

## **August 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.

### **94:01 Stockdog: Clarification of 3.11.4 Obstacles in Place before Judging**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

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

Disapprove: Hardin

Motion Passes

*94:01 Stockdog: Clarification of 3.11.4 Obstacles in Place before Judging*

Motion: Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stockdog Committee.

Motion by Maxine Schvaneveldt, seconded by Tom Mhire

Those in favor: Epperly, Sanderson, Durkin, Mhire, Haegus, Schvaneveldt, Wesen, Bergert, Garrett and Kissman.

Not voting: Manley

I move to add the following statement in bold and underlined to 3.11.4

3.11.4 For Course A, Course B, and Course C obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the freestanding pen, or center chute. For Course D, Course E, and Course F obstacle 1, obstacle 2, obstacle 3, and obstacle 4 must be attempted before attempting obstacle 5. No points can be earned for the center chute, chute, freestanding pen or obstacle 5 for started dogs. **All obstacles required for open and advanced divisions must be in place in the arena as described in SECTION 12, regardless of the division being judged.** Points for the re-pen may be earned after completing or attempting obstacle 1 for courses A, B, or C; or obstacle 2 for courses D, E or F. No additional points will be awarded for repeating any obstacle that has already been accomplished with one or more head of stock.

Rationale: Cleans up "gray area" regarding separate started arenas without a center obstacle.

### **94:01 Stockdog: Clarification of Rule 12.7 Selection of Finals Judges**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Gray, Hardin, Miller

Disapprove: Bates, Ford, Gann, McClintock

Motion Passes

Letter of Dissent from Director Ford: The selection of finals judges at the GMM was not a part of the request for review by the stockdog committee. If this is removed at a future date I support the motion.

*94:01 Stockdog: Clarification of Rule 12.7 Selection of Finals Judges*

Motion: Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stockdog Committee.

Motion by Preston Kissman, seconded by Dan Sanderson

Those in favor: Epperly, Sanderson, Durkin, Haegus, Schvaneveldt, Wesen, Bergert, Garrett and Kissman

Abstain: Mhire

Not voting: Manley

I make a motion to replace the current Rule 12.7 Selection of Finals Judges:

Current:

#### SECTION 7 – SELECTION OF FINALS JUDGES

12.7.1 Once the host club, location, and dates for the finals have been determined, the Business Office will send a letter to all Judges to determine who is available to judge.

12.7.2 Drawing for Selection:

a. The Board of Directors or its assignee will perform a random draw of all Judges who satisfy the requirements listed in Chapter 12.7.3 and affirm their availability to judge the ASCA Stockdog Finals.

b. The first nine names drawn will be supplied to the Host Club to hire six Finals Judges.

c. If six Finals Judges cannot be secured from this list, the Host Club will be provided with the next Judge(s) name(s), in draw order, until all Finals Judge assignments are filled.

12.7.3 Judges for the Stockdog Finals will be selected from all ASCA Stockdog Judges who return the questionnaire to the Business Office by the designated date and indicate they would be available.

Stockdog Judges will be excluded from the potential list if they:

a. Have provisional status.

b. Have pending or previous disciplinary action within the last year.

c. Have judged SD Finals in both of the last two years.

d. Have failed to judge at least three unrelated ASCA Working Trials on all classes of stock in the past three years.

(Related Trials are those held at the same place at within the same 10 day period.)

e. Any judge applying to judge ASCA Stockdog Finals must be an ASCA member in good standing when submitting their application for a minimum of five years.

f. All provisional, apprentice, and future judge applicants must hold a valid ASCA membership and judge at least four unrelated ASCA Working Trials on all classes of stock in a period of five consecutive years before being eligible to apply for the position of Stockdog Finals Judge.

g. Any existing judge who currently satisfies all of the requirements for judging finals, but is not an ASCA member, may become a member and immediately be considered for the position of finals judge as long as they become a member by 6/01/12. This is a one time grace period. If they have not become a member by 6/01/12, they will then have to become a member and remain a member for five consecutive years before being considered for ASCA Stockdog Finals judge.

h. All finals judges must be ASCA members effective with the 2013 Stockdog finals.

12.7.4 It is possible that the available Judges may not meet all of the priorities listed. The available Judges who meet the greatest number of listed priorities will be recommended to the host club.

12.7.5 No Judge may judge the Finals more than two years consecutively.

Note: The Nationals working trial Judges do not have to come from this list.

Proposed:

#### SECTION 7 – SELECTION OF FINALS JUDGES

12.7.1 Once the host club, location, and dates for the finals have been determined, the Business Office will send a letter to all Judges to determine who is available to judge.

12.7.2 Determining Availability and Qualifications

Judges for the Stockdog Finals will be selected from all ASCA Stockdog Judges who return the questionnaire to the Business Office by the designated date and indicate they would be available. Information provided by the Stockdog Judges will be assumed to be correct. The Business Office will not be required to verify the information. The responding Stockdog Judges who meet the qualifications will be placed in a pool of judges for random selection. The qualifications are as follows:

a. Have fulfilled **two** of the **three** following provisions:

I. Have judged at least 40 unrelated ASCA Stockdog trials in their career. Related trials are those held at the same location within the same 10 day period

II. Have judged at least 9 unrelated ASCA Stockdog trials in the previous 3 years

III. Have trialed an Australian Shepherd in at least 9 unrelated ASCA Stockdog trials in the previous 3 years

b. Have not judged Stockdog Finals in both of the last two years

c. Have regular judge status

- d. Have no pending or previous disciplinary action within the previous year
- e. A judge that is not currently an ASCA member, must become a member of ASCA and remain a member for 5 consecutive years before being considered for ASCA Finals judge.

#### 12.7.3 Failure to Secure Six Finals Judges

If six Finals Judges cannot be secured from the pool of judges meeting the qualifications in 12.7.2.a-e, the qualifications will be waived in the order they are listed to increase the number of judges in the pool. Example: Waive 12.7.2.a to see if more judges are available. If not, waive 12.7.2.b, etc. until six Judges are hired to judge Stockdog Finals.

#### 12.7.4 Drawing for Selection

- a. The Board of directors will perform a random draw of all Stockdog Judges who satisfy the qualifications listed in 12.7.2. The random draw will be done at the General Membership Meeting held at the National Specialty Event. The selection process will be done one time in full view of any who wish to attend the meeting.
- b. All names will be shown in the order of the draw at the meeting, and then posted to the ASCA website and any ASCA approved e-mail list.
- c. The first 9 names will be supplied to the host club in no order to choose and hire six judges for Stockdog Finals
- d. If six judges cannot be secured from this list, and all nine judges have been asked and more than 3 decline the offer, the Host Club will be provided with the next single (tenth) Judge name, in the order of the original random draw. If the next (tenth) Judge declines the position, the next (eleventh) Judge on the original list will be provided. This will continue in the order of the original random draw, one name at a time, until all six positions are filled. Each additional Judge must be asked and decline before moving to the next name on the list.
- e. If a Judge withdraws after being hired as one of the six Final Judges, the next (tenth) Judge will be provided to the Host Club, ensuring a pool of 9 judges to choose from. This will be repeated as many times as necessary if more than one judge withdraws from the original 9 chosen. Each additional Judge must be asked and decline before moving to the next name on the list.
- f. A reason must be provided to the ASCA Board of Directors by the Host Club explaining why any additional judges beyond the original nine are needed.

Note: The Nationals working trial Judges do not have to come from this list.

Rationale: The Stock Dog Committee is trying to provide a transparent and clear process for the selection of Stockdog Finals Judges. This motion will provide the membership and all involved with an understanding of the correct manner in the selection of judges. Ray Fryar is supportive of this motion from the standpoint of having the selection process held at the National Specialty Event each year. This motion addresses, corrects, and clarifies the existing confusion surrounding Chapter 12, Section 7 in the 2013 Stockdog rule book.

### **94:01 Stockdog: Clarification of the Placement of the Take Pen in Course A**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller

Non-Voting: Gann

Motion Passes

#### *94:01 Stockdog: Clarification of the Placement of the Take Pen in Course A*

Motion: Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stockdog Committee.

Motion by Maxine Schvaneveldt, seconded by Tom Mhire

Those in favor: Epperly, Sanderson, Durkin, Mhire, Haegus, Schvaneveldt, Wesen, Bergert, Garrett and Kissman.

Not voting: Manley

I make a motion to make the following clarification to the to 3.12.1 (Course A Take Pen) changes in bold and underlined

Current:

3.12.1 Course A Arena

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, a different course must be used that does not require a take pen. All take pens shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence opposite the first obstacle whenever possible. The take pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

Proposed:

3.12.1 Course A Arena

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, a different course must be used that does not require a take pen. **All take pens shall be placed on the outside of the arena. The take pen should be located somewhere outside and on the fence opposite the first obstacle whenever possible. If positioned on a side fence, the take pen must be as close to the fence opposite the first obstacle as possible.** The take pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

**94:01 Stockdog: Allowance of Changes to Time or Course of the Farm Trial**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

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

Disapprove: Bates

Motion Passes

*94:01 Stockdog: Allowance of Changes to Time or Course of the Farm Trial*

Motion: Clayton

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

Motion by Lindy Epperly and seconded Jan Wesen

Those in favor: Epperly, Sanderson, Durkin, Mhire, Haegus, Schvaneveldt, Wesen, Bergert, Garrett and Kissman.

Not voting: Manley

I make a motion that the following be added to rule 11.6.3 (Addition in bold and underlined)

11.6.3 It is the Judge's responsibility to see that the course complies with the trial sanctioning and the stock meet the minimum requirements needed to put on a quality Farm Trial. **If conditions at the time of the Farm Trial warrant , the Judge and Course Director may consult, and if in agreement, adjustments may be made to the course or the allotted time. All required elements (pen work, sort work, chute work, gather work, and two location specific tasks) and course specifications, must still be met if any adjustments are made. In the event that a change is made to the course or the course time the Host Club will submit a report with their trial results describing the change and the reason for it. The report will be signed by the acting Judge and the Course Director and will be forwarded to the Stockdog Committee by the Business Office.**

**98:15 Obedience: Motion 2013-5 Finals Ch. 10 Redraft**

Voting on this motion went as follows:  
Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

*98:15 Obedience: Motion 2013-5 Finals Ch. 10 Redraft*

Motion: Bates

I move to approve the following Obedience Committee motion.

**MOTION 2013-5 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE**

Anne moved to approve Laurie Rubin's revised Finals Chapter 10 as redrafted (Finals Chapter 10 Redraft 5 7-13.docx). Laurie seconded the motion.

**PURPOSE:** Add ODX to the Finals (it is already in the merits), clarify Super Dog and make it functional for both those utilizing UD/ODX and those utilizing UD/CDX, and make the Finals section more user friendly and clear-cut.

**EFFECTIVE:** Retroactive to the beginning of the ASCA year (6/1/2013)

**FOR:** Lynn Sidwell, Laurie Rubin, Cindy Franks, Jan Weis, Laura Uran, Hilary Hines, and Anne Shope

**AGAINST:** Jayne Lips

**NON-VOTING:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**87:16 Juniors: Junior Judge Applicant - Rainwater-Silveira**

Voting on this motion went as follows:  
Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes  
Motion: Ford

*87:16 Juniors: Junior Judge Applicant - Rainwater-Silveira*

I move that Kendra Rainwater-Silveira be accepted as an ASCA Junior judge.

**87:16 Juniors: Junior Judge Applicant – Noe**

Voting on this motion went as follows:  
Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes  
Motion: Ford

*87:16 Juniors: Junior Judge Applicant – Noe*

I move that Cassie Noe be accepted as an ASCA Junior judge.

**13.77 ASCA Agility Licensee - Skyline Agility Club**

Voting on this motion went as follows:  
Approve: Bates, Clayton, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller  
Disapprove: DeChant, McClintock  
Motion Passed

*13.77 ASCA Agility Licensee - Skyline Agility Club*

Motion: Miller

Based on the Agility Committee's recommendation, I move to approve the Skyline Agility Club's application to become an ASCA Agility Licensee.

**Emergency Motion: 94:01 Stockdog: Move to Regular Stockdog Judge – Larsson**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

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

Non-Voting: Bates, Hardin

Motion Passes

*Emergency Motion: 94:01 Stockdog: Move to Regular Stockdog Judge – Larsson*

Motion: Gann

I make an emergency motion to approve the promotion of Gunnar Larsson from Provisional Stockdog Judge to Regular Stockdog Judge. The deadline for all votes to be received and counted is Sunday, August 18 at midnight PDT.

Mr. Larsson meets all the qualifications to become a Regular Stockdog Judge and the SDC has recommended promotion. The emergency nature of this motion is due to Mr. Larsson's failing health and ASCA's desire to recognize his service to the club and dedication to the stockdog program in Europe while he is still with us.

**Emergency Motion: 13.87 Interim Treasurer – Miller**

Approve: DeChant, Gray, Hardin, Miller

Disapprove: Bates, Clayton, Ford, Gann

Motion Fails

*Emergency Motion: 13.87 Interim Treasurer – Miller*

Motion: Gray

Second: DeChant

I move to approve Jean Miller as the ASCA Treasurer effective immediately due to the resignation of Treasurer Greg McClintock. The deadline for all votes to be received and counted is Saturday, August 31 at noon PDT. Reason for the emergency motion is follow counsel's advice to appoint a Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. DeChant  
ASCA Secretary

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**ASCA Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting**

Monday, August 12, 2013

President Ford called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM CDT.

Present: President Russ Ford, 1st Vice-President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice-President Ronnie Bates, Secretary Ann DeChant, Treasurer Greg McClintock, Director Rick Hardin, Director David Clayton, Director Linda Gray, and Director Jean Miller.

Not present: Director-Elect Ken Silveira and Director-Elect Preston Kissman.  
There is a quorum.

### **Ratification of July Email Votes**

I move to approve all July 2013 email votes.

Motion: DeChant  
Second: Gray

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

### **Review of June Financial Report**

Treasurer McClintock presented the June 2013 financial report to the Board, which was distributed by email for review. Total income for June is \$62,620.27, with total expense at \$91,589.01, with a net loss of \$28,968.74.

I move to approve the June financial report.

Motion: Ford  
Second: Clayton

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

### **Junior Service Award**

The ASCA Junior Service Award recognizes and rewards ASCA Juniors who exhibit good sportsmanship in competition and who serve the dog fancy and the Australian Shepherd in their National and/or local club and in their own community.

The Board discussed nominations for the 2013 ASCA Junior Service Award.

### **13.78 Junior Service Award Nomination – Madison Hey**

I move to approve Madison Hey as the recipient for the 2013 ASCA Junior Service Award, to be presented at the 2013 Nationals.

Motion: Ford  
Second: Gann

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

### **Lori Fausett Investigation**

President Ford presented his findings on the complaint filed by Debbie Crusenberry against Judge Lori Fausett for her conduct at the March 29, 2013 Delta ASF conformation show. The Board determined that Ms. Fausett acted in a manner according with her position as Judge. Ford's recommendation is to dismiss the complaint.

- Counsel Charles Carnese joined the call at 7:17 PM.

### **13.79 Dismissal of Complaint against Lori Fausett**

*I move to dismiss the complaint filed against Lori Fausett.*

Motion: Ford  
Second: McClintock

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

Disapprove: Hardin  
Abstain: Bates, Clayton  
Motion Passes

### **Roger Stevens**

The Board discussed the July 30, 2013 demand letter received from Roger Stevens' attorney asking the Board to reconsider reinstating Mr. Stevens' judging credentials.

#### **13.80 Response to Roger Stevens' 7-30-13 Demand Letter**

I move to direct Counsel to respond to William G. Harger & Associates, PLLC that Roger Stevens' demand has been rejected.

Motion: Miller  
Second: Hardin

Approve: Bates, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller  
Abstain: Clayton, Ford  
Motion Passes

### **Sandra Katzen Investigation**

Treasurer McClintock presented his findings on the complaint filed by Debra Fletcher against Judge Sandra Katzen regarding an incident at the May 24, 2013 Colorado ASA agility trial. The Board discussed the incident and McClintock's recommendation is to dismiss the complaint.

#### **13.81 Dismissal of Complaint against Sandra Katzen**

I move that the complaint against Sandra Katzen be dismissed without any further action.

Motion: McClintock  
Second: Gray

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

#### **13.82 Chair Stipend for Linda Braun**

I move that Linda Braun receive the \$200 stipend for her service as the Conformation Committee Chair for this year.

Motion: DeChant  
Second: Miller

Conformation Committee Liaison DeChant relayed to the Board Ms. Braun's efforts on the Committee and recommended she receive the stipend given to Chairs for attending Nationals and reporting on behalf of their Committee.

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

#### **87:19 Conformation: Move to Approved Breeder Judge – Henderson**

I move to approve Debbie Henderson as Approved Breeder Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Bates, Clayton, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller  
Abstain: DeChant  
Motion Passes



- Director-Elect Preston Kissman joined the call at 7:57 PM.

### **Sponsorship Committee**

The Board discussed the current status of the Sponsorship Committee. Wayne Kirby had previously been serving as Chair, but resigned. The Committee has been unable to take any action because of lack of leadership and direction. The Board determined to devote more time to this item and postpone discussion until the 2013 Nationals Meeting. The Board is seeking motivated applicants to join the currently serving members of the Sponsorship Committee and help to create the ASCA brand.

- Director-Elect Ken Silveira joined the call at 8:21 PM.

### **Personal Item from Russ Ford**

President Ford notified the Board that he feels unable to continue to serve at full capacity in the role of ASCA President and is stepping down as President for the remainder of his time in serving on the Board (Nationals 2013). 1st Vice President Gann will act as President until officer elections are held following the General Membership Meeting at the 2013 Nationals.

On a related matter, Counsel recommended that the issue of Russ Ford's demand letter to ASCA be postponed until the new Board is seated.

- Acting President Gann took over as Chair of the teleconference meeting.

- Counsel Charles Carnese left the call at 8:36 PM.

### **Gunnar Larsson**

The Board discussed a request from a member to expedite Gunnar Larsson's promotion to regular ASCA Stockdog Judge, in light of his failing health. The Board determined that if Mr. Larsson has met all the requirements he may be moved up to regular judge status, through the proper procedure.

### **13.83 Gunnar Larsson SDC Directive**

I move to assign the Stockdog Committee to investigate whether Gunnar Larsen has met the requirements to become a regular ASCA Stockdog Judge and provide the Board with a recommendation of whether to go forward with approval, or not.

Motion: Ford

Second: McClintock

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

Abstain: Bates

Motion Passes

### **2014 ASCA Finals Judges**

The Board reviewed the slate of judges selected by the Texas Consortium Host Club for the 2014 ASCA Finals. Cassie Noe's approval as a Junior Showmanship Judge is currently up for vote by the Board - voting on her approval as a Finals Judge will take place following the results.

### **13.84 2014 Obedience Finals Judges**

I move to approve Mary Isenhour-Long and Shelly Spotswood as the 2014 Obedience Finals Judges.

Motion: Gann

Second: Ford

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

Disapprove: Bates

Motion Passes

### **13.85 2014 Stockdog Finals Judges**

I move to approve Joan Carillo, Wayne Kirby, Brad Warren, Larry Teaff, Neal DeShazo, and Steve Shope as the 2014 Stockdog Finals Judges.

Motion: Gann  
Second: Ford

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller  
Abstain: Bates  
Motion Passes

### **13.86 2014 Agility Finals Judge**

I move to approve Chuck Klein as the 2014 Agility Finals Judge.

Motion: Gann  
Second: Ford

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller  
Disapprove: Bates  
Motion Passes

Letter of Dissent from Director Bates on the above 3 motions: Conformation rules specifically state when the slate of judges must be approved by the ASCA Board. Other rules are silent on the matter. The Nationals Rule book states the following on how judges are approved. Now, this body has voted on a list of judges and approved without first receiving the resumes and w/o the first draft of the Premium List. Approval is not due to the Host affiliate for 30 days after receipt of the Premium. Some will say that the approval occurred prior to the due date, which is a good thing. However, we have a rule book that states when, how, & where the list of judges will be approved by the ASCA Board.

- Director Russ Ford left the call at 8:56 PM.

### **Adjournment**

I move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: McClintock  
Second: Clayton

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

Acting President Gann adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.