

## June 2015 Secretary's Report

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

### Email Motions

#### **RA.15.11 Allow CKC to Use ASCA's Master Program**

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Wesen

**I move to accept this motion from the Rally Committee.**

Motion title: RC Motion 15.10 Recommendation to Allow Canadian Kennel Club to Use ASCA's Master Program

Effective date: Upon BOD approval

Maker of motion: Karen Black

Secunder of motion: Leah Swatko

Motion statement: To allow the Canadian Kennel Club to base their new upper level rally class upon ASCA's master level rules, signs, and point structure.

Purpose for motion: The Board of Directors contacted the Rally Committee Chair and requested we our recommendation for allowing the Canadian Kennel Club to base its new upper level rally class on ASCA's Masters program. The CKC will use their own colors for the signs and will make adjustments based on their current symbols used in their program. Allowing them to use the exercises we use and adapting our Masters level requirements will provide them a guide for their program. This request was made by an ASCA Rally judge in Canada who feels ultimately this will benefit ASCA as well and they will be able to generate more interest in ASCA Rally. Party(s) affected by the motion and how it will affect them: The Canadian Kennel Club will have a proven upper level rally class to base their new class upon.

If necessary, please state the date that the affected office was contacted: This motion is being sent to Ray Fryar, Business Office Manager, at the same time it is being sent to the committee.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 5

Disapprove: 1

Abstain:

Non-voting: 4

Committee Comments submitted with vote:

Beryl Billingsley: I think this is a good concept/idea, but I think the motion itself is very vague as to what they can or cannot use from our program. I would support a revised version of this motion that prevents them from directly copying our masters program for their next level class.

Body of the motion: We the committee recommend allowing the Canadian Kennel Club to use the ASCA Masters Rally signs, and rules and regulations as a guide to help create their new upper level rally class.

**CO.15.08 Change to Chapter 4 Section 4.3**

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Wesen

Disapprove: King

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Vest

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

**I move to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee**

Motion to Change Chapter 4 Section 4.3

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

I, Mary, would like to propose the following change to Section 4.3 of the rules:

Current:

4.3

12 Months to 18 Months Class

The 12 months to 18 months Class shall be for dogs that are twelve (12) months or over, but less than eighteen (18) months, and that are not champions. The age of the dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show.

New 4.3

4.3

12 Months to 15 Months Class

The 12 months to 15 months Class shall be for dogs that are twelve (12) months or over, but less than fifteen (15) months, and that are not champions. The age of the dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show.

4.4

15 Months to 18 Months Class

The 15 months to 18 months Class shall be for dogs that are fifteen (15) months or over, but less than eighteen (18) months, and that are not champions. The age of the dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show.

The following sections to be renumbered accordingly

Rationale: Young dogs change a lot while growing up. The rules pay tribute to that by dividing the age classes into 6 to 9 and 9 to 12 months of age. However, when it comes to dogs older than a year that same division does not apply. But especially at the age between 12 and 18 months dogs still keep changing. It would only make sense to apply the same three month ratio to those dogs as it is done with the dogs under a year of age.

This motion was sent to Ray as it affects the judges books. He agreed the judge books could be changed by removing the last column on the Intact and Altered Dog and Bitch pages and inserting the new class in the appropriate spot and move the other classes over one spot.

Here are the vote results for this motion:

Yes- 5

No- 4

Abstain- 1

Non-voting- 2

Reason for No Vote: As to motion 2015-9. I vote NO. I do not believe this change is needed.

#### **SD.15.14 Take Pen Gate Size**

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

Disapprove: Dolan, Hardin, Vest

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

*Comment from Dolan:* The motion does not cover "all courses with take pens".

*Comment from Vest:* Support the intent of the motion but cannot support as it does not include all courses, specifically Post Advanced, that includes take pens on their course.

*Comment from Wesen:* I would like the sdc to have PATD gate size added as well. No gate dimensions on diagram or write up for PATD. I agree with duck gate size of 8 feet.

Motion: Silveira

**I move the ASCA Board of Directors approve the following recommendation from the ASCA Stock Dog Committee.**

Title: Take Pen Gate Size

Effective date: June 1, 2016

I make a motion to state the minimum size allowed for all take pen gates, all classes of stock.

Dan Sanderson

Second: Lindy Epperly

Rationale: The minimum size allowed for take pen gates is stated for Sheep/Goats and Cattle, but is not stated in the rules for Ducks/Geese. 8' is the minimum allowed for these two classes of stock. The minimum size allowed for take pen gate for Ducks/Geese is stated in the Guidelines, but not in the rules. Since a Guideline is not a rule, it is not enforceable, creating a

conflict when judging. This rule change will correct the omission and establish a uniform gate size for all classes of stock. This rule will apply to all courses with a take pen (A, C, D, E, and F) and will be added to each course description.

Proposed Addition/Change: 9.1.1.d.3 (Course A), 11.1.1. d.2 (Course C), 12.1.1.d.2 (Course D), 13.1.1.d.2 (Course E), 14.1.1.d.2 (Course F) The take pen gate for Cattle, Sheep/Goats, and Ducks/Geese shall be no less than 8 feet.

Current Rule: The take pen gate for Cattle and Sheep/Goats shall be no less than 8 feet.

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MOTION CARRIES

For: 8

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

Non-vote: 1

Comments:

Manley: I think ducks can be safely worked through smaller gates.

## Judge Approvals

New ASCA Regular Stockdog Judge Andrea Hoffman (Tennessee)

New ASCA Tracking Judge Stephanie Gonyeau (Washington)

## Committee Appointments

New DNA Committee Chair Pete Hellmeister

New Stockdog Committee At-Large Judge Member Fiona Hibbard

## Agility Licensee

New ASCA Agility Licensee K-9 Petiquette (Illinois)

## Other News

The disqualification of Twyla's Wild Cat's Honey Bear #T9065 was upheld.

## June 11 Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes

**Present:** President Ann DeChant, 2nd Vice President Rick Hardin, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Jean Roberts, Director Rachel Vest, Director Jan Wesen, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

**Absent:** 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, Director Cindy King

There is a quorum with 7 voting members of the Board present.

*DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Central Time.*

## Ratification of May Email Votes

### BD.15.73 Ratification of May Email Votes

All present approve (Absent: King, Kissman); motion carries.

Motion: Dolan

Second: Roberts

**I move to ratify the May email votes.**

### **May Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Dolan gave the Treasurer's Report for January-May 2015.

- Kissman joined the meeting at 7:03 pm.

There is \$242,961.49 in the Chase checking account, \$350,257.13 in the Chase savings account, and \$140.00 in the Chase wire account. Total current assets come in at \$852,075.69 (up \$90,482.57 from the same period in 2014). Net income is \$88,543.39 (down \$20,458.20 from the same period in 2014).

<u>Program</u>	<u>2014/2015 Show Year</u>
Agility Finals Fees	\$13,979.00
Conformation Finals Fees	\$5,063.50
Obedience Finals Fees	\$435.75
Rally Finals Fees	\$946.75
Stockdog Finals Fees	\$2,004.50
Other Finals Fees	\$27.75
Show Year Total	\$22,457.25
Account balance as of 05/31/2015	\$61,051.75

### **BD.15.74 May Treasurer's Report**

All present approve (Absent: King); motion carries.

Motion: Silveira

Second: Wesen

**I move to approve the Treasurer's report.**

### **System Upgrade**

The Board reviewed and discussed the D&B risk assessment on FrogSlayer and determined to move forward as planned. The Office Manager will get in touch with FrogSlayer and work with them on getting the project started as soon as possible.

### **Holidays**

The Office Manager requested a change to Policy 9.6 regarding the addition of two "floating holidays" for the staff.

Current wording:

9.6 Holidays

The following days will be observed by the Business Office staff as paid holidays:

NEW YEAR'S DAY

MEMORIAL DAY

FOURTH OF JULY

LABOR DAY

THANKSGIVING DAY

FRIDAY FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING DAY

CHRISTMAS EVE  
CHRISTMAS DAY

Should the holiday fall on a Saturday observance will be on the preceding Friday. Should the holiday fall on a Sunday observance will be on the following Monday.

**BD.15.75 Change to Policy 9.6 Holidays**

All present approve (Absent: King); motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

Second: Silveira

**I make a motion to make a change to Policy 9.6 Holidays where two floating holidays will be decided by the Manager in December of the preceding year. Should any of the set holidays fall on a Saturday observance will be on the preceding Friday. Should the holiday fall on a Sunday observance will be on the following Monday.**

Dolan will draft the language for the Policy Book.

**Air Conditioner for Business Office**

The Office Manager procured three quotes to replace the rear air conditioner in the Office. He was instructed to choose based on the best value for money spent and has gone with Climate Doctors. The unit was under \$5,000 and was approved by the President and Treasurer per policy.

**2017 Host Club Proposal**

The Board discussed a proposal from the 2017 Nationals and Finals Host Club. The Texas Consortium would like to change the schedule to hold the Stockdog Nationals before the Stockdog Finals, and to complement this schedule change with an event on Friday called the “Texas Shoot-out Stockdog Competition.” Contestants for this culminating event will be determined by combined scores on cattle and sheep from the Advanced Nationals dogs and the Finals dogs, the top-scoring five dogs coming from each. In the case of overlap, additional dogs will be taken from the Finals dogs, until ten dogs are competing. The winners will be determined by time and points on a combination of the cattle and sheep scores on an ASCA course to be determined and announced ahead of the event. A large cash prize will be split 60% to the first place dog, 25% to the second and 15% to the third. A sponsor or sponsors for the purse will be sought. Winners will be announced at the Friday night banquet.

The Board discussed related issues such as scheduling conflicts, member opinion, and the use of stock. Ultimately, the Board is favorable to the proposal and recommends that the Host Club reach out to the membership, specifically stockdog competitors, to notify them of the proposed change and seek feedback before finalizing. The Board will approve or not at the time the 2017 premium is reviewed.

**DNA Question**

DeChant reported a status update to the Board regarding a current DNA issue. The Office Manager and representative from Therion will work with the owner to do what they can to find a resolution.

**Stockdog Judge Conduct Investigation**

The Board voted to investigate alleged conduct violations by a Stockdog Judge. The investigation will be done by DeChant, Silveira, and King.

*DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.*

## **June 30 Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice President Rick Hardin, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Director Jean Roberts, Director Cindy King, Director Rachel Vest, Director Jan Wesen, Counsel Charles Carnese, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

**Absent:** Secretary Ken Silveira

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

*DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm Central Time.*

### **Stockdog Judge Conduct Investigation Recommendation**

- Silveira joined the meeting at 7:09 pm.

The Board voted to decline to pursue any discipline regarding the alleged conduct violations of a Stockdog Judge.

The Board discussed the necessity for clubs to honor their contracts and encourages them to have everything in writing from the beginning. Dolan will gather information on past Nationals/Finals judges' contracts and the Board will discuss this during the August teleconference.

Wesen requested that the Board develop a policy moving forward for how to handle complaints against judges, as they are not covered by ASCA's Dispute Rules.

*DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.*

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