

## **September 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.

### **September 1 - 30, 2003**

#### **99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Chap1, sec 8; Hunting vests**

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following from the Tracking Committee:

Chap1, sec 8; Hunting vests

The ASCA Tracking Committee has approved unanimously the following Motion, submitted by Celeste Kelly and seconded by Deb St. Jacques, allowing tracking dogs to wear hunting vests at tracking tests scheduled during hunting season. Please transmit it as a RECOMMENDATION to the ASCA BOD, with effective date Jan. 1, 2004.

Background discussion: In some ASCA Regions, Tracking Tests are scheduled during hunting season. In those same regions, illegal poaching may be a greater risk to tracking dogs than legal hunting. Handlers would like the option of using bright-colored hunting vests on their dogs, if there is a possibility that hunting or poaching might occur at the test site.

The committee discussed two questions at length: who should be responsible for determining that "hunting season" is in progress or that poaching might be a hazard; and whether unscrupulous handlers might use the vests to conceal disallowed harnesses or disqualifying injuries. Eventually the sense of the committee was that the phrase, "With the approval of the judges," would cover both of these concerns. In the first case, the judges would determine whether hunting or poaching might be a risk at the test site; in the second case, the judges would ask to examine the entered dogs before their harnesses were put on.

Here is the RECOMMENDATION:

The ASCA Tracking Committee recommends that ASCA Tracking Regulations be amended as follows:

Chapter1, section 8, 2nd to the last paragraph, which reads:

"If the dog has anything attached to it for protection or adornment, such a dog may, at the Judge's sole discretion, be judged at a later time if the offending condition has been corrected.

Add:

"With the approval of the judges, *during hunting season dogs may wear an unmarked hunting vest.*"

Effective date: Jan 1, 2004

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

**90:03 SHOW RULE CHANGES - Altered**

Motion by Davenport.

I move to approve the following motions from the Conformation Committee. Chris VT

1) Motion by Gemi Sasson-Brickson, second by Mary Hellmeister:

"I motion that Altered Conformation be approved as a permanent part of the ASCA Conformation Program.

[Note: this recommendation from the ASCA conformation Committee follows the results of the 2003 membership ballot, wherein the majority of the membership voted for the program. Recommendations on details of the program will be submitted to the ASCA BOD after Oct. 31st, 2003, following the tabulation of results from the Altered survey.]"

For: Margi Floyd, Denise Creelman, Kim Cochran, Liz Gibson, Beth Ellen Peterson, Joni Johnson, Gemi Sasson-Brickson, Mary Hellmeister, Peter Kontos, Wendy Finsterwald

AGAINST: WENDY SUMMERS (Comments: The majority of people in my region feel that the altered program has a place as a non-mandatory, non-HOF eligible, titling program. The Motion as made is not specific in these areas and so I must vote no.)

Non-Voting: Teena Meadors, Debbie Collins. Motion passes.

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2) Motion be Gemi Sasson-Brickson, second by Liz Gibson:

"Motion to nominate Beth Ellen Peterson as Conformation Committee Chairperson following 2003 Nationals."

For: Margi Floyd, Denise Creelman, Kim Cochran, Liz Gibson, Beth Ellen Peterson, Joni Johnson, Gemi Sasson-Brickson, Peter Kontos, Wendy Finsterwald, Wendy Summers  
Abstain: Mary Hellmeister. Non-Voting: Teena Meadors, Debbie Collins. Motion passes.

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3) Motion by Liz Gibson, second by Kim Cochran:

"Motion to nominate Chris Davenport as ASCA BOD liaison to the Conformation Committee."

For: Margi Floyd, Denise Creelman, Kim Cochran, Liz Gibson, Beth Ellen Peterson, Joni Johnson, Gemi Sasson-Brickson, Mary Hellmeister, Peter Kontos, Wendy Finsterwald, Wendy Summers. Against: None. Non-Voting: Teena Meadors, Debbie Collins. Motion passes.

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

**Approved:**

PASA Bylaw changes

FUN PAWS ASC Affiliate Bylaws Approval, Elk Grove, CA

ASCA Breeder Judges:

Non Regular Judges: Debbie Reneau and Kym Base

Non-Regular to Provisional Breeder Judges: Kristina Churchill, Sandy Rees, and Pam Gross Norman

Provisional to ASCA Breeder Judges: Joni Johnson, Lynn Hamon, and Jasa Peterson  
Letters to ASC of WA

ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT –SEPTEMBER 2003					
REGISTRY			MEMBERSHIP		
SHOW/STOCK					
IND. REGS	510	NEW-Single	100	SANC.PROC.	32
NON BREEDING	65	NEW - Dual	18	RESULTS PROC.	40
LITTERS	257	NEW-Foreign	5	S&T SUBSCRIP.	5
TRANSFER	57	NEW-Canadian	1	CERTIFICATE S	714
LEASE	9	RENEW-Single	189		
LEP	3	RENEW-Dual	74		
DUPLICATES	15	RENEW-Foreign	10		
HARDSHIPS	10	RENEW-Canadian	5		
PEDIGREES	72	JR TIMES	9		
NEW KENNELS	8	AFFIL. – New	1		
RENEW KENNELS	15	AFFIL – Renew	0		
		NEW – Service	279		
JUDGES APPS	5	LIFETIME	2		
E-MAIL REQUESTS	1253				
DNA KITS MAILED	147				
DNA TESTS DONE	99				
SHOWS HELD:					
# OF CON/OBED	20				
#OF STOCK	6				
#OF RANCH	0				
#OF AGILITY	20				
#OF TRACKING	2				