

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, 2008

00:20 REGISTRY RULES - Section 1.7

Motion by DeChant, seconded by McNamara.

EMERGENCY MOTION EMERGENCY MOTION

I move that the following be added to the Registry rules Section 1.7– Transfer of Ownership – Rules and Procedures:

If, in the event of an animal abuse or neglect conviction, the Court orders the defendant to relinquish ownership of all animals, ASCA should use such an order to effectuate the transfer of ownership to the co-owner, or in the absence of the co-owner to the breeder (provided the breeder is not the defendant), adopter/new owner, or to a rescue organization.

Directors voting: Approve: Davenport, Gann, DeChant, Hellmeister, McNamara & Berryessa.
Abstain: Stevens & MacRoberts. Non-Voting: Aufox. Motion is approved.

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE - Change in Registry Rules.

Motion by Davenport.

Motion by Lori, Second by Liz Approve: unanimous

I move to change the Registry Rules as follows: Under the ASCA DNA Complaint Resolution Rules, Section I ASCA Initiated Procedure, and Section II. Protest Initiated Procedure , change the wording as follows:

Currently reads:

A DNA parental investigation was conducted involving the dogs listed below. The investigation resulted in the discovery of a registration error. Due to this discovery, these dogs will have their registration papers corrected to reflect their true relationship in order to ensure the integrity of the ASCA Registry.

Change to read:

Through ASCA's Popular Sire/Dam and/or voluntary DNA testing program, the following registration errors have been discovered. Due to this discovery, these dogs will have their registration papers corrected to reflect their true relationship in order to ensure the accuracy of the ASCA Registry.

Comments: The current wording has a punitive feel to it and since ASCA's DNA Parentage Program has never been meant to be this way, we would like to revise the required wording for Pedigree Correction Announcements in the Aussie Times.

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

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - SECTIONS 1 THRU 9

Motion by McNamara

I move to approve each of the following motions from the Agility Committee:

I will send each motion and the results of the voting in a separate email, but I wanted to explain to the Board of Directors these motions are all a part of the entire judge's program that will allow for ASCA exhibitors to become ASCA agility judges as well as guidelines that will develop a group of supervisor judges available to train interested people wishing to become ASCA Agility judges and supervisors.

It is very apparent that certain concepts of the ASCA agility philosophy are not always easily grasped by judges from other venues, thus the committee hopes that this new judges program will enable an expansion of the judges list with people knowledgeable in the goals and philosophy of ASCA Agility.

Please note that the committee has been working on this project for over a year and although it may need to be amended in the future, the committee hopes that it is a good place to start.

For easier reading, I have combined the sections of the program covered by each motion in a MS word document that I will attach in this email.

Thank you,
Sue Graham

Directors voting: Approve All: Davenport & Stevens. Disapprove All: Hellmeister, McNamara, DeChant, Berryessa & MacRoberts. Abstain: Gann. Non-Voting: Aufox.

Motion is denied.

Motion 08-2008 Section 1

Section 1 APPRENTICE AGILITY JUDGE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Apprentice Judge - Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1.1.1 Applicants must be familiar and comfortable with all the positions required to conduct an ASCA[®] Agility trial. Therefore, applicants must have performed each of the positions listed below at a sanctioned ASCA[®] Agility trial. Experience must come from two separate ASCA[®] Sanctioned Agility trials. When performing these jobs, the applicant should work closely with the judge of record to obtain their feedback. Working closely with the judge will help the judge provide an accurate reference for the applicant to use when applying to become an Apprentice Judge. In addition, working closely with the judge can be a valuable source of information to help advance the Apprentice Judge's career.

1.1.1.1 Course Builder

1.1.1.2 Gate Steward

1.1.1.3 Timer

1.1.1.4 Scribe

1.1.1.5 Scorekeeper

1.1.2. The applicant must have titled at least one dog in Elite Regular in the ASCA Agility Program.

1.1.3 The applicant must pass an open book test. All questions on the test must be answered correctly. A judge may retake the test until all questions are answered correctly. A copy of the test can be obtained by emailing agility@asca.org.

1.1.4 The applicants must have internet access and a valid email address.

1.1.5. The applicants must be in good standing with ASCA.

1.1.6 The applicant must fill out the ASCA® Agility Apprentice Judge Application, include the required documentation, and mail it to the ASCA® Business Office.

1.1.7 The applicant must submit a full set of courses for review with their application (2 Regular, 1 jumpers and 1 gamblers course for each level). The Course Reviewer shall be randomly selected by the Business Office. The courses must comply with the Course Design Guidelines found in Chapter 7 as well as follow ASCA's philosophy for flowing courses. The Apprentice shall receive feedback from the course reviewer and shall modify the courses if needed and resubmit for final approval.

1.2. Release from Supervision

To be considered for release from supervision, an Apprentice Judge must meet the following requirements:

1.2.1 Receive a minimum of two recommendations to be released from supervision from two different Supervising Judges. A Supervisor Report containing scores of all 5's is a Recommendation of Release from Supervision by that Supervising Judge

1.2.2 Each judging assignment where a recommendation was earned must meet the following criteria:

1.2.2.1 There must be a minimum of 100 runs judged by the Apprentice

1.2.2.2 When combined, the runs from judging assignments where a recommendation was earned must total a minimum of 500 runs. There must be a minimum of 50 runs each of Jumpers, Gamblers and Regular classes accumulated during the assignments for recommendation. [Note: Depending on the size of the trials where the recommendations are received, an Apprentice Judge may need additional recommendations to earn the minimum required runs.]

1.2.2.3 The recommendations must be earned within 4 years of becoming an Apprentice Judge.

1.2.3 If it has been more than 2 years since applying to become an Apprentice Judge, an open book test must be completed with all questions answered correctly.

1.2.4 The Apprentice must design a full set of courses and receive approval from a designated course reviewer. The Apprentice shall submit a full set of courses for review (2 Regular, 1 jumpers

and 1 gamblers course for each level). The course reviewer shall be randomly selected by the Business Office. The courses must comply with the Course Design Guidelines found in Chapter 7 as well as follow ASCA's philosophy for flowing courses. The Apprentice shall receive feedback from the course reviewer and shall modify the courses if needed and resubmit for final approval.

1.2.5 Once these requirements are met, the Apprentice Judge may apply to the ASCA® Board of Directors for release from supervision. The Agility Apprentice Judge Application for Promotion form must be filled out and sent to the ASCA® Business Office. The form must include the documentation required in section 1.2. The form is available at www.asca.org.

Motion 09-2008 Section 2

Section 2 SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR ASCA® APPRENTICE AGILITY JUDGES

2.1 Apprentice Judges must be supervised by an ASCA® Supervising Judge at ASCA® agility trials. A Supervising Judge may only supervise one Apprentice Judge at a time. Two (or more) apprentices may be scheduled to judge at different times at the same trial, but they may not be supervised by the same Supervising Judge at the same time.

2.2 The Supervising Judge shall supervise all aspects of the Apprentice Judge's assignment. The goal is to teach the Apprentice Judge as much as possible through one-on-one mentoring by the Supervising Judge. The Supervisor shall review previous Supervisor reports in order to help the Apprentice Judge in areas needing improvement.

2.3 The Apprentice Judge shall be responsible for setting the assigned courses and determining all course times. The Supervising Judge shall review the course setup and course times before the start of each class. Any changes to improve safety, flow or layout shall be made and discussed prior to the start of each class.

2.4 The Supervising Judge must watch all runs the Apprentice Judge is judging. At the end of each class the Supervising Judge shall review judge position, faults called and any other issues or suggestions for improvement. If the Supervising Judge has suggestions for improvement, he shall use his judgment to determine if the class should be stopped briefly to talk with the Apprentice Judge, or if the suggestion can wait until the end of the class.

2.5 The Supervising Judge shall attend the judge's briefing and provide comments and feedback afterwards.

2.6 Once approved as an Apprentice Judge by the Board of Directors, an Apprentice Judge may obtain assignments two ways:

2.6.1 An Affiliate may invite the apprentice to judge, after obtaining an approved Supervisor Judge.

2.6.2 An Apprentice Judge may apply to apprentice under a Supervising Judge who is scheduled to judge.

2.6.2.1 The application to apprentice must be postmarked 90 days before the start of the trial.

2.6.2.2 The Business Office shall notify the Trial Secretary that an apprentice has been accepted and shall provide contact information for the apprentice.

2.6.2.3 Apprentice Judges who apply to apprentice are responsible for their expenses.

2.6.2.4 When an application is approved, the Apprentice Judge should work with the host club to agree on a schedule of classes he will judge. The schedule of classes offered to the Apprentice Judge should be based on expected number of runs, expected finish time, as well as other factors that could affect the running of the trial.

2.6.2.5 The host club is required, at minimum, to offer the Apprentice Judge one class of each type scheduled each day of the trial. For example, for a full slate of classes, the Apprentice Judge may be offered all Novice Jumpers, Novice Regular Round 1 and Novice Gamblers if the trial is expected to be large and time is a factor. If the trial is expected to be small and time is not an issue, the host club may offer the Apprentice Judge all classes all weekend. If the club is only offering an afternoon of Jumpers classes, then the Apprentice shall only be offered Jumpers runs.

2.6.2.6 The expected number of runs offered to the Apprentice Judge shall be no less than 100 runs per day of judging in any combination of the above required Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers. If the total number of runs for the entire trial per day is less than 100 runs, then the Apprentice Judge shall be offered all runs for judging.

2.7 When an Apprentice is scheduled to judge, he/she shall be the judge of record for the assigned classes. However, the premium shall list all names of judges officiating at the trial (Supervisor, Apprentice Judge and Apprentice Supervisor.)

2.8 The judge of record shall be responsible for designing their assigned courses.

Motion 10-2008 Section 3

Section 3 ASCA® AGILITY SUPERVISOR JUDGES

3.1. Requirements for Supervisor Judge Applicants

3.1.1 Applicants must be an approved ASCA Agility Judge.

3.1.2 Applicants must fill out the ASCA® Agility Supervisor Judge Application and mail it to the ASCA® Business Office.

3.1.3 Must have judged a minimum of 10 ASCA® agility trials with no significant comments for improvement reported on the 'Conduct Evaluation of Judges' from host clubs.

3.1.4 Must receive two recommendations from two different current Supervisor Judges at two different ASCA® agility trials to be promoted to Supervisor Judge. A Supervisor Report containing scores of all 5's shall be considered a recommendation of "Promotion to Supervisor" by that Supervisor Judge also known as a recommendation.

3.1.5 Must Apprentice supervise a minimum of 750 runs total and at least 200 each Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers. [Note: Depending on the size of the trials where the Recommendations are received, an Apprentice Supervisor may need additional Recommendations to earn the total required runs.]

3.2. Apprentice Supervisor Assignments

3.2.1 Judges interested in becoming a Supervisor Judge may request permission to apprentice as a Supervisor Judge from the Business Office at trials where a Supervisor Judge and Apprentice Judge are scheduled. Assignments will be granted on a first come, first served basis. The Business Office

will notify the Supervising Judge and host affiliate when an Apprentice Supervisor has applied. Or the applicant may be invited by the host club.

3.2.2. The trial must have an Apprentice Judge and Supervising Judge scheduled.

3.2.3. The application to apprentice supervise must be postmarked 90 days before the start date of the trial.

3.2.4. The Business Office shall notify the Trial Secretary and Supervising Judge that an apprentice Supervising Judge has been accepted and shall provide contact information for the apprentice.

3.2.5. No more than one Apprentice Supervisor Judge is allowed under a single Supervisor Judge at an ASCA® agility trial.

3.2.6. Apprentice Supervisor Judges are responsible for their expenses.

3.2.7. An Apprentice Supervisor Judge may not judge at any trial while he is apprenticing. He shall be available at all times to mentor the Apprentice Judge and receive mentoring from the Supervising Judge. The Apprentice Supervisor Judge may judge runs or exhibit a dog when the Apprentice Judge is not scheduled to judge (i.e... under a different judge.)

3.2.8. The Apprentice Supervisor Judge must evaluate at least one Apprentice Judge who does not have any recommendations. This helps ensure that the apprentice Supervising Judge can mentor an Apprentice Judge who requires the most supervision.

3.2.9. Apprentice Supervising Judges may not exhibit dogs under any Apprentice they are supervising.

3.3. Restrictions on Supervisor Judges

3.3.1. The Supervisor Judge must be available on site for any questions or issues the Apprentice Supervisor and/or Apprentice Judge have during the day.

3.3.2. The Supervisor Judge may not trial a dog under an Apprentice Judge and/or Apprentice Supervisor Judge he is supervising. An Apprentice Supervisor Judge may not trial a dog under an Apprentice Judge he is supervising. They may, however, trial a dog in a different ring or class when the Apprentice Judge is not the judge.

3.3.3. A Supervisor Judge may not judge at any trial while he is supervising an Apprentice Judge and/or Apprentice Supervisor Judge. He may judge classes before or after the Apprentice Judge completes his assigned classes.

3.3.4. There shall be one Supervisor Judge per Apprentice Judge. For example, a club cannot hire one Supervisor Judge to oversee two Apprentice Judges scheduled to judge at the same time. A club may hire two Apprentice Judges to judge different classes that are not scheduled to run at the same time.

3.3.5. Supervisor Judges may only supervise one Apprentice Supervisor Judge at a time. Supervisor Apprentice Judges may only supervise one Apprentice Judge at a time.

3.3.6. Apprentice Supervisor Judges must adhere to all the rules pertaining to Supervisor Judges.

Section 4 – ACCEPTANCE

4.1. Judging at an ASCA® sanctioned event is an honor and a privilege, not a right. Judging applicants must satisfy ASCA®'s stated minimum requirements for an ASCA® Agility Judge. Satisfying the minimum requirements to become or remain an ASCA® Agility Judge grants the applicant the right to be considered for the position of an ASCA® Agility Judge but does not entitle the applicant to become or remain an ASCA® Agility Judge. An applicant may be turned down at the discretion of the ASCA® Board of Directors.

4.2. In addition to satisfying other stated qualifications to serve, an applicant (and current judges) must consistently display the highest level of ethical conduct, impartial demeanor, professional comportment and dedication to the ASCA® Agility Judges Code of Ethics and to upholding ASCA®'s codes, rules, decisions, procedures and the Statement of Purpose in ASCA®'s bylaws. Failure to perform at this level may result in denial or revocation of judging privileges by the ASCA® Board of Directors without regard to any other qualification or prior service.

4.3. All applicants for Apprentice Agility Judge, Supervisor Judges and approved Judges will have their names published in the Aussie Times for comments before being voted on by the Board of Directors. Once published, there will be 45 days for membership comments to be submitted to the Agility Committee Chair. The comments will be collected and forwarded to the Board of Directors prior to their vote.

4.4. Once judges have been approved by the Board of Directors, the judge shall be notified of their acceptance by the Business Office. In addition, notice of the judge's approval shall be published in the Aussie Times and their name shall be added to the Agility Judges List to the appropriate section.

4.5. Judges may not accept or contract for assignments until they have received notification from the Business Office that they have been approved as an ASCA® Agility Judge (for any of the three categories of Judges.)

4.6. The Agility Committee is the advisory body on agility matters for the Board of Directors. The committee will review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning qualifications of all applicants to be appointed ASCA® Agility Judges.

MOTION 12-2008 – SECTION 5

Section 5 – JUDGE'S DUTIES

5.1. An ASCA® Agility Judge must enforce and be knowledgeable of the rules and regulations in the current Agility Rulebook.

5.2. The ASCA® Agility Judge is authorized to judge contestants in an Agility Trial acting as an official Judge. This authorization is granted by ASCA® and can be revoked at any time by the Board of Directors.

5.3. All ASCA® Agility Judges must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the ASCA® Agility Judges Code of Ethics and must avoid improper fraternization with the contestants during a trial.

5.4. Judges must submit their proposed courses to the ASCA® Course Review subcommittee according to the guidelines described in Appendix D.

5.5. ASCA® Agility Judges are expected to design courses for each assignment. In extraordinary

circumstances and with review committee approval, a judge may opt to request approved courses from the Course Reviewer instead of designing their own for any upcoming assignments. Requests must be made as soon as possible before the upcoming trial.

5.6. Each time a Judge uses courses for an ASCA® sanctioned trial, the courses must be approved by the assigned Course Reviewer. Judges must receive approval for all courses from the Course Reviewer.

5.7. Judges must set courses as closely as possible to the layout and scale approved by the Course Review subcommittee. Extenuating circumstances that require the course to be set differently than the layout approved by the Course Review subcommittee must be documented in the Judge's Show Report.

5.8. Judges shall not send their courses to the host club prior to the trial. The only exception is sending the first course (without numbers) so the club may set the equipment prior to the judge's arrival.

5.9. Judges are required to submit (via email, fax or U.S. Mail to the attention of the ASCA® Agility Coordinator) the Judge's Show Report within 2 weeks of their assignment to the ASCA® Business Office. Failure to do so, may lead to loss of future judging privileges and/or removal from the ASCA® Approved Judges List. At the end of the trial, judges shall submit the Yardage & Course Times Record and course copies to the trial committee to include with the trial paperwork sent to the ASCA® Business Office (see section 2.6.7).

5.10. Upon approval as an ASCA® Agility Judge, the judge must join the ASCA® Agility Judges' discussion group. This group is to share information among judges and Agility Committee members. In addition, it is a forum for judges to ask questions.

MOTION 13-2008 – SECTIONS 6 & 7

Section 6 - PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

6.1. Any person wishing to lodge a protest or complaint against a judge shall do so in accordance with the ASCA® Dispute Rules.

6.2. General comments and impressions of judges can be submitted by the host club using the Judges' Conduct Evaluation Form. Comments on a judge's performance will be noted by the Agility Committee and multiple negative comments may be used to suspend judging privileges.

Section 7 – DISCIPLINE

7.1. An ASCA® Agility Judge may be temporarily denied judging privileges and/or accepting new assignments from clubs for sixty days by the Board of Directors while it investigate any infractions, violations of the Judges Code of Ethics or ASCA® rules and procedures.

7.2. A judge may be suspended from judging assignment by the Board of Directors.

7.3. If a formal complaint is filed against a judge concerning a trial, it shall be investigated. If the complaint is valid, the judge may be reprimanded, suspended, or have judging privileges revoked by the Board of Directors.

MOTION 14-2008 – SECTION 8

Section 8 - ASCA® AGILITY JUDGES CLINIC

8.1 An ASCA® Affiliate in good standing may apply to host an ASCA® Agility Judges Clinic. The judge's clinic shall either take place the day(s) before an ASCA® sanctioned agility trial, or before an agility run throughs where the participants can gain judging experience.

8.2 Judging clinics must be lead by a current ASCA® Approved Agility Supervisor.

8.3 In the event that the Judges Clinic occurs in conjunction with an ASCA® sanctioned agility trial, the clinic attendees shall judge the runs; however the Supervisor judge shall be the judge of record.

8.4 All Supervision and Apprentice rules shall apply to clinic attendees when judging an ASCA® sanctioned agility trial

8.5 The expenses and fees of the Judges Clinic shall be negotiated between the host club and the Supervising Judge.

8.6 Upon completion of the Judges Clinic, the Supervising Judge shall fill out a supervisor's report for each attendee. The supervisor will review the report with each attendee prior to the conclusion of the clinic. The attendees shall receive a copy and the Supervisor will forward the report to the ASCA® Business Office for filing.

8.7 Clinic attendees are not required to be apprentice judges. Anyone in good standing with ASCA, may attend an Agility Judges Clinic. If the attendee chooses to apply to be an Apprentice Judge, any recommendations earned may be kept for future use if the attendee is approved as an Apprentice Judge.

MOTION 15-2008 – SECTION 9

Section 9 - PERIODIC REVIEW OF AGILITY JUDGES

9.1 The Agility Committee shall review host club negative comments concerning all judges' general conduct, adherence to and application of ASCA agility rules.

9.2 If a judge receives reviews from three different host clubs indicating that the judge needs additional mentoring; OR if two official ASCA complaints are filed against the judge for rule violations and are found valid; the Agility Committee may recommend to the ASCA Board of Directors that the judge be placed under supervision. The Agility Committee shall also recommend to the ASCA Board of Directors the number of recommendations required for release from supervision.

9.3 If a judge is placed under supervision by the ASCA Board of Directors, the judge will be considered an Apprentice Judge and must earn the number of recommendations required by the Board of Directors for release from supervision.

99:02 HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE - Forms.

Motion by DeChant.

I move to approve the new forms developed by the HOF Committee to be added to the HOF Rule Book and to be uploaded to the ASCA Web Site. These forms were developed as a group effort and approved by a vote.

From the Chair: For HOF Rulebook (substitute the attached HOF form for the one in the rulebook, please, and add the HOFX form) and, of course, these two forms are also for the website 'forms' section.

APPROVED: Anneke De Jong, Sharon Elkins, Gina Larson, Dorothy Montano, Cheryl Padgett, Anne Shope NON VOTING: Chris Davies, Cheri Preciado

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

99:02 HALL OF FAME - AT

Motion by DeChant.

I move to approve the following language to be included in each *Aussie Times* where the HOF is listed. This was reviewed and discussed by the Committee and was approved by the vote below.

APPROVED: Anneke De Jong, Sharon Elkins, Gina Larson, Cheryl Padgett, Anne Shope
NON VOTING: Chris Davies, Dorothy Montano, Cheri Preciado

FOR THE TIMES UNDER HALL OF FAME (see p. 57 this issue):

Appendix C Hall of Fame Application and Appendix D Hall of Fame Excellent Application are in the MVA/HOF Rulebook. The Rulebook and these forms may be downloaded at the ASCA® website or ordered from the ASCA® Business Office.

FOR THE ASCA HALL OF FAME SECTION IN THE TIMES (see p. 57 in this issue):

ASCA® HALL OF FAME EXCELLENT BREEDER/KENNEL

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 (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, SPCH

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

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - 2008 Finals Rules

Motion by McNamara.

I move the following:

Motion by Sue, 2nd by Pete. The motion was passed unanimously. This is an Agility Committee emergency motion to be effective at the 2008 Agility Finals as well as changed in the January 2, 2009 rulebook.

Current Section 8.6, items 3 & 4

3. Dogs entered in the Veterans and Junior Handler divisions will jump at their appropriate jump height in Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers, which will be one height lower than their

standard division jump height would be. All dogs entered in the Standard Agility division will jump their Standard division jump height.

4. There will be a Standard Course Time set by the judge for each division for the two Regular and Jumpers classes. For the Regular and Jumpers classes all Standard Division dogs, regardless of jump height will use the Large Dog Standard Course Time. For the Regular and Jumpers classes the Veterans and Junior Handler Division dogs, regardless of height will use the Large Dog Veterans or Junior Handler Course Time (respectively). For the Gamblers class, all dogs, regardless of jump height or division, will have 40 seconds for their opening sequence time. The closing sequence "gamble" time will be determined by the judge. Standard Division dogs will use Standard Division large dog gamble time and all Veterans and Junior Handler Division dogs will use Veterans/Junior Handler Division Large Dog gamble time.

Amend to read:

3. Dogs entered in the Veterans division will jump at their appropriate jump height in Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers, which will be one height lower than their standard division jump height would be. Dogs entered in the Junior Handler division will have the option of running at the dog's standard jump height or taking the 4" height deduction. All dogs entered in the Standard Agility division will jump their Standard division jump height.

4. There will be a Standard Course Time set by the judge for each division for the two Regular and Jumpers classes. For the Regular and Jumpers classes all Standard Division dogs, regardless of jump height will use the Large Dog Standard Course Time. For the Regular and Jumpers classes the Veterans and Junior Handler Division dogs, regardless of height will use the Large Dog Veterans or Junior Handler Course Time (respectively). For the Gamblers class, all dogs, regardless of jump height or division, will have 30 seconds for their opening sequence time. The closing sequence "gamble" time will be determined by the judge. Standard Division dogs will use Standard Division large dog gamble time and all Veterans and Junior Handler Division dogs will use Veterans/Junior Handler Division Large Dog gamble time.

Comment: When the committee changed the opening period in gamblers and also allowed Jr. Handlers to jump at either their standard jump height or take the 4" height reduction, there were sections in the Finals Chapter 8 that were overlooked. In order to allow the Jr. Handler jump height option and to have all the 2008 Agility Finals exhibitors run a 30 second opening in gamblers (as they have done all year), an emergency motion will have to be passed. If the Board of Directors does pass this motion, the chair of the committee will make sure that all the 2008 Finals competitors are aware of the discrepancy in the printed rulebook.

Directors voting: Approve: Berryessa, Hellmeister, McNamara, Davenport, MacRoberts, Gann, DeChant & Stevens. Non-Voting: Aufox. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Dogue de Bordeaux

Motion by McNamara

I move the following:

This motion passed unanimously. Effective date is Jan. 1 2009.

Motion by Sue, 2nd by Andrea.

Section 2.3 - Add the Dogue de Bordeaux (DDB) (16") to the breed jump height exemption list.

Rationale: it was brought to the committee's attention that the DDB is a large breed dog usually measuring over 20" but its structure is heavy and has a bulky body type. It would be better for the well being of the dog to be able to jump 16".

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

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Training Seminar

Motion by McNamara

I move the following:

The agility committee requests of the Board of Directors to allocate funding in the amount of \$800 for support of an agility training initiative (a training seminar) at the 2008 National Specialty. This funding allocation allows the seminar leader (Annelise Allan) to remain on site to conduct the seminar as currently scheduled while incurring no out of pocket expense. Ms. Allan is scheduled to judge the Agility Finals on Saturday November 8th. The seminar is scheduled for Wednesday November 12th. The monetary allocation request covers lodging, miscellaneous expenses, and a subcompact rental car for the period from the Agility Finals through the seminar."

Comment: Although total Finals expenses are capped this year (total payout by ASCA), historically Agility Finals have offset expense overages generated by the other Finals. The Agility Finals profit could be the source of the requested allocation.

This motion passed with 10 yes votes and 1 Abstain. The committee has made this motion because we would like to offer an agility seminar at Nationals this year (and had discussed it with Annelise) back when we knew Las Vegas would host the Nationals. Due to the schedule of the agility events there is a large gap between the Finals (Annelise is judging) and the time slot available for the Agility Seminar. In order for Annelise to stay for both, we would have to pay her expenses and would like the Board of Directors to approve this expense.

Motion by Pete, 2nd from Krystal

Directors voting: Approve: McNamara & Berryessa. Disapprove: Aufox, DeChant & Davenport. Abstain: Hellmeister, Stevens, Gann & MacRoberts. Motion is denied.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - 90 day sanctioning

Motion by McNamara

I move the following:

Motion by Ally, 2nd from Cynthia, motion passed with 5 yes votes, 3 no votes, 3 non-voting. Effective date would be 01/01/09.

Rationale: This change will make the deadline for all sanctioning requests 90 days. By changing the timeline to 90 days instead of 45, it allows for apprentices to apply to judge as well as enough time to design courses.

In section 2.1.1 Applications

Remove the following text:

"this rule may be waived in favor of a specified shorter period of not less than 45 days, provided both judge(s) for the trial and the designated Course Reviewer agree in writing to the specified shorter period as being adequate to permit course design, review, and modification. A copy of such written agreement by the Judge(s) and the Course Reviewer must be submitted to the ASCA(R) Business Office along with the application. For other agility trials which do not require an ASCA(R) course review under Appendix D, an ASCA(R) affiliate must submit an official request for sanctioning postmarked at least 45 days in advance of the proposed trial date."

In the second paragraph of Section 2.1.1

Change: "Sanctioning requests received between 30-45 days prior to an event will be accepted upon payment of a fine of \$50 per day past the 45 day postmark deadline. Sanctioning request received by the Business Office less than 30 days prior to a sanctioned event will not be accepted under any circumstances."

To read:

"Sanctioning requests received between 75-89 days prior to an event will be accepted upon payment of a fine of \$50 per day past the 90 day postmark deadline. Sanctioning request received by the Business Office less than 75 days prior to a sanctioned event will not be accepted under any circumstances."

Change the 3rd and 4th paragraphs to read:

"The ASCA(R) Business Office will not accept responsibility for sanctioning requests lost in the mail. All sanctioning requests sent after the 90 day postmark deadline must be original forms (no faxes or e-mails) and must have all required signatures and fees.

If the Host Club with the preexisting dates postmarks their sanctioning request form past the 90 day deadline and it is not received 75 days prior to the event, they will lose first right to this date for that year."

In Section 2.6.1 in the first paragraph, change 45 days to 90 days

Directors voting: Approve: Hellmeister, McNamara & DeChant. Disapprove: Aufox, Davenport, Berryessa, MacRoberts & Gann. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is denied.

Approved:

Reinstated: 91:22 DISQUALIFIED DOG - Fly By Night Fancy Dancer E-145368
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