

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.

July 1 – July 31, 2007

00:20 REGISTRY RULES - Sec. 3b, Foreign Registry Rules

Motion by McNamara, seconded by Walter.

I move to correct the following in the Foreign Registry Rules:

Strike under section 3b:

Canadian Kennel Club for Full Member: 1-6 months: \$15/1-2 years: \$30/2 + years \$50

Canadian Kennel Club for Service Member: 1-6 months: \$30/1-2 years: \$60/2 + years \$100

And replace with:

Canadian Kennel Club for Full Member: 0-12 months: \$15/1-2 years: \$30/2 + years \$50

Canadian Kennel Club for Service Member: 0-12 months: \$30/1-2 years: \$60/2 + years \$100

Comment: This was an inconsistency that was not caught during approval of the motion, though the general understanding was that CKC dogs should enjoy the ability to register at any age for the usual cost as part of the reciprocal agreement we have with the CKC.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Section 7.3.1.1.

Motion by Bryant.

Motion by Pamela, 2nd from Margaret. Motion was approved by the committee unanimously.

Section 7.3.1.1 Regular Agility Class - Novice level

Currently reads:

i. Any segments of the course which encourage a change of handling sides shall take place while the dog is in a tunnel, or executing the a-frame.

Change to:

i. It is recommended, but not required, that any segments of the course which encourage a change of handling sides shall take place in a tunnel or while executing the a-frame.

Rational: Agility training has vastly improved over the past few years and Novice handlers are better prepared for today's challenges, including changing handling sides at obstacles other than those listed above. We need to provide judges the opportunity to test these skills and aid in their ability to design courses that offer variety. By requiring all Novice handlers change sides at the tunnel or a-frame, all Novice courses had the same feel to them regardless of the judge or course designer.

Section 4.2..4 Course Time for the "Gamble"

Modifying the Gamble Base Time

Final paragraph, second sentence currently reads: "A serpentine of four jumps would be considered three challenging sequences and a judge would add three seconds.

Change to: Based on the class level, a serpentine of four jumps may be considered a challenging sequence and a judge may add one second to two seconds. The judge will determine the ease or difficulty of the sequence and add times accordingly.

Rational: Again agility training has vastly improved from when these guidelines were written. Serpentine is now considered the "norm" in agility and all levels train for and know how to execute them. They are now considered simple sequences, unless there is a discrimination or other challenge presented in conjunction with. Therefore the judge needs the ability to set the times accordingly. Also, to remain consistent with the other agility course times, a serpentine in Regular and Jumpers is considered normal and we do not add time for them. They are to be executed at a required yards per second. Allowing the judge to determine the times in Gamblers for serpentine brings them in line with the rules for Regular and Jumpers.

Insert the following sentence at the end of the final paragraph, Section 4.2.4

No Gamble shall ever be 3 seconds less than or 3 seconds more than the base Gamble time for each level.

Rational: Gambles that have 3 seconds or more variance in time from the base time are either too difficult or too easy for the level, and the Gamble needs to be adjusted. (This had been the "known" rule in Gamblers for dual sanctioning and needs to be added to the ASCA rulebook.)

Directors Voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Section 2.1.2.

Motion by Bryant.

The effective date for this motion is January 1, 2008.

Motion by Kristi, 2nd by Margaret, motion was approved unanimously.

Section 2.1.2 item 4 of the checklist for the premium currently reads :

4. A listing of entry fees.

Amend to read:

4. A listing of entry fees and description of any discounts or price reductions offered.

Section 2.6.2 currently reads:

2.6.2 Premium Lists Once an affiliate club has approved show dates, they must publish and distribute a premium list to be mailed to potential exhibitors. The premium list must include an entry form, with all required information as listed in Section 2.1.3. The premium must list all of the information as required by Section 2.1.2. It must include the entry closing date and the fees for each class. Awards to be given must be described, along with any special awards or prizes. The premium list must also include a copy of the 'Tracking Number and Service Membership Application'. This form can be downloaded from the ASCA® website and must be included in the premium sent out to competitors.

Insert the wording below to allow for discounted entries fees so the section reads:

2.6.2 Premium Lists Once an affiliate club has approved show dates, they must publish and distribute a premium to be mailed to potential exhibitors. The premium must include an entry form, with all required information as listed in Section 2.1.3 as well as all of the required information listed in Section 2.1.2. It must include the entry closing date and the fees for each class

INSERT [including reduced entry fees, if offered, for items such as a 'package entry fee' if a dog is entered in all classes offered, discounts for entries in the junior handler classes, or pre-entry discounts]. Awards to be given must be described, along with any special awards or prizes. The premium must also include a copy of the 'Tracking Number and Service Membership Application'. This form can be downloaded from the ASCA® website and must be included in the premium sent out to competitors.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

03:05 STANDING EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Disclaimer

Motion by Berryessa.

I approve the following motion from the Education Committee:

6/15/07:

Kay Marks; second Gina Stocker

I move that we accept the following disclaimer for inclusion with the book list on the ASCA web page.

"The inclusion of these books, or any information, opinions, products or services expressed or described therein does not constitute endorsement by the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA ®)."

Vote: Approve (unanimous): Bell; Cochran; Hollen; Marks; Martin; Reedy; Silveira; Stephenson; Stocker

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved..

93:19 BOARD POLICIES - Book

Motion by Berryessa, seconded by DeChant.

I move to add to section 9.9 of the Policy Book:

The ASCA Secretary will be responsible for updating the Policy Book.

Motion to be effective immediately.

Comment: We need to designate someone to do this. The Secretary is the obvious one, since the updating can take place as she prepares the minutes to be published in the *Times*.

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

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Chapter 7, Chapter 4.

Motion by Bryant.

Motion by Art, 2nd from Margaret, motioned passed (3 'No' votes and 5 'Yes' votes).

Chapter 7 - Judging Guidelines

Section 7.2 Judges Responsibilities

After the 6th paragraph that reads: The smoothness of the running of the trial.....

Insert the following paragraph:

For safety reasons, all dogs must exit the ring on leash and under the handler's control. Gentle tugging on the leash will be allowed while the handler exits the ring as long as the dog is secured by the leash. Under no circumstance will the leash be allowed to be placed so that it is used as a target for the dog after the last obstacle. Failure to comply will result in elimination (E) for the run.

Chapter 4, Section 4.1.3 Scoring - Handling Faults

Section that lists reasons for elimination during the run:

Insert the following:

Exiting the ring NOT on leash and NOT under the handler's control.

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

93:19 BOARD POLICIES BOOK

Motion by McNamara, seconded by Hellmeister.

I move to approve the current version of the Policy Book.

Comment: The old policy book has not been updated and is fairly hard to sort through. The new policy book includes all existing policies that were not part of regular updates as well as new information not previously published (style guide, position descriptions, committee descriptions, etc). Any areas not filled out to completion may be added to at a later date. This policy book is organized by interest and table of contents. This will help users find applicable policies. All new information is highlighted in grey.

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

Approved:

Revised Bylaws of the ASC OF Arizona

Junior Showmanship Judge - Becky Chandler