

August 2016 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 Motions

BD.16.101 Change to Policy Book 8.10 Secretary's Report

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Gray

I move the following wording be adopted to replace Policy 8.10 Policy Book.

Effective upon Board approval.

Rationale: Having served as ASCA's Secretary for the past three years, I find the Executive Secretary and I are in agreement that the following motions to change our policies are in order. Since the Executive Secretary will be a more constant position than a Director, there is now a redundancy between the two similar offices, the Executive Secretary has the Programs to make this change simple for her position as well as helpful to lightening a Directors work load.

Proposed wording:

8.10 Policy Book

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The Executive Secretary will maintain a working copy of the Policy Book, entering changes made throughout the year by the Board. The December revision each year will be a clean copy with all strikeouts and highlighting removed.

Current wording:

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BD.16.102 Change to Policy Book 8.7 General Minutes & 8.9 Motions

Approve: Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: DeChant

Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Gray

I move the following wording be adopted to replace Policy 8.7 General Minutes and Policy 8.9 Motions.

Effective upon Board approval.

Rationale: Having served as ASCA's Secretary for the past three years, I find the Executive Secretary and I are in agreement that the following motions to change our policies are in order. Since the Executive Secretary will be a more constant position than a Director, there is now a redundancy between the two similar offices, the Executive Secretary has the Programs to make this change simple for her position as well as helpful to lightening a Directors work load.

Proposed wording:

8.7 General Minutes

8.7.1 Secretary's Report

All Minutes (except sensitive or confidential issues) from any ASCA conference call or ASCA Board meeting, whether held at the National Specialty, the Business Office or anywhere else, will be included in the Secretary's Report for the month the call/meeting was held. ~~The minutes of the meeting and actions of the Board of Directors, as recorded by the Executive Secretary and approved by the Board of Directors, shall be sent by the Executive Secretary to the ASCA Secretary for inclusion by attaching them to the Secretary's Report for that month.~~

8.9 Motions

8.9.1 Description

In the Secretary's Report, after each Board of Directors vote and how each Director voted, a short explanation of the motion will be given for clarity sake. The motion's author is responsible for writing the explanation and it will go in the comments on the motion page to make it easier for the **Executive Secretary** to compile the Secretary's Report.

Current wording:

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8.7.1 Secretary's Report

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BD.16.104 Change to Policy Book 12.1 Election Calendar (Revised)

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gray
Second by DeChant

I move to replace g. in Policy 12.1 Election Calendar with the following:

Proposed wording:

g. July 20 - On or before this date, all director Candidates to be notified of election results. Following candidate notification, results of the election will be posted to all official ASCA web based sites, including but not limited to, asca.org, ASCA Facebook, AussEnews and in the next Aussie Times following election. Published results will list each candidate with the number of votes received. Official notice of voting results will be announced at the General Membership Meeting at the ASCA National Specialty.

Current wording:

g. July 20 - On or before this date, all director Candidates to be notified of election results. Official notice of voting results will be announced at the General Membership Meeting at the ASCA National Specialty.

Comment: Just putting in writing what has been done for years.

Effective 1/1/2017

Committee Recommendations

Obedience Committee

OB.16.23 Change to 2.19 & 3.5 Remove restrictions for on-leash hand positions

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the Obedience Motion.

Motion title: Remove restrictions for on-leash hand positions

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 to remove restrictions for on-leash hand positions by deleting the current first paragraph of Section 2.19 Hands and editing the 3rd paragraph of 3.5 Heel on Leash & Figure Eight.

Purpose for motion: The purpose is to make the Novice class more welcoming to newcomers. It will encourage AKC handlers to enter ASCA without possibly having to change their hand position. It will allow new and experienced handlers to hold the leash in a way that is comfortable for them and does not interfere with their dog.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: Novice obedience competitors and obedience judges.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 8

Disapprove: 1
Abstain: 1
Non-voting: 0

Proposed wording:

2.19 Hands

~~In all exercises in which a dog is required to heel on-lead, one of the options listed shall be followed: (1) The handler's arms and hands shall move naturally at his/her sides while in motion, with the leash held in the left hand, or (2) The hand(s) holding the leash will be held against, and centered in the front of the body, in the area of the waist. The forearm(s) shall be carried, as much as possible, against the body.~~

In exercises in which the dog is required to heel off leash (free), one of the options listed shall be followed: (1) The handler's arms and hands shall move naturally at his/her sides while in motion and hang naturally at his/her sides when stopped, or (2) the handler's right hand and arm shall move naturally at his/her side while his/her left hand shall be held against and centered in front of the body in the area of the waist. The left forearm shall be carried, as much as possible, against the body. In any of the above situations, the hands and arms may be adjusted during the fast portion of the exercise, in order to maintain balance.

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3.6 Heel on Leash & Figure Eight

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The leash may be held in either hand or both hands, providing the hands are held in a natural position ~~the positions specified in Chapter 2, section 19.~~ However, any tightening or jerking of the leash or any act, signal or command which in the judge's opinion gives the dog assistance shall be penalized.

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Current wording:

2.19 Hands

In all exercises in which a dog is required to heel on-lead, one of the options listed shall be followed: (1) The handler's arms and hands shall move naturally at his/her sides while in motion, with the leash held in the left hand, or (2) The hand(s) holding the leash will be held against, and centered in the front of the body, in the area of the waist. The forearm(s) shall be carried, as much as possible, against the body.

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The leash may be held in either hand or both hands, providing the hands are held in the positions specified in Chapter 2, section 19. However, any tightening or jerking of the leash or any act, signal or command which in the judge's opinion gives the dog assistance shall be penalized.

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OB.16.24 Versatility Optional Titling Class

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this Obedience motion.

Motion title: Versatility Optional Titling Class

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: Marilyn Cherry

Motion statement: I move to make Versatility an Optional Titling Class by adding a new Chapter 10 Versatility Optional Titling Class and deleting Section 10.6 Versatility Class from the current Chapter 10 Non-Regular Classes.

Purpose for motion: The purpose of this motion is to create an optional titling class (Versatility) for dogs performing upper level obedience exercises. This gives teams more opportunities to show and to earn additional titles with more variety.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: This motion will affect judges and obedience competitors by giving them another optional titling class to enter and earn titles in.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 10

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Proposed wording:

New Chapter 10 Versatility Optional Titling Class

10.1 Versatility Class

The Versatility Class is an optional titling class that clubs may choose to offer at obedience trials. The Versatility Class shall be for dogs not less than six (6) months of age, capable of performing the Utility exercises. Dogs in this class may also be entered at the same trial in any Regular and/or Non-regular classes for which they are eligible as defined in these regulations. A dog entered in the Versatility class may be handled by the owner or any other person. A person may handle more than one (1) dog in this class. Each handler will provide a dumbbell, scent discrimination articles and directed retrieve gloves. This class may be judged by anyone approved to judge Utility.

A qualifying score in an Optional Titling class shall be the same as that in a Regular class as defined in these regulations by Chapter 1 Section 10: Qualifying Score. Ribbons and prizes for Optional Titling classes shall be the same as those in Regular classes as defined in these regulations by Chapter 1 Section 14: Obedience Ribbons and Chapter 1 Section 15: Ribbons and Prizes.

Scores and titles from Optional Titling classes shall not be applicable to High in Trial awards, Merit standings, Finals standings or Hall of Fame determinations.

10.2 Versatility Title

ASCA will issue a Versatility Obedience Dog Title (VER) certificate to a dog with an ASCA registration, LEP number or an ASCA tracking number, and will permit the use of VER after its name, when it has received three (3) qualifying scores awarded by at least two (2) judges. Each additional time a dog is certified as receiving three (3) qualifying scores awarded by at least two (2) judges, the applicable number following the title may be added (such as VER2, VER3, and so forth).

10.3 Selecting Versatility Orders

Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide the order of exercises to be performed in this class and which glove will be retrieved if the combination includes the Directed Retrieve exercise. The order and glove number will be posted at the ring, at least thirty (30) minutes before the class is scheduled to begin. Judges should rotate the Versatility order and the assigned glove number for each judging assignment.

10.4 Versatility Exercises, Orders and Scores

All exercises will be performed and judged as in the Regular classes. For the purpose of this class, scent discrimination articles 1 and 2 will be considered as a single Scent Discrimination exercise. There will be no group exercises.

Versatility Order I

1. Heel Free/Figure 8	40 points
2. Directed Retrieve	30 points
3. Retrieve Over High Jump	30 points
4. Directed Jumping	40 points
5. Drop on Recall	30 points
6. Moving Stand	30 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

Versatility Order II

1. Signal Exercise	40 points
2. Broad Jump	30 points
3. Moving Stand	30 points
4. Retrieve on the Flat	30 points
5. Scent Discrimination	40 points
6. Retrieve Over the High Jump	30 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

Versatility Order III

1. Retrieve on the Flat	30 points
2. Directed Retrieve	30 points
3. Signal Exercise	40 points
4. Retrieve Over the High Jump	30 points
5. Drop on Recall	30 points
6. Directed Jumping	40 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

Versatility Order IV

1. Broad Jump	30 points
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2. Scent Discrimination	40 points
3. Figure 8/Heel Free	40 points
4. Directed Retrieve	30 points
5. Moving Stand	30 points
6. Retrieve on the Flat	30 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

Versatility Order V

1. Directed Jumping	40 points
2. Retrieve Over the High Jump	30 points
3. Recall	20 points
4. Scent Discrimination	40 points
5. Retrieve on the Flat	30 points
6. Signal Exercise	40 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

Current wording:

~~10.6 Versatility Class~~

~~The Versatility class shall be for dogs that are eligible under these Rules and Regulations and capable of performing the Utility exercises. The following exercises will be performed, and there will be no group exercises. The exercises will be performed and judged as in the Regular classes.~~

1. Heel Free and Figure Eight	40
2. Recall	30
3. Retrieve on Flat	20
4. Board Jump	20
5. Scent Discrimination	25
6. Scent Discrimination	25
7. Directed Jumping	40

OB.16.25 Change to 1.9 Dogs that May Not Compete

Approve: Kissman, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King,

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Silveira

Motion fails.

Comment from DeChant: I think 1 month is too short. 1 year may be too long, but 1 month is something that I think competitors would not consider fair to all. I think that if I trained under the Judge ever, I wouldn't enter that show. I know that the performance is being judged, but I wouldn't want to put the judge/my trainer in that position.

Comment from Gibson: While I would support a reduction from one year, 30 days does not seem adequate if your purpose is to protect against the appearance of impropriety.

Comment from Vest: Obedience is a performance event and as such a Judge is judging the performance of the team. I trust our Judges to be impartial in their evaluations, therefore support this motion as requested by the Obed Committee.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this Obedience Motion.

Motion title: 30 Days Not Show to a Judge You Train With

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 to shorten the restrictions on not showing under a judge you train with from 1 year to 30 days by editing the third and fourth paragraphs of Section 1.9 Dogs that May Not Compete.

Purpose for motion: This will encourage entries when local judges are used and make judges more willing to take local assignments, knowing handlers who trained with them 2-12 months ago can still enter.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: Obedience judges, event committees looking for judges and obedience exhibitors.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 9

Disapprove: 1

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Comment from Penny Jameson: It is important to keep in mind that objectivity can't be guaranteed by this or any other arbitrary limit, rather the limit is a reminder of the need to be as objective as possible when judging. Similarly exhibitors need to be careful not to attempt to unduly influence a familiar judge.

Proposed wording:

1.9 Dogs that May Not Compete

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No dogs shall be entered or shown under a judge at an Obedience Trial if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, handled in the ring, or boarded or ~~has been regularly trained or instructed~~, within one (1) year prior to the date of the Obedience Trial by the judge or by any member of his immediate family or household, ~~and no such dog shall be eligible to compete.~~

No dog shall be entered or shown under a judge at an Obedience Trial if the dog or handler has participated in one or more training sessions with the judge within thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Obedience Trial. "Participated in" applies equally whether the handler or the judge taught the training session/s. "Trained or instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs, and to judges who train individual dogs or who train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers.

Current wording:

1.9 Dogs that May Not Compete

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No dogs shall be entered or shown under a judge at an Obedience Trial if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, handled in the ring, boarded or has been regularly trained or instructed, within one (1) year prior to the date of the Obedience Trial by the judge or by any member of his immediate family or household, and no such dog shall be eligible to compete.

"Trained or instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs, and to judges who train individual dogs or who train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers.

Stockdog Committee

SD.16.20 Change to 22.1.2 Include G and H in Advanced Title List

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I move to accept the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to include Course G and Course H in earning the advanced M and X titles found in 22.1.2 of the Stockdog Rule Book.

Title: Including Course G & H in the Advanced Title List found in 22.1.2.

Effective Date: June 1, 2017

Motion by James Bergert

Second by Marti Parrish

I make a motion to include Course G and Course H in earning the advanced M and X titles found in 22.1.2 of the Stockdog Rule Book.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 11

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Did not vote: 1

Rationale: To earn the Advanced Trial Dog M and X titles, each current course is listed. With the addition of Course G and Course H, their inclusion is necessary. This will encourage clubs to use the courses and allow the contestants who compete on them more opportunities to earn the advanced titles. Course G and Course H have been developed to work in smaller arenas, while still providing off-fence type work. For this reason, they have been categorized with Course C-F and should be included when earning the new titles.

Proposed Rule Change:

22.1.2

j. Advanced Trial Dog Multiple courses - ATD-M (class of stock). Scores on each course must be received from 2 different judges. Awarded to Advanced Trial Dogs who have completed these additional requirements:

1. Two qualifying scores on Course A
2. Two qualifying scores on Course B
3. Three of the following six options (for a total of 6 additional qualifying scores):
 - a. Two qualifying scores on Course C
 - b. Two qualifying scores on Course D
 - c. Two qualifying scores on Course E
 - d. Two qualifying scores on Course F
 - e. Two qualifying scores on Course G
 - f. Two qualifying scores on Course H

k. Working Trial Champion M – WTCH-M (awarded to dogs who receive ATD-M titles in all three classes of stock)

l. Advanced Trial Dog Excellent - ATD-X (class of stock). Scores on each course must be received from 2 different judges. Awarded to Advanced Trial Dogs who have completed these additional requirements:

1. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course A
2. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course B
3. Three of the following six options (for a total of 6 additional scores of 100 or higher):
 - a. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course C
 - b. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course D
 - c. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course E
 - d. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course F
 - e. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course G
 - f. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course H
- m. Working Trial Champion X – WTCH-X (awarded to dogs who receive ATD-X in all three classes of stock).

Current Rule:

22.1.2

j. Advanced Trial Dog Multiple courses - ATD-M (class of stock). Scores on each course must be received from 2 different judges. Awarded to Advanced Trial Dogs who have completed these additional requirements:

1. Two qualifying scores on Course A
2. Two qualifying scores on Course B
3. Three of the following four options (for a total of 6 additional qualifying scores):
 - a. Two qualifying scores on Course C
 - b. Two qualifying scores on Course D
 - c. Two qualifying scores on Course E
 - d. Two qualifying scores on Course F
- k. Working Trial Champion M – WTCH-M (awarded to dogs who receive ATD-M titles in all three classes of stock)

l. Advanced Trial Dog Excellent - ATD-X (class of stock). Scores on each course must be received from 2 different judges. Awarded to Advanced Trial Dogs who have completed these additional requirements:

1. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course A
2. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course B
3. Three of the following four options (for a total of 6 additional scores of 100 or higher):
 - a. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course C
 - b. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course D
 - c. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course E
 - d. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course F
- m. Working Trial Champion X – WTCH-X (awarded to dogs who receive ATD-X in all three classes of stock).

SD.16.21 Change to 8.2.3 Include G and H

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I move to accept the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to change the Stockdog Rule Book, Chapter 8.2.3, regarding courses G and H, as outlined below.

Title: Changes to Rule Book Chapter 8.2.3 regarding courses G and H

Effective date: June 1, 2017

Motion by Judy DeShazo
Second by Wayne Kirby

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 10
Disapprove: 1
Abstain: None
Did not vote: 1

Rationale: The wording of 8.2.3 needs to include courses G and H need to be added to the Stockdog Rule book to provide consistency in wording throughout.

Proposed Rule:

8.2.3

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. For Course G and Course H, obstacle 1, obstacle 2 and obstacle 3 must be attempted before attempting obstacle 4. For ALL ASCA courses, obstacles must be attempted in numerical order.

- a. No points can be earned for the center pen, center chute, ~~chute~~, free-standing pen or obstacle 5 for started dogs.
- b. All obstacles required for Open and Advanced Divisions must be in place in the arena as described in each course description, regardless of the division being judged.
- c. Points for the re-pen may be earned at any time during the run.
- d. No additional points will be awarded for repeating any obstacle that has already been accomplished with one or more head of stock.

Current Rule:

8.2.3

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.

- a. No points can be earned for the center chute, chute, free-standing pen or obstacle 5 for started dogs.
- b. All obstacles required for Open and Advanced Divisions must be in place in the arena as described in each course description, regardless of the division being judged.
- c. Points for the re-pen may be earned at any time during the run.
- d. No additional points will be awarded for repeating any obstacle that has already been accomplished with one or more head of stock.

SD.16.22 Change to 15.1.1.i Course G Re-pen Points

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I move to accept the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to reword Stockdog Rule Book Chapter 15, section 1.1.i, regarding Course G re-pen points, as outlined below.

Title: Chapter 15, section 1.1.i regarding Course G re-pen points

Effective date: June 1, 2017

Motion by Judy DeShazo
Second by Wayne Kirby

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 11
Disapprove: None
Abstain: None
Did not vote: 1

Rationale: The re-pen procedures and points must be consistent throughout all courses and needs correction for the ASCA Stockdog rule book, Chapter 15, Section 1.1.i

Proposed Rule:

15.1.1.i

i. Re-pen: The re-pen may be the same pen as the take pen. The re-pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the take pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. When the re-pen gate is opened, no further points can be earned on any other part of the course. Points for the re-pen may be earned **at any time during the run after** ~~completing or attempting the exit for obstacle 1~~. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which movement through the obstacle was executed.

Current Rule:

15.1.1.i

i. Re-pen: The re-pen may be the same pen as the take pen. The re-pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the take pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. When the re-pen gate is opened, no further points can be earned on any other part of the course. Points for the re-pen may be earned after completing or attempting the exit for obstacle 1. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which movement through the obstacle was executed.

SD.16.23 Change to 5.3.1 Use of Lead

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I move to accept the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to revise the Stockdog Rule Book, Chapter 5, Section 3, Use of Lead as outlined below.

Title: Chapter 5, Section 3 Use of Lead

Effective Date: June 1, 2017

Motion by Judy DeShazo
Second by Wayne Kirby

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 10
Disapprove: 1
Abstain: None

Did not vote: 1

Rationale: I feel that the current rule 5.3.1 is contradictory to 5.3.2 and needs to be clarified.

Proposed Rule Change:

5.3 All dogs will work off lead. The handler must have the dog on lead when entering the arena and will remove the lead prior to the start of the run and when the Judge is ready. Upon completion of the run, the handler shall put the dog on lead before leaving the arena. Restraining the dog by the collar or body will be considered on lead. If the handler takes hold of the dog to restrain him during the run, the Judge will tell the handler to release the dog. If the handler takes hold a second time, the Judge will stop the run and no score will be given.

Exception: The handler may take hold of and restrain the dog to check for injury, soundness, or foreign objects in the foot.

Current Rule:

5.3 Section 3: Use of Lead

5.3.1

All dogs will work off lead. The handler must have the dog on lead when entering the arena and will remove the lead prior to the start of the run and when the Judge is ready. Upon completion of the run, the handler shall put the dog on lead before leaving the arena. Restraining the dog by the collar or body will be considered on lead. If the handler takes hold of the dog to restrain him during the run, the Judge will tell the handler to release the dog. If the handler takes hold a second time, the Judge will stop the run and no score will be given.

5.3.2

Dogs must enter the arena on leash. After the run begins, the handler may not restrain the dog by holding the collar or body in order to guide the dog around the stock. (This does not mean that a handler cannot take hold of the dog to check for injury, soundness, or foreign objects in the foot.)

Board Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2016

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice President Laura Gibson, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Director Linda Gray, Director Cindy King, Director Rachel Vest, Counsel Charles Carnese, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Secretary Ken Silveira, Director-elect Jean Roberts

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

– *President DeChant called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm Central Time.*

Items in Executive Session:

There were 2 items that were discussed in Executive Session below. The times are marked for when ES was entered and exited. Only the notice of the person's violation and the penalties assessed are published below.

July Email Votes

BD.16.105 Ratification of July Email Votes

All present approved (Absent: Silveira). *Motion carries.*

Motion by Vest
Second by Wesen

I make a motion to ratify the July email votes.

Tail Length

The Board received an inquiry from the Office Manager on whether the option of listing tail length on litter registrations should be available in the new system or not. This information was collected by ASCA until 2009, when it was halted due to anxiety about a future in which tail docking is illegal and the records could be subpoenaed to identify those members who dock tails.

- *Secretary Silveira joined the meeting at 6:20 pm.*
- *Director-elect Roberts joined the meeting at 6:25 pm.*

There were concerns about losing the history associated with collecting this information. It is really the breeder's responsibility to keep these records and pass them on to the community.

The consensus was to not include the option in the new system. ASCA will continue to not keep this information. Director Gray will work on wording that encourages breeders to keep these records themselves.

Affiliate Insurance

The Affiliate must contact the Business Office and request that both the Affiliate and the facility where the event is to be held be named as co-insureds during the event. The Office Manager then contacts ASCA's general liability carrier which issues a binder covering both the Affiliate and the facility. Coverage is not automatic, but must be requested on each occasion that the Affiliate puts on an event.

If a venue is happy being included as an additional insured under the blanket additional insured endorsement, then there is no additional cost. If a venue requires they be NAMED as an additional insured, and wants a copy of the endorsement that shows their name, there is an additional fee of \$50.

Also, ASCA's general liability policy does not cover personal injury incurred by a participant, such as a fall in the ring. Such coverage is available to the Affiliates by specialty insurers at reasonable cost and the Business Office can refer several insurance companies.

Any questions regarding insurance should be directed to the Business Office.

President DeChant and Secretary Silveira will work with the Office Manager to place items in the sanctioning packets that will make this process easy for the Affiliates.

- ✚ The Board entered Executive Session at 6:55 pm.

Complaint against Judge

Linda LaFrance was sent a letter of reprimand for violating Conformation Rule 7.16.

- ✚ The Board exited Executive Session at 7:01 pm.

Conflict Resolution Protocol

The Dispute Rules Committee – comprised of 2nd Vice President Laura Gibson, Director Rachel Vest, Karen Black, Mikael Hageus, Rick Hardin, Linda Mahoney, and Kathy Remington – has created a revised protocol for handling disputes. This Conflict Resolution Protocol would replace the current Dispute Rules. The Board will vote on this protocol at the 2016 Nationals.

Personal Conduct

President DeChant, 2nd Vice President Laura Gibson, and former Director Dolan had worked on wording for the rulebooks that would place all programs on common ground with respect to show/trial personal conduct. The Board will vote on this proposal at the 2016 Nationals.

✚ The Board entered Executive Session at 7:20 pm.

Overtime Rules

In 2014, President Obama directed the Secretary of Labor to update the overtime regulations to reflect the original intent of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and to simplify and modernize the rules so they're easier for workers and businesses to understand and apply. The department has issued a final rule that will raise the salary threshold indicating eligibility, automatically update the salary threshold every three years, and strengthen overtime protections. In response to this rule, employers can pay time-and-a-half for overtime work, raise worker's salaries above the new threshold, or limit workers' hours to 40 per week. The final rule will become effective on December 1, 2016.

✚ The Board exited Executive Session at 7:46 pm.

– *Counsel Carnese left the meeting at 7:48 pm.*

July Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Wesen gave the report for July. Total income is \$619,132.41. Total expenses are \$542,097.11. Net income is \$77,035.30.

Wesen will be meeting with ASCA's accountant to have some questions answered regarding the balance sheets, listing the system upgrade as an asset, and what is best reported to the membership to provide a clear picture of ASCA's financials.

BD.16.108 July Treasurer's Report

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Wesen

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

Second by Vest

I move to approve the Treasurer's report as stated.

BD.16.109 Reconciliation of Reports

Approve: Gray

Disapprove: DeChant, Gibson, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Abstain: 0

Motion fails.

Motion: Silveira

Second: Gray

I move that the current Treasurer Jan Wesen and the previous Treasurer Pete Dolan address the issues that may be in conflict and come to a resolution.

To clarify this motion: This motion was produced as the result of discussion over differences in reports used by former Treasurer Dolan and current Treasurer Wesen. There was at no time any question about the accuracy of previous reports. The motion was voted down as former and current Treasurer had already resolved the difference.

System Upgrade

Vest gave the update. She contacted a FrogSlayer representative regarding their security protocol and that has been provided. She has requested a complete report from FrogSlayer due on September 2 that explains the current project status and their best estimate for completion, as well as any other items of interest that the Board can provide to the membership at Nationals.

Junior Service Award

Aaron Dalke was nominated by Mari Bryan and Michael English. The nomination letters will be read at the 2016 Banquet.

BD.16.110 Junior Service Award

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: King

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

Second by Gray

I make a motion that we name Aaron Dalke for the 2016 Junior Service Award.

Altered Program

Discussion of this topic was added in response to last month's conversation regarding Affiliate clubs charging different fees for entries in Intact and Altered. The consensus of the Board is that the Altered program is fine. If any changes regarding Hall of Fame or Breeder Judge requirements are to be changed, then that is up to the committees to make a recommendation.

– *Secretary Silveira left the meeting at 8:51 pm.*

Conformation Judge's Education Seminar

The Conformation Committee requested \$300 to cover costs of the Judge's Education Seminar to be held in Albany. It will be used for copies of the handouts, copies of the certificates, and snacks.

BD.16.111 Conformation Judge's Education Seminar Costs

All present approve (Absent: Silveira). *Motion carries.*

Motion by DeChant

Second by Gibson

I make a motion to cover up to \$300 in costs associated with the Conformation Judge's Education Seminar put on by the Conformation Committee at the 2016 Nationals.

European Member Survey Responses

The Board of Directors sent out a survey to members of Region 7, asking if they believed Region 7 should be divided into two regions and if they believed the BOD should appoint a European Advisory Committee to advise the BOD on the how various policies and motions affect our European members.

Here are the results of that survey:

We received 88 responses.

On the question of dividing Region 7, 63 members (72%) responded that they would like to see the region divided; 20 (23%) members responded that they would not like to see the region divided; 4 did not respond to this question.

On the question of creating an advisory committee, 75 members (85%) responded that they favored the creation of the committee; 12 (14%) said they did not favor the creation of the committee; one member did not answer this question.

If you have further thoughts on how the Board should proceed on creating an advisory committee, please send your feedback to 2nd Vice President Laura Gibson at chaseaussies@aol.com.

Committee Appointments

The Board has received resumes from members to join the Most Versatile Aussie, Hall of Fame, and Tracking Committees. Appointments will be made at the 2016 Nationals.

– *President DeChant adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.*