

October Secretary's Report

This report details the day-to-day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors through mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications.

Email Motions

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

Stockdog Committee: Change to Chapter 7 Judges Duties

Approve: Bryant, Gann, Hardin, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, King, Kissman

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Comment from Kissman: The table removes the flexibility that the Board now has to decide a level of discipline.

94:01 Stockdog: Change to Chapter 7 Judges Duties

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to make changes to Chapter 7, JUDGES DUTIES of the Stockdog Rule book and add a guideline table describing general offenses or infractions with reinstatement guidelines for those offenses of infractions.

9-2-04 Judges

Passed

10 Approve 1 Non-Voting 1

Comment from Bell: We need to have some sort of disciplinary measure for our judges and they need to know what they are

Dan Sanderson make a motion and Mikael Hageus seconded to change the sequence described in 7.1.2, Section 1, Judge's Duties, correcting the formatting, and adding a guideline table describing general offenses or infractions with reinstatement guidelines for those offenses or infractions.

CHAPTER 7

JUDGES

SECTION 1 – JUDGE'S DUTIES

7.1.1 Authorization – The ASCA Approved Stockdog Judge is authorized in his capacity as the ASCA representative to pass judgment on contestants in the trial and to act as an official Inspector/Judge for the ranch dog applying for certification. This authorization is granted by ASCA and may be suspended or revoked at any time by Board of Directors.

7.1.2 The Stockdog Committee is the advisory body of the Board of Directors and is empowered to review and pass on the qualifications of all applicants wishing to be appointed a Stockdog Judge, to investigate all complaints and review competence and compliance with all ASCA's rules and procedures relating to Stockdog Judges.

a. Fraternalization – Judges should avoid improper fraternization with the contestants and spectators during a trial.

b. Conduct – All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the following:

- i. Judging is a privilege, not a right. The Stockdog Judge's conduct must always be impartial, dignified, and respectful of the welfare of the dog, stock, and the handler. A Judge's actions and professional comportment must be above reproach.
- ii. Judges shall be professional in demeanor and shall refrain from making coaching comments to the handler during the contestants run.
- iii. Judges shall remember that trials are staffed largely or entirely with unpaid volunteers, and shall treat stock handlers, timers, helpers, exhibitors, and spectators with due courtesy and consideration.
- c. The safety of the stock, dog, and handler shall be the Judge's foremost concern in reviewing the trial conditions and in judging a working trial.
- d. Judges shall score a trial based solely on the dog and handler's performance as a team as described in the ASCA Stockdog Rules and Regulations, and in no case shall base the score (nor any consideration be given) on the identity or reputation of the handler, owner, dog's breeder, or dog's lineage.
- e. Any Judge found abusing the privileges of judging for ASCA may have his/her judging privileges suspended (temporarily) or revoked (permanently) by ASCA.

7.1.3 Seminars – All ASCA approved Stockdog Judges are encouraged to attend Judge's seminars. A set of general seminar minutes must be turned in to the Business Office by the Stockdog Committee representative within 15 days of the seminar, listing those in attendance and points of discussion, decisions or suggestions.

7.1.4 Membership – Judges are encouraged to become ASCA members.

7.1.5 All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be required to take an open book test administered by the Stockdog Committee every two years (even numbered years). All questions must be answered correctly. The test may be retaken until all questions are answered correctly. If the test is not passed and returned by April 30th of that year, judging privileges and responsibilities will be suspended with the Judges' name removed from the Judge list until the test is returned and passed. Judges test will be sent out January 1st (every two years) along with an updated rule book and must be received back by April 30th of that year.

SECTION 2 – PROTESTS

Any person wishing to lodge a protest or complaint against a Judge shall do so in accordance with the ASCA Dispute Rules.

SECTION 3 – DISCIPLINE

A Judge may be temporarily denied judging privileges for a period of 60 days by the Stockdog Committee while it investigates any allegation of a serious infraction or violations of the ASCA Stockdog Rules and Procedures. Any Judge may be suspended from judging assignments by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Stockdog Committee, provided the Stockdog Committee has proposed a course of remediation to resolve the rule infraction. If a formal complaint is filed against a Judge concerning a trial, it shall be investigated by the Stockdog Committee and, if the complaint is found to be valid, the Judge may be suspended or have his/her judging privileges revoked. (See ASCA Dispute Rules 1.1.2. Complaints Against Judges.)

Stockdog Judge Disciplinary Response and Reinstatement Guidelines

June 2012 Revision

Action	Disciplinary Response	Reinstatement **
Failure to take /pass SD Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placed on Inactive List • Name removed from Judges' list • Judging privileges suspended 	Automatic after taking /passing SD Test
Failure to take / pass SD Test >5years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placed on Inactive List 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact SDC with letter

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name removed from Judges' list • Judging privileges suspended 	<p>requesting to be reinstated with brief explanation of absence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDC may require additional information depending on time absent and stockdog activity • Serve as Provisional for 2 years
Behavior or act resulting in Letter of Reprimand from SDC and/or Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 1 year Provisional • May continue to Judge regular SD trials but ineligible to Judge Finals 	SDC vote to reinstate after Provisional (as currently)
Behavior or act resulting in ASCA membership suspension due to ASCA rule violation involving any SD program activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD Judging Privilege suspension concurrent with membership suspension • Minimum 5 year wait after membership suspension lifted before request to SDC for reinstatement 	SDC vote to reinstate to Provisional for 2 years
Behavior or act resulting in non-member having Judging Privilege Suspended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 5 year wait after judging suspension lifted before request to SDC for reinstatement 	SDC vote to reinstate to Provisional for 2 years
Behavior or act resulting in SD Judging Privilege being Revoked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime suspension from ASCA SD Judging Privileges 	NONE

** ASCA Board of Directors handing down disciplinary action should document specific terms of suspension with regard to time and conditions of reinstatement. Future ASCA Board of Directors shall honor the terms unless further infractions occur and terms should be extended or increased.

Rationale: The change of sequence and format of rule 7.1.2 places the order as listed in a more chronological and correct manner. The addition of the guideline establishing potential offenses and the means of reinstatement clarifies for each judge what is expected if an infraction of a rule occurs. Since we do not have an "inactive Judge list" it is suggested that we remove the Judge's name from the active list in lieu of placing their name on a nonexistent list. Letters of reprimand originate solely with the Board of Directors, not with the SDC, so removal of this sentence coincides with the authority of ASCA.

Stockdog Committee: Combine Rule 3.14.2 and 3.14.3 Trial Officials

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

Disapprove: Gray, King

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

94:01 Stockdog: Combine Rule 3.14.2 and 3.14.3 Trial Officials

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to combine Rule 3.14.2 and 3.14.3, TRIAL OFFICIALS of the Stockdog Rule book to allow the host clubs to combine timekeepers and scorekeepers duties.

09-03-04 Scorekeeper/timer

Passed Approved 10, Disapprove 1

Comment from Bell: This is what is being done now anyway. Makes good sense.

Comment from Hibbard: I think this needs more consideration. I think the person tabulating and entering the scores can organize them. They are usually somewhere peaceful (in a trailer or house) and can concentrate on the job at hand. Many times, the timers are someone's friend, neighbor, kid or whomever

that may not have ever trialed and don't have much of a clue. Many judges have the timers write their scores and so on and so forth. I think there should be two, and they should be responsible for starting/stopping stop watch and giving out 3/2 minute warnings. Additionally, they may be asked to add scores or whatever the judge requests.

Lindy Epperly motion and Dan Sanderson seconded that we combine 3.14.2 and 3.14.3 as follows:

Rules as they are now:

3.14.2 Scorekeepers: There will be a minimum of two scorekeepers provided for a trial. Scorekeepers will be responsible for totaling all points noted by each Judge on each score sheet, noting carefully any instructions for the 50% penalty on Advanced Trial Dogs or the 15 point penalty on Open Trial Dogs. Termination of the run resulting in a zero (0) score shall be noted as well. Scorekeepers will also be responsible for totaling the score sheets of any Apprentice Judges working at each trial. Scorekeepers will place the score sheets in numerical order by total score and record the scores on the Judge's Books, marking the placings.

3.14.3 Timekeepers: There will be a minimum of two timekeepers for each arena. Timekeepers will be responsible for timing each trial run which commences when either the gate is opened when a take-pen is used or when the dog moves away from the handler when the gather is used, and for giving the time warning before the end of each run, for calling "time" when the total allowed time has elapsed, the contestant has completed re-penning (time stops when the gate is closed) or "called time" himself. The timekeeper will give the time to the scorekeepers and assure that the Judge(s) acknowledge the length of time.

Replace 3.14.2 and 3.14.3 with:

3.14.2 Scorekeeper-Timer: There will be a minimum of one scorekeeper-timer per arena. The scorekeeper-timer will be responsible for totaling all points noted by each Judge on each score sheet, noting carefully any instructions for the 50% penalty on Advanced Trial Dogs or the 15 point penalty on Open Trial Dogs. Termination of the run resulting in a zero (0) score shall be noted as well. They will also be responsible for timing each trial run which commences when either the gate is opened when a take-pen is used or when the dog moves away from the handler when the gather is used, and for giving the time warning before the end of each run, for calling "time" when the total allowed time has elapsed, the contestant has completed re-penning (time stops when the gate is closed) or "called time" himself. There will be two stopwatches used for each run to insure a time if one watch fails. If possible two timekeeper-scorers are preferred.

Rationale: Small clubs have a difficult time finding enough volunteers to run a trial. The scorekeeper timer role can easily be combined and one person can handle the job if necessary.

Stockdog Committee: Change to Rule 11.6.5 Task

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Silveira

Disapprove: Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman

Abstain: Roberts

Motion fails.

Comment from Kissman: The motion is poorly worded using the terms - task, step, element, segment interchangeably which I believe will cause confusion. I support the intent, but I cannot vote for the motion as it is now worded.

94:01 Stockdog: Change to Rule 11.6.5 Task

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to change Rule 11.6.5 of the Stockdog Rule book to require that each element of a task must be attempted to earn a qualifying score.

09-06-04 task

Passed

Approve 8 Disapprove 2 Non-voting 1

Comment from Manley: I think we could improve this by using consistent language, as Preston pointed out. I also think we need to differentiate the minimum 'qualifying' elements (such as all 4 pens) from other elements of the course. I appreciate all of Lindy's work on this, but I think with a bit more time this could be improved

Comment from Schvaneveldt: This makes it a bit more clear. I do feel the judges can decide whether or not a run should Q.

Lindy Epperly move and seconded by James Bergert that rule 11.6.5 be modified with the following changes and additions:

11.6.5 Qualifying Score: Open and Advanced Farm Trial Dogs must earn 70% or more of the total points (91/130). Each element of each task must be attempted to receive a qualifying score, regardless of the total score earned. A task will fall into 6 categories: Gather, Sort, Pen Work, Chute, and 2 location specific tasks to be determined by the club and each individual farm set up and to be approved by the Stockdog Committee. Tasks may be divided into separate steps to comprise a complete task as in the pen work. When a task is divided into more than one segment, an attempt must be made on each segment or the run will not qualify.

Rule as it is currently:

11.6.5 Qualifying Score: Open and Advanced Farm Trial Dogs must earn 70% or more of the total points (91/130). If any task receives a score of zero the run shall not qualify even if a score of 91 or higher is achieved.

Rationale: The changes in wording will clarify that each part of the farm trial must be attempted to qualify.

Stockdog Committee: Change to Rule 3.3.2.h

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

Disapprove: Hardin

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

94:01 Stockdog: Change to Rule 3.3.2.h

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to change Rule 3.3.2.h of the Stockdog Rule book to even the playing field between Advanced and Open entries as they compete for placings.

09/07/14 Section 3.3.2.h

Passed Unanimously

Maxine Schvaneveldt make the following motion and Dan Sanderson seconded to change the following rule.

Change from:

Section 3.3.2.h.

h. A Host club may sanction different courses per division of a class of stock per trial. Example: Started and Open sheep can be sanctioned to run on Course B, while Advanced sheep will run on Course C in the same trial, in different arenas or the same arena.

Change to:

Section 3.3.2.h.

h. A Host club may not sanction different courses per division (Started, Open, Advanced) but can sanction different courses per class of stock per trial. All courses in each arena must be the same for all divisions. For example Sheep may be course A, cattle course D, ducks course C, but all divisions must run the same course for each class of stock.

Exception: When Post Advanced is sanctioned with an arena trial, it does not have to be the same course as the arena.

Rationale is that the open and advanced dogs have an even playing field.

Stockdog Committee: Change to Chapter 4 Section 10 Dogs in Arena

Approve: Bryant, Gann, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts

Abstain: 0

Motion fails.

Comment from DeChant: Needs to be fixed.

94:01 Stockdog: Change to Chapter 4 Section 10 Dogs in Arena

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion concerning Chapter 4, Section 10; DOGS IN ARENA to specify when activities other than ASCA events may occur in arenas used for ASCA events.

09-01 End of trial

Passed

8 Approve, 1 Disapprove, 2 Non-Voting

Comment from Watson: I disapprove of this due to the wording "with the permission of the CD and livestock owner", specifically the highlighted and. I would prefer it just state the "Course Director".

Maxine Schvaneveldt a motion and second Dan Sanderson to change the following rule, Chapter 4, Section 10, Dogs in the Arena.

Change from:

Chapter 4 SECTION 10 – DOGS IN ARENA

No competing dogs will be allowed in the trial arena on the day of the trial except during their run. A non-competing dog may be used to work the stock only at the discretion of the Course Director and the Judge. The trial arena includes all areas where the dogs are competing in and all areas used for handling the trial livestock.

Change to:

Chapter 4 SECTION 10 – DOGS IN ARENA

On the day of a trial, no competing dogs will be allowed in the trial arena except during their run. The trial arena includes all areas where the dogs are competing and all areas used for handling the trial livestock. A non-competing dog may be used to work the stock only at the discretion of the Course Director and the Judge. The day of the trial will be considered complete after awards are handed out. At this time any jackpot trials, fun trials, clinics, lessons, etc. may commence with the permission of the CD and livestock owner.

Rationale: This will allow activities other than ASCA events to take place once the ASCA sanctioned event is complete. Currently, many clubs are allowing these activities to take place and this will grant the necessary permission. Any activity after the ASCA event will only be allowed to take place with the approval of the CD and livestock provider to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the livestock.

Judge Approvals

New ASCA Stockdog Judge Fiona Hibbard

New ASCA Provisional Stockdog Judge Sandra Zilch

Committee Appointments

New Stockdog Committee Member Matt Mason (Region 6)

Teleconference Meeting Minutes

The following are the minutes of the October 9, 2014, teleconference meeting of the ASCA Board of Directors. These minutes were submitted by the Executive Secretary and approved by the Board.

Attending: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice-president Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice-president Rick Hardin, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Linda Gray, Director Cindy King, Director Rick Gann, Director-elect Pete Dolan, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco
Absent: Director Allison Bryant, Director-elect Rachel Vest, Director-elect Jan Wesen
There is a quorum, with 8 voting members of the Board present.

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

Ratification of September Email Votes

Motion: Silveira

Second: Gray

I move to ratify the Board's September email votes.

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

Draft Premium for 2015 Nationals

The Board reviewed the draft premium submitted by the 2015 National Specialty & Finals host club, Mid-South ASC. There are still some issues that need to be worked out before the Board will approve the premium.

- Vest joined the meeting at 7:05 pm.

A motion was made by Gann and seconded by Roberts to approve the premium as submitted, with edits to be made before their next premium submission. Following expressed concerns on approving the premium without the changes, the motion and second was withdrawn and restated.

14.69 2015 Nationals Slate of Judges

Motion: Gann

Second: Roberts

I move to approve the 2015 Nationals slate of judges.

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

- Wesen joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Liaison Bryant will take the Board's comments to the Host Club and work with them on making the necessary changes and guide them to the next steps.

- Bryant joined the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Reimbursement for 2013 Finals

The Board reviewed CASA's request for reimbursement for the 2013 Finals and discussed reimbursement options.

14.70 Reimbursement to CASA for 2013 Finals

Motion: Roberts

Second: Gray

I move to approve a payment to CASA for the 2013 ASCA Finals in the amount of \$4970.32, based on a line by line comparison between the original budget and their request for reimbursement. Any further reimbursement must be requested to the Board with supporting documentation.

All present approved; motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Roberts reported on ASCA's financials from January 2014 through September 2014. Net income is \$98,955.12. There is currently \$175,943.88 in the checking account, \$339,882.31 in the savings account, and \$110.00 in the wire account. ASCA's total assets come in at \$752,671.37. Program income is up; nothing of concern to note. ASCA's financials are on a good trend. Discussion of increasing DNA fees to offset cost increases following ASCA's new contract with Therion has been added to the Nationals meeting agenda.

Motion: Silveira

Second: Gann

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

All present approved; motion carries.

Complaint against Affiliate

A complaint was filed against two ASCA Affiliate Clubs for not having the proper sanctioning in effect for events hosted in conjunction with an ASCA sanctioned and regulated event. Much time was spent discussing this issue. The Board discussed the roles that our insurance plays in determining which events are covered and which may not be. Further discussion is postponed until Counsel is present to weigh in. This has been added to the Nationals meeting agenda.

14.71 Complaint against Affiliates

Motion: King

Second: Roberts

I make a motion that on the complaint against the two affiliates the Board send each affiliate a letter addressing the conformation rules on non-regular classes that weren't followed, with no further disciplinary action.

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

Disapprove: Silveira

Motion carries.

The Board has accepted the complaint and determined to send a letter to each of the Affiliate Clubs detailing what they did incorrectly and make sure they understand the proper sanctioning process for the future. On the date that ASCA sanctioning is granted all events held must be in concert with ASCA's rules and regulations.

ASCA Brochure

The Board discussed ASCA's in progress update to the brochure. The Board is awaiting feedback from Counsel before going further. Gray will continue as contact. This item has been added to the Nationals meeting agenda.

Insurance

The Board would like to discuss this with Counsel present. This topic has been added to the Nationals meeting agenda.

October Email Motions

The Board spent some time discussing motions currently before them for vote over email in October. Liaison Kissman will forward the Board's comments to the Stockdog Committee. They can withdraw the motion and make the recommended changes or they can wait for the Board's vote and go from there. The discussion of making amendments to motions submitted via email during the same voting cycle has been added to the Nationals meeting agenda.

Judge Education Seminar Budget

The Conformation Committee has submitted their request for \$100 to cover costs associated with putting on the Conformation Judge Education Seminar at this year's Nationals.

14.72 Budget for Conformation Judge Education Seminar at Nationals

Motion: DeChant

Second: Gray

I move to approve the Conformation Committee's requested budget of \$100 for costs associated with putting on their Judge Education Seminar at Nationals, receipts to be provided.

All present approved; motion carries.

Questions from UKC

DeChant received two questions from a UKC representative. The first had to do with including ASCA titles on registration papers for Aussies registering with UKC. The Board spent some time discussing and determined to continue the conversation via email. This topic has also been added to the Nationals meeting agenda.

January Rulebook Printings

The Board discussed what criteria will be used to authorize a January printing of a rulebook. Liaisons should inquire with their committees whether they feel a January printing of their rules is necessary or not and report back to the Board.

National Junior Handling Judge Change

Jaco informed the Board that due to unforeseen circumstances the Nationals Junior Handling judge for 2014 needs replacement. Ken Silveira was asked and has graciously agreed.

At 9:20 pm all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

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