

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, 2011.

Board of Director's Teleconference Monday November 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM CST by President Russ Ford. All Directors were present except David Clayton.

Motion by Gann, Second by Gray

I move to ratify all October 2011 email votes. Approve: Ford, McClintock, Hellmeister, Gann, Bates, Vest, Dexter and Gray. Absent: Clayton. *Motion is approved.*

David Clayton and Nannette Newberry joined the conference call at approximately 8:10 PM.

The Board discussed the three new forms for Affiliate Club Evaluation, Breeder Judge Evaluation and Judge's Evaluation with valuable input from Ms. Newberry. Further studies will be done by the Committee and recommendations made to the Board.

Ms. Newberry left the conference call.

The Board discussed putting all ASCA Approved Judges on the ASCA website for members to use. A motion will be forth coming within the next voting period.

Office Manager, Ray Fryer joined the Board at approximately 8:30 PM. Mr. Fryer gave the Board his opinion regarding new software for the Business Office. He will obtain cost proposals for Board review. Mr. Fryer is also in communication the American Quarter Horse Association regarding information that may be very valuable to ASCA.

Mr. Fryer will work with our Bookkeeper to set aside Five Thousand Dollars yearly for computer upgrades.

Mr. Fryer and the ASCA Board discussed our Rule Books effective date, in house printing and outside printing and will make a recommendation too the Board by the end of next week.

Mr. Fryer left the conference call at approximately 9 PM.

Treasurer Greg McClintock gave the Board an overview on the budget, P & L and the Proposed Budget. A final budget should be presented to the Board by the end of December.

Directors Dexter had questions regarding an issue to be put in the September Secretary's Report. The Board agreed that these questions should be run by our Attorney.

Motion by Hellmeister and seconded by Gann, to adjourn the conference call at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jo Kimes

2011:39 RALLY - CH 13 Finals Eligibility

Motion By Vest

Motion 11-22A / CH 13 Finals Eligibility: Made by Lori and seconded by Rebecca

I move to change CH 13 / Finals Eligibility # 2 through # 6 from:

SECTION 2: Finals Eligibility 2. Eligible dogs are ASCA registered Australian Shepherds and must have received at least three (3) qualifying scores in Rally Excellent B and Masters B in the same Trial to accumulate points during the year. Points will be awarded for qualifying scores from both Excellent B and Masters B in the same Trial. Point Schedule for the Rally Finals program:

Rally score earned: Points earned:

200 10
199 9
198 8
197 7
196 6
195 5
194 4
193 3
192 2
191 1

3. Scores of one hundred-ninety (190) or lower will not earn points towards qualifying for the Rally Finals.

4. Eligible dogs for the Rally Finals are the top forty (40) Rally dogs as ranked in the Aussies Times from the combined scores of Excellent B and Masters B. There may be more than forty (40) dogs if there are ties in the top 40 listings. The next twenty-five (25) dogs in the listings will be contacted as alternates.

5. Only full ASCA members may accumulate points toward any Finals or Merit Programs.

6. BITCHES IN SEASON will be allowed to compete in the Finals. Bitches in season will compete last after all other judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day. Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an X-pen) outside the building or in a separate area at least fifty (50) feet away from the Rally rings prior to and during the competition, except while competing.

To Read:

SECTION 2: Finals Eligibility

2. Eligible dogs are ASCA or LEP registered Australian Shepherds owned or co-owned by a full ASCA member in good standing who have received qualifying scores from both Excellent B and Masters B at three (3) individual trials during the current Finals year.

3. The top five combined scores (from Masters B and Excellent B from each of 5 trials) will be added for each dog to determine placements.

Example: Dog A earns in one trial, a combined score of 396 from Masters B and Excellent B in first trial. Second trial same dog earns a 390, third trial a 395, 4

th trial a 392, fifth trial a 350 and sixth trial a 397, the total points for Finals to date would be 1970. The 350 from the fifth trial would be dropped.

4. Invitations will be sent to the top twenty (20) Rally dogs as ranked in the Aussie Times from the combined scores of Excellent B and Masters B. There may be more than twenty (20) dogs if there is a tie for the twentieth (20th) placement. Dogs with ties will be listed alphabetically in the placement they are tied for. Example: Dog A has 92 points; dogs B, C, and D have 89 points. They will be listed as A in first place and B, C, and D in second place, and dog E in fifth place. By July 1st of each year, the next twenty (20) qualifiers will be notified that they are on the alternates list, should any of the top twenty (20) not be able to participate.

5. BITCHES IN SEASON, who has qualified, will be allowed to compete in Finals. They must be crated (not placed in an X-pen) in a separate area (may be designated by Host Club) at least fifty (50) feet away from the rally or obedience rings, prior to and during the trial, until they are called to compete. They will compete last after all other judging is complete with the exception of run-offs each day, which if involved, will run last.

They must remain on leash (preferably with panties) anytime not in a crate or ring. All attempts should be made to potty Bitches in season in an isolated area or areas designated by the Host Club. Failure to comply will result in elimination from Finals.

Comment - The reasons for these changes are we included LEP aussies and we clarified dogs owned/co owned by Full members of ASCA in good standing may accumulate points. It also clarifies that one does not need three scores before points start adding up but that it takes a minimum of three double Q's to qualify for the finals each year. As well it clarifies that double Q's are required at three individual Trials, each year to count. We also cut the number to 20 as 40 was the amount of runs not dogs and we had meant 20 with double runs. We have also included more examples. We also feel the Finals should be about Quality and not the quantity of scores, so have changed the way they are calculated.

For: Cheryl, Beverly, Lori, Ginni, Kathi, Karen, Jody, Barbara, Pat, and Heather

Opposed: Cheri, Donna, and Sandy

Motion Passes: 10-3

Approve: *Unanimous*

98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE - Section 1.12 Boundaries of Ring/Trial Arena and Show Grounds

Motion by Dexter

I move to approve the following recommendation by the Conformation Committee.

Motion by Leah with a second by Debbie.

I Leah Swatko make a motion to change Section 1.12 of the ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations as follows;

New Rule To Read:

Section 1.12 Boundaries of Ring/Trial Arena and Show Grounds

a) RING/TRIAL ARENA: The ring/Trial arena is the bounded area in which judging of and ASCA event occurs and over which the Judge has authority. The boundary is defined by physical barriers plus a buffer zone extending ten (10) feet from such physical barriers.

b) SHOW GROUNDS: The Show Grounds are the boundaries of the grounds on which ASCA events are being held. They include, but not limited to, all areas outside the ring/trial arena (including the buffer zone) set aside for grooming, holding of dogs, and parking of vehicles of the exhibitor.

As the rule currently reads;

SECTION 1.12 Boundaries of Show Grounds. The limits are the boundaries of the grounds. Premises constitute a larger area, its boundaries not well defined. It consists of the land building(s) and all parking areas adjacent to and a continuation of the show grounds where any ASCA event are held whether held separately or in conjunction with each other. Any area inside the limits is on the premises, but an area does not have to be within the limits to be considered within the premises.

Justification, to more clearly state and define the area of influence under ASCA Rules and Regulations.

YES - Gail, Dorothy, Peter, Leah, Debbie, Becky, Denise, Glenda, Mary, Liz, Regi, Rhonda

Non-Voting - Luc, Nancy, Ann

Approve: Gray, McClintock, Bates, Ford, Dexter, Hellmeister, Gann & Vest. Disapprove: Clayton. *Motion is approved*

96:07 DNA Committee

Motion by Gray Seconded by Ford

I move to approve the DNA's Committee request to the board to permit Mary Hellmeister to remain on the DNA Committee.

We, ASCA's DNA Committee, respectfully request Mary Hellmeister be permitted to continue her service as a member of this committee. Mary has been an active and productive member of this committee and we would like her to continue her good work for ASCA.

The DNA Committee works to educate the membership on the benefits of a parent-verified registry and aid in preserving and protecting the Australian Shepherd and its parent-verified registry. Since preserving and protecting ASCA's registry should be the goal of every director and every member, we see no conflict of interest if her husband also serves on the board.

To our knowledge there is no rule preventing spouses from volunteering for ASCA at the same time. It has happened many times in the past as well as present. Of course, Mary and Peter Hellmeister currently, but also Ken Silveira, 1st VP and Rhonda Silveira, Conformation Committee Chair; Neil Weaver, President and Jeannie Weaver, Stock Dog Committee are at the top of our mind, there may likely be others.

It seems to be a disservice to ASCA to restrict passionate people who want to give of their own personal time, seemingly only on the basis of being married to each other.

Approve: Gray, McClintock, Vest, Ford & Gann. Abstain: Hellmeister. Non-Voting: Clayton, Bates & Dexter. *Motion is approved.*

2011:39 RALLY - CH 13 Finals Judges and Judging

Motion by Vest

Motion 11-23A / CH 13 Finals Judges and Judging: Made by Lori and seconded by Jody

I move to change CH 13 Sec 6, Finals Judges and Judging # 1 from

SECTION 6: Finals Judges and Judging

1. Judges must be in good standing with ASCA, be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges list and completed an RM title in ASCA.

To Read:

1. Judges must be in good standing with ASCA, listed on the current Approved Rally Judges list and completed an RM title in ASCA. Judges must also have completed at least five (5) ASCA Rally judging assignments prior to the sanctioning of Finals.

Comment: The reason for this motion is we feel that any judge with the responsibility of judging the Finals should be well versed in the sport so we're asking for 1 RM title and previous judging experience with ASCA Rally.

For: Rebecca, Donna, Cheryl, Beverly, Lori, Ginni, Kathi, Jody, Barbara, and Heather

Opposed: Cheri, Sandy, Karen, and Pat

Motion passes: 10-4

Approve: Gray, McClintock, Clayton, Vest, Bates, Ford, Dexter and Gann.

Abstain: Hellmeister. *Motion is approved*

94:01 STOCK DOG COMMITTEE - Fiona Hibbard Judge Move up

Motion: Ford

I move that Fiona Hibbard be moved up to provisional judge per the stockdog committee's recommendation.

The following was posted on the SDC list and should be forwarded to the

Board as appropriate.

The voting window for Fiona Hibbard's move up to Provisional ended 11/1

The results were 10 Approve and 1 Disapprove. I will forward

this information to the Business office and the SDC liaison.

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved*

2011:37 Apprentice Stock Dog Judge Application - Betty Williams

Motion by Ford

I move to accept Betty Williams into the ASCA Stockdog program as an apprentice judge. If approved Ms.

Williams would be informed by letter from the acting Executive Secretary Jo Kimes.

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved*

2011:39 RALLY - CH 2 Sec 22 General Procedures

Motion by Vest

Motion 11-15AA / CH 2 Sec 22 General Procedures: Made by Lori and seconded by Jody

I move to change CH 2 Sec 22 / General Procedures # 2-4 from:

SECTION 22: General Procedures

2. Exhibitors shall check in at the ring table prior to their class. Those with classes with jumps shall confirm their jump heights and anyone with a conflict should let the Table Steward know at this time.

3. The signs are to be placed to the right of the handler's path with the exception of a change of direction, in which case the sign will be directly in front of the handler. Some exercises using cones or other aids may require entry with the sign on the handler's left. The next sign should be straight in line from the exit of the previous station. The Judge determines the exact placement of signs and walks the course before the class begins. Except for cone or jump exercises requiring entry with the sign or obstacle on the left, or the change of directions which are performed in front of the signs, exercises are performed near or to the left side of the designated signs.

4. Before judging begins, handlers entered in that particular level will be allowed to walk through the course once the Judge opens the course up for the walk through. The walk through is without dogs and a 10-minute time will be allotted for the handlers to walk the course. In the case of large classes the walk through may be divided at Judges discretion.

To Read:

SECTION 22: General Procedures

2. Exhibitors shall check in at the ring table prior to their class. Jump heights should be confirmed at check in and anyone with conflicts should alert the Steward at this time.

3. The signs are to be placed to the right of the handler's path except for a change of direction sign, which will be placed directly in the path of the team. Exercises are performed in numerical order and either directly in front, (change of direction), at the sign, (change of pace), or near and to the left of the signs. Signs including more than two elements are to be readable to the handler during the performance of the station. The Judge determines the exact placement of signs and walks the course prior to the walk-through.

4. The Judge will open the course for a ten (10) minute walk through to handlers (no dogs), entered in each level. The Judge shall be present for any questions prior to the start of the class.

In the case of large classes the walk through may be divided at the Judge's discretion.

Justification - The reasoning for changes in this section are to clarify where the signs should actually be placed, to actually say signs shall be performed numerically, and to clarify that the Judge walks the course prior to the Exhibitors' walk thru.

For: Rebecca, Cheryl, Beverly, Lori, Ginni, Kathi, Jody, Barbara, Pat and Heather

Opposed: Cheri, Donna, Sandy and Karen Motion passes: 10-4

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

2011:39 RALLY - Sign Descriptions

Motion by Vest

Motion 11-29AA / Sign Descriptions: Made by Lori and seconded by Cheryl.

It Reads: I move to change sign number's 13, 46, 47, 72, 73, 84, 85 and the Finish sign in the below sign descriptions (changes listed in red). Most of the other signs changed but are only clarifications.

#13: Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Down, Return:

Handler continues to move while dog Stands in place at handlers command and/or signal. Handler walks three (3) steps,

Faces dog, Pauses, dog Downs on command and/or signal. Handler returns around dog to heel position and Pauses. Team

Heels forward.

Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Down, Return:

At handler's command and/or signal

dog Stands in place while Handler continues at least three (3) steps forward. Handler

Turns, faces dog and Pauses. At handler's command and/or signal, Dog Downs in place. Handler returns around dog and Pauses in heel position. Team heels forward.

46: Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Heel:

Handler continues to move while dog stands in place

at handler's command and/or signal. Handler walks three (3) steps forward, stops, turns and faces dog, Dog is called directly to a sit in heel position. Team heels forward.

Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Heel:

At handler's command and/or signal,

dog stops at a stand in place while Handler continues at least three (3) steps forward.

Handler turns and faces dog. At handler's command and/or signal, Dog returns directly to a sit in heel position. Team

heels forward.

#47: Moving Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Front, Finish, Halt:

Handler continues to move while dog downs in place

at handler's command and/or signal. Handler walks three (3) steps

forward, stops, turns and faces dog, Dog is called directly to front position. Handler has dog return to heel position by the method their choice with dog sitting in heel position prior to moving forward.

Moving Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Front, Finish, Halt:

At handler's command and/or signal,

Dog Downs and Stays in place while Handler continues at least three (3) steps forward.

Handler turns and faces dog, At handler's command and/or signal, Dog comes directly to front position. Dog finishes and sits in heel position prior to moving forward.

72: Serpentine cones, One Way:

Four (4) cones are placed eight (8) to ten (10) feet apart in a straight line.

Team enters with first cone to their left, and weaves while heeling down throughout the pylons and exits with last cone on their right.

Serpentine cones, One Way:

Four (4) cones are placed six (6) to eight (8) feet apart in a straight line.

Team enters with first cone to their left, and weaves while heeling down throughout the cones and exits with last cone on their right.

73: Serpentine Cones Down & Back:

Four (4) cones are placed eight (8) to ten (10) feet apart in a straight line.

Team enters with first cone to their left, and weaves while heeling down throughout the pylons, around the last one,

and back the other way and exits with last cone on their right.

Serpentine Cones Down & Back:

Four (4) cones are placed six (6) to eight (8) feet apart in a straight line.

Team enters with first cone to their left, and while heeling, weaves down throughout the cones, around the last one, and back the other way and exits with last cone to their left.

84: Sit Stay, (Honor):

The Team lines up at the Honor station. The dog will do a Sit stay. Judging begins when the Judge says "Forward" to the next dog and ends after the team on course passes the Finish sign. In Novice, handler stands beside or directly in front of dog at Judge's direction. In Excellent and Masters, the handler stands facing the dog at the end of a six (6) foot lead.

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#85: Down Stay, (Honor):

The Team lines up at the Honor station. The dog will do a Down stay. Judging begins when the Judge says "Forward" to the next team and ends after the dog on course passes the Finish sign. In Novice, handler stands beside or directly in front of dog at Judges direction. In Excellent and Masters, the handler stands facing the dog at the end of a six (6) foot lead.

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Team lines up at the Honor station. The dog will do a Down Stay. Judging begins when the Judge says "Forward" to the next team and ends after the dog on course passes the Finish sign. In Novice, handler stands beside or directly in front of dog at Judges direction. In Excellent, the handler stands facing the dog at the end of a six (6) foot lead. Honor to be starred when used.

Finish:

Designates the end of the course. Both handler and dog must pass the Finish sign for time to stop.

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Designates the end of the course. Both handler and dog must pass the Finish sign for time to stop. When the sign directly faces

the gate, it must be placed at least six (6) feet away.

Justification - The reason for these changes are the moving Stands and Downs were too hard to calculate when the steps actually started so we changed them all to at least 3 steps. We shortened up the distance on the Serpentine as 8-10 was a bit too far apart. We also removed the Honor from Masters as we didn't feel it was right to have a steward calculate points off for the Judge by determining how many commands were given. We also confirmed the Honor when used is always starred. For safety reasons we also have included the Finish sign must be at least six feet away from the exit gate if facing it directly.

For: Rebecca, Cheryl, Beverly, Lori, Ginni, Kathi, Jody, Barbara, Pat and Heather

Opposed: Cheri, Donna, Sandy and Karen Motion Passes: 10-4

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion Approved*

2011:39 RALLY - CH 2 Sec 23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Motion by Vest

Motion 11-33 / CH 2 Sec 23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Made by Lori and seconded by Beverly

I move to add the following sentence after the first sentence in Chapter 2 Section 23, Scoring and Minimum Penalties.

"Any error which is less than one a (1) point deduction in Obedience is not to be deducted in Rally."

SECTION 23: Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Scoring for all levels and each class is based on a maximum score of 200 points. Any error which is less than one a (1) point deduction in Obedience is not to be deducted in Rally. The following deductions shall apply.

Justification - The reasoning for this motion is to help with consistency of judging and scoring. This is already listed but not

defined as clearly as in this sentence. We also feel putting it in this Chapter and section will serve as a

reminder that 1/2 point errors are not scored in Rally. This is something for clarification and we'll leave the decision up to the Board as to when it gets added if approved.

This affects Rally Judges and exhibitors.

INDIVIDUAL VOTES

For: Ginni, Rebecca, Sandy, Cheri, Beverly, Kathi, Jody, Pat, Donna, Barbara, Cheryl, and Lori - Opposed: 0 -

Non voting: Wendy Motion Passes

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

2011:39 RALLY - CH 2 Sec 19 Use of Hands

Motion by Vest

We have Motion 11-12 / CH 2 Sec 19 Use of Hands, made by Lori, seconded by Cheryl.

I Move to replace CH 2 Sec 19 from:

SECTION 19: Use of Hands

Hands and arms need not be held in any particular position, except that they should not interfere with the dog's movement. Touching the dog is not permitted while on the course, unless specifically allowed in an exercise description. Gentle petting is allowed prior to the Judge's question "Are you ready?" and after passing the Finish sign and attaching the leash.

To: SECTION 19: Use of Hands

Hands and arms need not be held in any particular position, except that they should not interfere with the dog's movement or give the pretense of holding food (baiting) in order to accomplish an element of an exercise.

A one (1) point handler error may be deducted for each infraction. Touching the dog is not permitted while on the course, unless specifically allowed in an exercise description.

Justification - The reason for this motion is the Judging of hand position at this time is not well defined. Some Judges have been NQ'ing for baiting while others don't score it at all. This will help add uniformity to Judging and scoring. The only place there really was unlimited Communication was in the Novice class. From there, in each level, a Team was allowed less and less communication.

Opposed comment from Donna

I voted against this motion because I believe the original rules were correct. The committee said in Chapter 18, hands & arms may be held in any position and also Chapter 19, the chapter started out "Unlimited communication from handler to dog". This attempted change is requested from a few judges in a specific part of the country who have admittedly taken it upon themselves to penalize teams. Now the committee is making a rule to support the judges. I believe the reason for rally was to encourage positive, progressive training and this rule is detrimental to this end.

For: Jody, Barbara, Kathi, Ginni, Beverly, Rebecca, Pat, Cheryl, and Lori

Opposed: Corey, Donna, Sandy, and Cheri, Non Voting: Wendy

Motion Passes 9 for and 4 opposed with 1 not voting

Approve: Gray, McClintock, Clayton, Vest, Bates, Ford, Hellmeister & Gann.

Disapprove: Dexter. *Motion is approved.*

2011:39 RALLY - CH 1 Sec 29, Ring Area Conditions

Motion by Vest

Motion 11-8 / CH 1 Sec 29, Ring Area Conditions, made by Lori and seconded by Cheryl.

I move to change CH 1 Sect 29 from: SECTION 29: Ring Conditions

To Read: SECTION 29: Ring Area Conditions

And to replace Sec 1:

1. The ring should be rectangular with a minimum of two thousand (2000) square feet with no side being less than forty (40) feet for all Rally Classes.

To Read:

1. No grooming or crating within ten (10) feet of any Rally ring during the Rally portion of the show. Clubs must

ensure that Rally rings are used only for Obedience and Rally trials, not for practice or warm-ups prior to trials being held same day.

Justification - The reason for this change is it better defines the area around the ring, not the ring itself.

For: Jody, Pat, Sandy, and Beverly, Cheri, Kathi, Ginni, Barbara, Donna, Rebecca, Cheryl, and Lori Opposed:

Corey Non Voting : Wendy Motion passes 12 for and 1 opposed, 1 no vote

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

2011:39 RALLY - CH 1 Sec 19 & 20 HC HITJr

Motion by Vest

We have Motion 11-7 /CH 1 Sec 19 & 20 HC HITJr, made by Lori, seconded by Cheryl.

I move to change CH 1 Sec 19 from

SECTION 19: Highest Combined Score in Excellent B and Masters B

To Read:

SECTION 19: High Combined from Excellent B and Masters B

And

SECTION 20: Highest Scoring Junior Handler in the regular classes

To Read:

SECTION 20: High in Trial Junior Handler from the regular A and B classes

Justification - The reason for this change is it unifies the Awards won throughout the book and program.

For: Jody, Pat, Sandy, and Beverly, Cheri, Kathi, Ginni, Barbara, Donna, Rebecca, Cheryl, and Lori Opposed:

Corey Non Voting : Wendy Motion passes 12 for and 1 opposed, 1 no vote

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

2011:39 RALLY - CH 1 Sec 18: HIT

Motion by Vest

Motion 11-6 /CH 1 Sec 18: HIT, made by Lori, seconded by Cheryl.

I move to replace CH 1 Sec 18:

SECTION 18: Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes

To read:

SECTION 18: High in Trial from the regular A & B classes and adds the following sentence at the bottom of number 3.

For example: A Nov team with a 200, an Adv team with a 199, an Exc team with a 198 and a Masters team score of 197 would all tie and need to do a run off.. A Novice team of 200 would not win HIT over a Masters Team score of 198 or higher.

Justification - The reason for this change is to change the wording of award, clarify classes and to include an example as many do not understand how to calculate this.

For: Jody, Pat, Sandy, and Beverly, Cheri, Kathi, Ginni, Barbara, Donna, Rebecca, Cheryl, and Lori Opposed:

Corey Non Voting : Wendy

Motion passes 12 for and 1 opposed, 1 no vote

Approve: Unanimous *Motion is approved*

2011:39 Rally - Corrected Rally Motion 11-24A / CH 13 Sec 8 Finals Misc.

Motion by Vest

Motion 11-24A / CH 13 Sec 8 Finals Misc: Made by Lori and seconded by Jody

I move to change CH 13 Sec 8 # 5 and add # 6

SECTION 8: Finals Miscellaneous

5. There will be an Overall High Scoring Dog, not a High Scoring Dog in each category.

To: SECTION 8: Finals Miscellaneous

5. Scores earned in Finals will not count toward any ASCA titles

6. Courses used for Finals must be pre - approved at least 60 days prior to the event date by those on the Rally Review Committee not competing in the current years Finals.

Justification - The reasons for these changes are we feel the Courses need to be very correct for the Finals and should be viewed by the review Committee. We also added that the scores do not count for any titles as this is the

Finals, not a sanctioned Rally Trial. We'd like these changes to start immediately upon Board approval so the Judges selected for the first 2012 Rally Finals have plenty of time to get the courses to the Review Committee. There is not to be a HIT for Finals, our intent on this was very unclear in the old rules, it meant there is only ONE first place not a first place from each level.

FOR: Rebecca, Donna, Cheryl, Beverly, Lori, Ginni, Kathi, Karen, Jody, Barbara, Pat and Heather

Opposed: Cheri and Sandy Motion Passes: 12-2

Approve: Unanimous *Motion is approved*

2011:39 RALLY - CH 7 # 2 REMX Title

Motion By Vest

Motion 11-19A / CH 7 # 2 REMX Title: Made by Lori and seconded by Rebecca

I move to change the below paragraph in CH 7, # 2:

CHAPTER 7: Rally Excellent Masters Title

For those dogs who have earned 7 or more legs towards the REMx title by June 1, 2012 may continue to earn the REMX title under the original Rules. REMX titles earned prior to June 1st, 2012 the Title will be grandfathered.

To Read: Dogs who have earned at least seven (7) REM or three (3) REMX legs prior to June 1, 2012, may finish their REMX title with three (3) REMX legs (both scores 195 or more) of the ten (10) qualifying legs required.

Dogs earning the REMX title prior to June 1st, 2012 will not be required to meet the new requirements.

The reason for this change is that the title is actually the REM to start with and once 3 scores over 195 in both classes (REMX legs) is earned or 7 double Q scores, the REMX may be earned under the original rules. So if a team gets either 7 reg Double Q's or 3 XX Q's prior to June 1st 2012.

They can continue under the original rules and anyone after such date with less than 7 double Q legs or less than 3 Double X Q legs will have to go by the new rules.

For: Rebecca, Donna, Cheryl, Beverly, Lori, Sandy, Ginni, Kathi, Jody, Barbara, Pat and Heather Opposed: Cheri, Karen Motion Passes: 12-2

Approve: Gray, McClintock, Clayton, Vest, Bates, Ford, Dexter and Gann. Abstain: Hellmeister.

Motion is approved

2011:39 RALLY - CH 2 Sec 4: Judges Directions

Motion by Vest

Motion 11-9A / CH 2 Sec 4: Judges Directions: Made by Lori and seconded by Donna

I move to change CH 2 Sec 4: Judges Directions from

SECTION 4: Judge's Directions

The Judge's orders and signals should be given to the handlers in a clear and understandable manner and in such a way that the work of the dog is not disturbed. Before starting each run, the Judge shall check to be sure the Honor dog is in position, the timer is ready and then the Judge shall ask "Are you ready?" to the exhibitor.

To Read: The Judge's instruction should be given to each handler in a clear and understandable manner. Prior to starting each run, the Judge will check to be sure the honor dog is in position (if applicable), the honor steward is ready, the timer is ready, and lastly, will ask the exhibitor "Are you ready?"

The reason for this change is to clarify in a better manner what is expected of the Judge before the run starts. In rally, there are no signals given during a run.

For: Rebecca, Cher

i, Donna, Cheryl, Beverly, Lori, Ginni, Kathi, Karen, Jody, Barbara, Pat and Heather Opposed: 0

Motion Passes 14-0

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

2011:39 RALLY - CH 1 Sec 16 Rally Ribbons

Motion by Vest

We have Motion 11-5 /CH 1 Sec 16 Rally Ribbons, made by Lori, seconded by Cheryl.

I move to replace CH 1 Section 16: Rally Ribbons

SECTION 16: Rally Ribbons

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First Place
Second Place
Third Place
Fourth Place

Qualifying
X Qualifying

High Scoring Dog in the regular classes
Highest Combined Score in Excellent B and Masters B
Highest Scoring Junior Handler in the regular classes

For Sanctioned Rally Trials, the following colors are suggested, unless sanctioned as a Specialty in which case the following colors must be used:

Regular Classes:

First Place- Blue
Second Place- Red
Third Place- Yellow
Fourth Place- White

Qualifying – Kelly or Medium Green

X Qualifying – Hunter or Dark Green noted with an X on the front

High Scoring Dog in the regular classes - Tan and Blue
Highest Combined Score in Excellent B and Masters B -Tan and Green
Highest Scoring Junior Handler in the regular classes - Tan and Maroon

To Read: SECTION 16: Rally Ribbons

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X Qualifying

High in Trial (from A & B regular classes)
High Combined (from Excellent B and Masters B regular classes)
High in Trial Junior (from A & B regular classes)

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High in Trial - Tan and Blue
High Combined - Tan and Green
High in Trial Junior - Tan and Maroon

Non-regular classes:

First Place - Rose
Second Place- Brown
Third Place- Light Green
Fourth Place – Gray

Justification - The reason for these changes are the words changed are used widespread throughout ASCA and trials. It's what is usually printed on the ribbons as well. This is not a rule change but a change in wording to clarify and simplify words used.

For: Pat, Sandy, and Beverly, Cheri, Kathi, Ginni, Jody, Barbara, Donna, Rebecca, Cheryl, and Lori Opposed: None
Non Voting : Wendy, Corey
Motion passes 12 for and 0 opposed, 2 no votes
Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

96:07 DNA COMMITTEE - AUSSIE TIMES info.

Motion by Gray

Motion: Linda Gray Second: Marilyn Ballard

The vote on this motion was unanimous approval in September.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the DNA Committee.

I move to publish the info below in a half page for every issue of the Times.

ARE YOU GOING TO DNA YOUR BREEDING DOGS SOON AND HAVE QUESTIONS?

WHOLE BLOOD IS THE BEST SOURCE OF DNA

If you're going to the Vet to have blood drawn, please order the tube kit. When you use the tube kit you can also contribute to the Gene Bank. (What is the Gene Bank you ask? See Registry Rule 2.2.2 at

<http://www.asca.org/Portals/0/regrules.pdf>). See <http://www.asca.org/Portals/0/dnainstbloodtube.pdf>

PLAN AHEAD

If you are taking your breeding dog(s) to the Vet for a yearly check up, hip evaluation, teeth cleaning or anything else, plan ahead and have your DNA blood drawn at the same time, it will save you a trip to the Vet and an office visit fee.

MORE PLANNING AHEAD

If you're planning to go to the Nationals plan on coming to the DNA Committee Annual Blood Draw (if there is one). You can purchase the kits at the ASCA Booth and volunteers will draw blood for your dog(s) DNA and ship it to the lab for free.

A WORD ABOUT CARDS

When a blood card is used to collect DNA, please do not saturate the card so it bleeds through. Drop a few drops of blood from the syringe needle onto each of the two circles on the card. Be sure to let the blood dry for 30 to 60 minutes, longer if it's humid. See <http://www.asca.org/Portals/0/dnainstblood.pdf>

A WORD ABOUT SWABS

When a brush sample is collected properly the bristles will be bent or depressed and likely discolored. Swabs are subject to contamination. Dogs must be separated and have had no water or food for 30 minutes before you swab.

Nursing puppies cannot be swabbed. Swabs have the highest error rate, meaning there is not enough material on the swab to DNA profile and you will be asked to resubmit. See <http://www.asca.org/Portals/0/dnacheekinst.pdf>

If you have any questions please ask your DNA Committee.

Approve: Gray, McClintock, Clayton, Vest, Ford, Dexter, Hellmeister & Bates.

Disapprove: Gann. *Motion is approved.*

98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEES - Judge Move ups

Motion: Ford

I move that the following Conformation judges be moved up.

Non-Regular	Provisional Breeder	Senior Breeder Judge
Lizette Busquets	Connie Blowers	Stephanie Shope-McDaniel
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6041 S. Pearl St.
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Approve : Unanimous *Motion is approved.*

