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August 2017 Executive Secretary's Report

Judge Approvals

<u>Senior Rally Judge</u> Michael Greenhagen (Colorado) Lori Fausett (Florida) Laurie Rubin (California)	<u>Tracking Judge</u> Alicia Keegan (Colorado)
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Committee Appointments

<u>Hall of Fame Committee</u> Cynthia Kennedy (Region 2 – Nevada)	<u>Junior Committee</u> Shelby Shank (Region 2 – Arizona)	<u>Tracking Committee</u> Laurie Shuren (Region 6 – Virginia)
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Rescue Grant Recipients

New Spirit 4 Aussie Rescue (Pennsylvania)

Originating from the Board

BD.17.149 Continuous Membership

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Vest

It has come to the Board of Director's attention that Membership requirements for all purposes as maintained in the individual Program Rule Books have not been updated with the clarification language chosen by the Board of Directors.

The Board clarified that membership must be continuous when the Qualifications for Directors section was revised to require Full Membership for 8 consecutive years.

The Board of Directors believes it is in ASCA's best interest to have one uniform standard for the definition of eligible Membership time to qualify for running as a Director Candidate as well as to qualify for acceptance as an ASCA Approved Judge or for any other reason that mandates a requirement of Membership length prior to qualifying for said position.

Therefore, I move the following.

All Committee Chairs shall be advised by their respective Liaisons, that it is the intention of the ASCA Board of Directors to bring all requirements of Membership time experience in line with the following definition for any Membership requirement length; Membership requirements shall be continuous only. This shall pertain to wherever such requirements are mandated within any of ASCA's governing documents to include Rule books.

Therefore, all Committees are directed to identify for the Board of Directors any needs they may have that would require an exemption from said possible rule change. Please submit written justification why a Program would be harmed by this standard to your Liaison who shall pass it on to the Executive Secretary on or before October 2, 2017.

BD.17.151 Conflict Resolution: Judges Conflicts

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

Second by Silveira

I make the following motion:

Effective Date: Upon BOD approval

Justification: To clarify the description regarding Conflicts that arise as it pertains to Judges and at what level they are adjudicated.

Motion was created upon advisement of Counsel.

PROPOSED WORDING:

FIRST DECIDE WHO SHOULD RECEIVE YOUR REQUEST FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION Affiliate Club It is the duty of the Affiliate to deal initially with conflicts which occur during or in connection with its events.

The Affiliate Club should receive these requests for conflict resolution:

- Conflicts, complaints or disputes arising from violation(s) of rules at ASCA-sanctioned events sponsored by an affiliate, including violations of ASCA Bylaws, ASCA program rule books, ASCA Policy, or ASCA codes of conduct
- Conflicts, complaints or disputes arising from affiliate bylaws or rules
- Conflicts arising from the improper actions by a Judge which are correctable at the time of the event (not the decision of the Judge)

ASCA Board of Directors, via the ASCA Executive Secretary, should receive these requests for conflict resolution:

- Conflicts with a Judge that cannot be mediated at the show/trial site
- Conflicts or disputes originating with the ASCA Board regarding the ASCA Bylaws
- Appeals of decisions by an affiliate

CURRENT WORDING:

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- Conflicts, complaints or disputes arising from affiliate bylaws or rules
- Conflicts arising from the misconduct of a judge (not the decision of the judge)

ASCA Board of Directors, via the ASCA Executive Secretary, should receive these requests for conflict resolution:

- Complaints against judges
- Conflicts or disputes originating with the ASCA Board regarding the ASCA Bylaws
- Appeals of decisions by an affiliate

BD.17.153 Change to Dog Aggression Rules 4.5 Eligibility

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

Oppose: DeChant

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

Second by Silveira

I make the following motion:

CURRENT WORDING:

4.5 Eligibility

There are various conditions that lead to disqualifying a dog for biting/menacing. Not all dogs may be eligible for reinstatement as some conduct is so egregious that reinstatement will never occur. No dog is entitled to reinstatement and following the reinstatement procedures is no guarantee the Board will reinstate. At least six months must transpire from the date of disqualification notification from the ASCA Business Office and, the owner may apply to the BOD for reinstatement. If a dog is denied reinstatement, the owner must wait one year before reapplying.

PROPOSED WORDING:

4.5 Eligibility

There are various conditions that lead to disqualifying a dog for biting/menacing. Not all dogs may be eligible for reinstatement as some conduct is so egregious that reinstatement will never occur. No dog is entitled to reinstatement and following the reinstatement procedures is no guarantee the Board will reinstate. **While there is no waiting period before an owner may apply to the BOD for reinstatement of a dog,** if a dog is denied reinstatement, the owner must wait one year from such denial before reapplying for reinstatement.

Justification: To provide a more timely process for a dog that has been disqualified. Updating the time for application for reinstatement does not remove any of the program requirements for reinstatement.

Effective Date: Upon BOD approval

Note: Approved by Counsel

BD.17.155 Terminate the use of ASCA-L as an official communication tool for ASCA (Amended)

Approve: Gibson, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Oppose: DeChant, Gray, King, Roberts

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Letter of Dissent from DeChant: I opposed the motion to change the ASCA-L because I think members need a place to freely discuss motions and ASCA with each other and with the Board. I see no reason to change it. I prefer people to post in a professional manner, of course. If we are moving to another solution, it should be because the option works better and is more accessible not to try to "change the culture" or censor free speech.

The ASCA-L works for ASCA, and the recent discussions with Members has been overwhelmingly in support of the ASCA-L remaining as ASCA's solution for Member to Board communication. We should listen to members when they provide such clear feedback. The one real problem is that the platform for the ASCA-L is difficult for some members with AOL and other accounts to gain access. If we can find a way to fix that, I would support it. That is a valid reason for a change. Another thing to keep in mind is that switching to a new solution will cause us to lose some who are subscribed to ASCA-L as some will not switch. We need to weigh all realities.

Letter of Dissent from Gray: This motion should have been called out of order as it does not follow RRO as the Bylaws specify. This motion was changed from its original form without being withdrawn and resubmitted or an amendment done. Amendments require a separate motion and are voted on first and then the main motion is voted on.

The ASCA-L has been a valuable tool for most board members for over 20 years. To take it away is a slap in the face to 800+ members.

Letter of Dissent from King: The ASCA L is valuable for the experience and knowledge from the membership. The discussion and feedback from the membership is important. The ASCA attorney has provided a disclaimer to include. I see no reason to discontinue the use of the L.

Letter of Dissent from Roberts: This motion is unnecessary.

If there are problems with the list, there are less dramatic ways to correct the issues.

We have had people volunteer to moderate the list. We have an attorney drafted disclaimer. We have trademark agreements to allow the use of the name ASCA.

Motion by Gibson

Second by Kissman

I move to remove ASCA's name from the ASCA-L and to discontinue its use as an official form of communication for the Australian Shepherd Club of America as of September 1, 2017.

Comments: The September 1, 2017 allows the the Board time to put into place a new method of gathering member feedback before removing its name from the ASCA-L. After September 1, 2017, the list can continue under a new name, allowing those members who would still like to use it for discussion to continue to do so. Its archives will also remain intact. ASCA sets itself up for a potential lawsuit by allowing some of the commentary which has been customary on the ASCA-L for years.

Parties affected: ASCA-L subscribers (roughly 800 members)

Effective date of motion: Upon Board Approval; Removal of ASCA's name from ASCA-L on September 1, 2017

Rationale: By removing ASCA's name from the email list, the legal risk is removed; however, the list will continue under another name, allowing the members to continue to use it as they see fit.

BD.17.156 2018 Finals Judges

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gibson

Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

Second by King

I move to approval the below judges for the 2018 Junior Handling, Obedience, and Rally Finals.

Junior Handling Finals: Regina Bryant

Obedience Finals: Heidi Iverson, Laura Richardson

Rally Finals: Kathy Howse, Joan Skinner

BD.17.158 Conformation Show Roles & Responsibilities

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by DeChant

I move to make the follow changes to the Conformation Rules.

Effective Date: June 1, 2018

Rationale: These changes are being made to better define the roles and responsibilities of various positions at a Conformation show.

There has been confusion regarding the position of Show Chair, Show Secretary and Ring Stewards as well as the definition of Agent, Exhibit, Exhibitor, Handler, and Owner/Co-owner. The Board of Directors have been asked to hear complaints regarding the application of these Rules and Definitions.

The Conformation Committee was asked to provide these definitions and clarifications for the various Show positions. In a cooperative effort, two Directors and the Conformation Committee have agreed on the following changes for the full Board of Directors consideration and approval.

This motion is the result of three years' worth of work by Members, the Committee and some Directors. During this time, this motion has been placed on ASCA's discussion list with resultant Member input. Member input has modified the previous drafts of this motion.

This motion also intends to clearly define the authority and responsibilities as provided by ASCA's Rules and Regulations for each affected position.

Along with authority and responsibility comes accountability. All positions in ASCA are accountable to a supervising position and ultimately to an elected position which is accountable to the voting Membership.

Accountability is important for an organizations ability to efficiently conduct its programs fairly and uniformly.

This Rule clarification has been designed to eliminate any further confusion in this regard. It is hoped these changes will allow the Membership, Affiliates, Committees and Directors to better use and understand the necessity for the Rules.

PROPOSED WORDING:

Add to the following Section, leaving items 1.1 thru 1.6 as is, insert the following new 1.7 thru 1.13 and renumbering the present items of 1.7, etc. appropriately after the newly added items.

1 General Explanations

1.7. Definition: Agent – A person or persons appointed by the Owner/Owners of a dog/bitch to make or cancel entries in ASCA competitive Programs in their stead.

1.8. Definition: Exhibit – Any ASCA Registered or ASCA registry eligible Australian Shepherd entered in any ASCA Sanctioned Program Show or Trial.

1.9. Definition: Exhibitor – Any Owner/Co-owner, Agent, Handler properly associated with any dog as further defined in this section.

1.10. Definition: Handler - The person who takes an entered ASCA Registered or ASCA registry eligible dog into the ring to be presented to the Judge of any class conducted under an ASCA Sanction.

1.11. Definition: Owner/Co-owner/Owners/Co- owners – The name of the person or persons listed on the individual ASCA Registration Certification as such.

1.12. Definition: Program - Any competitive ASCA Event governed by an Official set of Rules, Regulations, Policies or Procedures that leads to a Title. Program may also be attached to any organized Member benefit, Educational endeavor, Policy, Procedure, etc. as determined by the ASCA Board of Directors.

1.13. Definition: Venue – The location at which any ASCA Event or Program is conducted.

3.6 Show Chair/Show Secretary/Ring Steward

Any person acting in the capacity of Conformation Show Secretary or Steward, shall not act as an agent or handler at the show. Dogs owned wholly or in part by the Show Secretary or Ring Steward may be exhibited at the show but must be handled by someone other than the Show Secretary or Ring Steward. Stewards can show as provided in 3.6.3.4 of these Rules.

3.6.1 Show Chair

The Show Chair is defined as the overall Chair of an Affiliate Sanctioned Show that can be made up of a single Conformation Show or any combination of program events that can be individually sanctioned and managed by Show or Trial Secretaries under the supervision of the Show Chair.

A Show Chair must be a full ASCA Member in good standing.

If an Affiliate wishes to use the title of Show Chair in place of Conformation Show Secretary, they may. In this case, the Show Chair will be acting in the capacity of a Conformation Show Secretary and shall comply with the duties and restrictions assigned to the Conformation Show Secretary.

3.6.2 Conformation Show Secretary

The Conformation Show Secretary is authorized with the sole responsibility to fulfill the following duties as defined. A Conformation Show Secretary must be a full ASCA Member in good standing. The Conformation Show Secretary must be on the Show Grounds for the entire show.

The Conformation Show Secretary may request any fellow Affiliate Member to assist him/her in the discharge of the following duties as defined. (Assisting shall mean working together with the Show Secretary, not replacing.)

- Completing Conformation Show sanction application and Show Flyer and submitting it to the Affiliate Show Coordinator for submission to the ASCA Business Office.

- Verbal or written discussion between the Host Affiliate and Judge relating to the hiring, contracting, planning for Judge's travel and stay. (Assisting the Conformation Show Secretary without entering into verbal or written discussion with the judge in making travel, motel or other arrangements pertinent to getting the judge to the assignment and caring for the judge while he/she is conducting the Affiliate's business is allowed if the Show Secretary is the sole contact exchanging information with the Judge on behalf of the Affiliate.)

- Taking entries.

- Completing all paperwork, Judges Books, etc. with submission to the Affiliate Show Coordinator for submission to the ASCA Business Office. While the Show Secretary is responsible for completing the Judges Evaluation Form, the opinions of Exhibitors and Club Members may be included.

3.6.3 Stewards

A Steward is not required to be an ASCA Member as he/she is supervised by the Conformation Show Secretary.

3.6.3.1 Qualifications

No person shall be asked to serve as a steward whose judging privileges have been revoked. Persons should be selected who are familiar with ring procedure, and the ASCA Conformation Rules and Regulations. It should be borne in mind that a good steward makes the work of judging easier by relieving the judge of necessary detail; by assembling classes promptly, he will be able to keep the judging program on schedule and eliminate to a large extent delays between classes. The Club should use its discretion in the assigning of more than one steward to a ring, but it is advisable that two stewards be asked to serve in those rings where judges have heavy assignments. Stewards will notify the judge when all the dogs are in the ring for each class and call his attention to known absentees. Under no circumstances will a steward make any notation in the judge's book or erase or strike out any notation made by the judge. Stewards will be responsible for returning to the Show Secretary upon the completion of the judging all prize money, trophies and ribbons not awarded. Stewards must have in mind that they have been selected to help the Judge and not to advise him.

3.6.3.2 Non-Interference

Stewards shall not discuss the dogs or the Exhibitors with the Judge.

Stewards shall not show or give the catalogue to a Judge.

Stewards shall not take part in any judging.

When Stewards are not actively engaged in their duties, they must place themselves outside the ring at the gate so as not to interfere with the view of those watching the judging, and must not permit persons to crowd about the ring entrance and interfere with access to the ring.

3.6.3.3 Posting of Results

The Steward shall post the goldenrod copy/copies of the judge's book after the judge has marked awards, placements, excused/disqualified dogs, entry counts, date(s) and signature.

This rule allows the Host Affiliate to choose between the following two choices. Each Judges Book page may be posted when finished as described above, (e.g., Juniors, Non-Regular, Regular Dogs, Regular Bitches, Altered Dogs, Altered Bitches, Best of Breed.) or the entire Judges Book can wait to be posted until Judging of all classes is completed.

The goldenrod copies of the judge's books shall be posted in a conspicuous location away from the judges table for exhibitors to review.

3.6.3.4 National Specialty

Ring Stewards for National Specialty can exhibit, act as an agent or handler at the show if they do not compete under the judge they steward under.

8.5 Contact with Judges

The Show Secretary shall be the only person allowed to communicate in any manner with the Judge/Judges on behalf of the Affiliate requesting Sanctioning. As previously stated in 3.6.2. of these Rules, the Show Secretary may be assisted by other people but the Show Secretary will be the only contact between the Affiliate and the Judge.

Any person acting in the capacity of Show Secretary or Ring Steward shall not act as an agent or handler at the show. Dogs owned wholly or in part by the Show Secretary or Ring Steward may be handled by someone other than the Show Secretary or Ring Steward.

Contact shall be defined as any engagement with a potential Judge where the following activities transpire:

- Written or spoken request for availability to accept a judging assignment;
- Written or spoken negotiations or offering/approving a judging assignment;
- Assisting, verbally or in writing, a Judge with planning for hotel, transportation, meals or any other activity pertinent to the Judges assignment; (Others may assist the Show Secretary in handling these details then forward the details to the Show Secretary who will share them with the Judge/Judges.)
- Acting as a companion/assistant for the Judge on the day of the show.

8.7 Show Secretary

Remove this section, as it has been added to 3.6.1 & 3.6.2.

14 Stewards

Remove this section as it is now incorporated into 3.6.3.1-4.

CURRENT WORDING:

3.6 Show Secretary

A show secretary/chairman must be a Full ASCA member in good standing.

8.5 Contact with Judges

Any person acting in the capacity of Show Secretary, Ring Steward or persons responsible for contacting and/or hiring a judge, or judges, shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the show. Dogs owned wholly or in part by the above may be exhibited at the show.

8.7 Show Secretary

The Show Secretary must be on the show grounds for the entire show.

14 Stewards

14.1 Qualifications

Clubs must appoint stewards in advance of the date of their show. No person shall be asked to serve as a steward whose judging privileges have been revoked. The club will, confirm to each person who accepts an invitation to steward, the date and location of the show, the time at which they are to report for duty, and their particular ring assignment. Persons should be selected who are familiar with ring procedure, and the ASCA Show Rules and Regulations. It should be borne in mind that a good steward makes the work of judging easier by relieving the judge of necessary detail; by assembling classes promptly, he will be able to keep the judging program on schedule and eliminate to a large extent delays between classes. The Club should use its discretion in the assigning of more than one steward to a ring, but it is advisable that two stewards be asked to serve in those rings where judges have heavy assignments. Stewards will notify the judge when all the dogs are in the ring for each class and call his attention to known absentees. Under no circumstances will a steward make any notation in the judge's book or erase or strike out any notation made by the judge. Stewards will be responsible for returning to the Show Secretary upon the completion of the judging all prize money, trophies and ribbons not awarded. STEWARDS SHOULD HAVE IN MIND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO HELP THE JUDGE AND NOT TO ADVISE HIM.

14.2 Non-Interference

STEWARDS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DISCUSSING OR SEEMING TO DISCUSS THE DOGS OR THE EXHIBITORS WITH THE JUDGE AND SHOULD NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, SHOW OR GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF SHOWING THE CATALOGUE TO A JUDGE. STEWARDS MUST NOT TAKE OR SEEM TO TAKE ANY PART IN JUDGING. When they are not actively engaged in their duties, they should place themselves in such part of the rings as will not interfere with the view

of those watching the judging, and should not permit persons to crowd about the ring entrance and interfere with access to the ring.

14.3 Posting of Results

The Steward shall post the goldenrod copies of the judge's books at the conclusion of judging once, the judge has marked awards, placements, excused/disqualified dogs, entry counts, date(s) and signature. The goldenrod copies of the judge's books shall be posted in a conspicuous location away from the judges table for exhibitors to review.

14.4 National Specialty

Ring Stewards for National Specialty. Ring Stewards are able to compete as long as they do not compete under the judge they steward under.

BD.17.160 Change to Policy Book 18 Trademark

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

Second by Gray

I move to insert new wording in the policy book for policy 18.1 and renumber accordingly.

CURRENT WORDING:

18. TRADEMARK

18.1 The ASCA trademarks may not be used in or associated with any enterprise which the public, or the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, deems a pet store, puppy mill, animal brokerage, animal raffle or animal auction. The ASCA trademarks may not be used in or associated with sales at any auction or sales or awards at any raffle, except those authorized by law.

PROPOSED WORDING:

18. TRADEMARK

18.1. Any request for the use of ASCA trademarks, not associated with affiliate/licensee usage, requires ASCA Board approval. The trademark license form is submitted to the ASCA Board via the ASCA office.

18.2 The ASCA trademarks may not be used in or associated with any enterprise which the public, or the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, deems a pet store, puppy mill, animal brokerage, animal raffle or animal auction. The ASCA trademarks may not be used in or associated with sales at any auction or sales or awards at any raffle, except those authorized by law.

Rationale: This motion defines a process that, until now, has not been written down.

Parties Affected: Anyone requesting the use of ASCA Trademarks.

Effective Date: Effective when passed.

BD.17.161 ASCA System Technical Review/Analysis

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

Oppose: King, Roberts

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Letter of Dissent from Roberts: This is an unnecessary expenditure.

ASCA has the SOW from frogslayer and ASCA has the results of the project. ASCA should be able to identify what, if anything, is lacking between the two.

ASCA's System Liaison has also identified our first priority, which is to move our data to our own cloud.

Motion by Vest

Second by Wesen

I motion to approve a full technical review/analysis of the ASCA system.

To contract with Mr. Ken Jackson to provide a complete system review/analysis per the following criteria:

1. A comprehensive review of the work detailed on the 2015 SOW versus what was delivered
2. Determine most critical system function that was not completed
3. Determine best method/path for migration of ADMS data into the new system
4. Best method to manage movement of the system hosting from FrogSlayer to a selected ASCA server

Rationale: The system review/analysis will provide clarity to the current state of the ASCA system and guide the best course of action for full system completion, to include movement of the system hosting from FrogSlayer to a selected ASCA server. Mr. Jackson will identify architectural decisions, design choices, technical dependencies, and identify any gaps that may exist relating to what was delivered vs what was requested. See attached Statement of Work for specific review/analysis detail.

Payment for services: The review/analysis is expected to take two weeks (80 hrs) to complete. No additional hours may be billed by Mr. Jackson without prior approval by ASCA. Payment will be delivered upon completion of the review/analysis.

Staffing	Rate	Hours	Weeks	Total Hours	Sub Total
Consultant	\$100/hr	40	2	80	\$8,000.00
Estimated Total:					\$8,000.00

References/comments: ASCA's system liaison commented on Mr. Jackson's credentials as follows "I think certainly this person is capable (if not over qualified)." Mr. Jackson has provided the attached references.

Parties affected: ASCA Business Office System

Effective Date: Upon BOD approval

Emergency Motions

BD.17.168 Extend 2017 Nationals Entry Deadline

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by DeChant

Second by Gray

I move to extend the entry deadline for the 2017 Nationals to September 8, 2017 due to Hurricane Harvey and its effects on the mail service in the flooding area with Mail service having been shut down in certain zip codes.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval

BD.17.169 Extend 2017 Nationals Tracking Draw Date

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gibson, Wesen

Motion carries.

Motion by DeChant

Second by Gray

I move to change the Nationals Tracking draw from September 13 to September 28 at 6:30 PST due to the change in Entry Dates for Nationals.

Rationale: Due to the fact that the next BOD meeting is the day after the published dates for the Nationals Tracking draw - September 13.

Originating from the Committees

Dock Jumping Committee

DJ.17.07 Judges Book: Fetch It

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: King

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Dock Jumping Committee.

Effective Date: September 1, 2017

Motion by Heidi Mobley

Second by Emily Glass

I approve the Judges Book for Fetch It.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

*DJ Judges Book – Fetch It attached to the back of this report.

DJ.17.08 Judging Test for ASCA Dock Jumping Judges

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: King

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Dock Jumping Committee.

Effective Date: September 1, 2017

Motion by Heidi Mobley

Second by Kristina Churchill

I make a motion to approve the DJ Judge Test for New ASCA Judges.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

*Dock Jumping Judge Test attached to the back of this report.

DJ.17.09 Grandfather in UKC Dock Jumping Judges

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: King

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Dock Jumping Committee.

Effective Date: Upon Board Approval

Motion by Beth Anglemyer

Second by Tracey Norrell

I make a motion that all UKC Approved Dock Jumping judges who are in Good Standing with ASCA be grandfathered in as ASCA Dock Jumping judges if they submit the appropriate application to the ASCA Business Office.

Note: Once this motion is approved by the BOD, the DJ Committee will contact each judge individually with rules and application.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

DJ.17.10 Effective Date for ASCA Sanctioned Dock Jumping Trials

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

Oppose: Gray, King, Roberts

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Letter of Dissent from King: At the spring meeting, this was agreed to start after the computer program was available.

Letter of Dissent from Roberts: The procedure for acceptance of scores and issuing of titles violates ASCA policy 15.4.

There is no emergency and implementation should not be done in the middle of the show year.

Motion by Vest

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Dock Jumping Committee.

Motion by Heidi Mobley

Second by Kristina Churchill

I make a motion that Sept 1, 2017, be the effective date for the sanctioning of ASCA Sanctioned Dock Jumping Trials with trials to begin as per sanctioning timeline in the Dock Jumping rulebook.

No titles certificates/results from ASCA will be available until the system upgrade has been completed.

Comments/Rationale: To provide an effective date for the start of the Dock Jumping program. And to detail when titles can be provided as per previous motion 17.35, programming for the Dock Jumping program. Following completion of current system priorities, the Dock Jumping program will be included in the new SOW, Once the system has been updated, results will be entered and titles provided.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

DJ.17.11 Ultimate Air Dog Results sent to ASCA for Dock Jumping Titles

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

Oppose: Gray, King, Roberts

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Letter of Dissent from Roberts: The procedure for acceptance of scores and issuing of titles violates ASCA policy 15.4.

There is no emergency and implementation should not be done in the middle of the show year.

Motion by Vest

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Dock Jumping Committee.

Motion by Heidi Mobley

Second by Kristina Churchill

I make a motion that January 1, 2018, will be the start date of Ultimate Air Dog trials results being sent to ASCA for ASCA Dock Jumping Titles.

No titles certificates/results from ASCA will be available until the system upgrade has been completed.

Comments/Rationale: As per previous motion 17.35 and following completion of current system priorities, the Dock Jumping program will be included in the new SOW, Once the system upgrades to include Dock Jumping has been completed, Ultimate Air Dog results will be entered and titles provided.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

Rally Committee

RA.17.06 Stay Exercise During HIT Runoff

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this motion from the Rally Committee.

Motion by Corinne Shanks

Second by Karen Black

I move to clarify the HIT rule by adding that the stay exercise will remain part of the runoff course.

Purpose for the Motion: This is a clarification of the current rule, which does not state whether the stay is included as part of the runoff course. The decision is left to the judge and/or club. Clarifying the rule will assure consistency within the Rally program.

Comments/Rationale: Currently some judges keep the sit/down stay on the course and include in the runoff, some do not require the stay exercise. The rule states only that the novice course is used; a stay exercise is required on all Novice courses. A clarification to this rule is needed to assure consistency across the ASCA Rally program. to assure fairness to all competitors.

CURRENT WORDING:

1.18.4 Ties for HIT In case of a tie between dogs eligible for any of the above awards, each Team shall perform the Novice course on lead. The highest score shall determine the winner. In the event that more than one Team receives the same score, the faster time shall determine the winner.

PROPOSED WORDING:

1.18.4 Ties for HIT In case of a tie between dogs eligible for any of the above awards, each Team shall perform the Novice course, including the stay exercise. The highest score shall determine the winner. In the event that more than one Team receives the same score, the faster time shall determine the winner. The sit or down stay will be kept on the course for the run-off.

Party(s) affected: Contestants that are tied for HIT that run the course must be aware that the sit/down stay is part of the course. Judges will no longer be required to make a decision during the trial. Trial secretaries will no longer be required to ask the judge whether to remove or keep the stay exercise sign on the course for the runoff.

Effective date: On Approval by the BOD

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 12
Disapprove: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-voting: 2

Stockdog Committee

SD.17.07 Change to 22.1.2 Titles

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen
Oppose: King
Abstain: 0
Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts
I move to approve the attached motion from the SDC.

Effective Date: June 1, 2018

Motion by DeShazo
Second by Parrish
I make a motion to expand the farm trial program by adding additional titles earned by four scores over 110 for each class of stock as explained in the proposed wording.

Rationale: In order to grow the Farm Trial Program, we would like to provide the opportunity for dogs to participate longer in the farm trial program, to increase the dog's efficiency at farm work, and thus offer further farm trial titles.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 8
Oppose: 4

PROPOSED WORDING:

22.1.2

Titles that may be awarded are:

- a. Started Trial Dog - STD (class of stock)
- b. Open Trial Dog - OTD (class of stock)
- c. Advanced Trial Dog - ATD (class of stock)
- d. Working Trial Champion - WTCH (awarded to dogs who receive ATD titles in all three classes of stock).
- e. 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 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 (Effective June 2017)
 - f. Two qualifying scores on Course H (Effective June 2017)
- f. Working Trial Champion M – WTCH-M (awarded to dogs who receive ATD-M titles in all three classes of stock)
- g. 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 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 (Effective June 2017)
 - f. Two scores of 100 or higher on Course H (Effective June 2017)
- h. Working Trial Champion X – WTCH-X (awarded to dogs who receive ATD-X titles in all three classes of stock)
- i. Open Farm Trial Dog – OFTD (class of stock)
- j. Advanced Farm Trial Dog - AFTD (class of stock)
- k. Advanced Farm Trial Dog – X. (AFTD-X (class of stock). This title is for dogs that have earned FOUR scores over 110 in an advanced class, i.e. AFTD-Xc, AFTD-Xs, AFTD-Xd or AFTD-Xm.
- l. Farm Trial Champion (FTCH). This title is for dogs that have earned their AFTD-X in all four classes of stock, i.e. cattle, sheep, ducks and any combination of mixed. This would be a total of 16 advanced farm trial scores over 110.
- m. Ranch Trial Dog - RTD (class of stock)
- n. Ranch Dog – RD
- o. Post Advanced Trial Dog - PATD (class of stock)
- p. Stockdog Champion – SDCH - awarded to dogs that have completed the following requirements:
 1. Working Trial Champion –X
 2. Advanced Farm Dog on cattle and one other stock
 3. Ranch Trial Dog on Sheep and cattle
 4. Post advanced Trial Dog on sheep and cattle

CURRENT WORDING:

22.1.2

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- e. Post Advanced Trial Dog - PATD (class of stock)
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- m. Working Trial Champion X – WTCH-X (awarded to dogs who receive ATD-X titles in all three classes of stock)
- n. Stockdog Champion – SDCH - awarded to dogs that have completed the following requirements:
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 - 2. Advanced Farm Dog on cattle and one other stock
 - 3. Ranch Trial Dog on Sheep and cattle
 - 4. Post advanced Trial Dog on sheep and cattle

SD.17.08 Accept Standard Schnauzer into ASCA Stockdog Program

Approve: Gibson, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Oppose: DeChant, King, Roberts

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Letter of Dissent from Roberts: The Standard Schnauzer parent club did not show that this breed's original purpose was as a herding breed, for that reason I vote to disapprove.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the following motion from the SDC.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 6

Oppose: 5

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 1

Link to Breed Standard: http://www.standardschnauzer.org/breed_standard.htm

*Supporting documents attached to the back of this report.

Tracking Committee

TR.17.02 Delete references to show rules and/or conformation rules

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this motion from the Tracking Committee.

Effective Date: January 2018

Motion by Beth MacLehose

Second by Joyce Charron

I move to delete the following part of the sentence in section 1.2 “The awards at any Affiliate Club Tracking Trial will be officially recorded by ASCA only if the “Sanction Grant” of the ASCA Office is published on the first page of the Premium stating that permission has been granted by ASCA for the Tracking Trial; and it is to be held under ASCA Rules and Regulations, i.e. sanctioned and ASCA Show Rules Apply.

And to delete the following part of section 1.3 “The Dog Show Rules, where applicable, shall govern the conduct of the Tracking Trials and shall apply to all persons and dogs participating in them, except as these Tracking Regulations may otherwise provide”

Rationale/Effect: The purpose of this motion is to delete references to the ASCA Show Rules. This motion will serve to clear up the rule book.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

PROPOSED WORDING:

Remove the last part of the sentence from section 1. 2 “and ASCA show rules apply.”

Remove the sentence from 1.3 ““The Dog Show Rules, where applicable, shall govern the conduct of the Tracking Trials and shall apply to all persons and dogs participating in them, except as these Tracking Regulations may otherwise provide”

1.2 Sanctioning Rules and approval of the Judges’ List

An Affiliate Club may offer a TD, and/or a TDU, and/or a TDX Test(s) (in any combination or all three tests) at any ASCA Tracking Trial provided the total number of tracks does not exceed the limit listed for the judges in these Regulations. At any given Trial, there may be only one TD, and/or one TDU, and/or one TDX test. There may be more than one Trial per day. (See Glossary)

Any ASCA Tracking Trial must be sanctioned by ASCA. Affiliate Club(s) in good standing with ASCA will have the exclusive right to schedule, sanction and conduct Official ASCA Programs. ALL AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERDS SIX MONTHS AND OLDER MUST HAVE AN ASCA INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION NUMBER TO COMPETE IN AN ASCA SANCTIONED EVENT. THIS INCLUDES ALL AREAS OF COMPETITION.

No dog may receive a Tracking Title, without an ASCA Individual Registration Number, or a QT number from the ASCA office (formerly Tracking Number) an ASCA Office Tracking Number. Photo copies of the Registration Papers or originals must be presented to the Tracking Test Secretary upon request, when entering any ASCA Sanctioned Event.

The results of all ASCA Tracking Trials will be officially recorded by ASCA, only if the event has been sanctioned by the ASCA Office.

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ASCA will NOT approve as Judge for any given Tracking Trial the following:

- a. The Tracking Test Secretary,
- b. The Tracking Test Chairperson, or
- c. Any approved Tracking Judge while suspended from the privileges of ASCA, the AKC, the CKC, the UKC, or the sponsoring member, the Host Affiliate Club.

1.3 Sanctioned Tracking Trial

An Affiliate Club may be approved by the ASCA Office to hold a Sanctioned Tracking Trial. ASCA Sanctioning must be obtained by any Affiliate Club that holds any ASCA Tracking Test.

All Sanctioned Tracking Trials shall be governed by all of these regulations.

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An ASCA Tracking Trial shall not be held in conjunction with a Tracking Test of another canine titling organization, nor may a Tracking Test of another canine titling organization be sanctioned as an ASCA Tracking Test.

Tracking Trials need not be limited to Australian Shepherds only, with the exception of a SPECIALTY; then, it shall be for ASCA Registered Australian Shepherds ONLY. Other breeds entered in Tracking Trials sanctioned by ASCA Affiliate Clubs must abide by ASCA Rules and Regulations.

A copy of this Rulebook must be available at any ASCA TD, TDU, or TDX test.

CURRENT WORDING:

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Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Present: President Laura Gibson, 1st Vice President Ann DeChant, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Cindy King, Director Linda Gray, Director Preston Kissman, Director Jean Roberts, Director Ken Silveira, Director Elect Denise Creelman, Director Elect Liz Busquets, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco
There is a quorum with 9 voting members of the Board present.

- Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm Central Time.

Items in Executive Session:

There was one item that was discussed in Executive Session below. The time is marked for when ES was entered and exited. Only the notice of the person's violation and the penalties assessed are published.

July Email Business

BD.17.162 July Email Business

Motion by DeChant to **ratify July email business**. Second by Vest.

Approve: Unanimous; *Motion carries*.

July Treasurer's Report

Wesen presented the Treasurer's Report for period ending July 31, 2017. Ending balance is \$212,917.72.

It is time to disburse funds to the 2017 Nationals Consortium from the Additional Event Membership Dues account, in accordance with Policy 19.10. The difference between total budget income (\$66,037) and total budget expense (sponsors \$5,740 + entries \$17,770) equals \$42,527. The amount forwarded to the Host Club is 90% of that figure, which equals \$38,274.30.

The Business Office will forward a check along with all Finals entry fees to the Host Club after entries close and all entrants are confirmed.

BD.17.163 Payment to 2017 Host Club

Motion by Wesen to **pay the 2017 Nationals Consortium \$38,274.30 from the Mandatory Event Membership Dues account**. Second by Vest.

Approve: 6; Oppose: 0; Abstain: Gibson, Kissman, Wesen; *Motion carries*.

BD.17.164 July Treasurer's Report

Motion by Vest to **approve the July 2017 Treasurer's Report**. Second by Kissman.

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: Wesen; *Motion carries*.

Changes to Conflict Resolution Protocol

Last month, the Board discussed the need for Affiliate Clubs to have the authority to deal with the misconduct of a judge during their show/trial. Silveira and Vest worked with Counsel to craft motion BD.17.151 Conflict Resolution: Judges Conflicts, which is currently before the Board to be voted on over email August 21-27.

ASCA-L

The Board discussed member feedback and options for future use of the ASCA-L discussion list. Gibson will revise motion BD.17.155 Terminate the use of ASCA-L as an official communication tool for ASCA, which is currently before the Board to be voted on over email August 21-27, to set removal of ASCA's name from the ASCA-L on September 1, 2017 to allow time for a new communication tool to be put into place.

Directors also shared their thoughts on utilizing the ASCA Forum on the website. Other email list services are being investigated for both member and committee discussions.

Introduction to Stock Event

Directors shared their opinions on motion BD.17.154 Introduction to the ASCA Stockdog Program.

BD.17.154 Introduction to the ASCA Stockdog Program

Approve: Gibson, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen; Oppose: DeChant, Gray, King, Roberts; Abstain: 0; *Motion carries.*

Letter of Dissent from DeChant: I voted in opposition to the Intro to Stock Motion. While I have spoken all along as being strongly in favor of an Intro to stock as an educational clinic with educational materials, How-to information, and videos provided by ASCA, I am opposed to ASCA Sanctioning, the use of a form, and mandating ASCA Stockdogs judges. There is nothing better than seeing an Australian Shepherd turn on to working stock. Any way that ASCA can facilitate that fits with our Mission, therefore, we should be working toward that. I do not feel that the event described in this motion is the way to do it. I encourage the SDC (the Committee with the expertise) to continue to work on a safe, fun, inviting solution and the educational materials that will support encouraging more Aussie owners to engage their dogs in the ASCA Stockdogs program. Many, many excellent suggestions have been made during discussions about this.

Comment from Gibson: This has been a divisive issue for this Board for several months, although we were unified in our actions in September 2016 when we tasked Gibson, Roberts, and Vest to come up with guidelines for a possible introduction event or play days. This action was based on the Committee Procedures 3.a. In her dissent letter on this motion, Gray states, "To call this an administrative change to bypass the SDC..." This is not an administrative change. Gray also states, "The working group (committee) of directors did not bring their recommendation back to the full board for review, comment then motion as they should but instead submitted their Intro motions to the board without the full board's input, not once but twice." The April 2017 meeting minutes, the Spring Board Meeting minutes, the June 2017 meeting minutes, and the July 2017 meeting minutes show that this proposal and the various motions associated with it were discussed numerous time by the entire Board. All Board members had the opportunity to work on the proposal; at one time Roberts and DeChant volunteered to work on it but both later stated that they did not wish to work on it.

Letter of Dissent from Gray: The BD.17.154 Introduction to the ASCA Stock Dog Program aka BD.17.120 ASCA Introduction to Stock Event has been a tragedy of errors since the Nationals 2016. To call this an administrative change in order to bypass the SDC or not give the SDC sufficient time to complete the directive is a misnomer, in my opinion, and warps the rules beyond my feeble imagination. A brand new program that adds dog and handler activity as a sanctioned event is no more an administrative change than changing shoes. This new program should be scrapped (rescinded) and sent to the Stockdog Committee for complete revision and approval, they are the experts in their field the board selected to serve. Why would an Affiliate pay for sanctioning, have to follow rules and send in follow-up paperwork and fees when they can do it without and in their own way. There is no need for sanctioning and thus no further workload on the office or the expense of new computer programming if that was needed. The working group (committee) of directors did not bring their recommendation back to the full board for review, comment then motion as they should but instead submitted their Intro motions to the board without the full board's input, not once but twice. Even if those directors who weren't on the committee didn't have any comments, we weren't given the chance to see a recommendation before the motions were done. The membership have spoken, the Stockdog community and judges have spoken, former ASCA officers and directors have spoken and not one of them have approved of this program as written. A Director has the responsibility to listen to the membership that elected them.

In addition, there are some directors worried comments on the ASCA-L will be draw ASCA into a lawsuit over libel. It would only take one lawsuit to wipe ASCA out. I remember Red Oliver saying that back in the 80s and here we are, still here for the time being. I would be more worried over a lawsuit from someone who has no stock experience entering an Intro event and put into a round pen with their green dog and cattle or sheep, alone. Today everyone has a cell phone and the capability of videoing or photographing wrecks in the making.

Letter of Dissent from King: There are many reasons I am against this motion and voted no. I do not believe this program/event will benefit the Australian Shepherd or ASCA as written. I believe how it was developed was wrong. I cannot ignore my beliefs and those of the numerous members, judges and SDC members who spoke out against this. There were a lot of suggestions that might have helped develop a program that would have been beneficial. On July 26 Jean Roberts made an emergency motion to allow the SDC more time to work and develop a program to promote education and interest in the Australian Shepherd and ASCA's stockdog program. On July 27 the motion was called out of order and no vote was taken. I still believe we need to promote education and interest but not in the use of the Intro to stock motion. There may have been motions in the past that I was not in total agreement with but I have never been so ashamed of the disregard of the committee and the membership that happened with this motion.

Letter of Dissent from Roberts: The Board-designed "intro to stock" program does not adhere to ASCA's Mission Statement. A few minutes in a pen while a judge observes will not "preserve and protect the working Australian Shepherd", because it is in no way indicative of whether or not a dog will, or can work. However, there will be people who will use a positive note on that piece of paper as proof that they have a "working dog". Conversely, a negative experience may keep a person from ever trying again.

The Board-designed "intro to stock" program does a disservice to ASCA and the SD program. This program in NO way will prepare an owner or dog for the true "intro to stock", the Started class. There is no need for sanctioning, forms or a judge signature.

If the Board truly wanted to present an educational program for newcomers, we would have allowed the SDC sufficient time to develop the program that they were working on. Instead, my emergency motion was called out of order and the SDC only had 25 days, 7 of which would have been for voting, to attempt to present something.

This new program becoming effective immediately violates policies in place regarding effective dates.

Most importantly, the membership - from all over the world, judges, competitors, former Directors, farmers, stockmen, people from other programs - spoke against the Board pushing their program through. Some of my responsibilities as a director are to listen to the members and adhere to the ASCA Mission statement, so I voted No.

Motion by Wesen

Second by Kissman

I move to approve the following new Non-Regular Stockdog Program Event entitled,

18. Introduction to the ASCA Stockdog Program.

It shall be placed in the Stockdog Rulebook replacing Chapter 18: Farm Trial Program. Farm Trial Program will be moved to Chapter 19 renumbering the following Chapters in succession.

Purpose: To introduce Aussie Owners to the original purpose of the breed, to provide an educational experience, to stimulate interest in the Australian Shepherd Club of America and its Stockdog Program by providing a voluntary, introductory stock event to increase ASCA's membership and bring new individuals into the Stockdog Program.

Objective: To provide a format for an educational event which will assist Affiliates in holding an Introduction to ASCA's Stockdog Program Event for their members and those nonmembers interested in participating in the ASCA Stockdog program.

The Stock Dog Committee shall evaluate the Introduction to the ASCA Stock Dog Program Event three years after approval. The Committee shall request all the records pertinent to this Event kept at the Business Office. The Committee shall also request any comments from the Stock Dog Secretary and the Business Office Manager that may be helpful to the Committee in evaluating the Event. The Committee shall present their findings to the Board with any recommended additions or deletions.

It is intended for this Event to be used solely for teaching interested dog owners/handlers about the ASCA Stock Dog Program. ASCA has designed this Program with three main components.

1. An educational class.
2. A hands-on experience allowing an owner/handler to take their dog into a working pen with livestock to determine if they have an interest in working stock. The Judge may be in the pen with the handler and dog. A judge may appoint a qualified individual to assist in managing the dog and handler. The Judge never relinquishes responsibility to supervise.
3. Printed materials to support the purpose and requirements of this Event.

Judge Requirements:

1. Must be an ASCA Stockdog Judge.
2. Must be a Full Member of ASCA for at least one year prior to accepting this assignment.
3. Judges are not required to take this assignment if asked. This is a voluntary Event.

Sanctioning Requirements for an Introduction to the ASCA Stock Dog Program:

1. Only ASCA Affiliate Clubs in good standing have authority to Sanction and manage the Introduction to ASCA Stock Dog Program Event. This will also satisfy the education requirement for the Affiliate Club.
2. A \$25 sanctioning fee must accompany the application.
3. The sanctioning application must be mailed to the ASCA Business Office no later than 45 days prior to the event.
4. The Introduction to the ASCA Stock Dog Program Event will be posted on the ASCA website's Event Calendar.
5. The Introduction to the ASCA Stock Dog Program Event can be held in conjunction with any ASCA trial or show and will not be counted as an ASCA trial.

Requirements for the Introduction to the ASCA Stock Dog Program Event:

1. A short educational session, including an overview of ASCA's Stock Dog Program, the goals of using dogs to work livestock and terminology used.
2. A well-trained Stock Dog with a proficient handler will demonstrate stock work while the Judge comments. A video approved by the Board of Directors may be used instead of a live demonstration.
3. Printed materials approved by the Board of Directors shall be made available to the participants. Printed materials not approved by ASCA shall not be present at this Event.
4. The educational session will be followed by one or more introductions of the participating dogs to stock. Each dog will be assessed by the Judge. The Judge will complete a two-part feedback form. One copy will be given to the owner/handler; the other will be sent to the ASCA Business Office, to be filed with the sanctioning form.
5. Only herding breeds eligible to compete in ASCA Stockdog Trials may participate. Dogs must be at least six months old and must not be lame or otherwise unsound.
6. Each participating dog will be introduced to stock for ten minutes maximum. The Judge may use his discretion to shorten the time allowed.
7. The Judge will sign, date, designate location of test, identify the breed of dog that participated, and complete all parts of the feedback form. Any additional comments from the Judge should be documented at the bottom of the form in the comments section.
8. The sponsoring Affiliate must secure the approval of the Judge regarding size and set up of the working pen.
9. Dog broke stock shall always be used, although the type of stock to be used is at the discretion of the Judge. Stock shall be used in accordance with Chapter 7: Livestock, of the ASCA Stockdog Rulebook. The Judge shall have full discretion to decide if a group of stock has been worked. (This is meant to not count as a run, the possibility a dog's presence in the work pen did not cause the stock sufficient concern to respond as if being worked.)
10. An Official ASCA Entry form shall be used.
11. Entries will be mailed to the appropriate representative of the Host ASCA Affiliate Club.
12. Dogs who seem overly aggressive or out-of-control will be removed from the pen. No refund will be given. Dogs will not be DQ'd from this event, since this is not a competition. However, Judges may choose to end an introductory session at any time for the safety of the dog or the stock.

Submission of paperwork to ASCA Business Office by Course Director

1. A Gross Receipts report.
2. A completed Clinic Result Form.
3. A completed/signed ASCA Entry form for each dog.
4. The original part of the 2-part Evaluation form for each dog.
5. Must be sent to the Business Office postmarked no later than 14 days after completion of the Event.

Penalty for non-compliance shall be \$10.00 per day as well as other penalties as may be imposed by the ASCA Board of Directors.

Notice to Participants: The Introduction to the ASCA Stock Dog Program Event is for educational purposes only and is not conducted as an instinct test. ASCA, its Affiliates and Judges make no certification as to the inherent ability of the participating dogs to work stock.

Rationale: At the 2017 Spring Board meeting, the ASCA Board of Directors began discussing possible methods of bringing new participants into the Stockdog Program. This Event will provide an opportunity for ASCA members and non-members to participate in an introductory event designed to give them a basic understanding of ASCA's Stockdog Program.

ASCA has always prided itself on being a family oriented organization who are welcoming, supportive and willing to freely share their experience with others for the sake of our Aussies. In other words, interested people can see that we want to have fun with our dogs, doing the work the Aussie was designed to do.

This event has been designed as an educational event and hands-on experience. It requires knowledgeable, responsible and certified individuals to conduct the event in a safe, accountable manner. ASCA has in place such a group to

accomplish the intent of this event. They would include Affiliate Clubs to host and manage the event and current ASCA Stockdog Judges who are trained, tested, licensed and well experienced to provide evaluations.

Improving and maintaining the Australian Shepherd, as an outstanding Stockdog, is dependent on continuing to expand participation in the Program. The ASCA Board believes this program will have the following benefits for ASCA as it moves into the future:

- ASCA membership will grow with people who appreciate the Australian Shepherd as an intelligent worker and family member.
- Our present community will develop a renewed sense of commonality, cooperation and celebration with a shared sense of performing a valuable task; that of preserving and protecting the working Australian Shepherd for future generations.

Effective Date: This motion shall be effective immediately upon approval of the ASCA Board of Directors.

System Report

Vest reported on the ongoing progress of the Business Office system upgrade. Motion BD.17.161 ASCA System Technical Review/Analysis is currently before the Board to be voted on over email August 21-27.

Judges' Airports

The Board received a suggestion from a member to list which airport ASCA judges fly out of on the Judges List on the website, as well as if they have a passport. The Board would like to include this feature for future system upgrades.

Junior Service Award

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the nominations for the 2017 Junior Service Award. This award recognizes and rewards ASCA Juniors who exhibit good sportsmanship in competition and who serve the dog fancy and the Australian Shepherd in their National and/or local club and in their own community. Additional awards may be given in the case of exceptional service by more than one Junior.

BD.17.165 2017 Junior Service Award – Dahle, Kikuyama, Peavey

Motion by Gibson to **award Anneke Dahle, Kyliee Kikuyama, and Hope Peavey with the 2017 Junior Service Award.** Second by DeChant.

Approve: Unanimous; *Motion carries.*

The awards will be given out, and nomination letters read, at the Nationals Banquet in Bryan, Texas, on Friday, November 3, 2017.

West Coast Nationals Site

The Board discussed the possibility of utilizing Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond, Oregon, as the west coast site for ASCA Nationals. Silveira will provide a full report on the Deschutes site and Creelman will provide a full report on the Bakersfield site at the 2017 Nationals Board meeting so the Board can compare the two sites and choose one as the West Coast site in the Nationals site rotation.

Nationals Consortium Application

Gibson will make revise the application to include requested changes regarding financial accountability. Once the application is approved, notice will be sent out to the ASCA membership that a host consortium for the 2020 Nationals at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conroy, Georgia, will be selected at the Board's 2018 Spring Meeting.

Merle Allele Research Committee

PawPrint Genetics is willing to send a representative to Nationals to give a short Q&A on the merle research and gene. PPG will already be attending the Nationals, so this is something that could be coordinated.

The research committee has completed their objective and will be disbanded. Thank you to Shelly Hollen, Mirjam Senger, and Michelle Radloff for their work.

Board Meeting Schedule for Nationals

Friday, October 27	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 29	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Monday, October 30	8:00 am - 10:00 am
Tuesday, October 31	7:30 pm (Affiliate Meeting)
Wednesday, November 1	7:30 pm (General Membership Meeting)
Wednesday, November 1	Immediately following General Membership Meeting (election of officers)
Friday, November 3	11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday, November 4	8:00 am - 11:00 am

Directors may attend the meetings via telephone.

2017 Conformation Finals Judge Replacement

The Board needs to approve a judge change for the 2017 Conformation Finals, from Gail Karamalegos to Deb Gower. Ms. Gower did not accept the assignment until she determined there were no conflicts.

BD.17.166 2017 Conformation Finals Judge Replacement

Motion by DeChant to **approve Deb Gower as the 2017 Conformation Finals Judge, to replace Gail Karamalegos.** Second by Roberts.

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: Gibson; *Motion carries.*

Funds for Conformation Committee's Education Event

The Conformation Committee has requested \$400 to fund their educational event at the 2017 Nationals. They will only be reimbursed for the receipts they send in – this is only a budget.

BD.17.167 Funds for Conformation Committee's Education Event at Nationals

Motion by DeChant to **approve \$300 to print handouts and \$100 for refreshments for the Conformation Committee to host Conformation Education at Nationals.** Second by Wesen.

Approve: Unanimous; *Motion carries.*

- Gibson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Present: President Laura Gibson, 1st Vice President Ann DeChant, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Cindy King, Director Linda Gray, Director Preston Kissman, Director Jean Roberts, Director Ken Silveira, Director Elect Liz Busquets, Agility Committee Chair Judy Boone, Conformation Committee Chair Liz Gibson, Junior Committee Chair Andrea Bair, Stockdog Committee Chair Rick Hardin, Tracking Committee Chair Beth MacLehose, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Director Elect Denise Creelman, Rally Committee Chair Corinne Shanks, Obedience Committee Chair Laurie Rubin

- Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm Central Time.

Committee Goals

Chairs shared their committee's experience with choosing and implementing goals during the past year. The Board is open to improving the process. The goals are intended to guide and focus the work of the committees, not limit them.

- Laurie Rubin joined the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Board Liaisons to Committees

Chairs shared their committee's experience with choosing and working with Board Liaisons. Motion BD.17.150 Change to Committee Procedures 2.5 Board Liaison, which would have placed the responsibility of appointing Board Liaisons with the President, instead of with the committees, has been withdrawn.

Chairs gave their opinions on a member suggestion, which would do away with Board Liaisons and make it the responsibility of the Chair to share and communicate committee recommendations.

- Corinne Shanks joined the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Future Meetings

Beth MacLehose suggested that meetings like this occur more often, and the response was very favorable.

- Gibson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Thursday, August 31, 2017

Present: President Laura Gibson, 1st Vice President Ann DeChant, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Cindy King, Director Linda Gray, Director Preston Kissman, Director Jean Roberts, Director Ken Silveira, Director Elect Liz Busquets, Dock Jumping Committee Chair Heidi Mobley, Legislative Committee Chair Susan Beals, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Director Elect Denise Creelman, DNA Committee Chair Gina Larson, European Advisory Committee Chair Luc Goossens, Hall of Fame Committee Chair Dorothy Montano, History Committee Chair Sunday Miles, MVA Committee Chair Renee Watson, Sponsorship Committee Chair Ray Fryar

- Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm Central Time.

Committee Goals

Chairs shared their committee's experience with choosing and implementing goals during the past year.

- Gina Larson joined the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Board Liaisons to Committees

Chairs shared their committee's experience with choosing and working with Board Liaisons. Motion BD.17.150 Change to Committee Procedures 2.5 Board Liaison, which would have placed the responsibility of appointing Board Liaisons with the President, instead of with the committees, has been withdrawn.

Chairs gave their opinions on a member suggestion, which would do away with Board Liaisons and make it the responsibility of the Chair to share and communicate committee recommendations. It was pointed out that much of the Liaison's duties are to answer procedural questions that do not need full Board input.

- Gibson adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

ASCA Judge's Book
Dock Jumping Fetch It



Host Club: _____

Show Date: _____

Show Location: _____

Judge: _____

Trial Chairman: _____

Chair Phone: _____

Put an X in failed attempted and ✓ in the achieved attempted.

Call Name	Handler Name	Breed	10'	11'	12'	13'	14'	15'	16'	17'	18'	19'	20'	21'	22'	23'	24'	25'	26'	27'	28'	29'	30'	31'	32'

JUDGE, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN BELOW:
"I hereby attest the above listed dogs and handlers completed the above listed class, and this class was conducted, judged and scored according to the current ASCA Rules and Regulations."

Judge Signature: _____ Date: _____

ASCA Dock Jumping Judge's Exam



1. The purpose of an ASCA Dock Jumping Trial is to
 - a. demonstrate the ability of the dog and its handler to function as a team and show mutual trust.
 - b. The dog should show a willingness
 - c. The dog should show eagerness to work for the handler.
 - d. The handlers should always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike fashion and be courteous of the dog's wishes.
2. No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Dock Jumping Program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ANY Organization. True or False
3. ASCA Dock Jumping Titles can be achieved in two ways via ASCA Affiliate Clubs and Approved Dock Jumping Organizations. True or False
4. Equipment that must be provided by the host club includes proper equipment for the activity include all EXCEPT:
 - a. Dock
 - b. Pool
 - c. Fetch It Extender
 - d. Floatable toys
5. The dock used for dock jumping competitions must be of sturdy construction. The dock must be a minimum of 35 feet and a maximum of 40 feet. For distance jumping, it must sit 4 feet off the surface of the water. True or False
6. After each ASCA sanctioned Dock Jumping Trial the following paperwork shall be submitted to the ASCA Business office:
 - a. a completed results book
 - b. ASCA Official Entry Forms for all entries
 - c. Conduct Evaluation of Judges
 - d. All of the Above
7. An exhibitor must provide the following for each entered dog:
 - a. Collar
 - b. Leash
 - c. Chase/Throw object
 - d. All of the Above
8. Prong Collars and Treats are NOT allowed on the Dock. True or False.
9. Exhibitors can force their dog off the dock with the approval of the Judge. True or False.
10. The person who signs this agreement on the back of the entry form for represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of both exhibitor and the owner of entered dog. In consideration of acceptance of this entry EXCEPT:
 - a. Exhibitor/owner is a member and dog is registered with ASCA
 - b. Exhibitor/owner certify that the entered dog is not a hazard to persons, dogs, or property.
 - c. Exhibitor/owner acknowledge all hazards presented by the event and the event premises.
 - d. Exhibitor/owner sign ASCA release form.
11. What are the two classes of jumps in dock diving?
12. Each jump is ranked in a division depending on what?
13. In Fetch it, what does the dog fetch?
14. How many levels of jumping performance are there in each class?
15. In what order are dock-diving titles earned?
16. How many apprentice assignments must be completed to become an official dock-diving judge?
17. What is the starting point for measuring a dog's distance jump?
18. What is the ending point for measuring a dog's distance jump?
19. Is a judge allowed to give guidance or advice about handling a jumping dog?
20. Can a judge disqualify or excuse a dog for attacking a person or another dog in the dock area?