

August 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

The following motions were brought before the ASCA Board of Directors for vote over email.

Rally Committee Motion: Emergency Replacement Judge

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Motion carries.

06:05 Rally: Emergency Replacement Judge

Motion: Gann

I move to approve RC Motion 14-1 Emergency Replacement Judge.

Approve: 7

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 1

Business Office Approval: 7/15/14

Discussion Period: 7/15/14 - 7/20/14

Voting Period: 7/21/14 - 7/27/14

Motion 14-1: Chapter 1, Section 27 Emergency Replacement Judge

Subject: Chapter 1, Section 27 - Procedure for hiring an emergency replacement judge

Motion by: Karen Black

Seconded by: Sandy Walroth

Beginning of Motion: I move to accept Chapter 1, Section 27 – Emergency Replacement Judge as follows.

Section 27

1.27.1

In the event of an emergency where a hired judge cannot fulfill their assignment, the Trial Chair along with the Trial Committee/ASCA affiliate, may choose a replacement judge with the following qualifications in order of priority as listed below and taking into consideration the amount of time an affiliate has to find a replacement and the financial ability to use replacements in the following order.

1. ASCA approved Judge not entered in the trial.
2. ASCA approved judge entered in the trial.
3. ASCA Rally Judge applicant entered in the trial or not entered in the trial.
4. A person entered in the trial with the most experience training and trialing in the ASCA Rally program with the highest title among the exhibitors willing to judge. Ideally they will have trialed and titled a dog through the Masters level.

1.27.2

The business office must be notified of the judge cancelation as soon as the affiliate is aware a judge change will be needed. If the original judge notifies the club of the need to cancel outside of normal business hours, the business office must be notified the next morning the business office is open.

1.27.3

If the replacement judge was hired after the trial was open for entries, the ASCA Affiliate will post in a prominent place that a replacement judge is being used and offer to refund entry fees if an exhibitor chooses not to trial. Requests for a refund must be made in writing prior to the trial starting.

1.27.4

Availability of courses for the trial will be in the following order.

- a. A set of courses designed and prepared by the emergency replacement judge, if time and circumstances allow.
- b. The original judge's courses forwarded to the emergency replacement judge, if time and circumstances allow.
- c. If time and circumstances do not permit the courses to be sent to the replacement judge, the courses shall be sent to the Trial Chair or Trial Secretary.
- d. If time and circumstances do not permit the original judge to send courses to anyone, the replacement judge shall contact the Business Office, the Rally Committee Chair or the Board of Directors' Rally Committee Liaison for a secure link on the ASCA website to access approved course sets.
- e. If time and circumstances do not permit the emergency replacement judge to access the approved courses on the website, the Trial Chair or Trial Secretary will be given access to the approved courses so the trial can go on as scheduled.

1.27.6

The emergency rally judge may not judge their immediate family (spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, or any combination of the preceding by marriage, i.e. stepchildren or parents-in-law) or household members.

Effective Date: January 1, 2015

Comments:

This section will follow the current section 1.26 Additional Judges, Reassignments, and Split Classes. Remaining sections in Chapter 1 will be renumbered sequentially following this new section.

We have had this situation occur in different parts of the country. Other events have wording designed to help the affiliate through this often stressful and difficult situation. Agility courses are submitted for approval to course reviewers at least 30 days prior to the event and judges are required to send their courses to the replacement judge if possible. In worst case scenarios, the courses are sent to the replacement agility judge by a course reviewer. A system is necessary to have in place so affiliates and judges know how to proceed in the event of a judge cancellation. This will provide guidelines for handling emergency replacement judges to affiliates, exhibitors, judges and the business office.

Rally Committee Motion: Correction to Sign Number Changes

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Motion carries.

06:05 Rally: Correction to Sign Number Changes

Motion: Gann

I move to approve Rally motion RC Motion 14-2.

Approve: 8

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Business Office Approval: N/A

Discussion Period: 7/21/14 - 7/27/14

Voting Period: 7/28/14 - 8/3/14

Motion 14-2: Correction to sign number changes
Subject: Correcting to sign number changes

Motion by: Karen Black
Seconded by: Donna Armstrong

Beginning of Motion: I move to correct the numbering error made when charting the new numbering system.

From:

66	202	Moving Stand Walk Around Dog		A	E		S
67	312	Moving Down Walk Around Dog			E	M	S
75	313	Off set Figure 8 w/ Distractions			E	M	
78	314	Back Three Steps			E	M	
81	315	Send Over Jump			E	M	

To:

66	312	Moving Stand Walk Around Dog			E	M	S
67	313	Moving Down Walk Around Dog			E	M	S
75	314	Off set Figure 8 w/ Distractions			E	M	
78	315	Back Three Steps			E	M	
81	316	Send Over Jump			E	M	

Effective Date: January 1, 2015

Parties Affected: ASCA Affiliated, Rally Judges, Rally exhibitors.

Comments: When we renumbered the signs to put them in an order that will assist judges in course design and help ensure legal Rally courses being used at trials, a mistake was made in changing the old sign #66 to the new numbering system. In order to keep the excellent level moving stand and moving down signs together and all signs in a logical sequence and in level order this change is necessary.

Obedience Committee Motion: Mobility Device

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Hardin, Gann, Gray, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Motion carries.

98:15 Obedience: Mobility Device

Motion: Roberts

I move to approve the following motion from the OB committee.

Motioned by Laurie Rubin, seconded by Katie Van de Sandt, June 21, 2014.

The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

I move to add the words "or other mobility device" to the end of the second paragraph of Chapter 2 Section 14: Handicapped Handlers.

Purpose: To improve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to allow more disabled handlers to compete.

2.14 Handicapped Handlers

Current wording:

...A physically challenged handler may compete using a cane, crutch, or wheelchair.

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Change to:

...A physically challenged handler may compete using a cane, crutch, wheelchair, or other mobility device.

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Agree: 11

Disagree: No one.

Board Motion: Dismiss Complaint

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: Gann

Motion carries.

14.53 Dismiss Complaint

Motion: Kissman

Second: Silveira

I move that the Board dismiss the complaint filed against two conformation judges because of the ambiguities in Sections 7.6 and 9.10 of the Conformation Rules. I further move that the membership be advised that the Conformation Committee and Board are working to revise the rules to eliminate any ambiguities, and that the Board will, hereafter, enforce the rules to comply with their spirit, as it is expected that all ASCA judges avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

Emergency Board Motion: Ramsey DQ

Approve: Gray, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Hardin, King, Kissman

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: Gann

Motion fails.

14.51 Restated Emergency Motion #1: Ramsey DQ

Motion: Silveira

Second: Gray

I move, under the procedure of an Emergency Motion, the ASCA Board of Directors disqualify Mikael Hageus' dog Ramsey based on the documentation provided by Stockdog Judge Robyn Johnson-Garrett. Authority for this action is granted by Rule 1.10 of the ASCA Dog Aggression Rules. After further review of this matter, should the Board discover the disqualification cannot be supported, this Board reserves the right to immediately remove the disqualification.

Rationale: Motion #1 is an emergency in that any delay in ASCA rendering a decision that bars Ramsey from all ASCA events exposes ASCA to some degree of liability for his future actions. Our Attorney has endorsed that this is the proper action to take, although ASCA has no legal standing in Europe and that fears of liability may not be as significant as acting prudently in this matter.

Emergency Board Motion: Affiliate Investigation into Biting Incident

Approve: DeChant, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: Gann

Motion carries.

14.52 Restated Emergency Motion #2: Affiliate Investigation

Motion: Silveira

Second: Gray

I move, under the procedure of an Emergency Motion, the ASCA Board of Directors direct the Swedish Affiliate Club to investigate the conduct of the dog Ramsey owned by Mikael Hageus as documented by Stock dog Judge Robyn Johnson-Garrett. Authority for this action is granted by Rule 1.2 of the ASCA Dog Aggression Rules. The investigation must address the bite received by the stock handler during the course of the trial. The investigation must also address the conduct and demeanor of the dog, Ramsey at the trial grounds during the full course of the ASCA Sanctioned Stockdog Trial.

Rationale: Motion #2 is an emergency in that the Affiliate was mandated by the Dog Aggression Rules to investigate and report back to ASCA. Any further delay will be detrimental in gathering all facts and statements in a timely manner. Addressing issues such as this one has been proven to be most accurate when the details are fresh in every one's mind. Delays in gathering information only works toward softening and blurring the facts. This delay can only expose ASCA to some degree of liability for the future actions of Ramsey, the Australian Shepherd. This motion has been endorsed by our Attorney as the proper action to take in this regard.

Judge Approvals

New ASCA Provisional Rally Judge: Leah Swatko (Ontario)

New ASCA Agility Judge: Dan Roy (California)

Teleconference Meeting Minutes

The following are the minutes of the August 14, 2014, teleconference meeting of the ASCA Board of Directors. These minutes were submitted by the Executive Secretary and approved by the Board.

Approve: DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: Bryant

Attending: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice-president Preston Kissman, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Rick Gann, Director Linda Gray, Director Cindy King, Director-elect Pete Dolan, Director-elect Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: 2nd Vice-president Rick Hardin, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Director Allison Bryant, Director-elect Jan Wesen

There is a quorum, with 6 voting members of the Board present.

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

Ratification of July Email Votes

Motion: Kissman

Second: Gray

I move to ratify all July email votes.

All present approved (Absent: Bryant, Hardin, Roberts); motion carries.

Conformation Judge Complaints

The Board discussed letters of complaint received regarding two conformation judges. There is currently a motion to dismiss the complaints on the floor for monthly voting that will close this issue.

- 2nd Vice-president Rick Hardin joined the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Finals Fees

The Board discussed the best way to disburse Finals funds to the Nationals host club to cover the cost of Finals. Dolan will draft a policy for this going forward and send it to a Director who will present it to the Board for approval during the September voting cycle.

- Director Allison Bryant joined the meeting at 7:05 pm.
- Treasurer Jean Roberts joined the meeting at 7:14 pm.

14.54 Finals Costs

Motion: Kissman

Second: Silveira

I move that the Board immediately send \$11,000 from the finals fund to the 2014 host club to cover finals fees. This amount is the 90% of the difference between the host club's budget and income received so far in entry fees and sponsorships.

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Limiting Conference Calls to One-hour

The Board discussed the possibility of limiting the conference calls to one-hour. Some Directors felt that too many unnecessary items were being discussed on the calls. Directors are only to add items that would most benefit from being discussed face-to-face, such as email vote ratification and time-sensitive issues. The Board will do their best to keep calls to a manageable length of time and to discuss items through email as much as possible.

Review of July Financial Reports

Roberts reported on ASCA's financials from January 2014 through July 2014. Net income is \$118,864.70. There is currently \$200,928.05 in the checking account, \$339,797.32 in the savings account, and \$664 in the wire account. ASCA's total assets come in at \$772,580.95. The Board discussed what "professional fees" cover and Roberts will report back. The Board is also working on a way to get pertinent information from ASCA's financial reports out to the membership.

Motion: King

Second: Hardin

I move to approve the July financial report as presented.

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

ASCA Rescue Grant

The Board has received an application from Aussie-Border Collie Rescue of Northern Nevada for ASCA's rescue grant. The Board formed a committee to review applications received and report back to the Board with recommendations for disbursement. The committee is comprised of Roberts, King, DeChant, and Counsel. Further discussion on this item will take place during the September meeting.

Agility Judge Dan Roy

Mr. Roy has recently completed the Board's requirement for an additional supervised assignment and now qualifies to be voted on for release from supervision.

Update on RFP for Office Computer System

Bryant spoke with Frank Butera recently and his take on the RFP was that it was too detailed about specifying how the project was going to be managed and staffed and that it would be better to cut the RFP down to the actual base requirements and allow the company to determine how they manage the project. Bryant will cut down the RFP to reflect this suggestion and DeChant has requested that the RFP

be ready to go out by Nationals. The Board also discussed the “how” of getting the RFP posted to the public, and suggestions from the membership are welcome.

Junior Service Award

The Board received two nominations for the Junior Service Award. The Board will review the nomination letters and a recipient will be determined at the September meeting.

Farm Trial Rule

The Board discussed confusion regarding the definition of “task” in Farm Trial scoring. The Stockdog Committee is currently working through this item.

14.55 Directive to SDC regarding Farm Trial rule

Motion: Hardin

Second: Kissman

I move that the Stockdog Committee Liaison request that the committee expedite resolution of their discussion on the farm trial rule regarding clarification of the term “task” and report to the Board.

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

At 8:15 pm all present approved adjournment of the meeting.