

October 2003 Secretary's Report

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

October 1 - 31, 2003

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Judges List

Motion by Gray.

I move the board adopt the following Tracking Committee recommendation:

Motion: Celeste Kelly Seconded by Wally O'Brien.

We ask the ASCA Board to request the business office mail out to all ASCA Tracking Judges the new form letter used to update Judges information and that letters go into the mail by December 1, 2003.

Note: The Tracking Judge list needs to be updated because for many years the application for judging Tracking has been a subset of the Utility Judge application. Utility Judges become Tracking Judges if they mark they have a Tracking title even if they do not wish to become Tracking Judges.

Form letter :

Request for updated information:

ASCA BOARD
Bryan, TX

Mr. Judge
Anytown, USA

Dear Mr. Smith or family,

The Australian Shepherd Club of America's Business Office is in the process of updating its Judges' listings.

If you still wish to be included on the ASCA Judges' List as an ASCA Tracking Judge so that affiliate clubs may contact you for assignments, please provide the following and return this letter to the ASCA BO within 45 days of receipt:

Current mailing address, telephone and e-mail address:

If no longer judging as an ASCA Tracking Judge, please note reason below and return this letter to the ASCA BO within 45 days of receipt. Failure to return this request for information may result in your name being removed from the Judges' List.

Reason:

Signature of Judge

Voting yes on the motion to update the judge's list: Nola Ventura, Anne Hershey, Jane Palmer, Joan Armstrong, Celeste Kelly, Ralph Swingle, Deb St. Jacques, Paula Diggins, Craig Bohren, Wally O'Brien, Martha Ho, Nancy Garcia. Not responding, but I'm sure she would if she could, is Audrey. The motion passes.

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES - Tracking #

Motion by Warren.

I move to accept the following SD Recommendations. These recommendations will bring the SD Rules in compliance with our Tracking Number requirements. Changes are underlined.

CHAPTER 3

GENERAL REGULATIONS

SECTION 1 – THE SANCTIONED TRIAL

1. The ASCA Sanctioned Trial will require the use of ASCA Approved Stockdog Courses, its score sheet and all other ASCA Stockdog Program criteria, including the sanctioning fee of \$15 per trial with a maximum of two (2) trials per day by a host club.
2. The ASCA Sanctioned trial is the only trial in which Australian Shepherds, with ASCA individual registration numbers or LEP numbers, can apply their qualifying scores towards Certification. Other breeds and non-ASCA registered Australian Shepherds may apply their qualifying scores towards Certification at ASCA Sanctioned Trials providing they have received a Registration Tracking Number from the ASCA Business Office. (See: Chapter 6, Section 1 – CERTIFICATION; Chapter 3, Section 18 – HERDING BREEDS OTHER THAN AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERDS.)
3. All ASCA Sanctioned Trials are required to use ASCA Approved Judges. (See: Appendix 2 – ASCA APPROVED JUDGES LIST.) Apprentice Judges may work for credit (See: Chapter 8 – APPRENTICE STOCKDOG JUDGE PROGRAM).

SECTION 18 – HERDING BREEDS OTHER THAN AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERDS

1. ASCA will certify herding breeds other than Australian Shepherds providing they have an ASCA Registration Tracking Number. (See: Chapter 6, Section 1 – CERTIFICATION).
2. Herding breeds eligible to compete in the ASCA Stockdog trials are listed in Appendix 1.
3. Australian Shepherds NOT registered with ASCA will be considered "other breeds" for all ASCA stockdog sanctioned programs and must have an ASCA Registration Tracking Number for certification.
4. Other breed entrants, with or without a Registration Tracking Number, must follow the rules and regulations as outlined herein.
5. Cross-bred dogs of herding origin listed in Appendix 1 may compete in ASCA Stockdog trials.
6. Any breed club wishing to participate in the ASCA Stockdog trials that are not listed in Appendix 1 may petition the SDC for admittance.

CHAPTER 5

TRIAL ENTRIES

SECTION 8 - SUBMISSION OF TRIAL RECORDS TO ASCA

1. Records - After each sanctioned trial a Trial Result Form marked with the armband number, individual Registration Number or Registration Tracking Number, class and division, score, placing, dog's registered name and name of handler, certified by the Course Director of the trial, must be sent to the ASCA Business Office postmarked no later than fourteen (14) days after the end of the trial. Penalty for non-compliance shall be one (1) dollar per day as well as other penalties as may be imposed by the ASCA Stockdog Committee and ASCA Board of Directors.

CHAPTER 6

CERTIFICATION

SECTION 1 – WORKING TRIAL FORM AND FEES

The ASCA Business Office will record all qualifying scores automatically. Event Membership dues of fifty cents (\$.50) per run will be collected with the entry fee by the Host Organization and forwarded to the ASCA Business Office with the Trial Records.

Change Sec 1 to read as follows:

SECTION 1 – WORKING TRIAL FORM AND FEES

1. All dogs not registered with ASCA must have a Registration Tracking Number to receive certification. (See: REGISTRY RULES)
2. Event Membership dues of fifty cents (\$.50) per run will be collected with the entry fee by the Host Organization and forwarded to the ASCA Business Office with the Trial Records

CHAPTER 9

RANCH DOG INSPECTION

SECTION 7 - APPLICATION FEE

Application fees are \$10.00 for the first dog and \$5.00 for each additional dog of the same owner, with double fees required for non-ASCA members. A check or money order made payable to ASCA must be presented at the time of application. The ASCA Business Office must receive applications sixty (60) days prior to inspection. The ASCA Business Office will immediately forward the request to the ASCA Stockdog Committee for approval. Once the ASCA Stockdog Committee has approved the application, the Business Office will immediately be notified and they will then notify the applicant. When the applicant has chosen a judge, the ASCA Business Office will then forward the application and score sheets to the judge in a timely manner.

Applicants must either be an ASCA-registered Australian Shepherd or have an ASCA Registration Tracking Number on file. (See: Chapter 3, Section 18 – HERDING BREEDS OTHER THAN AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERDS).

The Judge will mail the score sheets containing the results of the inspection to the ASCA Business Office postmarked no later than thirty (30) days after the inspection.

Certificate of title will be mailed to successful applicants upon recording the results of inspection and verification of registration.

CHAPTER 10

RANCH TRIAL PROGRAM SECTION 1 – ELIGIBILITY

The Ranch Trial Program is open to all herding breeds or crossbreeds of those breeds listed in Appendix 1. To be eligible for certification, entrants other than ASCA-registered Australian Shepherds must have an ASCA Registration Tracking Number.

(See: Chapter 3, Section 18 – HERDING BREEDS OTHER THAN AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERDS)

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

94:16 ASCA INSURANCE – Fee Increase

Motion by Warren Second by Gray.

I move to increase the New Affiliates fee from \$50 to \$200, the Affiliate Renewal Fee from \$25 to \$100 and the sanctioning fees from \$15 to \$25. Effective: January 1, 2004.

Comments: This is being done to help defray the increased cost of our insurance. Our liability insurance went from \$13,582 in 2002 to \$38,308 in 2003. We had 1501 sanctioned events in 2002 and as of this writing we have had 1156 in 2003. Our Affiliates stand at about 100.

For those clubs with their own insurance this should come as a savings as they will no longer have to carry private insurance. ASCA's insurance now covers them for all events and as named insured.

Our members have been informed throughout the year repeatedly we would have to come up with some way to cover the added insurance expenses. If they have been reading their Aussie Times this shouldn't come as a surprise. There will also be a letter going out in the Affiliate packets about this. I should have it to you all soon to look at. This also needs to go into the November 15 Bulletin Board.

Board voting: Approve: Aufox, Hollen, Gray, Davenport, Warren, Berryessa, Hellmeister and DeChant. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is approved.

2004 Nationals

Hi Jo: I have a question for the board. I was wondering if we would be permitted to offer all classes to be sponsored by individuals. ASCA traditionally sponsors certain classes and provides \$1500 which does not pay for the prizes and ribbons. By offering all classes, any that are not sponsored by individuals, ASCA money would go toward to help offset the cost of the un-sponsored classes.

Can you find out for me if this is a possibility or if ASCA would like to remain the sponsors for: HIT Stockdog, MVA, HIT Obedience, MVJ (all around Junior), Altered BOB & BOS, Intact BOB & BOS, HIT Agility?

These 9 awards show ASCA as the sponsor, but the prizes and ribbons will be far greater than the \$1500, so we would like to get additional sponsorship for these classes.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this request.

Marilee Mansir
WCASA – President

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Request is approved.

Approved:

Leslie Creelman for a two-year term on the Junior Committee
Anne Shope approved as a Provisional Breeder Judge

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REGISTRY SHOW/STOCK		MEMBERSHIP			
IND. REGS	453	NEW-Single	130	SANC.REC'D	22
NON BREEDING	45	NEW - Dual	26	SANC. PROC.	22
LITTERS	206	NEW-Foreign	3	SANC.PEND	0
TRANSFER	57	NEW-Canadian	4		
LEASE	8	RENEW-Single	227	RESULTS PROC.	36
LEP	3	RENEW-Dual	41	.	
DUPLICATES	13	RENEW-Foreign	8	S&T SUBSCRIP.	6
HARDSHIPS	6	RENEW-Canadian	6	CERTIFICATES	1230
PEDIGREES	57	JR TIMES	2		
NEW KENNELS	8	AFFIL. – New	0		
RENEW KENNELS	15	AFFIL – Renew	0		
		NEW – Service	252		
JUDGES APPS	2	LIFETIME	1		
E-MAIL REQUESTS	1230				
DNA KITS MAILED	46				
DNA TESTS DONE	257				
SHOWS HELD:					
# OF CONF	68				
#OF STOCK	30				
#OF RANCH	3				
#OF AGILITY	45				
#OF TRACKING	1				
# OF OBEDIENCE	44				