

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.

December 1 – December 31, 2006

04:06 SHOW RULE CHANGE - Point schedule.

Motion by DeChant.

I move that the motion from the Conformation Committee be approved.

Note: This vote on the motion below was postponed until December 15 at the Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday at the Nationals. This idea was to get Member input after publishing it in the *Aussie Times*®. It was published in the *Aussie Times*®, and it was published on the ASCA-L during the Nationals by me. I am only aware of one piece of feedback, and it was positive. We need to vote on this during this voting period so that it can become the Point Schedule for the next show year and be distributed for shows that are sanctioned for the next show year. It will also need to go in the new Rulebook. Ann

Motion made by Janet with a second by Rick.

I would like to make a motion that this be added to the conformation rule book, Chapter 12:

CHAPTER 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

SECTION 12.1 Championship points will be recorded for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch according to the number of eligible dogs competing in the regular classes of each sex, and according to the Schedule of Points listed below. In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused, or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included except as noted in these rules and regulations.

SECTION 12.5 Point Schedule will be calculated from Feb. 1st through Jan. 31st of the calendar year. Intact and Altered calculated separately.

SECTION 12.6 Calculation of the Intact Point Schedule for an Affiliate Club shall be compiled by the following formula:

a) The business office shall take the TOTAL number of intact class Dogs shown for an ASCA® affiliate club. Non-Regular, altered classes, and intact/altered Champions of Record shall be excluded.

b) The business office shall take the TOTAL number of intact class Bitches shown for an ASCA® affiliate club. Non-Regular, altered classes, and intact/altered Champions of Record shall be excluded.

c) The business office shall not include Nationals or Pre-Nationals entries in the total counts for intact dogs or bitches for the total shows sanctioned.

d) The business office shall divide the total number of intact Dogs shown by the total number of shows held by the ASCA® affiliate club, excluding Nationals or Pre-Nationals shows. The resulting average number of Dogs shall determine the point schedule for intact Dogs for the subsequent show year for that club.

e) The business office shall divide the total number of intact Bitches shown by the total number of shows held by the ASCA® affiliate club, excluding Nationals or Pre-Nationals shows. The resulting average number of Bitches shall determine the point schedule for intact Bitches for the subsequent show year for that club.

AVERAGE Dogs/Bitches (not including Specials) shown between 1-13:

Schedule 1

2 – 1 point

4 – 2 pts

8 – 3 pts

12 – 4 pts

15 – 5 pts

AVERAGE Dogs/Bitches (not including Specials) shown between 14-16:

Schedule 2

3 – 1 point

6 – 2 pts

11 – 3 pts

14 – 4 pts

17 – 5 pts

AVERAGE Dogs/Bitches (not including Specials) shown between 17-21:

Schedule 3

4 – 1 point

8 – 2 pts

14 – 3 pts

18 – 4 pts

22 – 5 pts

AVERAGE Dogs/Bitches (not including Specials) shown between 22-26:

Schedule 4

5 – 1 point

10 – 2 pts

17 – 3 pts

22 – 4 pts

27 – 5 pts

AVERAGE Dogs/Bitches (not including Specials) shown between 27+:

Schedule 5
6 – 1 point
15 – 2 pts
24 – 3 pts
30 – 4 pts
36 – 5 pts

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:02 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES - Sec. 5.

Motion by Berryessa, seconded by Bryant.

I move that we add Section 5 under Committee Chairperson's Duties in the ASCA® Committee Procedures. This is to be effective for the June 1, 2007 printing of the rulebooks.

Sec 6. The Committee Chairperson will be responsible for designating a committee member or subcommittee to add any changes approved by the ASCA® BOD to their respective committee's rulebooks. The Business Office will supply a current copy of the rulebook in a suitable computer document to the Committee. The Committee will add the changes and highlight them as per policy and return it to the Business Office in a timely manner. If the Committee feels that they are unable to perform this duty, they must notify the ASCA® Business Office.

The ASCA® Business Office will maintain a file of all rule changes passed and verify that all rule changes have been incorporated.

All subsequent sections are to be renumbered.

Comment: This motion has been sent around to all the committee heads. Not all replied, but suggestions from the committee chairs were incorporated into the motion. Our Office Manager has also approved the motion. Some committees are already doing this, which has helped to make the rulebook changes accurate.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

94:01 STOCK DOG COMMITTEE - Ch. 12, Sec. 2.

Motion by Walter.

I move to approve the below Stockdog Committee motion.

I move to add the following to the June 1, 2007 revision of the Stockdog Rules and Regulations, Chapter 12, Section 2:

6. Both Qualifying and Non-qualifying scores will be used to earn points.

Rationale: This is not intended to change the way Merit List points are supposed to be calculated. Rather, it is a clarification to ensure that the Business Office will always use

non-qualifying scores as well as qualifying scores.

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Approve: Bryant, Caldwell, de Jong, Holmes, Kissman, May, Pechka- King, Walker, Warren Disapprove: none. Non-voting: Hardin, Kelly, Silveira. The motion passes.

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

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Ch. 3, Sec. 2.

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following from the Tracking Committee.

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Anne Hershey, that we change the Chap. 3, section 2, to read:

Chap 3.section 2. last paragraph

In unusual circumstances, the Australian Shepherd Club of America®, through its Tracking Committee, may issue tracking certifications based on statements provided by the handler concerning the dog's tracking ability. ASCA® will not issue more than four (4) such certifications to the same dog in any calendar year. -----

This is how this motion currently reads,

In unusual circumstances, the Australian Shepherd Club of America®, through its obedience department, may issue tracking certifications based on statements provided by the handler concerning the dog's tracking ability. However, in no case will ASCA® issue more than four (4) such certifications to any dog.

Comment:

This regulation caused a problem with the entries for the Nationals. The Obedience Committee and the folks at the office had to be contacted to find out if they gave permission for a hardship certification. Hardship certifications should come through the Tracking Committee.

It has passed the committee by unanimous vote.

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

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Appendix A, Sec. A.14.

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following from the Tracking Committee.

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Betty Mueller, change Line 4 of Section A 14 TD Chart info to read:

Appendix A: Section A.14. TD Chart Information

1. 30 yards between the two (2) starting flags.
2. At least 30 yards beyond the second starting flag to the first turn.
3. Legs must never be less than 50 yards in length.
4. The Tracklayer proceeds straight ahead for at least 30 yards after dropping the *final* article.
5. Indicate dog's path with a dash line (may use Red Marker).
6. Circle distances between turns.
7. Must have both right and left-handed turns: at least two (2) right angle turns well out in the open.
8. Must show landmarks, telephone poles, rocks, trees and any other objects that are easily identifiable, may be used to identify turns as well.
9. Direction of the wind (if any) at the start flag.
10. Keep spectators away from start by at least 50 yards.
11. First article at the starting flag, may or may not be picked up by the handler.

Comment: Since we now have two articles in TD, it makes sense to say FINAL article in sentence 4.

This is how sentence 4 currently reads:

4. The Tracklayer proceeds straight ahead for at least 30 yards after dropping the article.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Ch. 2, Sec. 19.

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following from the Tracking Committee.

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Craig Bohren, that we change the following reg to read:

Chapter 2. section 19 , line 1, :

Praise and petting of the dog are allowed after the dog finds the first and intermediate articles, but handler may not excessively play with articles as toys, toss them to the dog or throw them on the ground unless the track is completed.

Motion, 4-06, has passed the committee by unanimous vote.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Sec. 2.1.2 - Trial Premium.

Motion by Bryant.

I move to approve the following change from the agility committee. This motion removes some verbiage that was left over from the NADAC days and brings the agility rules in line with ASCA®'s policies on refusing entries.

This motion has passed the committee with 7 yes votes and 1 non-vote (from Margaret who is still missing). I would like the Board of Directors to consider this for an effective date of January 1, 2007 as I believe disallowing entries 'just because' is not allowed by ASCA®.

Motion by Sue, second by Pam.

Section 2.1.2 Trial Premium

Current wording for Item 12: A statement that the show committee has the right to refuse any entry, including a statement that anyone who is not currently in good standing with ASCA will not be allowed entry into the trial.

Change to: Item 12. No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA® agility program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA® programs; or a member not in good standing with ASCA®. A list of such dogs will be supplied by the business office along with the sanctioning paperwork.

Rational: when the wording for the trial premiums was originally developed, verbiage was copied from another venue that allowed refusal of any entry without specific cause, which is not allowed by ASCA®.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

03:08 BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS

Motion by McNamara, seconded by Gray.

I move the following be inserted as a preamble with any ASCA®'s Breeder Code of Ethics:

"This Code of Ethics is a statement of the standards that ASCA® breeders strive to attain to maintain the integrity of the Australian Shepherd and ASCA®'s Registry. It is not intended, and should not be utilized, as a list of disciplinary rules."

Comment: Recommendation by the ASCA® attorney. Ethics issues are subjective and ambiguous and enforcement presents a problem. The preamble represents the intent of the code of ethics.

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

Approved:

Hardship Registration for: **Zizanie des Forces Vives.**

Affiliate Club Bylaw Changes - ASF of Alberta

The following ASCA® Breeder Judges moving to the next Level as stated:

ASCA® Non- Regular Judge - Laurie Atkinson, PO Box 901363, Palmdale, CA 93590,
(661) 256-6562

ASCA® Provisional Breeder Judge - Melissa Borde, N 4815 Traut Rd, Rio, WI 53960,
(920) 992-3880 Judge # 4421

ASCA® Senior Breeder Judge - Patty Wirries, 921 Sloat Dr, Salinas, CA 93907,
(831) 769-9875 Judge # 3851