

January 2015 Secretary's Report

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

Email Motions

BD.15.01 Motion to change Committee Procedures sections 2.1 and 2.3

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Roberts

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

Second: Vest

I move to make the following changes to sections 2.1 and 2.3:

Change section 2.1 which reads:

Committees shall normally be made up of no more than fifteen (15) ASCA members including the Chairperson. Ideally, the Committee shall have at least one Member and no more than two Members from each ASCA regions. The ASCA regions are:

REGION 1: WA, OR, ID, MT, AK

REGION 2: CA, NV, AZ, UT

REGION 3: CO, WY, NE, KS, ND, SD, MB, SK, AB, BC, YT, NT

REGION 4: MI, IA, IL, OH, WI, MN, IN, MO, KY

REGION 5: AR, LA, MS, AL, TN, NC, SC, GA, FL, TX, NM, OK

REGION 6: ME, NH, VT, NY, RI, MA, CT, PA, NJ, WV, VA, MD, DE, DC, ON, QC, NS, NB, PE, NF

REGION 7: Europe

~~The Stockdog Committee shall be organized in accordance with Chapter 14 of the Stockdog Program Rulebook.~~

To read:

2.1 Committee Makeup

Committees shall normally be made up of no more than fifteen (15) ASCA members including the Chairperson. Ideally, the Committee shall have at least one Member and no more than two Members from each ASCA regions. The ASCA regions are:

REGION 1: WA, OR, ID, MT, AK

REGION 2: CA, NV, AZ, UT

REGION 3: CO, WY, NE, KS, ND, SD, MB, SK, AB, BC, YT, NT

REGION 4: MI, IA, IL, OH, WI, MN, IN, MO, KY

REGION 5: AR, LA, MS, AL, TN, NC, SC, GA, FL, TX, NM, OK

REGION 6: ME, NH, VT, NY, RI, MA, CT, PA, NJ, WV, VA, MD, DE, DC, ON, QC, NS, NB, PE, NF

REGION 7: Europe

The Stockdog Committee will consist of seven active ASCA trial contestants and five ASCA approved Stockdog Judges. One contestant shall be appointed from each of the seven geographic regions. Judges shall be appointed on an at large basis. Contestants may only fill the Contestant positions and Stockdog Judges may only fill the Judge positions.

Change the first paragraph of section 2.3 which reads:

2.3 Terms and Appointments

The Board will appoint volunteers with Full ASCA memberships to Program Committees for a period of two years at the Spring Board of Directors' meeting. If existing Committee members apply to remain on the committee after their term of service has expired, the Board may reappoint them during the Spring meeting. The Board may also fill vacancies at other times during the year if deemed appropriate by the Committee Liaison. These appointments are made through a Committee Liaison appointing motion (no second required) to the Board. The term of a Committee member appointed between Spring Board of Director meetings will expire at the first or second Spring meeting following his/her appointment determined by the Program rules and regulations of the Committee. The existing Committee Liaison will notify those members that were appointed to the Committee and will notify those individuals that were not appointed to the Committee. (Effective June 2014)

To read:

2.3 Terms and Appointments

The Board will appoint volunteers with Full ASCA memberships to Program Committees for a period of two years at the Spring Board of Directors' meeting. For the Stockdog Committee, Judges will renew in odd numbered years and contestants will renew in even numbered years. If existing Committee members apply to remain on the committee after their term of service has expired, the Board may reappoint them during the Spring meeting. The Board may also fill vacancies at other times during the year if deemed appropriate by the Committee Liaison. These appointments are made through a Committee Liaison appointing motion (no second required) to the Board. The term of a Committee member appointed between Spring Board of Director meetings will expire at the first or second Spring meeting following his/her appointment determined by the Program rules and regulations of the Committee. The existing Committee Liaison will notify those members that were appointed to the Committee and will notify those individuals that were not appointed to the Committee.

Rationale: This places membership information for all program committees in one location simplifying committee administration.

Effective when approved by the Board of Directors.

BD.15.02 Motion to change Nationals Hosting Rules section 2.2 and Premium Checklist

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

Second: Vest

I move to change section 2.2 and the Premium Checklist of the National Specialty Hosting Rules which read:

2.2 Premium List in AT

A sixteen page Premium List, including entry forms, will be printed in the March/April issue of the AUSSIE TIMES at no expense to the Host Club. Should the Host Club require more than sixteen, the Host Club must request Board of Director approval of additional pages when submitting the first draft. If approved, the additional pages will be printed free of charge. If disapproved, the Aussie Times editor will bill the Host Club, after entries close, for the additional pages at the current advertising rate (at the time of Premium list submission).

Premium Checklist

Premium has a 16 page limit including entry forms. Anything over this limit must be paid advertising by the Host Club or free with approval of the Board. All items listed below are required to be included in the Official Premium List.

To read:

2.2 Premium List in AT

An eighteen page Premium List, including entry forms, will be printed in the March/April issue (for Sept/Oct National) or the May/June issue (for November National) of the AUSSIE TIMES at no expense to the Host Club. Should the Host Club require more than eighteen, the Host Club must request Board of Director approval of additional pages when submitting the first draft. Approved additional pages are printed free of charge. If disapproved, the Aussie Times editor will bill the Host Club, after entries close, for the additional pages at the advertising rate in force at the time of Premium list submission.

Premium Checklist

Premium has an eighteen page limit including entry forms. Anything over this limit must be paid advertising by the Host Club or free with approval of the Board. All items listed below are required to be included in the Official Premium List.

Rationale: This change reflects the addition of a Rally entry form plus an additional page for potential growth.

Effective date is June 1, 2015.

AG.15.01 Motion to change rule 7.2.2 Scoring

Approve: DeChant, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Dolan

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from Dolan: The effective date does not allow time for vendors to change the trial software to support the change.

Motion: Roberts

I make a move to approve the below motion from the Agility Committee.

Motion by Sherry Butler

Second by Gary Shipley

Yes: 12

No: 1

Effective date: June 2015

Rationale: Gamblers is a two part class and those who successfully complete both parts should place higher than those who complete only one part.

Currently reads

7 Gamblers Class

7.2 Scoring and Qualification Requirements

7.2.2 Scoring

The class is placed by total points accumulated (i.e. the dog earning the most total points will win the class WHETHER the run is qualifying OR NOT).

Change to:

7.2.2 Scoring

The class is placed by total points accumulated for qualifying runs, then by total points accumulated for non-qualifying runs.

AG.15.02 Motion to change rules 2.8.1 and 2.8.2 Judging fees

Approve: Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Dolan, Silveira

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: DeChant

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Agility Committee.

Effective date of this motion would be June 1st. Minutes of motion, if approved in the January cycle, would be published in the May/June AT.

Motion by Sue Graham

Second by Gary Shipley

Approve: 12
Non-voting: 1

This motion clarifies judging fees based on the amount of classes judged.

Rationale: Some judges are negotiating different rates with affiliate clubs for non-weekend trial assignments. Sometimes these clubs expect other judges to give them the same reduced rate.

This will also clarify that the judges at Nationals and Finals will earn the same minimum fee even if they are scheduled to judge smaller classes.

Chapter 2, Section 2.8.1 Judge's Expenses final bullet states:

The judging fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per run listed in the running order catalog, whether or not the dog runs, or the current minimum fee of \$200.00 per day.

Change to read:

The Judge's fee. The fee rate for classes scheduled on a weekend is one dollar (\$1.00) per run listed in the running order catalog, whether or not the dog runs, or a minimum fee of \$200 per day.

The fee for additional days prior to or after a weekend trial will be based on the number of courses designed. One to six courses (for example, two rounds of regular at all three levels would be six courses) will be paid one dollar per run listed in the catalog or a minimum fee of \$100 per day. Seven to eleven courses designed/offered will be paid one dollar per run listed in the catalog or a minimum fee of \$150 per day. Twelve or more courses will be paid one dollar per run listed in the catalog or a minimum fee of \$200 per day.

The minimum judging fee per day of any assignments at Nationals or the Pre-trials will be \$200. An exception would be any runs judged in an overflow capacity which would be paid at \$1.00 per run.

Currently Section 2.8.2 reads:

2.8.2 Other Trial Expenses

It is the host group's responsibility to ensure that all financial obligations for holding the trial are promptly paid. All financial obligations for rental of equipment, for the site, for ribbons, for food and refreshments, etc., shall be promptly fulfilled. Judges shall be reimbursed for the expenses they have incurred (travel, duplicating of courses, meals). The judging fee (one dollar per run listed in the running order catalog, whether the dog actually runs or not, or the current minimum fee of \$200.00 per day) should be given to the judge at the conclusion of the trial (usually the computation of this fee can be done before the trial, i.e. as soon as the running order catalog for a pre-entry only trial is printed).

Change to read:

2.8.2 Other Trial Expenses

It is the host group's responsibility to ensure that all financial obligations for holding the trial are promptly paid. All financial obligations for rental of equipment, for the site, for ribbons, for food and refreshments, etc., shall be promptly fulfilled. Judges shall be reimbursed for the expenses they have incurred (travel, duplicating of courses, meals). The judging fee (see rates in Section 2.8.1 above) should be given to the judge at the conclusion of the trial (usually the computation of this fee can be done before the trial, i.e. as soon as the running order catalog for a pre-entry only trial is printed).

AG.15.04 Motion to change rule 5.4 and 6.4 Obstacle restrictions

Approve: DeChant, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Dolan

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from Dolan: This change needlessly complicates course design. Also what is the definition of "several clubs"?

Motion: Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Agility committee.

Effective date would be June 2015, the next rulebook publishing, since the motion if approved, would be published in the May/June AT.

This motion would affect judges and help their course design options.

This motion passed with 12 yes votes and one 'no' vote (Betty).

Motion 15-2014: Motion to revise the restrictions on the use of the tire, closed tunnel, and double bar jumps in courses

Motion by Gary Shipley

Second by Judy Boone

Rationale: There are several clubs who request judges use these pieces of equipment in their courses and with the current rule book restrictions on their use at the Open and Novice levels it is difficult to do that. This motion will allow these obstacles to be used at all levels but will still be safe about it.

Currently:

Chapter 5 Regular Class

5.4 Course Design

5.4.1 General Guidelines

Bullet #3 – All double bar jumps shall have top bars at the same height and have straight on approaches. A double bar jump shall never follow a closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar jumps.

5.4.2 Novice Level Course Design

Bullet #5 – There shall be no turns out of the closed tunnel and the next obstacle shall not be closer than 20 feet from the exit of the closed tunnel.

Bullet #6 – The tire jump shall have a straight on approach.

5.4.3 Open Level Course Design

Bullet #4 – The tire jump shall always have a safe approach.

Bullet #5 – There shall be no sharp turns out of the closed tunnel and the next obstacle shall be no closer than 18 feet from the exit of the closed tunnel.

5.4.4 Elite Level Course Design

Bullet #4 – The tire jump shall always have a safe approach.

Bullet #5 - There shall be no sharp turns out of the closed tunnel and the next obstacle shall be no closer than 18 feet from the exit of the closed tunnel.

Chapter 6 Jumpers Class

6.4 Course Design

6.4.1 General Guidelines

Bullet #5 – If used, the double bar jump shall have top bars at the same height and have straight on approaches. A double bar jump shall never follow a closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar jumps.

Bullet #6 – The tire jump shall have a straight on approach in Novice Jumpers and a safe approach in Open and Elite Jumpers.

Bullet #7 – There shall be no turns out of the closed tunnel and the next obstacle shall be no closer than 20 feet from the exit of the closed tunnel.

Change to:

5.4 Course Design

5.4.1 General Guidelines

Bullet #3 – All double bar jumps shall have top bars at the same height and have as straight on of an approach as possible, however the use of a double bar jump on a gradual arc within the flow of the course is allowed. A double bar jump shall never follow a closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar jumps.

Insert new Bullet #4 – There shall be no sharp turns out of the closed tunnel and the next obstacle shall not be closer than 20 feet from the exit of the closed tunnel.

Insert new Bullet #5 – The tire jump shall have as straight on of an approach as possible, however the use of the tire jump in a gradual arc within the flow of the course is allowed.

5.4.2 Novice Level Course Design

Delete Bullets #5 and #6

5.4.3 Open Level Course Design

Delete Bullets #4 and #5

5.4.4 Elite Level Course Design

Delete Bullets #4 and #5

Chapter 6 Jumpers Class

6.4 Course Design

6.4.1 General Guidelines

Bullet #5 – If used, the double bar jump shall have top bars at the same height and have as straight on of an approach as possible, however the use of a double bar jump on a gradual arc within the flow of the course is allowed. A double bar jump shall never follow a closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar jumps.

Bullet #6 – The tire jump shall have as straight on of an approach as possible, however the use of the tire jump in a gradual arc within the flow of the course is allowed.

Bullet #7 – There shall be no sharp turns out of the closed tunnel and the next obstacle shall be no closer than 20 feet from the exit of the closed tunnel.

SD.15.01 Motion to change rule 3.12.3.d Gather option Course C

Approve: Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION FAILS

Comment from Dolan: The rationale is faulty.

Comment from Kissman: If Courses D, E and F can be run without a take pen (stock set out) and the gather can be demonstrated, then the gather on Course C should be able to be demonstrated.

Comment from Wesen: A club should have the option to do a pen or take pen if needed. The rationale stating the size of pen and distance for gather isn't valid if it is suitable in D, E, F in minimum arena.

Motion: Silveira

I move that the following recommendation from the Stock dog Committee be approved.

I make a motion to change rule 3.12.3.d which will eliminate the gather option for Course C, requiring it to be a take pen only course. Effective date to be June, 1 2015.

Fiona Hibbard

Rationale: The ability to effectively demonstrate a gather from the Advanced Handler Line is all but impossible. If the stock does not want to come off the back fence, there is not enough room to maneuver the dog to perform a gather. This course was originally designed and intended to be a take pen course, similar to Course A.

Proposed Change:

3.12.3.d. Take Pens

The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for

the dog or the livestock, a different course must be used that does not require a take pen. All take pens shall be placed on the outside of the arena. The take pen should be located somewhere outside and on the fence opposite the first obstacle whenever possible. If positioned on a side fence, the take pen must be as close to the fence opposite the first obstacle as possible. The take pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

- i. The duck/geese arena take pen shall be a minimum of 8 x 8 and a maximum of 16 x 16 feet.
- ii. For cattle and sheep/goats, a take pen shall be of adequate size to allow the dog to remove the livestock safely. The livestock size, number and demeanor will determine the necessary size of each take pen. The livestock should not take up more than 1/3 of the take pen. It is suggested that the minimum size be no less than 250 square feet with a maximum size of 900 square feet.
- iii. The take pen gate for cattle and sheep/goats shall be no less than 8 feet.
- iv. Course C may not be run without the use of a take pen. If, on the day of the trial, the take pen is determined to be unsafe or insufficient by the trial committee and Judge, Course B (or any other course not requiring a take pen) must be used. This may be done without pre-approval from the Business Office. Any course changes must be submitted to the Business office with the Trial Report. At no time is livestock to be set out when using Course C.

Current Rule:

3.12.3.d. Take Pens

The duck/geese arena take pen shall be a minimum of 8 x 8 feet and a maximum of 16 x 16 feet. The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen. Advanced handlers must position themselves at the Advanced handler line where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena. Open Handlers must position themselves on the handler's side of the open handler's line or where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. Started handlers may position themselves where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. All take pens shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence opposite the first obstacle whenever possible. The take pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

Motion carries

For: 6

Against: 3

Non-voting: 2

Comments:

Manley: I don't see the need to eliminate this option. If it's not a true gather it doesn't have to be called that.

Schvaneveldt: I feel the clubs can decide. A situation may arise that warrants a set out.

Watson: I feel this course can be run with either a take pen or gather. There is the same amount of room, if not slightly more, to do a gather (from the advanced handlers line) in the 225' minimum arena for Course C when compared to the room (from the advanced handlers line) for the gather in Courses D,E, and F in the minimum 200' arena.

SD.15.02 Motion to change rule 12.6.5.b Finals tie breaker

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Silveira

I move to accept the following recommended rule change from the Stock dog Committee.

Title: Finals Tie Breaker Rule

Effective date: June 1, 2015

I make a motion to clarify the method of tie breaking for Finals found in rule 12.6.5.b.

Dan Sanderson

I will second this motion. Linda

Rationale: This is more "housecleaning". The current rule was written prior to the inclusion of Courses D, E, & F. There is no cross drive through obstacle 2 in these courses. This rule will provide a consistent method for breaking the tie as described in the rule book, regardless of the course used.

Proposed Change:

12.6.5.b

Taking the total combined average score from all three go-rounds for dog's ability to control livestock for the cross-drive through obstacle 2 on Course A, B, C, and Post Advanced, or through obstacle 3 on Course D, E, and F.

Current Rule:

12.6.5.b

Taking the total combined highest average score from all three go-rounds for dog's ability to control livestock for the cross-drive through obstacle 2

Motion carries

For: 9

Non-voting: 2

SD.15.03 Motion to change rule 3.12.4.d Position of Advanced Handler Course D

Approve: Hardin, Kissman, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, King, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION FAILS

Motion: Silveira

I move to approve the following recommended rule change from the Stock dog Committee.

Title: Position of Advanced Handler Course D

Effective date: June 1, 2015

I make a motion to define the location an advanced handler is to stand when beginning the gather on Course D, 3.12.4.d.

Dan Sanderson

I second the motion. Linda

Rationale: The position of the handler as defined in the current rule is vague. This question was brought up and discussed at length during the judges' seminar in Bryan, TX. It was felt that it needed to be addressed to create conformity between judges and contestants throughout the country.

Proposed change:

3.12.4 Course D Arena

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and/or construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen. Advanced handlers must position themselves within the length of a stock stick of the Advanced handler line on the take-pen side of the line, where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena. The handler is free to move after the dog has been sent as long as it is on the take-pen side of the Advanced Handler line. Open and Started handlers may position themselves where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. Open handlers' line is in effect for the Open division. The take pen and/or re-pen shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence. The take pen and/or re-pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

Current rule:

3.12.4 Course D Arena

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and/or construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen. Advanced handlers must position themselves at the Advanced

handler line on the take-pen side of the line, where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena. The handler is free to move after the dog has been sent as long as it is on the take-pen side of the Advanced Handler line. Open and Started handlers may position themselves where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. Open handlers' line is in effect for the Open division. The take pen and/or re-pen shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence. The take pen and/or re-pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

Motion passes

For: 8

Non-voting: 3

SD.15.04 Motion to change rule 3.12.5.d Position of Advanced Handler Course E

Approve: Hardin, Kissman, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, King, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION FAILS

Motion: Silveira

I move to approve the following recommended motion from the Stock dog Committee.

Title: Position of Advanced Handler Course E

Effective date: June 1, 2015

I make a motion to define the location an advanced handler is to stand when beginning the gather on Course E, 3.12.5.d.

Dan Sanderson

I will second. Linda

Rationale: The position of the handler as defined in the current rule is vague. This question was brought up and discussed at length during the judges' seminar in Bryan, TX. It was felt that it needed to be addressed to create conformity between judges and contestants throughout the country.

Proposed change:

3.12.5.d Course E Arena

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and/or construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen. Advanced handlers must position themselves **within the length of a stock stick of the** Advanced handler line on the take-pen side of the line, where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena. The handler is free to

move after the dog has been sent as long as it is on the take-pen side of the Advanced Handler line. Open and Started handlers may position themselves where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. Open handlers' line is in effect for the Open division. The take pen and/or re-pen shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence. The take pen and/or re-pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

Current rule:

3.12.5.d Course E Arena

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and/or construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen. Advanced handlers must position themselves at the Advanced handler line on the take-pen side of the line, where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena. The handler is free to move after the dog has been sent as long as it is on the take-pen side of the Advanced Handler line. Open and Started handlers may position themselves where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. Open handlers' line is in effect for the Open division. The take pen and/or re-pen shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence. The take pen and/or re-pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

Motion passes

For: 8

Non-voting: 3

SD.15.05 Motion to change rule 3.12.6.d Position of Advanced Handler Course F

Approve: Hardin, Kissman, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, King, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION FAILS

Motion: Silveira

I move to approve the following recommended rule change from the Stock dog Committee.

Title: Position of Advanced Handler Course F

Effective date: June 1, 2015

I make a motion to define the location an advanced handler is to stand when beginning the gather on Course F, 3.12.6.d.

Dan Sanderson

I will second. Linda

Rationale: The position of the handler as defined in the current rule is vague. This question was brought up and discussed at length during the judges' seminar in Bryan, TX. It was felt that it needed to be addressed to create conformity between judges and contestants throughout the country.

Proposed change:

3.12.6.d Course F Arena

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and/or construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen. Advanced handlers must position themselves within the length of a stock stick of the Advanced handler line on the take-pen side of the line, where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena. The handler is free to move after the dog has been sent as long as it is on the take-pen side of the Advanced Handler line. Open and Started handlers may position themselves where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. Open handlers' line is in effect for the Open division. The take pen and/or re-pen shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence. The take pen and/or re-pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

Current rule:

3.12.6.d Course F Arena

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and/or construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen. Advanced handlers must position themselves at the Advanced handler line on the take-pen side of the line, where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena. The handler is free to move after the dog has been sent as long as it is on the take-pen side of the Advanced Handler line. Open and Started handlers may position themselves where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. Open handlers' line is in effect for the Open division. The take pen and/or re-pen shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence. The take pen and/or re-pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

Motion carries

For: 8

Non-voting: 3

SD.15.06 Motion to change rules 3.6.2, 3.6.3, and 3.6.4 Remove listing of obstacles

Approve: Dolan, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0
Non-Voting: DeChant
MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Silveira

I move that we approve the following recommended motion from the SDC.

Title: Motion to remove listing of obstacles.

Effective date: June 1, 2015.

Maker of motion: Lindy Epperly

Dan Sanderson seconded motion

I move that the following changes be made to rules 3.6.2, 3.6.3, and 3.6.4.:

Rationale: As rule 3.6.1 states that course and ability to control livestock points are to be given, the listing of each obstacle is unnecessary and cumbersome. As the rule is currently written all of the obstacles to be given points in the current courses are not listed and they would need to be added if the list is not removed. Removing the list prevents needing a rule change in this section whenever a new or different course may be developed in the future. The 'elbow' needed to be added to the list of what a started dog does not do.

Proposed Change:

SECTION 6 – QUALIFYING SCORES

3.6.1 A qualifying score shall be comprised of points earned from both course and dog's ability to control livestock as defined for that division and earned at an ASCA sanctioned trial.

3.6.2 Started Trial Dogs must earn 69 or more of 100 possible points. The center chute, freestanding pen, or the 'elbow' found in Course E are not required for a Started Trial Dog and no course or control points will be awarded.

3.6.3 Open Trial Dogs must earn 88 or more out of 125 possible points to earn a qualifying score. The handler in this division will not be permitted to step across an imaginary line drawn across the width of the arena. This line is to be adequately marked with something visible to both handler and Judges and shall not interfere with the movement of the stock. This line may not be stepped across at any time during the run without a penalty of 15 points. (Effective June 1, 2014).

3.6.4 Advanced Trial Dogs must earn 88 or more out of 125 possible points to qualify. The handler in this division will not be permitted to step across an imaginary line drawn across: the entry wings of the center chute or the gate of the free-standing pen to the fences on either side of the arena for courses A or B; or 125' from obstacle 1b down towards the re-pen end of the arena for courses D, E, or F; or 125' from the bottom corner of the panel obstacles 1 and 2 down to the exit end of the chute for Course C. This line may not be stepped across during the run without a loss of 50% of the total points earned during the entire run.

EXCEPTION: While working the freestanding pen in Course B, Course D, and Course F (see Chapter 3, Section 12.2.g, 12.4.g, 12.6.g).

Rules as currently written:

SECTION 6 – QUALIFYING SCORES

3.6.1 A qualifying score shall be comprised of points earned from both course and dog's ability to control livestock as defined for that division and earned at an ASCA sanctioned trial.

3.6.2 Started Trial Dogs must earn 69 or more of 100 possible points. ~~Course and control points may be awarded for the take pen or gather, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, and the re-pen for a total possible score of 100.~~ The center chute or freestanding pen is not required for a Started Trial Dog and no course or control points will be awarded.

3.6.3 Open Trial Dogs must earn 88 or more out of 125 possible points to earn a qualifying score. ~~Course and control points may be awarded for the take pen or gather, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, chute or free standing pen, and the re-pen, for a total possible score of 125.~~ The handler in this division will not be permitted to step across an imaginary line drawn across the width of the arena. ~~This line is to be adequately marked with something visible to both handler and Judges and shall not interfere with the movement of the stock.~~ This line may not be stepped across at any time during the run without a penalty of 15 points. (Effective June 1, 2014).

3.6.4 Advanced Trial Dogs must earn 88 or more out of 125 possible points to qualify. ~~Course and control points may be awarded for the take pen or gather, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, chute, free standing pen or elbow obstacle and the re-pen for a total possible score of 125.~~ The handler in this division will not be permitted to step across an imaginary line drawn across: the entry wings of the center chute or the gate of the free-standing pen to the fences on either side of the arena for courses A or B; or 125' from obstacle 1b down towards the re-pen end of the arena for courses D, E, or F; or 125' from the bottom corner of the panel obstacles 1 and 2 down to the exit end of the chute for Course C. This line may not be stepped across during the run without a loss of 50% of the total points earned during the entire run.

EXCEPTION: While working the freestanding pen in Course B, Course D, and Course F (see Chapter 3, Section 12.2.g, 12.4.g, 12.6.g).

Results: Motion passes unanimously.

Approve: 10

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Judge Approvals

New ASCA Senior Breeder Judge Julie Humeston (California)

New ASCA Junior Showmanship Judge Kristyn Maddox (Washington)

New ASCA Obedience Judge (N, O, U) Tom Savarese (South Carolina)

Committee Appointments

New DNA Committee Member Gina Larson (Region 1)

New DNA Committee Member Carol McLaughlin (Region 2)
New DNA Committee Member Joan Holmes (Region 3)
New DNA Committee Member Pam Arlitt (Region 3)
New DNA Committee Member Linda Gray (Region 6)
New Junior Committee Member Svenja Hagedorn (Region 7)

One applicant to the DNA Committee was denied.

Reinstated Dogs

SkyHi's OMalley the Alley Cat Crusenby

Agility Licensees

New club licensed to hold ASCA Agility Trials - K9 Jym Indoor Dog Sports & Fitness (Pennsylvania)

Rescue Grant Recipients (from the ASCA Foundation)

New Spirit 4 Aussie Recue (Pennsylvania)

Other

Recommendation AG.15.03 Motion to eliminate Veteran Handler Division from the Agility Committee was called out of order for not being submitting in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice President Rick Hardin, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Cindy King, Director Jean Roberts, Director Rachel Vest, System Liaison Allison Bryant, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Director Jan Wesen

There is a quorum with 8 voting members of the Board present via telephone.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm Central Time.

1.) Ratification of December Email Votes

BD.15.04 Motion to ratify December Email Votes

All present approve (Absent: Wesen); Motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

Second: Dolan

I make a motion to ratify the December email votes.

2.) System Upgrade

The Board heard an update on the computer system upgrade from System Liaison Allison Bryant. She has been discussing the project with three vendors who have indicated interest. The Board discussed putting down an initial payment to the vendors for them to come to the Business Office to see ASCA's operations first-hand and for time spent in the discovery and planning phase. The companies that have returned feedback on the RFP have said that it is overly complex and calls for a much larger project than is needed, which is driving up the price quotes. Spending money up front to make sure that things start off correctly could be advantageous in the long run.

- Wesen joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

The Board discussed their own preferences in working with a company. They would prefer the upgrade be done using open source software so ASCA owns the code and can go to another vendor if things are not working out. They would also prefer to deal with a company whose support is located in the United States. Bryant will check with the companies on their long-term maintenance rates and report back. The Board will wait to hear back from all companies before making a decision on moving forward. This item has been added to the February teleconference agenda.

- Bryant left the meeting at 7:36 pm.

3.) December Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed financial statements provided by Treasurer Dolan. There is \$171,899.04 in the checking account (up \$26,166.90 from 2013). There is \$350,087.35 in the savings account (up \$65,564.72 from 2013). There is \$100.00 in the wire account. The total amount in checking/savings is \$522,086.39 (up \$91,577.64 from 2013). There is \$1,324.72 in the Chase investment account and \$136,540.39 in the Raymond James investment account. ASCA's total assets amount to \$762,672.74 (up 108,756.49 from 2013).

Income is up from Aussie Times ads, gains on securities, member services, and programs. Income is down from bank/investments, membership dues, and registry services. Total income is \$910,368.44 (up \$53,807.67 from 2013). Expenses are down from Aussie Times printing costs, bank service charges, Director/Officer reimbursement, equipment rental, member services, national ASCA expenses, office expenses, payroll, printing and reproduction, and telephone costs. Expenses are up for computer related costs, insurance, junior pins and year-end awards, professional fees, and repairs. Total expenses are \$800,321.92 (up \$5,129.15 from 2013). Net income is \$110,046.52 (up \$48,678.52 from 2013).

The 2014 year-end balance for the ASCA Foundation is \$72,431.85.

Additional Event Membership Dues collected for trials sanctioned after June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014:

	Total Fees	2014 Fees	2013 Fees
Agility	\$22,987.25	\$15,430.50	\$7,556.75
Conformation	\$8,521.50	\$5,288.50	\$3,233.00
Obedience	\$1,102.00	\$685.00	\$417.00
Rally	\$1,768.25	\$1,177.50	\$590.75

Stockdog	\$5,233.75	\$2,525.25	\$2,708.50
Tracking	\$9.25	\$7.50	\$1.75
	\$39,622.00	\$25,114.25	\$14,507.75
Check to 2014 Host Club	\$11,000.00		
Balance	\$28,622.00		

BD.15.05 Motion to approve December Treasurer's Report

All present approve; Motion carries.

Motion: Roberts

Second: Wesen

I make a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for December.

4.) 2015 National Specialty Premium

The Board reviewed the final premium submitted for approval by the 2015 ASCA National Specialty & Finals Host Club. One change in wording will be made by the Executive Secretary prior to public posting.

BD.15.06 Motion to approve 2015 National Specialty Premium

All present approve; Motion carries.

Motion: Dolan

Second: DeChant

I move to approve the seventeen page final draft of the 2015 National Specialty Premium. The premium exceeds the 16 page limit set in the National Specialty Hosting Rules. Therefore I move to approve the additional page at no charge to the Host Club.

Rationale: The National Specialty Hosting Rules do not include the addition of the Rally entry form. This addition brings the page total to seventeen.

5.) 2015 Budget

The Board reviewed a proposed budget for ASCA for 2015 from Treasurer Dolan. The budget was developed by Dolan with the help of the Office Manager and Bookkeeper. The Board discussed how best to use this document going forward.

BD.15.07 Motion to approve 2015 Budget

All present approve; Motion carries.

Motion: Silveira

Second: Wesen

I move that we accept the 2015 budget as prepared by the Treasurer.

6.) Committee Member Renewals

Several ASCA committees have the bulk of their members renewing in the same year and have requested that their terms be reassigned to stagger. The Board discussed the best way to manage this and determined to let the committees handle it how they see fit. Liaisons will take this back to their committees to work out (if needed) before renewals are due at the Spring Meeting.

7.) Committee Exemptions

The Board discussed why certain committees are exempt from term limits and regional membership requirements. Specifically, the DNA Committee's exemptions came from the desire to build a level of knowledge on the parentage verification program that term limits could interrupt. It was important to keep membership on the committee consistent when they served as the direct link to ASCA's previous DNA vendor. The Board discussed whether this exemption was still needed. It was clarified that even though a committee's members may be exempt from term limits that in no way precludes new members from applying. The committee's Liaison has motioned to add 6 new members this month.

8.) Retainer for Counsel

The Board reviewed Counsel's request for \$15,000 as retainer for services to be rendered in 2015. This covers any questions Directors may have for him and anything he may do for us. This does not cover his \$1,000 flat rate for attendance at the Spring Meeting.

BD.15.08 2015 Retainer for Counsel

All present approve; Motion carries.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Dolan

I make a motion that we approve Charle Carnese's requested retainer. He is reducing his annual retainer from \$16,000 down to \$15,000, as it was prior to the lawsuit. Flat \$1,000 fee for attendance at the Spring Meeting.

9.) Request from Affiliate

An Affiliate has requested to host barn hunt run-throughs at their sanctioned conformation show. The Board discussed this request and determined that they do not need to approve this action. ASCA's insurance will cover fun events that Affiliates want to host during a sanctioned weekend.

10.) Affiliate Complaint Resolution

The Board followed up on their directive to an Affiliate club following a complaint made at Nationals. Kissman has been in contact with a representative from the Affiliate who stated that they were putting the finishing touches on things and would be complying shortly.

11.) January Board Motions

The Board discussed several motions before them for vote by email this month.

SD.15.01 Motion to change rule 3.12.3.d Gather option Course C

Several Directors stated that they would be voting against this motion. They feel it is a reactionary change due to recent events and unnecessary. The Liaison stated that this was not a reactionary motion, but rather an identifying one.

BD.15.01 Motion to change Committee Procedures sections 2.1 and 2.3

Several Directors voiced concerns over the statement requiring judge members of the Stockdog Committee come from particular regions. They felt that this was limiting applicants and causing the committee to lose out on quality members. The motion maker stated that the language had been lifted directly from the Stockdog Rules. The Board discussed a proposed change to the motion, and the motion maker agreed to withdraw and submit a revised motion.

AG.15.03 Motion to eliminate Veteran Handler Division

The Board discussed whether any Directors had changed their opinion from the first time this motion was submitted to them. Some had, some had not. The Board continued to discuss the pros and cons of the recommendation.

12.) Obedience Additions to Website

The Board reviewed a request from the Obedience Committee to add a new page to the ASCA Website with educational information related to the obedience program.

BD.15.09 Motion to add education documents from Obedience Committee to Website

All present approve; Motion carries.

Motion: Wesen

Second: Dolan

I move that we accept all documentation for the Website from the Obedience Committee.

13.) Committee E-Mail Groups

The President reminded all Directors that if they are accessing a committee's e-mail group and have a question or see something they would like to comment on they are to go through the committee's Liaison. That is the proper procedure for a Director to contact the committee.

14.) New Business

Director Silveira asked Conformation Committee Liaison Dolan if he would be submitting a resume for the committee to the Board for approval. Dolan said he would look into it.

DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm, with all present approving.

This report is respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.