

## January 2005 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.

**January 1 - 31, 2005**

### **02:07 ASCA ENDOWMENT FUND – Phenome Project**

Motion: DeChant - Second: Aufox

I move that the ASCA Foundation raise funds for the Phenome Project described below. I also move that we publicize this campaign and raise awareness for the Foundation by using the Bulletin Board, the Aussie Times, and the ASCA-L.

Comments: Since ASCA doesn't have a budget for donations to worthy causes, I think this is what we created the ASCA Foundation to do. We can raise the \$1500 requested and more in a short time.

Dear ASCA Officers and Board:

The University of Missouri has a new project for the Australian Shepherd. This project is called the Phenome Project. As with everything that is done with research for any breed there is a financial obligation. As a lifetime member of ASCA I want to propose that ASCA donate to this research project.

The project cost will start at \$5,000. I am in the process of getting donations from others. C.A. Sharp with the ASH&G, Inc has allotted \$1,500 for this project. I would like to see ASCA support this project by matching the proposed funds or more if possible.

This project is not only for epilepsy, but all genetic information on the Australian shepherd. The aim of the project is to bank DNA samples and detailed phenotypic information on significant numbers of dogs from selected breeds, I think this is a very valuable project and I would like to see Australian shepherds included.

For any funds that ASCA would budget for this project, please notify me at [delraew2@aol.com](mailto:delraew2@aol.com), as I would like to keep a tally. I have been successful with others contributing to this project. I hope to obtain money from private individuals that will fill in any missing funds or for future funds that will be needed. Since most of the private donations will be small, I'm hoping to get a more sizable donation from our National club to promote the Phenome project. I feel that most of the Aussie breeders are aware of the genetics problems that have come forth in our breed. With the support of many private individuals, ASCA, ASH&G INC. and others we should reach the goal of \$5000.00 in a short time.

Please send any funds to:

University Of Missouri  
Attention Liz Hansen  
321 Connaway Hall,  
Columbia, Missouri 65211-5120  
Phone: (573)-884-3712 FAX: (573)-884-5414

If you would like any other information please contact Liz Hansen at the above address.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rae Wilson

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Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, DeChant, Gray, Hellmeister, Bryant, Hollen, Davenport & Walter. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is approved.

### **94:16 ASCA INSURANCE-General Liability Insurance Policy**

Motion by Aufox, seconded by Gray.

Move to authorize payment of \$2,500 to TJ Adams Group for the purpose of providing and re-writing Certificates of Insurance on behalf of ASCA and its affiliates to municipalities, specifically, as well as other event location providers.

COMMENTS: The reason this is being requested is that simple Certificates of Insurance are no longer being accepted by municipalities such as park districts, fairgrounds, etc. Those entities are requiring more sophisticated terms and documents which are above and beyond those normally supplied by insurance companies, therefore, this service is now needed.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

### **ASCA ENDOWMENT FUND-Epilepsy**

Motion by DeChant, seconded by Aufox.

As a Director of the ASCA 501c3 Foundation, I move that the \$2000 donated to ASCA by Old Pueblo ASC, upon their dissolution, be transferred to the ASCA Foundation to be donated to an Epilepsy research project as directed by the disbanding Club. The ASCA Foundation will keep the funds until such time that a research project is identified which is determined to be appropriate by the ASCA Foundation Board.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved

### **Attorney Files**

Motion by Aufox, seconded by Davenport.

I move that we engage Chuck Carnese as our attorney for the year 2005. Payment being a retainer in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, DeChant, Davenport, Hellmeister, Bryant, Hollen, Stevens & Walter. Abstain: Gray. Motion is approved.

### **03:19 BOARD POLICIES - Sec. 17.5**

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.

I would like to make the following motion:

In the Policy book:

Remove section 17.5 "The ASCA Breed Standard shall be published in every other issue of the

Aussie Times within the first 50 pages of the publication."

It is a duplicate of item 4.17.

Remove section 17.4 below (found immediately following section 7.4) concerning paperwork submitted with a personal check. It is a duplicate of section 15.2.1.

"All paperwork submitted with a personal or business check will be held for ten (10) days unless submitted by an ASCA member who has been a member in good standing for the three (3) previous consecutive years. To avoid this delay paperwork may be submitted with a money order, cashier's check or credit card. All paperwork paid for with a credit card will be assessed an additional fee of Three Dollars (\$3.00). "

Remove section 17.4a (below) it is a duplicate of section 15.6.

Section 17.4a LEP Registration for ARPH

"By request of ARPH, ASCA will honor free LEP registration for ARPH adopted dogs as done in the past."

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, DeChant, Gray, Hollen, Hellmeister, Bryant, Stevens & Walter. Abstain: Davenport. Motion is approved.

#### **93:19 BOARD POLICIES - Section 4.**

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.

I move to make the following change to the policy book.

Section 4.23 Replace the following:

"SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER theme shall be Agility. The Agility Finals winner shall be on the cover. The remaining four (4) winners shall receive a full color page inside."

with:

"SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER theme shall be Agility. The Standard Division Agility Finals winner shall be on the cover. The Veterans and Junior Finals winner shall receive a full color page inside."

I am recommending the above change because there are three divisions in the Agility Finals now: Standard, Veterans and Juniors. The policy as written is unclear on which dog gets the cover.

Section 5.4 replace 'High Score in Agility' with 'Agility High in Trial'

I am recommending the above change because there is no 'high score in agility' designation for the nationals. There is an award called 'High In Trial' for the Agility Nationals and I believe this is what was intended.

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, DeChant, Davenport, Gray, Hellmeister, Bryant, Stevens & Walter. Disapprove: Hollen. Motion is approved.

#### **04:15 BUSINESS OFFICE – Addendum**

Motion by Gray, seconded by Davenport.

I move to send Affiliate Clubs the ASCA Required Bylaw Addendum each year in their renewal package.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

#### **97:14 DNA COMMITTEE – Column**

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the DNA and Genetics Committee.

Motion by Chris, second by Jamie

I move that the DNA and Genetics Committee be responsible for the writing and publication of a column in each issue of the Times. Included in the column will be any and all DNA updates as they pertain to the registry including, but not limited to, corrected registrations that have come about as a result of the DNA Parentage Verification process.

Yes: Joan, Linda, Jamie, Laura, Sandra, Lori, Kim, Sally, Kelli, Chris, Marilyn, Devona

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

#### **04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE – Fees**

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.

Motion to change Section 2.6.7 of the ASCA Agility rulebook

Change the following sentence in Section 2.6.7:

"Penalty for non-compliance is one dollar (\$1.00) for each day's delay and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of ASCA."

to read:

"Penalty for non-compliance is ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day's delay and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of ASCA."

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

#### **99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - CH. 2, 3, 4,**

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

Here is the vote tally and comments on this motion. These are additional regulation changes that support the recent addition of a start article to the TD test. Each proposed change is numbered and each number was voted on individually. The tallies for each proposed change are listed after each numbered item.

# 7 was defeated.

Celeste

This is the start article motion that was submitted on Nov. 29 by Celeste Kelly and seconded by Sue Schroeder.

Each proposed change is numbered and each number is voted on individually. The tallies for each proposed change are listed after each numbered item.

"These are the additional regulations that I have found that need to be amended since we added the start article.

I, Celeste Kelly, move that we:

1. Revise the title of Chapter 3, Section 6, to read. "TD start"; and

*Voting in favor: Craig Bohren, Celeste Kelly, Susan Schroeder, Deb St. Jacques, Jane Palmer, Anne Hershey, Deb St. Jacques. Voting opposed: Ralph Swingle Non-voting: Nancy Boettcher*

2. Add a last sentence to Chap. 3, Section 6, 2nd paragraph, which will read:  
"If the article is not at the start, the handler, while controlling the dog at the start flag, may request from the judges another article belonging to the tracklayer. Once the dog passes the start flag, the test has begun. If a restart is requested, an auxiliary article can no longer be requested."

*Voting in favor: Craig Bohren, Celeste Kelly, Susan Schroeder, Jane Palmer. Voting opposed: Deb St. Jacques, Anne Hershey, Ralph Swingle. Non-voting: Nancy Boettcher*

3. Add to Appendix 1, Section 14, TD chart information a number 11 which will read,  
#11. First article at the starting flag, may or may not be picked up by the handler.

*Voting in favor: Craig Bohren, Jane Palmer, Susan Schroeder, Celeste Kelly, Deb St. Jacques  
Voting opposed: Ralph Swingle, Anne Hershey Non-voting: Nancy Boettcher*

4. Change the title of Chapter 4, section 7 to "TDX Start".

*Voting in favor: Craig Bohren, Celeste Kelly, Susan Schroeder, Jane Palmer, Deb St. Jacques.  
Voting opposed: Ralph Swingle*

5. Chapter 2, section 6, Articles: add to the beginning of the 2nd sentence in the 2nd paragraph, "*Except at the start*, after being dropped...

*Voting in favor: Craig Bohren, Jane Palmer, Susan Schroeder, Deb St. Jacques, Anne Hershey, Ralph Swingle  
Voting opposed: Celeste Kelly, Ralph Swingle Non-voting: Nancy Boettcher*

6. Chapter 2, section 22, Judge's Books, add: "#11. *Mark position of all articles on each map.*"

*Voting in favor: Jane Palmer, Craig Bohren, Susan Schroeder, Anne Hershey, Deb St. Jacques, Celeste Kelly  
Voting opposed: Ralph Swingle. Non-voting: Nancy Boettcher*

8. Chapter 3, Section 4, add: "#11. *A track shall have a start article at the first flag, and a 2nd article at the end of the track.*"

*Voting in favor: Anne Hershey, Celeste Kelly, Deb. St. Jacques, Susan Schroeder, Craig Bohren, Jane Palmer. Voting opposed: Ralph Swingle Non-voting: Nancy Boettcher*

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, Gray, Hellmeister, DeChant, Davenport, Bryant & Stevens.  
Disapprove: Walter. Non-Voting: Hollen. Motion is approved.

#### **04:03 2005 NATIONAL SPECIALTY-Board Meetings**

Motion by Gray, seconded by Davenport.

I move the Board meet on Saturday, October 22, 2005 to get as much business as possible done before the Finals and Nationals begin (Stock Finals start on Sunday). Location and time to be determined at a later date.

Comments: This is being done early so Directors will be able to purchase airline tickets early enough to get a good price.

Directors voting: Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Davenport, Gray, Hellmeister, Aufox & Hollen.  
Disapprove: Walter. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is approved.

#### **98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Ch.5, Sec. 7.**

Motion by Walter.

I move that we accept the following motion from the obedience committee.

We, the obedience committee, submit the following motion for consideration to become effective as soon as possible.

Motion made by Burlingame, second by White, voting yes, unanimous.

Change Chapter 5, section 7, 4th paragraph, 6th sentence

FROM:

"In order to preserve the continuity of the run, \*it is suggested\* that the articles be placed on the chair or table before the beginning of the run."

TO:

"In order to preserve the continuity of the run, the articles \*should\* be placed on the chair or table before the beginning of the run."

Additionally, in the same paragraph, change the 4th sentence

FROM:

"The \*judge or steward\* will use a device of the judges choosing (such as tongs) to remove the articles to be scented from the bag."

TO:

"The \*judge, steward, or handler\* will use a device of the judges choosing (such as tongs) to remove the articles to be scented from the bag."

REASON: As a result of feedback from the recent judges seminar, the feeling among the judges was that the 6th sentence needed to be more insistent that the choosing of the articles be done prior to the start of the run. It was also felt that the judge should have the option of allowing the handler to retrieve the specified articles. As the rule now stands, only the judge and/or the steward are allowed to retrieve the specified articles.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

## **97:15 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES**

Motion by Hellmeister, seconded by Hollen.

I move to change the current Committee Procedures.

Committee Procedures, Membership, No. 10 c currently reads:

The Committee may remove the Committee Chair at any time for any reason. Removal will be by a vote of the Committee. Removal of the Committee Chair requires only a majority vote of the Committee Members. The Chairperson in question is entitled to participate in the debate but not the voting process.

New version:

The Committee may remove the Committee Chair from its position as Chair at any time for any reason. Removal will be by a vote of the Committee. Removal of the Committee Chair requires only a majority vote of the Committee Members. The Chairperson in question is entitled to participate in the debate but not the voting process. The liaison will conduct the voting.

Reasoning: The way the procedures are right now the committee can remove the chair completely from the committee if an initial motion is worded that way. This interferes with the Board's responsibilities to appoint (Membership No. 3) or remove (Membership No. 10b) members from the committees.

Directors voting: Approve: Hollen, DeChant, Gray, Hellmeister, Bryant, Aufox, Walter & Davenport. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is approved.

## **03:01 DISPUTE COMMITTEE – Postpone EMERGENCY MOTION**

Motion by Gray, seconded by Davenport.

I move and Chris Davenport 2nds to postpone the 03:01 DISPUTE COMMITTEE motion to April 1st to discuss it with the ASCA Attorney.

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, Bryant, Hollen, Gray, Walter, DeChant, Hellmeister & Davenport. Disapprove: Stevens. Motion is approved.

## **CH. 3 Sec. 6.1e Training Aids**

### **EMERGENCY MOTION**

Motion by Davenport.

I move to approve the following motion from the SDC:

Re: Vote Results - CH. 3, Sec. 6.1e Training Aids Motion to replace Chapter 3, Section 6.1.e which now reads:

e. Training aids.

1. Wearing or attached to the collar
2. Anything other than a stock stick or staff 3' to 5' long

with the following:

e. Training aids or devices. With the exception of shepherd's whistles and stock sticks or staffs between 3 and 5 feet in length, training aids or devices are not allowed. Examples of aids and

devices that are not allowed include but are not limited to the following: electronic collars or dummy electronic collars, clickers, whips, rattle paddles.

Comments: The purpose of this motion is to clarify what kind of training aids are allowed (and not allowed) during competition.

Motion by Bryant and seconded by Schvaneveldt Approve: Holmes, Harris, Simmons, Hischer, Hardin, Mahoney, Bryant, Kissman, Zilch, Schvaneveldt, Silveira, Adamczyk, Baker, Pechka-King, Walker

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**Election Secretary**  
**EMERGENCY MOTION**

Motion by DeChant, seconded by Gray.  
I move to elect Lola Hill as Election Secretary.

Comments: Each year at the Nationals we elect Officers after the Membership Meeting. Election Secretary was not covered at the November 24, 2004, Meeting.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**Approved:**

**Junior Showmanship Judge:** Lori Fausett

**ASCA Breeder Judges:**

Linda Buell, California, for Non-regular Breeder Judge

Heidi Mobley, Texas, for Sr. Breeder Judge.

**New Affiliate Clubs:**

The North West ASC.

Working Aussies of Virginia ASC.

Stock Wranglers ASC

Bylaw changes for the ASC of Washington

ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT –JANUARY 2005					
REGISTRY SHOW/STOCK		MEMBERSHIP			
IND. REGS	583	NEW-Single	162	SANC. PROC	42
NON BREEDING	60	NEW - Dual	34	RESULTS PROC.	30
LITTERS	296	NEW-Foreign	4	S&T SUBSCRIP.	15
TRANSFER	97	NEW-Canadian	6	CERTIFICAT ES	523
LEASE	12	NEW - Service	409		
LEP	6	LIFETIME	3		
DUPLICATES	44	RENEW-Single	387		
HARDSHIPS	1	RENEW-Dual	108		

PEDIGREES	82	RENEW- Foreign	20		
NEW KENNELS	11	RENEW- Canadian	22		
RENEW KENNELS	10	JR TIMES	10		
		AFFIL. – New	3		
JUDGES APPS	9	AFFIL – Renew	70		
DNA KITS MAILED	139				
DNA TESTS DONE	0				
SHOWS HELD:					
# OF CONF	28				
#OF OBED	22				
#OF STOCK	4				
#OF RANCH	2				
#OF AGILITY	19				
#OF TRACKING	2				