

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.

February 1 - 28, 2007

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Appendix A.

Motion by Bryant.

I move the Board approve the following Conformation Committee motion:

Motion by Sue, 2nd by Art. Motion passed with 7 'yes' votes and one 'abstain' (from Andrea).

Change the second paragraph of Appendix A, Section 1 - Contact Obstacles.
Motion will have an effective date of June 1, 2007. Changes are shown in bold below:

Slats are not required on any of the contact obstacles. A good, non-slip surface is required, so dogs have traction on the ramp surface. If used, the slats on the A-frame shall not be closer than 12 inches apart, and no slat shall be within 4 inches of the end of a contact zone. Slats shall be no greater than 1/2 inch in height and shall not be made out of plywood. ASCA will accept the use of contact equipment that meets the specifications of the following agility organizations: AAC, AKC, CKC, CPE, DOCNA, NADAC and USDAA.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Sec. 7.1.

Motion by Bryant.

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

Motion 01-2007, by Art, 2nd from Pamela.

Votes: 7 yes, 1 abstain (Sue)

This motion would go along with 23-2006, changes made to Appendix C that would require ALL judges to apply for & pass an exam to become ASCA Agility Judges. Effective date would be June 1, 2007.

Section 7.1 Eligibility for Being a Judge (see also Section 7.2 and Appendix C)

7.1.1 Only judges currently on the ASCA® Approved Agility Judges List are eligible to judge ASCA® Agility sanctioned trials.

7.1.2 Individuals on the NADAC Approved Judges List are automatically included on the ASCA® Approved Judges List. However, any person who is not in good standing with ASCA® shall be removed from the ASCA® Approved Agility Judges list.

Change to:

Section 7.1 Eligibility for Being a Judge (see also Section 7.2 and Appendix C) Only judges currently on the ASCA® Approved Agility Judges List are eligible to judge ASCA® sanctioned Agility trials. Any person who is not in good standing with ASCA® shall be removed from the ASCA® Approved Agility Judges list.

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

98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE - Conf. Show Report.

Motion by DeChant.

I move that the Board approve the following Conformation Committee Motion:

We have the following Motion made by Glenda and seconded by Janet.

I would like to make the motion: that the "Conformation Show Report" form be amended to state: "This form must be forwarded to the ASCA Business Office postmarked within fifteen (15) business days of the show date or a late fee will be charged."

Currently, on the Conformation Show Report the statement is such: "This form must be forwarded to the ASCA Business Office within Fifteen (15) Days of the show date or a late fee will be charged."

Voting was as follows- for --Renee, Liz, Peter, Rick, Denise, Mary, Wendy, Janet, Ron, Glenda and Nadia. non-voting John Abstain none The Motion Passes

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

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE - Copy of registration papers.

Motion by Gray, seconded by DeChant.

I withdraw the motion below (Ann her 2nd) and replace it with the one below it.

Old:

I move a requirement be added to the DNA submission forms for a copy of the dog's ASCA registration (or any registry approved by ASCA for Hardship/Foreign registration) papers to be included with the sample submission.

Comment: The lab is having a hard time with forms filled out with the wrong Information/bad handwriting. This should help them with the correct info they need.

New:

I move a requirement be added to the DNA submission forms to read:

A copy of the dog's ASCA registration (or any registry approved by ASCA for

Hardship/Foreign registration) papers must be included with the sample submission. If the pup/dog is unregistered a copy of the litter registration application or a copy of both the sire and dam's registration papers will suffice. If the dog is unregistered and no papers are available it must be stated on the submission form. Please write legibly.

Comment: The lab is having a hard time with forms filled out with the wrong information/bad handwriting. This should help them with the correct info they need.

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

99:02 Hall of Fame Committee - Web site and Rule Book Changes.

Motion by DeChant.

I move that the HOF Committee Motion regarding Changes to the Web Site and the Rule Book that contains the HOF Rules be approved.

Comments: The Committee found these changes that need to be made. They made a motion so that it would be sure to be included in Rule Book changes.

Anne Shope moved and Sharon Elkins seconded as follows:

Designated Emergency Motion - This Motion encompasses Change No. 1 through Change No. 13 as stated below.

CHANGE NO. 1:

At the website under rules and regulations, have the Webmaster add a link to: Versatility Champions and to Performance Champions and to Hall of Fame.

Reason: Very few people know the rules for these awards are in the rulebook named below. On the website, only MVA has a link to a rulebook.

THE FOLLOWING ARE CHANGES WHICH NEED TO BE MADE TO THE RULEBOOK:

MVA NATIONAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VERSATILITY CHAMPIONS, PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONS, HALL OF FAME (REVISED 032503)

CHANGE NO. 2:

Add the Hall of Fame Application for Kennels to the back of the MVA, VCH, PCH, HOF Rulebook.

Reason: The application was not included in the Rulebook.

CHANGE NO. 3

Correct the Hall of Fame Application as follows:

Presently under Tracking: CD/TD or TDX are required CHANGE TO: TD (tracking).

Reason: TD is the correct requirement. When this change was implemented, the rulebook was not updated.

CHAPTER FOUR OF THE RULEBOOK

SECTION ONE: BREEDER and/or KENNEL PREREQUISITES

CHANGE NO. 4

Present Wording:

1. FIVE MANDATORY STOCKDOG TITLES ...

Change to:

1. THREE MANDATORY STOCKDOG TITLES ...

Reason: When the minimum requirements were changed from five to three, the rulebook was not updated.

CHANGE NO. 5

Present Wording:

2. FIVE MANDATORY CONFORMATION CHAMPIONS (intact only)

Change to:

2. THREE MANDATORY CONFORMATION CHAMPIONS (intact or altered)

Reason: When the minimum requirements were changed from five to three and altered was implemented, the rulebook was not updated.

CHANGE NO. 6

Present Wording:

3.c. Tracking: CD/TD or TDX (companion dog plus tracking dog) or tracking dog excellent)

Change:

3.c. Tracking: TD (tracking title)

Reason: When the requirement for TD only was implemented, the change was not made in the rulebook.

CHANGE NO. 8: ADD A.4

A.4 GRANDFATHER CLAUSE: 99:02 Effective 1/1/03 add to HOF requirements passed April, 2002: Any allowed titles earned towards HOF Requirements prior to 1/1/03 will count towards HOF requirements after 1/1/03. Any allowed titles earned after 1/1/03 must be earned under the new HOF requirements Reason: The Grandfather Clause was inadvertently omitted from the Rulebook.

SECTION ONE: PREREQUISITES FOR SIRE AND/OR DAM

CHANGE NO. 9

Present wording:

A.3. Tracking CD/TD or TDX (companion dog plus tracking dog) or (tracking dog excellent)

Change to:

A.3 Tracking: TD (tracking title)

Reason: When the requirement for TD only was implemented, the change was not made in the rulebook.

CHANGE NO. 10

Present Wording:

A.5. Conformation: Intact CH

Change to:

A.5. Conformation: A-CH or CH (Altered or Intact Championship)

Reason: When Altered Champions were implemented, the change was not made in the rulebook.

CHANGE NO. 11

Present Wording:

B. Australian Shepherds produced by the Sire must have earned a combination of twelve (12) of the above-named titles.

C. Australian Shepherds produced by the Dams must have earned a combination of eight (8) of the above named titles.

ADD TO THE END OF THE SENTENCE IN B. AND C. A COMMA AND THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

B. ...of which a MANDATORY three must either be from stock or from conformation.

C. ...of which a MANDATORY two must either be from stock or from conformation.

Reason: When the minimum requirements for stock or conformation were implemented, the changes were not included in the rulebook.

CHANGE NO. 12: TOTALLY NEW

D. GRANDFATHER CLAUSE: 99:02 Effective 1/1/03 add to HOF requirements passed April, 2002: Any allowed titles earned towards HOF Requirements prior to 1/1/03 will count towards HOF requirements after 1/1/03. Any allowed titles earned after 1/1/03 must be earned under the new HOF requirements

Reason: The Grandfather Clause was inadvertently omitted from the Rulebook.

CHANGE NO. 13

All HOF rules referred to in the Times or at the ASCA website must comply with the rules as named in the rulebook (as updated and corrected above), including the grandfather clause.

Reason: Right now rules for HOF are not being changed concurrently in all locations to comply with the rulebook when changes are implemented.

Committee voting: Motion unanimously approved.

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

05:02 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RULES - 16.2

Motion by Gray, seconded by Berryessa.

I move the following change to the National Guidelines:

16.2 Individual detailed expense reports must be postmarked to the Executive

Secretary for all ASCA Finals events, including the Junior Handling Finals, 6 months after the last day of the Nationals. Reports with receipts postmarked later than 6 months after the last day of the Nationals will not be reimbursed. Reports must include, but is not limited to, a complete accounting of all receipts including judges expenses, ribbons/trophies, equipment, etc. Copies of all receipts must be included for reimbursement. If you are in doubt as to what information is to be included on your reimbursable expense reports, contact the Executive Secretary.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Computer System

Motion by Walter, seconded by McNamara.

I hereby move to allocate the below funds for:

1. upgrading the ASCA fileserver and related hardware and install upgraded versions of software - \$14,000
3. develop a web application to allow member login and update functionality - \$4,000

The timeframe of this project will be set at Q3, 2007. I will manage this project.
2nd by Kristin McNamara, ASCA Treasurer

Comments: details for this expenditure have been forwarded to the Board under separate cover. The intent of this project is for several items, both hardware, software and development. The result of this will include: new fileserver hardware (replace aging hardware); new tape drive; Microsoft SQL 2005 and Reporting Services. The development part of this project will create a web-based application for membership that will allow a login process as well as give members the ability to update their own address information.

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

02:12 2004 NATIONAL SPECIALTY - West Coast Australian Shepherd Club Reimbursement

Motion by Gray, seconded by McNamara.

I move to reimburse \$14,086.97 the West Coast Australian Shepherd Club for out of pocket expenses incurred during the 2004 National Finals Events.

Comments: Attached is the spreadsheet for preliminary and actual budgets for reference. In comparing the actual to the preliminary budgets West Coast was within reasonable limits, in fact there was no change in the Juniors and Obedience Budgets. There was a \$398.61 change to the good in Agility and a \$3551.62 change to the good in the Stockdog Finals. West Coast made ASCA \$2432.76 for the Finals. West Coast has now had out of pocket expenses to the sum of \$14,086.97 for over two years. Sitting on this needed revenue while forcing them to produce two year old receipts is beyond normal limits. West Coast put on the Finals in good faith they would be

reimbursed for their expenses upon an accounting of their expenses and income. They have produced the accounting and we in turn need to pay our bills.

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

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Section 1.

Motion by Bryant.

I move to approve the following from the Agility Committee:

Ally, this motion passed with 7 yes votes and one no vote (from Sue Graham). Please send this to the BoD for discussion and voting. Motion by Art, 2nd by Kristi, to be effective 6/1/07

APPENDIX C

ASCA AGILITY JUDGING PROGRAM

Section 1 - Requirements

~~All individuals on the NADAC Approved Judges List are automatically eligible to officiate at ASCA sanctioned Agility Trials. In addition,~~ Individuals on a former (within the past ten years) NADAC Approved Judges List, as well as approved agility judges from other organizations (USDAA, CPE, AAC, CKC, and AKC, and ~~after May 31, 2006, DOCNA~~) may apply to become ASCA Agility Judges.

To be considered for an ASCA approved Agility Judge, an applicant (~~who is not currently a NADAC Approved Agility Judge~~) must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be a fully approved (not provisional, apprentice or under supervision) judge in another major agility organization at any level (USDAA, AAC, CPE, CKC, and AKC, **NADAC**, and ~~after May 31, 2006, DOCNA~~) and have successfully completed three (3) sanctioned judging assignments in any major agility organization. ~~This requirement does not apply to former NADAC judges who were on the NADAC approved Judges List at any time during the past ten years from the date of such judge's application.~~
2. The applicant must fill out the ASCA Agility Judge's Application and include the required documentation.
3. Applicants (and current ASCA Judges) must pass an open book exam every two years to remain on the ASCA Approved Agility judges list. All questions on the test must be answered correctly. A judge may retake the test until all questions are answered correctly.
4. Applicants must have Internet access and a valid email address.
5. Applicants and judges must be in good standing with ASCA.
6. Periodically applicants may be evaluated on how efficiently and well they can set a course and their overall performance as a judge.
7. Applicants must have titled at least one dog at the highest level in any Agility Organization listed above. (Elite level for ASCA or NADAC, the Excellent level in AKC, etc.)

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

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Trial Premium

Motion by Bryant

I move to accept the following from the Agility Committee.

This motion was approved unanimously. Motion by Sue, 2nd by Andrea. Effective 6/1/07

Section 2.1.2 Trial Premium

First paragraph currently reads:

Clubs may offer a maximum of six (6) ASCA® sanctioned classes per trial per day in any combination they choose. Affiliates must publish an Agility Trial Premium at least six (6) weeks in advance of the proposed trial date. A copy of the premium shall be sent to the ASCA® office (along with the trial sanctioning paperwork) and the judge(s) who is/are to officiate.

Amend it to read:

Section 2.1.2 Trial Premium

Clubs may offer a maximum of six (6) ASCA® sanctioned classes per trial per day in any combination they choose. A copy of the premium shall be sent to the ASCA® office along with the trial sanctioning paperwork. The ASCA® office will acknowledge receipt of sanctioning paperwork and approval of the premium. Premiums cannot be distributed until approved. A copy of the premium is to be sent to the judge(s) who is/are to officiate and should be distributed and/or posted to prospective exhibitors at least five (5) weeks in advance of the proposed trial date.

Amend checklist of items to be included on the premium as follows:

Item 7 Current wording: A description of prizes and awards.

Change to:

Item #7: A description of prizes and awards and a description of how High in Trial awards (if offered) are to be calculated.

Insert new item #15 to read:

The name, phone number and email address of the trial secretary and trial chairperson. Other trial officials may also be listed.

Rational: clubs are distributing premiums that have not been reviewed and contain incorrect information. For those affiliates who submit paperwork at the 45 day deadline, distributing premiums 5 weeks in advance will give the office 10 days for review. Affiliates can submit paperwork earlier and thus obtain earlier approval of their premiums which will allow for earlier distribution.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

99:02 HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE - Sec. 3.

Motion by DeChant.

I move that the ASCA Board approve the following HOF Committee Motion.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

MOTION BY: Dorothy Montano/Second by Sharon Elkins

PLACEMENT: Section Three of the MVA/HOF/VCH Rulebook:

HOFX & SHOF

A kennel must have earned HOF to qualify for HOFX. If a kennel's progeny earn 10 HOF qualifying titles in any individual discipline, that kennel may put HOFX (HALL OF Fame Excellent) and that discipline's first letter. Disciplines are: agility(a), conformation (c), obedience(o), tracking(t), and working(w). Upon a kennel earning HOFXcw (Hall of Fame Excellent conformation and working), that kennel will have earned SHOF (Supreme Hall of Fame).

Section four of the MVA Rulebook:

A certificate similar to our title certificates for our dogs would then be issued for each HOFX-(discipline letter). Upon the kennel earning HOFXcs (Hall of Fame Excellent conformation and working), then a kennel would receive the fancier title framable certificate with calligraphy and be noted as achieving the highest distinction of SHOF (Supreme Hall of Fame).

VOTING FOR: 62.5% Dorothy Montano, Sharon Elkins, Anneke de Jong, Anne Shope and Robin McNeill VOTING AGAINST: 37.5% Cheri Preciado, Gina Larson, Chris Davies Motion passes by majority.

RECOMMENDED IMPLEMENTATION: January 1, 2008

RECOMMENDED BALLOT/MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL: The Committee will leave this decision up to the Board. The Committee felt that with the impact of a HOFX, membership approval would be appreciated prior to implementation.

REASONS FOR APPROVAL: The letters behind the HOFX denote excellence in independent disciplines, thereby rewarding all breeders equally. The requirement and emphasis for structure and working remains in place as a breeder MUST FIRST qualify for HOF prior to earning HOFX. Preserving our breed's heritage is maintained by giving SHOF to only those kennels who accrue 10 working and 10 champions. Retaining the prerequisites as-is for HOF keeps the qualifying HOF titles consistent and less confusing. HOFX would be a simple verification process for the business office in issuing HOFX(letters)and SHOF. /FIRST SAMPLE: HOFXcoa BREEDER/KENNEL represents Hall of Fame Excellent conformation (10 HOF conformation titles), obedience (10 HOF obedience titles), and agility (10 HOF agility titles). SECOND SAMPLE: SHOF HOFXcwa BREEDER/KENNEL represents a) Supreme Hall of Fame, meaning the breeder earned 10 working and 10 conformation HOF titles to pick up the highest Hall of Fame honor and b) the breeder also picked up Hall of Fame

Excellent for agility (10 HOF agility titles)/.

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL: Some feel it is egregious to give a reward for all individual disciplines as they wish to keep the emphasis primarily on working and conformation. Some felt that this HOFX and SHOF were too easy and others felt it too hard, plus unfair to breeders/kennels that are no longer breeding or competing. Feedback also came in that some folks didn't want the HOF prerequisites to remain the same for HOFX; these folks wanted the higher titles (advanced) to count.

Directors voting: Approve: None. Disapprove: Unanimous. Motion is defeated..

97:01 ASCA MEMBERSHIP RATE INCREASE - Service Member

Motion by Gray, seconded by Bryant.

I move to increase the Service membership fee from \$8 to \$10 effective June 1, 2007:

Rationale: For the people who are using our services \$10 is not a big hardship. For the people who are just registering dogs for competition, this is usually a one time fee when they get a tracking number on their dog. ASCA will spend more than \$10 printing certificates and mailing them during the lifetime of the dog.

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

00:20 REGISTRY RULES - Fees.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Bryant.

I move to increase the individual dog registration fees effective June 1, 2007 to the following:

	Full	Service
0 - 1 year	\$15	\$30
1-2 years	\$30	\$60
2+ years	\$50	\$100

Breeder discounts when registering the entire litter will remain a discount of \$3 per puppy for full ASCA members only. Discount does not apply to Service Members.

Note: The current AKC individual registration is \$20 per dog. There hasn't been a fee increase in a long time. This will help keep up with the increases in costs such as postage, printing and labor that is required to process the individual applications.

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

04:06 SHOW RULES CHANGE - Late Fees

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gray.

I move to increase the late fees for submitting show results effective June 1, 2007 as follows:

Change the Show Rules and Regulations, Chapter 13.1 from:

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

To:

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

Change the Obedience rules Chapter 1, section 31 as follows:

From:

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

To:

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

Change the StockDog Rules and Regulations Chapter 5, Section 8 Submission of Trial Records to ASCA from:

'Penalty for non-compliance shall be one (1) dollar per day as well as other penalties as may be imposed by the ASCA Stockdog Committee and ASCA Board of Directors.'

To:

'Penalty for non-compliance shall be ten (10) dollars per day as well as other penalties as may be imposed by the ASCA Stockdog Committee and ASCA Board of Directors.'

Rationale: This fee increase came as a recommendation from the office. The office had a hard time getting the finals lists prepared this past year due to clubs sending in late results. At 1 dollar a day fine, it's not that much of a hardship to be 1 month late with their results (\$30). However, 1 month is a huge impact to the office and the nationals host club awaiting the list of qualified dogs. Clubs need to submit their results in a timely fashion and hopefully by raising the fines, they will be motivated to do so. The agility late fines have been \$10 a day for awhile now. This motion brings the rest of the programs into line with that.

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

00:20 REGISTRY RULES - Litter Fee Increase.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Bryant.

I move to increase the litter application fees effective June 1, 2007 to the following:

	Full	Service
Age 0 - 6 Months	\$21	\$42
Age 6 - 12 Month	\$30	\$60
Age 12 - 24 Months	\$55	\$110
Age 24+ months	\$110	\$220

Note: the current AKC registration fee is \$25 per litter plus \$2 per puppy. There hasn't been a fee increase in a long time. This will help keep up with the increases in costs such as postage, printing and labor that is required to process the litter applications.

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

Approved:

Appointment of Lori Fausett to the Rally Committee

The following ASCA® Breeder Judges have been approved for the next level.

ASCA Non- Regular Judge

Libby Graham, Po Box 1962, Elizabeth, CO 80107 (303) 646-1148

Tammy Seaman, 2221 Gun Club Rd. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105 (505) 877-4771

Laura Diebold, 8239 Tommy Dr., San Diego, CA 92119 (619)741-1449

Kerry Kirtley, 1515 Devore Rd, Devore, CA 92407 (909) 887-1959

ASCA Provisional Judge

Pamela Nelson, 4840 Asbury Rd., Albertville, AL 35951, (256) 558-6027

Judge # 4163

Maarten Walter, 30429 Gowan Rd., Rainer, OR 97048 (505) 556-2829

Judge # 1

Heather Herron, 5884 Wisner Hwy., Adrian, MI 49221 (515) 263-3626

Judge # 4168

ASCA Senior Breeder Judge

Anne Shope, 671 CR A032, Estancia, NM 87016 (505) 384-2547

Judge # 3109

Sandy Rees, 7134 W. Caribbean Ln., Peoria, AZ 85381 (623) 412-2529

Judge # 1891