

ASCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MARCH 27TH THROUGH 29TH, 2008

BRYAN, TEXAS

The meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Aufox at 9 AM on March 27th 2008. Those Officers and Directors present were: Jerry Aufox, Michelle Berryessa, Chris Davenport, Ann DeChant, Kristin McNamara, Rick Gann, Peter Hellmeister, Patrick MacRoberts, Roger Stevens and Executive Secretary, Jo Kimes.

Motion by Aufox, seconded by Stevens. I move to ratify all email votes taken and recorded since our last meeting at the 2007 ASCA National Specialty. Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Motion by McNamara, seconded by Gann. I move to reduce the late sanctioning fees from Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day to Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per day for the first three (3) days to increase to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) thereafter. Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, McNamara, Gann, MacRoberts and Stevens. Disapprove: Hellmeister. Motion is approved.

00:20 REGISTRY RULES – Motion by McNamara, seconded by MacRoberts. I move to strike Section 1.3.6 of the Registry Rules and replace with the following:

6. Requested amendments to a registered litter by the litter owner (i.e. sex, quantity, etc) must be supported by presentation of pertinent documents to the Registrar within a thirty (30) day period from date of litter registration for approval without DNA testing and verified parentage through ASCA's official lab. Requests for change of quantity require testing after thirty (30) days; change of sex requires testing at sixty (60) days; request for change of color at six (6) months. Other requests will be presented to the ASCA Board of Directors for review and final decision within thirty (30) days.

FOR MINUTES ONLY Comment: This motion should help uniformly deal with litter change requests and maintain the integrity of ASCA's Registry.

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE – Motion by McNamara, seconded by Gann. I move to add Berry Jaco, Region 4, to the Agility Committee. Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

09:14 DNA COMMITTEE – Motion by Aufox, seconded by Berryessa. I move to delete and remove the position of liaison to Therion in its entirety and have the contract between Therion and ASCA be the ASCA Business Office which is the business relationship, The Office Manager will be responsible for those duties. Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

08:03 ASCA HEALTH & GENETICS COMMITTEE – Motion by DeChant, seconded by MacRoberts. I move to start the ASCA Health & Genetics Committee with the following members:

Chris Reedy – Region 4.

Kim Cochran – Region 4.

Bill Dakin – Region 5.

Linda LaFrance – Region 5.

Gina Larson – Region 2.

Valerie Yates - Region 6.

Michelle Berryessa as Consultant and member – Region 1.

Ann DeChant as liaison and Chris Reedy as start up Chairperson.

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

New Executive Committee – TITLING COMMITTEE – composed of Jerry Aufox, Roger Stevens and Michelle Berryessa.

01:13 HARDSHIP/LEP COMMITTEE – Motion by Aufox, seconded by Hellmeister. I move to grant a Hardship Registration to “Gringo” and issue an ASCA Hardship Registration number.

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

BOARD DIRECTIVE – The Hall of Fame Committee is to decide whether a person could start counting titles for dogs they bred before they got their kennel name or only from the time they obtained the kennel license. This decision to be in the hands of the Board within 30 days or the Board of Directors will address the issue.

Three, four and five generation pedigrees will be on 8.5” x 11” paper.

Lynn Fremuth will be asked to serve as Copy Editor to the AUSSIE TIMES.

ELECTION CALENDAR – Motion by McNamara, seconded by Aufox. I move to revise the ASCA Election Calendar from:

- a. February 1 – Last day for prospective candidates to request candidate material from the Business Office. Candidate material includes Declaration of Candidacy document (includes signature stating prospective candidate agrees to submit answers to Candidate Inquiry for publication to the membership) and Candidate Inquiry.
- b. February 14 – Postmark deadline to file Declaration of Candidacy document.
- c. March 1 – Postmark deadline to file candidate’s completed Candidate Inquiry with the Business Office for publication in the May/June AUSSIE TIMES. Failure to submit completed Inquiry will result in prospective candidate’s disqualification for that election year.

To:

- a. First business day in February – Last day for prospective candidates to request candidate material from the Business Office. Candidate material includes Declaration of Candidacy

document (includes signature stating prospective candidate agrees to submit answers to Candidate Inquiry for publication to the membership) and Candidate Inquiry.

- b. Second Friday in February – Postmark deadline to file Declaration of Candidacy document.
- c. First business day in March – Postmark deadline to file candidate’s completed Candidate Inquiry with the Business Office for publication in the May/June AUSSIE TIMES. Failure to submit completed Inquiry will result in prospective candidate’s disqualification for that election year.

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

COMMENTS: Dates have the potential to fall on days ineligible for postmark.

99:02 HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE – Motion by McNamara, seconded by DeChant. I move the following be removed from Section 2a of the Kennel Hall of Fame requirements:

“The ASCA Office has in place a computer program that notifies them when the eligibility requirements have been met for Hall of Fame; however, completion of the Hall of Fame Application Appendix C will expedite the process of verification of titles. It is recommended you use this form.”

And replace it with:

The eligible kennel/breeder must submit the required form available at Appendix C to start the process.

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

00:15 BREED STANDARD REVIEW COMMITTEE – Motion by Stevens, seconded by MacRoberts. I move to disband the Breed Standard Review Committee and would request Jerry Aufox to write the letter thanking the Committee for all their work and dedication of time to this project. Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Stevens, Gann and MacRoberts. Disapprove: Berryessa, DeChant, Hellmeister. Abstain: McNamara. Motion is approved.

Members of the Executive Breed Standard Review Committee are Chair, Rick Gann, Ann DeChant and Patrick MacRoberts. The Committee will report back to the ASCA Board on or before October 1, 2008.

March 28, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 9 AM, by President, Jerry Aufox. Those Officers and Directors present were: Jerry Aufox, Michelle Berryessa, Chris Davenport, Ann DeChant, Kristin McNamara, Rick Gann, Peter Hellmeister, Patrick MacRoberts and Roger Stevens. Also present: ASCA Attorney, Charles Carnese and Executive Secretary, Jo Kimes.

04:02 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES – Motion by Berryessa, seconded by Stevens. I move to add under Agenda 1a of the ASCA Committee Procedures:

If a committee chair does not bring Board requests to the committee within a thirty (30) day period, the following steps will be taken:

First incidence: The committee chair will be requested by the liaison to give an explanation to the Board within fifteen (15) days detailing why the request has not been addressed with a time schedule for completion of the Board's request.

If the Board's request is not acted on by the committee within an appropriate time frame as determined by the Board, the Board will enact rule changes without input of the committee.

Second incidence: The Board will enact rule changes without input of the committee and the Board will require election of a new chair.

Third incidence: The Board will enact rule changes without input of the committee and the committee members may be replaced.

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE – Motion by McNamara, seconded by MacRoberts. I move to approve the following:

1. To allow the creation of the ASCA Agility Licensee program, which shall allow such licensees to put on ASCA sanctioned agility trials.
2. ASCA Agility Licensees shall be required to coordinate their trial dates with ASCA Affiliates located within a 250-mile radius of the trial site.
3. No Licensee shall hold an event within a two-week time frame of another ASCA sanctioned Agility Trial, unless Affiliate approval has been obtained.
4. The Licensee sanctioning request will be on a form developed by the Agility Committee developed within 60 days and require the listing of the names, telephone numbers and dates of Affiliates and/or other Licensees who were contacted for the coordination of the event.
5. Affiliates denying approval of trial dates requested by Licensee may deny based solely on approved sanctioning and hosting of a trial within the same region and time frame.
6. Licensee applications shall require a payment of \$250.00 per year to retain Licensee status.
7. This program shall be a trial program, having a life span of two years after which the Board will revisit or cancel.

COMMENT: The ASCA Agility Licensee program is designed to enable individuals and companies who would like to offer ASCA sanctioned Agility Trials in areas underserved by ASCA Affiliate agility offerings to put on trials and continue to grow our program and support the membership's enjoyment of the sport. This is not intended to create competition with Affiliates, but to provide another avenue for trials to be held. If this Licensee program does create competition with the Affiliate, the program will need a review.

Approve: Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, McNamara, Gann and MacRoberts. Disapprove: Aufox. Abstain: Hellmeister and Stevens. Motion is approved.

The Board met at 10 AM with Tom Wallis, the ASCA CPA,

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE – Motion by McNamara, seconded by DeChant. I move an Other-Breed ATCh and Other Breed Merit list be posted on the ASCA website under the appropriate Agility heading and maintained in a timely manner.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, McNamara, Gann and Stevens. Abstain: MacRoberts and Hellmeister. Motion is approved.

93:19 BOARD POLICIES – Motion by Aufox seconded by MacRoberts. I move ASCA will keep confidential and not disclose the name and identifying information of the author of all written comment letters detailing actions of any of the following individuals:

1. Judge Applicants.
2. Judges.
3. Officials of ASCA, its Affiliate and Licensees detailing actions during an ASCA sanctioned event and such letter will be forwarded to the individual named and complained of in the letter with identifying information redacted and seeking a response.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, McNamara, MacRoberts and Stevens. Disapprove: Hellmeister. Abstain: Gann and DeChant. Motion is approved.

ASCA President, Jerry Aufox will send response letters to Westerman and Hoerteis regarding their complaints of the Stock Dog Finals in 2007 at the National Specialty. The letter will be reviewed by the Board prior to sending.

Executive Secretary, Jo Kimes will send letter to Hoerteis regarding formal complaint being past the timeline. The letter will be reviewed by the Board prior to mailing.

05:08 2007 ASCA NATIONALS SPECIALTY – Motion by Davenport, seconded by MacRoberts. I move to send reprimand letters to Gary Hawley and Ken Lyle, ASCA Stock Dog Judges for the 2007 ASCA National Specialty Stock Dog Finals, for violating Chapter 4, Section 4, Paragraph 4 of the ASCA Stock Dog Rules where it states:

“Control” points will be given for all portions of the course that the dog accomplished and/or attempted.

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, McNamara, MacRoberts, Hellmeister and DeChant. Disapprove: Berryessa, Gann and Stevens. Motion is approved.

BOARD DIRECTIVE – Host Consortium for the 2007 ASCA National Specialty is to be sent a reprimand for not responding in a timely manner to Sherry Baker’s urgent complaint.

BOARD DIRECTIVE – The Stock Dog Committee is to clarify Chapter 4, Section 4, and Paragraph 4 of the Stock Dog Rules and get such clarification back to the Board by May 1, 2008.

00:20 REGISTRY RULES – Motion by McNamara, seconded by Berryessa. I move to accept the proposed revisions of Registry Rules Sub-Section 3 of Section 1.4., as follows:

3 – Registration with Other Registries.

- (a) Initial Registration. A dog shall not be eligible to be registered with ASCA as an Australian Shepherd if, at the time of application for registration, such dog or either of its parents have been registered with any registry as a breed other than Australian Shepherd.

(b) Revocation of Registration. The ASCA registration of any registered dog shall be revoked upon the occurrence of any of the following events.

- i. ASCA obtaining evidence that such dog was registered in violation of Subsection 3(a) above;
- ii. Such dog is registered with any registry as a breed other than Australian Shepherd;
- iii. Either parent of such dog is registered with any registry as a breed other than Australian Shepherd if the owner or any co-owner of such dog (a) is the owner or co-owner of any such parent, or (b) knowingly allowed or participated in such registration, as determined by ASCA's Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

00:20 REGISTRY RULES – Motion by Berryessa, seconded by McNamara. I move to delete Section 2.5, Improper Signing of Name of Other, currently called Forgery, and replace it with our Attorney's suggestion located in sub-section 3 of Section 2.5, which states "No person may sign the name of another on any ASCA registry document unless such person has in his or her possession, an ASCA Power of Attorney signed by such other person. Any person who signs the name of another on any ASCA registry document, shall provide ASCA with such Power of Attorney along with such application. The Board of Directors may suspend any person found to have violated this rule from all ASCA services and privileges and may impose other discipline as the Board shall determine. Any registrations which were issued as a result of this violation of this rule may be revoked by the Board.

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

Copies of the Sherry Baker Complaint was hand delivered to ASCA Attorney, Charles Carnese and Stock Dog Committee Liaison, Chris Davenport, by the ASCA Executive Secretary. Additional information will be sent.

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE – Motion by DeChant, seconded by Hellmeister. I move to send a check in the amount of \$6,480.00 to our accountants, Ingram & Wallis for preparation of Tax Return and Audit of 2007. Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

The Board meeting for the ASCA Endowment Foundation was called to order by President Jerry Afox. All Officers and Directors were present including Attorney, Charles Carnese.

The Board unanimously approved Kristin McNamara to develop a procedure for the Cee Hambo Scholarship.

Meeting was adjourned

March 29, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 9 AM, by President, Jerry Afox. Those Officers and Directors present were: Jerry Afox, Michelle Berryessa, Chris Davenport, Ann DeChant, Kristin McNamara, Rick Gann, Peter Hellmeister, Patrick MacRoberts and Roger Stevens. Also present: Executive Secretary, Jo Kimes.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES – Motion by Davenport, seconded by MacRoberts. I move to add the following to ASCA Stock Dog Finals Rules, Chapter 11, Section 1.1 – Runs:
The Finals of the ASCA National Specialty are under the jurisdiction of the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors has the sole responsibility for overseeing all aspects of the Finals Working Trial including disputes.
Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, DeChant, McNamara, Gann, Hellmeister and MacRoberts. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is approved.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES – Motion by Davenport, seconded by MacRoberts. I move to change Chapter 11, Section 2.4 to read:

The maximum entry for the Finals Trial will be 20 dogs per class of stock. In the event there are more than 20 dogs, ties will be broken as follows:

- a. Average the top three scores for that Finals year.
- b. Average the top two scores for that Finals year.
- c. Highest individual score.
- d. Draw

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES – Motion by Davenport seconded by MacRoberts. I move to change Chapter 11, Section 2.6, last sentence before Example to read:

It will be raised to whatever number of points is needed to bring the total number of Finals Trial entries to 20.

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES – Motion by Davenport, seconded by MacRoberts. I move in Chapter 11, Section 2.6, the Example to be removed reads:

Example: Only sixteen (16) dogs qualify for cattle with four (4) or more points while twenty-four (24) dogs qualify for sheep/goat with four (4) points; then all twenty-four (24) dogs in sheep/goat would be allowed to compete.

Approved: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES – Motion by Davenport, seconded by MacRoberts. I move Chapter 11, Section 2.4, second paragraph to read:

The ten dogs earning the highest scores in the elimination go round will move on to compete in the Finals go round. In the case of a tie score for tenth, all of the dogs earning that score will move on.

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Gann, DeChant, Hellmeister, MacRoberts and Stevens.
Disapprove: Berryessa and McNamara. Motion is approved.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES – Motion by Davenport, seconded by MacRoberts. I move to replace Chapter 11, Section 6.7.d. with the following:

- e. The Stock Dog Judges will be allowed to judge more than 60 runs per day, for a period longer than 12 hours.

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Gann, DeChant, Hellmeister, MacRoberts, Stevens and Berryessa.
Disapprove: McNamara. Motion is approved.

BOARD DIRECTIVE TO STOCK DOG COMMITTEE – HAVE OBJECTIVE METHOD FOR SELECTION OF FINALS STOCK DOG JUDGES. SUCH METHOD TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE BOARD BY 2008 NATIONALS.

The Ballot for the Hall of Fame Excellent was approved by the Board and will be included with the 2008 Ballot to the membership.

BOARD DIRECTIVE – The Office Manager to get bids for sending and counting ballots. Such bids are due to the ASCA Board by April 15, 2008.

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE – Motion by Gann, seconded by MacRoberts. I move to accept the Dell bid for a total of \$6,616.00 for the new Office equipment which includes:

- 2 - Dell OptiPlex 755 at \$1,235.00 each.
- 4 – Dell 17” monitors at \$224.00 each.
- 1 – Brother HL Printer at \$200.00.
- MS Office 2007 at \$2,375.00.
- Agnitek Labor - \$675.00.

Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

Motion to adjourn by MacRoberts, seconded by McNamara at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Kimes,
ASCA Executive Secretary

4/11/08.