialty Rules--MVA Conformation

Motion by Warren, second by Davenport

I move to accept the following MVA recommendation:

Change the MVA Guidelines for the ASCA Nationals to include:

- 1) The Versatility Conformation Evaluation will be held either first or second day of the Nationals competition, or with the non-regular conformation, whichever comes first.
- 2) The entry fee for the conformation evaluation will be equal to the entry for the non-regular classes.

VC00-08 Motion by DeeDee Baldwin, second by Sandra Case & Lynn Fremuth

In favor: Lori Acierto, Monica Barger, Sandra Case, Lynn Fremuth, Andrea Hoffman, Debra St. Jacques, Terry Thomascik, Anne Shope

Against: none

Non-voting: Chris Davies, Sandra Katzen

Comments: This motion comes in the wake of the 2000 Nationals and the concerns and comments the committee members were given during the Nationals. We feel it's important to include these items in the guidelines so the host club will understand how the timing of the conformation evaluation can affect the overall placings. The issue of entry fees for the evaluation has also been the subject of much discussion, and the answers vary anywhere from not having an entry fee at all to having the entry fee the same as the regular classes, and anywhere in between. We wanted to offer a middle ground to clarify that issue. To be implemented for the 2002 Nationals.

Voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Aufox, Davenport, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Warren

Disapprove: Berryessa

Motion is approved

80:33 National Specialty Procedure--Altered Classes

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move ASCA sponsor the BOS & BOB awards for the Altered Classes on a continual basis starting with the 2001 National Specialty. The awards to be equal to the BOS & BOB awards for the intact portion.

For the 2001 National Specialty only: The required number of ribbons for Premier Dogs and Premier Bitches will be five (5) each due to newness of the Altered Program and possible low entry of Specials.

That the following be added to the National Specialty Guidelines:

A new 16.1.1 be added under Section 16 "Premier Ten Awards" which shall read:

"There will be a Premier Ten in the Altered Dogs and a Premier Ten in the Altered Bitches. These Premier Ten will be chosen from the altered Specials only."

A new 16.2.2 be added under Section 16 "Premier Ten Awards" which shall read:

"Altered Best of Breed, Altered Best of Winners, and Altered Best of Opposite Sex, are not eligible to receive a Premier Ten Award."

Add to Section 18 "Required Ribbons and Awards" immediately after the "Conformation" listing and before the "All Around Junior" listing the following:

Altered Best of Breed (sponsored by ASCA)

Altered Best of Opposite Sex (sponsored by ASCA)

Altered Best of Winners

Premier Altered Dog (10 ribbons required)

Premier Altered Bitch (10 ribbons required)

Altered Winners Dog

Altered Reserve Winners Dog

Altered Winners Bitch

Altered Reserve Winners Bitch

As per the motion 90:03 which was approved on 12/7/00, add the following as a new Section 5.4.1:

"Judges for Altered Classes: ASCA approved Conformation Judges must be used. Only Approved Breeder judges may be eligible to judge this event at the National Specialty."

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

98:15 Obedience Committee---Clarification

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee. To become effective June 1, 2001.

The Obedience Committee recommends the following motion to the BOD.

Motion by Link, second by White

Motion to change the Obedience Rules as follows:

Chapter 1, Section 13. Disturbances:

Third sentence. Sentence to read: "If a dog or handler is disqualified or excused by a judge, the reason shall be stated in the judge's book or in a separate report." eliminate the word "expelled".

Chapter 1, Section 20. Dogs that must Compete: First sentence.

Sentence to read: "Any dog entered and present at a Specialty or Sanctioned Obedience Trial must compete in all exercises of all classes in which it is entered unless disqualified or excused by the judge or by the Show or Obedience Trial Committee, or unless excused by the official veterinarian to protect the health of the dog or other dogs at the trial." again, eliminating the word "expelled"

Chapter 2, Section 25 Misbehavior:

"Any display of fear, etc., and the judge may excuse the dog from further competition in the class." again, eliminating the word "expelled". The Committee felt that "disqualified" and "excused" were adequately explained in the rules. The term "expelled" was not explained and extraneous.

Voted 11 in favor, none against.

Board voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

98:15 Obedience Committee--Number of Trials per day

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee. To become effective June 1, 2001 The Obedience Committee recommends to the BOD the following motion:

Motion to increase the number of Obedience Trials allowable per day.

Chapter 1, Section 1 Clubs:

Subsection 1.4. delete sentence "Same type of events would not be allowed to occur, such as more than one Conformation event per day per area"

Subsection 1.4b change sentence to read:

Affiliates may have up to two Obedience Trials per day, per area.

Chapter 1, Section 21 add this next to last sentence:

"A judge may officiate at an obedience trial for the same affiliated club no sooner than once every 30 days, but the club should make an effort to assign different classes (Novice, Open, etc...) to the judge(s) whenever possible. Where the club is holding two trials on the same day and/or multiple trials in a short number of days, the same individual(s) may be assigned to judge during the entire event. However, assignments should be organized so that exhibitors compete before as many judge(s) as is practicable."

Voted 11 in favor.

The Committee has received several requests from areas without many shows or with shows at great distances to allow more than one show per day. Seeing that many of these shows are quite small, it is a viable way to get a title in a reasonable time.

Board voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

98:15 Obedience Committee---Warm Ups on Grounds

Motion by Trumbull-Clark, second by Toft

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee. To become effective June 1, 2001

The Obedience Committee recommends the following motion to the BOD.

This motion will allow a longer warm up time on the show grounds as follows:

Chapter 2, Section 26 Training and warm-up on show grounds. FIRST PARAGRAPH: Leave first sentence intact. Delete 2nd and 3rd sentences. Leave 4th and 5th sentences intact with the one exception of changing the word "leash" to "lead" in the 4th sentence. SECOND PARAGRAPH: replace with: These requirements shall not be interpreted as preventing a handler from moving normally about the grounds or premises, NOR FROM WARMING UP HIS OR HER DOG USING ANY EXERCISE PERFORMED IN THE OBEDIENCE RING, PROVIDED THAT THE DOG IS ON A LEAD BEING HELD BY THE HANDLER. THE WARM UP SHOULD BE PERFORMED AWAY FROM THE OBEDIENCE RING AND MUST NOT BE DISRUPTIVE TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR DOG. Physical or verbal disciplining of dogs shall not be permitted except to a reasonable extent in the case of an attack on a person or another dog. PRACTICE RINGS MAY BE PROVIDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SHOW GIVING CLUB BUT ARE NOT MANDATORY. THE SHOW GIVING CLUB WILL POST SIGNS IN CLEAR VIEW THAT WILL STATE: NO INTENSIVE OR ABUSIVE TRAINING WILL BE TOLERATED. THIS SIGN WILL FURTHER STATE THAT ANYONE WHO IS WITNESSED TO VIOLATE THIS PRIVILEGE, AS TESTIFIED BY TWO PEOPLE, WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE RULES FOR RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE (SECTION D1-D10) THE SIGN WILL FURTHER SAY THAT ANYONE WITNESSING SUCH INTENSIVE OR ABUSIVE TRAINING SHOULD REPORT SUCH TO THE SHOW OR OBEDIENCE CHAIRMAN OR OTHER CLUB MEMBER. ANY PERSON WHO IS ACCUSED, BY TWO WITNESSES, OF VIOLATING THE RULES IN SECTION 26, WILL BE DEALT WITH PROMPTLY, DURING THE TRIAL IF POSSIBLE, AFTER THE OFFENDER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST HIM, AND HAS BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD IN HIS OWN DEFENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES FOR RESOLUTIONS OF DISPUTES (SEE SECTION D1-D10) The Show or Obedience Trial Committee, shall be responsible for compliance with this section, and shall investigate any reports of infractions.

Motion made by Burlingame, second by White

Voted approved: Case, Cyboron, Amen, Bohren, Burlingame, White, Mann

Disapproved: Link, Willems

Abstain: Hamelin, Swatko

Committee members felt that a longer, less restrictive time was needed to get their dogs ready to compete. A practice ring has been used successfully at the Gaines events, and the posting of the signs should be deterrent enough for any mis-use of the area. The change of the wording "leash" to "lead" would allow a flexi-leash to be used to that the dog could jump safely.

Board voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Aufox, Berryessa, Rossy, Toft, Warren

Disapprove: Davenport

Abstain: Trumbull-Clark

Motion is approved

00:20 Registry Rules---Rule Book

Motion by Toft, second by Adolphson

I move to accept the attached ASCA Registry Rules and Regulations for Recordkeeping and Identification of Dogs. This Rulebook will be maintained, updated and distributed by the ASCA Business Office. Upon acceptance I will contact Lola and submit this to her in whatever format she prefers. Choice of color for the cover will be left up to the Business Office.

Comments: This is the same thing that was given to each of you at

Nationals without the arrows indicating changes and with page numbers, chapters, sections and table of contents added. All of these rules are currently approved and in force with the exception of the changes indicated by arrows in

the copy you got at Nationals. The arrows were eliminated in this copy for the purpose of submitting in what is, hopefully, the final form

Voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Aufox, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Berryessa, Davenport, Rossy, Warren

Motion is defeated

95:05 Trademark Request

Arizona Herding Association requests use of name and logo on their web site. Logo will be used to provide a link to ASCA website (www.azherding.com)

Voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Warren

Disapprove: Aufox, Davenport, Rossy

Non-voting: Berryessa

Request is approved

APPROVED: Joni Johnson as ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge Jeanette French as Provisional Judge

DENIED: Appeal from Wendy Summers regarding Board decision

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

REGISTRY MEMBERSHIP SHOW/STOCK

Ind 493 New-Single 75 Sanc Rec'd 47

NFB 61 New-Dual 13 Sanc Proc'd 34

Litter 241 New-Foreign 0 Sanc Pend 10

Trans 82 New-Canadian 2 Results Rec'd 11

Lease 6 Renew-Single 271 Results Proc'd 21

LEP 5 Renew-Dual 70 Results Pend 8

Dups 8 Renew-Foreign 2 Certificates 270

Hardship 5 Renew-Canadian 5 S & T Subscrip 16

Pedigree 64 Jr. Times 8

New Ken 9 Affiliate-New 0

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DNA Kits 26 Conf/Obed shows 24

DNA Tests 26 Stock 2

Ranch 2

Agility 4

Tracking 0

Kris Toft, Secretary