October 2007 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.

October 1 - 31, 2007

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Emergency Motion on Prudential

EMERGENCY MOTION

Motion by Aufox, seconded by Hellmeister.
I would make the following emergency motion. The reason for the motion is that it appears that Debbie Cosper has not been removed as a signatory from the account.

A vote should be made by October 24th.

RESOLVED, That the President and Treasurer of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA), or either of them, during their respective terms, be, and they hereby are, the only representatives of ASCA who are authorized to transact ASCA's business with Prudential Investment (Jenison-Dryden Mutual Funds) and in such capacity to handle all of ASCA's accounts with Prudential Investment (Jenison-Dryden Mutual Funds). Prudential Investment (Jenison-Dryden Mutual Funds) is authorized and directed to deal directly with said President and Treasurer with respect to all of such accounts.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That Debbie Cosper is to be removed as a signatory to the ASCA Prudential Investment (Jenison-Dryden Mutual Funds) account.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the Office Manager of ASCA, Jean Miller, be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to provide to Prudential Investment (Jenison-Dryden Mutual Funds) the current names, addresses, contact information, and length of term of the President and Treasurer of ASCA immediately after the Annual Meeting in each year.

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

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Signatures

Motion by McNamara, seconded by MacRoberts.

Tiny wording change: I move that the signatories on ASCA financial holdings/accounts be reflected as being Board members Kristin McNamara and Patrick MacRoberts for the duration of their elected terms and Jean Miller, office manager, for the duration of her employment with the organization.

I further move that all accounts listing Debbie Cosper as signatory or signer be changed to reflect the above.

Comment: Financial institutions require the above motion to release information and allow changes to be made with accounts. Kristin and Patrick were selected at the start of their term so that this information would not have to be updated yearly. Names may be changed with a motion reflected in club minutes at any time.
Directors voting: Approve: MacRoberts, McNamara, & Hellmeister. Disapprove: DeChant, Aufox, Davenport, Berryessa & Gann. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is defeated.

**Cee Hambo Scholarship**

**EMERGENCY MOTION**

Motion by McNamara, seconded by Aufox.

I move the following as an emergency motion with a three-day discussion period with a vote on Monday the 29th.

The ASCA Foundation to be given a free two black and white ages advertisement to reintroduce the Cee Hambo Scholarship and print the official application form in the Jan/Feb Aussie Times.

In addition the following be added in the advertisement to the bottom of subheading "Distribution" - The ASCA Foundation Board shall collect applications year-round and forward to the selection committee, which shall make the official decision one week before the National Specialty. The winner shall be announced at the National Specialty.

The reason for the emergency motion is that if the motion would be made in the ordinary course it would miss the deadline for the next AUSSIE TIMES.

Directors voting: Approve: MacRoberts, Berryessa, Davenport, Aufox, Gann, Hellmeister, McNamara & DeChant. Disapprove: Stevens (would approve one page, but not two). Motion is approved.

**98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - National Rules**

Motion by Hellmeister.

I move to accept the following recommendation of the Obedience Committee to become effective immediately.

We respectfully request the BOD to replace Chapter 1, Section 7, Part 1 of the Nationals Rule book and replace it with the following:

The conformation rings will be at least 50’ x 50’ or larger if the entry warrants. The obedience rings will be 40’ x 50’.

The conformation rings should be placed so they can be combined for Best of Breed. The Obedience rings should be placed so that two rings can be combined for the Team class (if offered). The number of rings for both conformation and obedience will be dictated by the schedule of events and the need to accommodate bitches in season competing in obedience for Versatility, National obedience, and the Obedience Finals.

Part 2 remains the same.

Reason for correction:

This motion will bring into line the obedience rules, especially the Finals Chapter, and the Nationals rulebook.
Although it is common for conformation rings to be much larger than normal to accommodate the huge number of exhibitors, the same is not true of obedience. There is only one dog in the ring at a time (except during stays) and there is no need to have a larger than regulation ring. In fact, for the Utility class, it is detrimental for a ring to be larger than regulation as it can affect the placement of the jumps and the distances that the dog is required to stop during certain exercises. We feel it is very important that the BOD amend the Nationals Rule book to correct this conflict with the Obedience rule book.

Additional note: Please note that Section 13 in the Nationals rulebook states "Please see Obedience Rule Book for complete rules". This section would indicate that the obedience rule book should be followed.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

97:14 DNA & Genetics Committee Motion - Education
Motion: by DeChant.
I move that the Board accept the following DNA & Genetics Committee Motion.

Motion by Lori, second by Devona.

Yes: Lori, Devona, Jamie, Liz, Joan, Marilyn, Laura, Chris, Kim Non-voting: Sandra, Amy

Motion: I move to publish in the Jan/Feb issue of the Aussie Times *each* year, AND placed on the ASCA website under the link to the DNA Program, the article titled The How What and Why of DNA Testing in ASCA reg. Australian Shepherds.

Comments: Since ASCA is full of new members, it is a good idea to periodically publish this article. It is a good article that explains a lot for those members wanting more education. Current Liaison and/or Chair will be responsible for making sure the Times editor has the article and is prepared to publish it in the Jan/Feb issue.

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

Approved:
Registry Correction - Litter #74135 from 12/08/05 to 12/06/05 to reflect the actual birth date.
Reinstatement of DQ Dog - Veritas Truth B Told
Breeders Judges moving to the following levels:
**Non Regular Breeder Judge**
Kristin Walden, 6101 W 76th St S, Haysville, KS 67060 Phone: (316) 304-6806

**Provisional Breeder Judge**
Judge # 4548, Libby Graham, PO Box 1962, Elizabeth, CO 80107 Phone: (303) 646-1148
Judge # 4495, Peter Hellmeister, Po Box 2804, Rohnert Park, CA 94927 Phone: (707) 217-0317
Judge #4538, Tammy Seaman, 2221 Gun Club Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105 Phone: (505) 817-4771
Judge # 4556, Elizabeth Ann Morgan Stibley, 9727 Garwood St, Littleton, CO 80125 Phone: (303) 913-7927

**Breeder Judge**
Judge #4165, **Emmy Adasiewicz**, 106 Althea St, W. Springfield, MA 01089  
Phone: (413) 746-2991  
Judge #3988, **Amy Burnette**, 1108 Pink Goss Rd, Woodstock, GA 30188  
Phone: (678) 393-1730  
Judge #3938, **Melinda Gann**, 3023 Duff Dr, Arlington, TX 76013  
Phone: (817) 795-9452  
Judge #4366, **Cheryl Padgett**, 1050 Bart Manous Rd, Canton, GA 30115  
Phone: (770) 479-2644

Appointed DNA & Genetics Committee Member - Linda M Gray - Region 6  
Letter of dissent: With 13 members already on the committee I don't see the need to add another one against current committee procedures after nationals when Ms Gray had ample opportunity to apply in advance just like everybody else. I also don't see the need to add her as co-liaison to Therion to the committee, especially in light of Ms Gray having created her own group for that particular reason a few years back and since all DNA committee members can easily subscribe to that group and discuss topics that are directly related to the relationship with Therion. Thanks, Peter