

# ASCA Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting

Monday, June 10, 2013

President Ford called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM CDT. Those in attendance included: President Russ Ford, 1st Vice-President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice- President Ronnie Bates, Secretary Ann DeChant, Treasurer Greg McClintock, Director Rick Hardin (joined at 7:18 PM), Director David Clayton, Director Linda Gray, Director Jean Miller There is a quorum.

Review of April Financial Report

I move to approve the April financial report.

Motion: DeChant Second: Bates

Profit for month of April is \$29,247.04. Treasurer McClintock reported nothing out of the ordinary. The Board determined to continue follow up on Motion 13.60 from the 2013 Spring Meeting, which was to disburse the ASCA Foundation money earmarked for epilepsy for year 2012 and send to the Australian Shepherd Health and Genetics Institute.

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, McClintock, Miller Non-Voting: Hardin Motion Passes 8-0

Ratification of May Email Votes

I move to ratify all May 2013 email votes.

Motion: Gann Second: Clayton

Approve: Unanimous Motion Passes 9-0

Judge Approval Procedure Checklist

The Board determined to work with the Business Office to create a checklist that can be applied to the individual judge approval processes. This checklist will be forwarded to the Board along with the judge's name for move-up and will serve to increase communication, accountability, and efficiency in this process.

94:01 Stockdog: Move to full Stockdog Judge - Clayton

I move to approve David Clayton to move to full Stockdog Judge.

Motion: Ford – Director Clayton excused himself from discussion on this motion.

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Approve: Bates, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller Abstain: Clayton Motion Passes 8-0-1

87:19 Conformation: Move to Approved Breeder Judge - Bryan

I move to approve Kathy Bryan to move up to Approved Breeder Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous Motion Passes 9-0

Judge Approval Process in Regard to Susan Rossy

The Board determined that they had made a mistake in moving to publish Susan Rossy's name in the Aussie Times for move up to Senior Breeder Judge status. Ms. Rossy's name has already been submitted to the Aussie Times and she will be published on July 1, with a comment period extending until August 15, at which point her name will be sent back to the Board for approval and the Board will have the opportunity to correct their mistake, after which they may consult with the Conformation Committee for direction on how best to advise Ms. Rossy to proceed, according to ASCA's Conformation Rules. 2nd Vice-President Bates and Secretary DeChant have volunteered to take point.

13.74 2013 Stock Dog Finals Replacement Judge - James Bergert

I move that the ASCA Board approve James Bergert as the replacement Judge for the 2013 Stockdog Finals and the revised Premium list which will now include his name.

Motion: DeChant Second: Gann

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller Abstain: Bates, McClintock Motion Passes 7-0-2

87:19 Conformation: Move to Senior Breeder Judge - Kirtley

I move to approve Kerry Kirtley to move up to Senior Breeder Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous Motion Passes 9-0

87:19 Conformation: Move to Provisional Breeder Judge - Gaunt

I move to approve Keli Gaunt to move up to Provisional Breeder Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous Motion Passes 9-0

Adjournment

I move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Bates Second: Gann

Approve: Unanimous Motion Passes 9-0

President Ford adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM CDT. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.

## June 2013 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 through mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications.

### **06:05 Rally: Rally Judge Applicant - Jones**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes 9-0

Motion: Ford

*06:05 Rally: Rally Judge Applicant - Jones*

I move to approve Shannon Jones as a Provisional Rally Judge.

### **87:16 Juniors: Junior Judge Applicant - Pechka-King**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes 9-0

Motion: Ford

*87:16 Juniors: Junior Judge Applicant - Pechka-King*

I move to move up William L. Pechka-King to Junior Judge.

To the ASCA BOD,

I would like to ask for consideration as an ASCA junior judge. I grew up in the ASCA junior program starting in 1990 and ending in 2002 at Junior Finals. I was involved in showmanship, obedience and stock, winning many regional and year end awards. I earned the 500 club and the All Around Junior award. I am a long time member of the Australian Shepherd Club of New England and a lifetime ASCA member.

Thank you,  
William L. Pechka-King

**Results: 94:01 Stockdog: Addition of Stock Dog Champion Title (SDCH)**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Gann, Gray, McClintock, Miller

Disapprove: Bates, Ford, Hardin

Motion Passes 6-3

Letter of Dissent from Bates: The SDC should review other program/performance rules to develop a stronger methodology on how the title will be earned. Other programs use a point calculation system that is easy to follow & calculate. This could be easily accomplished with this new proposed title. I am in favor of this new title, just not the approach taken by the SDC for this motion.

Motion: Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee.

*94:01 Stockdog: Addition of Stock Dog Champion Title (SDCH)*

Motion by Debbie McCluske

Second by Wesen

Approve: 11

Disapprove: 1

Nonvoting or abstain: 0

I make a motion that rule 6.4 be amended, adding item n. as follows:

n. Stockdog Champion – SDCH (awarded to dogs who have completed the following requirements:

Working Trial Champion-X

Advanced Farm Trial Dog on cattle and one other stock

Ranch Trial Dog on sheep and cattle

Post Advanced Trial Dog on sheep and cattle

**SECTION 4 – TITLES**

Titles that may be awarded are:

a. Started Trial Dog - STD (class of stock)

b. Open Trial Dog - OTD (class of stock)

c. Advanced Trial Dog – ATD(class of stock)

d. Advanced Trial Dog Multiple courses – ATD-M(class of stock)

Awarded to Advanced Trial Dogs who have completed these additional requirements:

Two qualifying scores on Course A

Two qualifying scores on Course B

Three of the following four options (for a total of 6 additional qualifying scores):

Two qualifying scores on Course C

Two qualifying scores on Course D

Two qualifying scores on Course E

Two qualifying scores on Course F

Scores on each course must be received from 2 different judges.

e. Advanced Trial Dog Excellent – ATD-X(class of stock)

Awarded to Advanced Trial Dogs who have completed these additional requirements:

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course A

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course B

Three of the following four options (for a total of 6 additional scores of 100 or higher):

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course C

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course D

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course E

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course F

Scores on each course must be received from 2 different judges.

f. Post Advanced Trial Dog - PATD (class of stock)

g. Open Farm Trial Dog – OFTD (class of stock)

h. Advanced Farm Trial Dog - AFTD (class of stock)

i. Ranch Dog - RD

j. Ranch Trial Dog - RTD (class of stock)

k. Working Trial Champion - WTCH (awarded to dogs who receive ATD titles in all three classes of stock).

l. Working Trial Champion M – WTCH-M (awarded to dogs who receive ATD-M titles in all three classes of stock)

m. Working Trial Champion X – WTCH-X (awarded to dogs who receive ATD-X titles in all three classes of stock)

n. Stockdog Champion – SDCH (awarded to dogs who have completed the following requirements:

Working Trial Champion-X

Advanced Farm Trial Dog on cattle and one other stock

Ranch Trial Dog on sheep and cattle

Post Advanced Trial Dog on sheep and cattle

Rationale: To develop advanced titles for those who enjoy trialing their dogs in ASCA. If approved it will be incorporated into the January 2014 rulebook.

### **Results: 94:01 Stockdog: Clarification of the Description of a Single Farm Trial**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

Motion: Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee.

**94:01 Stockdog: Clarification of the Description of a Single Farm Trial**

Motion by Linda Epperly

Second by Jan Wesen

Those in favor: 11

Those oppose: none

I move to insert the following to clarify the understanding of what comprises a farm trial in 11.7.2. The inserted rule would read as follows: Each sanctioned Farm Trial may consist of any or all of the different combinations of the classes of livestock (cattle, sheep, ducks, and/or mixed). The remaining rules would be renumbered to accommodate the insertion. The rule renumbering would end with the current 11.7.4 becoming 11.7.5.

Rationale: A clarification of what makes a single Farm Trial. Arena trials allow all classes of livestock to be sanctioned as one trial, this addition will avoid inconsistencies in interpretation of what a single Farm Trial is as the SDC Farm Trial review changes membership over time. If approved the rule would be included in the January 2014 rulebook.

**94:01 Stockdog: Clarification of Requirements to Apply to be a Stock Dog Judge**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Bates, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock

Disapprove: Clayton, Miller

Motion Passes 7-2

Motion: Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee.

*94:01 Stockdog: Clarification of Requirements to Apply to be a Stock Dog Judge*

Motion by Maxine Schvaneveldt

Seconded by Mikael Haegus

Those in favor of a BOD directed motion regarding judge qualifications: 11

Those oppose: None

I move to change the following rule to include the following:

From: Chapter 8 Section 1 .1 Membership: the applicant Apprentice Judge must be a member in good standing of ASCA for a minimum of Five(5) years and have trialed and owned Australian

Shepherds for a minimum of five years at ASCA working trials.

Change to: Chapter 8 Section 1 .1 Membership: the applicant Apprentice Judge must be a member in good standing for a period of 5 consecutive years immediately preceding their application to become an ASCA Stockdog Judge. The only way to become an ASCA Stockdog Judge is through the Apprentice Program.

Rationale: To clarify the existing rule to ensure the 5 year membership requirement is consecutive and pertains to the five years directly before applying to be a judge. Change if approved to be included in the January 2014 rulebook.

### **94:01 Stockdog: Change to the Finals Budget Requirements in the National Specialty Rules**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Hardin, McClintock, Miller

Disapprove: Bates

Abstain: Gray

Motion Passes 7-1-1

Motion: Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

*94:01 Stockdog: Change to the Finals Budget Requirements in the National Specialty Rules*

Motion by Sanderson

Second by Wesen

Those in favor: 10

Those oppose: none

Abstention: 1

I make a motion to change the budget deadline requirements in the National Specialty Rulebook from:

From: 12.1 The final budget for the Finals is due at least ninety (90) days prior to the Nationals. Budget must state the number of head of stock to be used in each go-round and final go-round.

To: 12.1 The Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Stockdog Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals. The budget must state the total number of head of livestock to be used in each class of stock for all go-rounds of Finals. This number should reflect extra livestock on hand to be used in case of injury or illness, with a written breakdown of what is to be considered back-up or extra.

Rationale: This will satisfy the Board Directive issued the Stockdog Committee and bring the budget requirements in line with the other programs within ASCA. This will also allow the

Board and Stockdog Committee the opportunity to review and request any necessary changes without creating a hardship on the Host Club. This will be placed in the January 2014 rulebook if approved.

**98:15 Obedience: Motion 2013-4**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes 9-0

Motion: Bates

I move to approve the following Obedience Committee Motion.

*98:15 Obedience: MOTION 2013-4*

COMMITTEE VOTE:

FOR: 8

AGAINST: 2

ABSTENTIONS: None

EFFECTIVE: One month following publication in the Times (This is considered an emergency motion)

Anne Shope moved and Jan Weis seconded to place the following directive on the Reference Sheet under Open:

Prior to the start of the ODX Class, the judge shall mark the spot where the cone will be positioned during the Directed Open Exercises. The judge shall measure and mark in four directions the 3' and 4' radius from the base of that cone. See the DOE Open Section for more particulars.

If passed by the Board, this motion would need to be placed in the Obedience section at the ASCA website for referral and then later placed into the 1/1/2014 Rulebook when that Rulebook is updated.

**98:15 Obedience: Motion 2013-3**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes 9-0



Motion: Bates

I move to approve the following Obedience Committee Motion.

*98:15 Obedience: MOTION 2013-3*

COMMITTEE VOTE:

FOR: 8

AGAINST: 2

ABSTENTIONS: None

PLACEMENT: Section 8: DIRECTED OPEN EXERCISES (“DOE”) – FOR ONLY ODX. This motion will be the first paragraph.

PURPOSE: Clarify the placement and radius to be marked around the cone. Some judges have indicated confusion on how to measure the radius and how to mark the radius. The following motion will ensure continuity from trial to trial.

EFFECTIVE: One month after publication in the Times (this is considered an emergency motion)

Laura Uran moves and Jan Weis seconds:

Prior to the start of the ODX class, the judge shall measure the radius around the cone and also mark the point over which the cone will be placed. The measuring shall be done as follows: The spot on which the cone will be placed for all teams shall be marked for consistency in placement. Once the cone is placed, the three foot radius for the directed sit shall be determined by measuring 36 inches from outside edge of the base of the cone in each quarter-hour direction (front, back and both sides). The quarter hours on the radius must be marked to allow the judge to more readily discern if the dog has met the requirements. The four foot radius shall also be determined by measuring 48 inches from the outside edge of the base of the cone and shall be marked as described for the three foot radius. A different color may be used for the three and four foot diameter marks if desired. Chalk or a similar substance may be used for marking. Outdoors, the use of golf tees and similar items is not recommended, but if used, the item must be pushed fully into the ground so that the top is flush with the ground for the safety of the dogs. It is recommended that clubs have a yardstick or other measuring device that can be used.

If passed by the Board, this motion would need to be placed in the Obedience section at the ASCA website for referral and then later placed into the 1/1/2014 Rulebook when that Rulebook is updated.

**94:01 Stock Dog: Move to Provisional Stock Dog Judge - De Jong**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes 9-0

Motion: Ford

*94:01 Stockdog: Move to Provisional Stock Dog Judge - De Jong*

I move that Anneke De Jong be approved for move up to Provisional Stockdog Judge status.

**94:01 Stock Dog: Move to Provisional Stock Dog Judge - Jager**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller  
Abstain: Ford  
Motion Passes 8-0-1

Motion: Ford

*94:01 Stockdog: Move to Provisional Stock Dog Judge - Jager*

I move that Bjintze Jager be approved for move up to Provisional Stockdog Judge status.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. DeChant  
ASCA Secretary

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