

August 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.

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

Board Email Motions

BD.15.86 Change to Section 5 of the National Specialty Hosting Rules

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

Disapprove: King, Roberts

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from King: We had discussed the contract item paying for meals during travel and there was no revision made.

Comment from Roberts: I believe the word "only" is unnecessary and confusing in the second sentence.

Motion: Dolan

Second: Vest

I move to change Section 5.4 Conformation Judges which reads:

The Regular Dog and Regular Bitch (Intact and Altered) Judges will be approved ASCA Senior Breeder Judges. Approved Breeder Judges may only judge Non-Regular classes. Provisional Breeder Judges are not eligible to judge any classes at the National Specialty. Best of Breed may be judged by one (1) judge, or by the three (3) Judge System. In the event one (1) judge is used, such judge must come from the ASCA Senior Breeder Judges List. In the event the three (3) Judge System is used for Best of Breed competition, the two (2) Regular Dog and Bitch Judges will judge Best of Breed. The third Best of Breed Judge must come from the ASCA Approved Senior Breeder Judge's List. In all cases, a Lead Judge will be designated. The Lead Judge will be the one with the most years of service as a Senior Breeder Judge.

To read:

The Regular Dog and Regular Bitch (Intact and Altered) Judges will be approved ASCA Senior Breeder Judges. Approved Breeder Judges may only judge Non-Regular classes. Provisional Breeder Judges are not eligible to judge any classes at the National Specialty. Best of Breed will be judged by one (1) judge. The judge must come from the ASCA Senior Breeder Judges List.

Insert a new section 5.10:

Section 5.10 Standard Finals Judge Contract

As part of the hiring process for Finals Judges the Host Club shall employ the Standard Finals Judge Contract. The Host Club is encouraged to use the standard contract when hiring all National Specialty Judges.

Insert a copy of the Standard Finals Judge Contract in the National Specialty Hosting Rules following the Premium Checklist.

Update the Table of Contents to reflect the changes.

Rationale: The three judge panel hasn't appeared at a National Specialty in at least ten years. The proposed change simplifies the rule. A three judge panel is required by the Conformation Finals Rules.

Adding Section 5.10 mandates the use of a contract when hiring all Finals judges. The Agility Rulebook mandates judging fees for the Agility Finals. No other Final has mandated judges' fees. The appropriate place to mandate judging fees is in the individual program rulebook Finals chapter.

Effective Date: When approved for the Board of Directors and for use by the 2017 National Specialty.

BD.15.88 Board Directive - Infectious Diseases

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

Second: Vest

I move to insert the following statement in all program rulebooks (less the Conformation Rulebook):

No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show/trial, no dog shall be brought into the grounds or premises of any dog show/trial, and any dog which may have been brought into the grounds or premises of a dog show/trial shall immediately be removed, if it:

- a. shows clinical symptoms of distemper, infectious hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease, or
- b. is known to have been in contact with distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease within thirty days prior to the opening of the show/trial, or
- c. has been kenneled within thirty days prior to the opening of the show/trial on premises on which there existed distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease.

The sponsoring affiliate's show/trial committee shall enforce these prohibitions.

Locations in the rulebook to be:

Agility - add as 1.3.7

Juniors - add as 1.9

Obedience - add to 1.9

Rally - add as 1.10.4

Stockdog - add to 4.11

Tracking - add to 1.9

Rationale: The statement was available to all programs when it appeared in the Show Rules. This set of rules had its title changed to Conformation Rules and Regulations several years ago. The title change removed applicability of general "show" rules from all programs less Conformation. Placing the statement in all program rulebooks corrects an omission generated by a title change. Since this insertion corrects a health and safety issue for all ASCA programs and, by policy, the Executive Secretary is in charge of updating Program Rulebooks it is appropriate for the Board to mandate this change. Pending rulebook updates, the Business Office shall include this update in the sanctioning packages.

Effective: When approved by the Board of Directors.

JA.15.21 Provisional Rally Judge (Ritter)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Noel Ritter as an ASCA provisional Rally Judge. The Committee has requested this and states that she has passed her test, courses, completed the judges' education and fulfilled her apprenticing requirements.

JA.15.22 Tracking Judge (Kahn)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Sarah Kahn as an ASCA Tracking Judge as she has met the requirements.

JA.15.23 Non-Regular Breeder Judge (L Anglemeyer)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Lori Anglemeyer as a Non-regular Breeder Judge as she has met the requirements.

JA.15.24 Non-Regular Breeder Judge (B Anglemeyer)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Beth Anglemeyer as a Non-regular Breeder Judge as she has met the requirements.

JA.15.25 Approved Breeder Judge (Cannon)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Cherrie Cannon as Approved Breeder Judge as she has met the requirements.

JA.15.26 Senior Breeder Judge (Fuls)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Summer Jewel Fuls as Senior Breeder Judge as she has met the requirements.

JA.15.27 Utility Judge (Savarese)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Tom Savarese as a Utility judge as he has met the requirements.

JA.15.28 Utility Judge (Mielziner)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Charlotte Mielziner as a Utility judge as he has met the requirements.

JA.15.29 Stockdog Judge (Williams)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Betty Williams to move up from Provisional Judge to Stockdog Judge as she has met the qualifications and has been approved by the Stockdog Committee.

LG.15.02 Legislative Committee Appointment (Wolfe)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to add Patricia Wolfe to the ASCA Legislative Committee.

JC.15.03 Change to Section 2 Junior Handling Classes

Approve: Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

MOTION FAILS

Comment from DeChant: That is too young. 3 might be okay as a low end.

Comment from Kissman: I believe that Pee-Wee 0-5 years is too young and could endanger very young handlers. 2-5 or 3-5 year olds would be a better fit for Pee-Wee.

Comment from Roberts: If a parent (or club) wants to see children that young in the ring, nothing prohibits them from having non-regular classes for kids that age. It is unnecessary to have a mandated class for children that young.

Comment from Vest: Motion is not safe as children under the age of 3 cannot safely handle a dog.

Comment from Wesen: 0-5 age would be a liability for ASCA and not in the best interest of the junior program or Australian Shepherds.

Motion: Silveira

I move to accept the following recommendation of the Junior Committee.

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

I, Regi Bryant, I make the following motion to change the wording creating 2.C and 2.E.

Results of the committee vote:

Yes: 5

No: 1

Non-Voting: 3

Abstain: 0

Reason for No vote: I do not like the idea of 0-1 yr olds in the ring with a dog. I know we have asked that the parents only step in if necessary but most kids of this age are not that stable on their own feet let alone with a dog on the leash. 2yr olds have a little more control so they could probably do this without an adult however the 0-1's shouldn't be without an adult and I don't think we should be setting the program up for adults to be in the ring. Strictly a safety factor for the kids and the dogs.

Motion:

2 Junior Handling Classes

At ASCA sanctioned shows or specialties, the following regular classes must be offered:

Regular: All first place winners from these classes shall compete for the Best Junior Handler Award.

The regular classes are: 8-12 Novice, 8-12 Open, 13-17 Novice and 13-17 Open

A. Novice: This class will be for Juniors who are at least 8 years old, up to 17 years old as of June 1st of the current ASCA year, who have not, as of the day of the show, won six (6) first place awards, with competition, in a Novice class at an ASCA-sanctioned show, or who have not won 2 Best Junior Handler awards over competition from the Open Class. Juniors have sixty (60) days after completing either of the above requirements before they are required to move to the Open class. This will allow the Novice handler more time to gain confidence and experience before moving up into the Open classes. The Novice class will be for exhibitors who are true beginners at the sport of dog shows. Experienced juniors who are new to ASCA or juniors who feel they are ready to compete in the Open class may elect to move up to Open without meeting these requirements; however, once they move up to the Open class, they may not move back to the Novice class in any future competitions. If an 8-12 year junior handler has moved to Open, they may not go back into Novice upon moving to the 13-17 year class.

B. Open: This class will be for those Juniors that have met the qualifications detailed in the previous section or for those Juniors who feel they are experienced enough to compete in the Open class.

C. A hosting club may also offer the following Non-Regular classes at their discretion:

Non-Regular: No Junior from these classes may compete for Best Junior Handler, nor are any points to be received. Juniors in the Non-Regular classes should be able to control their dog. It is requested that adults only assist if necessary.

Pee-Wee: 0-5 years old

Sub-Junior: 6-7 years old

Judges judging the Pee-Wee and Sub-Junior classes are not to give placements. The Affiliate Club is to be responsible for giving each Pee-Wee and Sub-Junior competitor a participation ribbon.

NOTE: Any junior who ages out during the show year may continue to show until the end of the show year, May 31st. They may also show at that year's National Junior Finals, if eligible.

Example: Show year starts June 1st. Junior's 18th birthday is October 15th. They may continue to show in 13-17 until the end of the show year, May 31st.

When a Junior is eligible for Best Junior Handler (taken 1st place in a class), they must present to the judge the same dog they showed in their regular handling class. In other words, no exchanging of dogs (using one dog to get 1st place, then another to receive Best Junior Handler is not allowed). This rule is applicable to every Junior showing a dog in handling.

Any Junior may change dogs at a show provided the following criteria are met:

- A. The dog that they are changing to must meet the same eligibility requirements (owned by the junior or an immediate family member).
- B. The change must be made before entries close or half an hour before judging for Junior Showmanship is to begin, whichever is later. In the event the change is being requested at a National Specialty, the same rules will apply.
- C. The junior must report any change to the Show Secretary within the stated time limits or the change will not be allowed.

Previous wording:

2 Junior Handling Classes

At ASCA sanctioned shows or specialties, the following regular classes must be offered:

Regular: All first place winners from these classes shall compete for the Best Junior Handler Award.

The regular classes will be:

NOVICE 8 -12 NOVICE 13 -17 OPEN 8-12 OPEN 13 -17

A. Novice: This class will be for Juniors who are at least 8 years old, up to 17 years old as of June 1st of the current ASCA year, who have not, as of the day of the show, won six (6) first place awards, with competition, in a Novice Class at an ASCA-sanctioned show, or who have not won 2 Best Junior Handler awards over competition from the Open Class. Juniors have sixty (60) days after completing either of the above requirements before they are required to move to the Open class. This will allow the Novice handler more time to gain confidence & experience before moving up into the Open classes. The Novice class will be for exhibitors who are true beginners at the sport of dog shows. Experienced juniors who are new to ASCA, or juniors who feel they are ready to compete in the Open handling class may elect to move up to Open without meeting these requirements; however, once they move up to the Open Class, they may not move back to the Novice Class in any future competitions. If an 8-12 year junior handler has moved to Open, they may not go back into Novice upon moving to the 13-17 year class.

B. Open: This class will be for those juniors that have met the qualifications detailed in the previous section or for those juniors who feel they are ready to compete in the Open Handling ring. A hosting club may also offer the following non-regular classes at their discretion:

Non-Regular: no junior from these classes may compete for the Best Junior Handler Award, or are any points to be received.

PEE-WEE: 3-5 years old

SUB-JUNIOR: 6-7 years old

Judges judging the pee-wee and sub-junior classes are not to give placements. The affiliate club is to be responsible for giving each pee-wee and sub-junior competitor a participation ribbon.

NOTE: Any junior who turns eighteen (18) years of age during the junior year may continue to show until the end of the junior year, May 31st. They may also show at that year's National Finals, if they are eligible.

Example: Junior year starts June 1st. Junior's eighteenth birthday is October 15th. They may continue to show in 13-17 until end of junior year, May 31st. If they are eligible, they may show in that year's National Finals. When a junior is eligible for Best Junior Handler (taken 1st place in a handling class), they must present to the judge the same dog they showed in their regular handling class. In other words, no exchanging of dogs...using one dog to get 1st place, then another to receive Best Junior Handler is not allowed. This rule is applicable to every junior showing a dog in handling.

Any junior may change dogs at a show provided the following criteria are met:

A. The dog that they are changing to must meet the same eligibility requirements (owned by the junior or an immediate family member).

B. The change must be made before entries close or half an hour before judging for Junior Showmanship is to begin, whichever is later. In the event the change is being requested at a National Specialty, the change must be made before entries close or at the discretion of the sponsoring club.

C. The junior must report any change to the Show Secretary within the stated time limits or the change will not be allowed.

Purpose: It has been discussed many times on this committee that the age pertaining to Pee-Wees be changed back to the original age of 0-5 as long as the child can control the dog or in the case of newborns, this is their introduction to their ASCA family. Adults assist in many cases but usually only if necessary, which has been added to that section of the rules. The reason for the Non-Regular classes is for children to enjoy the sport of dog showing which begins at an early age.

In regards to changing dogs at the National Specialty, the same rule should apply to regular shows. The "discretion of the sponsoring club" should not be used as it is the discretion of the Breed Club as to how the process is approved.

JC.15.04 Change to Junior Guidelines

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

Disapprove: Dolan

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Silveira

I move to accept the following Junior Committee recommendation.

Results of the committee vote:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Non-Voting: 3

Abstain: 0

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

I, Regi Bryant make the following motion:

To update the wording in the Junior Guidelines to reflect changes made in the Breed Standard and patterns as follows.

The purpose and benefit of the Junior Showmanship Guidelines is to educate and assist all approved Judges in the process and procedures of judging the Junior Showmanship Program.

Checklist for assignments:

- Order a current copy of the ASCA Junior Showmanship Program Rules or download one online if you don't already have one;
- Familiarize yourself with all Junior Showmanship Patterns;
- Know the ASCA Breed Standard, anatomy, structure, correct movement and movement faults for reference of questions;
- Find out prior to your assignment what type of surface you will be judging on so that you can prepare patterns beforehand;
- Choose two (2) or three (3) different patterns to utilize in your class divisions and Best Junior Handler competition;
- When judging the Pee-Wee and Sub-Junior classes, utilize a less complicated pattern (i.e. down and back);
- Be prepared for larger classes. Have ideas in mind for narrowing down your placements. (i.e. show your dogs' fronts, freestack in center of ring, challenging patterns);
- Prepare a list of questions to ask on your assignment ranging from easy to hard;
- Utilize easy questions for Pee-Wee and Sub-Junior Divisions (if asking any questions at all).

If questions come from the ASCA Breed Standard, Illustrated Anatomy, the Conformation Rules, Junior Showmanship Rules or those proposed in the Junior Judging Guidelines (see next page), answers may be factored into placements as deemed appropriate by the judge. Questions utilized from information other than those resources named above may not be incorporated for determining placements

Here are some examples of questions you can ask as well as the answers for reference:

- Name two severe faults? (acceptable answers-Prick ears; overly large ears; low set ears with no lift from the base; non-typical coats such as excessively long; overabundant/profuse; wiry; or curly;
- Name two disqualifications? (acceptable answers-Undershot bite, overshot bite, wry mouth, White body splashes, Dudley nose, Monorchidism, Cryptorchidism);
- What is the standard for recognized coat colors? (answer-The recognized colors are blue merle, red (liver) merle, solid black, and solid red (liver) all with or without white markings and/or tan (copper) points);
- What shape should the eyes be? (answer-almond);
- What is the standard height for Dogs and Bitches? (answer-Preferred height for males is 20-23 inches and for bitches 18-21 inches, however quality is not to be sacrificed in favor of size);
- You can also ask any question referring to the parts of the Australian Shepherd. (i.e. hock, croup, flank, occiput, stifle) Refer to the Australian Shepherd anatomy diagram.

Tips and pointers to guide your way:

- Before Judging, make sure to inspect your ring for any loose mats or dips in the ring.
- Make certain that Juniors leave plenty of room when setting up to insure the safety of all exhibitors.
- Do not place all Juniors piled up in one corner. This can result in a dog fight or a Junior getting bitten.
- Do not ask for double out and backs. (This means, no two Juniors and their dogs going out and back at the same time simultaneously.)

- If you choose a complicated pattern, i.e. "Z" or "Figure 8", make certain the ring is big enough for proper execution.
- Utilize the same pattern for each Junior in the same class division.
- For example, if there are 3 Juniors in your 8-12 Open class, then you must ask them to all perform the same task.
- When you ask your questions, call the Junior out of the lineup away from the other Junior competitors so that they do not hear your question or their competitors answers.
- Be positive and constructive in all your feedback. No negative comments on the dog itself.
- When you have completed judging all regular class divisions classes (8-12 Novice/Open, 13-17 Novice/Open), the first place winner from those classes must return to the ring for Best Junior Handler competition.
- Once you have awarded the Best Junior Handler, you must check to see if anyone else was in the class. If so, the 2nd place winner from that age class must return to the ring to compete for Reserve Junior Handler.

Junior Showmanship Patterns Guidelines:

- Juniors are encouraged to be careful moving their dogs on slick, uneven or rough surfaces. It is the Junior's responsibility to move themselves and their dog in such a way that risk of injury to themselves, their dog or fellow Juniors is at a minimum.
- Only the following patterns are approved for the ASCA Junior Showmanship program. All patterns can be utilized and are for regular classes only. The Junior should present their dog as smoothly and correctly as possible.
- Keep in mind the age and experience of the juniors when choosing a pattern for competition. Use the same pattern within each class.

Old wording:

The Purpose and Benefit of the Junior Showmanship Guidelines is to educate and assist all ASCA/AKC approved Judges in the process and procedures of judging the Junior Showmanship Program.

Prepping Checklist for your Assignment:

- Order a copy of the ASCA Junior Showmanship Program Rules if you don't already have one
- Familiarize yourself with all Junior Showmanship Patterns
- Know the ASCA Breed Standard, Anatomy, Structure, Correct Movement and Movement Faults for reference of questions
- Find out prior to your assignment if you will be judging on mats/grass.
- Choose two-three different patterns to utilize in your class divisions and Best Junior Handler in Showmanship competition.
- When judging the pee wee and sub-junior classes utilize a less complicated pattern (i.e. down and back)
- Be prepared for a large Open class. Have ideas in mind for narrowing down your placements. (i.e. show your dogs front, freestack in center of ring, challenging patterns)
- Prepare a list of 3 questions to ask on your assignment ranging from easy to hard.
- Utilize easy questions for Pee Wee and Sub Junior Divisions
- On your list of questions also include the answer for quick reference before you judge.

If questions come from the ASCA breed standard, Illustrated Anatomy or those proposed in the Junior Judging Guidelines (see nextpage), answers may be factored into placements as deemed appropriate by the judge. Questions utilized from information other than those resources named above may not be incorporated for determining placements

Here are some examples of questions you can ask as well as the answers for reference:

- Name two severe faults? (acceptable answers-Prick and Hound ears, even bite, Non-typical coats, Butter-fly nose over 1 year of age)
- Name two disqualifications? (acceptable answers-Undershot bites, overshot bites exceeding 1/8", White body splashes, Dudley nose, Monorchidism,Cryptorchidism.)
- What is the standard for recognized coat colors? (answer-The recognized colors are blue merle, red (liver) merle, solid black, and solid red (liver) all with or without white markings and/or tan (copper) points.)
- What shape should the eyes be? (answer-almond)
- What kind of bite does our standard define? (answer-scissors)
- At what age can a dog enter regular classes in Conformation? (6 months)
- What is the standard height for Dogs and Bitches? (answer-Preferred height for males is 20-23 and for bitches 18-21 however quality is not to be sacrificed in favor of size.)
- What year was ASCA founded? (answer-1957)
- How many majors and how many points does it take to attain a ASCA Championship title? (answer-3 majors and 15 points)
- What is the Australian Shepherd bred to do? (answer-The Australian Shepherd is intelligent, primarily a working dog of strong herding and guardian instincts. He is an exceptional companion. He is versatile and easily trained, performing his assigned tasks with great style and enthusiasm. He is reserved with strangers but does not exhibit shyness. Although an aggressive, authoritative worker, viciousness toward people or animals is intolerable
- You can also ask any question referring to the parts of the Australian Shepherd. (i.e. hock, croup, flank, occiput, stifle)
- Refer to the Australian Shepherd anatomy diagram.

Tips and Pointers to Guide Your Way

- Before Judging, make sure to inspect your ring for any loose mats or dips in the ring.
- Make certain that Juniors leave plenty of room when setting up to insure the safety of all exhibitors. Do not place all Juniors piled up in one corner. This can result in a dog fight or a Junior getting bitten.
- Do not ask for double out and backs. (This means, no two Juniors and their dogs going out and back at the same time simultaneously.)
- If you choose a complicated pattern, i.e. Z or Figure 8, make certain the ring is big enough for executing properly.
- Utilize the same pattern for each Junior in the same class division. For example, if there are 3 Juniors in your 8-12 Open class, then you will ask them to all perform the same task.
- When you ask your questions, call the Junior out of the line-up away from the other Junior Competitors so that they do not hear your question or their competitors answers.
- Be positive and constructive in all your feedback. No negative comments on the dog itself.
- When you have completed judging all regular class divisions classes (8-12 Novice/Open,13-17 Novice/Open), you will request the first place winner from those divisions return to the ring for Best Junior Handler competition.
- Once you have awarded the Best Junior Handler, you must check to see if anyone else was in there class. If so, then you call back in the 2nd place winner from that age division to return to the ring to compete for Reserve Junior Handler.
- Make sure to use Non-Regular strip ribbons for the Pee-Wee and Sub Junior Divisions and Regular Strip Ribbons for the Novice and Open Class Divisions.

Junior Showmanship Patterns Guidelines

- The handling sequence diagrammed in these patterns is suggested only, correct presentation and safety of the junior and their dog is to be considered. Juniors are encouraged to be careful loving their dogs on slick, uneven or rough surfaces. It is the Juniors responsibility to move themselves and their dog in such a way that risk of injury to themselves, their dog or fellow Juniors is at a minimum.
- Only the following fifteen (15) patterns are approved for the ASCA Junior Showmanship program. All patterns can be utilized and are not specified for Specialties only. The handling sequence indicated by the diagrams for the execution of these patterns is a suggestion only. The junior should present their dog as smoothly and correctly as possible.

Keep in mind the age and experience of the juniors when choosing a pattern for competition. Use the same pattern within each age division.

- Although not mandatory, it is highly recommended that the judge stand where indicated on the diagram. This allows judges to evaluate each junior equally for proper execution of the patterns. However, if the judge is standing in any location other than that which is designated in the patterns, juniors will need to adjust their execution of the patterns.

Rationale: These guidelines were necessary to update because of the change in the Breed Standard in regards to the answers on the document.

JC.15.05 Accepted Patterns for Junior Showmanship

Approve: Hardin, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, King, Kissman, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

MOTION FAILS

Comment from DeChant: I am opposed to this change for the same reason as Heidi stated.

Comment from King: I do not think totally eliminating the diagrams in the rule book is wise.

Comment from Kissman: I would vote for this motion if the diagrams were left in. Many individuals are visual learners and diagrams provide aid.

Comment from Roberts: I think the Juniors should have clear instructions on the patterns. If we need to remove some, so be it. If the diagrams need fixing, fix them.

Comment from Vest: Not sufficient Committee support for rule change.

Comment from Wesen: The diagrams should stay as part of the rule book. Elimination of some the patterns would be appropriate.

Motion: Silveira

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Junior Committee.

I, Regina Bryant make the following motion changing the accepted patterns for Junior Showmanship.

Results of the committee vote:

Yes: 5

No: 1

Non-Voting: 3

Abstain: 0

Reason for No vote: I feel there are too many negative reasons to let the kids decide from judges not realizing the rule has changed to judges not able to judge apple to apple. I also feel kids that have a learning disability need it writing out how to do it and no guessing. I think we need to simplify items with our Jr Program not make it harder on the judges and the kids.

Reason for Yes vote: I vote yes, with the condition that a basic diagram be included with the paragraph listed in the motion. (No dog feet, handler locations, judge locations etc.)

We have a motion by Regi with a Second by Donalyn.

I, Regina Bryant make the following motion changing the accepted patterns for Junior Showmanship.

Pattern Descriptions

The following pattern descriptions are only suggestions. It is wise to perform the patterns in a manner that is smooth and best showcases the dog by keeping him between the judge and the handler.

“Down and Back”, “Across and Back”, “Up and Back”, “Corner and Back”, etc.

With the dog on the left, move straight away from the judge to the other end of the ring. At the end, turn left into your dog and come straight back to the judge.

“Triangle”

With the dog on the left, move away from the judge. At the end, turn left to create the bottom half of the “Triangle”. At the end, turn left again and head back to the judge.

****This pattern can be done in a reverse form****

“Circle”, “Go Around”, etc.: Take the dog around in the left hand unless the judge moves to the edge, in which case, a change of hands is necessary to keep the dog between the handler and the judge.

“A”: With the dog on the left side, move straight away on a diagonal (as if starting at the bottom right of the “A”). At the top, turn left keeping the dog on the left. Head diagonally to make the other side of the letter. At the bottom, switch sides, placing the dog on the right. Go halfway up and turn right, making the bar in the center. Head back to the judge with the dog either on the left or the right.

“B”: Beginning at the bottom left of the “B” with the dog on either side, move straight away from the judge. At the top, with the dog on the right side, make the top of the “B”, curving around and switching hands as you make the middle bar. Switch hands again with the dog on the right and as you curve around to make the bottom of the letter, put the dog on the left to complete the pattern.

“H”: With the dog on either side, move away from the judge as if making the right line of the “H”. At the top, turn to come halfway back to the judge. At the halfway point, with the dog on the left, make the middle bar. Turn left to make the bottom left side of the “H”. Switch hands and head up toward the top of the left side. Switch hands again and come halfway back. Switch hands again with the dog on the right and go back across the middle bar. Turn and head back to the judge with the dog on either side.

“I”: Start with the dog on the left side and make the bottom left of the “I”. At the end, switch hands with the dog on the right and go back across the bottom to the other side. Switch hands again putting the dog on the left. Move straight away from the judge. At the end, turn left, making the top left portion of the “I”. At the end, switch hands, with the dog on the right. Go straight across the top to complete the top. Switch hands, putting the dog on the left and come back to the center. Turn left and head back to the judge.

“L”: Move straight away from the judge with the dog on either side, as if starting at the top of the “L”. At the bottom of the “L”, turn left with the dog on the left side. At the end, switch hands and head back to the edge. Head back to the judge with the dog on either side.

****This pattern can be done in a reverse form****

“T”: Move straight away from the judge with the dog on the left. At the end, turn left, making the top left portion of the “T”. At the end, switch hands, with the dog on the right. Go straight across the top to complete the top. Switch hands, putting the dog on the left and come back to the center. Turn left and head back to the judge.

****This pattern can be done in a reverse form****

“Y”: Move straight away from the judge with the dog on the left, going halfway up as if making the bottom of the “Y”. Turn toward the left, heading diagonally to make the top half of the left side. Switch hands putting the dog on the right. Head back toward the center. Stop and turn left heading diagonally to make the top half of the right side. Switch hands with the dog on the left and head back toward the center. Move straight back to the judge completing the bottom leg.

“Z”: With the dog on either side, move away from the judge as if creating the bottom of the “Z”. At the bottom corner, put the dog on the right side. Move diagonally toward the upper corner of the “Z”. At the corner, with the dog on the left, complete the top of the “Z”. Switch hands and proceed back to the top corner. Switch hands and with the dog on the left, come back on the diagonal to the bottom corner. With the dog in either hand, head back to the judge to complete the pattern.

“7”: With the dog on the left, move diagonally away from the judge. At the corner, turn left and head down to make the top of the “7”. Switch hands and with the dog on the right, head back to the corner. With the dog on either side, head back to the judge.

“Figure 8”: With the dog in either hand, going either direction, curve around to make the side while switching hands. Make the center and curve around to make the top side, switching hands again. Curve around the top and while coming down the side into the center, switch hands once again. While coming down the bottom side, switch sides once again to complete the pattern while coming back to the judge.

Rationale: After reviewing the patterns during the past few years, this committee realizes that there are issues with several of the patterns in which the diagram does not follow the written description of performance. Several juniors, parents and judges have complained to many members of this committee that they feel the patterns need to be revised. The diagrams have been eliminated to reduce confusion for handlers and judges. In addition, we have reiterated that the written description is only a suggestion. The committee also felt that several of the patterns were unnecessary and those were eliminated.

SD.15.18 Apprentice Judge Extension (Burns)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Silveira

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Stock Dog Committee.

Effective Date: Upon Board approval and notification

Motion: Dan Sanderson

Second: Marti Parrish

I make a motion to recommend an extension for Jamie Burns to complete her Apprentice requirements until April 1, 2017

Rationale: Jamie was granted her Apprentice approval July 1, 2014. She had the ability to begin her apprentice work at that time. Jamie was involved in a serious accident in October and has only recently been able to return to a somewhat normal life. There were nine (9) months when Jamie was unable to work as an Apprentice Judge. This motion will extend the period of time by the same nine (9) months, allowing her the complete two (2) years she is permitted to satisfy the requirements.

Results of the committee vote:

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

SD.15.19 Change to 22.7.2 Determining Availability and Qualifications

Approve: King, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, Kissman, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

MOTION FAILS

Comment from DeChant: I am opposed to this motion. I think that there is a need to change this to include verification of the qualifications by the Office which I approve of. While I think that all ASCA judges should be ASCA Members, I think that this change may cut back on some of the judges in the pool.

Comment from Kissman: Requirement f (the most important requirement) can be achieved by entering a herding dog in a trial and allowing it to chase the stock for a few minutes. The requirement is met when the judge completes this process 10 times in the last 3 years. I believe a Finals judge must have current judging experience to be considered.

Comment from Roberts: Not sure this has been fully meshed out.

Comment from Vest: Motion changed/added requirements that will not serve to insure that a SD Judge has the knowledge necessary to judge the ASCA SD Finals. Agree that the BO should verify applications returned by SD Judges that are interested in judging SD Finals.

Comment from Wesen: Several issues with this motion, "" indicate the area of motion.

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"The Business Office will be required to verify the information provided it is accurate and the Judge has met the qualifications listed below:"

2. Level to qualify is taken out and it was made easier

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

3 "A new Intent Letter has been designed to coincide with the new rule and aid the Business Office in their verification process".

This wasn't included in motion

4. Making it easier

"After the completion of their apprenticeship, the Judge must have judged 30 unrelated ASCA Stockdog trials in their career. Related trials are those held at the same location within the same 10 day period

f. Have judged and/or trialed in at least 10 unrelated ASCA Stockdog trials within the past 3 years. Any combination of trialing and/or judging will satisfy this requirement"

Motion: Silveira

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Stockdog Committee.

Title: Finals Judge Verification

Effective Date: June 1, 2016

I make a motion to change the verification process for Finals Judges found in Chapter 22, Section 7.2. of the ASCA Stockdog Rule Book.

Motion: Linda Bell

Second: Maxine Schvaneveldt

Rationale: It is in the best interest of all involved with ASCA to have a source, other than the individual judge that is applying, to confirm they have met the requirements for judging Finals as stated in rule 22.7.2. The ASCA Business Office, as an unbiased entity and resource, has the capability to verify that these requirements have been attained. Every judge who applies to become a Finals judge should provide on their Intent Letter the necessary documentation of dates and locations of the sanctioned trials they have judged for the specific time period that is required. The order of 22.7.2 a-f has been prioritized in order of least importance to greatest importance, wording has been simplified to aid in a better understanding of the requirements, and the number of trials in "e and f" has been changed to open the pool of eligible judges who are experienced to judge Finals. A new Intent Letter has been designed to coincide with the new rule and aid the Business Office in their verification process.

Proposed Rule Change:

22.7.2 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.. The responding Stockdog Judges who meet the qualifications at the time of application will be placed in a pool of judges for random selection. The Business Office will be required to verify the information provided is accurate and the Judge has met the qualifications listed below:

a. Must be an ASCA member and remain an ASCA member through the completion of the Stockdog Finals for which they will be judging

b. Have not judged ASCA Stockdog Finals in each of the two previous years. No Judge shall judge finals more than two consecutive years

c. Must have full Stockdog Judge status

- d. Have no pending or previous disciplinary action within the previous year
- e. After the completion of their apprenticeship, the Judge must have judged 30 unrelated ASCA Stockdog trials in their career. Related trials are those held at the same location within the same 10 day period
- f. Have judged and/or trialed in at least 10 unrelated ASCA Stockdog trials within the past 3 years. Any combination of trialing and/or judging will satisfy this requirement

Existing Rule:

22.7.2 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:
 - 1. 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
 - 2. Have judged at least 9 unrelated ASCA Stockdog trials in the previous 3 years
 - 3. 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

Results of the committee vote:

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Non-voting: 0

Reason for Yes vote: To me this only makes sense to have things verified by an outside source so fewer mistakes are made.

Reason for Abstain: I wonder if this is enough for the future.

SD.15.20 Stockdog Committee Appointment (McKay)

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

Disapprove: Dolan, Wesen

Abstain: Hardin

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from Wesen: I believe the other two candidates had more years in ASCA, more dog and livestock experience which would give back to ASCA SDC and the ASCA SD Program.

Motion: Silveira

I move to appoint Leroy McKay to the SDC from Region 1.

OB.15.11 BIS Variance for 2015 Nationals

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, King, Kissman, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Silveira

Abstain: Hardin

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from Silveira: The Show Committee for this year's National Specialty did not request relief from this rule. I believe setting a precedent that changes a rule prior to its announcement to the Members or being listed in the Rule Book will result in negative consequences for ASCA in the future.

Motion: Wesen

I move to approve this Obedience Committee motion.

Motion title: BIS variance for 2015 Nationals

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Secunder of motion: Sandy Walroth

Motion statement: I move that a variance to the current BIS rule be made for the 2015 Nationals to allow obedience rings to be used again after a BIS competes in Finals or Nationals.

Purpose for motion: Now that Bitches in Season must wear pants to compete at Nationals, it is unnecessary that the ring not be used again for obedience. The space at Nationals is often limited and this change will help the Obedience Chair keep things running smoothly. A motion to change this rule for the 2016 rulebook was passed by the Board in July.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 5

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 1

Non-voting: 2

OB.15.12 Clarify Chapter 7 Obedience Trial Champion

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Wesen

I move to accept this motion form Obedience Committee.

Motion title: OTCH clarification motion

Effective date: 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.

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Secunder of motion: Katie Van de Sandt

Motion statement: I move to clarify Chapter 7 Obedience Trial Champion by adding 1 sentence to 7.1, "OTCH points and OTCH-O points cannot be earned at the same trial." and 1 sentence to 7.2, "Points cannot be earned during the same trial in which the dog completes the UD title."

Purpose for motion: This makes the rulebook clearer but changes no rules.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: Hopefully, Misty will have to field fewer questions on this topic.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 6

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 2

Body of the motion: 7 Obedience Trial Champion

Add after first sentence in 7.1 "OTCH points and OTCH-O points cannot be earned at the same trial."

Add after second sentence in 7.2 "Points cannot be earned during the same trial in which the dog completes the UD title."

Change to:

7.1 Introduction and General Information

There are two obedience trial champion titles: OTCH (dogs qualify via the CDX Open B class and the Utility B class) and OTCH-O (dogs qualify via the ODX Open B class and the Utility B class). OTCH points and OTCH-O points cannot be earned at the same trial. Handlers shall indicate on the obedience entry form for each trial whether they choose Utility class points to accrue towards the OTCH or the OTCH-O. The Business Office will track the score accrual for each eligible dog. ...

7.2 Obedience Trial Champion OTCH Title

A total of one hundred (100) points must be earned. Points can only be accumulated after the dog has earned both the CDX and UD titles from ASCA. Points cannot be earned during the same trial in which the dog completes the UD title.

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Complete current language:

7.1 Introduction and General Information

There are two obedience trial champion titles: OTCH (dogs qualify via the CDX Open B class and the Utility B class) and OTCH-O (dogs qualify via the ODX Open B class and the Utility B class). Handlers shall indicate on the obedience entry form for each trial whether they choose Utility class points to accrue towards the OTCH or the OTCH-O. 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. Dogs may earn both the OTCH and the OTCH-O titles.

7.2 Obedience Trial Champion OTCH Title

A total of one hundred (100) points must be earned. Points can only be accumulated after the dog has earned both the CDX and UD titles from ASCA.

The dog must have one (1) score of 193 or higher from CDX Open B, one (1) score of 193 or higher from Utility B, and one (1) score of 195 or higher from either CDX Open B or Utility B. Only scores from CDX Open B and Utility B will qualify a dog for the OTCH title. Any dog that has met the qualification

requirements for the OTCH will receive a certificate for the title and will be allowed to use the prefix "OTCH" before its name. Each additional time a dog is awarded the title of OTCH, the applicable number following the title may be added (such as OTCH2, OTCH3, and so forth).

7.3 Obedience Trial Champion OTCH-O Title

The requirements for the OTCH-O title are the same as for the OTCH title with the exceptions that points can only be accumulated after the dog has earned both the ODX and UD titles from ASCA and that all Open scores will be from the ODX Open B class in place of the CDX Open B class. Any dog that has met the qualification requirements for the OTCH-O will receive a certificate for the title and will be allowed to use the prefix "OTCH-O" before its name. Each additional time a dog is awarded the title of OTCH-O, the applicable number following the title may be added (such as OTCH-O2, OTCH-O3, and so forth).

OB.15.13 Change to 1.20 Dogs That Must Compete

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Silveira

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from Silveira: The Rule already allows Exhibitors to excuse themselves from competition. This was the one reason given for the change. The Rule was implemented to insure Exhibitors were responsible to excuse themselves.

Motion: Wesen

I move to accept this motion from Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Dogs that must compete clarification motion

Effective date: 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.

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Seconder of motion: Katie VandeSandt

Motion statement: I move to clarify and rename 1.20 currently named Dogs That Must Compete by deleting the first sentence "Any dog entered and present at a sanctioned obedience trial or specialty is expected to compete in all classes in which it is entered." and renaming it Excusals and Disqualifications.

Purpose for motion: This makes Section 1.20 not contradict itself, since handlers are allowed to excuse themselves.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 5

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 1

Non-voting: 2

Body of the motion:

Change to:

1.20 Excusals and Disqualifications

~~Any dog entered and present at a sanctioned obedience trial or specialty is expected to compete in all classes in which it is entered.~~ Dogs that have been disqualified or excused by the judge or show/obedience trial committee will be removed from further competition. Dogs that have been excused by the official veterinarian to protect the health of the dog and/or the health of other dogs at the trial will be removed from further competition. The excuse by the official veterinarian must be in writing, approved by the show or obedience trial committee, and submitted to ASCA with the show reports from the trial.

Handlers will be allowed to excuse themselves from competition for any reason. They will notify the judge of their intention and can be excused before, during, or after their individual exercises. They will also be allowed to excuse themselves from performing the group exercises after notifying the judge. If a handler should request to be excused, they should do so in a timely manner so judging will not be adversely affected.

The judge will immediately excuse from further competition, any dog that disturbs, or threatens to disturb another dog during the performance of the group exercises. The judge will clearly note in the judge's book the reason for any excusal.

OB.15.14 Change to 11.8 Eligibility of (Finals) Entrants

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Wesen

I move to except this motion from Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Finals Eligibility clarification motion

Effective date: 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.

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Secunder of motion: Marilyn Cherry

Motion statement: I move that we change 2 bullets in 11.8 Eligibility of Entrants to more clearly reflect the intention of the rules.

Purpose for motion: This makes the rulebook clearer but changes no rules.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: Hopefully, Misty will have to field fewer questions on this topic.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 6

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 2

Body of the motion: 11 Obedience Finals

11.8 Eligibility of Entrants

Change two bulleted points to:

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- If a dog is ranked in Super Dog, that dog may only show in the Super Dog category and will not be listed for either Open or Utility. This will allow more dogs to compete in the Finals.

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- If a dog that is not ranked in Super Dog earns three qualifying scores in Utility, that dog may only show in Utility and will not be listed for Open finals.

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Current language:

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- If a dog is ranked in Super Dog that dog may only show in the Super Dog category regardless if the dog is ranked in either Open and/or Utility. This will allow more dogs to compete in the Finals.

- If a dog that is not ranked in Super Dog is ranked in both Utility and Open, that dog may only show in Utility finals.

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August 13 Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice President Rick Hardin, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Cindy King, Director Jean Roberts, Director Rachel Vest, Director Jan Wesen, Director-elect Laura Gibson, Director-elect Linda Gray, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

There is a quorum with 9 voting members of the Board present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm Central Time.

The Board took a moment to welcome Gibson and Gray and to congratulate them on their election. They will become voting Board members following the 2015 General Membership Meeting.

Items in Executive Session: None.

Ratification of July Email Votes

No discussion.

BD.15.89 Ratify July Email Votes

All present approve. Motion carries.

Motion: Roberts

Second: Wesen

I move to ratify the July email votes.

July Treasurer's Report

Dolan gave the Treasurer's Report for July. There is \$184,341.12 in the Chase checking account, \$350,317.37 in the Chase savings account, and \$100.00 in the Chase wire account. There is \$184,082.16 in the Raymond James investment account. At the Spring Meeting, ASCA's auditor Tom Wallis pointed

out that ASCA has money in savings that is not FDIC insured. Fifty-thousand has been moved to the Raymond James investment account, and between that and paying for the system upgrade ASCA will get back down to a level that FDIC will insure. ASCA's total assets come in at \$843,409.81.

There were increases in income from Aussie Times ads (\$2,710), Aussie Times subscriptions (\$11,073), and registry services (\$4,060). There were decreases in income from gain/loss on securities (-\$9,416), member services (-\$4,772), membership dues (-\$5,116), and program income (\$19,201). There were increases in expenses for Aussie Times editing (\$1,300), Aussie Times mail preparation (\$800), computer (\$24,548), Director/Officer reimbursement (\$4,989), member services (\$8,175), national ASCA expenses (\$2,019), Office expenses (\$5,644), payroll (\$3,359), and postage and delivery (\$1,589). There were decreases in expenses from advertising (-\$834), Aussie Times postage (-\$2,666), Aussie Times printing (-\$12,845), equipment rental (-\$1,709), insurance (-\$7,008), printing and reproduction (-\$5,778), professional fees (-\$1,198), and repairs (-\$2,454). Net income through July is \$79,877.51.

Year-to-date ASCA is down about twenty-thousand dollars, but the same computer expenses were not seen last year. There has been \$43,380 spent on the system upgrade so far. The Board discussed a decrease in program income/Finals fees and what might be causing this. Dolan reminded the Board that only two years of data are being compared and that he is keeping watch for any developing trends.

Dolan stated that ASCA will be able to afford Finals this year. At the 2014 Nationals meeting the Board lowered entry costs, and this year the Board will revisit and examine status. Dolan will hold on to the funds going to the 2015 Host Club until they have worked out who will be managing the Specialty's checking account. The Board discussed checks and balances for the money.

- DeChant left the meeting at 7:26 pm.

ASCA FINALS FEES

ACTIVITY	6/1/13-5/31/15	6/1/14-5/31/15	6/1/13-5/31/14	2014	2015
				PAYOUTS	PROJECTED
AGILITY	\$31,212	\$13,797	\$17,415	\$6,218	\$17,985
CONFORMATION	\$11,707	\$5,064	\$6,644	\$2,437	\$6,600
OBEDIENCE	\$1,275	\$436	\$839	\$304	\$568
RALLY	\$2,280	\$947	\$1,333	\$487	\$1,234
STOCK	\$6,221	\$2,005	\$4,217	\$1,554	\$2,613
OTHER	\$10		\$10	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$52,705	\$22,247	\$30,457	\$11,000	\$29,000
ADD'L PAYOUT				\$765	
				\$11,765	

FINALS ENTRY FEES	2013	2014	2015
	\$ 27,060	\$ 28,720	\$ 17,280

AVG 300 ENTRIES ACROSS ALL PROGRAMS	\$60/ENTRY	\$75/ENTRY	\$80/ENTRY
		\$18,000	\$22,500

2015 Finals AEMD Calculation

Expenses	Budget	
Stock Sub-Total	\$18,840	
Workers and Equipment	\$3,115	
Facilities Sub-Total	\$9,700	
Awards Sub-Total	\$12,236	
Judges Sub-Total	\$18,195	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$62,086	\$62,086

INCOME		
Entries	\$19,480	\$17,280
\$.25 per run from affil. trials	\$11,000	
Affiliate Donations (est.)	\$4,231	\$4,231
Sponsorships	\$8,200	\$8,200
TOTAL INCOME	\$42,911	\$29,711

INCOME minus EXPENSES	-\$19,175	\$32,375
Note: .9 times C18 yields AEMD amount		\$29,138

BD.15.90 July Treasurer's Report

All present approve (Absent: DeChant). Motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

Second: Hardin

I move to approve the July Treasurer's report.

- DeChant joined the meeting at 7:29 pm.

System Upgrade

Vest has sent updates to the Board via email.

Sent by email on 8/3/15:

What has been accomplished 7/25 to 7/31:

- Finished setting up unit testing
- Worked on recurring transactions
- Added administrator account type
- Added full text search for admins
- Highlighting in search to show matching results
- Admins can now create and edit users
- Added payment history and audit trail to the user profile page
- Make audit trail more readable
- Worked on admin page editing membership info, enable/disable account, and set up admin privileges
- Added logo and sidebar

- Improved styling (You can view a video of these changes here: <http://screencast.com/t/pDmiRZuyE3l>)

We plan to accomplish the following from 8/1 to 8/7:

- Bug fixes, especially in the admin portal
- Add unit tests to searching and admin portal
- Admins will be able to add notes to the audit trail
- Automatic membership renewal and reminders
- Continue improving styling to make it look closer to the mockups

8/3/15 - Questions from Rachel Vest for Ray:

Have a couple of questions:

- What is your opinion regarding current status?
- Are we on target based upon estimated deliverables?
- Total of invoices to date?

Will provide Ray's answers to the BOD as he has an opportunity to respond.

8/6/15 – Response to Questions from Ray:

Everything is on schedule currently. They have been meeting the goals set out in the beginning.

So far the total for invoices has been \$43380.00 through July.

I have a set down meeting with them on the 17th.

Sent by email on 8/7/15:

What has been accomplished 8/1 to 8/7:

- The "Remember Me" button will now remember a user for 90 days
- Admins can add text notes to the audit trail
- Matched the shade of ASCA blue
- Updated the navigation bar
- Fixed some bugs with auditing
- Admins are now full users, capable of all normal member functionality
- Created a new payment gateway interface
- Matched profile, admin user, application, and renewal forms to the existing paper application
- Application and renewal forms now dynamically hide items that don't match the user's selections, such as second adult member name or parent/ guardian name
- Improved appearance of alert boxes
- Added Aussie Times access to subscribers
- Admins can now send a password reset email to a user

You can view a video of some of this progress here: <http://screencast.com/t/WgOYvcoSEmmn>

Sent by email on 8/18:

Here is the latest update.

I set down with them yesterday and went over our first full milestone completion. Everything is moving along well.

- Aussie Times viewing page

- Numerous adjustments and updates
- Added chronjobs
- CSV Mailing list downloads
- Added server-side validation to forms
- Added basic client side validation
- Changes auto-update
- Payment descriptions
- Renewal can only occur 30 days before a user's account expires
- Improved admin search
- Finished admin user editing
- Stabilization

We plan to accomplish the following from 8/15 to 8/21:

- Laying out initial framework and pages for Dogs, Litters, and Kennels
- Continue refactoring
- Demo progress
- Implement feedback from demo

Request from System Liason:

From: Allison Bryant [mailto:ally@busydog.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 7:56 PM
To: Ray Fryar | ASCA
Cc: Rachel Vest
Subject: Re: Updated info

Hi there,

I had a conversation with a member last night about membership numbers etc. it made me think about the database design and making sure it doesn't have the same limitations as the previous system. I would like to take a look at how the database and the tables contained within are architected to make sure we are using appropriate primary keys.

Can we ask Ross for a schema (DDL) of the database? Or a quick phone call to discuss? It's important to get it right now, otherwise we could have some limitations later.

Thanks!!

Ally

Response from FrogSlayer:

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 3:25 PM
To: Ray Fryar | ASCA
Cc: ASCA
Subject: Re: FW: Updated info

Ray,

There is no schema with tables, etc. for two reasons:

1. We are not using a relational database system. "Tables" and "Primary Keys" as defined in relational database systems like SQL Server or MS Access are not a concept in the database we are using. Our database stores objects, or "documents", and objects can contain objects. One reason I advocated for this technology is to completely side-step the complexity of relational databases.
2. This is an agile project, and so we design the parts of the database we need as we need it. The good news is that we haven't really done anything yet that could repeat the mistakes of the past. The bad news is I don't have anything like a full database schema document for your review - if I did then we would not be looking at a milestone 1 demo this week.

So, what I can do is explain what we have:

The database currently only contains User objects that have the fields you see on the screen (Name, Phone numbers, date of birth, member type, etc.) and collections of payment objects and audit trail modification objects. Note that unlike relational databases these payment objects and audit trail modification objects have no ID of their own, they are sub-objects of the User object.

Each user object does have a unique numeric ID used for quickly loading the object from the database, but this ID number is generated by the database system, only used within the software, never exposed to a user of the system (other than in the URL line of the admin interface) and is completely independent from domain-specific information such as Member Numbers, etc. It is similar to a primary key in a relational database system in that we use it to quickly request access to the information, but is not generally cross-referenced like a "foreign key" in relational database systems. When we start introducing some many-to-many relationships down the road, we may need to do something similar with objects referencing the IDs of other objects, but that is the exception in a document database, not the rule.

Perhaps it would be better to tell me what the limitations of the current database are that you'd like to avoid. Then I can respond with how we will avoid those problems - or if they are even still relevant issues for the kind of database we are using now. Beyond that I'd be happy to discuss this further on the phone. My number is in my signature, and I am generally available during business hours.

Ross Wright
Principal Consultant | FrogSlayer

Sent by email on 8/31:

What has been accomplished from 8/22 to 8/28:

- Created error messages for users
- Created custom 404 page hooks
- Tracking past member IDs
- Split auto-renew and card on file
- Track continuous membership
- Implemented 90 day grace period for users who's membership lapses
- Various refactoring, bug fixes, and behind the scenes development for Litters, Kennels, and Dogs

We plan to accomplish the following from 8/29 to 9/4:

- User CRUD for Kennel applications
- Implement adding other users to Kennel applications via member ID numbers
- Admin review of, approval, or denial of Kennel applications
- Email notifications for multiple accounts simultaneously
- Email notifications for Kennel approval process
- Admin workflow for Kennel ownership change
- Email notifications for Kennel ownership change process

Funds for 2015 Nationals Host Club

Dolan proposed to send \$29,000 to the 2015 Nationals Host Club for an advance Additional Event Membership Dues (AEMD) payment to defray the cost of the 2015 Finals. The amount is the difference between approved budget expenses and approved budget income (less the \$11,000 entry from last year), plus actual Finals entry fees (rounded down). The Host Club was sent \$1,500 when the premium was approved. The Board discussed an idea that people don't feel inclined to donate to Finals as much anymore because the Board is now collecting the AEMD.

BD.15.91 AEMD Advance Payment to 2015 National Specialty Host Club

All present approve. Motion carries.

Motion: Dolan

Second: Kissman

I move to approve a payment of \$29,000 to the 2015 National Specialty Host Club. The payment is to defray the cost of the 2015 ASCA Finals package.

Effective when approved by the Board of Directors.

Rationale: Payment calculation made in accordance with the Policy Book Section 19.10. This year's advance is larger than last years because of the across the board Finals entry fee reduction.

Director's & Officer's Insurance

Renewal is due for the ASCA Director's and Officer's insurance premium.

BD.15.92 Pay ASCA D&O Insurance Premium

All present approve. Motion carries.

Motion: Dolan

Second: Vest

I move to direct the Office Manager to renew ASCA's Directors and Office Insurance by paying the \$6,661.79 premium.

Effective: When approved by the Board of Directors.

Agility Licensee Applicant

The Board discussed a new applicant to become an Agility Licensee. Silveira was concerned that the only contact info for the club was for the President. The only concern is if the Office can get ahold of them

and some Board members thought they may be directing all future questions to one person or that the phone number could be to their building and not to an individual person.

BD.15.93 Agility Licensee (Agility Junkies)

All present approve. Motion carries.

Motion: Roberts

Second: DeChant

I move to approve Agility Junkies as an ASCA Agility Licensee.

Tracking Judge Applicant

Wesen had requested that this applicant be voted on during the conference call, as that has been done in the past with some judges, and because tracking judges are harder to come by and this would allow the judge to begin accepting assignment sooner than if voted on during the monthly email cycle. It was the consensus of the Board that this was not an emergency situation and the judge would be voted on over email.

Sweeps at 2015 Nationals

The Board discussed the issue of there not having been published rules and prizes for sweeps in the approved premium for the 2015 National Specialty and went over what solution may be necessary. Dolan stated that prizes may appear in a premium or separate list and that Section 19 of the Nationals Rules qualifies as a "separate list" which meets the requirements.

Silveira made the following motion via email, there was no second:

"I move the ASCA Board of Directors instruct the 2015 Nationals Host Club to enact the following steps in planning their intended Sweepstakes competition to resolve those issues arising from missing information in the approved Premium.

- 1) The Host Club shall decide to hold the Sweepstakes competition with the following provisions or they may choose to cancel the competition. Whatever their decision they must have their decision to the Board within two weeks of receiving this directive.
- 2) The Host Club will take day of show entries for the sweepstakes classes only.
- 3) The Host Club will be permitted to distribute awards and prizes in the ring per our usual custom.
- 4) The sweepstakes classes will be set as to ASCA's custom. Intact Aussies will be judged separate from Altered Aussies.
- 5) Create a Sweepstakes Premium approved by the Board of Directors to contain a list of entry fees; classes offered; all prizes; awards and Judge. This Premium shall be published on the Host Clubs website their Facebook page the ASCA website ASCA-L and near the show office prominently displayed for public viewing prior to the arrival of Exhibitors.

Rationale: There is no blame or punishment in this resolution. A Nationals Host Club is responsible to create a Premium that follows ASCA's Rules and informs the Membership completely of all details relating to rules; classes and events organized for their National Specialty. Since the Host Club did not advise the Board of Directors of a problem with the Sweepstakes competition; we were unable to help reach a solution until this late date. This solution brings the planning back in line with the Rules and By Laws. If the Host Club chooses to continue to offer a sweepstakes competition this will allow them the opportunity to fill these classes."

Dolan stated that this motion directs the Host Club to violate the rules, as day of show entries are prohibited at a National Specialty because all entrants must be published in the catalog, which is printed ahead of time. Silveira countered that day of show entries are so people who weren't informed could make entry if they wanted. The premium is supposed to have all the information in it, and day of show entries should be available to accommodate those who relied only on the approved premium for their planning. Dolan thought that the Host Club had met the notification requirements by publishing notice in the July/August Aussie Times. Information about this has also been shared on Facebook. Gibson brought up the fact that sweeps is in fact mentioned in the approved premium – a judge is listed and it is on the schedule – so people who read the premium did know that the class was happening. She suggested allowing an extended entry only for the sweepstakes classes. This information would be relayed in a mass email to all those who have already submitted an entry, published on the Nationals website, and posted on Facebook. Anyone who enters in this extended time would not be in the catalog.

Silveira made the following revision to his motion (highlighted):

- 1) The Host Club shall decide to hold the Sweepstakes competition with the following provisions or they may choose to cancel the competition. Whatever their decision they must have their decision to the Board within two weeks of receiving this directive.
- 2) The Host Club will send by a mass e-mail to their entrants the revised Premium List for Sweepstakes only. The confirmation of entries will also include the revised Premium List for Sweepstakes. A date will be announced for close of the extended entries.
- 3) The Host Club will take day of show entries for the sweepstakes classes only.
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Several Directors requested that #3, for the reasons above, and #5, as that should be left up to the Host Club, be removed. Silveira stated that it was ASCA's custom to judge intact and altered separately and that was not up to the Host Club. Revisions by Wesen and Gibson to the motion were considered.

BD.15.94 Directive to 2015 Nationals Host Club – Sweepstakes

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Silveira

Motion carries.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Wesen

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2) The Host Club will send by a mass e-mail to their entrants the revised Premium List for Sweepstakes only. The confirmation of entries will also include the revised Premium List for Sweepstakes. A date will be announced for close of the extended entries.

3) The Board approves the Premium posted on the ASCA web site.

Board Meeting Agenda Deadline

DeChant and Kissman brought to the Board an idea to limit the addition of agenda items for teleconference meetings to 2 days prior. This would prevent last minute items from being added and discussed without proper forethought and preparation. This topic has been added to the September Board meeting agenda (in plenty of time :).

Junior Service Award

The Board discussed 4 letters of nomination received for the Junior Service Award. Two of the nominating letters were for Shelby McDaniel, and two were for Avery Pruitt. In this case of exceptional service from both juniors, the Board has given the award to Ms. McDaniel and Ms. Pruitt. The nominating letters will be read at the 2015 Nationals banquet and the recipients will be given their awards.

BD.15.95 Junior Service Award 2015 (Pruitt, McDaniel)

All present approve. Motion carries.

Motion: Vest

Second: Roberts

I move to approve Avery Pruitt and Shelby McDaniel for the ASCA Junior Service Award for 2015.

Dolan motioned to adjourn and Wesen seconded.

DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.