

2011 National Specialty Meeting Minutes

Sunday September 18th, 2011

1. Urgent Complaint filed by Rick Hardin was discussed: Emergency BoD meeting was held on September 18th at 8:30 PM. Attending were Russ Ford, Pete Dolan, Tenley Dexter, Rachel Vest, Peter Hellmeister, Michelle Berryessa, David Clayton, Mary Logue, Brad Warren, head stockdog (SD) judge and Kathi Schwengel, Course Director for Stockdog Finals. Mr. Hardin's complaint was filed stating a violation of Stockdog Rules 12.9.2-b were not followed. Complainant stated that the Finals SD judge in the sheep run was not strategically seated in order to get the best view of the handlers line. Warren and Schwengel left meeting at 8:45 PM. BoD ruled that Mr. Hardin's complaint was valid. The BoD mandated that notice be placed in the SD questionnaire packet for determining which SD judges are available for selection for SD Finals by the ASCA Business Office (BO) stating that any SD Finals judge must comply with SD rules 12.9.2-b for SD Finals in regards to advanced handlers line.

Motion: Motion by Hellmeister, second by Clayton: I move to uphold complaint submitted by Rick Hardin and advise the ASCA Business Office (BO) to send out notice to all SD Finals judges to put emphasis on following SD rule 12.9.2-b and emphasize proper positioning to call handler line faults. Approve: Dolan, Clayton, Ford, Hellmeister, Vest, Berryessa; Abstain: Dexter; Non-voting: Bates, Westerman. Motion is approved.

Motion to adjourn: Clayton, second by Berryessa. Approve: Unanimous for those in attendance. Motion is approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM on 9/18/2011.

Monday September 19th, 2011

The September 19th, 2011 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM CDT by President Pete Dolan. Those attending were: Pete Dolan/ President, Tenley Dexter/Secretary, Ronnie Bates/Director, Rachel Vest/Director, Michelle Berryessa/Treasurer, David Clayton/Director, Peter Hellmeister/First VP, Director-Elect Rick Gann, Director-Elect Linda Gray, Mark Westerman/Director, Director-Elect Greg McClintock and Executive Secretary Mary Logue. Absent was Russ Ford/Second VP.

1. Confirmation/Ratification of e-mail votes taken in August, 2011 (Dolan): Motion by Hellmeister, second by Bates; Approve: Unanimous; the motion is approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (Berryessa):

a. 2011 Year-to Date Financial & Year End Budget Estimates: Don't have 3rd quarter financials from BO. Based on first and second quarter numbers, membership dues and registry funds are down significantly. The question was asked if registry was down due to the DNA program or economy. Per Dolan, fiscal trending for membership income is flat. Gray inquired if we advertised membership in any publications. Per Westerman, ASCA has advertised in several paper magazines. Gray asked if there was any funds budgeted for advertising with the response being a small amount. Gray stated that we have no way of measuring what our advertising is doing for us. It was suggested that we might "get more bang for our buck" if we used internet advertising instead of advertising in paper format. It was suggested we utilize the ASCA Facebook page. Bates indicated it could be added to the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) plan. There were significant expenses this year to get printing down prior to Jean Miller leaving office.

b. 2012 Preliminary Budget: 2012 Preliminary budget was not provided.

c. Review of Audit Results: Berryessa indicated there were no problems with the audit results that she's aware of. She hadn't received the audit report yet, as it was sent to the BO. Berryessa indicated that she's been having issues with getting financial information from the ASCA bookkeeper.

d. Auditor's Management Recommendations: Cannot provide information as audit results haven't been received. Berryessa recommended that the next Treasurer contact our auditor, Tom Wallis. Berryessa indicated she would hand off the Financial Procedures Manual to the new Treasurer. Crystal Reports are back in the system and possibly the Office Manager can get it up and working so that the BO can query reports. The office staff has had previous training on how to work in the reports.

3. Committees (Liaisons):

a. Agility Committee appointments (Dolan): Motion by Dolan. I move that Allison Bryant and Pamela Bryant-Meeks be reappointed to the committee. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved. Motion by Berryessa, second by Bates. I move that Pete Dolan be appointed to the Agility Committee. Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dexter, Bates, Vest; Disapprove: Westerman; Abstain: Dolan, Hellmeister. The motion is approved.

Russ Ford entered the meeting at 10:49 AM

b. Conformation Committee appointments (Berryessa): I move to approve Liz Gibson, Jillian Ward, Sunday Miles, Gail Karamelagos, Linda Braun and Kathy Ross Nash to the committee. Approve: Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Vest; Disapprove: Hellmeister, Ford. The motion is approved.

Letter of Dissent (Hellmeister): I disapprove this motion. I believe that the Board willingly disregarded the Committee Procedures as they stand currently.

From the Committee Procedures: 3. The Board will appoint Committee members for a period of two years. If they apply to remain on the committee, members whose terms have expired will be reappointed during the National Specialty.

c. DNA Committee appointments (Dolan): No resumes were submitted for consideration. DNA committee will not be disbanded, but the liaison will push the committee to become more active.

d. Education Committee appointments (Berryessa): I move to appoint Dorothy Montano and Kay Marks to the committee. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.

e. Hall of Fame (HoF) Committee appointments (Clayton): Present members of committee are current. No additional resumes were received.

f. Health and Genetics (H & G) Committee appointments (Dolan): Committee doesn't have any active members at this time. CA Sharp indicated she would be advisor to committee if and when any members were selected.

g. History Committee appointments (Dexter): Motion by Dexter. I move to reappoint Jeanne Joy Hartnagle, Jo Kimes and Sunday Miles to the committee. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.

- h. Juniors Committee appointments (Berryessa): Motion by Berryessa. I move to appoint Heather Borde, Stephanie Shope, Regi Gravette and Debbie Martin to the committee. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.
- i. Legislative Committee appointments (Vest): Motion by Vest. I move to reappoint Sunday Miles, Darcy Gardiner, Jasmine Dillon and Susan Beales to the committee. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.
- j. MVA Committee appointments (Clayton): Motion by Clayton. I move to appoint Lori Fausett to the committee. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.
- k. Nationals Committee appointments (Dolan): Discussion in regards to appointments to this committee have been tabled for further discussion based on possibly restructuring the committee.
- l. Obedience Committee appointments (Clayton): Motion by Clayton. I move to reappoint Lynn Sidwell, Cindy Franks, Laura Uran, Kim Waller, Hilary Hines, Janice Weis and Anne Shope to the committee. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.
- m. Rally Committee appointments (Berryessa): I move to reappoint Pat Pierce, Lori Fausett, Rebecca Smith, Donna Armstrong, Jody Fay, Bev Peabody, Virginia Lohse, Sandy Walroth and Cheryl Mallonee and to appoint Karen Black and Heather Tyler to the committee. Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford. Non-voting: Vest. The motion is approved.
- n. Stockdog Committee appointments (Bates): I move to reappoint Linda Barhite and to appoint Tom Mhire, Linda Epperly, Dan Sanderson, Michelle Durkin, Debbie McCluske and Mikael Hageus to the committee. Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Vest. Disapprove: Ford. The motion is approved.
- o. Tracking Committee appointments (Berryessa): I move to appoint Maria Kremers, Anne Hershey, Celeste Kelly, Marja Teegelbeckers, Susan Schroeder, Carol McQuade and Betty Mueller to the committee. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.

Meeting was postponed for lunch at 12:05 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 1:02 PM. Those in attendance were Linda Grey, Mark Westerman, Pete Dolan, Rachel Vest, Rick Gann, David Clayton, Peter Hellmeister, Tenley Dexter, Greg McClintock, Ronnie Bates, Michelle Berryessa, Mary Logue and Ray Fryar, ASCA Office Manager.

4. Business Office (Fryar):

- a. Working Backlog – Titles, Registration, Services: Office is running well. No DNA backlogs. DNA resubmittals have dropped. Average in batch is 38-48. Conformation is about a week behind in titles, stockdog about a month behind, agility approximately two (2) weeks behind, registry is one (1) week behind once all correct information is received, DNA certifications are approximately 1-3 days lag time, sanctioning is occurring daily and filing is 95% caught up.
- b. Staffing Levels - Due to her fall class schedule starting August 29th, 2011, Lisa Rushing has requested to work only Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. With this request, her job duties need to be changed so that someone is available on a regular basis when members call. Also, Mary Ellisor will be vacating the Registration position in mid October to follow her husband as he relocates to Alice, TX. With these series of events, I decided to check within the office to see if anyone would be interested in the two vacant positions. Gicela Sotelo has shown interest in transitioning to the open Obedience/Conformation position. I believe Gicela could handle this responsibility and be proactive with the position's duties. She has shown good organizational and time management skills in her current position that would be beneficial in Obedience/Conformation. The work load in Obedience/Conformation will be comparable to Gicela's current position, so I do not feel that a change in pay is necessary.
- Sarah Jackson has shown interest in the open Registration position. She currently handles Agility and is regularly praised for her commitment and helpfulness from people that deal with her. Sarah has been a huge help in my transition into the organization due to the fact that she has the longest tenure in the office and a broad range of activity experience. I believe that Sarah has many abilities and qualities which are required for the Registration position. Since the registrar receives a larger portion of incoming phone calls and the daily paperwork is greater, I believe the wage for the position should increase. In my research, previous registrars have been paid \$15.00 per hour and I feel that the current position deserves \$15.00/hour due to the workload. With the wage increase and intra-office move, we are getting a seasoned and experienced individual therefore creating a seamless transition and a shorter rules and regulation learning curve.
- To finish the personnel shifting, Samantha Williams will be moving into the receptionist position and Lisa Rushing will be processing the mail, filing, and covering the phones when needed. This will mean that I have to look outside of the organization to fill the Agility position. There are few prospective applications that have come in the last few weeks just from asking around. Sarah would like ample time to train her replacement before she has to move over into her new position. She would like to help create a smooth transition with the new employee to keep up the lines of communication laboriously created with her liaisons.

Linda Gray left meeting at 1:30 PM

Russ Ford joined meeting at 1:34 PM

Motion: Motion by Dolan, second by Hellmeister: I move to move Sarah Jackson to Registrar position and to increase her salary from \$13.25/hr to \$15.00/hr once she assumes the position. Approve: Hellmeister, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Bates, Vest, Ford; Disapprove: Westerman, Berryessa. Motion is approved.

c. Physical Plant Repair and Maintenance – Fryar stated the hot water heater had to be replaced. Office Manager explained about an issue with the outside lighting that was located on the property line. The monthly electrical bill for the security light, which belongs to the adjacent land owner, was being paid by the ASCA office. The Office Manager has been able to recoup those charges for the last two (2) years. The office was having A/C problems with unit leaking within the exterior and interior office walls. Coils have been cleaned, and the problem resolved. We don't presently have a building maintenance contract.

d. Business Office Procedures Manual – Office Manager is still reviewing, but doesn't believe it's complete.

e. Reporting System Overview – TAMU project wasn't discussed at the meeting

f. Plan for Accounting Manual (Berryessa/Fryar) – Office Manager needs to work with bookkeeper to get her more responsive to ASCA needs and get information entered into system. Office Manager can go into system and make reports.

g. List of proposed repair/project plans – Registrars office window leaks during rain events.
h. Miscellaneous – Office Manager brought to attention of BoD that it appears that some of ASCA’s trademarks may have expired. ASCA’s trademark advisor, Rick Larson, is on retainer on an as needed basis. The office has nothing in place to determine when the trademarks are expiring. ASCA presently pays a firm to monitor our trademarks, Trademark Watch, to make sure there are not violations of our trademark, but not to determine when they are about to expire. The Office Manager will contact Rick Larson to proceed with get trademark registrations up to date.
Office Manager indicated that the office servers warranty is about to expire. BoD directed him to get quotes for replacing.
Ray Fryar left meeting at 2:00 PM

5. Business Office Manager Evaluation/Progress (Dolan):

Motion: Motion by Dolan. I move that Ray Fryar’s employment status change from probationary office manager to permanent office manager, effective immediately. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.

6. Junior Service Award: There were no applications received for Junior Service award this year.

BoD break from 2:10 PM to 2:15 PM

7. Contracts – Update & Review (Dolan):

a. DNA Laboratory: ASCA has contract with Therion, effective 9/1/11 (NY state law) with an annual renewal process.
b. Aussie Times Editor: The Aussie Times editor is automatically renewed. ASCA doesn’t have a contract to verify contract costs. Vest and Clayton will take lead to reducing size of Aussie Times.

BoD break from 3:00 PM to 3:05 PM

Ray Fryar, Jerry Aufoux (member) and Linda Barhite (member) joined meeting.

8. 2013 National Specialty Application (Dolan): ASCA has not received an application for the 2013 National Specialty. Dolan asked the BoD for suggestions of how to move forward. Hellmeister indicated that the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) has been looking at ideas for ASCA to host the event. Biggest concerns are manpower and income lost. The SPC is looking at late September or early October time frame. Dexter suggested looking at Purina Farms in Missouri and holding just Finals, not Nationals. Some directors indicated they wouldn’t support Dexter’s plan.

Russ Ford joins meeting at 3:30 PM

There are concerns that ASCA as an organization may not succeed if a National Specialty isn’t offered. Vest suggested that the BoD form a small committee consisting of directors and members who’ve had recent experience hosting a National Specialty to determine how to move forward with ASCA hosting the 2013 National Specialty. Motion to follow Ray Fryar, Jerry Aufoux and Linda Barhite left meeting at 3:45 PM

9. Board Committee Reviews:

a. Breed Standard Committee (Clayton): Discussion ensued as to the wording of the breed standard motions stated that “the BoD approves the motion”, not “approves this motion for a membership vote” and how to get the breed standard to the membership to vote.
b. Executive Director (ED)/Business Manager Planning (Bates): Committee met their deadline for getting report to BoD by the National Specialty. The report is to be used by BoD at their discretion. Hellmeister commented that he doesn’t think we should hire ED at this time for financial considerations. ASCA doesn’t have the revenue to hire an ED and also complete projects for online registration and other online upgrades. Bates believes ASCA should move toward hiring an ED for stability and continuity and an ED would make ASCA a top-notch organization.

Russ Ford joins meeting at 4:07 PM

c. SPC (Hellmeister): The SPC is focused on finalizing ASCA’s strategic and business plan. The website has a “draft” posted, but actually it is the final report. The SPC has been focusing on data gathering for 2013 Nationals. Per Hellmeister, the SPC is attempting to decide how to revitalize the Financial Advisory Panel committee.

Meeting suspended until 12:00 PM on September 20, 2011.

Tuesday September 20th, 2011

The September 20th, 2011 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting resumed at 12:04 PM CDT. Those attending were: Pete Dolan/ President, Tenley Dexter/Secretary, Russ Ford/2nd VP, Rachel Vest/Director, Michelle Berryessa/Treasurer, David Clayton/Director, Peter Hellmeister/First VP, Director-Elect Linda Gray, Mark Westerman/Director, Director-Elect Greg McClintock and Executive Secretary Mary Logue. Absent Ronnie Bates/Director, Director-Elect Rick Gann.

Vote on Motions for September:

1. 6:05 Rally Committee: motion 11-1

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Motion 11-1: Made by Lori and seconded by Cheryl

I move to change Chapter 1 section 11, Qualifying score SECTION 11: Qualifying Score A qualifying score in a regular ASCA Rally class shall be comprised of scores of one hundred and seventy (170) or more points out of a possible perfect score of two hundred (200) points earned in a single regular class at an ASCA Specialty or sanctioned Rally trial.

To: SECTION 11: Qualifying Scores Qualifying scores in ASCA Rally range from one hundred and seventy (170) to two hundred (200) points. A Qualifying score in ASCA Rally may be earned in a single regular Rally class at an ASCA Specialty or sanctioned Rally trial. A qualifying score will be awarded to those teams with a score of one hundred and seventy (170) or more points in any regular A, B, or C Rally Class. An "X" qualifying score will be awarded to those teams with a score of one hundred and ninety-Five (195) points or higher from any regular A, B or C class. A "C" qualifying score will be awarded to those teams with a score of one hundred and ninety (190) points or higher in any "C" class.

For: Cheri, Pat, Kathi, Sandy, Ginni, Jody, Barbara, Donna, Beverly, Rebecca, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Non Voting : Wendy

Motion passes 12 for and 1 opposed, 1 no vote

The reason for this motion is what reads in the Rulebook now does not clarify enough between qualifying scores.

2. 6:05 Rally Committee: motion 11-20

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Berryessa moves to approve the following Rally motion:

Motion 11-2 / CH 2 Sec 12, When Titles are won, made by Lori, seconded by Cheryl.

I move to replace Chapter 1 Section 12, number 2 SECTION 12: When Titles Are Won 2. The third qualifying score must be received before the closing date of the trial in which the entry in the next Rally class is to be made. to Read:SECTION 12: When Titles Are Won 2. The third qualifying score must be earned before the trial in which the entry in the next Rally level or class change is to be made.

The reason for this motion is we replace the word "received" for "earned" and take out the words "closing date" and just add "or class change" Some titles can be earned after closing dates but before move up times. The title should just need to be earned prior to a move up. It's a much better way of explaining it.

For: Cheri, Pat, Kathi, Sandy, Ginni, Jody, Barbara, Donna, Beverly, Rebecca, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Non Voting : Wendy

Motion passes 12 for and 1 opposed, 1 no vote

3. 6:05 Rally Committee: motion 11-10

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Motion 11-10 / CH 2 Sec 10 Judges Books, made by Lori, seconded by Cheryl.

I move to include in CH 2 Sec 10, the sentence at the end. SECTION 10: Judge's Book and Score Sheets A Judge must keep copies of all Judges books for trials in which he/she judged for a period of six (6) months. The reason for this add on is we feel it is important for Judges to keep records of their Judge's books in case any errors are made. This will also help ensure what is sent to the Office is what transpired at the Trial should the Judges books be checked.

For: Jody, Pat, Sandy, and Beverly, Cheri, Kathi, Ginni, Barbara, Donna, Rebecca, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Non Voting : Wendy

Motion passes 12 for and 1 opposed, 1 no vote

4. 6:05 Rally Committee: motion 11-11

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-11 / CH 2 Sec 11 Announcement of Scores

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee to replace CH 2 Sec 11:

SECTION 11: Announcement of Scores The Judge shall disclose scores to contestants or spectators by having the unofficial scores posted ringside in a timely manner after each team has completed the course. After all the scores are recorded for the class, or for the division in the case of a split class, the Judge shall call for the available dogs that have won Qualifying scores to be brought into the ring (or an alternate location in the case of adverse conditions). Before awarding the prizes, the Judge shall inform the spectators as to the maximum number of points for a perfect score, as well as the minimum number of points to qualify and shall then announce the score of each placement, and announce to the handler the score of each dog that has won a Qualifying score.

To Read: SECTION 11: Announcement of Scores The Judge shall disclose scores to contestants or spectators by having the unofficial scores posted ringside in a timely manner after each team has completed the course. After all the scores are recorded for the class, or for the division in the case of a split class, the Judge shall call for the available dogs that have won qualifying scores to be brought into the ring (or an alternate location in the case of adverse conditions). Before awarding the prizes, the Judge shall inform the spectators as to the maximum number of points for a perfect score, an X score, or a "C" score out of the "C" class as well as the minimum number of points to qualify and shall then announce the score of each placement. The Judge shall then present to all handlers with qualifying scores their X , C, or a regular qualifying score and ribbon.

The reason for this change is includes the X and C qualifying scores to be announced as they should be. This is a clarification in the Rules to help Judges and exhibitors know and understand what they are awarded per Trial. We'd like this to take effect upon Board approval as it will also clarify the announcements of scores. Not really a rule change, more of an added clarification.

For: Jody, Barbara, Cheri, Kathi, Sandy, Ginni, Beverly, Rebecca, Pat, Donna, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Non Voting: Wendy

Motion Passes 12 for and 1 opposed with 1 not voting

5. 6:05 Rally Committee: Motion 11-13

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-13 / CH 2 Sec 20 Commands, Signals and Praise

Moved by Lori Fausett and seconded by Cheryl Malonee to replace CH 2 Sec 20:

SECTION 20: Commands, Signals and Praise1. Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized, except while in the Masters Classes. Unless otherwise specified in these Rally Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Whistling or the use of a whistle is not permitted while in the Rally ring. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed. Loud commands by handlers to their dogs create a poor impression of Rally and should be avoided. Shouting is not necessary even in a noisy place if the dog is properly trained to respond to a normal

tone of voice. Commands, which in the Judge's opinion are excessively loud, harsh, or intimidating signals by the handler may be penalized.2. A Handler Error shall be assessed if additional commands or signals are given where not permitted in the Regulations, a command is given where only signals are permitted, or the dog's name is used with only a signal.3. If praise is allowed during the performance of the Rally course, points must be deducted from the Heeling and Conduct Station for a dog that is not under reasonable control while being praised.

To: SECTION 20: Commands, Signals and Praise1. Handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement, unless otherwise specified in these Rally Regulations. Whistling or the use of a whistle is not permitted while in the Rally ring. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed unless otherwise specified in these Regulations. Shouting or the use of loud commands is not necessary even in a noisy place if the dog is properly trained to respond to a normal tone of voice. Intimidating signals or commands, (which in the Judge's opinion are excessively loud or harsh), may be assessed a handler error. 2. A handler error shall be assessed if an additional command or signal is given when only signals are permitted, or the dog's name is used with only a signal.3. When praise is allowed during the performance of the Rally course, points will be deducted for a dog that is not under reasonable control while being praised.

The reason for these changes is we have conflicting rules now and we'd like to clarify them. We also had things in incorrect places and changed that. We'd like to have these changes take place upon Board approval as Judges are very conflicted as to how to judge some of the exercises now.

Opposed Comment from Donna:

Comment: I voted against this motion because I believe the original rules were correct. This committee said in Chapter 18, hands & arms may be held in any position and also Chapter 19, the chapter started out "Unlimited communication from handler to dog". This attempted change is requested from a few judges in a specific part of the country who have admittedly taken it upon themselves to penalize teams. Now the committee is making a rule to support the judges. I believe the reason for rally was to encourage positive, progressive training and this rule is detrimental to this end.

For: Jody, Barbara, Kathi, Sandy, Ginni, Beverly, Rebecca, Pat, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey, Donna, and Cheri; Non Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 10 for and 3 opposed with 1 not voting

6. 6:05 Rally Committee: motion 11-14

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-14 / CH 2 Sec 21 Handling and Touching the Dog

Moved by Lori Fausett and seconded by Cheryl Malonee to change CH 2 Sec 21 from:

SECTION 21: Handling and Touching Dog In the Novice classes the dog may be positioned for the stand only. Physical guidance, such as placing the dog in position with the hands or straightening the dog with the knees or feet, is NOT permitted on any other exercise. Such guidance shall be scored as an Incorrect Performance (IP) for the station where it occurred. There shall be a substantial deduction for any dog that is picked up or carried at any time in the Rally ring.

To Read: SECTION 21: Handling and Touching Dog Only in the Novice classes, may the dog be positioned by hand for the stand portion of an exercise. Physical guidance, such as placing the dog in position with the hands or straightening the dog with the knees or feet, is NOT permitted in any other exercise. Such guidance shall be scored as an Incorrect Performance (IP) for the station where it occurred. A handler error will be given to any handler who picks up or carries their dog at any time in the Rally Ring.

The reason for this change is to clarify that is ONLY the Novice Class which allows assistance in the stand. This is not a rule change but a clarification in which we'd like to change upon Board approval to get it out there ASAP so Judges may be more consistent. The last sentence also puts us in line with the rulebook better.

Opposed Comment from Donna: I voted against this motion because after re-reading this motion I see that it states that it is ok to use your feet and knees to place the dog in a stand. I realize that a "gentle nudge" might be warranted but and in itself not bad but there is nothing that says "gentle". Yes, if it were rough the judge could NQ, however is this what we want others to see?

For: Jody, Barbara, Kathi, Sandy, Ginni, Beverly, Rebecca, Pat, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey, Donna, and Cheri; Non Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 10 for and 3 opposed with 1 not voting

7. 6:05 Rally Committee: motion 11-15

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-15 / CH 2 Sec 22 General Procedures

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee to change CH 2 Sec 22:

SECTION 22: General Procedures2. Exhibitors shall check in at the ring table prior to their class. Those with classes with jumps shall confirm their jump heights.3. The signs will be placed to the right of the handler's path with the exception of a change of direction, in which case the sign will be directly in front of the handler. Some exercises using cones or other aids may require entry with the sign on the handler's left. The Judge determines the exact placement of signs and walks the course prior to the class beginning. Except for exercises requiring entry with the sign on the left, exercises are performed near the designated signs, either directly in front or in front and to the left of the signs. 4. Before judging begins, handlers entered in that particular level will be allowed to walk through the course once the Judge opens the course up for the walk through. The walk through will be without dogs and a 10-minute time will be allotted for the handlers to walk the course as a group.

To Read: SECTION 22: General Procedures2. Exhibitors shall check in at the ring table prior to their class. Those with classes with jumps shall confirm their jump heights and anyone with a conflict should let the Table Steward know at this time.3. The signs are to be placed to the right of the handler's path with the exception of a change of direction, in which case the sign will be directly in front of the handler. Some exercises using cones or other aids may require entry with the sign on the handler's left. The next sign should be straight in line from the exit of the previous station. The Judge determines the exact placement of signs and walks the course before the class begins. Except for cone or jump exercises requiring entry with the sign or obstacle on the left, or the change of directions which are performed in front of the signs, exercises are performed near or to the left side of the designated signs.4. Before judging begins, handlers entered in that particular level will be allowed to walk through the course once the Judge opens the course up for the walk through. The walk through is without dogs and a 10-minute time will be allotted for the handlers to walk the course. In the case of large classes the walk through may be divided at Judges discretion.

The reason for these changes is to clarify where the signs should be placed on the course so exhibitors can have consistency between courses. Also, the courses do not need to be walked thru by groups only. We'd like this to start upon Boards approval as it is necessary for Judges to know how to place signs correctly.

For: Jody, Barbara, Kathi, Sandy, Cheri, Ginni, Beverly, Donna, Rebecca, Pat, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Non Voting: Wendy

Motion Passes 12 for and 1 opposed with 1 not voting

8. 6:05 Rally Committee: motion 11-9

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-9 / CH 2 Sec 4: Judges Directions, made by Lori, seconded by Cheryl.

I move to replace CH 2 Sec 4:

SECTION 4: Judge's Directions: The Judge's orders and signals should be given to the handlers in a clear and understandable manner, but in such a way that the work of the dog is not disturbed. Before starting each class, the Judge shall ask "Are you ready?" The judging of the course will begin when the Judge gives the first order, not before.

To Read: SECTION 4: Judge's Directions The Judge's orders and signals should be given to the handlers in a clear and understandable manner and in such a way that the work of the dog is not disturbed. Before starting each run, the Judge shall check to be sure the Honor dog is in position, the timer is ready and then the Judge shall ask "Are you ready?" to the exhibitor. The reason for this change is some Judges are not checking to ensure everyone being judged are in position before judging starts. This is not entirely a Rule change but a clarification of what is expected of the Judges in their ring.

For: Jody, Pat, Sandy, and Beverly, Cheri, Kathi, Ginni, Barbara, Donna, Rebecca, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Non Voting : Wendy
Motion passes 12 for and 1 opposed, 1 no vote

9. 6:05 Rally Committee: motion 11-16

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-16 CH 2 Sec 23 Scoring and minimum penalties

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee to change CH 2 Sec 23:

SECTION 23: Scoring and Minimum Penalties Scoring for all levels is based on a maximum score of 200 points unless otherwise stated in these Rally Regulations. The following deductions shall apply to all of stations: 1-point deduction for each occurrence of any of the following: · Tight leash· Dog interfering with handler· Poor sits· Slow or resistant to respond· Touching or ticking a jump, pylon, post or person· Out of position 3-point deduction for each occurrence of any of the following:· Repeat of a station (only one (1) retry of each station will be allowed for all class levels, except Novice where two (2) are permitted)· Pylon/post knocked over on the Figure Eight, Spiral, or Serpentine station· Lack of control · Loud command or intimidating signal· Excessive barking· Hitting the jump 10-point deduction for each occurrence of the following:· Incorrectly Performed station (IP) with a ten (10) point value 20-point deduction for occurrence of any of the following:· Incorrectly Performed station (IP) designated as a Star station· Failure to complete the Honor exercise (IP), no retries allowed. Incorrectly Performed station (IP): When a team attempts a station and fails to perform the primary parts of the station on the first attempt, the handler may choose to retry the station for a correct performance, accepting the mandatory 3-point deduction for the retry of the station. The station is considered an IP if the handler chooses not to retry or fails to perform that station correctly on the second or in Novice, the third attempt. 1 to 5-point deductions for each occurrence of any of the following: Lack of teamwork· Lack of briskness· Handler error. Handler errors can be assessed 1 to 5 points at each station or up to an IP. Example: Once a handler has stopped at any halt station, the handler cannot move his feet to assist a dog without incurring a handler error. Non-Qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given to:· Minimum requirements not met· Dog unmanageable or uncontrolled barking· Consistently tight lead· A dog that eliminates while in the ring · Any food in the ring· Knocking over a jump· Bar knocked off the uprights· Station not attempted by handler· Handler and/or dog using a jump as an aid in dog going over the jump· Walking through or on Broad Jump Boards· Dog attempts Broad Jump but does not clear entire jump· Excessive handler errors

To Read: SECTION 23: Scoring and Penalties Scoring for all levels and each class is based on a maximum score of 200 points. The following deductions shall apply: 1-point deduction for each occurrence of any of the following: · Tight leash· Dog interfering with handler· Poor sit· Slow or resistant to respond· Touching or ticking a jump, pylon, post, distraction, sign or person· Out of position 3-point deduction for each occurrence of any of the following:· Repeat of a station (only one (1) retry of each station will be allowed for all class levels, except Novice where two(2) are permitted)· Pylon/post knocked over on the Figure Eight, Spiral, or Serpentine station· Picking up or disrupting distractions· Lack of control · Loud command or intimidating signal· A verbal command given in the Masters Signal exercise during Signals. 1 to 5-point deductions for each occurrence of any of the following:· Lack of teamwork· Lack of briskness· Handler error· Hitting the jump 10-point deduction for each occurrence of the following:· Incorrectly Performed station (IP) with a ten (10) point value· Jump station worth ten (10) points not left at initial height or length after station is attempted.· Jump station worth ten (10) points not at initial height or length when approached 20-point deduction for occurrence of any of the following:· Incorrectly Performed station (IP) designated as a Star station· Failure to complete the Honor exercise (IP), no retries allowed· Jump station worth twenty (20) points not left in initial height or length after Jump Station is attempted.· Jump station worth twenty (20) points not at initial height or length when approached Handler errors can be assessed 1 to 5 points at each station.. Example: Once a handler has stopped at any halt station, the handler cannot move his/her feet to assist a dog without incurring a handler error. If a Handler error is large enough to interfere with completion of a station, it may become an IP. Non-Qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given to:· Minimum requirements not met· Dog unmanageable or uncontrolled barking· Consistently tight lead· A dog that eliminates while in the ring · Any food in the ring· Station not attempted by handler· Excessive handler errors.

The reason for these changes is they some that were contradicting other rules in the Rulebook and they need to be changed immediately.

For: Jody, Barbara, Kathi, Cheri, Ginni, Beverly, Rebecca, Pat, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey, Sandy and Donna; Non Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 10 for and 3 opposed with 1 not voting

10. 6:05 Rally Committee: motion 11-22

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Dolan, Dexter; Disapprove: Clayton, Westerman, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *Motion is not approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Motion 11-22 CH 13 Finals Eligibility

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee to change CH 13 Sec 2 # 2

SECTION 2: Finals Eligibility

2. Eligible dogs are ASCA registered Australian Shepherds and must have received at least three (3) qualifying scores in Rally Excellent B and Masters B in the same Trial to accumulate points during the year. Points will be awarded for qualifying scores from both Excellent B and Masters B in the same Trial. Point Schedule for the Rally Finals program: To Read: 2. Eligible dogs are ASCA registered Australian Shepherds, including LEP Aussies, that have received at least three (3) qualifying scores in Rally Excellent B and Masters B in the same trial during the Finals year.

Points will be awarded for qualifying scores from each Excellent B and Masters B in the same Trial. Point schedule for the Rally Finals program: Score earned: Points earned: 200 10 199 9 198 8 197 7 196 6 195 5 194 4 193 3 192 2 191 1 For example: A dog who receives a 195 in Masters and a 199 in Excellent at the same trial will receive 14 points for that particular trial towards finals. And # 55. Only full ASCA members may accumulate points toward any Finals or Merit programs to Read:5. Only full ASCA members in good standing may accumulate points toward any Finals or Merit Programs.6. Bitches in season will be allowed to compete in the Finals. Bitches in season will compete last after all other judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day. Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an X-pen) outside the building or in a separate area at least fifty (50) feet away from the rally rings prior to and during the competition, except while competing.

Motion will be in effect for 2013 Finals.

The reasons for these changes are we included LEP Aussies and we also stated that Full ASCA Members IN GOOD STANDING may accumulate points. It also clarifies that one does not need three scores before points start adding up but that it takes a minimum of three double Q's to qualify for the finals each year.

For: Jody, Barbara, Ginni, Kathi, Cheri, Beverly, Rebecca, Sandy, Pat, Donna, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Not Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 12 for and 1 Opposed with 1 not voting

11. Rally Committee motion 11-23:

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-23 / CH 13 Finals Judges and Judging

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee to change CH 13 Rally Finals # 1:

SECTION 6: Finals Judges and Judging

1. Judges must be in good standing with ASCA and be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges list.

To: 1. Judges must be in good standing with ASCA, be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges list and completed an RM title in ASCA.

The reason for this motion is we feel that any judge with the responsibility of judging the Finals should be well versed in the sport so we're asking for 1 RM title. We ask that this take place immediately upon Board approval so that next years Finals (the first year of Finals, 2012) has Judges who has at least titled thru the class they are judging.

This motion will be in effect for the 2013 Finals

Opposed comment from Donna: I voted against this motion because even though I would like to have the judge have these requirements, at this time the judges pool is TOO small to give the host club a fair judges pool to pull from. The host club has a huge responsibility to put on the Nationals. By the time they find someone with these qualifications who are willing to come and not show, their choice could very well be limited to 1 or 2 and if these rules go through, they will need 2 to 4 judges so expense or reputation will no longer be part of the equation.

For: Jody, Barbara, Ginni, Kathi, Beverly, Rebecca, Pat, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey, Sandy, Donna, and Cheri; Not Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 9 for and 4 Opposed with 1 not voting

12. Rally Committee motion 11-24:

Approve: Berryessa; Disapprove: Hellmeister, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is not approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Motion 11-24 / CH 13 Finals Misc

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee we change Ch 13 Sec

SECTION 8: Finals Miscellaneous

5. There will be an Overall High Scoring Dog, not a High Scoring Dog in each category.

To:

SECTION 8: Finals Miscellaneous

5. There will be one overall winner for Finals, not one in each level.

6. Scores earned in the Rally Finals classes will not count towards any ASCA Titles.

7. All courses used for the Finals must be approved by the Rally Course Review Committee at least 60 days prior to the Finals.

The reasons for these changes are we feel the Courses need to be very correct for the Finals and should be viewed by the review Committee. We also added that the scores do not count for any titles as this is the Finals, not a sanctioned Rally Trial. We'd like these changes to start immediately upon Board approval so the Judges selected for the first 2012 Rally Finals have plenty of time to get the courses to the Review Committee. There is not to be a HIT for Finals, our intent on this was very unclear in the old rules, it meant there is only ONE first place not a first place from each level.

Motion will be in effect for the 2013 Finals.

For: Jody, Barbara, Cheri, Ginni, Kathi, Sandy, Donna, Beverly, Rebecca, Pat, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Not Voting: Wendy

Motion Passes 12 for and 1 Opposed with 1 not voting

13. Rally Committee motion 11-25:

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee 11-25 / CH 14 Nationals Rally

I move we add CH 14 Nationals Rally to Read:

CHAPTER 14: NATIONALS RALLY

1. Judges must be in good standing with ASCA, be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges list and completed an RM title in ASCA.

2. Courses used for any National Specialty must be pre - approved by the Rally Review Committee at least 60 days prior to the event date.

3. Rings must be a minimum of two thousand (2000) square feet with NO side being less than forty (40) feet in length. There must be at least a ten (10) foot border around any open side of the ring that is clearly marked off limits to crating, holding of dogs, or any food or drinks.

4. Bitches in season are NOT allowed to compete in the National Rally Trial unless they are entered in MVA and/or MVJ for the current Nationals. Those entered in MVA and/or MVJ are not eligible for placements and will be competing for scores only. They must be pottied in a designated area and must remain on leash preferably with panties on.

5. If Bitches in season are entered in MVA or MVJ, they must run last at the end of the day and held at a distance of a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the ring and must be kept crated away until such time they are called.

6. Handlers with conflicts must check in prior to the start of their competing level. If any conflicts are expected, the handler must inform the steward at this time. All attempts will be made to accommodate all teams, however the trial will not be expected to be held up more than 30 minutes per level.

The reason for this motion is we felt it necessary to add a Chapter for the Nationals to better describe how it takes place. We ask that this start for the 2012 Nationals upon Board approval and is listed as soon as possible so that the 2012 Nationals are better prepared.

Opposed comment from Donna: I voted against this motion because even though I would like to have the judge have these requirements, at this time the judges pool is TOO small to give the host club a fair judges pool to pull from. The host club has a huge responsibility to put on the Nationals. By the time they find someone with these qualifications who are willing to come and not show, their choice could very well be limited to 1 or 2 and if these rules go through, they will need 2 to 4 judges so expense or reputation will no longer be part of the equation.

For: Jody, Barbara, Ginni, Kathi, Beverly, Rebecca, Pat, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey, Sandy, Donna and Cheri; Not Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 9 for and 3 Opposed with 1 not voting

14. Rally Committee motion 11-17

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-17 / Ch 4 Sec 3 & 4 to 4 and 5, made by Lori, seconded by Cheryl.

I move to change CH 4 SECTION 3: Rally Advanced C Class

to

SECTION 4: Rally Advanced C Class

and

SECTION 4: Advanced Exercises and Scores

to:

SECTION 5: Advanced Exercises and Scores

The reason for the motion is these were miss numbered on the Rulebook. This is not a rule change.

For: Jody, Barbara, Kathi, Cheri, Ginni, Beverly, Donna, Rebecca, Sandy, Pat, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Non Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 12 for and 1 opposed with 1 not voting

15. 6:05 Rally Committee: motion 11-26

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-26 / CH 15 Sec 1 & 2 Rally Judge Qualification Req

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Maloney to change

CHAPTER 13: Judges to:

CHAPTER 15: JUDGES SECTION 1: Rally Judge Qualification Requirements1. Prior to June 1st, 2011: Any Judge who has been approved, no longer Provisional, for a minimum of one (1) year for all levels of AKC/CKC Rally judging may apply to become an ASCA Rally Judge by submitting an application and having a complete set of ASCA Rally courses, (one for each level) approved. ASCA /AKC / CKC Obedience Judges who are approved to Judge thru Open who have earned 1 RM (from ASCA) or 2 RE's (from ASCA, AKC, and /or CKC) or 1 RAE (from AKC or CKC) may apply to the ASCA Business office to become an ASCA Rally Judge. Upon verification of qualifications, the applicant will be sent an Open Book Test, and a request for a complete set of Rally courses, (one for each level) to be approved. Once they have been notified that they have passed the test and course reviews, the applicant will be issued an ASCA Judges number.2. After June 1st, 2011: Any Judge who has been approved for a minimum of one (1) year for all levels of AKC/CKC Rally judging may apply to the ASCA Business Office to become an ASCA Rally Judge. Upon verification of qualifications, the applicant will be sent an Open Book Test, and a request for a complete set of ASCA Rally courses, (one for each level). Upon notification that they have passed the test and course reviews, the applicant will be issued an ASCA Judge's number. SECTION 2: ASCA Apprentice Judge Requirements1. After June 1st, 2011, all other persons wishing to become an ASCA Apprentice Rally Judge must fulfill all of requirements in Option A, B or C.

Option A: 2 CD's (from ASCA, AKC, and/or CKC)1 CDX (from ASCA, AKC, or CKC) 1 REMPass the ASCA Rally Open Book Test by answering all questions correctly. Show proof of completion of four (4) ASCA Rally stewarding assignments, at least two of which are serving as Table Steward for all classes at a Trial, signed and dated by the Judge(s) for whom they stewarded. Submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) and have them approved. Once the courses and test are approved, the applicant must complete a minimum of two (2) apprentice assignments under at least two (2) different ASCA approved Rally Judges with a minimum judging of one hundred (100) dogs.

OR Option B: 2 CD's (from ASCA, AKC, and/or CKC)1 CDX (from ASCA, AKC, and/or CKC) 2 RE's (from ASCA, AKC, and/or CKC) (One (1) RE must be through ASCA)1 RMPass the ASCA Rally Open Book Test by answering all questions correctly. Show proof of completion of ten (10) ASCA Rally stewarding assignments, at least four (4) of which are serving as Table Steward with a minimum of two (2) being for all classes at a Trial, signed and dated by the Judge(s) for whom they stewarded. Submit a complete set of courses (one (1) for each level) and have them approved. Once the courses and test are approved, the applicant must complete a minimum of two (2) apprentice assignments under at least two (2) different ASCA approved Rally Judges with a minimum judging of one hundred (100) dogs.

OR Option C: 2 CD's (from ASCA, AKC, and/or CKC)3 RE's2 RM's1 REMPass the ASCA Rally Open Book Test by answering all questions correctly. Show proof of completion of ten (10) ASCA Rally stewarding assignments, at least four (4) of which are serving as Table Steward with a minimum of two (2) being for all classes at a Trial, signed and dated by the Judge(s) for whom they stewarded. Submit a complete set of courses (one (1) for each level) and have them approved. Once the courses and test are approved, the applicant must complete a minimum of two (2) apprentice assignments under at least two (2) different ASCA approved Rally Judges with a minimum judging of one hundred (100) dogs.2.

After the ASCA Business office has received reports from two (2) Judges with signatures of approvals, the applicant, will be issued an ASCA Judges number if they don't already have one, and will be added to the list of Rally approved Judges for a period of three (3) years. 3. Every three (3) years ALL Judges must resubmit an application for renewal as well as pass the most current version of the Open Book Test with all questions answered correctly. 4. The apprenticeship program is designed to educate and mentor new applicants to the world of judging. The applicant will sit or stand ringside and score each dog as if they were the Judge. After judging is completed, the official Judge and applicant will sit together and review scores, discussing how each arrived at their score. This time should be positive and educational, giving the applicant confidence and knowledge to further their judging experience. Apprenticing shall not take place during the Finals or National Specialty.

TO READ: CHAPTER 15: Judges SECTION 1: Licensed Rally and Obedience Judge Qualification Requirements Any Licensed Rally or Obedience Judge applying to become an ASCA Rally Judge must fulfill all requirements in either A or B listed below: A: Licensed Rally

Judges:1. Licensed to judge all levels in one of the following recognized Rally Organizations: AKC, CKC, UKC, APDT or CARO2. As a licensed Rally Judge, judged at least a total minimum of 50 dogs at sanctioned Rally trials.3. Trained and titled at least one dog to the obedience novice level and earned 2 CD's 4. Trained and titled a dog to the obedience open level and earned 1 CDX 5. Trained and titled at least one dog to the Rally REM level and earned 1 REM or an equivalent double qualifying title awarded in an above mentioned recognized Rally Organization, (see A.1).6. Submit a completed Rally Judge application to the ASCA Business Office. 7. Pass with 100% accuracy the ASCA Rally open book test.8. Submit a complete set of ASCA Rally courses (one for each level) using the ASCA Rally checklist and icons and have them approved by the ASCA Rally Course Review Committee. B: Licensed ASCA/AKC/CKC/UKC obedience Judges through open1. Trained and titled at least two dogs to the Rally RM level and earned 2 RM's (ASCA). One RM may be substituted with 3 RE's (at least two from ASCA). The other RE may be from any recognized Rally Organization and must be equivalent to the RE, see A.1), Or trained and titled one dog and earned 1 REX and 1 REM, (ASCA).2. Submit a completed Rally Judge application to the ASCA Business Office. 3. Pass with 100% accuracy the ASCA Rally open book test.4. Submit a complete set of ASCA Rally courses (one for each level) using the ASCA Rally checklist and icons and have them approved by the ASCA Rally Course Review Committee. SECTION 2: Other Person Rally Judge Qualification Requirements After June 1st, 2011, any other person applying to become an ASCA Rally Judge must: Show proof of completion of Six (6) ASCA Rally stewarding assignments, at least three (3) of which are serving as Table Steward with a minimum of two (2) being for all Rally classes, (with dogs entered at all levels) at ASCA Sanctioned trials, signed and dated by the Judge(s) for whom you stewarded for. Fulfill Option A or B listed below: Option A: Trained and titled at least one dog and earned 2 CD's (from ASCA, AKC, UKC, and/or CKC), Trained and titled one dog and earned 1 CDX (from ASCA, AKC, UKC, and/or CKC), Trained and RE titled at least two dogs and earned 3 RE's, (two from ASCA), the other must be equivalent to the RE and can be from any recognized Rally Organization, see Section 1, A.1. Trained and titled at least one dog to receive 1 REX and 1 REM (may replace REM with 3 RM titles). Option B: Trained and titled at least two dogs and earned 3 CD's (from ASCA, AKC, UKC, and/or CKC) Trained and RE titled at least two dogs and earned 4 RE's (two from ASCA) the others must be equivalent to RE's and may be from any recognized Rally Organization, see Section 1, A.1. Trained and titled at least two dogs and earned 2 REX's, 1 RMX and 1 REM. 3. Submit a completed Rally Judge application to the ASCA Business Office.4. Pass with 100% accuracy the ASCA Rally open book test.5. Submit a complete set of Rally courses, (one for each level) using the ASCA Rally checklist and icons and have them approved by the ASCA Rally Course Review Committee.6. Complete the virtual judging assignment discussion issued by the Rally Review Committee which includes discussion of points, Judge placement, ring procedures and code of ethics. Upon verification of titles and requirements and once an applicant has passed the test, courses are approved by the ASCA Rally Course Review Committee and the virtual assignment discussion has been approved and notice sent to the ASCA Business Office, the applicant will be notified by the ASCA Business Office and will be issued an ASCA Judge's number. The Judge will be recognized as a Provisional Judge and will be able to accept assignments and judge ASCA Trials as long as their courses are sent to the ASCA Rally Review Committee and approved at least 10 days prior to judging assignment. All Judges will remain Provisional until such time the Rally Review Committee receives a completed set of courses that do not need any revisions prior to a trial in which the Provisional Judge is scheduled to judge. Once a Provisional Judge submits a set of courses that does not need any revisions, the Provisional Judge will be moved to Approved status and will no longer need to have their courses approved prior to assignments. If at any time a course is used at a sanctioned ASCA Rally Trial which does not meet the ASCA Rally Rules and Regulations or the Review Committee upon review of trial Judge's comments feel it's needed, (majority vote), the Judge will be moved back to Provisional. Every three years each Judge must pass with 100% accuracy the most current version of the ASCA Rally open book test and reapply to retain their ASCA Rally judging privileges. The ASCA Rally Rules, Icons, Checklist and Application may be found at www.asca.org.

The reason for this motion is we now realize that the apprentice program is not one that will work out. We'd rather see applicants traveling to Trials and gaining experience in the ring. Also, we lowered the amount of table stewarding as again, we'd like to see the applicants get ring time with their dogs. As some trials are few and far between for some applicants, it was not a cost worthy venture to do the apprentice program. It will not help remote areas with more Judges. We also realize there is more to Judging Rally than trying to score it from outside of the ring and a one on one conference call with a virtual assignment seems the better way to go. We see this as getting much better consistency throughout our Judges. It also gives us a check and balance situation should a Judge need better directions at building courses or managing their ring. We also want to reach out to other venue Judges and ask that they join us in judging our program so we have opened it up to other sources of Judges. For: Jody, Barbara, Ginni, Kathi, Cheri, Rebecca, Donna, Pat, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey and Sandy; Not Voting: Wendy and Beverly Motion Passes 10 for and 2 Opposed with 2 not voting

16. Rally Committee Motion 11-18

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Motion 11-18 / CH 6 Sec 5 Masters Exercises and scores

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee to change Ch 6 Sec 5 number 2

SECTION 5: Masters Exercises and Scores

2. At least one (1) Jump station must be used and Starred in Masters, but two (2) Jump stations may be used. If two (2) jumps are used, only one (1) must be designated a Star station. The same jump may be used for two (2) stations. There must be at least one (1) station performed between two (2) jumps. The jump may be any jump (outlined in Chapter 1, section 15) as standard equipment, with jump height as outlined on the reference page of these Regulations. If one (1) jump is used, it must be a different jump than what is used in the Excellent level at the same Trial.

To Read:

2. At least one (1) Jump station must be used and starred in Masters, but two (2) Jump stations may be used. If two (2) jumps are used, only one (1) must be designated a star station. The same jump may be used for two (2) stations. There must be at least two (2) stations performed between the two (2) jump exercises if only one physical Jump is used. The jump may be any jump (outlined in Chapter 1, section 15) as standard equipment, with jump height as outlined on the reference page of these Regulations.

If one (1) jump is used, it must be a different jump than what is used in the Excellent level at the same trial.

The reason for this change is it is sometimes unsafe to jump, turn and re jump in ring size provided. This will ensure judges do not do turnaround jumps that may be unsafe in some situations.

For: Jody, Barbara, Kathi, Cheri, Ginni, Beverly, Donna, Rebecca, Sandy, Pat, Cheryl, and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Non Voting: Wendy

Motion Passes 12 for and 1 opposed with 1 not voting

17. Rally Committee Motion 11-19

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Hellmeister; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-19 / CH 7 # 2 REMX Title

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee to change CH 7 Number 2:

CHAPTER 7: Rally Excellent Masters Title

2. ASCA will issue a Rally Excellent Masters X certificate to a dog with an ASCA registration or a tracking number, and will permit the use of REMX after its name when it has received ten (10) double qualifying scores in Excellent B and Masters B on the same day and Trial by at least three (3) different Judges. Three (3) of the ten (10) qualifying scores must both be scores of one hundred ninety five (195) or more in the same Trial.

To Read:

CHAPTER 7: Rally Excellent Masters Title

2. ASCA will issue a Rally Excellent Masters X certificate to a dog with an ASCA registration or a tracking number, and will permit the use of REMX after its name when it has received ten (10) double qualifying scores of 195 or higher in each class of Excellent B and Masters B on the same day and Trial from at least three (3) different Judges. The reason for this change is that all of our other X titles must be all 195 or higher scores. This will keep titles consistent throughout the program

We also ask:

For those dogs who have earned 7 or more legs towards the REMX title by June 1, 2012 may continue to earn the REMX title under the original Rules.

REMX titles earned prior to June 1st, 2012 will be grandfathered.

Opposed comment from Donna: I voted against this motion because in the "reason for change" is misleading. It is implied that the "grandfather" guidelines are already in place. These have not been discussed, are not in any motion and is the first some of the committee had seen when reading this motion. It may be what we decide, but I think we should be able.

Comment for from Lori: We felt that providing the Board with what we wanted to go with for grandfathering in at the same time as the motion would stop any confusion if exhibitors or Board members only read this motion and were working towards this title. This has been discussed and opinions have been given and those who replied came to the conclusion we like the 7 legs and the date of June 1st, 2012.

For: Jody, Barbara, Ginni, Kathi, Beverly, Rebecca, Pat, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey, Sandy, Cheri and Donna; Not Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 9 for and 4 Opposed with 1 not voting

18. Rally Committee Motion 11-21

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Hellmeister, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Westerman; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

We have Motion 11-21 / CH 13 Rally Finals SOP

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee to change CHAPTER 12: RALLY FINALS

to: CHAPTER 13: RALLY FINALS and to change the

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This competition is designed to be self-supporting by those breeders and handlers who take pride in their contribution to the development of the Australian Shepherd. The intention is to showcase ASCA's finest Rally dogs to the world so that we may share the virtues of this versatile breed with others.

to: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This competition is designed to be self-supporting by those teams who take pride in their contribution of showcasing the intelligence and teamwork of the Australian Shepherd. The intention is to showcase ASCA's finest Rally dogs to the world so that we may share the virtues of this versatile breed with others.

The reason for this change is to better describe the purpose of the ASCA Rally Finals.

For: Jody, Barbara, Ginni, Kathi, Cheri, Beverly, Rebecca, Pat, Donna, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey and Sandy; Not Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 11 for and 2 Opposed with 1 not voting

19. Rally Committee Motion 11-32

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Motion 11-32 / Class sign lists: made by Lori and seconded by Rebecca

I move we add / Change the sign lists to match with the sign descriptions and signs in each of the four levels of classes.

The reason for this motion is some words were omitted by mistake and some were worded incorrectly.

For: Jody, Barbara, Ginni, Kathi, Beverly, Sandy, Rebecca, Donna, Pat, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey and Cheri; Not Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 11 for and 2 Opposed with 1 not voting

20. Rally Committee Motion 11-31

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Motion 11-31 / Additions Checklist and Judge's score sheets for reference, made by Lori and seconded by Rebecca.

I move to add our most current Checklist and two types of Judge's score sheets to the Rulebook for reference as Appendix E.

For: Jody, Barbara, Kathi, Cheri, Donna, Sandy, Pat, Beverly, Ginni, Rebecca, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey; Not Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes: 12 For and 1 opposed with 1 Not Voting

21. Rally Committee Motion 11-27

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee: Motion 11-27 / CH 16 Trial Guidelines

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee to change:

CHAPTER 14: Trial Guidelines

to: CHAPTER 16: TRIAL GUIDELINES

And:

SECTION 1: Judges

2. Judges are allowed to judge up to one hundred twenty (120) dogs per day. It is suggested that a Judge not judge more than eight (8) hours in a single day. If a Rally Judge is judging more than one (1) ASCA sanctioned event per day, the eight (8) hours includes all assignments. The courses the Judge uses for a Trial must not be reused within six (6) months and approximately a three hundred (300) mile radius.

And:

4. The Judge shall only use equipment which is approved by the current Rules and Regulations of ASCA. The distribution of the stations should balance the area given for the ring. When designing courses, Judges should always keep in mind that 'flow' and safety are important in all classes.

And

5. It is the Judges' responsibility to give a briefing to the Table Steward and all other stewards for the Trial.

To Read: CHAPTER 16: TRIAL GUIDELINES

SECTION 1: Judges

2. Judges are allowed to judge up to one hundred twenty (120) runs per day. It is suggested that a Judge not judge more than eight (8) hours in a single day. If a Rally Judge is judging more than one (1) ASCA sanctioned event per day, the eight (8) hours includes all assignments. Courses may not be reused within 6 months in any trial which is within 300 miles from previous use of same courses.

4. The Judge shall only use equipment which is approved by the current Rules and Regulations of ASCA and that of which is required by the Affiliate Club to provide.

The distribution of the stations should balance the area given for the ring.

When designing courses, Judges should always keep in mind that 'flow' and safety are important in all classes. When judging, the Judge should be mindful in placing themselves out of the way of the team but yet in places where they can clearly see the team perform each exercise completely. It is the Judges' responsibility to give a briefing to the Table Steward and all other stewards for the trial. It is also the Judge who should see that the Honor dog is ready, and all stewards are ready to go.

5. It is the Judge's responsibility to provide courses that meet the ASCA Rally Rules at all ASCA sanctioned trials. If it is found that a Judge's course(s) did not meet these requirements, a Judge's status may be moved back to Provisional.

The reasons for this motion are to keep consistent with the other changes we made. We feel it is important to give more detail about judging our sport as well as ring procedures.

For: Jody, Barbara, Ginni, Kathi, Beverly, Sandy, Rebecca, Donna, Pat, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey and Cheri; Not Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 11 for and 2 Opposed with 1 not voting

22. Rally Committee Motion 11-28

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Hellmeister, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Westerman; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Motion 11-28 / CH 17 Dog Bite Policy

Motion by Lori Fausett, second by Cheryl Malonee to renumber the dog bite policy to:

CHAPTER 17: Dog Bite Policy

This is needed to keep things in order. This is not a rule change.

For: Jody, Barbara, Cheri, Ginni, Kathi, Beverly, Sandy, Rebecca, Donna, Pat, Cheryl and Lori; Opposed: Corey ; Not Voting: Wendy
Motion Passes 12 for and 1 Opposed with 1 not voting

23. Rally Committee Motion Affiliate Club Evaluation

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

Affiliate Club Evaluation

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Dolan; Disapprove: Clayton, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is not approved.*

This motion passes the CC; Yes - Becky, Mary, Denise, Gail, Regi, Debbie, Liz, Leah, Nancy, Ann, Glenda, Dorothy, Rhonda; Non-Voting - Luc, Peter

We have a motion by Glenda with a second by Leah.

I, Glenda L. Stephenson, move to approve the following motion:

Chapter 13: Section 13.4 (new rule) Affiliate Club Evaluation Form

After each ASCA sanctioned event, the presiding Judge shall submit this form to the ASCA Business Office.

a) Affiliate Club Evaluation Form; The presiding judge shall fill out this form completely and return it to the ASCA Business Office within 10 business days. The judge shall keep one (1) copy for their records and return a copy of the form to the ASCA Business Office. The ASCA Business Office shall keep one (1) copy and forward (scanned copy OK) one (1) copy to the Conformation Committee Chair who shall pass it to the sub-committee for review.

Note: The forms have been sent to the Office Manager for approval. Ray has approved them.

Reason behind the motion: In order to effect change and improvement in the skill level of our ASCA Breeder Judges we have embarked on a project to design, produce and deliver our first formal Judge's Education Seminar at the 2011 ASCA National Specialty in West Bend, WI. As with any training, in order to determine if our objectives and purpose have been met, we need to have measurement tools in place. We need to be able to measure the long-term effectiveness of the program by the improvements and progress we note by individual Breeder judge. The current Evaluation form falls far short of providing any useful information for this purpose. It is poorly designed and rarely offers any valuable information if it is filled out at all.

We are proposing a change to the existing process to include new forms and new focus; on training, continuous improvement and demanding excellence from our Breeder Judges and Affiliate Clubs. In reviewing this motion please keep in mind the new evaluation forms have been designed in such a manner as to elicit information that can be "measured" and then applied to make improvement.

MOTION: How the forms will be used

We propose the forms be printed in duplicate.

Affiliate Club Evaluation form: to be filled out by the presiding judge on the day. The judge will keep one copy and return one copy to the ASCA business office. ASCA business office will keep one copy and forward (scanned copy okay) a copy to the Conformation Chair.

Scoring the Forms: The forms are written in such a way as to provide a range from 1 (lowest/no) to 5 (highest/yes) for the person filling out the form. The numbers represent a score. These numbers will be tabulated and shall represent the average score. For example; a presiding judge fills out the form concerning the Affiliate club. She/He scores the club with 4- #5's, 7-#4's, 3-#3's and 1-n/a for a total of 57 points. 57 points divided by 14 questions = 4.1 average score.

Proposal: Develop an Evaluation Review Sub-Committee:

We propose a 3 member panel of experts be formed to serve on this panel on a rotating basis for six months. Terms will be staggered so new members will come, leave and join the team individually so as not to disrupt the process. Guidelines still need to be developed. This panel will review all evaluation forms and make a note of issues noted, exemplary performance (to be added to our list of Best Practices) and make recommendations for individual or club areas of improvement; the time frame in which to make those improvements; and if necessary final action by the ASCA Board of Directors.

24. 11:22 Calapooia Classic Trial July 24th

Motion by Ford, Second by Dolan:

I move to have the Executive Secretary draft and send a letter to Ms. Lyle thanking her for her report on the issue with Brian Abingdon at the Calapooia Classic Trial July 24th 2011. In addition, the Executive Secretary will draft and send a letter to Mr. Abingdon informing him that his candid response and apology are appreciated and that no further action will be taken in this matter. Both letters will state that the letters from each party and the letter from the judge will be placed in Mr. Abingdon's file and that the matter is closed.

Justification: The dog in the incident was merely called time on and not disqualified. The handler recognized his mistake and has apologized publicly and privately to all involved. The investigating Director received several letters of recommendation for Mr. Abingdon. By all accounts this is an isolated incident and is unlikely to recur.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

25. 4:05 Agility Committee: Move-Up Mike Black to Agility Judge

Motion by Dolan:

I move to release Mike Black from supervision as an Apprentice Agility Judge and promote him to Agility Judge.

Comment/Rationale: Mike Black has met all the requirements of Appendix C Section 2 of the Agility Rule Book and has requested release from supervision. The Agility Committee recommended the promotion to Agility Judge with 10 affirmative votes, 2 abstentions (Kathy, Pamela) and 1 non-voting (Caroline).

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

26. 10:20 Board Breed Standard Review Committee: Ear Section

Motion by Clayton, Second by Vest:

I move to approve the following changes to the Ear Section of the Breed Standard

From:

(C) EARS: Set on high at the side of the head, triangular and slightly rounded at the tip, of moderate size with length measured by bringing the tip of the ear around to the inside corner of the eye. The ears, at full attention, break slightly forward and over from one-quarter (1/4) to one-half (1/2) above the base. Prick ears and hound type ears are severe faults.

To:

EARS: The ears are set high on the side of the head, are triangular, of moderate size and slightly rounded at the tip. The tip of the ear reaches to, but not further than, the inside corner of the nearest eye. At full attention, the ears should lift from one-quarter (1/4) to one-half (1/2) above the base and break forward or slightly to the side. Severe Faults: Prick ears; overly large ears; low set ears with no lift from the base.

Approve: Unanimous. *The motion is approved.*

27. 99:02 Hall of Fame Committee Motion: Add Veteran CDX-V title to Chapter 4, Sires and Dams

Motion by: Clayton

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

I move to approve the following motion from the Hall of Fame Committee

Voting: Motion by Montano, second by Elkins; Unanimous approval

Sires and Dams Qualifying titles earned by an Australian Shepherd produced by a sire or dam counting towards that sire or dams HOF requirements are as follows:

1. Agility: RS-O (Regular Standard Open) or RV-O (Regular Veterans Open) or RJ-O (Regular Junior Open) (only one of these per Australian Shepherd to count)
2. Obedience : CDX (companion dog excellent)
2. Obedience : CDX (companion dog excellent) or CDX-V (companion dog excellent-veteran)
3. Tracking : TD (tracking dog)
4. Stockdog: ATDd (advanced trial dog ducks) and/or OTDs (open trial dog sheep) and/or OTDc (open trial dog cattle).
5. Conformation: CH (conformation champion), A-CH (altered conformation champion)

B. Australian Shepherds produced by the Sire must have earned a combination of twelve (12) of the above named titles with a combination of three (3) Stockdog or Conformation titles and the remaining nine (9) from any area named in (A.1-5) above.

C. Australian Shepherds produced by the Dam must have earned a combination of eight (8) of the above named titles with a combination of two (2) Stockdog or Conformation titles and the remaining six from any area. named in (A.1-5) above.

Comments: Purpose – Add veteran CDX-V title to requirements

Party(s) Impacted: ASCA veteran obedience competitors interested in Hall of Fame Sires and Dams Titles

Effective date: This motion will go into effect in the next rulebook, 1/12.

28. 99:02 Hall of Fame Committee Motion: Add Veteran CDX-V title to Chapter 2, VCH

Motion by: Clayton

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

I move to approve the following motion from the Hall of Fame Committee

Voting: Motion by Montano, second by Elkins; Unanimous approval

Versatility Minimum Requirements to be met for the VCH (Versatility Champion) title:

1. CH or A-CH (regular class breed championship)
2. Two OTD (open trial dog sheep & cattle) and one ATD (advanced trial dog ducks) in working
3. One of the following four:

- a) CDX (companion dog excellent in obedience)
 - a) CDX (companion dog excellent) OR CDX-V (companion dog excellent-veteran in obedience)
 - b) CD/TD (companion dog in obedience/tracking dog)
 - c) TDX (tracking dog excellent)
 - d) Three Open Agility titles: Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (standard, junior or veterans)
- Comments: Purpose – Add veteran CDX-V title to requirements
Party(s) Impacted: ASCA veteran obedience competitors interested in VCH Titles
Effective date: example: This motion will go into effect in the next rulebook, 1/12.

29. 99:02 Hall of Fame Committee Motion: Add Veteran UD-V title to Chapter 2, SVCH

Motion by: Clayton.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

I move to approve the following motion from the Hall of Fame Committee:

Voting: Motion by Montano, second by Elkins; Unanimous approval

Supreme Versatility Minimum Requirements to be met for the SVCH (Supreme Versatility Champion) title:

1. CH or A-CH (regular class breed championship)
 2. WTCH (working trial champion)
 3. One of the following:
 - a) UD (utility dog in obedience)
 - a) UD (utility dog) OR UD-V (Utility Dog-Veteran in obedience)
 - b) Three Elite Agility titles: Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (standard, junior or veterans)
- Comments: Purpose – Add veteran UD-V title to requirements
Party(s) Impacted: ASCA veteran obedience competitors interested in SVCH Titles.

30. 99:02: Hall of Fame Committee Motion: Add Veteran CDX-V title to Chapter 3, PCH

Motion by: Clayton

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

I move to approve the following motion from the Hall of Fame Committee

Performance Minimum Requirements to be met for the PCH (Performance Champion) title:

1. Two ATD (advanced trial dog titles)
 2. Two out of the following three:
 - a) CDX (companion dog excellent in obedience)
 - a) CDX (companion dog excellent) OR CDX-V (companion dog excellent-veteran in obedience)
 - b) TDX (tracking dog excellent)
 - c) All of Open Regular, Open Gamblers and Open Jumpers (standard or veterans in agility)
- Comments: Purpose – Add veteran UD-V title to requirements
Party(s) Impacted: ASCA veteran obedience competitors interested in PCH Titles
Effective date: example: This motion will go into effect in the next rulebook, 1/12.

31. 99:02 Hall of Fame Committee Motion: Add Veteran UD-V title to Chapter 3, SPCH

Motion by: Clayton

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

I move to approve the following motion from the Hall of Fame Committee

Voting: Motion by Montano, second by Elkins; Unanimous approval

Supreme Performance Minimum Requirements to be met for the SPCH (Supreme Performance Champion) title:

1. WTCH (working trial champion)
 2. UD (utility dog in obedience)
 2. UD (utility dog) OR UD-V (Utility Dog-Veteran in obedience)
 3. All of Elite Regular, Elite Gamblers, Elite Jumpers (standard or veterans in agility)
- Comments: Purpose – Add veteran UD-V title to requirements
Party(s) Impacted: ASCA veteran obedience competitors interested in SPCH Titles
Effective date: example: This motion will go into effect in the next rulebook, 1/12.

32. 99:02 Hall of Fame Committee Motion: Add Veteran UD-V title to Chapter 6, HOFX Kennel

Motion by: Clayton

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

I move to approve the following motion from the Hall of Fame Committee

Voting: Motion by Montano, second by Elkins; Unanimous approval

Kennels - HOFX 20 points required

Qualifying Titles & Points:

6 pts required/STOCK: Minimum of 2 dogs required. A dog may have more than one title count. ATDs (1pt), ATDc (1pt), PATDs (1pt), PATDc (1pt), RTDsc (1 pt)

6 pts required/CONFORMATION: (Those used in HOF may be re-used for HOFX). A-CH(1pt), CH(1pt)

5 pts required/PERFORMANCE: Minimum of 5 required - A dog may have more than one title count. Obedience : UD or UD-V (1pt), Agility:

J+G+S-E (Any combination - regular, junior & veterans equal 1pt),

Tracking: TDX(1pt), OR additional stock or conformation titles as named above may be substituted 3 pts required/EXCELLENCE: Minimum of 2 dogs required - A dog may have more than one point count. Each (1pt) - WTCH, ATCH, OTCH, VCH, SVCH, PCH, SPC

A breeder kennel must have earned HOF prior to applying for HOFX.

Comments: Purpose – Add veteran UD-V title to requirements

Party(s) Impacted: ASCA veteran obedience competitors interested in Hall of Fame X Titles

Effective date: This motion will go into effect in the next rulebook, 1/12.

33. 98:02 MVA Committee MVA Obedience Scoring Motion 04-2011

Motion by: Clayton

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

I move to approve to approve the following motion from the Most Versatile Aussie committee. Motion by Hoffman, second by Garrett 7 approve, 1 non-voting

From

8. OBEDIENCE

A. The highest qualifying score from a regular class will be used to compute MVA points.

B. Points will be computed using a 3% factor as follows:

Utility = Score + 3% of Score

Open = Score

Novice = -3 % of Score

C. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Obedience Trials. They will either run last, or in a special ring. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only.

To

8. OBEDIENCE

A. The highest qualifying score from a regular class will be used to compute MVA points

B. Points will be computed as follows:

Utility = Score Plus 10

Open = Score

Novice = score Minus 10

C. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Obedience Trials. They will either run last, or in a special ring. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only

Comments: Purpose – The committee felt that the % weighted harder on the higher scores so we have changed to a point deduction.

34. 11:24 High Plains ASC - July 4 2011 Dog Bite Incident

Motion by Dolan, Second by Dexter

I move that the Executive Secretary notify the owners that the Board of Directors reviewed the disqualification of Carolina Calais Encore Moonridge (E171128) for biting the Judge and has determined that the disqualification stands. The biting incident occurred on July 4, 2011 at the Hi Plains ASC show in Brighton, Colorado. The dog's owners are Jennifer Hall, Terri Morgan, Selena Poplin and Libby Stibley.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

35. 96:02 SDC: George Costa Apprenticeship Application

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve George Costa's application to become an Apprentice Stockdog Judge.

Rationale: Everyone has the application to review. The SDC provided a vote vice a recommendation. The effective Stockdog Rules require a recommendation. Since no SDC member cast a dissenting vote, even though the votes cast were sparse, I view the vote as a recommendation.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter; Disapprove: Westerman; Abstain: Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

36. 96:02 SDC: Cheryl Padgett move from Apprentice to Provisional Stockdog Judge

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the Stockdog Committee recommendation to move Cheryl Padgett from Apprentice to Provisional Stockdog Judge.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Abstain: Westerman; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

37. 4:02 Committee Procedures: Section 3 Resume Submission change

Motion by Dolan, Second Dexter

I move to change section 3 of the Committee Procedures which reads:

3. The Board will appoint Committee members for a period of two years. If they apply to remain on the committee, members whose terms have expired may be reappointed during the National Specialty. Committee vacancies will also be filled during the National Specialty and during the spring Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors may also fill vacancies at other times during the year, if deemed appropriate by the Committee Liaison. These appointments are made by a Committee Liaison appointing motion (no second required) to the Board of Directors. The term of a Committee member appointed between National Specialties will expire at the second National Specialty following his/her appointment. Committee members may apply for reappointment.

To read:

3. The Board will appoint Committee members for a period of two years. If they apply to remain on the committee, members whose terms have expired may be reappointed during the National Specialty. Resumes from committee members desiring to renew are due to the Executive Secretary no later than one month (30 days) prior to the National Specialty start date. Committee vacancies will also be filled during the National Specialty and during the spring Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors may also fill vacancies at other times during the year, if deemed appropriate by the Committee Liaison. These appointments are made by a Committee Liaison appointing motion (no second required) to the Board of Directors. The term of a Committee member appointed between National Specialties will expire at the second National Specialty following his/her appointment. Committee members may apply for reappointment.

Approve: Hellmeister, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Berryessa, Westerman; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

38. 10:46 Reinstatement of Stormy Valley Graceful Delight

Motion by Dexter, Second by Hellmeister

Move to reinstate Stormy Valley Graceful Delight based on the judge evaluations and recommendations of Sr Breeder Judges Janet Kelly, Rhonda Silveira and Provisional Breeder Judge Heather Braddock.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

39. 11:26 Kathy Stevens Membership 202301

Motion by Hellmeister, Second by Dexter

I move to refund \$80 to Kathy Stevens for membership fees.

Comment: As proven by the copy of the office's receipt there was a lifetime membership in place at the time. Also, the dates of when the membership supposedly expires are all over the place as proven by the copies Ms Stevens provided in her original email to the Executive Secretary and it is obvious that an error was made at the office.

Approve: Hellmeister, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Westerman; Abstain: Berryessa; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Letter of Dissent (Westerman): I voted against this refund due the comment that "as proven by the copy of the Office's receipt there was a lifetime membership in place." That has not been proven. The Steven's paid for 1 lifetime membership in 2004 as per the ASCA records. The Steven's are trying to persuade ASCA that the ASCA record keeping was poor in 2004, so that ASCA will give them another lifetime membership. In my opinion, the one lifetime membership is in Kathy Steven's name. Rodger Stevens is not an ASCA member as of this date. This subject about Rodgers membership has been asked. The President called for a consensus. There was at least 1 Board member who did not agree with the consensus. Therefore, a motion to decide the matter is necessary to settle the matter. Therefore, Roger Stevens is not a member as of this date.

40. 11:27 Jumpin K-9 Licensee Application

Motion: Bates, Second by Dexter

I move to approve the request from Jumpin K-9 to host ASCA agility trials.

Justification: I discussed this facility & their request with Sue Graham, Chair of the Agility Committee. She shared the info with the committee and no one had any objections. According to Sue, the facility meets all of the qualifications to be a licensed facility.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

41. Most Versatile Aussie Motion: Add Rally to Most Versatile Aussie Rulebook

Motion by Clayton

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Vest; Disapprove: Westerman, Dexter, Ford; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Letter of Dissent (Westerman): I voted against this due to the effective date will allow Rally to be added in the middle of the program year. In my opinion, the effective date should have been at the beginning of a program year.

I move to add Rally to the MVA program

Motion by Hoffmann, Second by Fausett

Vote: 7 yes, 1 non-voting

(8.1). Rally

A. The highest qualifying score from an A or B Advanced, Excellent or Masters class will be used to compute MVA points.

B. Points will be computed as follows:

Masters = Score minus 5

Excellent = Score minus 10

Advanced = Score minus 20

C. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Rally Trial and will run last at the end of the day.

Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only

Purpose: To allow Rally to be added to the current MVA program

To allow MVA participants to gain additional points in performance with a qualifying score in Rally

Effective date: This motion will go into effect with the new rulebook in January of 2012

42. 11:28 Compliant regarding Gateway ASC event

Motion by Westerman, Second Dolan

I move that the Board send the following letter to the Complainant. The ASCA Board has reviewed your letter of complaint against the chief course builder concerning the Gateway ASC Agility event during August 19-21, 2011. Please be advised that matters such as these should be sent first to the program committee for consideration as the subject matter experts on behalf of the ASCA Board of Directors.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

43. 11:29 Disqualification of Coolmor 2R Haley Boosha

Motion by Dexter, Second by Vest

I move to uphold the ruling of Disqualification of Coolmor 2R Haley Boosha E173701 by Judge Carol Chapman.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

44. 11:30 Resolution of Conformation Awards for Dogs Shown by Ms. Liebenow while on NSF List

Motion by Clayton, Second by Dolan

I move to allow the conformation awards earned by dogs handled by Ms. Liebenow while on the NSF list to be allowed to stand.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Vest; Abstain: Ford; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Comments:

1. While Ms. Liebenow handled the dogs while on the NSF list, the entries of the dogs listed below were paid in full and represented a valid entry

2. The owners were unaware Ms. Liebenow was on the NSF list when they allowed her to handle their dogs

3. The ASCA affiliates allowed Ms. Liebenow to enter her own dogs and compete with her dogs and as a handler of the dogs listed below while on the NSF list

4. All awards earned by Ms. Liebenow on her own dogs will or have been removed while on the NSF list Garden State 6/24/11

Ms. Liebenow was on the NSF list and showed her own dogs as well as handled. Points from her own dogs will or have been removed in accordance with 19.4f of the ASCA Policy Manual

Owner

Check cleared

Date
Handler
Dog registration number
Awards Won
Recommendation

Lucienne Miodonski
Dog owner paid entry: check cleared
3/12/10
Laura Liebenow
E162276
Multiple WB
Re-instatement of points and awards

Donna McElrath
Dog owner paid entry: check cleared
6/24-26/2011
Laura Liebenow
E109873
Received 2 pts
Allow win to stand.

Nancy Gagnon
Dog owner paid entry: check cleared
6/24-26/2011
Laura Liebenow
E163130
RWD
Allow win to stand

Sharon Lynn Ruppel
Dog owner paid entry: check cleared
6/24-26/2011
Laura Liebenow
E124325
RWB
Allow win to stand

19.4- Dishonored Funds

- a. Notice by certified and regular mail will be sent immediately upon notification of dishonored funds (i.e. NSF checks, stop payments, etc.). The person will have twenty (20) days, from the postmark date, in which to make good the funds or the person will be put on the Suspended List and suspended from all ASCA privileges, including competition in ASCA programs. Any services granted by ASCA and paid with dishonored funds will be withdrawn until all fees are paid. The Business Office will use discretion in making the best collection possible on the funds.
- b. There will be an additional forty dollar (\$40.00) charge for each dishonored fund.
- c. Any person writing two (2) or more dishonored funds during a twelve (12) month period will be placed on a cash basis until further notice.
- d. To be reinstated, the person must pay a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine.
- e. The above policy is also applicable for dishonored funds received by Affiliates provided the Affiliate has made a good faith effort to collect said funds for a period of at least thirty (30) days prior to submittal to the Business Office. The Affiliate will be required to submit the appropriate form and materials to ASCA before ASCA undertakes collection efforts.
- f. Once submitted to ASCA by an Affiliate, any wins, qualifying scores or awards earned at an Affiliate level will be withdrawn and awarded to the next eligible dog or returned to the Affiliate, as applicable, if the dishonored funds and fees are not paid to ASCA in full within 20 days of the notification from ASCA.

45. 6:05 Rally Committee: Motion 11-33

Motion by Berryessa: I move we accept the following motion from the Rally Committee

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Motion 11-33 / CH 2 Sec 23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Made by Lori and seconded by Beverly

I move to add the following sentence after the first sentence in Chapter 2 Section 23, Scoring and Minimum Penalties.

Any error which is less than one (1) point deduction in Obedience is not to be deducted in Rally.

SECTION 23: Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Scoring for all levels and each class is based on a maximum score of 200 points.

(Insert sentence here)

The following deductions shall apply.

The reasoning for this motion is to help with consistency of judging and scoring. This is already listed but not defined as clearly as in this sentence. We also feel putting it in this Chapter and section will serve as a reminder that 1/2 point errors are not scored in Rally. This is something for clarification and we'll leave the decision up to the Board as to when it gets added if approved.

This affects Rally Judges and exhibitors.

INDIVIDUAL VOTES

- For: Ginni, Rebecca, Sandy, Cheri, Beverly, Kathi, Jody, Pat, Donna, Barbara, Cheryl, and Lori

- Opposed: 0
 - Non voting: Wendy
 Motion Passes

46. 10:04 Conformation Judges: Breeder Judge Move-ups

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the following Conformation Judge changes:

Comment: These candidates/judges had their names published in the AT for comment.

Non Regular Breeder Judge	
Laura Gibson 249 Gallagher Dr. Canyon Lake, TX 78133	Susan Renee Harris 1044 Kylie Place Hickman, CA 95323
Provisional Breeder Judge	
Lori Fausett P.O. Box 771254 Ocala, FL 34477 (561) 601-2044 Judge #4335	Flo McDaniel 9802 Korte Sewald Rd. Lebanon, IL 62254 (618) 537-2462 Judge #4860
Karen Roesner 71 Keeteman Rd. Old Monroe, MO 63369 (636) 661-5048 Judge #4861	Erin Swain 7120 Nollar Rd. Whitmore Lake, MI 48189 (734) 622-0872 Judge #4863
Breeder Judge	
Andrea Bair 8708 Oak St. Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 630-2048 Judge #3940	Kimberly Golden 77 Meadow Dr. Tijeras, NM 87059 (505) 281-1499 Judge # 3434
Regina Lee Gravette 8803 O'Rielly St. Valley Springs, CA 95252 (209) 786-5194 Judge ## 4187	Andrea Torres 4601 Highland Terrace Austin, TX 78731 (512) 302-4294 Judge #4647
Senior Breeder Judge	
Jillian Ward 2803 Danaha St. Torrance, CA 90505 (310) 200-2152	

Voting on Susan Harris. Approved: Westerman, Berryessa; Disapprove: Hellmeister; Abstain: Dexter, Clayton, Vest, Dolan, Ford; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Voting on remaining Judges: Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

BoD break from 2:30 PM to 2:50 PM

2. SPC Committee (Hellmeister):

- a. Appointments: No discussion held
- b. Last Year's accomplishments: Committee liaisons should review their short and long term goals and report back to BoD by end of year.
- c. Next Years goals: Report by SPC by end of February 2012 for discussion at 2012 Spring BoD meeting.
- d. SPC refresh of committee sections (Hellmeister): No discussion held
- e. SPC progress Overview (Hellmeister): Discussion ensued in regards to use of internet for advertising. Vest inquired if we could add sponsors to our website, i.e., Nationals vendors. Hellmeister commented that it should be the BoD's decision to approve links to our website. He also indicated he'd like to see a redesign of the ASCA website.

3. Old Business (Dolan):

- a. SD Finals Fees: Dolan brought it to the BoD's attention that the SD Finals fees haven't changed since 2010. BoD needs clarification from the SDC what they wrote compared to what they intended the fees to be. Discussion ensued in regards to what the SD finals fees should be.

Motion: *Motion by Dexter, second by Ford:* I move to raise the SD Finals fee to \$150 per stock. Approve: Ford, Dexter, Berryessa, Dolan, Clayton; Disapprove: Westerman, Vest, Hellmeister; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

Comments: By raising the fee, a contestant is guaranteed two (2) runs.

b.Executive Secretary Performance Review (Hellmeister)

c. **Motion:** *Motion by Westerman, Second by Vest:* I move that the ASCA BoD take no further action in regards to the complaint by Yvonne Wolf against Hi Desert ASC. Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Abstain: Clayton; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

d.PEN-NY ASC dog bite (Berryessa): Berryessa recommended that this complaint be transferred to a new director as the owner had not yet sent Berryessa witness statements she wanted to send.

Rick Gann joined the meeting at 2:45 PM

4. Board Committee Reviews:

a. Breed Standard Committee: How do we get the Breed Standard to the membership for a vote? Breed Standard as a whole is a complete document per Hellmeister and Westerman. Ford disagreed with the analogy. If vote as a whole document, members may disapproved entire document based on just one section. No final decision made at meeting. BoD can post the side by side comparison of the old standard versus the proposed new standard on the website for viewing by the membership. The BoD will let the membership know this at the General Membership Meeting (GMM). There is an official process for notifying membership in bylaws.

Motion: *Motion by Clayton, second by Ford:* I move to send the Breed Standard Revision to the membership for a vote in the June election cycle. The revised standard will be printed in the next three (3) AT for membership review. The standard revisions will also be posted to the ASCA website and Facebook, effective immediately. Approve: Westerman, Ford, Berryessa, Dolan, Vest, Clayton, Dexter. Non-voting: Bates, Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

BoD meeting suspended at 3:15 PM for Affiliate Meeting.

BoD meeting reconvened at 4:15 PM

5. New Business:

a. **Motion:** *Motion by Vest, Second by Bates*

11:31National Specialty Executive Committee: I move to create a National Specialty Executive Committee of the ASCA BoD to plan and execute the ASCA 2013 National Specialty and Finals. The committee will be comprised of three (3) ASCA Directors and three (3) at large members who specifically have experience with execution of a National Specialty. A mission statement will be created immediately to clearly define the steps necessary for ASCA to assume the responsibility for the 2013 Nationals and Finals BoD by 10/31/11.

Effective date: immediately.

Comment: Creation of the National Specialty Committee is to ensure that ASCA can provide a viable alternative to affiliate hosting of the National Specialty and Finals. The size and scope of the event places an unreasonable burden on a local affiliate to manage. Resources required to plan and execute a National Specialty and Finals require that the ASCA BoD take a more involved role.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. The motion is approved.

CA Sharp entered meeting at 4:20 PM

b.Liaisons (Ford): Shouldn't we limit directors to being liaisons to no more than two (2) committees? Suggest as guideline. Hellmeister stated that the committee's choose the liaison, not the BoD. It was suggested that the liaison position be eliminated and have the committee chair report to the BoD. Berryessa indicated that the liaison serves a good purpose in keeping the committee working in the right direction. There would be no BoD oversight if the liaison is eliminated.

c.GMM (Ford): Ford suggested we have a parliamentarian for the GMM.

Motion: *Motion by Ford, second by Dexter:* I move that the ASCA President will hire a parliamentarian for the GMM to keep meeting moving and on course, effective 2012. Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *The motion is approved.*

d.Board-elect training (Ford): Ford would like recommendations at next meeting on how to improve training for new BoD members.

e.Stockdog judges (Ford): Ford believes there may be serious issues amongst the stockdog judges in regards to the judges trying to make a political statement with their scoring in relation to particular breeding of Australian Shepherds.

Motion by Dexter, second by Westerman. Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates. *Motion is approved.*

BoD meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM.

ASCA Foundation Meeting called to order by President Pete Dolan at 4:45 PM. Those attending were: Pete Dolan/ President, Tenley Dexter/Secretary,Rachel Vest/Director, Michelle Berryessa/Treasurer, David Clayton/Director, Peter Hellmeister/First VP, Director-Elect Rick Gann, Director-Elect Linda Gray, Mark Westerman/Director, Russ Ford/Second VP,Director-Elect Greg McClintock and Executive Secretary Mary Logue, CA Sharp, ASHGI. Absent was Ronnie Bates/Director.

1.Meet with ASHGI: Dolan informed Ms. Sharp that the BoD had considered disbanding the DNA committee due to lack of activity. Ms. Sharp said that ASHGI was established as a stand-alone organization that deals with genetic issues only, not DNA. She would be willing to facilitate and assist with any organization as it relates to genetics. Dolan stated that there would be an avenue available to continue relationship between ASCA and ASHGI. Ms. Sharp could act as advisor to ASCA.

Clayton left meeting at 4:48 PM

Ms. Sharp discussed possible agencies for ASCA Foundation to contribute to: AKC K-9 Research and Morris Agency (cancer).

2.Financial Report (Berryessa): Westerman provided financial report to the BoD via email. Berryessa discussed balances for the Cee Hambo scholarship at ~\$12,500, \$28,000 for epilepsy, and \$69,000 for rescue.

3.Old Business:

a. Bequest Funds – course of action: Berryessa indicated that the bequest funds had been placed under the category of “Rescue donations”. Part of these funds are to be used for Health Research. Because the donation did not specify what percentage goes to either category, the monies are difficult to split out.

Motion: *Motion by Berryessa:* I move to donate \$20,000 to Ned Patterson for Epilepsy Research through ASHGI. Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates, Clayton. *The motion is approved.*

4. New Business:

a. Cee Hambo Scholarship:

Motion: *Motion by Berryessa, second by Bates:* I move to award the Cee Hambo Scholarship to Katelyn Scott. Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman, Ford, Bates, Dexter, Vest; Non-voting: Clayton. *The motion is approved.*

Motion to adjourn meeting: Berryessa, second by Dexter. Approve: Unanimous for those in attendance.

Meeting is adjourned at 5:05 PM CDT.

Wednesday September 21st, 2011

Meeting called to order by Director Peter Hellmeister at 8:15 PM. Those in attendance were Hellmeister, Ford, Gray, Dexter, Vest, McClintock, Clayton, Bates, Gann, Logue.

1. Election of Officers:

a. President: Russ Ford nominated by David Clayton. Approve: 7; Non-voting: 2; Ford is elected.

b. 1st Vice President: Peter Hellmeister nominated by Rachel Vest. Approve: 7; Abstain: 1; Non-voting: 1; Hellmeister is elected.

c. 2nd Vice President: David Clayton is nominated by Russ Ford. Approve: 8; Non-voting: 1; Clayton is elected.

d. Secretary: Rick Gann is nominated by Russ Ford. Approve: 8; Non-voting: 1; Gann is elected.

e. Treasurer: Greg McClintock is nominated by Linda Gray. Approve: 7; Abstain: 1; Non-voting: 1; McClintock is elected.

f. Executive Secretary: Mary Logue is approved as Executive Secretary. Approve: Unanimous.

g. Election Secretary: Ray Fryar is approved as Election Secretary. Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Hellmeister, second by Bates to adjourn BoD meeting. Approve: Unanimous. The meeting is adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Meeting of the ASCA Foundation is called to order at 8:33 PM by ASCA President Russ Ford. All directors in attendance

Motion by Hellmeister, second by Ford: I move that the ASCA BoD be approved as the BoD for the ASCA Foundation. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.

Motion by Hellmeister, second by McClintock: I move to adjourn the ASCA Foundation meeting. Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.

Meeting of the ASCA BoD called to order by President Russ Ford at 8:36 PM. All directors in attendance.

Motion: *Motion by Hellmeister, second by Bates:* I move to select Rachel Vest as temporary chair of the 2013 National Specialty Committee until all members are chosen. Other BoD members will be Clayton and Gann. Other members will be determined at a later date. Approve: Ford, Hellmeister, Gray, McClintock, Dexter, Bates; Abstain: Vest, Clayton, and Gann. *The motion is approved.*

BoD meeting conducted with present and former/non-appointed members of the conformation committee at attendees request. Those in attendance to meet with the BoD were: Glenda Stephenson, Debbie Martin, Denise Creelman, Regina Gravette, Rhonda Silveira, Leah Swatko, Liz Gibson.

Leah Swatko served as the spokesperson for the group. The attendees expressed various concerns and suggestions with the BoD’s decision to remove most of the standing members from the 2010-11 Conformation Committee (CC), since most of those not reelected to the committee had been members for many years.

Attendees left meeting at 9:12 PM. Dexter indicated that a lot of the past CC motions haven’t been approved by the BoD because the CC wasn’t listening to directives submitted to them by the BoD. The idea that some of the attendees believed that there should be lifetime appointments to the CC is wrong. Bates agreed that there needed to be a better way of communicating committee appointments. Gann indicated that the CC had worked on judge’s education. McClintock inputted that continuity in committee serves a purpose, but doesn’t believe that the CC has the authority to do some of the things they do. Ford believes the CC was getting stale with same members every year. Hellmeister suggested making term limits and stagger replacing members, possibly by region. Hellmeister suggested reevaluating and to revisit committee structure including removing liaison. He will put a proposal together. Bates agreed to look at term limits in the committee procedures and have suggestion by end of 2011.

Motion to adjourn by Hellmeister, second by Gray. Approve: Unanimous. Meeting is adjourned at 9:37 PM CDT.

/s/Mary Logue

10/19/11

Executive Secretary

Date of Approval

Affiliate Meeting

September 20, 2011

3:20 PM CDT

Attendees: Pat Pierce-GSASA, Bonnie West-ASCWA, Debra St. Jacques-WASCUNY, Mary-Lou Trone-GSASA, Sherry Butler-Delta ASF, Margaret MacGiffert-WASCUNY, Linda Braun-WASCUNY, Terri Kaskiw-TBASCO, Donna Lee LeCuyer-TBASCO, Andrea Bair-WCASA, Donna Armstrong-WCASA, Susan Harris-Delta ASD, Karen Soule-HONYASC, ? Tom Morarre-ASC of Montana, Kathy Peyceck-Cascade ASC.

Linda Braun asks for a change in the process for new Affiliate Clubs including announcement in the Aussie Times and asking for feedback from current members, increasing members for submittal or price for requesting a new Affiliate. Need a process for first refusal for events.

Debbie St. Jacques asks for protection of dates or extending protected dates of events. Increase number of members required to start new Affiliate Clubs. Request the Conformation Committee look at regional point schedule ratings.

Pat Pierce asked what steps ASCA can take to revoke the membership of a GAASC member who embezzled money from the club. The Board advised the club file charges with the District Attorney and Grand Jury, get a judgment and then send the judgment to ASCA. This is a matter for the law authorities.

Donna Armstrong asked if the ASCA Attorney could recommend a lawyer and was referred to the local Bar Referral Service.

Linda Braun brought up the NSF's list. What to do with this list and to put a disclaimer on the list.

Cathy Peycke relayed trouble picking up Finals Participant ribbons for people that could not attend because of the misunderstanding of the word Participant. Suggested changing the wording of the ribbons simply to Finalist rather than the current Finals Participant on the ribbons.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM CDT.

2011 National Specialty General Membership Meeting

West Bend, WI

September 21, 2011

Attendance: Ray Fryar, Kay Feucker, Carol Gerkin, Katrina Fryar, Wendy Cushino, Melinda Gann, Lori Fausett, Liz Busquets, Summer Jewel, Russ Bowslaugh, Elizabeth Gibson, Linda Gravette, Kelly English, Michael English, Linda Howell, Ann Adkisson, Teresa Herring, Trish Alexander, Fiona Hibbard, Linda Barhite, Pamela Meeks, Ferreh Hiatt, Lynne Gish, Emily Everett, Jody Faulkner, Michael Black, Linda Braun, Jessica Davis, Margaret MacGilbert, Marie Murphy, Arlene Neukirchner, Sunday Miles, Kalla Jaco, Elizabeth Jaco, Janine Kester, Wendy Pickney, Sandra McClintock, Nancy Brooke, Laura Abbott, Kathlyn Dawson, Kathy Peycke, Ann DeChant, Regina Gravett, Robbie Norman, Rhonda Silveira, Arthur Landry, Carol Landry, Erica Pruitt, Barbara Peters, Shannon Jackson, Corey Norman, Carol McLaughlin, Ronald Niemzyk, Mary Gabehardt, Sue Kelly, Jeri Long, Tracie Long, Megan Brown, Loren Campbell, Jerry Aufox, Linda Caswell, Kathy Fretz, Mark Buehl, Cynthia King, William Pehka King, Charlie Patterson, Denise Creelman, Stephanie LeBaron, Terri Morgan, Michael Kurdzo, Betty Williams, Jean Taylor, Clarissa Shank, Joe Sheeran, Jan Wesen, Kathy Stevens, Roger Stevens, Gail Templeton, Leah Swatco, Catherine, Renkema, David Renkema, Mary Howison, Glenda Stephenson, Kathryn Ross-Nash, Cheri Soule, Linda Mikeworth, Debra St. Jacques, Mary-Lou Trone, Karen Spriggs, Charles Spriggs, Debrah Rosenglick, Debra Witta, Dawn Williams, Karen Wimbush, Ann Pritchett, Kathy Warner, Debbie Martin, Mary Katherine Viles

President, Pete Dolan, called meeting to order at 7:07 PM CDT and announced there is not a quorum at this Membership meeting.

Introduction of Officers: President Pete Dolan, 1st Vice President Peter Hellmeister, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Treasurer Michelle Berryessa, Secretary Tenley Dexter, Russ Ford, David Clayton, Ronnie Bates, Executive Secretary Mary Logue and Directors elect, Rick Gann, Linda Gray and Greg McClintock.

Introduction of ASCA Office Manager, Ray Fryar.

Treasurers report: Michelle Berryessa

Auditor's statement from December 31, 2010.

\$73,000. change

\$542,000. in assets total.

Plaque presented to Michelle Berryessa for service 2006-2011.

Executive Committee Reports:

Breed Standard Executive Committee:

David Clayton chair of the Breed Standard Executive Committee delivered a Breed Standard change status report. The Board of Directors approved the final changed section, Ears, and formulated a plan to present the completed document to the membership for voting. The Board plans to post the proposed revision alongside the current version on the ASCA web site and publish the same document in three editions of the Aussie Times starting with the Jan/Feb 2012 edition. The Board intends to include the request for votes on the revisions (section by section) as an attachment to the 2012 election ballot.

Executive Director Business Manager Research Committee:

Ronnie Bates chair of the ED/BM Executive Committee reported on the status of the plan relating to an ASCA Executive Secretary/Business Manager. The committee completed the foundation document and presented this document to the Board for comment. Based on this plan the Board will need to determine:

1. Can ASCA afford to implement a plan for an ED/BM;
2. Which direction should the BoD (ED, BM, or no change).

Committee Reports:

Agility Committee-No report given.

Conformation Committee- Liz Gibson, Chair

ASCA Conformation Committee Report 2011

The past year has brought a beneficial program that was a board directive. The CC produced the first module of our new Judge Education program last night. The CC introduced "The Transition from Breeder to Judge" with the help of our consultant, Nannette Newberry. This seminar had been presented in test form in Washington State and California earlier this year. We had 50 breeder judges attend including 4 Board Members! What a great turnout! The Feedback the CC has received so far from those that attended the seminar has been very positive.

This past year, the CC worked on 30 motions. Not all motions made it out of committee, however a good portion did. Some were passed by the board, some were not. Those that were not, we sent back to the committee for re-work.

Of those motions;

Regi Gravette authored 3 and seconded 7 motions.

Peter Kontos authored 3 motions and seconded 1 motion.

Debbie Martin authored 2 motions and seconded 2 motions.

Mary Hellmeister authored 2 motions and seconded 5 motions.

Leah Swatko authored 1 motion and seconded 5 motions.

Glenda Stephenson authored 2 motions and seconded 2 motions.

All of these members were hard working and very dedicated to the conformation program. The CC will greatly miss these dedicated and venue experienced conformation committee members that the board removed from the committee.

On our latest motions, the CC presented and was passed by the board; the new score card and tie breaking rules for the conformation finals. This new procedure will be utilized for next year's national conformation finals!

We also have 3 very important forms that the CC has sent to the board. These forms are to help MEASURE the improvements our new Judge Education Program brings forward to our judges. The first form is one requested by our judges to measure the affiliate club. Some judges have reported deficient situations with the club that has hired them. Some examples are, left at the airport for hours until picked up, taken to a hotel nowhere near any restaurants and left and the best is taken for back to the airport with no contact number and spending the night in the terminal due to the flight cancelled! This form is for the judge to fill out and send to the business office. The host club does not have any dealings with this form.

The second form is for the show secretary/ring steward to fill out concerning the presiding judge. ASCA has a form that provides little if any feedback to ASCA about judge behavior. The new form allows for more information concerning ethics, ring procedure, ring safety, etc. This information will provide the CC with valuable feedback for positive education.

The third form is for any approved ASCA breeder judge/Senior breeder judge to fill out on a voluntary basis to help provide positive information on a presiding judge to improve knowledge, procedure and safety issues.

The CC always welcomes comments, concerns or questions from the membership!

Thank-you!

Liz Gibson, Conformation Committee Chair

DNA Committee-Ann DeChant

The Committee continued to the end of 2010 educating members about the DNA timeline trying to ensure that all members were aware that beginning on January 1, 2011 all sires and dams need to be DNA'd through an ASCA approved lab in order to register a litter. The pups from that litter DO NOT need to be DNA'd unless their owner decides to breed them.

Along with all health checks that breeders do to prepare for planned breedings, DNA for parentage verification is a current requirement for ASCA. Getting DNA done and well ahead of the actual mating will ensure an easy litter registration process. We suggest that you do this one-time test when you are doing other health checks or yearly office visit. Get the blood draw kit from ASCA well ahead of the time you plan to breed and get the blood drawn when you take a dog to your vet for other needs. Of course, you can plan accordingly with the other options such as blood cards and cheek swabs. However, the blood tube is your best source of DNA.

Members still want to use cheek swabs and they remain available. The cheek swab failure rate is less than 2% and most of that less than 2% is due to not following the directions, so please read and follow the directions carefully when you swab your dog's cheek. The Committee recommends whole blood as the best option as there is enough material for any number of retests and there is blood left over that can be stored in the gene bank. Care must be taken with the blood cards, but they work well if directions are followed.

This year we answered many member questions. We worked with Therion and the ASCA Board to obtain extra markers that could be used to assist in identifying sires when the traditional marker set doesn't go far enough to determine sires in Multiple Sired or accidental litters where the Sires are closely related. We are working on permanent notices that will be published in every Aussie Times. Corrected pedigrees have been published in the Aussie Times and continue to tell us the DNA Parentage Verification Program is not only working well but is needed to ensure the integrity of the ASCA Registry.

The DNA Blood draw was held on Monday and blood was drawn for ___over 40___ dogs. Thank you to Melissa Borde and Mary Howison for drawing blood and for the help we received from Members of the Committee and many other DNA supporters who feel this is a worthwhile program for our breed.

The total number of DNA Titles issued from Oct 28, 2010 (Last Nationals) till Sept 14, 2011 has been 1,984. This breaks down to:

DNA-CP: 596

DNA-VP: 1388

We would like to thank our board liaison Pete Dolan for being easy to work with and supportive of our Committee. We have elected Linda Gray as our Board Liaison for this term, and I will remain the Committee Chair.

Thank you to our Members who have served this year:

REGION 1: Tanya Barker (WA)

REGION 2: Mary Hellmeister (CA), Tricia Alexander (CA)

REGION 3: Marilyn Ballard (BC), Laura Iwan (AB)

REGION 4:

REGION 5: Carol Harvey (TX)

REGION 6: Linda Gray (RI)

REGION 7: Sandra Zilch (DE)

New Members are welcome. Interest in ASCA's DNA program and some understanding of DNA is a plus. Send your resume to Mary Logue.

Education Committee- No report given.

Hall of Fame Committee- No report given.

Juniors Committee-Regi Gravette

This year the committee has been working toward completing a comprehensive revision of the Junior Rulebook. We are nearly finished with pattern discussions and clarification and anticipate a presentation of our proposed changes to be sent to the board soon.

Several ideas have been brought to the attention of the committee and we are discussing how to recognize top performing juniors, potentially restructure the 500 club, and how to better educate AKC judges on ASCA junior rules. We are also working with the Conformation Committee to incorporate Juniors training in the Judges Education requirement currently required of conformation judges.

Our activities at Nationals this year focused on judge's education (with the Judging Juniors seminar lead by Regi Gravette), a knowledge quiz for the juniors, and a juniors seminar (either conformation or performance) will be held, schedule permitting.

We are also in communication with the planning committee for the 2012 Bakersfield Nationals on how best to serve Juniors at next year's national specialty.

If you'd like to get involved, send your resume to the ASCA Board for consideration to join the committee, or feel free to contact any member of the committee to share your comments or suggestions.

Legislative Committee- No report given.

MVA Committee- Jan Wesen

MVA Committee Nationals Report

Liaison David Clayton

2011 Members on the committee are:

REGION 1: Terry Thomascik (AK),

REGION 2: Robyn Johnson-Garrett (UT)

REGION 3:

REGION 4: Adriana Plum (KY)

REGION 5: Lori Fausett (FL), Andrea Hoffmann (TN), Danielle Pugh (TX), Renee Resenthaler (GA)

REGION 6:

REGION 7:

Robyn Johnson-Garrett - Robyn is leaving this year would like to thank her for all her hard work on the committee.

Spots are available on the committee. We have many regions not represented please contact David Clayton or myself if you are interested in joining.

Topics we are working on. We are working on additional qualification in MVA if we are going to adjust the 5 points to a ranking system. This project will be a major change that we will need to be adjusting the current spread sheet. We have a few housekeeping motions in place to add Rally to description and to change the evaluation name in the rules. Looking at Judge requirements for MVA. These are in process at this time. We have completed motions that will help add to the program. TDU is now added to the MVA tracking events. Obedience points are now points off instead of percentage the committee felt that this will even all scores that percentage hits higher scores harder then points system. Rally has been added to the program as of 2012.

Jan Wesen

MVA Chairperson

Obedience Committee- No report given.

Rally Committee-Lori Fausett- Report given.

Stockdog Committee- Sue Kelly- Report given.

Tracking Committee- Jan Wesen

Here are the stats. The Roman numerals indicate if a dog has earned a title beyond the first pass.

Yearly Title Report for Tracking 6/1/2010 thru 5/31/2011

TRACKING 7

Titles Received - Aussies

TD TDU TDX-II 831

Titles Received - Other Breeds

TD TDU TDX 911

Number of Dogs Competing

TRACKING 21

Thanks to Renea Dahms for an excellent run tracking test, facility and judges. Judges were Celeste Kelly and Susan Schroeder. HIT Carol McQuade

In order to increase the number of Tracking Trials, your committee has made some significant changes. Certification to enter a TD or a TDU is no longer required; however, dogs entering trials without certifications or the equivalents, (meaning Tracking Titles from other registries that can be used as certifications. By special permission from the office, affiliates that want to mount trials in which there will be less than 6 TDs or 6 TDUs or a combination of no more than 6 of these types of tracks, can petition the office to have only one Tracking Judge officiate at such a trial. After the passing of either the TD, the TDU, or TDX; dogs may continue to compete in these events and after each pass of a test will be allowed to have the title, for example, TD1, TD2, TD3â€™™ etc. added to the dogs name. This gives a team the opportunity to continue to compete in Tracking events. Previously, once the title was earned there was no opportunity to continue to compete.

A new Master Tracker title has been added to the list of tracking titles. This will be given to any dog that passes either the TD, the TDU, or a combination of these for a total of 3 passes, and who also passes the TDX twice. After passing 5 Tracking tests of different levels, a dog so doing will have proved that in various environments and conditions, they excel.

If you have input for the Tracking Committee, we welcome it. You can contact us at TD=feedback@yahoo.com; or contact the chair or one of the committee members.

We would like to thank the HOF and Versatility committees for the help they have given us this year. We would also like to thank those committee members who are leaving us after long service:

Renea Dahms, Linda Gray, Margaret Abrahamson and Becky Parker, and our liaison, Michelle Berryessa..

Committee members are never thanked enough for all that they do. The Tracking Committee has openings if you are interested; please send your resume to the executive secretary.

Celeste Kelly

New Directors announced: Greg McClintock, Linda Gray, Rick Gann

Thank you to Rock River Valley Affiliate for hosting ASCA Nationals.

New Business:

Leah Swatko doesn't like the new title "Dog Aggression Rules". Can the word aggression be changed? Debbie Martin suggested the wording "unacceptable dog behavior" for the Dog Aggression Rules. Sunday Miles- on the same subject in regards to Legislative terms.

2013 National Specialty-no application. Executive Committee made up of Board and ASCA members to plan 2013 National.

Trish Alexander asked for a central location. Lauri Fausett asked about the time table. Sunday Miles will submit information about the Purina Farms facility.

Sandy McClintock motion to adjourn the meeting, Leah Swatko second. Meeting is adjourned at 8 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,



Tenley Dexter
ASCA Secretary