

Secretary's Report

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

February 1-28, 2009

00:20 REGISTRY RULES: NEW NAME MOTION

Motion by Berryessa, Second by Davenport

I move to make the following changes to the ASCA Registry rules:

Add to Ch 1 Sec 1.4.10

A dog's registered name can be changed one time if the following conditions are met:

1. The dog must not have earned any points in conformation or earned a qualifying or passing scores in any of the other ASCA programs.
2. The dog may not have produced offspring.
3. The breeder must give permission for the name change.
4. The fee as set by the ASCA Board of Directors must be enclosed with the application.

Change the first sentence of Ch 1 Sec 1.4.9 to read:

Once the dog is registered in ASCA, this one name will be retained on all future breedings except as outlined in Ch 1 Sec 10.4.10. Delete the second sentence.

Change the last sentence of Ch 1 sec to read: No further changes of name will be allowed once the dog is accepted in the Stud Book, except as allowed under Ch 1 Sec 1.4.10.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

01:01 DIRECTORS HANDBOOK, SECTION 26

Motion by Dolan, Second by McNamara

I move to replace the current Section 26 of the Director's Handbook which reads:

26 ASCA Election Calendar

MARCH Director Candidate resumes are due in the ASCA Business Office on or before 5:00 PM on the 1st Tuesday in March.

MARCH 10 All Director Candidates' resumes from the ASCA Business Office are due to the Aussie Times Editor for publication in the May/June issue of Aussie Times.

MAY Foreign ballots will be mailed by May 1 or the first business day thereafter. Ballots sent to the US membership will be mailed by May 15 or the first business day thereafter. If a ballot has not been received by June 1, member(s) should contact the ASCA Business Office.

JULY 15 All completed ballots are due in the hands of the receiver (not postmarked) on or before July 15.

JULY 20 On or before this date, all Director Candidates will be notified of election results. Official notice of voting results will be given to the membership at the General Membership Meeting at the ASCA National Specialty.

This Election Calendar will be published in the Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb issues of Aussie Times. It may be published in additional issues if space is available. Candidate material will be available from the ASCA Business Office. Materials will include application for candidacy, instruction sheet, and a current copy of the Director's Manual.

The following explanation will appear on the ballot with regard to the Hardship Clause: "The Hardship Clause was enacted to allow dogs from non-ASCA registered parents, which meet the ASCA requirements, to become ASCA registered. Each year the ASCA membership will vote on leaving the Hardship Clause in effect until closed by a vote of the ASCA membership."

with the following:

26 ASCA[®] Election Calendar

- a. First business day in February – Last day for prospective candidates to request candidate material from the Business Office. Candidate material includes Declaration of Candidacy document (includes signature stating prospective candidate agrees to submit answers to Candidate Inquiry for publication to the membership) and Candidate Inquiry.
- b. Second Friday in February – Postmark deadline to file Declaration of Candidacy document.
- c. March 1 - Deadline to electronically submit candidate's completed Candidate Inquiry to the Business Office for publication in the May/June Aussie Times. Failure to submit completed Inquiry will result in prospective candidate's disqualification for that election year. Changed June 2008
- d. July 15 - All completed ballots are due in the hands of the receiver (not postmarked) on or before July 15.
- e. July 20 - On or before this date, all director candidates to be notified of election results. Official notice of voting results will be given to the membership at the General Membership Meeting at the ASCA National Specialty.
- f. This Election Calendar will be published in the November/December and January/February issues of the AUSSIE TIMES. It may also be published in additional issues if space is available.
- g. For Candidate material, contact the ASCA[®] Business Office.

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Comment: This brings the Director's Handbook in line with the Policy Book.

Voting: Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Davenport, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, and McNamara

Disapprove: Aufox

Motion is approved.

3:05 EDUCATION COMMITTEE: CONFORMATION/OBEDIENCE/JUNIORS ENTRY FORM EXPLANATIONS

Motion by: Michelle Berryessa

I move to approve the following motion from the Education Committee. The forms are attached (PDF and Word version of directions, sample entry form and registration certificate with corresponding numbered sites).

Motion by Debbie, second by Regi.

Motion:

I make a motion that we accept the Conformation and Sample Registration Certificate as presented in these attachments, for publication on the ASCA web site, in the Aussie Times, inclusion in New Member packets and wherever else is deemed appropriate. The purpose of these documents is to provide guidance for correctly filling out entry forms.

Approve: Unanimous

Voting: Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.



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Conformation/Obedience/Junior Entry Form Explanations

NOTE: These are guidelines to follow for other breeds as well. We are simply using the ASCA Registration Certificate as an example.

*****IMPORTANT! Please double-check the information you have provided for accuracy.**

Consult the appropriate ASCA rulebook if you need further explanation regarding classes or point eligibility, available at: www.asca.org

Please be sure to read the event flyer/premium from the host club to check for any additional entry requirements.

Be prepared to show a copy of the dog's ASCA Registration Certificate at the show for all regular classes entered.

- (1) **Host Club:** This is the name of the club hosting the show.
- (2) **Breed:** This is the breed of dog. (If the dog is not an Australian Shepherd and is registered with another registry, use your dog's registration certificate to fill out the information appropriately.)
- (3) **Color:** This is the color of the dog, as listed under "Body Color" on the ASCA Registration Certificate.
- (4) **Registered Name of Dog:** This is the dog's registered name, as printed on the ASCA Registration Certificate.
- (5) **Registration Number:** This is the dog's ASCA registration number, as printed on the ASCA Registration Certificate. If the dog is under 6 months of age and does not yet have an ASCA Registration Certificate, please put "Pending" in this field.
- (6) **Birth Date:** This is the date listed on the ASCA Registration Certificate as "D/B".
- (7) **Sex:** This is the gender of the dog.
- (8) **Date:** The date should be entered in each column for the day that you are entering. If there are two shows/trials in one day, specify which one(s) you are entering by using "AM" and/or "PM" on the form. Use "Other" for any additional show date.
- (9) **Class(es):** Place the name of the class in the row corresponding to the date column you are entering.

*****IMPORTANT: Field 9 must always contain the correct class (i.e. Open Red, 13-17 Novice)**

A checkmark, number or just "Juniors" is NOT sufficient! If you have entered Junior Showmanship, be sure to specify the correct age group and Novice or Open.

- (10) **Total Entry Fees:** This is the total of the entry fees for all classes that the dog specified on the entry form is entered in.
- (11) **Junior's Relationship to all Owners:** This is the junior's relationship to the owner(s) of the dog they are showing. If the dog has multiple owners, the junior's relationship to each of them must be listed.

- (12) **Junior Membership Number:** This is the number by which ASCA recognizes the junior.
NOTE: A Junior Membership Number is only required for juniors desiring to earn points in the ASCA Merit Program.
- (13) **Junior's Name:** This is the name of the junior entered.
- (14) **Birth Date:** This is the date of birth for the junior handler.

*****IMPORTANT: If entering Junior Handling, fields 11-14 must be completed.**

- (15) **Sire:** This is the dog's sire (father), as listed on the ASCA Registration Certificate.
- (16) **Dam:** This is the dog's dam (mother), as listed on the ASCA Registration Certificate.
- (17) **Breeder:** This is the dog's breeder of record, as listed under "Litter Owner(s)" on the ASCA Registration Certificate.
- (18) **Call Name:** This is the name of your dog (mainly for club use with armbands).
- (19) **Owner:** This is the dog's owner of record, as listed on the ASCA Registration Certificate, as well as his/her address, city, state and zip code.
- (20) **ASCA Membership Number:** This is your ASCA membership number for purposes of the ASCA Business Office.
- (21) **E-mail:** This is a valid email address for the use of the host club and/or the ASCA Business Office.
- (22) **Phone:** This is for the use of the host club and/or the ASCA Business Office.
- (23) **Printed Name of Exhibitor:** This is the printed name of the person handling the dog.
- (24) **Date:** This is the date the entry form was filled out.
- (25) **Signature of Owner, Exhibitor or Parent:** This is for the signature of one of the aforementioned people, confirming that they have read the agreement on the back of the entry form.

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Registered Name ABC'S EXAMPLE SAMPLE 4
 Sex MALE 7 ASCA Litter# 00010
 Body Color BLUE MERLE 3 Trim Color WHITE/COPPER
 Eye Color LEFT- BROWN DOMINANT RIGHT- BROWN DOMINANT
 Sire 15 ABC'S SAMPLE NAME E00001
 Dam 16 XYZ'S EXAMPLE E00002
 Litter Owner(s) JOE SAMPLE 17

ASCA Reg. # 987654 5
 D/B 05/05/2005 6
 Tail Length DOCKED

Established 1957
 ASCA CERTIFIES THAT IT
 ACCURATELY MAINTAINS THE
 GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION
 WHICH IS FURNISHED TO IT BY
 BREEDERS. THE LINEAGE OF
 A REGISTERED DOG CAN BE
 DETERMINED WITH
 CERTAINTY BY DNA TESTING
 SPONSORED BY ASCA.
 THIS CERTIFICATE ISSUED
 WITH THE RIGHT TO
 CORRECT OR REVOKE BY
 THE AUSTRALIAN
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 JOHN SAMPLE 19
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October 8, 2008

CERTIFICATE ISSUED

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE



Australian Shepherd Club of America®
Conformation/Obedience Entry

Form

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Entry Number

HOST CLUB (1) Statewide Australian Shepherd Club

Breed (2) Australian Shepherd Color (3) Blue Merle

Registered Name of Dog (4) ABC's Example Sample

Registration No. (5) E987654 Birth Date (6) 05/05/2005 Sex (7) Male

WRITE CLASSES ENTERING FOR EACH DAY			
	Other Show Date	Saturday Show Date	Sunday Show Date
		(08) 01/10/2008 PM	(8) 01/10/2008 AM/PM
Altered Conformation			
Intact Conformation		(9) Open Blue	(9) Open Blue
Non-Reg Conformation			
Junior Handling		(9) 8-12 Novice	(9) 8-12 Novice
Additional Class			
Obedience		(9) Novice B	(9) Novice B
Additional Class			
Open/Utility Obedience Jumps Heights		TOTAL ENTRY FEES	\$ (10) 93.00

Other dog entered in Brace
Junior's Relationship to all Owners (11) Daughter Jr. Membership # (12) 432100

Junior's Name (13) Johnna Sample Birth Date (14) 03/01/1999
If the Conformation/Obedience entry is being handled by a junior, please provide the necessary info. above.

Sire (15) ABC's Sample Name

Dam (16) XYZ's Example

Breeder (17) Joe Sample Call Name (18) Sam

Owner (19) John Sample ASCA Membership No. (20) 123456

Address (19) 123 Shepherd Road E-mail (21) aussies@abc.com

City/State/Zip (19) Sample, NY 01234 Phone (22) 321-555-1234

(23) Johnna Sample Date (24) 01/08/2008

Printed Name of Exhibitor
EXHIBITOR, OWNER or PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (if Jr. is under 18)
MUST READ and SIGN REVERSE SIDE of this FORM

AGREEMENT

THE PERSON THAT SIGNS THIS AGREEMENT REPRESENTS THAT SHE/HE IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF BOTH EXHIBITOR AND THE OWNER OF THE ENTERED DOG. IN CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THIS ENTRY:

1. EXHIBITOR AND OWNER, WHETHER OR NOT MEMBERS OF ASCA®, WILL ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®, AND ANY OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS APPEARING IN THE PREMIUM LIST FOR THIS EVENT.
2. EXHIBITORS AND OWNERS CERTIFY THAT THE ENTERED DOG IS NOT A HAZARD TO PERSONS, DOGS OR PROPERTY.
3. EXHIBITOR AND OWNER ACKNOWLEDGE ALL HAZARDS PRESENTED BY THE EVENT AND THE EVENT PREMISES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CONDITION OF THE FLOORS, STAIRWAYS, HALLS, LIGHTING, SECURITY MEASURES OR LACK THEREOF, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, SHOW RINGS, PARKING AREAS AND THE PRESENCE OF UNFAMILIAR ANIMALS AND PEOPLE; EXHIBITOR AND OWNER ASSUME THE RISK OF ANY HARM ARISING FROM THESE.
4. EXHIBITOR AND OWNER RELEASE ASCA® AND WILL DEFEND ASCA® AND HOLD IT HARMLESS FROM ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE LOSS, INJURY, DAMAGE, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND LIABILITIES INVOLVING THE ENTERED DOG, THE EVENT OR EVENT PREMISES. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD THE ENTERED DOG INJURE STOCK, THE OWNER WILL PAY FOR VETERINARIAN SERVICES; IF THE INJURY IS SEVERE, OWNER WILL PAY THE MARKET VALUE OF THE STOCK.

(25) John Sample's Signature

SIGNATURE OF OWNER, EXHIBITOR OR PARENT/
LEGAL GUARDIAN (if a junior is under 18 years of age)

AS USED HERE, "ASCA"® MEANS THE OWNER AND THE OPERATOR OF THE EVENT PREMISES, THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®, ITS AFFILIATE CLUBS AND EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, SHOW CHAIRMEN, SHOW COMMITTEES AND AGENTS.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE: APPROVAL FOR JOYCE ROESSNER and PENNY WINEGARTNER AS AGILITY JUDGES

Motion by Dolan Second by McNamara

I move to approve Joyce Roessner and Penny Winegartner as an ASCA Agility Judges.

Comment: The Agility Committee recommended both individuals with 8 yes vote and 3 non-voting. These candidates are eligible for approval under the old system and are presented for approval during this voting cycle because of a series of computer issues that caused the motions to miss the submission deadline for the preceding voting cycle.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

08:03 HEALTH & GENETICS COMMITTEE: RAY SCHAFFER

Motion by: McNamara

I move to appoint Ray Schafer to the Health & Genetics committee.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

94:01 SDC: SPANISH WATER DOG AS APPROVED "OTHER BREED"

Motion by: Davenport

Davenport moves the following motion from the SDC:

Motion by Mahoney, 2nd by Caldwell

January 14, 2009

To accept the Spanish Water Dog as an approved "other breed" for purposes of competition in ASCA[®] Stockdog Trials.

Approve: Baker, Caldwell, de Jong, Holmes, Kelly, Mahoney, May, Pechka-King, Schvaneveldt, Shope

Abstain: Hardin

Non-voting: Kissman

The motion passes.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

96:17 JR SHOWMANSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYN ELLIOTT

Motion by: Berryessa

I move we reappoint Bryn Elliott to the ASCA[®] Junior Committee.

Voting:

Approved: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

96:17 JR SHOWMANSHIP COMMITTEE: ANDREW MARTIN

Motion by: Berryessa

I move Andrew Martin be reappointed to the ASCA[®] Junior Committee.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

96:17 JR SHOWMANSHIP COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE SHOPE-MCDANIEL

Motion by: Berryessa

I move we accept Stephanie Shope-McDaniel for membership on the ASCA[®] Juniors Committee.

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved.

98:05 REVISED CONFORMATION JUDGES TEST, #1

Motion by: Gann

Motion by Debbie Martin, 2nd by Liz Gibson: To revise the judge's written test as submitted. (Test in its entirety is attached to this email)

Voting as follows:
In Favor: Peter Kontos, Gail Karamalegos, Glenda Stephenson, Regi Gravettes, Cynthia Clark, Heather Herron, Liz Gibson, Debbie Martin, Denise Creelman, Mary Hellmeister, Luc Goossens, and David Clayton.

Opposed: Nancy Pelletier

Motion passes.

Voting:
Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman
Disapprove: Berryessa
Disapproval comments: The question on JH Finals is still not correct until the 2010 year competition.

Motion is approved.

98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE: REVISION TO JUDGES WRITTEN TEST #2

Motion by: Gann

Motion by Liz, to add the skeletal drawing (by Gail Karamalegos) to the revised judge's test. 2nd by Heather.

Attached you will find the skeletal drawing (anatomy) test.

Voting as follows:
In favor: Nancy Pelletier, Peter Kontos, Gail Karamalegos, Glenda Stephenson, Regi Gravettes, Cynthia Clark, Heather Herron, Liz Gibson, Debbie Martin, Denise Creelman, Mary Hellmeister, Luc Goossens, and David Clayton.

Opposed: None

Note: The reason that this was sent in two motions is because it was worked on in two separate projects. The test, was revised and rewritten by the committee members. The original anatomy drawing was still utilized. This was one motion (project) worked on by the committee. It was then suggested by members of the committee that a skeletal drawing would be a valuable addition to the test. This was worked on separately by the committee.

Voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion is approved.

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE RESUME - Janice Weis

Motion by: McNamara

I move to accept Janice Weis to the OB committee.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE CHAPTER 5, SECTION 14 DIRECTED JUMPING-SCORING

Motion by: McNamara

I move the following:

We respectfully submit the following motion to become effective 6/2009.

Motion by Burlingame, second by Case.

Motion to become effective 6/2009.

Voting: Yes – unanimous

Chapter 5, section 14 Directed Jumping – scoring

Delete 1st paragraph and replace with:

"A dog must receive a score of zero (0) for the following: anticipating the handler's command and/or signal to go out, not leaving the handler, not going out between the jumps, not stopping on command and remaining at least ten (10) feet beyond the jumps, receiving an additional command to stop or sit, anticipating the handler's command and/or signal to Jump, not jumping as directed, knocking the bar off the uprights, and climbing or using the top of the High Jump for aid in going over."

Also, please delete the 3rd paragraph which should not have been placed in the rulebook in that place.

REASON: To correct duplicate subject matter left from a previously passed motion.

Voting ::

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE: JUDGES SHOWING IN "A" CLASSES

Motion by: McNamara

I move the following from the OB committee:

We respectfully submit the following motion to become effective 6/2009.

Motion by Burlingame, Second by Alexander.

Voting: Yes – Unanimous

Please make changes to the following chapters:

CHAPTER 4 - OPEN Section 1, Paragraph 3.

Please remove last sentence which reads: "ASCA Obedience judges may not enter or handle dogs in this class."

CHAPTER 5 - UTILITY Section 1, Paragraph 3. Please remove last sentence which reads: "ASCA Obedience judges may not enter or handle dogs in this class."

Also, please change the header of CHAPTER 5 - UTILITY Section 1 to read: "Utility A class"

ALSO: CHAPTER 5 - UTILITY, Section 2: Division of Utility Class.

Please change the header of SECTION 2 to: "Utility B class"

REASON: The committee feels that due to the addition of the mixed exercises in Open B and Utility B that our judges should be allowed to enter their 'green' new dogs in the "A" classes. Given the fact that a large number of our ASCA judges do not have a lot of experience in the ring, we feel these judges should have the option to enter their dogs in the "A" classes to allow the green dog to get some experience before being expected to perform the mixed exercises.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE: POINTS EARNED VS POINTS LOST, Ch 2, Sec 10

Motion by: McNamara

I move the following from the OB committee:

We respectfully submit the following motion to become effective 6/2009.

Motion by Burlingame, Second by Uran

Voting: Yes – Unanimous

Chapter 2, section 10.

Delete 1st paragraph and replace with:

The judge or his/her designated steward must enter the number of points deducted from each exercise in the official judge's book immediately after each dog has been judged on the individual exercises. An "NQ" should be recorded in the proper box and in the Total Score column for any dog who fails to qualify in that exercise. This is to be completed before the next dog is judged. Scores for the Group Exercises and qualifying total scores will be entered in the official judge's book immediately after each group of dogs has been judged. No score may be changed except to correct a mathematical error or if a score is entered in the wrong column. \All final scores, after review and approval by the judge, must be entered in the judge's book before prizes are awarded. No person other than the judge may make any entry in the judge's book except the judge's designated steward who may enter scores only. Judges may use separate score sheets for their own purposes, but shall not give out nor allow exhibitors to see such sheets, nor give out any other written scores, nor permit anyone else to distribute score sheets of cards prepared by the judge. Copies of the sheets from the official judge's book shall be made available through the Show or Trial Secretary for examination by the owners and handlers immediately after the prizes have been awarded in each class.

Remainder of Section to remain unchanged.

REASON: In an effort to have all entries in the judges books be uniform, we have clarified the accepted and preferred way of entering scores. This will standardize the judges books and it is our hope it will make the job of the BO easier.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE: OTCH PROOF FOR TITLE

Motion by McNamara

I move the following from the OB committee:

We respectfully request that the following changes to be made to Chapter 7 - OTCH to become effective 6/2009

Motion by Burlingame, second by Case.

Voting: Yes – unanimous

Motion to remove handler's requirement to submit proof of scores received to earn an OTCH.

Chapter 7, Paragraph 4. Delete current paragraph and replace with:

"OTCH certificates will be issued without numbers that define rank or placement. Any dog that has met the qualification requirements for the OTCH will receive a certificate for the title and will be allowed to use the prefix "OTCH" before the name of qualified dog. The Business Office will track the score accrual for each eligible dog. Handlers are encouraged to keep their own records as well but will not be required to submit those records unless verification is required."

Delete Paragraph 5 which includes the list of approved documents that are no longer required.

REASON: Per the BO, the need for handlers to submit proof of scores is no longer necessary. The new software that the BO uses keeps track of the scores and the OTCH titles are issued automatically.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE UDX & OTCH TITLES ONLY FROM "B" CLASSES, CH 6 & 7

Motion by: McNamara

I move the following from the OB committee

We respectfully submit this motion below to become effective 6/2009.

Motion by Uran, second by Burlingame

Voting: Yes – Unanimous

CHAPTER 6: UDX TITLE

Change the first sentence to read:

ASCA[®] will issue a Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) certificate for each registered dog and permit the use of the letters "UDX" after the name of each dog that is certified as receiving at least ten (10) qualifying scores in both Open B and Utility B at the same ASCA[®] sanctioned obedience trial.

The second sentence remains the same.

CHAPTER 7: OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAMPION – OTCH

First paragraph remains the same.

The first and second sentence in paragraph 2 remains the same.

Change the third sentence of paragraph number 2 to read:

The dog must have one (1) score of 193 or higher from Open B, one (1) score of 193 or higher from Utility B, and (1) score of 195 or higher from either Open B or Utility B.

Change paragraph number three to read:

Only scores from Open B and Utility B will qualify a dog for the OTCH title.

Reason: Utility points and qualifications for UDX and OTCH titles must now come from the Utility B class.

Since the Utility B class has recently been added, current wording of the rules does not address this rule change. Clarification is needed so that competitors may enter the proper classes.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING MOTION 1-09: CHANGES TO SECTION 1.11 a/b & 1.23

Motion by: Berryessa

I move we accept the Tracking committee's motion below.

Motion 1-09

This is motion 1-09. It has passed the committee by unanimous vote. This is a housekeeping motion moving show/conf. rules to the Tracking regs.

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Renea Dahms, to change Section 1.11 of the Tracking regs to read as follows; and add a Section 1.23 to the Tracking regs.

Section 1.11. On the Grounds of the Tracking Test

Section 1.11.a. Training on the Grounds.

There shall be no practice tracks on the grounds or premises at any Sanctioned Tracking Test site.(1-09),

SECTION 1.11.a. Abuse of Dogs:

The show committee shall investigate any reports of abuse of dogs or severe disciplining of dogs on the grounds or premises of a show. Physical or verbal discipline of dogs shall not be permitted except to a reasonable extent in the case of an attack on a person or another dog. . Any person who conducts himself in such manner shall be dealt with promptly in accordance with the ASCA[®] Dispute Rules and ASCA[®] Discipline Guidelines.

Any person who conducts himself in such manner shall be dealt with promptly in accordance with the ASCA[®] Dispute Rules and ASCA[®] Discipline Guidelines.

The Tracking Test Committee shall be responsible for compliance with this section and shall investigate any reports of infractions.

SECTION 1.11.b. Exhibitor Conduct:

ASCA[®] has the right to reprimand or suspend any person or persons from any or all privileges of ASCA[®] for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Australian Shepherd, ASCA events or ASCA[®]. Exhibitors are to maintain the highest level of sportsmanship and are to conduct themselves accordingly. Foul or abusive language, yelling at exhibitors or judges, disorderly conduct, and/or poor sportsmanship will not be allowed and shall be disciplined in accordance with the ASCA[®] Dispute Rules and ASCA[®] Discipline Guidelines.

Section: 1.23. PROTESTS AGAINST DOGS

Every exhibitor shall have the right to request through the Tracking Test Committee, the examination of any dog within a show's premises, which is considered to endanger the health of other dogs in a show.

A protest against a dog, for reasons other than health, may be made by any exhibitor, or any member of ASCA[®]. It shall be in writing, and be lodged with the show secretary within seven (7) days of the last date of the show unless the protest is made by ASCA[®]. A protest calling for a decision as to the physical condition of a dog which can be determined only with the advice of a veterinarian or at the time of showing shall be made before the closing of the show. No protest will be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of ten dollars (\$10.00), which will be refunded if the protest is sustained. This does not apply to protests by ASCA[®], or to a protest made in the ring previous to the rendering of a decision by the judge.

If a protest shall be made during the holding of a show, the Tracking Test Committee shall hold a meeting as soon as possible and give all parties concerned an opportunity to be heard and shall at once render its decision. If a protest shall be made subsequent to the show it shall be decided by the show giving club within thirty (30) days of its receipt. Ten (10) days notice of the date and place of hearing shall be sent to all parties concerned by certified mail. Written copies of all decisions on protests shall be forwarded immediately to the ASCA[®] Business Office.

An appeal to the ASCA[®] Executive Secretary from a decision of a Show Committee where a dog has been protested may be taken and shall be forwarded to ASCA[®] within seven (7) days of the date on which the decision was rendered together with a deposit of ten dollars (\$10.00). If the decision is sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited, but if reversed, the deposit shall be returned.

These are the current Tracking rules:

Section 1.11. Training on the Grounds

There shall be no practice tracks or intensive or abusive training of dogs on the grounds or premises at any Sanctioned Tracking Test site.(1-09) Physical or verbal discipline of dogs shall not be permitted except to a reasonable extent in the case of an attack on a person or another dog. The Tracking Test Committee shall be responsible for compliance with this section and shall investigate any reports of infractions

Voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Davenport, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara

Disapprove: Aufox, Westerman

Comments from Westerman: I disapproved due to the section 1.11.a training on the grounds. There should be a time limit on this prior to the show as this could possibly limit folks from holding tracking events on grounds that they live on and practice.

Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE: MOTION 2-09: CHANGES TO CHAPTER 1

Motion by: Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking motion:

This is motion 2-09. It deletes a line in Chapter 1 in the Tracking regs that is no longer in the Show/Conf. regs. This motion has passed the committee.

Voting in favor of this motion are: Anne Hershey, Craig Bohren, Susan Schroeder, Jan Wesen, Margaret Abrahamson, Linda Gray, Celeste Kelly, Betty Mueller, Carol McQuade, Meghan Rosenstengel, Angela Rector and Renea Dahms.

Opposed: None

Abstaining : Maria Kremers

Not voting: Becky Parker

I, Celeste Kelly, and seconded by Renea Dahms, move to change our rules to read:

Only ASCA[®] Affiliate Clubs, in good standing, may sanction and conduct ASCA[®] events. Only one type of event may be held in each state or area (in those states divided into areas). A "type of event" is defined as Conformation or Obedience or Stock dog Trial or Tracking or Agility. An ASCA[®] Affiliate club may host more than one Conformation event per day, per state or area (for those states or regions divided by areas). California is divided into three (3) areas: from the Mexican border north to the city of Ventura, from Ventura north to San Jose, from San Jose north to Oregon. Nevada is divided into two (2) areas: From the southernmost border, North to Highway 6, North to the Oregon and Idaho borders.

These are the Tracking rules now.

Only ASCA[®] Affiliate Clubs, in good standing, may sanction and conduct ASCA[®] events. Only one type of event may be held in each state or area (in those states divided into areas). A "type of event" is defined as Conformation or Obedience or Stock dog Trial or Tracking or Agility. Same "type" of events would not be allowed to occur, such as more than one Conformation event per day per area.

a. California is divided into three (3) areas: from the Mexican border north to the city of Ventura, from Ventura north to San Jose, from San Jose north to Oregon. Nevada is divided into two (2) areas: From the southernmost border, North to Highway 6, North to the Oregon and Idaho borders.

b. Alaska Affiliates may have more than one type of event per day from October 1 through March 30.

Voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Davenport, Dolan, , Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman

Disapprove: Aufox

Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE: MOTION 3-09: CHANGES TO SECTION 1.6

Motion by: Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking motion:

This is Motion 3-09. This is a housekeeping motion moving Show/conformation regs to the Tracking regs. This motion has passed the committee.

Voting in favor of this motion:

Voting in favor of this motion are: Anne Hershey, Craig Bohren, Susan Schroeder, Jan Wesen, Margaret Abrahamson, Linda Gray, Celeste Kelly, Betty Mueller, Carol McQuade, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Angela Rector and Renea Dahms.

Opposed: None

Not voting: Becky Parker

I, Celeste Kelly, and seconded by Renea Dahms , move that we change the following section 1.6 to read. Sections not ported in this motion already exist in the Tracking rules in other sections, i.e. collars and training on the grounds.

Section 1.6. Definition of Terms.

1. Immediate Family:

Immediate Family means husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law.

2. Registered Dogs:

As used in these regulations, the term "dog" refers to either sex. All Australian Shepherds must have a registration number or an LEP number in order to compete in ASCA[®] sanctioned Tracking Trial. All dogs not so registered must have an ASCA[®] tracking number issued by ASCA[®] in order to compete in any ASCA[®] tracking trial.

3. Unregistered Dogs:

All dogs six months or older must have an LEP number, or an ASCA[®] tracking number in order to compete in an ASCA[®] sanctioned tracking trial. At the discretion of the club, and it must be posted in the test Premium, a dog will be allowed to compete in a trial if the handler applies for an ASCA[®] tracking number concurrently with the submission of their entry. The handler will be issued a receipt by the Secretary of the test valid for (60) days to allow the business office time to issue the tracking number.

4. The words "Australian Shepherd Club of America" may appear in these rules in an abbreviated form as "ASCA®".
5. The word "Club" is defined as an ASCA® Affiliate in good standing.
6. The words "United States of America" wherever used in these Rules and Regulations shall be constructed to include all territories and possessions of the United States of America and all vessels sailing under the American Flag.
7. The word "dog" wherever used in these Rules and Regulations includes both sexes.
8. All entries must be made on the official ASCA® entry form.
9. A "Specialty" Show is a show sanctioned by an ASCA® Affiliate Club at which Championship points will be given and which includes an obedience and/or working trial.
10. A "Member" Show is a show at which Championship points may be awarded. Application for sanctioning of this type of show must be submitted by an ASCA® Affiliate Club in good standing.
11. Immediate household to mean those residing within the residence.

This is what is in the Show rules now:

CHAPTER 1: GENERAL EXPLANATIONS

SECTION 1.1 The word "dog" wherever used in these Rules and Regulations includes both sexes.

SECTION 1.2 The words "United States of America" wherever used in these Rules and Regulations shall be constructed to include all territories and possessions of the United States of America and all vessels sailing under the American Flag.

SECTION 1.3 The words "Australian Shepherd Club of America" may appear in these rules in an abbreviated form as "ASCA®".

SECTION 1.4 THE MEMBERS OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY ARE; Husband, Wife, Father, Mother, Son, Daughter, Brother, or Sister, Father in-law, Mother in-law, Son in-law, Daughter in-law, Brother in-law, or Sister in-law.

SECTION 1.5 Immediate household to mean those residing within the residence.

SECTION 1.6 The word "Club" is defined as an ASCA® Affiliate in good standing.

SECTION 1.7 All entries must be made on the official ASCA® entry form.

SECTION 1.8 Collars; Special training collars shall not be used on the grounds or premises. These requirements shall not be interpreted as preventing a handler from moving normally about on the grounds or premises with a dog on leash.

SECTION 1.9 Training on the grounds or premises: There shall be no intensive or abusive training of dogs on the grounds or premises.

This is what is in the Tracking rules now:

Section 1.6. Definition of Terms.

1. Immediate Family:

Immediate Family means husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or person residing in the same household.

2. Registered Dogs:

As used in these regulations, the term "dog" refers to either sex. All Australian Shepherds must have a registration number or an LEP number in order to compete in ASCA[®] sanctioned Tracking Trial. All dogs not so registered must have an ASCA[®] tracking number issued by ASCA[®] in order to compete in any ASCA[®] tracking trial.

3. Unregistered Dogs:

All dogs six months or older must have an LEP number, or an ASCA[®] tracking number in order to compete in an ASCA[®] sanctioned tracking trial. At the discretion of the club, and it must be posted in the test Premium, a dog will be allowed to compete in a trial if the handler applies for an ASCA[®] tracking number concurrently with the submission of their entry. The handler will be issued a receipt by the Secretary of the test valid for (60) days to allow the business office time to issue the tracking number.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE: MOTION 4-09: CHANGES TO SECTION 1.3

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking motion:

This is Motion 4-09. This is a housekeeping motion moving a show reg to the Tracking regs with a request from the office to add the word "full". This motion has passed the committee.

Voting in favor of this motion are: Voting in favor of this motion are: Anne Hershey, Craig Bohren, Susan Schroeder, Jan Wesen, Margaret Abrahamson, Linda Gray, Celeste Kelly, Betty Mueller, Carol McQuade, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Angela Rector and Renea Dahms.

Opposed: None

Not voting: Becky Parker

I, Celeste Kelly, and seconded by Renea Dahms, move that we change Section 1.3 to read:

Note: This line exists in the Show regs, and the office has requested that we add the word, "full" to the description. Can someone second this motion?

Section 1.3. Tracking Test Chairperson and Tracking Test Committee.

An Affiliate Club holding a sanctioned Tracking Test must appoint : a Tracking Test Chairperson, a Tracking Test Secretary, who shall be a full ASCA[®] member in good standing, (who may also act as Chairperson) , and a Tracking Test Committee

This is how it reads now.

Section 1.3. Tracking Test Chairperson and Tracking Test Committee.

An Affiliate Club holding a sanctioned Tracking Test must appoint a Tracking Test Chairperson, a Tracking Test Secretary (who may also act as Chairperson) and a Tracking Test Committee.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING MOTION: MOTION 5-09: CHANGES TO SECTION 1.1a-d

Motion by: Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking motion:

This is Motion 5-09. It moves show rules to Tracking rules.(Note: the section on Alaska is dealt with in another motion; and it adds a section from the Show regs on Judge's Books to this Section. This motion has passed the committee.

Voting in favor of this motion are: Anne Hershey, Craig Bohren, Susan Schroeder, Jan Wesen, Margaret Abrahamson, Linda Gray, Celeste Kelly, Betty Mueller, Carol McQuade, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Angela Rector and Renea Dahms.

Opposed: None

Not voting: Becky Parker

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Margaret Abrahamson, that we add the following show/conformation rules highlighted in yellow to the Tracking regs. This is per Board request.

Section 1. Clubs.

1.1a. Licensing

Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA® has an agreement.

The registry with which ASCA® has an agreement is the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC)

The Host Affiliate of an ASCA® National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA® has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

The ASCA® Business office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA® Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events.

Only ASCA® Affiliate Clubs, in good standing, may sanction and conduct ASCA® events. Only one type of event may be held in each state or area (in those states divided into areas). A "type of event" is defined as

Conformation or Obedience or Stock dog Trial or Tracking or Agility. Same "type" of events would not be allowed to occur, such as more than one Conformation event per day per area.

a. California is divided into three (3) areas: from the Mexican border north to the city of Ventura, from Ventura north to San Jose, from San Jose north to Oregon. Nevada is divided into two (2) areas: From the southernmost border, North to Highway 6, North to the Oregon and Idaho borders.

b. Alaska Affiliates may have more than one type of event per day from October 1 through March 30.

Official ASCA[®] programs that require sanctioning and award points or qualifying scores that lead to an ASCA[®] title shall not be conducted by any individual(s), non ASCA[®] Affiliated corporation(s) or business(es).

Affiliate Club(s) in good standing with ASCA[®] will have the exclusive right to schedule, sanction and conduct Official ASCA[®] programs.

No individual(s), non-ASCA[®] Affiliated corporation(s) or business(es) shall realize any monetary profit, or any other benefit as a result of any connection with an ASCA[®] sanctioned event. Normal event sponsorship or advertisement by any individual(s), corporation(s) or business(es) shall not be considered to be in conflict with this rule. Individuals, corporations or businesses that enter into agreements with Affiliate Clubs to supply materials, services, facility rentals, livestock rentals or any other need required for the conduct of sanctioned events shall not be considered to be in conflict with this rule.

The use of a Club's name for event purposes cannot be transferred.

Each Host Club, which holds a sanctioned event at least once in every 2 consecutive years, shall have first right to claim the corresponding dates or holiday weekend for its event to be held in the next succeeding two years. If the Club having first right to the dates, does not host a sanctioned event on that date in the following year, another Club may use the pre-existing date for an event. The original Club shall still have first right to the date on the second year following their original event. If they do not host a sanctioned event on that date in the second year, they lose the first right to the date. The ASCA[®] Business Office will hold paperwork from any other Club wishing to use a pre-existing date until the ASCA[®] Business Office has been notified that the Host Club with the pre-existing date will not use the event date that year. If paperwork has to be held pending receipt of the notification from the Host Club with the preexisting date, the ASCA[®] Business Office will notify the second Club within 14 days upon receipt of the Sanctioning Request Form. To facilitate timely receipt of materials, Clubs wishing to use a pre-existing date should contact the Host Club and request notification be sent in writing to the ASCA[®] Business Office stating the pre-existing date will not be used that year. If the Host Club with the pre-existing date does not use that date on the second year following their original event, first claim to that date will pass to a second Host Club, if there is one. If a date has not been previously claimed, the Host Club whose sanctioning is postmarked first shall be awarded the date.

When determining when a club that has a grand-fathered weekend, the Business Office will make the determination based on the date that the Saturday of the weekend falls on to determine which month that show weekend falls on.

ASCA[®] Affiliate Clubs shall not request sanctioning for any event to be held outside of their state/area in a state/area that is already served by at least one Affiliate Club. If a state/area is not served by an Affiliate Club then an Affiliate Club from another state/area may sanction events there on a first come basis.

If an Affiliate Club wishes to sanction an event at a site that is outside of their state/area they must first secure written permission from all the Affiliate Clubs in that state/area. This written permission shall be submitted to the Business Office with the Sanction request before sanctioning can be granted.

If an Affiliate Club organizes in a state/area that formerly did not have an Affiliate Club, then the new Club shall have primary sanctioning authority. Out of state/area Affiliate Clubs must then follow the procedure as outlined in the previous two paragraphs.

Affiliate Clubs who sanction pre-national events to be held in the state/area of the National Specialty event are exempted from the provisions of this section.

Section 1.1b. Making Application to hold a Tracking Test, Sanctioning Rules, and Approval of Judges List

All ASCA[®] Tracking Tests must be sanctioned by ASCA[®].

Any ASCA[®] Affiliated Club requesting ASCA[®] sanctioning for any event(s) shall, when making application for said event(s), include any applicable county, state, country or any other bylaws, rules of conduct or associated restrictions regarding dogs, their exhibition and the holding of said event(s) and shall include a list of such rules, bylaws or restrictions in the premium list. Such rules, restrictions, by-laws, etc., shall be printed in English and the language of the country where said event(s) will be held, listing all pertinent information.

ASCA[®] Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA[®] and wish to hold a Tracking Test at which tracking titles may be awarded, must make application to ASCA[®] on the form provided for permission to hold such test(s). These applications must be submitted and postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the event. A sanction fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per test shall be submitted with the application.

The Sanctioning form shall list date, location, Show Secretary/Chairman's name, address and phone number, all classes offered, judges names and addresses and assignments,

A sanctioning fee will be submitted to the ASCA[®] Business Office with the official request for sanctioning form, which will be supplied on request from the ASCA[®] Business Office. The club shall pay a fee, the amount to be fixed and determined by the ASCA[®] Board of Directors, for the privilege of holding such show under ASCA[®] Rules. The ASCA[®] Business Office will consider the same and notify the club(s) of its approval or disapproval of the dates and place selected. If the ASCA Business Office disapproves the application the fee will be returned to said club(s).

All entries shall close prior to the judging of the first Track.

All Affiliate clubs must send a show flyer to the ASCA[®] Business Office along with the sanctioning forms.

In the event it becomes necessary to change the physical location where a show is to be held, after the Sanctioning form has been received by the ASCA[®] Business Office, the show committee or the show coordinator shall obtain approval of the new show location from the ASCA[®] Business Office.

a. If the location change is made prior to twenty (20) days before the date(s) of the show, notice of the change must be sent to all prospective exhibitors.

b. The club will be responsible for having a notice posted in a prominent place at the original location informing exhibitors of the change in location. The notice must state specific directions to the new location. The Show Coordinator must be an ASCA[®] member in good standing and appointed by the Affiliate Club hosting a show. The Show Coordinator will be responsible for filing show/trial request forms for show sanctioning along with appropriate fees in a timely manner.

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Section 1.1c. Late Sanctioning Fees:

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. Clubs submitting delinquent sanctioning request 3 times will lose all late sanctioning privileges for a period of 2 years. It is recommended Clubs retain proof of mailing for all sanctioning requests.

The ASCA[®] Business Office will not accept responsibility for sanctioning requests lost in the mail. All sanctioning requests sent after the 45-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 pre-existing dates postmarks their sanctioning request form past the 45-day deadline and it is not received 30 days prior to the event, they will lose first right to this date for that year.

Tracking test(s) need not be limited to Australian Shepherds only, with the exception of a SPECIALTY, then, it shall be for ASCA[®] registered Australian Shepherds ONLY. Other breeds entered in tracking test(s) sanctioned by ASCA[®] Affiliate Clubs must abide by ASCA[®] Rules and Regulations.

Section 1.1d. Judge's Books

ASCA[®] Judge's Books will include a complete report stating total number of dogs and bitches, names of Passing dogs. This report must be signed by the Judge.

Official ASCA[®] programs that require sanctioning and award points or qualifying scores that lead to an ASCA[®] title shall not be conducted by any individual(s), non ASCA[®] Affiliated corporation(s) or business(es).

Affiliate Club(s) in good standing with ASCA[®] will have the exclusive right to schedule, sanction and conduct Official ASCA[®] programs.

This is how the Tracking regs read now:

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No individual(s), non-ASCA[®] Affiliated corporation(s) or business(es) shall realize any monetary profit, or any other benefit as a result of any connection with an ASCA[®] sanctioned event. Normal event sponsorship or advertisement by any individual(s), corporation(s) or business(es) shall not be considered to be in conflict with this rule. Individuals, corporations or businesses that enter into agreements with Affiliate Clubs to supply materials, services, facility rentals, livestock rentals or any other need required for the conduct of sanctioned events shall not be considered to be in conflict with this rule.

The use of a Club's name for event purposes cannot be transferred.

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ASCA[®] Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA[®] and wish to hold a Tracking Test at which tracking titles may be awarded, must make application to ASCA[®] on the form provided for permission to hold such test(s). These applications must be submitted and postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the event. A sanction fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per test shall be submitted with the application.

Late Sanctioning Fees:

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The ASCA[®] Business Office will not accept responsibility for sanctioning requests lost in the mail. All sanctioning requests sent after the 45-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 pre-existing dates postmarks their sanctioning request form past the 45-day deadline and it is not received 30 days prior to the event, they will lose first right to this date for that year.

Tracking test(s) need not be limited to Australian Shepherds only, with the exception of a SPECIALTY, then, it shall be for ASCA[®] registered Australian Shepherds ONLY. Other breeds entered in tracking test(s) sanctioned by ASCA[®] Affiliate Clubs must abide by ASCA[®] Rules and Regulations.

Voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Davenport, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman

Disapprove: Aufox

Motion is approved

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE: MOTION 6-09: CHANGES TO SECTION 1.7, 1.8a&b

Motion by: Michelle Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking motion:

This is Housekeeping motion 6-09 per request of the Board to move the pertinent Show rules to the Tracking Rules so they can stand alone. This motion has passed the committee.

Voting in favor of this motion are: Anne Hershey, Craig Bohren, Susan Schroeder, Jan Wesen, Margaret Abrahamson, Linda Gray, Celeste Kelly, Betty Mueller, Carol McQuade, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Angela Rector and Renea Dahms.

Opposed: None

Not voting: Becky Parker

I, Celeste Kelly and seconded by Maria Kremers, move that we change the following Tracking Rules and regs, by adding the Conformation Show rules marked in yellow to the Tracking rules and regs, to read:

Section 1.7. Dogs That May Not Compete.

No dog belonging wholly or in part to an officiating judge or to any number of such a person's immediate family or household, shall be entered in any ASCA[®] Tracking Test (1- 09), nor may any of these officials handle or act as agent for any dog entered at any ASCA[®] Tracking Test (1-09) at which such person officiates or is scheduled to officiate. The official veterinarian shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler at the Tracking Test and dogs owned wholly or in part shall not be eligible to be entered at that Tracking Test.

No Judge or any person residing in the same household with a Judge shall exhibit or act as agent or handler for any dog at any ASCA[®] Tracking Test (1-09) at which he or she (1- 09) is officiating as Judge and dogs owned wholly or in part by such Judge and any member of his household shall be ineligible to be entered at such event. Subject to the foregoing, members of a Judge's immediate family who no longer reside in the same household may enter or handle a dog at a test if the Judge is not officiating over any competition for which the dog is entered or may become eligible.

No dog shall be entered or shown under a Judge at any Tracking Test (1-09) if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, handled in the ring, boarded or has been regularly trained or instructed, within one (1) year prior to the date of the test, by the Judge or by any member of his immediate family or household, and no such dog shall be eligible to compete. "Trained or instructed" applies equally to Judges who train professionally or as amateurs, and to Judges who train individual dogs or who train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers.

No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show, no dog shall be brought into the grounds or premises of any dog show, and any dog which may have been brought into the grounds or premises of a dog show shall immediately be removed, if it;

- a. shows clinical symptoms of distemper, infectious hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease, or
- b. is known to have been in contact with distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease within thirty days prior to the opening of the show, or
- c. has been kenneled within thirty days prior to the opening of the show on premises on which there existed distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease.

Section 1.8a. Conditions of Dogs affecting Eligibility

Every dog must be entered on an Official ASCA[®] entry Form in the name of the person who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed. The right to exhibit a dog cannot be transferred. A registered dog which has been

acquired by some person other than the owner as recorded with ASCA® must be entered in the name of its new owner at any show for which entries close after the date upon which the dog was acquired, and application for transfer of ownership must be sent to ASCA® by the new owner within seven days after the last day of the show. The new owner must state on the entry form that the transfer application has been mailed to ASCA® or will be mailed within the specified time. If there is any unavoidable delay in obtaining the completed application required to record the transfer, ASCA® may grant a reasonable extension of time, provided the new owner notifies ASCA Business Office by mail within seven days after the show, of the reason for the delay. If an entry is made by a duly authorized agent of the owner, the name of the actual owner must be shown on the entry form. Dogs must be entered under their ASCA® registered names.

No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted by a Show Secretary, which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.

No entry may be changed or canceled unless notice of the change or cancellation is received by the Show Secretary prior to the closing date for entries. No dog wrongly entered in a class may be transferred to another Tracking Test. Owners are responsible for errors in entry forms, regardless of who may make such errors. Allowances for refunds on cancellations will be left to the discretion of the Host Club.

No entry shall be accepted for any disqualified dog or from any person who is not in good standing with ASCA® or the sponsoring club, on the day of the closing of the entries. Before accepting entries, a list of disqualified dogs and persons not in good standing will be provided by the ASCA® Business Office as part of the show packet/books.

No entry shall be made under a kennel name unless that name has been registered with ASCA®. An "exhibitor" or "entrant" is defined as the individual or, if a partnership, all the members of the partnership exhibiting or entering in a dog show. In the case of such an entry by a partnership every member of the partnership shall be in good standing with ASCA® before the entry will be accepted. In case of any infraction of these rules, all the partners shall be held equally responsible.

A club shall not accept an entry fee other than that published in its premium list or flyer, or in any way discriminate between exhibitors of entrants. No club shall offer to any one owner or handler any special inducement, such as trophies, reduced entry fees, rebates, additional prize money or any other concession, for entering more than one dog in the show.

Every dog entered and present at a Tracking Test must compete in all competition for which it is entered or becomes eligible, unless it has been excused, dismissed, disqualified or found to be ineligible, under the rules. **ALL AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERDS SIX MONTHS AND OLDER MUST HAVE AN ASCA® INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION NUMBER TO COMPETE IN ASCA® SANCTIONED EVENTS. THIS INCLUDES ALL AREAS OF COMPETITION.** No dog may receive a Tracking Title, without an ASCA® individual registration number. Photo copies of the registration papers or originals must be presented to Show Secretary upon request, when entering ASCA® sanctioned events.

Section 1.8.b. Disqualification and Ineligibility.

A dog that is blind or that has been changed in appearance by artificial means (except for such changes as are customarily approved for its breed) may not compete in any Tracking Test (1-09) and must be disqualified. Blind means without useful vision.

When a Judge finds any of these conditions in any dog he is judging, he shall disqualify the dog marking his book "Disqualified" and stating the reason. He shall not obtain the opinion of a veterinarian.

The Judge must disqualify any dog that attempts to attack any person or dog. He shall mark the dog

"disqualified" or "Excused" and state the reason in his Judge's book and shall give the Show or Tracking Test Secretary a brief report to the dog's actions which shall be submitted to ASCA[®] with the report of the test. A dog so excused shall not be counted as having competed.

When a dog has been disqualified under this section as being blind, having been changed in appearance by artificial means, or having attacked or attempted to attack a person, or another dog, it may not compete until the owner has received official notification from ASCA[®] that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated. All awards made to the dog shall be canceled by ASCA[®].

Spayed bitches, castrated dogs, monorchid or cryptorchid males, and dog that have faults which would disqualify them under the standards for their breeds, may compete in any Tracking Test (1-09) if otherwise eligible under these Regulations.

A dog that is lame at any Tracking Test (1-09) may not compete and shall not be marked as "Passed" in any test in which it was determined to be lame. It shall be the Judge's responsibility to determine whether a dog is lame. He shall not obtain the opinion of a veterinarian. If in the Judge's opinion a dog is lame, he shall mark his book "excused- lame."

No dog shall be eligible to compete in any Tracking Test (1-09) if it is taped or bandaged in any way or if it has anything attached to it for medical or corrective purposes. Such a dog must be immediately excused and under no circumstances may it be returned later for judging after the tape, bandage or attachment has been removed.

If the dog has anything attached to it for protection or adornment, such a dog may, at the Judge's sole discretion, be judged at a later time if the offending condition has been corrected. With the approval of the judges, during hunting season dogs may wear an unmarked hunting vest.

A tracking Judge is not required to be familiar with the breed standards nor to scrutinize each dog as in dog show judging, but shall be alert for conditions, which may require disqualification or exclusion under this section.

These are the current Tracking rules.

Section 1.7. Dogs That May Not Compete.

No dog belonging wholly or in part to an officiating judge or to any number of such a person's immediate family or household, shall be entered in any ASCA[®] Tracking Test (1- 09), nor may any of these officials handle or act as agent for any dog entered at any ASCA[®] Tracking Test (1-09) at which such person officiates or is scheduled to officiate. The official veterinarian shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler at the Tracking Test and dogs owned wholly or in part shall not be eligible to be entered at that Tracking Test.

No Judge or any person residing in the same household with a Judge shall exhibit or act as agent or handler for any dog at any ASCA[®] Tracking Test (1-09) at which he or she (1- 09) is officiating as Judge and dogs owned wholly or in part by such Judge and any member of his household shall be ineligible to be entered at such event. Subject to the foregoing, members of a Judge's immediate family who no longer reside in the same household may enter or handle a dog at a test if the Judge is not officiating over any competition for which the dog is entered or may become eligible.

No dog shall be entered or shown under a Judge at any Tracking Test (1-09) if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, handled in the ring, boarded or has been regularly trained or instructed, within one (1) year prior to the date of the test, by the Judge or by any member of his immediate family or household, and no such dog shall be eligible to compete. "Trained or instructed" applies equally to Judges who train professionally or as

amateurs, and to Judges who train individual dogs or who train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers.

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Voting:

Approve: Berryessa, Davenport, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman

Disapprove: Aufox

Motion is approved.

POLICY BOOK, SECTION 19 :TRADEMARK

Motion by: Dolan Second by: McNamara

I move to remove the comment from Section 19 of the Policy Book.

Comment: The comment was the rationale for the motion and should not have been included in the text of the Policy Book.

Voting:

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman

Abstain: Davenport

Motion is approved.

POLICY BOOK: NEW SECTION 20.6, SCHEDULE OF FEES

Motion by: Dolan Second by: McNamara

I move to insert the following in Section 20 of the Policy Book:

20.6 Schedule of Fees

The Treasurer, coordinating with the Business Office Manager, shall assemble and maintain a schedule of fees to be charged for various ASCA[®] services including but not limited to:

- a) Advertising rates as determined by the Board of Directors
- b) Aussie Times Subscription rates
- c) Registry fees including registration, ownership transfer, lease, kennel name, DNA, etc.
- d) Membership fees
- e) Program fees including recording fees, sanctioning fees, late result fees, and ranch dog inspection
- f) Club business fees including Affiliate formation/renewal, dispute filing fees, show/trial newsletter, yearbooks, progeny title search, kennel name list, rulebooks, and judges lists

This schedule will be printed in each issue of the Aussie Times and available on the ASCA[®] web site.

and delete the following sections which become redundant:

Section 7.14 and renumber the following sections;

Section 16.4.4 and renumber;

Section 18.3 (formerly 18.4)

Comment: Addition of this section formally promulgates the fee schedule, assigns maintenance responsibility, and defines methods of promulgation. I have run this by Jean for her take as Office Manager and she agrees.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

POLICY BOOK: SECTION 24.2 NATIONAL SPECIALTY GUIDELINES

Motion by: Dolan Second by: Aufox

I move to delete the following from the Policy Book and renumber section 24.2 as 24.1:

24.1 National Specialty Guidelines

Change: amend the National Specialty Guidelines to delete the requirement for resumés from Judges. In order to do this under Section 2.3.1, delete the words "Judges slate with applicable resumés and then insert the word "the" and then delete the last sentence.

Then on Section 2.5 delete the words "as well as all Judges resumés (except ASCA® Breeder Judges and ASCA® Stockdog Judges) and further down to the next sentence following that, "Please be certain selected Judges are well qualified with prior experience in judging large entries." This is to be effective immediately.

Comment: This section is redundant in that the National Specialty Guidelines are the National Specialty Rules and contain the information in the section to be deleted.

Voting:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion is approved.

The Board of Directors approved the following judge move-ups:

Breeder Judge	Senior Breeder Judge	Senior Breeder Judge	Provisional Breeder Judge
Regina L. Blair	Melinda Gann	Mary Hellmeister	Cheri Preciado
P.O. Box 928	3023 Duff Drive	PO Box 2804	34242 Peaceful Valley Rd
Los Alamos, CA 93440	Arlington, TX 76013	Rohnert Park, CA 94927	Palmdale, CA 93551
H: (805) 344-2843	H: (817) 795-9452	H: (707) 584-7576	H: (661) 272-5691
C: (805) 260-5909			
Judge #4451	Judge #3938	Judge #4164	Judge #4297

The Board of Directors dismissed one registry complaint and declined to reinstate a dog disqualified for biting.