

Secretary Report June 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.

June 1-30, 2001

90:38 Agility-LEP change

Motion by Toft, second by Adolphson

I move to alter the ASCA Agility Rules and Regulations as follows

(effective immediately):

Agility Finals Rules, Section 2, #1 sentence: Following the words "ASCA registered dogs" add the words "and ASCA LEP dogs."

Comments: This alteration provides for the inclusion of ASCA LEP Australian Shepherds in all ASCA Agility competitions including the Merit program and Agility Finals and has been approved by the Agility Committee. I would like to see ASCA protect the ability of LEP dogs to compete in performance programs. We have a motion to alter the registry rules on the floor to reflect the different status of LEP dogs. We didn't realize how this would affect the LEP dogs at the time we made the registry motion. This motion is an attempt to rectify that oversight.

Board voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is defeated

91:07 ASCA Business Office--Merchandise

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to have Lola bring the sweatshirts and tee-shirts which are still stored at the Business Office to the 2001 National Specialty and offer them for sale at "clearance" prices--i.e. buy one, get one free.

Comments: Our accountant has advised us to get out of the "merchandise" business. These items are aging and need to be moved out of the office. I discussed this with Lola and the above is her suggestion.

Board voting:

Approve: Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, DeChant, Warren

Non-voting: Adolphson, Davenport

Motion is defeated

01:10 Aussie Times-Package

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to have the Business Office offer a package of Aussie Times back issues. One calendar year of 6 issues to be for sale at a cost of \$20 per year. (This is a savings of \$4.00 for the purchaser over buying 6 issues at the single copy price of \$4.00 each.) First class delivery of a one-year package shall be \$8.00 additional. Any years which are incomplete--missing a single issue--will be sold at a price of \$16 for 5 issues and a first class delivery cost of \$7.00 additional cost. One calendar year of 12 issues to be for sale at a cost of \$40 per year. First class delivery of a one year package shall be \$16.00 additional. Any years which are incomplete--missing a single issue--will be sold at a price of \$36 for 11 issues and a first class delivery cost of \$15 additional cost.

List of ASCA items for sale in the Aussie Times to be updated to reflect these new packages. Lola to bring one package each for the year 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997 to the National Specialty for sale to the membership. Other years shall be brought if space permits.

Comments: These old issues take up a large amount of storage space at the Business Office. This idea was suggested by our editor, Cynthia Mahigian-Moorhead and discussed with Lola. Lola has no problem putting these together for sale and bringing a sample of several years worth for sale at Nationals.

Board voting:

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

Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Aufox, Warren

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies--Aussie Times complimentary copies

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to add the following policy to the ASCA Policy Manual under "Aussie Times". Business Office to add appropriate numbering.

Complimentary copies or subscriptions to the Aussie Times shall be sent only to persons approved by the ASCA Board of Directors. Non-member advertisers shall receive a single copy of the issue in which their ad appears. Advertisers who purchase the inside front cover or inside back cover will receive one additional copy of the issue in which their ad appears.

Comment: Unlimited complimentary copies of the Aussie Times have been sent out in the past. We need to put some controls on who receives these and how many are received to cut costs.

Board voting:

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

Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, DeChant

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies--Aussie Times Foreign Mail

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to delete policy 4.20 of the ASCA Policy Manual effective immediately. Business Office to renumber policies as necessary.

Comment: This policy has always been interpreted to mean the Aussie Times is sent via free airmail to foreign ASCA members. This will change on January 1, 2002 with the new membership and subscription rates. We can continue on with the old policy until all foreign members have renewed at the new rates without having this in writing. Eliminating it from the policy book now assures there will be no conflicting policies in existence on January 1, 2002.

Board voting:

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

Disapprove: Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies-4.1 and 4.7

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to delete policy number 4.7 of the ASCA Policy Manual and to alter policy 4.1 of the ASCA Policy Manual as follows (effective immediately):

4.1 Affiliate Reports will consist of any news pertinent to each Affiliate Club, excluding Show Results. Controversial material will be submitted to the ASCA Board of Directors for approval. Reports will contain only: Items of National interest, Year End and ROM Awards, and Human Interest or Special Awards.

Comment: Policies 4.1 and 4.7 are about the same thing. It makes more sense to combine them

Board voting:

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

Disapprove: Aufox, DeChant

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies--4.6

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to delete policy 4.6 of the ASCA Policy Manual effective immediately. Business Office to renumber policies as necessary.

Comment: The new membership fees approved at the Spring meeting negates this.

Board voting:

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

Disapprove: Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies--4.8

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to delete policy number 4.8 of the ASCA Policy Manual effective immediately. Business Office to renumber policies as necessary.

Comment: The Two Cents Worth column has not existed for many years. There is no reason to clutter the policy book with irrelevant policies.

Board voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is defeated

93:19 Board Policies-Policy 4.10

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to alter policy number 4.10 of the ASCA Policy Manual as follows effective immediately:

4.10 The Top Twenty (20) winners in all classes of all merit Programs will be listed in the Aussie Times.

Comment: This policy is vague and needs to be clarified.

Board voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies--Policy 4.11

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to delete policy number 4.11 of the ASCA Policy Manual effective immediately. Business Office

to renumber policies as necessary.

Comment: Due to the editor change, this policy is no longer necessary.

Board voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is defeated

93:19 Board Policies-Policy 4.18

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to delete policy number 4.18 of the ASCA Policy Manual (effective immediately):

Comment: Cynthia is cleaning up all ads received now---handwritten ads are laid out properly and "camera ready" ads which are not completely "camera ready" are being cleaned up and improved before publication. This policy was originally made to correct a problem. It is no longer applicable.

Board voting:

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

Disapprove: Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is approved

93:19 Board Policies--4.21

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to alter the second sentence of policy number 4.21 of the ASCA Policy Manual to read as follows (effective immediately):

"Content for this page will be supplied by a person appointed by the President who will be responsible for it's timely submission to the Aussie Times."

Comment: Cynthia will do the layout for the Bulletin Board page now so this no longer needs to be done by a Director.

Board voting:

Approve: Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Non-voting: Adolphson

Motion is defeated

93:19 Board Policies--Policy 6.8.1

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to delete ASCA Board Policy number 6.8.1 in it's entirety effective immediately. Business Office to renumber policies as necessary.

Comment: This is covered in the Bylaws. Having a policy is unnecessary.

Board voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is defeated

00:15 Breed Standard Review Committee--Emergency Motion

Motion by Aufox, second by DeChant

I move the President communicate the following message to each committee member of the Breed Standard Review Committee. "The Board established the committee to review the breed standard and report back to the board identifying areas or sections that the committee felt needed clarification and explain the reasons or rationale for their position. Further the Board requires the committee to elect a chairman and a liaison and that should be the first order of business. If the committee feels that it cannot undertake the task as explained they should inform the President and the board of that fact."

Board voting:

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, DeChant, Rossy, Warren

Disapprove: Trumbull-Clark

Abstain: Toft

Non-voting: Adolphson, Berryessa

Motion is approved

91:24 Hardship Registry-Appeal to BOD

Motion by Toft, second by Adolphson

I move the following be added to the Hardship rules effective immediately:

APPEALS

Should any dog be rejected for ASCA registration by the Hardship/LEP committee it may be appealed to the ASCA Board of Directors by the dog's owner. The appeal must be filed with ASCA in writing by the dog's owner and must be accompanied by all supporting documentation.

The Board of Directors will have 30 days to render a decision whether to affirm or overturn the committee's decision. A simple majority vote of the Board is required to overturn the decision of the Hardship/LEP Committee. The Board's decision is considered final. No further appeals will be granted.

Board voting:

Approve: Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Non-voting: Adolphson

Motion is defeated

96:17 Jr. Showmanship--Two Recommendations

Motion by Davenport, second by Aufox

Move to deny the motions from the Junior Showmanship Committee regarding payment for junior handlers.

Board voting:

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, DeChant, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Warren

Abstain: Berryessa

Non-voting: Adolphson

Motion is approved

98:02 MVA Committee--MVA Committee Resume

Motion by Warren, second by Davenport

Add Allison Bryant to the MVA Committee.

Comments: The committee is short members and she would be an asset to the committee.

Board voting:

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

Trumbull-Clark, Warren

Non-voting: Adolphson

Motion is approved

98:11 Obedience Rules--LEP change

Motion by Toft, second by Adolphson

I move to alter the ASCA Obedience Rules and Regulations as follows (effective immediately):

Chapter 1, Section 1.10

First sentence, after the words "...ASCA registered Australian Shepherds", add "and ASCA LEP Australian Shepherds"

Chapter 1, Section 7

Second sentence, delete the words in parentheses "...LEP and" Third sentence, change "Non-Australian

Shepherds" to "non-LEP Australian Shepherds"

Last sentence, after "Only ASCA registered Australian Shepherds" add the words "..and ASCA LEP Australian Shepherds"

Chapter 3, Section 4, first sentence

Following the words "..each registered dog", add the words "or each LEP dog"

Chapter 4, Section 4, first sentence

Following the words "...each registered dog", add the words "or each LEP dog"

Chapter 5, Section 4, first sentence

Following the words "...each registered dog", add the words "or each LEP dog"

Chapter 6, first sentence

Following the words "...each registered dog", add the words "or each LEP dog"

Chapter 9

First sentence, following the words "...ASCA registered Australian Shepherd" add the words "...or ASCA LEP Australian Shepherd"

Chapter 10, Section 2, number 2

Following the words "..ASCA registered Australian Shepherds..." add these words: ".. and ASCA LEP Australian Shepherds.."

Comments: These alterations provide for the inclusion of ASCA LEP Australian Shepherds in all ASCA Obedience competitions including the Merit program and Obedience Finals. These changes have the approval of the ASCA Obedience Committee. I would like to see ASCA protect the ability of LEP dogs to compete in performance programs. We have a motion to alter the registry rules on the floor to reflect the different status of LEP dogs. We didn't realize how this would affect the LEP dogs at the time we made the registry motion. This motion is an attempt to rectify that oversight.

In addition the Tracking Rules and Regulations need no alteration as Chapter 1, Section 6b and 6c specifically include LEP dogs in the program and Tracking has no Finals or Merit program rules which would need alteration.

Board voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Axford, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is defeated

88:27 OFA

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to stop publishing the OFA listings in the Aussie Times effective immediately and to publish this information as a reference booklet for the membership to purchase. Booklet to include OFA Hip and Elbow listings, arranged alphabetically by dog's name with OFA number and grade, and published on a yearly basis beginning with the year 2000. The last booklet ended with 12/31/88. Information from 1989-1999 to be published as a single booklet to simplify the backlog. The Business Office will determine the price of each booklet depending on the cost of printing and mailing and add in a profit of a few dollars on each book. Work to begin immediately on this project with a goal of having these available for purchase before the end of 2001.

Comments: The Aussie Times editor pointed out to us the listings published in the Times were a year behind. These listings cost ASCA approximately \$75 a page to publish when we could be compiling them in booklets to make some money. They are of little use to the members when published in the Times because they are nearly impossible to reference. Booklets organized in a logical manner will be more useful to the members and more profitable for ASCA. Lola has been consulted regarding this project and has no problems with it. I have volunteered to assist her with the 1989-1999 backlog issue and she thought the office could maintain a yearly publication thereafter with only a little effort.

Board voting:

Approve: Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Adolphson, Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is defeated

88:27 OFA

Motion by Toft, second by Trumbull-Clark

I move to publish a yearly booklet containing dogs DNA'd in that year and to end publication of this list in the Aussie Times. These booklets to be arranged alphabetically by dog's name. The Business Office will determine the price of each booklet dependent on printing and mailing costs and a profit of a few dollars on each booklet. Work to begin immediately on this project with a goal of having these available for purchase by the end of 2001.

Comments: Like the OFA listings, the DNA listings as currently published are difficult for members to reference and cost ASCA valuable space in the Times when ASCA could be selling these for a profit.

Board voting:

Approve: Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Adolphson, Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is defeated

Registry Motions--Motion to Table

Motion by Aufox, second by Davenport

The motion listed below all relate to the same topic. Let us table them for a full face to face discussion at the Nationals. We should not be addressing such important issues piece meal in separate motions. I move to table all the motions below until the Nationals' meeting of the Board

00:20 Registry Rules-Prefixes

00:20 Registry Rules--Add Hardship Rules

Jerry

PS. This motion is in addition to my previous motion on Registry Records.

Board voting:

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Rossy, Warren

Disapprove: Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Abstain: Adolphson

Motion is approved

00:20 Registry Rules-"Record Keeping"

Motion by Berryessa, second by Aufox

The following is to be added to the ASCA General Registry Rules and Regulations as a sixth paragraph to the "Record Keeping" section:

Failure of litter owner(s) to supply the puppy buyer(s) with an Individual Registration Application may result in loss of ASCA privileges, after review by the ASCA BOD.

The ASCA business office will be directed to send this rule out with all requests for litter applications and all individual registration applications that are sent to the breeder.

Board voting:

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

Trumbull-Clark, Warren

Abstain: DeChant

Motion is approved

00:20 Registry Rules-Records-Motion to table

Motion by Aufox, second by Davenport

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am sorry for the delay in responding to the various e-mails but I have been traveling. I most probably will not be able to respond to all the correspondence today. However, this motion is very important and raises complex issues which I, for one, do not believe can be adequately addressed by e-mail discussion. We should address this at the Nationals. I am therefore making a motion to table this matter until our meeting at the Nationals in Greeley.

Jerry

(Motion on "Records" copied afterward)

Board voting:

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Rossy

Disapprove: Toft, Trumbull-Clark, Warren

Abstain: Adolphson

Motion is approved

01:15 Volunteer Motion withdrawal and replacement

Motion by Adolphson, second by Trumbull-Clark

To formally recognize and celebrate those individual volunteers who work so tirelessly in support of ASCA, I move that ASCA establish the ASCA Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation Awards, and ratify the following framework that outlines the nomination, selection, and award process for these awards. Board members shared their concern over the cost of implementing the previous motion, therefore this motion eliminated awards requiring ASCA funds with the exception of ASCA donated publication space. This substituted motion retains recognition of volunteers by formally publishing their accomplishments/names in the Times. It is the hope of the motion's maker that future fiscal planning will allow for additional recognition of ASCA's dedicated volunteers as we currently recognize the accomplishments of dedicated juniors. Effective date of motion: Nomination announcement will occur commencing with the Nov/Dec 2001 issue of the Aussie Times.

Comments: Those hardworking and usually under-appreciated ASCA members who sacrifice their own time with their dogs to allow others to more fully enjoy their ASCA experience should be formally and genuinely recognized and thanked for their outstanding efforts to the Club and the breed.

Procedure:

- 1) Awards will exist in 4 categories: Committees, Affiliate Officers/Boards, Affiliate club volunteers, Education.
- 2) Name of Awards will be as follows: Outstanding ASCA Committee Volunteer, Outstanding ASCA Affiliate Club Officer, Outstanding ASCA Affiliate Club Volunteer, Outstanding ASCA Educator.
- 3) One overall winner, one runner-up and up to two honorable mentions will be recognized annually.

Eligibility:

Any ASCA member in good standing. Current ASCA Board members are exempt.

Nominations:

Nomination announcements will be placed annually in the Nov/Dec issue of the Aussie Times with an opening and closing date for nomination of 11/1/XX through 4/1/XX. Nominations will be accepted by any member(s) of ASCA in good standing. Nominations will include the award category and a letter or letters of nomination with signatures and ASCA member number of the nominating party.

Selections:

Selections will be made by a two tiered voting process. A preliminary vote by the ASCA Board of Directors and the chairs of each ASCA standing committee will be made. The top two vote-getters will be selected as the two finalists for each award. A final vote will be taken by the Board of Directors and Chairs of all standing committees to determine the winner and runners-up of each award. Final voting shall be completed by 6/1/XX.

Awards:

For Winners: A photograph of the winner along with their name and name of award will be placed in the issue immediately following the "Nationals" issue of the Aussie Times.

For Runners-up: Their name will be placed in the Aussie Times in no less than 20 font under the name of the award for which they were nominated;

For Honorable Mentions: Their name will be placed in the Aussie Times in no less than 15 font under the name of the award for which they were nominated.

Winners, Runners-up, and Honorable Mentions will be notified and congratulated by the ASCA office via letter signed by the president for the Board of Directors within 2 weeks of final vote tally. Public announcements made at the National's banquet.

Winners are encouraged to attend, but need not be present. In the issue of the Aussie Times in which the winners are announced, a statement which outlines what the award represents and exemplifies will be placed.

Implementation:

Publication: The president will coordinate with the Aussie Times committee to insure that the announcement of request for nominations and award winners are published in the appropriate issues of the Times.

Presentation: The President will announce and/or present the awards at ASCA National banquet.

Qualifications:

Outstanding Committee Volunteer is the person who has demonstrated over the past year the persistence and dedication to improving and promoting the programs and administration of those programs which provide the cornerstone of the outstanding opportunities the Club provides its members.

Outstanding Affiliate Club Officer is the person who has provided the energy, organization, motivation, harmony and superior leadership to the foundation of our Club, the independent affiliate clubs.

Outstanding Affiliate Club Volunteer is the individual who has selflessly given their time energy and passion to ASCA affiliate club events. This "unsung hero" dedicates him/herself to the joy of others while often sacrificing personal time with their own family, Aussie and human alike. Outstanding Educator is the person who has undertaken the task to come forth to the ASCA membership and/or their community, and share their knowledge and wisdom both the knowledge and the ideals that support the continued health and welfare of the development of this uniquely American breed, the Australian Shepherd.

Board voting:

Approve: Adolphson, Rossy, Toft, Trumbull-Clark

Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, Warren

Motion is defeated

APPROVED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

90:38 Agility Committee

The ASCA Agility Committee has reviewed the resumes from the following 6 applicants:

Pamela Kaye

Judy Boone

Shelley Malan

Pamela Smith

Pamela Bryant-Meeks

Dawn Hamilton

The Committee with 9 members responding and one absent is making a recommendation for Pamela Kaye, Shelley Malan and Judy Boone to be admitted to the ASCA Agility Committee.

96:17 Jr. Showmanship

Motion by Becky Noe and second by Donna Armstrong--effective immediately I Becky Noe move that the Section 3 of the ASCA Jr. Committee procedures be changed to read as follows:

3. Any committee member may raise issues for discussion. All issues, whether received from the General Membership, Judges, Non-Members, Board members or Committee members must be sent to the Adult and Jr. Chairperson who will:

A) Immediately distribute issue(s) to all committee members, including non-voting members, and the

Board Liaison. Set a two (2) week Deadline from the date of the e-mailing to the members for receipt of comments back from committee members.

B) Stays the same

C) Set a one (1) week deadline from the emailing date to the members for receipt of a motion with a second for further discussion.

D) Same

E) The Chairperson sets a deadline of three (3) days from the postmark date of the mailing to members for receipt of the votes. All deadlines will be set at the start of each topic.

F) At the end of the three (3) day voting period, the Chairperson will tabulate the votes cast and email the results to the committee members and the Board Liaison as well as post them to the Database on Yahoo.

G) If the committee so chooses, all discussions and voting may be by Email or Regular Mail. Any discussions and voting done by mail will automatically add seven (7) days onto the timelines. The E-Mail option maybe chosen only if ALL members have access to E-Mail. The committee chair will keep copies of all members' votes on each motion.

Committee voting: Approve--Holly Smith, Lana Ellrodt, Kathy Remington,

Donna Armstrong, Becky Noe

Non-voting: Kimmie Warren

Motion passes

APPROVED: New Affiliate application--On The Border, Franksville, WI

Request for Bylaws changes from Southern Nevada Aussie Club

Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan for Business Office employees.

Dorothy Montano as ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge

Pattie Wirries as ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge

Jamee Davis as ASCA Non-Regular "Other Person" Conformation Judge

Shelly Hollen as ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

REGISTRY	MEMBERSHIP	SHOW/STOCK
Ind 476	New-Single 53	Sanc Rec'd 29
NFB 44	New-Dual 10	Sanc Proc'd 30
Litter 298	New-Foreign 2	Sanc Pend 12
Trans 72	New-Canadian 2	Results Rec'd 42
Lease 10	Renew-Single 226	Results Proc'd 61
LEP 10	Renew-Dual 67	Results Pend 1
Dups 12	Renew-Foreign 1	Certificates 1289
Hardship 6	Renew-Canadian 8	S & T Subscrip 12
Pedigree 27	Jr. Times 2	
New Ken 11	Affiliate New 1	
Renew Ken 10	Affiliate Renew 0	
Judges Apps 1	SHOWS HELD	
Email 1615		
DNA Kits 14	Conf/Obed shows 71	
DNA Tests 27	Stock 18	
	Ranch 0	
	Agility 24	
	Tracking 0	

Kris Toft, Secretary