

## Secretary's Report

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

December 1-31, 2008

Roger Stevens was suspended for two years from all ASCA privileges, including exhibition, and fined \$1,000 by ASCA's Board of Directors for knowingly and wrongfully certifying falsified score sheets for a SEASC event held on May 9, 2008. The sanctions became effective December 10, 2008.

The Board of Directors further unanimously voted to remove Mr. Stevens as a Director of ASCA pursuant to Article VII, Section 15 A of the Bylaws for his failure to remain in good standing with ASCA as required by Article VII, Section 4 of the Bylaws. Mr. Stevens was removed from the Board effective December 13, 2008. Additionally, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to revoke Mr. Stevens' authorization to act as an ASCA Stockdog Judge, effective December 13, 2008, pursuant to Chapter 7, Section 1.1 of the ASCA Stockdog Rules.

### **01:01 DIRECTORS MANUAL - Section 19**

Motion by Dolan, second by McNamara

I move to remove Section 19 Agility from the Director's Manual and renumber the following sections in sequence starting with #17. Also renumber the sections preceding the current section 19 which changed with the removal of section 11 and 12.

Section 19 is no longer applicable as a result of the termination of dual sanctioning in 2005.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is approved.

### **01:01 DIRECTOR'S HANDBOOK - #2**

Motion by Dolan, second by McNamara

I move to update the Frequent Contacts section (currently section 39) of the Director's Handbook as follows:

ASCA Board Discussion list: Change to read: Owner: Michelle Berryessa, Moderator: Jo Kimes

Charles Carnese: Delete the funrun e-mail address

Heidi Mobley: Change e-mail address to: [whaussies@embarqmail.com](mailto:whaussies@embarqmail.com)

These changes bring the manual into line with current configurations.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is approved.

### **03:05 EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Silveira**

Motion by Berryessa, second by Davenport

I move to reappoint Rhonda Silveira to the Education Committee

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.  
Motion is approved.

#### 04:04 BREEDER JUDGE APPLICATION - Lori Faucett

Motion by Westerman, second by Dolan

I move that Lori Faucett be approved as an ASCA Breeder Judge, Non-Regular level.

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

Motion is not approved.

#### **04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Applicants: Hoye and Smith**

Motion by Dolan, second by McNamara

I move to approve Pam Smith and Jacque Hoye as ASCA Agility Judges.  
Comments. The Agility Committee recommended both applicants by majority vote.

Voting: Approve both applicants: Unanimous.  
Motion is approved.

#### **04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Terry Brown, Judge**

Motion by Dolan second by McNamara

I move to accept Terry Brown as an ASCA Agility Judge.

Comment: The Agility Committee approved Terry Brown's application to become an ASCA Agility Judge voting 6 for, 3 abstain and 2 non-voting.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.  
Motion is approved.

#### **04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Scott Lovelis Application**

Motion by Dolan, second by McNamara

I move to accept Scott Lovelis as an ASCA Agility Judge.

Comment: The Agility Committee approved Scott Lovelis' application to become an ASCA Agility Judge.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.  
Motion is approved.

#### **04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Weave Poles**

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the following motion from the Agility Committee. This motion simplifies weave pole description and mandates restraining the poles.

Motion by Krystal (2nd from Pam): I would like to make the following motion that we change the rulebook, Appendix A Section 2 "Weave poles". Motion passes with 11 yes votes. Effective date would be June 1, 2009.

From:

Section 2 - Weave poles

Weave pole construction should be such that it allows for minimum sideways movement of the poles as the dog moves through the poles. Weave poles shall be of rigid construction, no less than 20" from the center of one pole to the center of the next pole and no more than 24" from center to center.

The base of the weave poles shall be no more than ¾" in height and no more than 4" in width. There shall be no rough or protruding edges along the base of the weave poles, nor any bolts or nuts in an area which a dog may step on while weaving, taking into consideration the many of sizes of dogs which will be using the weave poles. The weave poles shall be 36"-48" in height. The width of the poles shall be ¾" -1" in diameter.

Change to the following:

Section 2 - Weave poles

Weave pole construction should be such that it allows for minimum sideways movement of the poles as the dog moves through the poles. If the base is not constructed in such a way to prevent movement, then the base shall be secured so that the weave poles do not move from their location on the course.

Weave poles shall be of rigid construction, no less than 20" from the center of one pole to the center of the next pole and no more than 24" from center to center. The base of the weave poles shall be no more than ¾" in height and no more than 4" in width. There shall be no rough or protruding edges along the base of the weave poles, nor any bolts or nuts in an area which a dog may step on while weaving, taking into consideration the many of sizes of dogs which will be using the weave poles.

The weave poles shall be 36"-48" in height. The width of the poles shall be ¾" -1" in diameter.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is approved.

#### **04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Recording Fees**

Motion by McNamara, seconded by Gann

I move the recording fees of \$.50 per dog per run in agility be raised to \$1.00 per dog per run. Effective 6/1/09

Comment: This corrects the omission in recording fee raises made last vote cycle and brings all programs to \$1.00 paid to ASCA per dog per exhibition, helping to cover Business Office overhead.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is approved.

#### **04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Fees**

Motion by Dolan, second by MacRoberts

I move to change the effective date of the following motion passed at the 14 November BoD meeting from 01/01/09 to 06/01/09.

"04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Motion by McNamara, seconded by Aufox: I move to increase the Event Membership Fees for Conformation, Obedience and Tracking to One Dollar (\$1.00) per dog, per exhibition.

Effective January 1, 2009. Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, McNamara, Gann, MacRoberts, Westerman and Dolan. Absent: Stevens and Davenport. Motion is approved."

Comment: This brings all the fee increase effectiveness dates into line and gives the Affiliates sufficient notification time.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.  
Motion is approved.

#### **06:09 NATIONALS COMMITTEE - New Appointment**

Motion by Dolan, second by MacRoberts

I nominate Linda Bell as an addition to the Nationals Committee. I've attached her resume received from Patrick.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.  
Motion is approved.

#### **06:09 NATIONALS COMMITTEE - Silveira**

Motion by Dolan second by MacRoberts

I nominate Rhonda Silveira as an addition to the Nationals Committee.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.  
Motion is approved.

#### **07:05 2009 NATIONALS - Canfield 2009 Calendar**

Motion by Dolan, seconded by McNamara

I move to advertise Francesca Canfield's 2009 Stockdog Finals calendar on the ASCA web site. The web master should use the attached .pdf file as a starting point and build a web page describing the calendar, how to order, and the use of the proceeds.

Comment: 100% of the profits from the sale of this calendar will be applied to cover expenses for the 2009 Stockdog Finals. Sales of the 2007 calendar generated ~\$1,400 to offset Stockdog Finals expenses.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.  
Motion is approved.

#### **08:03 HEALTH AND GENETICS COMMITTEE - Nolan**

Motion by McNamara, second by Dolan

I move to add Marteen Nolan to the Health & Genetics committee.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.  
Motion is approved.

#### **08:11 DOG BITE POLICY**

Motion by McNamara, seconded by MacRoberts

I move the following shall be distributed to the program committees under direction to insert the language below in its entirety into their rulebooks immediately to be included in the January printing of program rulebooks. Any existing rule that conflicts will be replaced.

- 1) A judge shall disqualify any dog that attempts to attack any person in the ring/trial arena, as determined by the judge. The judge shall excuse a dog that attacks another dog or appears to the judge to be threatening other dogs in the ring/trial arena. The judge shall mark the dog "disqualified" or "excused" in accordance with this Rule, shall state the reason in the Judge's Book or score sheet, and shall give the Show/Trial Secretary a brief report of the dog's actions using the Disqualified or Excused Dog form, which shall be submitted to ASCA with the report of the show/trial. The entry form for any Disqualified or Excused dogs must be submitted with the Show/Trial Results. Any dog which has been excused on two (2) occasions pursuant to this Rule shall be disqualified to compete in any subsequent ASCA event unless and until it is reinstated by the Board of Directors. Notice of disqualification will be sent to the owner by the Business Office after review by the Board of Directors.
- 2) A dog that, in the opinion of the judge, menaces, threatens or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached or examined by the judge in the normal manner may be excused from the Show/Trial arena and be subject to this Rule.
- 3) The Affiliate or its Show/Trial Committee must perform an investigation of any incident where a dog has bitten either a person or another dog, whether it occurred in the ring or merely upon the Show/Trial grounds. The report, entry forms, and findings shall be forwarded to the Executive Secretary by the Business Office. If the dog was not disqualified, the report shall explain why not.
- 4) The reports of the Affiliate and judge shall be forwarded by the Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors and to ASCA's General Counsel.
- 5) ASCA's Counsel shall review the reports and make recommendations to the Board.
- 6) If the dog was excused, the Board of Directors will take such action, if any, as it deems appropriate with respect to allowing the dog to continue to compete.
- 7) If the dog was disqualified, the dog shall be ineligible to participate in any ASCA event in any discipline, unless and until such dog is approved for further competition and reinstated by the Board of Directors.

Comment: ASCA needs a dog bite policy enforceable across all venues. This language was developed with the help of ASCA's attorney.

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is approved.

#### **94:01 STOCK DOG COMMITTEE - Judge Vacancy**

Motion by Davenport, second by Aufox

I move to appoint Rachel Vest to the Stockdog Committee to fill a judge position.

Directors: Voting: Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is approved.

#### **94:01 STOCK DOG COMMITTEE - Garrett to Provisional Judge**

Motion by Davenport

I move the following from the SDC: The SDC unanimously approved moving Robyn Johnson Garrett from Apprentice to Provisional judge.

Directors: Voting: Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is approved.

#### **98:02 MVA COMMITTEE - Danielle Pugh**

Motion by McNamara, second by Berryessa

I move to approve Danielle Pugh to the MVA committee.

Directors: Voting: Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is approved.

#### **98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Marula Furlan**

Motion by McNamara, second by Gann

I move Marula Furlan be appointed to the obedience committee.

Directors: Voting: Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is approved.

#### **98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Show/Obedience Secretary**

Motion by McNamara

I move the following, effective 6/1/09:

We respectfully submit the following motion which would allow a show/obedience chairman/secretary to compete and hire judges. Motion by Burlingame, second by Alexander. Voting: Yes - Burlingame, Alexander, Franks, Hines, Case, Sidwell, Uran, Reschenthaler, White, Waller. No - Stoddart.

Chapter 1, Section 3:

1st and 2nd paragraphs to remain the same.

Add Paragraph 3:

“The Show/Obedience Chairman will be allowed to hire judges for the shows and will also be allowed to compete in the Obedience portion of the shows. Other members of the show committee will also be allowed to compete in the obedience portion of the shows.”

Reason: The committee feels that by allowing experienced obedience exhibitors to show as well as act as show/obedience secretaries, clubs will have an easier time finding secretaries who understand what it takes to put on a well run obedience trial. Presently, the people who know how to run a trial do not volunteer to work because in doing so, they would be prohibited from competing. I make a motion that will allow a Show/Obedience secretary to compete in obedience as well as hire judges for said show.

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

### **98:02 MVA COMMITTEE - Appointments**

Motion by McNamara seconded by Berryessa

I move to approve Jan Wesen, Andrea Hoffman, Lori Faucett, Renee Reschenthaler, and Robyn Johnson-Garrett to the MVA committee

Voting: Approve: Unanimous.  
Motion is approved.

### **98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE – Veterans**

Motion by McNamara  
I move the following:

We respectfully make the following motion to become effective June, 2009.

Motion by Uran, second by Franks.

Voting: Yes - Uran, Franks, Burlingame, White, Waller, Case, Alexander, Hines, Stoddart.

No - Sidwell.

Non-voting – Reschenthaler

I move we make the additions / changes regarding veteran classes below to the ASCA obedience rulebook.

REASON for the changes: These classes will allow advanced titles to be finished or obtained with older dogs who would benefit from lower jump heights. It is a change some members have been asking for.

CHANGES TO TAKE PLACE: June 2009

#### **CHAPTER 8: NON-REGULAR CLASSES**

SECTION: 5: Change name of this class to "Seniors Class"

In first sentence change the word "Veterans" to "Seniors."

In the third sentence change the word "Veterans" to "Seniors."

#### **CHAPTER 4: OPEN**

SECTION 2: Open B class

Replace the current paragraph with: The Open B class will be for dogs that have won the C.D. , CDX or CDX - V title from ASCA or that have a C.D.X. from any registry. A dog may continue to show in this class after earning their CDX or UD or UD-V title from ASCA, and / or the UD title from another registry. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person. Owners may enter more than one (1) dog in this class. The person who handles the dog in the first five (5) exercises must also handle that dog in the "long Sit" and "Long Down" exercises unless the class will only have one group of stays. If this occurs, the owner must have additional handlers standing by to handle the additional dog (s) during the "Stays." No dog may be entered in Open A or Open V when entered in Open B during any one (1) trial.

/add new section: SECTION 3 Open V Class

The Open V Class shall be for dogs aged 7 years or older who have won the CD (Companion Dog) title from ASCA or other registry. This class shall not be mandatory for dogs aged (7) seven years or older. The V class shall not be eligible for High in Trial or High Combined Awards. This class shall not be eligible for Merit and National Finals standings. Titles won in this class are eligible for the Hall Of Fame program. Dogs will jump four (4) inches lower in this class than the specified height for Open A and B classes. Order of exercises will follow Open A. Legs earned toward a CDX title may be transferred to Open V from the Open A or B class. Legs earned in Open V may not be transferred to the Open A or B class.

A dog may continue to be shown in this class indefinitely after winning their CDX or CDX-V or UD or UD-V or UDX from ASCA and /or after winning the CDX and/or UD or UDX title from another registry. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person. Owners may enter more than one (1) dog in this class. The person who handles the dog in the first five (5) exercises must also handle that dog in the "long Sit" and "Long Down" exercises unless the class will have only one group of stays. If this occurs, the owner must have additional handlers standing by to handle the additional dog (s) during the "Stays". No dog may be entered in Open A or Open B during any one (1) trial when entered in the Open V class.

Re-number old section 3 to SECTION 4: Open Exercises and Scores

Add as first sentence: Open V class exercises will follow the Open A class order.

Re-number old section 4 to SECTION 5: CDX and CDX-V Title

Change first sentence to read: ASCA will issue a Companion Dog Excellent or a Companion Dog Excellent – Veteran certificate to a dog with ASCA registration or a tracking number, and will permit the use of CDX or CDX-V after its name, when it has received three (3) qualifying scores awarded by at least (2) judges.

The rest of the section remains the same.

Re-number old section 5 to SECTION 6: Heel Free and Figure Eight, Performance and Scoring

Re-number old section 6 to SECTION 7: Drop On Recall

Re-number old section 7 to: SECTION 8: Drop on Recall, Scoring

Re-number old section 8 to : SECTION 9: Retrieve On The Flat

Re-number old section 9 to: SECTION 10: Retrieve On The Flat, Scoring

Re-number old section 10 to: SECTION 11 – Retrieve Over High Jump

Re-number old section 11 to: SECTION 12: Retrieve Over High Jump, Scoring

Re-number old section 12 to: SECTION 13: Broad Jump

Re-number old section 13 to: SECTION 14: Broad Jump, Scoring

Re-number old section 14 to: SECTION 15: Open Group Exercises, Performance and Scoring.

## CHAPTER 5 UTILITY

Replace current section 1 with: SECTION 1: Utility A Class

The Utility A class shall be for any dogs that have earned the ASCA CDX or CDX-V titles but have not earned the UD or UD-V and / or have not earned the UD title from another registry. ASCA Obedience judges may not enter or handle dogs in this class.

A dog may continue to be shown in Utility A for sixty (60) days following notification by three judges, two of whom are different, that it has completed the requirements for the UD title from ASCA or other registry. No dog shall be entered in Utility A at any one (1) trial if it is entered in the Utility B or Utility V class.



Replace current section 2 with: SECTION 2: Utility B Class

The Utility B class shall be for dogs who have won the UD, UD-V or UDX title from ASCA and /or have won a UD from any registry. Dogs with the UD title may continue to compete in this class. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person. Owners may enter more than one (1) dog in this class. No dog shall be entered in the Utility B class at any one (1) trial if it is entered in Utility A or Utility V class.

Replace current section 3 heading to read: SECTION 3: Utility Veteran Class

Add the following under new section 3:

Utility V class shall be for dogs aged (7) seven years or older who have won the CDX or CDX-V or the UD or UD-V title from ASCA and / or have won the CDX or UD title from any registry. This class shall not be mandatory for dogs aged 7 years and older. This class shall not be eligible for High in Trial or High or High Combined Awards. This class shall not be eligible for Merit and National Finals standings. Dogs in this class shall jump four (4) inches lower than the height specified for Utility A and B classes. Titles earned in this class will be eligible for the Hall of Fame program. Legs earned in Utility A and B classes may be transferred to the veteran program, but legs earned in Utility V classes may not be transferred to the Utility A or B classes. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog shall be entered in either Utility A or B if it is entered in the Utility V class at any one (1) trial.

Change current section 3 heading to read: SECTION 4: Utility Exercises and Scores

Add this as first sentence: Utility V class will follow Utility A exercise order.

Change current section 4 heading to read: SECTION 5: U.D. and U.D.-V Title

Change the first sentence to read:

ASCA will issue a Utility Dog or Utility Dog-V certificate to a dog with ASCA registration or a tracking number, and will permit the use of UD or UD-V after its name, when it has received three (3) qualifying scores awarded by at least two (2) judges.

The second sentence remains the same.

Change current section 5 heading to read: SECTION 6: Signal Exercise

The remainder of the section is unchanged.

Change current section 6 heading to read: SECTION 7: Signal Exercise, Scoring

The remainder of the section is unchanged.

Change current section 7 heading to read: SECTION 8: Scent Discrimination

The remainder of the section is unchanged.

Change current section 8 heading to read: SECTION 9: Scent Discrimination, Scoring

The remainder of section is unchanged.

Change current section 9 heading to read: SECTION 10: Directed Retrieve

The remainder of the section is unchanged.

Change current section 10 heading to read: SECTION 11: Directed Retrieve, Scoring

The rest of the section is unchanged.

Change the current section 11 heading to read: SECTION 12: Moving Stand for Examination  
The remainder of the section is unchanged.

Change current section 12 heading to read: SECTION 13: Moving Stand for Examination, Scoring  
The remainder of the section is unchanged.

Change current section 13 heading to read: SECTION 14: Directed Jumping  
The remainder of the section is unchanged.

Change current section 14 heading to read: SECTION 15: Directed Jumping, Scoring  
The remainder of the section is unchanged.

#### CHAPTER 6: UDX and UDX-V TITLE

Change first paragraph to read: ASCA will issue a Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) or Utility Dog Excellent – Veteran (UDX-V) certificate for each registered dog or dog with a tracking number and permit the use of the letters "UDX" or UDX-V" after the name of each dog that is certified as receiving at least ten (10) qualifying scores in both Open B and Utility B or Open-V and Utility V at the same ASCA sanctioned obedience trial. Dogs may not earn legs towards an ASCA UDX or UDX-V title until they have earned the title of UD or UD-V.

Voting: Approve: Dolan, McNamara, Westerman, Aufox, and Gann. Disapprove: Davenport and Berryessa.  
Abstain: MacRoberts.  
Motion is approved.

#### **98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Error**

Motion by McNamara

I move the following: We respectfully make the following motion to correct an error in the current Novice HIT rule. Effective June 2009

Motion by Burlingame, Second by Franks

Voting: Yes - Burlingame, Alexander, Case, Franks, Hines, Reschenthaler, Sidwell, Stoddart, Uran, Waller, White.

Chapter 3, section 2 (Novice B class) Second to the last sentence

Replace current sentence: "A dog can continue to be shown in Novice B after receiving three qualifying Novice scores until they receive a qualifying score in Open, or receive one over HIT (after the 60 grace period has expired)."

With: "A dog can continue to be shown in Novice B after receiving three qualifying Novice scores until they receive a qualifying score in Open, or receive one over-all HIT (after the 60 grace period has expired)."

Reason: To correct an error made by the committee from a previously approved rule change. Without the word "all" the sentence does not make sense.

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

#### **99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Wesen**

Motion by Berryessa, second by Davenport

I move we reappoint Jan Wesen to the Tracking Committee Directors:

Voting: Approve: Unanimous  
Motion is approved.

**Formal Complaint** The Board of Directors is investigating a formal complaint alleging several Registry Rules violations.

**Approved:**

**Non Regular Breeder Judge**

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