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 and mail, fax, e-mail and/or telephone communications.

November 1-30, 2010

00:13 Education Committee: Obedience flyer motion
Motion by Berryessa. I move we accept the following motion from the Education Committee:
Yes: Kay, Brent, Ann, Dorothy No: Glenda, Chris Non-voting: Lisa, Regi, Rhonda, Debbie, Tricia, Motion passes.
motion by Kay, second by Dorothy. I move that ASCA purchase a one-time full page ad in The Match Show Bulletin at a cost of $360.00. Information and deadlines are here. http://www.matchshowbulletin.com/rates.html. In addition, I move that ASCA purchase a one-time two page spread ad in Front & Finish magazine to promote ASCA obedience and agility (Their third-largest reader group is agility competitors.) at a cost of $700.00 for color as well as a two-page spread in their on line edition for $150.00. Info is here. http://dscreationsfrontfinish.homestead.com/advertising.html. Total cost for the ads would be $1210.00.
Comments: Glenda: I'm just throwing a couple of thoughts out there, but it (IMHO) would be better to do this add when the show season starts. Enticing the exhibitor about our club, and the awards that they can receive as a member (if they own ASCA Aussies) or awards that they can receive as a non-Aussie. Secondly, I would think that clubs that are having these events are doing their advertisements on their own. It might be beneficial to have a "grant" (for the lack of a better word) to assist clubs in these advertisements. A requirement to get the grant would be to put information in the ad about ASCA, etc. Looking at this in the long run, there will be more ads out there, all over the country, announcing our events and clubs. If the affiliates get 1/2 or a portion of their advertising paid for, they might do more advertising. I know that the ads that Kay is proposing is to help ASCA, but why put an ad out there, without giving an immediate place for the exhibitor (or spectator) to go? Kay: Glenda, I didn't specify a time, just looking to get it approved. What we did with the obedience ads was get them approved and then put them out there at the beginning of the show/trial season. I would expect to do the same thing with this. I can't remember the month, but I think it was March or April that we had them published. Clubs could be reminded to get their trial info to the publications; I think that's what we did last time. Interesting idea about the grant.
Chris: Given that readership in Front and Finish is declining (I know this because I'm on the F & F yahoo list) and the Match Show Bulletin is a regional publication, I don't see these as the best choices for our advertising dollar. We would be reaching a rather limited audience. In addition, our claim to allow mixed breed dogs to compete is no longer unique. AKC and UKC also allow mixed breeds so we are yet again competing with the larger registries. I belong to an obedience club and mention ASCA often. Very few people have heard of it and even fewer would consider competing, especially those competing in the higher levels in AKC.

6:05 Rally Committee: Chapter 1, Section 4
Motion by Berryessa. I move we accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

INDIVIDUAL VOTES-Yes: Pat Pierce, Lori Fausett, Cheri Preciado, Corey Norman, Donna Armstrong, Sandra Walroth

Motion # 41 / Premium, made by Lori and seconded by Rebecca.

In Chapter 1, Section 4 the last part reads:
The Premium must also include a copy of the Tracking Number and Service Membership Application. This form can be downloaded from the ASCA Web site and must be included in the premium sent out to competitors.
I move we change it to read:
The Premium must also include a copy of the Tracking Number and Service Membership Application or the location in which to obtain one.

As well as delete the next sentence.


6:05 Rally Committee: Chapter 1, Sec. 1, No. 9 Sanctioning Time
Motion by Berryessa. I move we accept the following motion from the Rally Committee:

INDIVIDUAL VOTES-Yes: Pat Pierce, Lori Fausett, Cheri Preciado, Corey Norman, Donna Armstrong, Sandra Walroth

We have Motion # 40 / Sanctioning Time, made by Lori and seconded by Jody.

I move to change the sanction time from no later than sixty (60) days to:
no later than forty-five (45) days prior to event which is found in Chapter 1, Section 1, Number 9.

Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.

4:04 Conformation Committee: CH 7, Secton 7.17
Motion by Berryessa. I move we accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee:

Voting: ye - Leah, Nancy, Gail, Mary, Liz, Becky, Debbie, Regi, Peter, Mary - motion is approved.

This motion was made by Liz and with a second by Nancy.

Motion to add underlined sentence to Ch. 7, Section 7.17 as follows:
SECTION 7.17 A Judge may order any person or dog from the ring to facilitate judging. Examples of reasons for excusal are, but not limited to: unsafe practices conducted by an exhibitor; uncontrollable exhibits, unsportsmanlike conduct, lack of merit, violations under rules numbers: 1.11, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.10, 9.13. ASCA Dog Bite Policy, ASCA Judge's Code of Ethics and the ASCA Judge's Education Handbook. For the purpose of facilitating the judging, Judges are required to exclude from the rings in which they are judging all persons except the steward or stewards, show attendants assigned to the ring, and those actually engaged in exhibiting.
Ch. &., Section 7.17 as it reads now:
SECTION 7.17 A Judge may order any person or dog from the ring. For the purpose of facilitating the judging, Judges are required to exclude from the rings in which they are judging all persons except the steward or stewards, show attendants assigned to the ring, and those actually engaged in exhibiting.


Letter of Dissent (Westerman): The comment "not limited to" means that a Judge can disqualify a person holding out his pinky finger if he so chooses. I think it should be for not following a rule in the rule book.

4:04 Conformation Committee- Motion: #9.9.1.2010 Add to section 13.1
Motion by Berryessa. I move we accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee:

Vote results: Motion Carries
Favored: Leah, Gail, Becky, Liz, Regi, Ann, Glenda, Debbie, Nancy, Mary
Opposed: None
Not Voting: Denise, David, Peter, Luc

Motion: #9.9.1.2010 Add to section 13.1
Motion: Leah Second: Denise
I make a motion to add to section 13.1 of the ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations the following:
"a completed Conduct Evaluation Of Judges form"
For information purposes, this form is listed as Judge Evaluation Form in the Show Forms section of the ASCA Downloadable Forms and Rule Books section of the ASCA web site.
The new Section 13.1 shall read as follows (for information purposes I have underlined the addition):
"After each ASCA sanctioned event the following must be sent to the ASCA Business Office: a catalogue, if applicable, marked with all awards and absent dogs, certified by the Show Secretary; all original Judge’s Books, (Non-Regular and Regular Classes); ASCA Official Entry Forms for: Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Junior Handler, Reserve Junior Handler, All competing Juniors age eight (8) to seventeen (17), disqualified and excused dogs, and all qualifying obedience entrants; Gross Receipts report, including Event Membership dues; Sanction Grant; Conformation Show Report; Obedience Show Report; Explanation for Disqualified Dog Form(s), and an explanation of excused dogs, a completed Conduct Evaluation Of Judges form. All of the aforementioned items must be postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days after the close of the show. 'Penalty for non-compliance is a fee to be determined by the board for each days delay and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of ASCA.
as it currently reads:


4:04 Conformation Committee Motion - Chapter 7 - new 7.25
Motion by Berryessa. I move we accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee:

Vote Results:
Favored: Leah, Becky, Liz, Regi, Ann, Glenda. Debbie, Mary, Denise, Peter, Nancy
Opposed: Gail
Not Voting: David, Luc

Motion #5.7.28.2010 New Rule 7.25

Motion: Liz Second: Regi. I make the following motion.
Add in the rule book under Chapter 7. New rule 7.25 to read as follows:
7.25 No judge of any level or any member of the judge's immediate family shall solicit assignments. Any person(s) found in violation of this rule shall be subject to such penalty as determined by the board of directors.

Gail - Comment: I vote NO, because it is unnecessary to state that parties guilty of solicitation are subject to disciplinary measures. ANY violation of ANY rule in the book is subject to discipline by the BOD.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton; Disapprove: Dolan, Westerman, Bates, Dexter, Vest, Ford; The motion is not approved.

**10:04 CH Judges from the Sept. - Oct. AT**

*Motion by Dolan.* I move to approve the following Conformation Judge applications/level changes.

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Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman, Bates, Dexter, Vest, Ford; Abstain: Clayton. *Motion is approved for Lori Fausett*
Voting on remaining judges: Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.
Comment: These candidates/judges had their names published in the AT for comment.

10:55 Complaint Against Mary Burlingame, Judge/Obedience Chairperson

Mary Burlingame will receive a letter of reprimand for violating Ch 2 sec 5 of the ASCA Obedience Rules.

10:56 FIN ASC Affiliate application

Motion by Vest, Second by Dexter

Directors,
I move to accept the attached application to affiliate submitted by FINASC in Finland.

Comment: The Affiliate Application Review Committee verified that the application contains all required information

Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.

10:57 Reinstating Judges Procedure for Programs

Motion by Dolan, Second by Bates

I move to direct the Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Stockdog, and Tracking Committees to develop Judge Reinstatement Procedures for insertion in the individual program rule books. These procedures are to be used to process judges who have had their ASCA judging privileges suspended or revoked.

Rationale: There are no procedures in place to process judges who have completed a judging suspension or have had their judging privileges revoked. The BoD provided the Agility Committee this direction to develop these procedures for the Agility Judge Program.


Letter of Dissent (Westerman): If a Judging license is revoked, there can be no reinstatement for that license.
Letter of Dissent (Ford): there needs to be one policy in ASCA for reinstating judges and sending to multiple committees merely continues the work of the previous board in not getting things done. I will vote for the motion if it involves one committee or a super committee made of the chair of each of these existing committees.

4:05 Agility Committee: Add Cynthia Clark and Betty Jaco to Committee

Motion by Dolan. I move to add Cynthia Clark and Betty Jaco to the Agility Committee.

Comment/Rationale: Because of administrative oversight, two members eligible to remain on the committee were not notified of their expiring terms and did not submit resumes to remain on the committee. They have since submitted resumes and requested addition to the committee. Adding these two people brings the committee strength to 13 although the regions are out of balance.

Approve: Unanimous. The motion is approved.

6:05 Rally Committee: Kathi Meyer resume for Rally committee

Motion by Berryessa. Moved by Berryessa to accept Kathi Meyer's request to be placed on the ASCA Rally Committee.
Approve: Unanimous.  The motion is approved.

4:04 Conformation Committee: Changes to Section 3.5, Flyer/PL info

Motion by Berryessa. Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee.

Here are the vote results. This motion passes.
YES - Gail, Liz, Leah, Peter, Mary, Regi, Nancy, Becky, Glenda, Debbie, Rhonda, Dorothy, Ann.
NO - Luc
Non - Voting – Denise

Motion by Liz with a second by Mary
This information will be added to rule 3.5 after the sentence "All Affiliate clubs must send a show flyer to the ASCA Business Office along with the sanctioning forms."

SHOW PREMIUM/FLYER REQUIRED INFORMATION:

Name of affiliate club hosting the event.
Sanctioning status (pending or approved)
A statement that the trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA.
Date and Location of show(s) including physical address
Number of conformation shows and other events
Pre-Entry opening and closing dates.
Day of show entry: opening date and closing times.
Show/trial secretary and show/trial chairperson’s name and contact information. Other trial officials may also be listed.
Judges names, accompanied by their affiliation, including their judge’s assignments.
A listing of all classes offered for each day.
Judging start times and order of classes.
Fee amounts for pre-entry and day of show entries for classes offered (Non-regular, regular, junior showmanship, and additional classes).
A statement that no entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Conformation program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ASCA.
A description of prizes and awards.
Description of the show/trial’s setting (indoor/out, electric or none, etc.) and ring surfacing (grass, grass/dirt, sand, matting over concrete, carpet, sod, shavings, etc.)
Time the entrance or show grounds will be open.
Late or early arrivals contact information (list a contact number and person )
Local veterinarians for emergency contact
Rules of the club (including waivers to be signed)
Listing of any applicable local laws or show site regulations pertaining to the exhibition of dogs. (Including waivers to be signed)
Grooming area information. (Electricity, tent, inside/outside, etc.)
Local hotel(s) and pet accommodation information.
RV hook amenities and availability (RV Park Guide) (if applicable)
Food/vendor information
Show photographer information (if applicable)
The most current ASCA approved entry form must be included, or a link to the entry forms on the ASCA website should be included. http://www.asca.org/formsandrulebooks

96:02 Stockdog Disqualification Rule, Chapter 3, Section 7
Motion by Vest, Second by Dexter

I move to direct the Stockdog Committee to clarify and amend Chapter 3 Section 7 of the Stockdog Rule Book. Such amending should include, but is not limited to, establishing a procedure for the judge to follow in the event it is necessary to disqualify a dog pursuant to 3.7.2. This procedure should include but is not limited to:

1. Inspecting the livestock involved for injury.
2. Immediately informing the handler of the disqualification.
3. Insure that the Judge treats a disqualification as an urgent matter and completes the documentation required for a disqualification immediately following the incident as per the guidelines listed in Section 7, 3.7.2.

Clarifications/updates/changes:
> Description of “mauling” in 3.7.2 (ii) too general, specify “stock injured by rough treatment”.
> Clarify 3.7.2 (iii) for a dog so out of control that it cannot be caught - a disqualification may not be appropriate unless the dog has caused injury to the livestock, may be better suited to move to Section 7, 3.7.1., Excused Dogs.

Also move to direct the Stockdog Committee to delete section 3.7.2 (i) as this is covered in the ASCA Dog Bite Policy and is noted at the end of Chapter 3, Section 7 in the Stockdog Rule Book.

Comment - Clarification of the rule is needed to remove grey areas from the current rule. Goal is to provide clear and concise steps to be followed by a Judge involved in the disqualification of a dog in the stock arena.

Approve: Hellmeister, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Ford, Vest, Bates; Disapprove: Berryessa, Westerman. The motion is approved.

Letter of Dissent (Berryessa): The last motion we got from the SDC on this failed the last time. One of the objections revolved around requiring the owner to be notified immediately of the DQ before the trial could proceed. This could place holding the rest of the trial in jeopardy if the owner can not be found once the Judge notifies the CD of the DQ. The wording below once again could lead the SDC into thinking this is a requirement.

Letter of Dissent (Westerman): I believe that the DQ process we have now has served ASCA well and should remain as simple as possible. Furthermore, the motion has too many opinions from the maker of the motion that may overly influence the SDC.

00:20 Registry
Motion by Berryessa, Second by Vest

I move we place a moratorium on approving registrations of litters or individual dogs who have a dog in their pedigree who has been assigned an "R" registration number for a period of 6 months or until the BOD approves a motion defining the handling of registrations with an "R" registered dog in the pedigree. The moratorium is to take effect immediately.


4:05 Agility Committee Motion 20-2010 Safety Chute

Motion by Dolan. I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion:

Motion by Pamela, second by Krystal

Approve: Sue, Sherry, Janelle, Krystal, Cynthia, Annelise, Pamela. Abstain: Betty, Non voting: Ally, Andrea, Caroline;
Effective June 1, 2011

Safety Chute motion

Current:
Closed Tunnel: The closed tunnel is made up of two parts: a solid opening (barrel) and the fabric chute. The rigid opening shall be 30" to 36" in length and shall have a minimum of 22" inside diameter. The rigid opening shall be supported to prevent swaying, the entrance edge shall be padded and the inside dog running area (normally approximately 24" in width) is to have a non-skid surface. The fabric portion of the chute shall be no more than 8' long and flare out over the 8' distance to a circumference of 86" and 90" at the exit. The above is preferred, however, a combined barrel and cloth length of 12' is also acceptable.

Change to:
Closed Tunnel: The closed tunnel may be constructed two ways:
A. The chute is made up of two parts: a solid opening (barrel) and the fabric chute. The rigid opening shall be 30" to 36" in length and shall have a minimum of 22" inside diameter. The rigid opening shall be supported to prevent swaying, the entrance edge shall be padded and the inside dog running area (normally approximately 24" in width) is to have a non-skid surface. The fabric portion of the chute shall be no more than 8' long and flare out over the 8' distance to a circumference of 86" and 90" at the exit. The above length is preferred, however, a combined barrel and cloth length of 12' is also acceptable.
B. The Safety tunnel/chute design may be used. The barrel portion is a short tunnel, 4-6" pitch, 30" to 36" in length, and shall have a minimum of 22" inside diameter. It shall be supported to prevent swaying. For safety reasons sandbags, or other non-metal bases, are recommended for support. The fabric portion of the chute shall be permanently attached to the tunnel portion, be no more than 8' long and flare out over the 8' distance to a circumference of 86" and 90" at the exit. The above length is preferred, however, a combined barrel and cloth length of 12' is also acceptable.


4:05 Agility Committee Motion 18-2010 Trial Cancellation

Motion by Dolan. I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion:

Motion by Pamela second by Andrea
Effective date will be June 1, 2011
Approve: Unanimous

Insert new paragraph in Chapter 2
2.1.4.1: Trial Cancellations: If the trial cannot be opened or completed by reason of acts of GOD, civil disturbances, environmental conditions, fire, public emergency, riots, or any other cause beyond the control of the Trial Committee, it may be canceled. Considerations for safety shall be assessed for all dogs, exhibitors, judge, and Trial Committee. The Trial Committee should seek input from the exhibitors and the judge of record, but the decision to cancel is the trial Committee's decision and that decision is final. Refund of entries are at the discretion of the Trial Committee.


10:20 Breed Standard Revisions- add section

motion-Ford, second- Westerman

I move that the section added to the Breed Standard to be placed at the top of the Standard by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only. The Membership will be
allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard.

First and foremost, the Australian Shepherd is a true working stockdog, and anything that detracts from his usefulness as such is undesirable. The most important breed characteristics are overall moderation in size and bone, balance with correct proportions, and sound movement.

Reason: The above two sentences were added to be placed at the very top of the Standard. It is a summary of why the Australian Shepherd is to be preserved as an athletic moderate breed.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Westerman, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Dolan. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.

10:20 Breed Standard Revisions- Character

Motion- Ford, Second- Westerman

I move that the section titled CHARACTER of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only. The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.

CHARACTER: The Australian Shepherd is primarily a working dog of strong herding and guardian instincts. He is an intelligent, exceptional companion. He is versatile and easily trained: performing his assigned tasks with great style and enthusiasm. He is reserved with strangers but does not exhibit shyness. This unusually versatile stockdog works upright and close, with the power and quickness to control difficult cattle as well as the ability to move sheep without unnecessary roughness. Although an aggressive, authoritative worker, viciousness toward people or animals is intolerable.

**** Reasons: The original description was accurate and left unchanged. A clarification was felt to be necessary because the Australian Shepherd is often judged by individuals who have never seen a stockdog work. Their experience leads them to identify “herding” with structure found in such breeds as the Old English Sheepdog, the Corgi, the Sheltie, and other breeds who physically have not been bred for the tasks expected of an Australian Shepherd. A sentence was added to clarify just what kind of work this specific breed needs to be both physically and mentally capable of doing.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Westerman, Bates, Ford; Disapprove: Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Vest. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.

10:20 Breed Revision Standard: Head

Motion- Ford, second- Westerman

I move that the section titled Head of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only. The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.
HEAD: The head is a reflection of the overall moderation needed in a stock dog and is structured to provide maximum protection from injury when working livestock. The head is clean-cut, strong, dry, and in proportion to the body. Lips are close fitting, meeting at the mouth line with only a slight overlap. The topskull is flat to slightly rounded; its length and width each equal to the length of the muzzle. The muzzle is of medium width and depth and tapers gradually to a rounded tip, without appearing heavy, square, or snipy. The toplines of the muzzle and topskull appear close to parallel with the topskull slanting very slightly toward the muzzle. The stop is moderate but well defined.

**** Reasons: The new version contains some grammar changes. There is also clarification of WHY the head is shaped as it is for the job the breed is designed to do. The reference to "dry" has been understood by some to mean loose lips, while the glossary description states "without wrinkles". Clarification of the muzzle without changing the original description was done in order to emphasize that it should not be overdone or overly fine. The describing of the toplines of the muzzle is a clarification based on a statement (and study of real dogs) in the original 1977 Annotations. Since there is now another Standard for the Australian Shepherd (AKC) stating that these planes are parallel, it was felt that ASCA should heed the advice of the original ASCA authors who stated in the 1977 Annotations, "It might be noted that in some other breeds where definite proportions were not stipulated, one of the first things to be changed as the breeds evolved was the head." The original authors further stated: "Several of the Affiliate Clubs’ initial proposals specified the toplines of muzzle and topskull to lie on parallel planes. Upon close examination, one finds this to be untrue. Due to the slight tapering of the muzzle, the toplines of these two features are set slightly obliquely. If one examines the heads of the breeds whose standards call for parallel planes, most notably setters and pointers, one also finds they call for a square, blunt muzzle with a prominent brow and fairly abrupt stop, which help to create the appearance of parallel planes."

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Bates, Westerman, Ford; Disapprove: Dolan, Dexter, Clayton, Vest. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.

10:20 Breed Revision Standard: Teeth

I move that the section titled Teeth of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only. The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.

TEETH: A full complement (42) of strong white teeth meet in a scissors bite. Anything other than a scissors bite is considered a fault. Teeth broken or missing by accident are not penalized. All other missing teeth should be faulted with the severity increasing with the number that are missing. DISQUALIFICATIONS: Undershot bite. Overshot bite exceeding 1/8 inch.

****Reasons: There are a few punctuation changes for clarification. The Standard has always required a "full complement" of teeth, but missing teeth have become an increasing problem in the breed. Thus the "full complement" has been further clarified by stating the correct number of teeth for a canine. Since wry (crooked) bites are undesirable for a canine, the wording about an even bite was revised to fault any bite other than the correct scissors bite.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Westerman, Bates, Ford; Disapprove: Dolan, Dexter, Vest. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.
10:20 Breed Standard Revisions: Eyes
Motion-Ford, Second- Westerman

I move that the section titled Eyes of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only.
The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.

EYES: The eyes are very expressive, showing attentiveness and intelligence. They are clear, almond-shaped, of moderate size, and set a little obliquely, neither prominent nor sunken. The pupils are dark, well defined, and perfectly positioned. Color is brown, blue, amber; or any variation or combination, including flecks and marbling. All eye colors are acceptable in combination with all coat colors. **FAULTS:** Round eyes; loose lower lids.

****Reasons: The fact that all eye colors are acceptable with all colors is clarified. Both loose lower lids and round eyes are faulted as a serious deviation from the ideal of almond shaped eyes. Loose lower lids can collect debris, as well as encourage tearing, and are most often found in conjunction with a round shaped eye. Round eyes are more likely to protrude and are common in breeds that are prone to injury resulting in the eye coming out of the socket.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Westerman, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Dolan, Dexter. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, **the motion is not approved.**

10:20 Breed Standard Revision: Ears
Motion-Ford, Second- Hellmeister

I move that the section titled EARS of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time. The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.

EARS: The ears, set high on the side of the head, are triangular, of moderate size and slightly rounded at the tip. The tip of the ear reaches to, but no further than, the inside corner of the nearest eye. At full attention, they should lift from one-quarter (1/4) to one-half (1/2) above the base and break slightly forward. **Severe Faults:** Oversized; no lift from the base; lowset; prick.

****Reasons: Clarification that the measurement to the inside corner of the eye is the ideal. Rewording of description of where the ear breaks which does not change the meaning but emphasizes the fact that the ear should have lift. Adhering to the original Australian Shepherd ideal ear described as breaking slightly forward, this was not changed. The previous severe fault of hound ears is defined since there is no glossary definition of a hound ear.

[Additional note: There was discussion about allowing the so called rose ear or ear that breaks to the side since it is prevalent in the breed. The decision was made that the Standard should not be CHANGED to fit dogs with traits that vary from the original Standard. Such ears have always been within the breed but have never been considered IDEAL which is what a Breed Standard describes.]
Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Westerman, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Dolan, Dexter. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.

**10:20 Breed Standard Revisions: Neck and Body**

Motion-Ford, Second-Westerman

I move that the section titled Neck and Body of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only. The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.

NECK AND BODY: The neck is firm, clean, and in proportion to the body. It is of medium length and slightly arched at the crest, setting well into the shoulders. The body is firm and muscular. The topline appears level at a natural four-square stance. The bottom line carries well back with a moderate tuck-up. The chest is deep and strong with ribs well sprung. The loin is strong and broad when viewed from the top. The croup is moderately sloping, the ideal being thirty (30) degrees from the horizontal. Tail is straight, not to exceed four (4) inches, natural bobtail or docked.

****No change except for a sentence switch to follow the lines of the dog.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Dolan. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.

**10:20 Breed Standard Revision: Forequarters**

Motion-Ford, Second-Westerman

I move that the section titled Forequarters of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only. The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.

FOREQUARTERS: The shoulder blades (scapula) are well laid back, with the upper arm (humerus) slightly longer than the shoulder blade. The forelegs are straight and strong, perpendicular to the ground, with moderate bone. The point of the elbow is set under the withers and is equidistant from the withers to the ground. Pasterns are short, thick, and strong, but still flexible, showing a slight angle when viewed from the side. Feet are oval shaped, compact, with close knit, well-arched toes. Pads are thick and resilient; nails short and strong. Dewclaws may be removed.

****Reasons: The reference to measuring two fingers width was removed because it is not an equal for a 23" dog and an 18" bitch. The forty-five (45) degree angle was removed because it has been established that this is not a realistic angle. The statement regarding the scapula and humerus were added for accuracy. The reference to "powerful" legs was changed to "strong" since the word powerful may give the impression of heavy bone. The addition of "moderate bone" was to reinforce this is a moderate breed that should not be fine boned nor should it have massive bone for its size.
Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Dolan. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.

10:20 Breed Standard Revision: Hindquarters
Motion- Ford, Second- Westerman

I move that the section titled Hindquarters of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only. The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.

HINDQUARTERS: Width of hindquarters is approximately equal to the width of the forequarters at the shoulders. The angulation of the pelvis and upper thigh (femur) corresponds to the angulation of the shoulder blade and upper arm. Stifles are clearly defined; hock joints moderately bent. The metatarsi are short, perpendicular to the ground, and parallel to each other when viewed from the rear. Feet are oval shaped, compact, with close-knit, well-arched toes. Pads are thick and resilient; nails short and strong. Rear dewclaws are removed.

****Reasons: The statement of an approximate right angle was removed for accuracy.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Dolan. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.

10:20 Breed Standard Revisions: Coat
Motion- Ford, Second- Westerman

I move that the section titled Coat of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only. The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.

COAT: The coat is of medium length and texture, straight to slightly wavy, and weather resistant. The undercoat can vary in quantity with climate and is softer than the outer coat. Hair is short and smooth on the head, outside of ears, front of forelegs, and below the hocks. Backs of forelegs are moderately feathered and breeches are moderately full. There is a moderate mane and frill, more pronounced in dogs than bitches. The Australian Shepherd is a working dog and is to be shown with a natural coat. Trimming of the feet, ears, and front and rear pasterns is permissible. Whiskers are not trimmed. Severe Faults: Non-typical coats such as excessively long; overabundant/profuse; curly; smooth (short hair)

****Reasons: Reworded the beginning sentences for better flow. Clarified what is undercoat. Mentioned acceptable grooming to highlight that the breed should be shown naturally (especially regarding whisker trimming). Non typical coats are clarified by defining what is non-typical for the Australian Shepherd.

Approve: Hellmeister, Westerman, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Dolan, Berryessa, Clayton, Dexter. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.
10:20 Breed Standard Revisions: Color

Motion- Ford, Second- Westerman

I move that the section titled Color of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only. The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.

COLOR: All colors are strong, clear, and rich. The recognized colors are solid black, blue merle, solid red/liver, and red/liver merle; all with or without white markings and/or tan (copper) points with no order of preference. Blacks and blue merles have a base color of jet black; reds and red merles have a base color from dark/rich red to liver (dark reddish brown). Merling is a lighter shade of the base color. The blue merle and black have black pigmentation on nose, lips, and eye-rims; the red/liver merle and red/liver have liver pigmentation on nose, lips, and eye-rims. The nose must be fully pigmented. (Small unpigmented areas are not faulted on dogs under one year of age.) White on the ear or touching the eye, and/or pink on the nose and/or eye rims must each be faulted in proportion to the amount present. White and/or copper trim is never required. When white trim is present it should not appear as the dominant overall color and must be restricted to the following locations:

On the head: White trim, when present, may appear on the muzzle, the cheeks, between the eyes, the topskull, or a combination of all. The head is dominated by a color other than white. The ears and the area around the eyes must each be completely surrounded and covered by a color other than white.

On the body: White, when present, may appear on the neck and forequarters, although the white hairline on the neck must not extend into the body beyond the point of withers, and when present on the forequarters may not extend into the body (the area between withers and tail, on sides between elbows and back of hindquarters). White trim may appear on the underside of the chest, the belly, and on the hind legs but must not extend onto the side or flank.

DISQUALIFICATIONS: Any color other than the four recognized colors. When the entire base color on solids or merles appears so weak that the color cannot be recognized as red/liver or black, it is considered a non-recognized color. White on the body (the area between withers and tail, on sides between elbows and back of hindquarters) whether it appears as splash(es), isolated spot(s), patch(es), or an extension from trim. A completely unpigmented (pink) nose.

****Reasons: The original authors of the 1977 Standard said it best when they wrote in the Annotations: “The combination of breed character and soundness perhaps has a stronger influence in this section than any other. The requirement for color over the eyes and exclusion of white areas on the body other than trim is necessitated by the semi-lethal factors associated with the presence of two merling genes (double or homozygous merles). Simultaneously, this description eliminates the pattern white (piebald), which is not necessarily unsound, but detracts drastically from breed character”.

In this breed, color is not just to describe breed character but can have serious health implications which made it important to make this complex section very clear. The original wording of strong, clear, and rich is clarified as well as a clarification of merling. Butterfly nose is described by defining desirable pigment which can be a health issue. Location of white on the head is specified based on original intent of the 1977 Standard combined with more recent scientific research. We now know that there is an increased incidence of deafness when white appears on and around the ears in our breed and others.
The wording of the 1977 Standard which only addressed the white at the point of the withers is made clear since it could be misinterpreted to allow white extending into the body from the forequarters. Areas where white should not exist on the body are defined while allowing the normal pattern of white underneath the dog and on the legs. Body is clearly defined. There has been discussion of whether or not stifle white is allowable, but it is not addressed in the 1977 Standard and is not an indication of homozygous merling as long as it does not extend into the body. Disqualifications have not changed but have been clarified. Non recognized colors have been clarified with a description of an extreme dilute. The original wording of "white body splashes" which was often misinterpreted has been clarified as well as describing again just what part of the dog is considered "body". The often misunderstood term "dudley nose" has been defined.

Approve: Hellmeister, Westerman, Bates, Ford, Clayton; Disapprove: Dolan, Berryessa, Vest, Dexter. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.

10:20 Breed Standard Revisions: Gait

Motion-Ford, Second- Westerman

I move that the section titled Gait of the ASCA Breed Standard submitted by the Breed Standard Review Committee to the Board in 2007 be voted on by the ASCA Board of Directors, then if approved be sent to the membership with the election ballot in 2011. Said revision to be accompanied by the Committee reasons submitted at that time as an appendix for information only. The Membership will be allowed to vote on this section and must receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting on the section to be incorporated into the present standard replacing the corresponding present section.

GAIT: Sound movement is essential to the breed function, which requires speed, endurance, and quickness. The trot must be smooth, free, and easy, exhibiting agility of movement with a well balanced, ground-covering natural stride. As speed increases, both front and rear feet converge equally toward the centerline of gravity beneath the body. The topline remains firm and level. Gait faults shall be penalized according to the degree of deviation from the ideal.

****Reasons: Added explanation of why gait is so important for this breed along with clarifying that this section describes the dog at a trot. The word "equally" is added to emphasize that both front and rear feet should converge the same for proper balance, and the centerline of gravity is defined.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Vest, Westerman, Bates, Ford, Clayton; Disapprove: Dolan, Dexter. As stated in the ASCA Bylaws, voting by the Board of Directors concerning the Breed Standard must be unanimous. Therefore, the motion is not approved.

10:05 Thornapple litter registration

Motion by Berryessa, Second by Westerman

I move we allow registration of Thornapple Pucker Up and Thornapple Cashmere Mist with Thornapple Aftershock to be shown as the sire, but continue to deny the change of sire for Thornapple Roadhouse Red. Registration prices are to be based on the registry fee in place at the time of receipt of the original litter application.

We earlier ruled to not allow a change of the sire on the litter that produced Thornapple Roadhouse Red, Thornapple Pucker Up and Thornapple Cashmere Mist. Originally the sire was listed as Thornapple Powercore, but a request was made to change it to Thornapple Aftershock. Therion showed Thornapple Pucker Up and Thornapple Cashmere Mist were produced by Thornapple Aftershock and Thornapple Lizzie McGuire, but excluded the sire on Thornapple Roadhouse Red. The breeders of the litter have submitted DNA results from AKC and an independent lab that show Thornapple Roadhouse Red to also be out of Thornapple Aftershock.

4:04 Conformation Committee: Non Regular Breeder Judge

Motion by Berryessa.
I move we accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee:

Vote Results: Motion Carries
Favored: Leah, Becky, Regi, Ann, Liz, Glenda, Debbie, Gail, Mary
Opposed: David, Nancy
Not voting: Peter, Luc, Denise

David: Comment: I feel this has sections that are unenforceable and some requirements are cumbersome and focus outside the realm of conformation judging.

Motion: Liz  Second: Regi
Before applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:
A. Must be a Full member of ASCA® in good standing for a minimum of eight (8) years.
B. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age.
C. Must have bred and raised three (3) litters. Must have bred five (5) ASCA Champions of Record and handled five (5) ASCA Champions of Record for all points. Three (3) of the required five (5) ASCA Champions of Record handled by the applicant must be bred by the applicant. Any dog(s) bred and handled by the applicant for all points will count for both requirements. Any dog(s) co-owned by this applicant and listed to meet these requirements may not be used to meet the requirements of any other Breeder Judge or applicant. If a breeder is unable to complete the handler requirement, they may substitute the handling with the following: Two (2) additional ASCA Champions of Record of their breeding and Two (2) additional Ring Stewarding assignment and Two (2) additional points from the Enrichment Component list.
Any deviation from the required elements and prerequisites to this application process must be approved by the Board of Directors. Documentation must accompany application.
D. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Australian Shepherd Breed Standard as proven by a score of 100% on the Judge's Test.
E. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Conformation Judges Education Handbook as proven by score of 100% on the Judge's Test.
F. Must have evidence of a strong background and involvement in ASCA and its programs developed for the Australian Shepherd. The following is considered evidence of a strong background and involvement:
  1) Membership and participation in Affiliate clubs.
  2) Acting as a Show Secretary, Steward, Scorekeeper or Timekeeper at ASCA sanctioned events.
G. Must be an active and current member of the sponsoring club(s) for a minimum of two (2) years or show active membership in ASCA Affiliate Clubs totaling at least three (3) years.
H. Must have served as a steward in the conformation ring at five (5) ASCA sanctioned events. Must have served as a Show Secretary at five (5) ASCA sanctioned events.
I. Must have completed the required number of enrichment components from the approved list.
J. Must be willing to abide by the ASCA Judges Code of Ethics. Failure to do so may result in loss of judging privileges and suspension from ASCA. Judging is a privilege, not a right. The ASCA Conformation Judge's conduct must always be impartial, dignified and respectful of the dog and the handler. A Judge's actions and professional comportment must be above reproach.

Enrichment Components

Judge Applicants must complete a combination of at least Three (3) points from the following enrichment components. Two (2) points must come from #’s 1, 2 or 3. The other point(s) may come from any of the
components. Documentation of attendance and successful completion (where applicable) must be submitted with application. These enrichment components are designed to allow for a judge applicant to be well versed in all areas of ASCA.

1) Attend a Judges Education Seminar presented by the ASCA Conformation Committee at a National Specialty. A Certificate of Completion is required. (This counts as two (2) points)

2) Attend a seminar put on by ASCA Affiliate Clubs or other canine registry, organization, association, or dog club that cover general movement and structure presented by either judges or well-known experts. A Certificates of Completion and/or documentation of attendance are required. (This counts as two (2) points)

3) Attend a seminar put on by ASCA Affiliate Clubs or other canine registry, organization, association, or dog club that cover judging procedures and ring procedures presented by either judges or well-known experts. A Certificates of Completion and/or documentation of attendance are required. (This counts as two (2) points)

4) Participation as a competitor/exhibitor in three (3) ASCA Stock dog trials (The intent is 3 separate trials and may be on any class of stock at any level). A copy of your score sheet is required. (This counts as one (1) point)

5) Participation as a competitor/exhibitor in three (3) ASCA sanctioned Agility, Obedience, Tracking or Rally events. (The intent is 3 separate events and may be any class or level). A copy of your score sheet or letter of participation from the Event Secretary is required. (This counts as one (1) point)

6) Have served as a stock timekeeper or scorekeeper at two (2) ASCA sanctioned Stock Trials. A letter from the Stock Course Director is required. (This counts as one (1) point)

7) Have served as a timekeeper or ring steward at two (2) ASCA sanctioned Agility, Obedience, Tracking or Rally events. A letter from the Show Secretary is required. (This counts as one (1) point)


4:04 Conformation Committee: 9.1.2010 CC Voting Schedule

Motion by Berryessa.
I move we accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee. This exception is to be placed in the Committee Exemptions file as required in the policy manual.

Vote Results: Motion Carries
Favored: Leah, Gail, Becky, Liz, Regi, Ann, Glenda, Debbie, Mary, Nancy
Opposed: None
Not voting: David, Peter, Luc, Denise

Motion #8 9.1.2010 CC Voting Schedule
Motion: Mary Second: Liz

I move to grant an exemption of the Committee Procedures, Voting, No.7 Random Schedule to the Conformation Committee based on Section 22.2 of the ASCA Policy Book and set the discussion period to five (5) days and the voting period to three (3) days.

Comment:
The Conformation Committee is busy with multiple tasks at this point and granting this exemption would help to move things forward in a much faster fashion.

Approve:
Hellmeister, Berryessa, Westerman, Ford; Disapprove: Clayton, Dolan, Bates, Dexter, Vest; The motion is not approved.

Submitted,
Tenley Dexter
ASCA Secretary