

## 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.

**May 1 - 31, 2007**

### **99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Appendix D.**

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

Please approve content. It will be formatted when passed.

This is the tracking committee motion, number 1-07. It has passed the committee by unanimous vote. It is a new tracking judges qualification form.

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I, Celeste Kelly move and seconded by Susan Schroeder, we change the text of the current Tracking Judge Qualification form to the text attached and move it into the regs as Appendix. D.

**ASCA Letter head here: Australian Shepherd Club of America®**

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Directions:

Please mail a hard copy of this application with any required attachments to the ASCA Business Office at the above address.

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**Show Office Use: Tracking Judge Qualification Form (# \_\_\_\_\_) P.C. Sent**  
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#### **Part One: Applicant Information (Note: All Applicants must fill out this section.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish your email to be listed on the ASCA® Tracking Judge's list? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Applicants who satisfy the criteria for TD and TDX judging may apply concurrently for both test levels.

If you are an approved Tracking Judge with the AKC, the CKC or a Schutzhund Club approved to judge SCH III and if you wish to have your affiliation listed on the ASCA® Tracking Judges

list, please skip to Part Three.

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**Part Two: Applicants who wish to become an ASCA® Tracking Judge and who have no tracking judging affiliation with other tracking titling organization; and/or, do not wish to have an affiliation with another tracking titling organization listed on the ASCA® Tracking Judges' list, please fill out this Part Two and Part Four.**

Applicants in this category will be considered Provisional Judges until they have completed the minimum two judging assignments and have applied in writing for Regular status. Note: All Regular co-judges are required to submit performance review forms for any Provisional Judge with whom they have an assignment.

Please indicate which level you are applying to judge:

TD \_\_\_\_\_ TDX \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have an ASCA® Judge's number? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what is your number: # \_\_\_\_\_

For TD Applicants

1) Please list ALL the TD Tracking titles you have earned by breed, registered name of dog, type of title, and date. (Minimum requirement is ONE tracking dog title.)

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2) How often have you served as a tracklayer at a tracking test? (Minimum requirement is FIVE times.) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list: the name of the Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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If your experience is with other than an ASCA® Club(s), with which tracking titling organization(s) is the Club affiliated? \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province/Country \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of test/match \_\_\_\_\_

Type of track:

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3.) How long have you been involved in tracking?

(Minimum requirement is THREE years) \_\_\_\_\_

4.) Have you apprenticed at a Tracking Test or a Tracking Match? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Suggested (but not required) minimum is ONE time.) If yes, please list by date and location the test(s) or match(es) where you apprenticed and the names of the Judges who officiated at the event.

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For TDX Applicants:

1. Please list ALL the TDX Tracking titles you have earned by breed, registered name of dog, type of title and date. (Suggested minimum is ONE TDX title. If the candidate does not have a TDX title, the breadth of any other tracking experience will be considered in lieu of the title alone.)

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2. Please list your provisional TD assignments and other TD assignments if applicable.

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following:

a.) Have you served as Test Secretary at a Tracking Test? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Where and when? \_\_\_\_\_

b) Have you served as any of the following:

Chief tracklayer: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Cross-track layer: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Test chair: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

c) Have you trained others to track? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list on another page any other tracking history you feel may help qualify you as a Tracking Judge (also see 4 below).

Please include the following with your application:

- 1) Your resumé.
  - 2) THREE of your own completed maps of tracks that you have laid or plotted at a tracking event, (each map must be signed and dated by both Judges), and
  - 3) TWO written recommendations from experienced tracking persons or Tracking Judges.
  - 4) Please add a paragraph listing any other tracking experience you feel may help qualify you as a Tracking Judge.
- (Note: Requirements may be waived if the applicant has sufficient experience.)

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**Part Three: Judges who are approved to judge for one or more of the following tracking titling organizations and who wish to have their affiliation listed on the ASCA® Tracking Judges' list, please fill out this Part Three and Part Four.**

Please indicate ALL other organizations and levels for which you are approved to judge tracking.

Also indicate if you are a Provisional judge.

a) American Kennel Club, level(s): No\_\_\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_\_\_ Level:\_\_\_\_\_

Judge's number: \_\_\_\_\_

b) Canadian Kennel Club, level(s): No\_\_\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_\_\_ Level:\_\_\_\_\_

Judge's number: \_\_\_\_\_

c) Schutzhund (Club name), level(s): No\_\_\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_\_\_ Club:\_\_\_\_\_

Level(s):\_\_\_\_\_ Judge's number: \_\_\_\_\_

d.) Give the date, place and Club of your last two assignments and the name and the contact information of either your co-judge or the secretary for that test.

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e. ) Are you an ASCA® Member: No\_\_\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_\_\_ Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the events you are applying to judge: TD\_\_\_\_\_ TDX\_\_\_\_\_

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**Part Four: All applicants: Please read the following carefully, then sign and date below:**

1. Judges affiliated with approved outside tracking titling organizations will have their applications processed at the office. The office will send the Committee the names of these applicants.

2. New, unaffiliated, Tracking Judge applications will be reviewed by the Tracking Committee, and the Committee will send recommendations to the ASCA® Board for approval.

(Note: The Regular co-judge at each assignment will be required to submit a written review to the ASCA® Tracking Committee regarding a Provisional Judge's performance. The Committee reserves the right to send a representative of the Committee to review a Provisional Judge at any test.)

Applicants who meet with Board approval will be on Provisional status for TD and/or TDX until they have completed the minimum 2 tracking judging assignments at each level. Once a Provisional Judge has met the assignments requirement, he or she may petition the ASCA® Board, in writing, to change from Provisional to Regular status for TD and/or TDX. When the Board is petitioned to move a judge to regular status, the name will be published in the Aussie Times® for each level. The Board will move to approve or decline an applicant thirty days after publication.

Judging an ASCA® Sanctioned Event is an honor and a privilege, not a right. While applicants must satisfy ASCA®'s stated minimal eligibility requirement to become an approved Tracking Judge, merely satisfying the requirements does not entitle an applicant to become or remain an ASCA® Judge once approved. It is expected all ASCA® Judges must consistently display the highest level of ethical and professional conduct, impartial demeanor and dedication to upholding ASCA®'s codes, rules, decisions, and the Statement of Purpose in ASCA®'s Bylaws. Any documented failure to perform may result in a denial of Application or revocation of Judging privileges by ASCA®'s Board of Directors without regard to any other qualification or prior service.

I have read and understand the current ASCA® Tracking Rules and Regulations and accept all Judge's responsibilities described in the above documents.

I also understand although I meet the minimum requirements of an ASCA® Provisional Tracking Judge there could be other factors or circumstances causing my application to be denied. I further understand if my application is denied, I will receive a letter from ASCA® explaining the reasons for the denial. If my application is denied, I realize I must wait (2) years before I can reapply for admission to ASCA®'s Tracking Judge program.

I hereby hold harmless ASCA®'s Directors, officers, employees and the ASCA® Tracking Committee members from any liability, causes of actions, and damages I may incur as a result of the processing and investigating related to this application. I further certify by affixing my name to this application all of the information I have supplied in, or attached to this document is true and correct in all aspects.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part Five: For Provisional judges wishing to move into regular status.**

Please submit this Part Five and Part One of this application, along with the name of the Club(s), the date(s) of the test(s) where you completed your provisional assignments and the reviews written by the co-judge at each provisional assignment, to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors.

(Note: Names of applicants petitioning the Board for Regular status will be published in the Aussie Times® prior to a decision by the Board.)

Provisional judges may choose to judge MORE than 2 assignments before requesting to move out of Provisional status to Regular status.

I have met the minimal requirements and request to be moved from Provisional to Regular status for the following test level(s): TD \_\_\_\_\_ TDX \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - APPENDIX B.  
MOTION BY GRAY.**

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

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This is motion 2-07. It has passed the committee by unanimous vote. I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Susan Schroeder, that we change the following reg , Appendix B, in the Tracking R and R's to read as follows:

## Appendix B

**B1.** Judges in good standing with the following organizations may judge ASCA® tests after they complete and send a Qualification Form to the Business office, provided they are in good standing with ASCA® .

1. Schutzhund Judges approved to judge through Schutzhund III.
2. Canadian Kennel Club Tracking Judges.
3. American Kennel Club Tracking Judges.

**B2.** Applicants who wish to apply to become an ASCA Tracking judge, without affiliations other than ASCA, should fill out the Qualification form and send it to the Business Office. It will be forwarded to the Tracking Committee for review. If approved, these applicants will become Provisional judges for a minimum of two assignments per level. After the Provisional assignments are completed, the applicant can petition the Board to be moved to regular status by sending the Board the copies of the co-judge reviews. Their names will be published in the Times , and the Board will vote on their status.

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**This is how this reg now reads:**

## Appendix B

Until such time as ASCA® has enough in-house tracking judges, the judges from the following canine tracking titling organizations shall constitute a list of approved judges for the ASCA® tracking judge list provided these judges are in good standing with ASCA®and their own organizations.

1. Schutzhund judges approved to judge through Schutzhund III.
2. Canadian Kennel Club tracking judges.
3. American Kennel Club tracking judges.

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

### **99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Provisional Status**

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following from the Tracking Committee.

This is Motion 5-07 . It has passed the committee unanimously.

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I , Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by, Jan Wesen, that all judges currently listed on the ASCA Tracking Judges list that have never before judged a tracking test be put into provisional status.

Comment: Some judges were put on the tracking list because they answered the old obedience qualification form that asked if they had a tracking title. These judges have tracking experience, but some may never have previously judged a Tracking Test. This puts these judges into provisional status and insures that they will be paired with experienced judges.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

### **99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Section A.2.**

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

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This is Motion 3-07. It is a revision of Appendix A.2. It has passed the committee by unanimous vote.

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Susan Schroeder, that we change the following reg, Section A.2. Assignment Limitation, to read as follows:

#### **Section A.2. Assignment Limitation.**

There are no restrictions *on* time or distance for Tracking Test assignments other than the Judge's availability to satisfactorily carry out the responsibilities of plotting and judging.

A Provisional TD Tracking Test Judge must judge at least twice before petitioning the Board to be moved into Regular TD status. A Provisional TDX Judge must judge at least twice before petitioning the Board to be moved into Regular TDX status. At each assignment, the co-judge must make a written report of the Provisional Judge's performance. A copy of this report should be sent to the ASCA Business Office with relevant paperwork and another copy should be given to the Provisional to submit with their application for Regular status. No Tracking Test may be judged by two (2) Provisional Judges.

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This is how the reg currently reads:

#### **Section A.2. Assignment Limitation.**

There are no restrictions regarding time or distance for Tracking Test assignments other than the Judge's availability to satisfactorily carry out the responsibilities of plotting and judging.

A Provisional Tracking Test Judge is required to judge his or her provisional assignments with at least three (3) different approved Tracking Test Judges, not one of which can be a member of the Provisional Judge's family or immediate household. No Tracking test may be judged by two (2) Provisional Judges.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

### **99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Provisional Judges.**

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following from the Tracking Committee. Please approve for content only. It will be formatted when passed. Linda

This motion has passed the committee by unanimous vote. Voting on this motion are: Jane Palmer, Craig Bohren, Jan Wesen, Celeste Kelly, Deb St. Jacques, Susan Schroeder, Ralph Swingle, Meghan Rosenstengel, Angela Rector, Judy Whittaker, Becky Parker, Anne Hershey, and Betty Mueller. Celeste

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I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by, Jan Wesen, that we create the following form to evaluate the conduct and performance of Provisional judges. The office will need to mail 2 copies with any sanctioning packet to any Tracking Test at which a Provisional judge has an assignment. **(Note: This is for text only. Formatting will happen if approved.)**

Comment: One copy of this form will go to the office and one copy will be kept by the Provisional to be submitted when making application to the Board for regular status.

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**CO-JUDGE's CONDUCT EVALUATION OF A PROVISIONAL TRACKING JUDGE**

In the interest of the ASCA® Judging Program, the Tracking committee would like the co-judges evaluation of the conduct and performance of any provisional judge who judges with them at your sanctioned event.

(All provisional judges must serve 2 assignments in provisional status and be evaluated by their co-judge.)

**All ASCA® Approved Judges represent our Club and our Breed**

**This form must be completed and returned with the show results packet, and another copy of this form must be given to the Provisional judge .**

NAME OF AFFILIATE CLUB DATE OF TEST \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF TEST \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROVISIONAL TRACKING JUDGE SERVING AT THE TEST \_\_\_\_\_

TRACKING CO- JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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If more room is needed, please attach another page.



Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Appendix C.**

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

This is motion 4-07. It has passed the committee unanimously.

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I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Susan Schroeder, that we change the last paragraph of Appendix C in the Tracking Rules and Regs to read:

Judging an ASCA® Tracking Test is a privilege not a right. Approval to judge Tracking Tests for other organizations is not a guarantee of approval to judge ASCA® Tracking Tests. Judges must follow ASCA® Tracking Regulations and adhere to it's Code of Ethics. Any documented failure to perform on this level may result in the revocation of judging privileges by the ASCA® Board of Directors without regard to any other qualifications or former service.

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This is how that paragraph now reads:

**Outside Registry Judges**

Judging an ASCA® tracking test is a privilege not a right. Having other registry credentials does not entitle one to become or remain an ASCA® judge. Judges must follow the rules, regulations and code of ethics. Any documented failure to perform on this level may result in the revocation of judging privileges by the ASCA® Board of Directors without regard to any other qualifications or former service. Removal or suspension of judging privileges in another registry relevant to tracking judging will mean removal or suspension from the ASCA® tracking judges list until reinstatement with the outside registry.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE - Misconduct. Sec. 1.**

Motion by DeChant.

I move that the ASCA Board of Directors approve the following motion from the Conformation Committee:

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

The Conformation Committee vote is as follows: for: Nadia, Wendy, Liz, Mary, Rene, Denise, Glenda, Janet, Rick, Peter, Ron. Non-voting: John The Motion Passes.

Section 1.10 Abuse of Dogs: The show committee shall investigate any report of dog abuse or severe disciplining of any dog on the grounds or premise of a show or event. Any person who conducts themselves in such a manner shall be dealt with promptly in

accordance with Chapter 11 and the ASCA Dispute Rules and ASCA Discipline Guidelines.

Section 1.11 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 Chapter 11 and the ASCA Dispute Rules and ASCA Discipline Guidelines.

Section 1.11 will be renumbered as 1.12

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Camera**

Motion by MacRoberts, seconded by Walter.

I move to approve the expenditure to install a Digital electronic camera system into the ASCA Business Office to help secure our premises.

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

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**Australian Shepherd Club Camera System Proposal**

**Proposed Equipment-digital system**

- 1 Bosch DVR1C 1161 single channel digital video recorder
- 1 National NLDC155-4.0 auto iris high resolution dome camera
- 1 12 volt power supply

**Installed Price:**

**\$1370.00 plus tax**

**Notes:**

System can be viewed locally over existing network from any PC by authorized users.  
Remote setup available for viewing via internet (high speed required) \$65.00

**Proposed Equipment - VHS system**

- 1 Samsung 960 hour time lapse recorder
- 1 National NLDC155-4.0 auto iris high resolution dome camera
- 1 National 13 inch color video monitor
- 1 12 volt power supply

**Installed Price:**

**\$950.00 plus tax**

**Notes:** System will utilize T120 VHS tapes for recording.