

August 2007 Secretary's Report

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

August 1 - 31, 2007

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Section 4.2.

Motion by Bryant.

I move to accept the following recommendation from the agility committee.

Committee votes: Yes – 7, No - 1

Section 4.2.2 which currently reads: The judge shall be responsible for establishing the time allotted for the gamble (please see description below.) The time given for the point accumulation period shall be forty (40) seconds for all dogs.

Change to: The judge shall be responsible for establishing the time allotted for the gamble (please see description below.) The time given for the point accumulation period shall be thirty (30) seconds for all dogs.

Section 4.2.5 Qualification Requirements - Gamblers Class currently reads:

Table I Minimum number of points needed during the point accumulation period.

Novice	Open	Elite
20	24	28

Change to:

Table I Minimum number of points needed during the point accumulation period:

Novice	Open	Elite
15	18	21

Rationale for motion: 40 seconds as an opening time in gamblers takes an enormous amount of time to run each class. Reducing the opening time (and adjusting the point accrual) will help the trial move along more quickly and allow clubs to offer double or additional games, especially during daylight savings.

The current guidelines for gamblers takes at least 1 minute and up to 90 seconds per dog to run and exit the course. Reducing the opening segment to 30 seconds will help align the course time for gamblers with the regular classes and keep the average course time per dog to 50 - 60 seconds. Overall, a shorter gamble time would be good for the length of a trial.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

93:17 STOCK DOG RULES - Discounted Entries

Motion by Walter, seconded by Hellmeister.

Based on the below poll of the SDC I would like to make the following motion:

The Board directs the SDC to modify the Stockdog Rules to allow discounts for the Working Jr. Handler and Novice Handler divisions. Here are the results of the poll. My conclusion is that

that there is a consensus it is right to give discounts to Jr Handler and Novice Handler, but that our rules do prohibit any discounts by Division at this time.

1. Regardless of what is written in the rules, do you think it is proper for a host club to offer a discount for Working Junior Handler entries? Yes - 6, No - 5, Don't know/No opinion - 0
2. Regardless of what is written in the rules, do you think it is proper for a host club to offer a discount for Novice Handler entries? Yes – 6, No - 5, Don't know/No opinion - 0
3. Do you think that the rules allow a host club to give discounts by Class? Yes – 11, No - 0, Don't know/No opinion - 0
4. Do you think that the rules allow a host club to give discounts by Division? Yes – 2, No – 9, Don't know/No opinion - 0

Directors voting: Approve: Hellmeister, Gray, McNamara, DeChant, Stevens, Merryessa, MacRoberts & Walter. Abstain: Bryant. Motion is approved.

04:02 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES - Mission Statement.

Motion by Gray, seconded by McNamara.

Subject: Committee Mission Statements

I move to require each new committee created by the Board to serve ASCA be required, as the first order of business, to write a Mission Statement that defines the goals of the committee and which the committee will work toward. They will have a 90 day deadline. Board will approve the Mission Statement.

Director voting: Approve: Gray, McNamara, Bryant & Walter. Disapprove: DeChant, Berryessa & MacRoberts. Abstain: Hellmeister & Stevens. Motion is approved..

05:02 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RULES - Rulebooks

Motion by Gray, seconded by McNamara.

I move that a disclaimer be put on the inside cover of all rulebooks in 18 point or larger font saying:

The ASCA National Specialty Rules differ from these Program Rules in certain areas. Please go to the asca.org website for the National Specialty Rules or request a copy from manager@asca.org.

Comment: So far this year we have had people trying to enter Nationals with a tracking number, even quoting the rules of the program. They need to be made aware the National Rules differ from the program rules and this can be easily with a disclaimer pointing them in the right direction. Printing the National Rules would also add to the cost of printing every rulebook every time.

Directors voting: Approve: Gray, Hellmeister, McNamara, DeChant, Bryant, Stevens, Berryessa & MacRoberts. Disapprove: Walter. Motion is approved.

Approved:

Honoring a breeder's request to reinstate the original name given by the breeder based on registry rules

JUDGE APPLICATIONS:

Provisional Breeder Judge

Judge #4507, Stephanie Shope McDaniel, 671 CR AO 32, Langley Rd, Estancia, NM 87016-

8032 (505) 384-2547,

Senior Breeder Judge

Judge #4197, Kristina Churchill, 11652 County Road P 30, Blair, Nebraska 68008, (402) 426-3328, (402) 253- 4423

Judge # 3813, Dorothy Montano, 1837 Peyton Rd, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031, (505) 866-0990

Other Person Judge

Sharol Candace Way, 752 E Wing Rd, Cochranville, PA 19330, (610) 869 ^ 3984

ASCA Agility Judge

Susan Zimmerman

Correspondence

Letter to an Agility Judge concerning the yards per second calculations used while officiating at an ASCA® agility trial

Letter to notify the 2007 Nationals host club of the ineligibility of the Non-Regular Judge based on current status of Provisional Breeder Judge at the time of sanctioning of the Nationals

Trademark License

Granted to Sue Graham for items to be used to raise funds to support future ASCA® Finals

Miscellaneous: 2007 Honoree at Nationals (not named here due to the surprise nature of this honor.)

Denied:

A request to consider a dog for Hardship whose Sire had already been denied due to having NSDR dogs in his pedigree.

An Agility Judge application