

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.
August 1-31, 2012.

Board of Directors Teleconference

Monday August 13, 2012

President Ford called the meeting to order at 9:03PM, EDT. Those present included: President Russ Ford, 2nd Vice-president David Clayton, Secretary Rick Gann, Directors Ronnie Bates, Tenley Dexter, Linda Gray and Directors-elect Ann DeChant, Rick Hardin, and Jean Miller. First Vice-president Peter Hellmeister, Treasurer Greg McClintock, and Director Rachel Vest were absent.

96:02 Stockdog Judge Approval/Move-up

Motion by: Ford - I move to approve the following:

John Knepper as an Apprentice Stockdog Judge, Betty Williams move up to Provisional Stockdog Judge

Approve: Bates, Clayton, Dexter, Ford, Gann, and Gray. Non-voting: Hellmeister, McClintock, and Vest.

Motion is approved.

12:30 Rescind Aussie Times: Remove Listing of Program Title Certificates

Motion by Gann - Second by Hellmeister

I move to rescind the following motion:

12:30 Aussie Times: Remove Listing of Program Title Certificates

Motion by Dexter - Second by Gray

I move to remove the listing of all program title certificates from the Aussies Times. All program title certificates will be listed monthly on the members section of the ASCA website.

Reasoning: In an attempt to reduce the cost of producing the Aussie Times, this information will be taken out but be available on the ASCA website in a more timely fashion.

Approve: Bates, Clayton, Dexter, Ford, Gann, and Gray. Non-voting: Hellmeister, McClintock, and Vest.

Motion is approved.

As part of this motion discussion the Board agreed to have the Aussie Times Editor rework the Title Certificate pages to reduce the number of pages.

Motion by Ford - Second by Gray

I move to ratify all July e-mail votes. Approve: Bates, Clayton, Dexter, Ford, Gann, and Gray. Non-voting: Hellmeister, McClintock, and Vest. *Motion is approved.*

President Ford advised the Board that he is working closely with the Office Manager to correct/rectify a recent rash of Business Office errors. President Ford has directed the Office Manager to, in the short-term, examine all outgoing material to check for errors. Director Gray requested all Directors receive copies of the Office Procedures Manual.

President Ford led a discussion concerning the implementation date for the revised Breed Standard approved by the membership. The consensus of the Board was to leave the implementation date called out in the motion to remain as stated but modify the motion to include a statement about which Breed Standard will be used to judge the 2013 Conformation Finals. The motion will be modified to include a statement concerning judging finals.

The Board discussed changing the Policy Book Guidelines concerning participation of Directors-elect in discussions during the period from election to seating. Director Gray will write a motion for inclusion in the next voting cycle.

The Board discussed the problem identified with the calculation of Stock Dog merit points and generating the Stock Dog Merit Lists. The problem arose from the Business Office failing to follow written office procedures.

President Ford ruled the DNA Motion - Suspend Mandatory DNA out of order because it had not been submitted to the applicable committee for comment. Director Gray will forward the motion to the DNA Committee for comment.

The Board discussed a problem associated with 2012 Stock Dog Finals entry fees. The Board agreed to consult with counsel for assistance in resolving this issue. The Executive Secretary is to send a request for clarification to counsel.

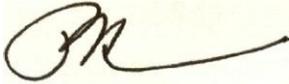
Director Bates explained the process developed to approve Rally Finals courses.

President Ford scheduled the next teleconference for September 10, 2012.

Motion by Gann - Second by Bates

I move to adjourn. Approve: Bates, Clayton, Dexter, Ford, Gann, and Gray. Non-voting: Hellmeister, McClintock, and Vest. *Motion is approved.*

President Ford adjourned the meeting at 10:14PM EDT.



Pete Dolan

Executive Secretary

04:05 Agility Committee Motion 09-2012 - Course Design

Motion by Hellmeister

I move to accept the following recommendation of the Agility Committee:

Change section 10.6 Course Design Review

From:

7. Course reviewers will electronically return copies of the proposed courses, together with any mandatory and recommended non-mandatory changes to the judge(s) not later than 15 days prior to the first day of the applicable trials. Judges must return a final copy of any required/recommended/mandatory changes made on any course to the course reviewer at least 7 days prior to the trial. This will ensure that the course reviewer will have a complete set of finalized courses to be used at the trial.

To:

7. Course reviewers will electronically return copies of the proposed courses, together with any mandatory and recommended non-mandatory changes to the judge(s) not later than 15 days prior to the first day of the applicable trials. Judges must return a final copy of all courses for the trial including any required/recommended/mandatory changes made on any course to the course reviewer at least 7 days prior to the trial. This will ensure that the course reviewer will have a complete set of finalized courses to be used at the trial.

Rationale: When the committee originally came up with the rule the intent was for the Reviewer to have a complete set of courses at the completion of the review. If the Judge only returns the changed courses the reviewer may or may not have a complete set. A complete set is needed in case of emergencies and other procedures. This ensures the Reviewer will have a complete set. Motion effective date: January 1st, 2013 Voting as follows: Approve: Unanimous. *The motion is approved.*

04:05 Agility Committee Motion

Motion by: Hellmeister

I move to accept the following recommendation of the Agility Committee

Add section 6.1.1 Class Judging and Scribing:

The Judge shall indicate the point values for each obstacle performed correctly by calling out those values and the judge shall indicate an incorrectly performed obstacle by calling out 'zero' instead of a point value. The Judge shall brief the Scribe for the class to write the point values the judge indicates, including zeros, in the order they were

called. This is known as the Dog's Path. Example 1, 3, 3, 0, 5, 0, 5, 1, 1...

Additional rationale by Sue - It was mentioned to me (personally) by a couple of people that calling a zero might disturb the exhibitors during their run. I see that this may cause some concern, but by calling out a point value for EACH obstacle, it will force the scribe to record a score for each obstacle. This should help eliminate missed points for obstacles. Voting as follows: Approve: Unanimous *The motion is approved.*

06:05 Rally Judge Approval

Motion by: Ford

I move that Anne Shope and Sue Mills be moved to Approved Rally Judge.

Voting as follows: Approve: Unanimous *The motion is approved.*

06:05 Rally Committee Motion 12-7 Judge's Education Program

Motion: Bates

Subject: ASCA Rally Judges Education Seminar

I move to accept the three-part PowerPoint Show and supplemental document sets as the ASCA Rally Judges Education Seminar. To make access as simple as possible for current judges and future applicants, all parts of the seminar will be available on the ASCA website at <http://www.asca.org>. It will also be available as a live training at special events such as the ASCA National.

Comments:

This education piece will meet the education requirements set forth in Chapter 15: Judges Qualifications and will fulfill the Board of Directors' mandate that all programs design an education program for judges. It will also meet the BOD's mandate that the Rally Committee submit to the BOD a judge's education program by August 1, 2012. Structured the way it is will make adding to, subtracting from, amending, etc. very easy when there are rule changes, or items noticed in the field that need to be addressed. It will help ensure judges coming into the program are given a good foundation for ASCA Rally which in turn will benefit the affiliates and the exhibitors. And it will help already licensed judges stay current with the rules. Parties Impacted, the people who will be affected by this are current judges and judge applicants. Exhibitors and affiliates will be impacted indirectly, though positively, with the addition of more judges who are better prepared and informed about judging ASCA Rally.

Effective Date

We ask for this motion to go into effect as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after being published in the Aussie Times. Note: Approved by the ASCA Webmaster 06/2012 Voting as follows: Approve: Unanimous *The motion is approved.*

2000:15 Breed Standard Revision Effective Date

Motion by Ford Second by Gann

I move to implement the revised Breed Standard effective 06/01/2013 with the provision that the Conformation Finals for that show year be judged by the Standard under which the dogs qualified.

Rationale: The effective date is set to coincide with the start of the next full show year. This date also allows publication in several issues of the Aussie Times prior to the new Standard becoming effective. The time prior to implementation will also allow the Business Office to thoroughly review and update all documents and locations where the Breed Standard may appear. Voting as follows: Approve: Unanimous *The motion is approved.*

94:01 SDC Motion: Reword the scoring for re-pen

Motion: Bates

I move to change the sentence of Chapter 3 Sec 12.2h "Points for the re-pen may be earned after completing or attempting obstacle 1."

Change to "Points for the re-pen may be earned at any time during the run."

Effective 06/01/13

Purpose: I could not find anything in the guidelines pertaining to this. I feel this will make this more black and white. There are judges who feel that even tho the handler has not completed the gather (crossing the advanced

handler's line) that handler is still attempting the first panel.....so maybe this will help with that. Voting as follows:
Approve: Unanimous *The motion is approved.*

83:09 Registration of a Singleton Puppy

Motion by Gray Second by Dexter

I move to approve the registration of the one surviving pup from this 2007 litter as Not for Breeding until parentage can be proven. Dam: Alibi's Marionette whelped a litter of puppies sired by Sandy Acres Lord of the Jungle (E112806).

To summarize the problem: In 2007 Shelly leased a bitch and bred her Bitch had a c-section, all but one pup (CiCi) died and then the dam died shortly after, before CiCi was ASCA registered. Owner of CiCi thought the bitch was DNA'd, she was not. Sire is DNA-CP. CiCi (who is now 5) could be registered through 2.2.3:

2.2.3 Determination of Deceased Parent The following procedure for determining the genotype of a deceased dog (or otherwise unavailable) as regards parentage verification will be used. (Note: dog denotes either sex) In consultation with ASCA's approved laboratories, through ASCA's DNA Committee/Board Liaison/, eight (8) offspring of the unavailable dog and the mate or mates of the unavailable dog that allegedly produced these offspring must be DNA profiled. If these criteria cannot be met, the party responsible for the unavailable dog must inform ASCA and must also consult with ASCA's approved DNA laboratory through ASCA's DNA Committee/Board Liaison/, so a POSSIBLE alternative plan might be devised. Any alternative plan will have to meet the 90% probability rule. [Note: The 90% percent rule means by producing eight (8) offspring, there is a 90% probability all of the alleles of the unavailable dog, for each marker used for PV, will be present in the offspring and have been recorded.] However she says she does not have access to any other puppies from the dam of her bitch. Actual owner of the dam told Shelly all pups went to pet homes. From the Registry Rules: 2.4 Recordkeeping. Each person who breeds or deals in dogs in any way which are registered or eligible for registration with the Australian Shepherd Club of America must maintain complete and accurate records and keep them for a period of five years. These records must contain pedigree information on sire and dam, a copy of the litter application or litter record, names, addresses and phone numbers of the buyers of the puppies, adult dogs, and stud services as well as any other information deemed pertinent by the owner and/or breeder. For example, additional information could be pictures of the dogs, height, weight, etc. According to the office: Dam: - had two litters. 6 puppies out of the two litters are registered. None of them are DNA'd. Sire: is DNA-CP. Neither of his parents are DNA'd. He has sired 8 litters. 22 puppies are registered. Two of them are DNA'd. She looked into Hardship (wasn't eligible because both parents are ASCA registered. Hardship Registry is no longer open, it closed on 1/1/11). She could LEP to be able to enter ASCA's performance events, although CiCi would need to be spayed. She could get a Tracking Number on CiCi, however, no litter CiCi produced would be eligible for registration.

Voting as follows: Approve: Bates, Dexter, Ford, Gray, Vest; Disapprove: Clayton, Hellmeister, and McClintock; Abstain: Gann. *The motion is approved.*

06:05 Rally Committee Motion 12-8 Chapter 15: Judge Requirements Restated

Motion Bates

I move that we accept the requirements for becoming an ASCA Rally judge as specified below.

Chapter 15: JUDGES

I move to change Chapter 15: Judges from:

SECTION 1: Licensed Rally Judges

Any Judge who has been approved for a minimum of one year for all levels of AKC and/or CKC Rally judging may apply to the ASCA Business Office to become an ASCA Rally Judge. Upon verification of qualifications, the applicant will be sent an Open Book Test and a request for a complete set of ASCA Rally courses (one for each level) to be approved. Upon notification that they have passed the test and course reviews, and have been approved by the ASCA Board of Directors, the applicant will be issued an ASCA Judge's number.

SECTION 2: Licensed Obedience Judges

ASCA, AKC, and/or CKC Obedience Judges who are approved to Judge through Open and who have earned one Rally Masters (RM) title (from ASCA), or two Rally Excellent (RE) titles (from ASCA, AKC, and/or CKC), or one Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title (from AKC or CKC) may apply to the ASCA Business office to become an ASCA Rally Judge. Upon verification of qualifications, the applicant will be sent an Open Book Test, and a request for a complete set of Rally courses (one for each level) to be approved. Upon notification that they have passed the test and course reviews, and have been approved by the ASCA Board of Directors, the applicant will be issued an ASCA Judge's number.

The ASCA Rally Rules, Icons, Checklist, and Application may be found at www.asca.org

To read:

CHAPTER 15: JUDGES

SECTION 1: Licensed Rally and Obedience Judge Qualification Requirements 15.1.1 Any Judge who has been approved for a minimum of one year for all levels of AKC, CKC, UKC, and/or APDT Rally judging may apply to become an ASCA Rally Judge.

15.1.2 ASCA, AKC, CKC, and/or UKC Obedience Judges who are approved to Judge through Open and have earned one Rally Masters (RM) title (from ASCA) or two Rally Excellent titles (RE) (one from ASCA and the other from ASCA, AKC, or CKC, or the UKC URO3 or APDT RL3) may apply to become an ASCA Rally Judge.

15.1.3 Application Process

a. Applicants must be at least 21 years old.

Submit an application to the ASCA Business office. Upon verification of qualifications, the applicant will be sent an Open Book test and a request for a complete set of Rally courses (one for each level).

Pass with 100% the ASCA Rally Open Book Test. The test may be retaken until all questions have been answered correctly. Submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) and have them approved. A completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA website) must be submitted with the courses. Complete the Judges Education Seminar, available free online at <http://www.asca.org>, or submit proof of attendance at a live Judges Education Seminar within the preceding 12 months.

Once all steps above are completed, the ASCA Business Office will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval.

SECTION 2: Other Person Rally Judge Qualification Requirements

15.2.1 All "other persons" wishing to become an ASCA Rally Judge must fulfill all requirements from either Option A or B.

a. Option A Qualifications

- i. Two Companion Dog (CD) titles (from ASCA, AKC, CKC, or UKC)
- ii. One Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (from ASCA, AKC, CKC or UKC)
- iii. One Rally Masters (RM) title (from ASCA)

b. Option B Qualifications

- i. One Companion Dog (CD) title (from ASCA, AKC, CKC, or UKC)
- ii. One Rally Excellent Masters (REM) title (from ASCA)
- iii. Three Rally Excellent (RE) titles (at least one RE must be from ASCA; others may be a combination from ASCA, AKC, CKC, the UR03 from UKC, and/or the APDT RL3)

15.2.2 Application process

All applicants must be at least 21 years old. Submit an application to the ASCA Business office. Upon verification of the qualifications, the applicant will be sent an Open Book test and a request for a complete set of Rally courses (one for each level). Show proof of completion of four ASCA Rally stewarding assignments, at least two of which are serving as Table Steward for all classes at a Trial, signed and dated by the Judge(s) for whom they \stewarded. The other two stewarding assignments must include time split between acting as a timing steward, gate steward, and honor steward. Pass with 100% the ASCA Rally Open Book Test. The test may be retaken until all questions have been answered correctly. Submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) and have them approved. A completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA website) must be submitted with the courses. Complete the Judges Education Seminar, available free online at <http://www.asca.org>, or submit proof of

attendance at a live Judges Education Seminar within the preceding 12 months. Once items a through e above are completed and approved, the applicant must complete the Apprentice Judge requirements, below. Upon completion of all steps above, the ASCA Business Office will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval.

15.2.3 Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures

- a. The Apprentice must complete minimum of two apprentice assignments under at least two different ASCA approved Rally Judges.
- b. The applicant should contact the judge and the affiliate club for approval prior to the trial.
- c. The Apprentice must judge a minimum of 50 runs, and must judge runs from all four levels of ASCA Rally.
- d. The Apprentice will observe from the most advantageous position(s) ringside and score each dog as if they were the Judge. The Apprentice shall score each dog independently from the Judge and without interference from spectators or competitors.
- e. After judging is completed, the official Judge and the Apprentice will confer and review their scores, discussing how each arrived at their score. This time should be positive and educational, giving the Apprentice confidence and knowledge to further their judging experience.
- f. The Official Judge shall complete the Rally Apprentice Judge Evaluation (available from the Business Office) at the conclusion of the apprenticing assignment and return the form to the ASCA Business Office.
- g. The Judge applicant must complete and return the Apprentice Judge Comparison Report (available from the Business Office) and their score sheets within 15 days of the trial to receive credit for the apprenticing assignment.
- h. Apprenticing shall not take place during the Rally Finals or National Specialty.

SECTION 3: Acceptance

15.3.1. Acceptance

The Board of Directors will instruct the ASCA Business Office to notify the applicant when they have been approved and will issue a Judge's number if the applicant is not already an ASCA Judge.

If the Board of Directors does not approve the applicant, he or she will be notified by the Executive Secretary at the direction of the Board of Directors.

All new ASCA Rally judges are initially approved as Provisional Judges.

SECTION 4: Provisional Judge

15.4.1 Provisional Judge

The Provisional Judge will be able to accept assignments and judge ASCA Trials as long as their courses are submitted for approval by the ASCA Rally Review Subcommittee at least 30 days prior to each judging assignment. All Judges will remain Provisional until such time the Rally Course Review Subcommittee receives a complete set of courses that do not need any revisions prior to a Trial in which the Provisional Judge is scheduled to judge. Once a Provisional Judge submits a set of courses that does not need any revisions, the Provisional Judge will be moved to Approved Status and will no longer need to have their courses approved prior to assignments. At the direction of the ASCA Board of Directors, a judge may be moved from approved status to provisional if it is determined it is in the judge's best interest and ASCA's best interest for the judge to submit courses to the Rally Course Review Subcommittee for approval as described above in 15.4.1 a.

SECTION 5: Continuing Education Requirements for all ASCA Rally Judges 15.5.1 It is the responsibility of all ASCA Rally judges to stay up to date on the current rules and regulations affecting the ASCA Rally program. Rule Books are issued in January and June every year.

15.5.2 Judges must participate in the ASCA Rally Judges Seminar on line and/or in person at least once every three years. Failure to complete the Rally Judges Seminar will result in the suspension of all Rally judging privileges until the requirement is fulfilled.

SECTION 6: Publication

15.6.1 The name and state of residence of new ASCA Rally Judges shall be published in the next edition of the Aussie Times following their approval by the ASCA Board of Directors. 15.6.2 The name and personal information of all ASCA Rally Judges will be published on the ASCA website under contact information unless that Judge has

checked the opt-out box on their application.

The ASCA Rally Rules, Icons, Checklist, and Application may be found at www.asca.org

Comments

This motion is needed to increase our pool of judges. It will benefit exhibitors, affiliates, and ASCA as a whole. Parties Impacted Current Rally Judges, anyone applying to become a Rally Judge, the Business Office, ASCA Affiliates, ASCA Rally Exhibitors.

Effective Date

Because there is a significant need to add to the judge pool, particularly in some parts of the U.S. and in Europe, we ask that this motion go into effect as soon as possible but no later than 30 days after publication in the Aussie Times. Voting as follows: Approve: Bates, Dexter, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hellmeister, McClintock, Vest; Disapprove: Clayton; *The motion is approved.*

98:15 Obedience Committee Motion 2012-4

Motion: Bates

I move to replace the current Chapter I, Section I with the following:

Current Language: SECTION 1: Clubs

Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA® has an agreement. The registry with which ASCA® has an agreement is the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC). The Host Affiliate of an ASCA® National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA® has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial. The ASCA® Business office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA® Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events. Only ASCA® Affiliate Clubs, in good standing, may sanction ASCA® events. Only one type of event may be held in each state or area (in those states divided into areas). A "type of event" is defined as Conformation or Obedience or Stockdog Trial or Tracking or Agility.

a. California is divided into three (3) areas: from the Mexican border north to the city of Ventura, from Ventura north to San Jose, from San Jose north to Oregon. Nevada is divided into two (2) areas: From the southernmost border North to Highway 6 North to the Oregon and Idaho borders.

b. Alaska Affiliates may have more than one type of event per day from October 1 through March 30. Affiliates may have up to two Obedience Trials per day, per area. Official ASCA® programs that require sanctioning and award points or qualifying scores that lead to an ASCA® title shall not be conducted by any individual(s), non ASCA® Affiliated corporation(s) or business(es). Affiliate Club(s) in good standing with ASCA® will have the exclusive right to schedule, sanction and conduct Official ASCA® programs. No individual(s), non ASCA® Affiliated corporation(s) or business (es) shall realize any monetary profit, or any other benefit as a result of any connection with an ASCA® sanctioned event. Normal event sponsorship or advertisement by any individual(s), corporation(s) or business (es) shall not be considered to be in conflict with this rule. Individuals, corporations or businesses that enter into agreements with Affiliate Clubs to supply materials, services, facility rentals, livestock rentals or any other need required for the conduct of sanctioned events shall not be considered to be in conflict with this rule. The use of a Club's name for event purposes cannot be transferred. ASCA® Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA® and wish to hold an Obedience Trial, at which qualifying scores toward an obedience title may be awarded, must make application to ASCA® on the form provided for permission to hold such trial. This application must be submitted and postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the event. A sanctioning fee (see schedule of fees) per trial shall be submitted with the application. Each Host Club, which holds a sanctioned event at least once in every 2 consecutive years, shall have first right to claim the corresponding dates or holiday weekend for its event to be held in the next succeeding two years. If the Club having first right to the date(s) does not host a sanctioned event on that date in the following year, another Club may use the preexisting date for an event. The original Club

shall still have first right to the date on the second year following their original event. If they do not host a sanctioned event on that date in the second year, they lose the first right to the date. The ASCA® Business Office will hold paperwork from any other Club wishing to use a preexisting date until the ASCA® Business Office has been notified that the Host Club with the preexisting date will not use the event date that year. If paperwork has to be held pending receipt of the notification from the Host Club with the preexisting date, the ASCA® Business Office will notify the second Club within 14 days upon receipt of the Sanctioning Request Form. To facilitate timely receipt of materials, Clubs wishing to use a preexisting date should contact the Host Club and request notification be sent in writing to the ASCA® Business Office stating the preexisting date will not be used that year. If the Host Club with the preexisting date does not use that date on the second year following their original event, first claim to that date will pass to a second Host Club, if there is one. If a date has not been previously claimed, the Host Club whose sanctioning is postmarked first shall be awarded the date. ASCA® Affiliate Clubs shall not request sanctioning for any event to be held outside of their state/area in a state/area that is already served by at least one Affiliate Club. If a state/area is not served by an Affiliate Club then an Affiliate Club from another state/area may sanction events there on a first come basis. If an Affiliate Club wishes to sanction an event at a site that is outside of their state/area they must first secure written permission from all of the Affiliate Clubs in that state/area. This written permission shall be submitted to the Business Office with the Sanction request before sanctioning can be granted. If an Affiliate Club organizes in a state/area that formerly did not have an Affiliate Club, then the new Club shall have primary sanctioning authority. Out of state/area Affiliate Clubs must then follow the procedure as outlined in the previous two paragraphs. Affiliate Clubs who sanction pre-national events to be held in the state/area of the National Specialty event are exempted from the provisions of this section. Any ASCA® Affiliated Club requesting ASCA® sanctioning for any event(s) shall, when making application for said event(s), include any applicable county, state, country or any other bylaws, rules of conduct or associated restrictions regarding dogs, their exhibition and the holding of said event(s) and shall include a list of such rules, bylaws or restrictions in the premium list. Rules, restrictions, bylaws, etc. shall be printed in English and the language of the country where the said event(s) will be held, listing all pertinent information.

Proposed language:

SECTION 1:

A. GENERAL

- 1) Affiliate shall not seek membership nor seek licensure or sanctioning for any event with another registry other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement. The registry with which ASCA has an agreement is the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).
- 2) The Host Affiliate of an ASCA Nationals Specialty shall neither invite nor contract with another registry, nor the affiliates of another registry, with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event.
- 3) The ASCA Business office will refuse to sanction any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events.
- 4) Official ASCA programs that require sanctioning and award points or qualifying scores that lead to an ASCA title shall not be conducted by any individual(s), non-ASCA Affiliated corporation(s) or business (es).
- 5) Affiliate Club(s) in good standing with ASCA will have the exclusive right to schedule, sanction and conduct Official ASCA programs. No individual(s), non ASCA Affiliated corporation(s) or business (es) shall realize any monetary profit, or any other benefit as a result of any connection with an ASCA sanctioned event. Normal event sponsorship or advertisement by any individual(s), corporation(s) or business (es) shall not be considered to be in conflict with this rule. Individuals, corporations or businesses that enter into agreements with Affiliate Clubs to supply materials, services, facility rentals, livestock rentals or any other products or services required for the implementation of sanctioned events shall not be considered to be in conflict with this rule. The use of a Club's name for event purposes cannot be transferred.

B. SANCTION REQUEST

1) Only ASCA Affiliate Clubs in good standing may sanction ASCA events. An Event is defined as Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, Agility, Rally or a Stockdog Trial. One club's event must not conflict on the same day with another club's event held within a 200 mile radius of the event (this distance is referred to as the "area") unless both clubs concur in writing that this may occur. Affiliates may have up to two Obedience Trials per day.

2) ASCA Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA and wish to hold an Obedience Trial, at which qualifying scores toward an obedience title may be awarded, must apply to ASCA on the form provided for permission to hold such trial. This application must be submitted and postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the event. A sanctioning fee (see schedule of fees) per trial shall be submitted with the application along with a copy of the premium.

C. PREMIUM

1) The Premium shall at a minimum indicate the club name a) club officers (emails and/or phone numbers), b) show committee (emails and/or phone numbers), c) show secretary (mailing address, email and phone number), d) the names of the judges hired (level through which they will be judging), e) names of the classes offered (both regular and non-regular), division and class order (Note: All regular classes should be listed as follows: Companion Dog (Novice), divisions A and B; Companion Dog Excellent (Open) divisions A, B, and V plus Utility Dog (Utility), divisions A, B and V as more particularly described within this rulebook), f) date of trials, g) refund information, h) show site particulars including directions to site and when the site is open or closed, i) awards particulars, j) when group exercises shall be held and in what order, k) entry fees, pre-entry and closing entry date with mailing particulars, l) motel/hotel/camping information, m) tracking number application attached and/or linked, and n) entry blank attached and/or linked as applicable.

2) Any ASCA Affiliated Club requesting ASCA sanctioning for any event(s) shall, when making application for said event(s), include any applicable county, state, country or any other bylaws, rules of conduct or associated restrictions regarding dogs, their exhibition and the holding of said event(s) and shall include a list of such rules, bylaws or restrictions in the premium list. Rules, restrictions, bylaws, etc. shall be printed in English and the language of the country where the said event(s) will be held, listing all pertinent information.

D. FIRST RIGHTS

1) Each Host Club which holds a sanctioned event at least once in every two consecutive years shall have first right to claim the corresponding dates or holiday weekend for its event to be held in the next succeeding two years. If the Club having first right to the date(s) does not host a sanctioned event on that date in the following year, another Club may use the preexisting date for an event. The original Club shall still have first right to the date on the second year following their original event. If they do not host a sanctioned event on that date in the second year, they lose the first right to the date.

2) The ASCA Business Office will hold paperwork from any other Club wishing to use a preexisting date until the ASCA Business Office has been notified that the Host Club with the preexisting date will not use the event date that year. If paperwork has to be held pending receipt of the notification from the Host Club with the preexisting date, the ASCA Business Office will notify the second Club within 14 days upon receipt of the Sanctioning Request Form. To facilitate timely receipt of materials, Clubs wishing to use a preexisting date should contact the Host Club and request notification be sent in writing to the ASCA Business Office stating the preexisting date will not be used that year. If the Host Club with the preexisting date does not use that date on the second year following their original event, first claim to that date will pass to a second Host Club, if there is one. If a date has not been previously claimed, the Host Club whose sanctioning is postmarked first shall be awarded the date. 3) ASCA Affiliate Clubs may request sanctioning for any event to be held outside of their state only under the following terms: a) If a state (State A, for instance) is not served by an Affiliate Club, then any Affiliate Club from another state may sanction events in State A on a first-come basis; or b) If State A is currently served by one or more Affiliate Clubs and wishes to sanction an event at a site that is outside of their state, they must first secure written permission from all of the Affiliate Clubs within the state where they would like to sanction the event. Written permission shall be submitted to the Business Office with the Sanction request before sanctioning can be granted. NOTE: If an out-of-state ASCA Affiliate Club is invited by an ASCA Affiliate Club to sanction events in conjunction with the inviting club, requirements are waived for seeking and providing written permission from other clubs.

4) If an Affiliate Club organizes in a state that formerly did not have an Affiliate Club, then the new Club shall have primary sanctioning authority.

E. LATE SANCTIONING FEES: Remains the same

PURPOSE: Correct language with regard to Alaska. Old language: "Alaska Affiliates may have more than one type of event per day from October 1 through March 30." Alaska now has the same rights as all other states. To add information to be included in the Premium. To bring the listing of events current. To lay out information so it is more organized and clearly understood. Voting as follows: Approve: Bates, Clayton, Dexter, Ford, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest; Abstain: Gray; Non-voting: McClintock. *The motion is approved.*

06:05 Rally Committee Motion 12-6 Chapter 10 RTCH Title

Motion: Bates

I move that we accept the requirements listed below for the ASCA Rally Trial Champion Title

CHAPTER 10: RALLY TRIAL CHAMPION TITLE

Section 1: ASCA Rally Trial Champion (RTCH)

10.1.1 Point Accumulation

A dog may begin earning points toward the RTCH certificate as soon as the Rally Masters (RM) certification requirements have been completed.

10.1.2 Requirements

The RTCH Certificate will be awarded to dogs that have successfully earned a minimum of 200 points total from competing in both the Excellent B and Masters B classes in the same Trial.

- a. 100 points must come from the Rally Excellent B class, including a minimum of five scores of 195 or higher
- b. 100 points must come from the Rally Masters B class, including a minimum of five scores of 195 or higher

10.1.3 Point Schedule

a) Points will be awarded according to the following schedule:

Score	Points	Score	Points
200	10	194	4
199	9	193	3
198	8	192	2
197	7	191	1
196	6	170-	0
195	5	190	

- b) A qualifying score must be earned in both classes in the same Trial for points to be awarded for either class. Examples: Dog A earns a 190 in Excellent and a 196 in Masters. Dog A is awarded 6 Masters points and 0 Excellent points. Dog B earns a 194 in Excellent and a 169 in Masters. Dog B is awarded 0 points. Dog C earns a 198 in Excellent and a 197 in Masters. Dog C is awarded 8 Excellent points, 7 Masters points, and a leg on the REMX title.
- c) Points earned prior to January 1, 2013, will be credited toward the RTCH.

10.1.4 RTCH Title Designation

Subsequent RTCH titles will be followed by a numeric designation reflecting the number of times that the dog has met the requirements of the RTCH title as outlined above. Example: RTCH-2, RTCH-3

Section 2: Certification

10.2.1. Any dog that has met the qualification requirements for the RTCH will receive a certificate for the title and will be allowed to use the prefix "RTCH" before the name of qualified dog.

10.2.2. The Business Office will track the score accrual for each eligible dog. Handlers are encouraged to keep their own records as well but will not be required to submit those records unless verification is required.

10.2.3. Once a dog has earned the RTCH prefix, the only Rally suffix titles that may be used are the RTC and RTX.

EXPLANATION

This title is needed to complete the ASCA Rally program. The requirements listed above for the RTCH follow a path of progression in Rally titling that demonstrates consistent, significant and admirable performances of dog and handler teams worthy of the title Rally Trial Champion. The points and scores required will ensure dogs awarded

this title have performed consistently over time at levels worthy of being called Champion.

Voting as follows: Approve: Bates, Dexter, Gann, Gray, Hellmeister, McClintock, Vest; Disapprove: Clayton;

Abstain: Ford. *The motion is approved.*

