

## Secretary's Report

This report details the day to day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors and mail, fax, e-mail and/or telephone communications. May 1-31, 2011.

### Board of Director's Teleconference

#### Monday May 9, 2011

The May 9th, 2011 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM CDT by President Pete Dolan. Those attending via phone were: Tenley Dexter/Secretary, Michelle Berryessa/Treasurer, Ronnie Bates/Director, Mark Westerman/Director, Rachel Vest/Director, Peter Hellmeister/First VP; Russ Ford/Second VP, David Clayton/Director and Executive Secretary Mary Logue.

##### 1) Old Business

- a. Confirmation/Ratification of e-mail votes taken in April, 2011 (Dolan): Motion by Ford, second by Vest; Approve: Unanimous; the motion is approved.
- b. First Quarter 2011 Treasurer's Report (Berryessa): This item was moved to the June 2011 teleconference.
- c. Motion to approve the 2011 RRVASC Finals Budget submission (Dolan): This item was moved to the regular May voting cycle instead of voting on it during the teleconference. Liaisons were reminded to get comments about the budget from their respective committees as required so the BoD can complete the voting.
- d. Motion to approve Christian Halm as a Junior Judge (Berryessa/Hellmeister): This item was moved to the regular May voting cycle instead of voting on it during the teleconference.
- e. TAMU Update (Ford): According to Dr. Jasperson, the Business Office (BO) is only using 3 of the 15 functions in the present software. Russ Ford suggested ASCA might want to look into what the other 12 functions can do for us. The ASCA committee will meet with TAMU either in person or via teleconference on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Berryessa suggested that Ford try to get TAMU's presentation information and send to the BoD prior to the meeting so that it can be reviewed so that if the BoD has any questions, they can submit them to the committee prior to the meeting.
- f. Executive Director/Business Manager Definition Committee Status (Bates): Committee members have been actively working. Trying to define how the position reports to programs and analyzing the pros/con's. Committee is on target for a September report. Dolan suggested that the committee and/or liaison put together a synopsis for the BoD. Bates will submit an interim report in June.
- g. BoD Breed Standard Committee Status Update (Clayton): Committee process is working well. There were some initial difficulties with contact with some of the members. Committee is working on getting first five (5) sections to the BoD for approval. Clayton reminded the BoD that this process is for approval by the BoD for the sections to go to the membership for a vote.
- h. Director's Interaction with Individual Program Committee Members (Bates): Bates was concerned with a situation which occurred last week where a Director contacted a committee member asking a specific question about activity on the committee. Dolan indicated the Directors should be careful how they react with committee members outside of the liaison and that Directors should contact liaison if they have any questions.
- i. Selection Process for filling the Business Office Manager's position (Berryessa, Hellmeister, Ford): Committee received ~ 50 resumes for the position. The list was narrowed to six (6) individuals and phone interviews were conducted. After the phone interviews, the list was narrowed to three (3) applicants for a face to face interview at the BO. Ford and Berryessa conducted the interview face to face, and Peter Hellmeister attended via teleconference. There was also a discussion on whether we needed to issue a formal contract for the new Office Managers position and if it would be valid/necessary in the state of Texas as it is a right to work state. Berryessa will contact Chuck Carnese for wording for an employee contract with Ray Fryar.



## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S DUTIES

5. The Committee Chairperson will prepare a detailed report for each issue of the AUSSIE TIMES and the ASCA website. This report will include, but is not limited to, the following:

c. In any AUSSIE TIMES Report and/or any approved ASCA e-mail list deemed necessary by the Chair, a request for resumes to fill any upcoming openings in the Committee may be made.

To read:

5. The Committee Chairperson will prepare a detailed report for each issue of the AUSSIE TIMES and the ASCA website. This report will include, but is not limited to, the following:

c. A request for resumes to fill any upcoming or existing openings in the Committee;

Add paragraph 6 to read:

6. The Chairperson may post a request for resumes to fill an existing or emerging committee vacancy on any approved ASCA e-mail list deemed appropriate by the Chair. No action shall occur to fill the vacancy until at least 45 days after publication in the Aussie Times.

Renumber the paragraph following the insertion as 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Change old paragraph 8 (now 9) which reads:

8. The Committee Chairperson must answer and forward a copy to the Committee and the Liaison on all correspondence directed to the Committee providing whatever answers or assistance is requested. If unable to help the person who is writing the Committee, the Chairperson must refer the person to the office or officer who may be of assistance.

To read:

9. The Chairperson must answer and forward copies to the Committee and the Liaison all correspondence directed to the Committee. The Chairperson shall provide whatever answers or assistance is requested. If unable to answer or assist the person who wrote to the Committee, the Chairperson must refer that person to the office or officer who may be of assistance.

Rationale: This change does the following:

1. Numbers the first paragraph in the Membership section;
2. Clarifies and removes the vagueness from paragraph 10 of the Membership section and aligns it with the language in the by-laws concerning Director voting as a measure of participation;
3. Clarifies the procedure for filling committee vacancies and specifies the avenues to use when soliciting resumes to fill vacancies;
4. Corrects and simplifies handling correspondence addressed to the committee.

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Vest; Disapprove: Bates, Ford; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

### **4:04 Conformation Committee: Add Ch. 14, Section 14.3**

Motion by Berryessa; I move we accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee:

This motion passes the CC.

Yes- Becky, Rhonda, Dorothy, Glenda, Peter, Leah, Liz, Luc, Debbie, Regi, Gail, Mary; Abstain – Nancy;

Non-Voting - Ann, Denise.

We have a motion by Liz with a second by Regi. I move to accept the following motion:

New Rule:

Chapter 14, Section 14.3

The steward shall post the goldenrod copies of the judge's books at the conclusion of judging once the judge has marked awards, placements, excused/ disqualified dogs, entry counts, date(s) and signature. The goldenrod copies of the judge's books shall be posted in a conspicuous location away from the judges table for exhibitors to view.

Reason: The reason behind this motion is that some clubs post the goldenrod copy and some clubs do not. Those that do not then have exhibitors or owners coming to the judge table to get counts. If the goldenrod copy is posted in such an area where all exhibitors or owners can see it and then it will reduce congestion around the judge table and allow the ring steward to concentrate on the job at hand, which is keeping the ring running in a professional manner. This also brings conformation in line with other performance venues. This rule would bring all clubs in line with posting the goldenrod copy.

Approve: Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister; Abstain: Clayton. *The motion is approved.*

#### **4:04 Conformation Committee: Motion #18, Provisional Breeder Judge Requirements**

Motion by Berryessa; I move we accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee.

It has passed the CC.

Yes- Becky, Rhonda, Glenda, Peter, Leah, Liz, Debbie, Regi, Gail, Mary; No - Dorothy, Luc; Abstain- Nancy; Non Voting- Ann, Denise.

Comment from Luc: I vote NO. Too much for European people. Not the amount of dogs, but here we can only do 1 event a day.

We have a motion by Liz with a second by Regi.

I move to accept the following changes to the Provisional Breeder Judge Requirements and Procedures.

The reason behind this motion is that the CC has spent hours discussing updating the various levels of the ASCA Judge requirements and procedures. With the advent of multiple shows in a day, many felt that our judges were climbing the ladder of levels much too quickly, without the experience necessary. The thought is to tighten up the requirements and procedures to allow for more ring experience.

Judge Education, when approved by the board, will be brought in at a later date as part of the requirements for all levels of our judges.

This motion will affect those NRBJ's that have not completed the current 3 requirements at the time this motion would go into effect.

To Read as follows;

#### **PROVISIONAL BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS**

Before applying for Provisional Breeder Judge Status, the following requirements must be met:

- A. Must be an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge.
- B. Must have judged non-regular classes at five (5) or more ASCA Sanctioned Conformation events (excluding handling or showmanship classes) until a minimum of fifty (50) entries total is accrued. At least one of these events must include an entry of ten or more). Non regular classes are described as follows: All Non Regular Puppy classes, stud dog, brood bitch, brace, veteran and Australian Shepherd movement classes. The Australian Shepherd movement class shall only count if held in conjunction with the Non Regular Puppy classes, stud dog, brood bitch, brace or veterans.
- C. Previous ASCA judging experience obtained on a recognized judge's card or approval from another organization (AKC/UKC/CKC/ASCA OP) may be substituted towards the Non-Regular portion of the

Provisional judging requirement for becoming an ASCA breeder judge. All other requirements must be met.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

Explanation of Requirement Changes.

B. The CC agreed that more ring experience was needed for new judges. Upping the requirement to 5 events and 50 entries will allow the new judge more ring time to become comfortable. Excluding handling and showmanship classes was felt needed due to the fact that some clubs have allowed NRBJ's to judge showmanship or handling classes as part of their assignment. The description of the Non Regular classes was felt necessary to ensure our NRBJ's know which classes count toward their assignment.

C. Adding the wording "or approval" was needed as some organizations do not issue a card, just an approval. Adding "ASCA OP" was needed as some of our OP judges are now moving to become approved ASCA Breeder Judges.

#### PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Provisional Breeder Judge:

A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1. A minimum of five (5) or more non-regular judging assignments with a minimum of fifty (50) entries that meet the previously stated requirements. .
2. Documentation must include the Name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned shows, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.
3. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the provisional level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Provisional Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge. The applicant may then accept provisional level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's

name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "P" beside their name.  
Explanation of Procedure changes.

A. 1. The change from 3 to 5 follows the explanation in the requirements. As does the change to 50 entries.

C. This change brings this section in line with the board change.

AS READS NOW;

#### PROVISIONAL BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Provisional Breeder Judge Status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Must be an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

1. Must have judged non-regular classes at three (3) or more ASCA Sanctioned Conformation events (not handling classes) until a minimum of thirty (30) entries total is accrued. At least one of these events must include an entry of ten or more).

2. Previous ASCA judging experience obtained on a recognized judge's card from another organization (AKC/UKC/CKC) may be substituted towards the Non-Regular portion of the Provisional judging requirement for becoming an ASCA breeder judge. All other requirements must be met.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

#### PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Provisional Breeder Judge:

A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1. A minimum of three (3) or more non-regular judging assignments with a minimum of thirty (30) entries that meet the previously stated requirements. .

2. Documentation must include the Name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned shows, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.

3. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied

approval at the provisional level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Provisional Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge. The applicant may then accept provisional level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "P" beside their name. Approve: Berryessa, Dolan, Dexter; Disapprove: Clayton, Westerman, Ford, Vest; Abstain: Bates; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is not approved.*

#### **4:04 Conformation Committee: Changes to Senior Breeder Judge requirements**

Motion by Berryessa; I move we approve the following motion from the Conformation Committee.

Motion has passed the CC.

Yes- Rhonda, Glenda, Peter, Leah, Liz, Debbie, Mary, Regi; No- Becky, Luc, Gail, Dorothy; Abstain- Nancy;

Non-Voting- Ann, Denise

Comments For Motion;

Glenda- I vote Yes. Since Sr. Breeder Judges are required to judge the ASCA National Specilaty, those SBJ's that have not shown the ability to judge large entries, do not have the grasp or experience to judge volume entries.

Liz - I vote YES. Our SBJ's must show that they are able to judge large entries. By requiring them to judge 2 large entries is not as difficult as some may make it to be.

Comments Against the Motion:

Gail - I vote No. I agree with this motion, with the exception of one proposed new requirement -- Must have completed two(2) judging assignments with a minimum of fifty (50) entries each at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge. This is a requirement that is completely out of the control of the judge, and is merely dependent upon the number of entries at a given show. Considering that entries are down all over, due to the economy, and that the vast majority of conformation shows have way less than 50 entries, I feel this requirement is out of order. A Breeder Judge could easily remain at that level for his/her entire life, never having the opportunity to advance to Seior status, only because he/she was unlucky enough to be hired for shows that ended up having less than 50 entries to be judged. Is a judge really less qualified to advance, if there were only 49 entries, versus one who is fortunate and popular enough to get hired to judge the few big shows?

Becky - I vote NO. 2. A minimum of 10 regular judging assignments worked outside the state/area the judge applicant lives in that meet the previous stated requirement. A minimum of two (2) regular judging assignments with a minimum of fifty (50) entries each that meet the previous stated requirement.

This section has me voting no. Again as I previously stated the out of state requirements is not fair to the judges because you have to rely on someone else to call you.

I think that for a huge portion of the clubs across the country...very few can offer a judge 50 entries. It's an unreachable request.

We have a motion by Liz with a second by Regi.

I move to accept the following changes to the Senior Breeder Judge Requirements and Procedures.

The reason behind this motion is that the CC has spent hours discussing updating the various levels of ASCA Judge requirements and procedures. With the advent of the multiple shows in a day, many felt that our judges were climbing the ladder of levels much too quickly, without the experience necessary. The thought is to tighten up the requirements and procedures to allow for more ring experience.

Judge Education, when approved by the board, will be brought in a later date as part of the requirements for all levels of our judges.

This motion will affect those Approved Breeder Judges that have not completed the current 10 requirements and 15 years of documented time in the breed at the time this motion would go into effect.

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

#### SENIOR BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Senior Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Must be an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

B. Must have completed twenty (20) judging assignments with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries each at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

C. Must have fifteen (15) years of documented time in the breed. Documented is described as, but not limited to: ASCA Registered Australian Shepherds in the judge applicants name, membership in ASCA, membership in an ASCA Affiliate Club, participation in or working at ASCA Events, participation or presenting ASCA educational seminars.

D. Ten (10) qualifying judging assignments must be worked outside of the state/province the applicant resides in. These ten (10) qualifying assignments will come from assignments worked as an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge or as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge only. Must have completed two (2) judging assignments with a minimum of fifty (50) entries each at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

E. Judging assignments must be completed in regular classes as published in the ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

Explanation of Requirement Changes;

B. The CC felt more ring experience was needed to become a Senior Breeder Judge. By increasing the number of assignments to 20 this will help accomplish that. Education is also very necessary. When approved, judge education will become required through out the process.

C. This section is new. Many felt to be a Senior Judge, you must have "time" in the breed. This is easily tracked as described in this section.

D. Upping the requirement to 10 assignments outside the state/province provides the applicant with sufficient assignments to see a variety of dogs. By having to complete 2 assignments with 50 or more entries ensures the judge can handle a large assignment.

#### PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Senior Breeder Judge:

A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1. A minimum of twenty (20) regular class judging assignments that meet the previously stated requirements.

2. A minimum of ten (10) regular judging assignments worked outside of the state/area the applicant lives in that meet the previous stated requirement. A minimum of two (2) regular judging assignments with a minimum of fifty (50) entries each that meet the previous stated requirement.

3. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.

4. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as an Approved Breeder Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the senior level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Senior Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge. The applicant may now accept senior level judging assignments.

Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "S" beside their name.

Explanation of procedure changes;

A.1. change from 10 to 20 follows the explanation in the requirements.

A.2. change from 5 to 10 follows the explanation in the requirements.

C. This change brings this section in line with the board change.

#### AS READS NOW: SENIOR BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Senior Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Must be an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

B. Must have completed ten (10) judging assignments with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries each at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

C. Five (5) qualifying judging assignments must be worked outside of the state/province the applicant resides in. These five (5) qualifying assignments will come from assignments worked as an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge or as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge only.

D. Judging assignments must be completed in regular classes as published in the ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

#### PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Senior Breeder Judge:

A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1. A minimum of ten regular class judging assignments with a minimum of 15 entries that meet the previously stated requirements. These assignments may come from the interim period during which a judge is awaiting final approval from the ASCA Board of Directors. Once approval is given, all interim assignments will then count toward the level of judging being applied for.
2. A minimum of five (5) regular judging assignments worked outside of the state/area the applicant lives in that meet the previous stated requirement.
3. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.
4. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as an Approved Breeder Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the senior level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors. If the application is denied, these interim assignments may count toward additional tasks assigned per the ASCA Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Senior Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge. The applicant may now accept senior level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "S" beside their name.

Approve: Berryessa; Disapprove: Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is not approved.*

#### **4:04 Conformation Committee: Motion 20, Finals Scoring and Tie Breaking Vote Results**

Motion by Berryessa; I move we accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee:

Subject: Motion #20 Chapter 15, Section 15.10 Finals Scoring and Tie Breaking Vote Results

This motion has passed the CC.

Yes - Becky, Mary, Denise, Gail, Regi, Debbie, Luc, Liz, Leah, Nancy, Peter, Ann, Glenda, Dorothy, Rhonda;

No- n/a; Abstain - n/a Liz

We have a motion by Debbie with a second by Leah.

Motion #20 Ch 15 Section 15.10 Finals Scoring. Tie breaking clarification and grammar corrections.

I believe it needs to be stated clearly in section 4.1 how any ties will affect the placements of dogs in the Conformation Finals Top 10, and how those ties and placements should be handled. There were also some simple grammar corrections and clarifications that needed to be made to this motion, as well.

This motion is a continued response (clarifications and grammatical corrections to the previous passed motion) to requests from judges for a more clearly defined scoring system for Finals. For that reason, I move to approve the following motion:

Proposed motion: (my addition is in red)

Debbie

#### **15:10 SCORING**

1.) The score sheet has the Judge's name, exhibitor's armband number, Altered or Intact and the sex of each dog.

2.) Each Judge uses a simple score sheet for each dog with a numeric scale from 1-10; numeral 1 is the lowest score and 10 is the highest score. The Judge shall circle the score he/she determines each dog deserves in that section/subsection of the score sheet. Exception: In the event one Judge determines there is a disqualifying fault under the ASCA Breed Standard, that Judge will mark on the score sheet "DQ" and state the reason for the disqualification, i.e., teeth, color, etc.

2.1 The score sheet consists of 8 (eight) sections and six (6) sub-sections. The scoring follows the ASCA Breed Standard and will be divided accordingly: General Appearance (1-10), Head (1-4) divided into three (3) sub-sections: teeth (1-2), eyes (1-2), and ears (1-2) for a section total of (1-10) points, Neck and Body (1-10), Forequarters (1-10), Hindquarters (1-10), Coat (1-10), Color (1-10), and Gait (1-5) divided into three (3) sub sections: Gaiting toward the judge (1-5), Gaiting away from the judge (1-5), and Side Gait (1-5) for a section total of (1-20)points. The maximum score will be 90 (ninety) points.

3.) A separate score sheet from each of the three (3) Judges will be used for each exhibitor. After each Judge scores the individual exhibitor, the score sheet will be placed into an envelope by each Judge and transported by the steward to the score keepers. The first score keeper will add up each of the three (3) scores for each exhibitor. The second score keeper will verify the scores tabulated by the first score keeper and place the final score on a spread sheet according to the exhibitor's armband number only.

4.) In the event of two (2) or more tied scores within the Altered Top 10 (ten) or Intact Top 10 (ten) placements, the following procedure must be followed:

4.1) Any dogs involved in the tie will enter the ring together and be judged as a class. Then the three (3) Judges will place themselves in three corners of the ring so they can observe each dog gaiting toward, then away from them. Each dog will gait to the first Judge who will observe the front movement and then the rear movement as the dog gaits toward the next Judge and so on, so that all three (3) Judges observe each dog coming and going. As each dog leaves the last Judge, it will arrive back at the ring entrance

where all the dogs will re-stack as a class. At this time comparison examination, gaiting or conferring may be utilized at the discretion of the three (3) Judges. Re-judging of the tied dogs shall be utilized to break the tie and not to determine the final score. At the conclusion of the tie breaking judgment, the Judges' Tie Breaking Work Sheet will be tallied. The highest scoring dog will have a plus sign (+) denoted on the dog's original Score Sheet next to the original score. If the tie involves more than two dogs, the letter 'A' will be placed next to the highest scoring dog's original score on the original Score Sheet, a 'B' will be placed on the second highest scoring dog's original Score Sheet, a 'C' will be placed on the third highest scoring dog's original Score Sheet, and so on. The Tie Breaking Work Sheet will not be posted. Any dogs involved in a tie will be placed in descending order from the position that the tie occurred. For example: Three dogs tie for 3rd place. Dog A will be placed 3rd, dog B will be placed 4th, and dog C will be placed 5th. Placements of the remaining Finals dogs will resume following the placement of the last dog in the tie.

5.) Within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of Conformation Finals competition, the Host Club will post all exhibitor scores in a central location where announcements and other venues scores are posted. The score sheet shall include: the Judge's name, total score, and placement; according to the exhibitor's armband number. Altered and Intact competitions are to be posted on separate score sheets in the same location.

As the motion currently reads:

#### 15:10 SCORING

1.) The score sheet has the Judge's name, exhibitor's armband number, Altered or Intact and the sex of each dog.

2.) Each judge uses a simple score sheet for each dog with a numeric scale from 1-10, with 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest score. The Judge shall circle the points he/she determines each dog deserves in that section/subsection of the score sheet. Exception: In the event one judge determines there is a disqualifying fault under the Breed Standard, that judge will mark on the score sheet "DQ" and state the reason for the disqualification, i.e., teeth, color, etc..

2.1) The scoring sheet consists of 8 (eight) sections and six (6) sub-section. The scoring follows the Breed Standard and be divided accordingly. General Appearance (1-10). Head(1-4) divided into three (3) sub-sections teeth (1-2), eyes (1-2), and ears (1-2). Neck and Body (1-10), Forequarters (1-10), Hindquarters (1-10), Coat (1-10), Color (1-10), and Gait (1-5) and three (3) sub sections Coming (1-5), Going (1-5), Side Gait (1-5). The maximum score will be 90 (ninety) points.

3.) A separate score sheet from each of the three (3) Judges will be used for each exhibitor. After each Judge scores the individual exhibitor, the score sheet will be placed into an envelope by each judge and taken by the steward and handed to the score keepers. The first score keeper will add up each of the three (3) scores for each exhibitor. The second score keeper will verify the scores tabulated by the first score keeper and place the final score on a spread sheet according to the exhibitor's armband number only.

4.) In the event of two (2) or more tied scores within the Altered Top 10 (ten) or Intact Top 10 (ten) placements, the following procedure must be followed:

4.1) The dogs involved in the tie will enter the ring together and be judged as a class. Then the three (3) Judges will place themselves in three corners of the ring so they can observe each dog coming and going. Each dog will gait to the first Judge who will observe the front movement and then the rear

movement as the dog gaits to the next judge and so on, so that all three (3) judges observe each dog coming and going. As each dog leaves the last Judge, it will arrive back at the ring entrance where all the dogs will re-stack as a class. At this time comparison examination, gaing or conferring may be utilized at the discretion of the three (3) Judges. Re-judging of the tied dogs shall be utilized to break the tie and not to determine the final score. At the conclusion of the tie breaking judgment, the Judges' Tie Breaking Work Sheet will be tallied. The highest scoring dog will have a plus sign (+) denoted on the dog's original Score Sheet next to the original score. If the tie involves more than two dogs, an A will be placed next to the highest scoring dog's original score on the original Score Sheet, B on the second highest scoring dog's original Score Sheet, C on the third highest scoring dog's original Score Sheet, and so on. The Tie Breaking Work Sheet will not be posted.

5.) Within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of Conformation Finals competition, the Host Club will post all exhibitor scores in a central location where announcements and other venues scores are posted. The score sheet shall include the total score, placement and Judge's name according to the exhibitor's armband number. Altered and Intact competitions are to be posted on separate score sheets in the same location.

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Vest; Disapprove: Westerman, Bates, Ford; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

#### **4:05 Agility Committee Motion 08-2011 Top Bar Displaced**

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion:

Motion by Sue, 2nd by Pamela, effective date is 10/01/11.

The voting was as follows: 9 yes votes, 3 non-voting.

Chapter 8, Section 8.2 - Obstacle Faults

2nd Bullet states:

- Failure to Complete - 20 faults

A dog is faulted for a Failure to Complete if the dog skips or bypasses any obstacle without reaching the completion point for that obstacle. The completion point for the contact obstacles is having all four (4) paws are on the descent side of the obstacle. If a dog commits to a contact obstacle by having all four (4) paws on the obstacle, then, for any reason, gets off the obstacle before completing the obstacle, it will be assessed a Failure to Complete. For non-contact obstacles a dog is assessed a Failure to Complete if it runs around the obstacle (or backs out of a tunnel and runs around the tunnel) and continues on course without attempting to complete the obstacle. Any dog assessed a Failure to Complete must go on to the next obstacle in the course sequence. Any attempt to retry a contact obstacle is cause for elimination. The judge shall say "Go on" to the exhibitor if the judge assessed a Failure to Complete.

Add the following sentence:

Any dog that passes under a jump pole/bar or tire jump and continues on the course without successfully performing the jump obstacle correctly will be assigned twenty (20) faults for Failure to Complete.

6th bullet states:

- Displaced Jump Pole, Bar or Tire - 5 Faults

A dog is faulted a five (5) fault penalty if it displaces a jump pole, bar or tire on any jump obstacle. A judge may also assess a five (5) fault penalty if they feel that a dog made enough contact with a pole, bar or board such that it should have been displaced. If a dog makes no attempt to jump and displaces the jump

poles, bars or tire while passing under or through the jump in an unsafe manner, then the dog will be assessed an Un-safe Performance of an Obstacle.

Change to read:

- Displaced Jump Pole, Bar or Tire - 5 Faults

A dog is faulted a five (5) fault penalty if it displaces the top jump pole/bar or tire on a jump obstacle. If a dog makes no attempt to jump and displaces the jump poles/bars or tire while passing under or through the jump in an unsafe manner, then the dog will be assessed an Un-safe Performance of an Obstacle.

Approve: Dolan, Berryessa, Clayton, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

#### **4:05 Agility Committee Motion 07-2011: Changes to Section 1.3.6**

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion:

Motion by Janelle, 2nd from Krystal, effective 10/01/11

Motion passed with 11 yes and 1 NV.

Section 1.3.6 Other Restrictions currently states that...

In all classes the handler shall direct their dog through the course without a collar or lead. No food, toys, balls or other devices may be used within ten (10) feet (3.1 meters) of the entrance to the ring. The handlers may not carry anything with them into the ring which might be construed to be an aid to the performance of their dogs (such as fanny packs or leashes around their waists).

Change to read:

In all classes the handler shall direct their dog through the course without a collar or lead. No food, toys, balls or other devices may be used within ten (10) feet (3.1 meters) of the perimeter of the entire ring. The handlers may not carry anything with them into the ring which might be construed to be an aid to the performance of their dogs (such as fanny packs or leashes around their waists).

Approve: Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Berryessa; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

#### **8:08 2010 Finals Financial Reconciliation**

Motion by Dolan; Second by Clayton

I move to approve payment in the amount of \$3,888 as requested in the attached 2010 Finals budget (actual costs).

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Dolan; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

Letter of Dissent (Dolan): The reimbursement package submitted was incomplete. Although the host clubs made donations in several areas of the Finals, numerous expenses submitted lacked sufficient documentation. I have been involved with Finals reimbursement for the last four Finals. The 2010 package, as submitted, has the most deficiencies of any I have either submitted or reviewed.

#### **8:09 2011 Nationals: RRVASC 2011 Finals Budget**

Motion by Dolan; Second by Dexter

I move to approve RRVASC's 2011 Finals budget.

Comment: RRVASC submitted the required budget and supporting documentation.

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

**10:04 Conformation Committee: Breeder Judge Move-ups**

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the following Conformation Judge changes:

Non-Regular Breeder Judge	
Terri Burkart 294 Kilham Rd Auburn, CA 95603 (503) 368-3468	Nancy McCullough 2609W 13760S Riverton, UT 84065 (801) 302-0758
Provisional Breeder Judge	
Sharon Sparks 3931 S Uravan St Aurora, CO 80013 (303) 842-7444 Judge #3790	
Senior Breeder Judge	
Pamela Nelson 1840 Asbury Rd Albertville, AL 35951 (256) 891-3676 Judge # 4163	Clarissa Shank 3126 E Wescott Dr Phoenix, AZ 85050 (602) 569-0156 Judge # 4517

Rationale: These candidates have successfully satisfied all requirements at their current judge level and are now applying to become approved for the next level, receiving no comments after name publication in the Aussie Times.

Terri Burkart, Pamela Nelson, Sharon Sparks: Approve: Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Clayton, Bates, Ford Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

Clarissa Shank: Approve: Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman, Clayton, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister; Abstain: Dexter. *The motion is approved.*

**11:09 ASCA of Germany Updated ByLaws**

Motion by Clayton, Second by Dolan; I move to accept the revisions to the ASACA Affiliate of Germany. The ByLaws have been thoroughly reviewed and are in compliance with our guidelines.

Approve: Berryessa, Dolan, Clayton, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

**11:11: CenTex ASC - Affiliate**

Motion by Bates, Second by Dolan; I move to accept the By-laws of the CenTex ASC and their request to become an ASCA Affiliate Club.

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister; Abstain: Ford. *The motion is approved.*

**84:05 Affiliate Renewal Guidelines; changes to affiliate renewal minimum guidelines**

Motion by Clayton, Second by Hellmeister

I move to add the following to the Affiliate Renewal Guidelines

From: Affiliate Renewal Minimum Requirements

1. All Affiliate Clubs must renew their membership by January 31 or the club will lose all show privileges.

No Exceptions. (Can be Postmarked 1/31)

To: Affiliate Renewal Minimum Requirements.

All Affiliate Clubs must renew their membership by January 31 or the club will lose all show privileges. No Exceptions. (Can be Postmarked 1/31) Failure to renew by January 31 will result in termination of previously sanctioned events, inability to sanction future events, and a \$100 dollar fine in addition to the renewal fee.

Approve: Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Vest; Disapprove: Berryessa, Ford; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

**96:02 SDC: Cheryl Padgett Apprentice Stockdog Judge Application**

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to approve Cheryl Padgett's application to become an ASCA Apprentice Stockdog Judge.

The SDC voted 8 yes, 2 no. Ms. Padgett did not vote. No comments received from the January 1, 2011 publication of her name in the Aussie Times by either the Business Office or the Executive Secretary.

Approve: Berryessa, Dolan, Clayton, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Westerman; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

Letter of Dissent (Westerman): Ms. Padgett has written twice in the past months that she will not follow the rules of ASCA. I do not think that she can be a fair judge when she is so emotional that she puts in writing that statement.

**96:02 Motion to Approve Tanya Wheeler as a Full Stockdog Judge**

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to advance Tanya Wheeler from Provisional Stockdog Judge to Full Stockdog Judge.

The SDC vote was 11 yes and 1 non-vote. The applicable documentation is attached. There were no SDC comments.

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

**96:02 Motion to Approve Allison Bryant as a Provisional Stockdog Judge**

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to advance Allison Bryant from Apprentice Stockdog Judge to Provisional Stockdog Judge.

The SDC vote was 11 yes, 1 no, and 1 non-vote. The applicable documentation is attached. There were no SDC comments.

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

**96:02 SDC: Approve Gunnar Larsson as a Provisional Stockdog Judge**

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to advance Gunnar Larsson from Apprentice Stockdog Judge to Provisional Stockdog Judge.

The SDC vote was 7 yes, 2 no, and 3 non-vote. The applicable documentation is attached. There were no SDC comments.

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

#### **96:02 SDC: Jim Hartnagle Apprentice Stockdog Judge Application**

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to approve Jim Hartnagle's application to become an ASCA Apprentice Stockdog Judge.

The SDC voted 11 yes, 1 not voting. No comments received from the November 1, 2010 publication of his name in the Aussie Times by either the Business Office or the Executive Secretary.

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

#### **96:17 Jr. Showmanship : Christina Halm Jr.Judge**

Motion by Berryessa; I move we accept Christina Halm as an ASCA Junior Judge.

According to Section 1, Junior Handling, Judging Rules and Regulations, Eligibility of Judge, I would like to apply to become an ASCA Junior Judge.

I have shown in Junior Showmanship in the past and I am 24 years of age. I am currently involved by giving regular handling clinics for Juniors here in Germany to support the ASCA Junior Showmanship program. I have shown both Splendids Blue Velvet Jerry Lee, CD DNA-VP and Blue Velvets Sweet Heartbreaker, CD in Conformation and Obedience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Christina Halm

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

#### **98:15 Obedience Committee: Obedience Judges Guidelines**

Motion by Clayton; I move to approve the following Obedience Committee motion.

This will also serve as the Obedience Committee's Educational Component. I was really pleased with all their hard work, I think they did a great job.

Motion made by Anne Shope, seconded by Laura Uran, to place the following Obedience Judge's Guidelines as stated below in the ASCA® Obedience Rules and Regulations and at the ASCA® website as a link to the obedience program.

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE VOTING RESULTS:

APPROVALS: Sandra Case, Cindy Franks, Hilary Hines, Janet Kelly, Lynn Sidwell, Laura Uran, Kim Waller, Janet Wise, Anne Shope, Lora Wilcox DISAPPROVALS: None NONVOTING: Shirley Alexander ABSTENTIONS: Marula Furlan. MOTION PASSES

OBEDIENCE JUDGE'S GUIDELINES ASCA® OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

This is a standing Committee. If at any time you have a question or a suggestion, you are encouraged to contact the Chairperson or a Member of this Committee. The Chair and the members are listed at the ASCA website (<http://www.asca.org>).

#### EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

You are encouraged to join these two chat lists: ASCA® Obedience and ASCA® Obedience Judges. Both lists are available through Yahoo Groups or you may contact the Obedience Chair for directions on how to get on these lists. Valuable information, important questions, and ongoing discussions on these two lists keep judges current on motions, new rules and regulations, and questions or comments anyone might have regarding the discipline of obedience, whether as an exhibitor or as a judge.

#### OBEDIENCE RULES & REGULATIONS

You should have read in its entirety the ASCA® Obedience Rules and Regulations. The most current rulebook may be downloaded from the ASCA® website (<http://www.asca.org>) or ordered from the ASCA® Business Office (979-778-1082). The Rulebook is updated twice a year (January and July). Therefore, it is your responsibility always to have in hand the most current edition for referral when judging for ASCA®. Clubs should have a current rulebook at the judge's table but in case they do not, it is recommended that you bring your own copy with you to your judging assignments. Reviewing the rulebook the night before an assignment is always a wise decision.

#### ACCEPTING AN ASSIGNMENT:

Clubs should furnish you with a judging contract. If they don't, you might want to design your own. Items to be addressed are: travel, dress code (some clubs have themes during the year), meals, housing, airport parking, rental car, classes to be judged, and judging fee. Although you'd like to get out of packing the items the club said it would have on hand, it's still prudent to simply have the items you'll need packed and ready to go every time you leave for a judging assignment just in case an item was inadvertently omitted by the club. Keep these together in a packed bag, and remember to check this bag upon your return from any assignment to be certain nothing is missing so you're ready for the next assignment. The items to pack in this bag would include but not be limited to: stop watch, pens (more than one), calculator, rulebook, tape, golf tees or chalk for marking start areas or retrieve areas in the ring, measuring tape, Kleenex, unscented sanitizer, slip lead (more than one if you have room in your bag) and a clipboard. Another useful item that it's nice to request the club have on hand for you (since it is obviously hard to pack) is a board on which the run orders can be posted.

#### DRESS CODE

You should look professional and appropriately dressed for any assignment (i.e., club themes & weather factored in). Jewelry, perfume, or cologne should be kept at a minimum. You should avoid apparel that might make distracting noises or that have fringe. Choose shoes that are quiet and not distracting when walking, and definitely choose ones comfortable as judging can be hard on the feet and legs, especially if judging on cement floors. If utilizing a hat, choose one that won't blow off or flop.

#### ARRIVAL:

Plan to arrive at least one hour prior to your judging assignment. Immediately upon arrival, check in with your show secretary. Be sure you know where the restroom is and that the show secretary has the paperwork in order for the trial. Normally the show secretary will still be taking entries upon your arrival, so try not to steal too much of the show secretary's time during registration. If the club set out a hand sanitizer, double check to be certain it is not scented. The order of sits/downs and individual exercises must

be done as listed in the flyer. Some clubs do sit/downs before individual exercises and some do sits/downs following individual exercises. Be sure you have double-checked the flyer to know what class order you'll be following and how sits/downs are to be handled.

Choose the order of exercises for your Open and Utility classes and post this order no later than 30 minutes before the trial is scheduled to begin. Post it where it can be readily seen by the exhibitors.

Then perform the following checklist:

\_\_\_ Double-check the obedience equipment to be certain all meet regulations.

\_\_\_ Walk your obedience ring to be certain it is clean, hopefully level, and observe where the sun is rising or setting. You'll not want to jump dogs into the sun, or have handlers giving signals to dogs blinded by the sun.

\_\_\_ If it is windy, be sure that the club has taken measures to stake any baby gates.

\_\_\_ Walk your novice, open, and utility pattern to be sure the patterns are smooth, practical, and functional. You should avoid running or jumping dogs towards the ring entrance or walking them into the baby gates or jumps.

\_\_\_ Decide where you'll have dogs line up for the sits/downs and be sure you know where the out-of-sights will be held.

\_\_\_ Mark your start for the heel work.

\_\_\_ Choose your start line for heel work. When marking lines or distances for the jumps or tossing of the dumbbell, you may utilize chalk, golf tees, or stanchions.

\_\_\_ Be sure the show club has marked off the applicable area around your ring where no set ups, grooming, walking or standing spectators may appear.

\_\_\_ FRATERNIZING: Visiting with your friends is great fun, but it's best to ask your friends to visit with you following the trial. Try to be as professional and courteous to the club and exhibitors as possible, leaving no room for speculation or gossip with regard to favoritism in scoring.

#### PHONES

Be sure your phone is turned off when the trial start time arrives. Utilizing a phone for telling time is fine, but vibrating phones can be a distraction. Please announce to the audience that all phones should be on vibrate. And then double-check to be certain your table stewards have turned off their phones (theirs should not be on vibrate).

#### STEWARDS AND PAPERWORK

Upon arrival, find out who will be your stewards. Be sure your stewards are of a reasonable age, such that the dogs perceive them as young adults or adults. Try to use the same two stewards for each competing group (same two for novice, same two for open, same two for utility) so that all competitors are subject to the same stewards in their competitive class. Let your stewards know what you expect of them such as 1) no running in the ring, 2) no loud voices in the ring, 3) no eye contact with the dogs when standing for the figure eight, 4) no food in their pockets, 5) no distracting clothes, jewelry, or shoes, 6) arms crossed during the figure eight and eyes straight ahead, 6) which steward is responsible for the dumbbell or articles or gloves or leash and how these should be handled, and 7) how you wish your sits/downs to be handled.

Often stewards handle the dumbbell or articles. If stewards have strong smelling lotion or bug spray or sanitizer on their hands and then handle the articles or the dumbbell, these smells can negate a dog from wanting to pick these items up, or flood a scent pile with their scent thereby causing a dog to flunk. Food smells on the steward's hands are also distracting so remind stewards to wash their hands after eating. Be

sure your stewards know to pick up the dumbbell by the end and how you wish the articles to be held when they are placed into the scent pile.

#### PAPERWORK

Double-check your paperwork to be certain all the required forms are there. Instruct your steward or show secretary as to what their part is in your paperwork. You may add your scores or they may do it for you, all pursuant to your preference. Remember you will be writing total points off, not points earned for each exercise. No corrections to any paperwork may be made without your initial and approval. Upon leaving, double-check all paperwork to be certain everything was filled out correctly, time was listed, date is correct and signature placed where applicable and that you have your copy for your records.

Remember exhibitors may not see their judge's work sheet. Once you've scored a team, place the work sheet face down or cover it. Be sure these are weighted down if the trial is held outside. There is a recap score sheet available in the show packet your stewards may provide to the exhibitor for feedback purposes.

#### HANDLING CONFLICTS

If there are any conflicts, your stewards or competitors should advise you as promptly as is feasible to do. Be flexible but reasonable. Many clubs will host trials or shows with multiple events ongoing, and it will be your responsibility to work with the clubs to see that the competitive experience for all exhibitors is equitable for all involved. Flyers often list what discipline will be give preference time wise if there are conflicts so double-check so you are in-the-know.

#### HEELING EXERCISE

Patterns in novice should include at a minimum: normal, fast, slow, halt, about turn, left turn, and right turn. You may use the left turn, right turn, about turn, and halt more than one time if desired. Walk your pattern several times to be certain you have it memorized and that the pattern is fair to the team exhibiting insofar as terrain, ring entrance, and outside distractions. Be sure the level of difficulty is applicable to the class level.

#### FIGURE EIGHT

Placing your figure eight where it falls at the end of your heeling exercise will make your ring flow smoother. Mark where your stewards will stand. Be certain there is enough room for both large and small dogs to comfortably complete the figure eight. You should be able to view both the inside and outside work done by the dog in this exercise. Any movement you make to be certain you can see both should not be distracting to the exhibiting team.

#### PRIOR TO NOVICE, OPEN AND UTILITY:

Be sure the exhibitor's number and breed of dog correspond to your paperwork. Double-check to be certain the dog's collar is legal. There are some cloth collars with prongs hidden. Do not grab a dog's collar to check, but you may ask the handler to show you the collar. Always double-check jump heights prior to calling the next dog into the ring. When the exhibitor enters the ring, it's courteous to ask the exhibitor if the jump heights look correct. Be certain the dumbbell is legal and determine which steward is in charge of bringing it to you. Double-check that articles are legal and what process will be used to select the articles to be scented, i.e., you or the steward using tongs or exhibitor's choice.

#### JUMPS

If you desire, you may measure the jumps to be certain they are regulation in height.  
Broad Jump: When situating the broad jump, double-check to be certain it is not set in a high distraction area, such as people walking by on an ongoing basis. Be sure that you have the proper measuring

equipment on hand to ascertain if the jump is set for the correct distance. Be sure your stewards understand what board to remove or add for the broad jump and how far from the baby gates these boards should be situated. Instruct your stewards how you want the boards lined up (such as flush right). Try to set up all starting positions so that the handler can move easily from one exercise to another with a minimum amount of walking. This will expedite your judging time also.

#### RETRIEVES

It is your responsibility mentally or physically to note how far a dumbbell must be tossed for it to be a legal distance for the retrieve. Be courteous when allowing an exhibitor to re-throw as most exhibitors are very nervous when this occurs. Do not send dogs to retrieve a dumbbell tossed under a ring gate.

#### GLOVES

Double-check gloves to be certain they are legal. Ask the steward to place the gloves palm up, fingers extended towards the baby gate. Be sure your steward knows where to place the gloves and where to stand once the gloves have been placed.

#### ARTICLES

Go over with your steward how far apart to place the articles, whether you wish each article to be touched and how much, and where to stand once they have finished placing all articles.

#### LEASHES

Upon completion of the obedience class, the leash should be readily available to the exhibitor. Stewards should walk towards the exhibitor and hand them their leash. At no time should a steward run in with a lead. At no time should an exhibitor leave without putting a leash on their dog prior to exiting the ring.

#### YOUR RING

It is your responsibility to keep yourself, your stewards and the handlers and dogs safe in the ring. Periodically observe outside the ring to be certain there is nothing going on, like a loose dog that might adversely affect your ring or compromise safety. Keeping an extra slip lead at your table in case it is needed for a roaming dog from sits/downs or a loose dog at the show site is wise. Ask your exhibitors prior to sits/downs if anyone has a dog that is shy/reserved if you had to catch it, or if an exhibitor has a dog that could be problematic with the adjacent dogs (amorous, aggressive, roaming, talkative). Dogs should enter in catalog order, but you have the right to move a dog to the end of the line or add more space between dogs to make your ring safer for all involved.

#### YOUR VERBAL AND SIGNAL COMMANDS:

Always ask if the exhibitor has any questions or concerns, and then wish the exhibitor good luck. Once an exhibitor tells you they are ready, you may begin with the first command at which time judging then commences. Your tone of command and your hand signals should be clear and concise and easily understood. Advise your exhibitor that if they cannot hear you, have a problem seeing you, or become confused, they should stop and ask you to repeat the command. Commands to be given are listed in the rulebook; you should not deviate from the verbal commands.

During the heeling exercise, utilization of a clicker to count points off as the team performs is not recommended as it can be very distracting to the handler and the dog both.

#### GROUP EXERCISES

You may immediately excuse from further competition any dog that disturbs, or threatens to disturb another dog during the performance of the group exercises. Note the reason for the excusal in your judge's books.

#### HANDLERS:

Remember, handlers may be allowed to excuse themselves from competition for any reason. Handlers may do this before, during, or after their individual exercises.

#### DOG AGRESSION

You MUST expeditiously handle any incidence of dog aggression you evidence towards people or other dogs.

EXCUSAL: As evidenced by you, you should excuse a dog that attacks another dog or appears to you to be threatening to other dogs in the ring/trial area. Further you may excuse a dog that shows any sign it may not be safely approached or examined. (NOTE: If a dog has been excused two times with an incidence of dog aggression, it will fall under the disqualification rules. It is not your responsibility to tell this to the dog owner or handler. A notification of disqualification will be sent to the owner by the Business Office after review by the Board of Directors.)

DISQUALIFICATION: As evidenced by you, you should disqualify a dog that attacks or attempts to attack a person in the ring/trial area. Once done, post a sign indicating your ring is on a break (hopefully you can do all paperwork and notifications within a fifteen minute period of time). This dog shall be ineligible to participate in any ASCA® event in ANY discipline, unless and until that dog is approved for further competition and reinstated by the Board of Directors. Therefore, if the dog you disqualified is entered in other events that same day (or cluster), this dog may not compete in anything once you have disqualified it. Please have one of your stewards locate the Show Committee Chair or Show Secretary and have them come to your ring where you can explain the disqualification. The Show Chair or Show Secretary may then timely notify those in charge of the other events held that day or within that cluster that this dog may no longer compete. Attach an explanation utilizing the disqualified or excused dog forms.

#### PROBLEMATIC HANDLERS:

Your decisions and scoring are final. Do not engage in arguing or lengthy explanations. If a handler has a complaint such that a simple explanation from you was not sufficient, please ask the handler to visit with you and the show secretary following the conclusion of the trial. Be courteous. Refer to and utilize your rulebook to make AND to back up all your decisions.

Once in a while, you will have an exhibitor in your ring that is not prepared for the class they entered.

ASCA® shows are sanctioned, and therefore corrections or training in the ring are forbidden. You have the right to excuse a team for lack of preparation. More often this happens in sub novice but it can also happen in the upper divisions. Avoid giving advice during the trial. You may ask a team to see you following the trial at which time you may advise them.

#### QUALIFIERS:

Remember to let your exhibitor know if they have qualified. Sometimes you'll be doing this after sits/downs and other times immediately after the individual exercises.

#### AWARDS:

Let your stewards know how you wish to present the awards. Will the steward hand you the ribbons and awards to present, or will you name the winner and they hand the winnings to that team? When addressing the audience and exhibitors, be sure you've stated the minimum required to qualify and give the name of the class. Always ask who has earned their first leg? Second leg? Third leg? Title? Bonus Legs? Remind your class winners that they are qualified for high in trial (Aussie or other breed or overall) so they don't leave the show site.

#### WHEN THE SHOW IS DONE:

Publicly thank your stewards, the show secretary and the club, plus the exhibitors who showed to you. Encourage folks to participate in obedience. Then let exhibitors know you are available for any questions they might have following win pictures.

#### EDUCATION:

You are encouraged to attend workshops and seminars on obedience. It is your responsibility to be current on all ASCA® obedience rules and regulations.

#### SENDING A THANK YOU NOTE

Once you are back home, it is nice to send a thank you note to a club. They have many judge choices, and this time they chose "you." Let them know you appreciated the opportunity to judge for them.

Approve: Berryessa, Dolan, Clayton, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Vest; Disapprove: Ford; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

#### **99:10 Tracking Committee: Motion 2-11 Add Section 1.26 & Appendix K**

Motion by Berryessa; I move we accept the following motion from the Tracking Committee.

Voting in favor of this motion: Marja Teelgelbeckers, Jan Wesen, Celeste Kelly, Betty Mueller, Carol McQuade, Renea Dahms, Linda Gray, Susan Schroeder, and Maria Kremers. Voting opposed to this motion: Anne Hershey. Not voting: Becky Parker.

This is Motion 2-11, that we move to add new Section 1.26 and Appendix K to the Tracking Regulations:

I, Jan Wesen, move to amend the Tracking Regulations to allow one Judge to judge a Sanctioned Tracking Trial (with limitations) by Application for special permission from the Business Office. This will add new Section 1.26 and an Application form (appearing as Appendix K).

2nd Betty Mueller

New: Section 1.26 Making an Application to Allow One Judge at a Tracking Trial

In some special instances, and with permission from the ASCA Business Office, one Judge may act in lieu of the two Judge requirement (Section 1.22 Judging Assignments) at a Sanctioned Tracking Trial, with limitations. Permission will be decided on a case-by-case basis, and is for Affiliates who would not otherwise be able to hold a Tracking Trial without this permission, or Affiliates who demonstrate plausible need, including (but not limited to) financial, site, Judge availability, or other constraints.

Limitations

1. The Application applies to the following Tests only: Tracking Dog (TD), and Tracking Dog Urban (TDU).
2. The Tracking Trial may consist of one or both Tests, but the maximum number of dogs to be judged by a single Judge at one Trial is a total of six (6) or fewer, including Alternate tracks used for titling.
3. Application must be made for EACH Tracking Trial for which special permission is sought.
4. Provisional Tracking Judges (TD/TDU) may NOT act as the only Judge at any Tracking Trial.

The Test Secretary should submit the Application (included in the Regulations as Appendix K) together with the Tracking Test Sanction Request and Premium.

New: Appendix K

Application to Allow One Judge at a Tracking Trial

(Reference to Section 1.26 of the Tracking Regulations): In some special instances, and with permission from the ASCA Business Office, one Judge may act in lieu of the two Judge requirement (Section 1.22

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4. Provisional Tracking Judges (TD/TDU) may NOT judge as a single Judge at any Tracking Trial.

This Application should be submitted to the ASCA Business Office together with the Tracking Test Sanctioning Request and the Premium.

I hereby apply for permission to allow one Judge to judge at the following Tracking Trial. This Application is being made for the following reason(s):

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Name of Affiliate \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Test(s) offered: TD \_\_\_\_\_ TDU \_\_\_\_\_ and total Number of Tracks \_\_\_\_\_

Date and location of Trial \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm the Judge named on the Sanctioning Request understands and accepts s/he will be the sole Judge at this Trial.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Secretary

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List of some of the practical and budgetary reasons to allow one Judge:

- 1) There are not enough Tracking Judges available.
- 2) Tracking Judges that are available are often brought in at great expense.
- 3) Not all Tracking Judges are willing to work with one another.

- 4) Two judges are double the expenses for lodging, travel and food.
- 5) Affiliates might expect to break even on a smaller Trial instead of always losing money.
- 6) New (to tracking) Affiliates will be encouraged to try a smaller Tracking Trial for their first time at a reasonable cost.
- 7) Affiliates who have given up Tracking Trials due to expense will be encouraged to host them once again.
- 8) One Judge is more practical to import to areas such as Europe (that has no Tracking Judges).
- 9) Canadian Affiliates can use the one Judge system they already have in place for tracking.
- 10) Affiliates will be able to make use of smaller, more obtainable sites.

Comments:

The Tracking Committee continues to look for ways to help Affiliates both start and continue their own Tracking events. We know the interest in tracking is there, but Affiliates face many constraints when it comes to Trials including finding two approved Judges. Travel, lodging and food expenses for both Judges (even if the Judges charge no additional fees) usually outweigh entry fees by many hundreds of dollars. In these uncertain economic times, Affiliates are hard pressed to justify either adding tracking to their already stretched budgets or continuing to hold annual events.

The question has often been asked, why does tracking require TWO Judges? In a nutshell, judging tracking is physically and mentally demanding. With a full Trial of twelve tracks, the pre-test day workload takes two Judges all day plus well into the evening to prepare. On test day, putting out the tracks, walking, judging, and marking the Official Maps may go according to plan... or not. It is every Judge's responsibility to make sure all exhibitors get fair tracks and fair judging. Realistically, not all Judges will be willing to work solo and there is no requirement they do so. Also, no Affiliate is required to use a single Judge at a smaller Trial... they may continue to use two Judges as provided for in the Tracking Regulations.

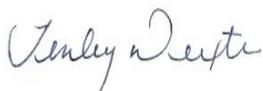
This Motion provides for a common sense means for concerned Affiliates to be able to hold smaller Trials with one Judge by seeking special permission from ASCA itself on a case-by-case basis. Using one Judge saves trying to find two who are compatible (not all will agree to judge with one another), it halves judging expenses, and it encourages first time Affiliates to try to hold smaller Trials on a limited basis rather than committing to full sized Trials before there are enough interested exhibitors. Holding a smaller Trial is preferable to holding no Trial at all. Of special ongoing concern has been our European and Canadian Affiliates. Canada has long used a one Judge system for its own Tracking Program. In Europe, Tracking Judges are currently non-existent. It will be highly beneficial for these Affiliates to hire one multipurpose Judge from the US for several events.

This Motion will go into effect 8-1-11.

Note for the Board: 4 Tracking Judges on this committee support this motion. One Tracking Judge is opposed.

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Bates; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

Submitted,



Tenley Dexter  
ASCA Secretary