

November 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

94:01 Stockdog: Add to 11.6.6 Judging Criteria

Motion: Silveira

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

Approve: DeChant, King, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Dolan, Hardin, Kissman

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Roberts

Motion carries.

Lindy Epperly move and seconded by Linda Bell that the following be added to 11.6.6 Judging Criteria.

11.6.6 Judging Criteria:

d. If the sequence of tasks is completed out of order, or if the handler leaves a designated area points will be deducted. The amount of deduction will be determined by the judge taking into account the flow of the course, conditions, and the quality of the livestock.

Rationale: As no two Farm Trial courses are alike the judges are in the best position to determine the amount of penalty an out of sequence mistake should receive, taking into account the flow of the course and the conditions present. Effective date June 2015.

Yes – 9

No - 1

Non-voting - 1

Motion Passes

(This motion was rescinded on December 11, 2014.)

Committee Appointments

Curt Uritz was added to the MVA Committee.

New ASCA Agility Licensees

RACE Agility (Wisconsin)

Redwood Dog Sports Center (Oregon)

One application was turned back for being incomplete.

One application was denied.

Nationals Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Bryan, Texas

Present: 1st Vice-President Preston Kissman, 2nd-Vice President Rick Hardin (by phone), Secretary Ken Silveira, Treasurer Jean Roberts (by phone), Director Rick Gann, Director Cindy King (by phone), Director-elect Pete Dolan, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: President Ann DeChant, Director Allison Bryant, Director Linda Gray, Director-elect Rachel Vest, Director-elect Jan Wesen

There is a quorum with 6 voting members present.

Kissman called the meeting to order at 9:12 am, on behalf of DeChant.

Ratification of October Email Votes

Motion: Gann

Second: Silveira

I make a motion to approve October email votes.

All present approved (absent: Bryant, DeChant, Gray); motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

There was not any new information ready to be provided. Roberts will have a report for the General Membership Meeting.

Dispute Rules Committee

This committee was formed to review and revamp the discipline policy that was taken out of the Dispute Rules in 2004, but there has been very little activity.

14.73 Disband Dispute Rules Committee

Motion: Silveira

Second: Gann

I move that we disband the ASCA Dispute Rules Committee and thank the members for their service.

All present approved (absent: Bryant, DeChant, Gray); motion carries.

An executive committee of volunteer Directors will work with Counsel in moving forward.

January 2015 Rulebook Printings

The Board reviewed the number of motions to go into effect per committee/program rulebook and determined if any would have an impact on programs mid-year. Silveira will find out if the Stockdog Committee would like a January printing and report back on Thursday.

14.74 January 2015 Rally Rulebook Printing

Motion: Gann

Second: Hardin

I make a motion to approve a January 2015 rulebook printing for the ASCA Rally Committee.

All present approved (absent: Bryant, DeChant, Gray); motion carries.

Electronic Document Backup Proposal

Jaco reported that things are underway for Kristin Horowitz to come to the ASCA Business Office to scan files at the end of the year. She will keep the Board updated.

DNA Fees

ASCA's new contract with Therion includes a \$5 increase for all testing/sample fees. There is also a \$200 increase in the monthly database/storage/inquiry fee. ASCA is currently charging \$45 for swabs and \$40 for blood.

14.75 Increase DNA Fees

Motion: Silveira

Second: Roberts

I move that we raise the DNA fees by \$1 and that the Board revisit the pricing structure at the 2015 Nationals meeting. Effective January 1, 2015.

All present approved (absent: Bryant, DeChant, Gray); motion carries.

Jaco will keep all info on this together in a file for review every year at Nationals. Notice of this fee increase will be posted to the ASCA-L, website, Facebook, etc.

✚ Gray joined the meeting at 9:50 am.

✚ Bryant joined the meeting at 9:55 am.

Deceased Director Memorials

The Board discussed the option of creating a memorial garden with a plaque or bricks to memorialize past Directors who have died. The Board will revisit this idea.

✚ DeChant joined by phone at 10:08 am.

Agility Licensees

The Board discussed the history of the licensee program and the process that applications go through before review by the Board, as well as some concerns about areas being overrepresented in agility and what this means for ASCA Affiliates.

Input on this topic will be gathered at the Affiliate meeting and requests for input will be posted on the ASCA-L, website, Facebook, etc.

14.79 Moratorium on ASCA Agility Licensee Program

Motion: Silveira

Second: Gann

I move that ASCA impose a moratorium on approvals of new Agility Licensee applicants until the Board can investigate the effectiveness of the program and benefit to ASCA.

Approve: DeChant, Gray, Silveira

Disapprove: Bryant, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts

Abstain: Gann

Motion is defeated.

The Board will solicit input from the membership regarding Agility Licensees, with a report to be compiled for review at the 2015 Spring Meeting. This could also be discussed at this year's Affiliate Meeting.

Questions from UKC

The Board thinks that their ideas sound wonderful and that it would benefit ASCA's mission statement.

Anything further should be presented to the Board in a formal proposal.

Electronic Voting

The Board discussed the option for members to vote electronically. The wording will be ready by the 2015 Spring Meeting.

14.80 Electronic Voting Bylaws Draft

Motion: DeChant

Second: Gray

I make a motion that the Board request Counsel to draft the Bylaws amendment that would allow for electronic voting. The language will be brought to the membership for vote in the 2015 election.

All present approved; motion carries.

14.81 Electronic Voting Directive

Motion: Bryant

Second: DeChant

I move to task Ray Fryar to get information from election trust on the cost and logistics of hybrid voting for the membership. Due date of March 1, 2015, to be included on the 2015 ballot for approval at the Spring Meeting.

All present approved; motion carries.

ASCA Brochure

The Board briefly discussed where things are at with this. Currently waiting to hear back from Counsel on a question.

RFP Report

There are several vendors that Bryant has been in contact with that are interested in seeing the RFP. She is currently making sure that all aspects of the system will fit together. Such as: the new ASCA website will need to communicate with the new system. This item will be further discussed on Thursday.

At 11:29 am all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

Nationals Board Meeting Minutes (Post-General Membership Meeting)

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Bryan, Texas

Present: Director Ann DeChant, Director Pete Dolan, Director Rick Hardin (by phone), Director Cindy King (by phone), Director Preston Kissman, Director Jean Roberts (by phone), Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest, Director Jan Wesen, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

There is a quorum with 9 voting members present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 9:19 pm.

Election of Officers

President

Kissman nominated Ann DeChant.

All present approved.

1st Vice-President

Vest nominated Rick Hardin.

Approve: 4 (Rachel, Jan, Pete, Rick)

DeChant nominated Preston Kissman.

Approve: 5 (Ann, Jean, Cindy, Preston, Ken)

2nd Vice-President

DeChant nominated Rick Hardin.

All present approved.

Treasurer

Vest nominated Pete Dolan.

All present approved.

Secretary

Silveira nominated Jean Roberts. She declined.

Vest nominated Ken Silveira.

All present approved.

Election Secretary

DeChant nominated Ray Fryar.

All present approved.

✚ Rick Hardin left the meeting at 9:24 pm.

Executive Secretary

Ann nominated Kalla Jaco.

All present approved (absent: Hardin).

Foundation Meeting Minutes (Post-General Membership Meeting)

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Bryan, Texas

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice-President Preston Kissman, Secretary Ken Silveira, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Director Cindy King (by phone), Director Jean Roberts (by phone), Director Rachel Vest, Director Jan Wesen, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: 2nd-Vice President Rick Hardin

There is a quorum with 8 voting members present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 9:25 pm.

Election of Officers

14.82 Election of Foundation Officers

Motion: Dolan

Second: Vest

I move that we elect the ASCA Board of Directors slate of officers as the ASCA Foundation Board of Directors slate of officers.

All present approved (absent: Hardin); motion carries.

At 9:27 pm all present approved adjournment.

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Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice-President Preston Kissman, Secretary Ken Silveira, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Director Cindy King (by phone), Director Jean Roberts (by phone), Director Rachel Vest, Director Jan Wesen, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: 2nd-Vice President Rick Hardin

There is a quorum with 8 voting members present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 9:27 pm.

Election of Officers

Membership Secretary

DeChant nominated Ray Fryar.

All present approved (absent: Hardin).

At 9:28 pm all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

Nationals Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Bryan, Texas

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice-President Preston Kissman, 2nd-Vice President Rick Hardin (by phone), Secretary Ken Silveira, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Director Cindy King (by phone), Director Jean Roberts (by phone), Director Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco
Absent: Director Jan Wesen

There is a quorum with 8 voting members present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

January 2015 Rulebook Printings

The Agility Committee has requested a January 2015 printing of their rulebook. The senior dog companion to the ACE program needs to go into effect. This program does not count for Finals.

14.83 January 2015 Agility Rulebook Printing

Motion: Roberts

Second: Dolan

I make a motion that we print a January 2015 rulebook for the agility program.

All present approved (absent: Wesen); motion carries.

Silveira reported that the Stockdog Committee does not need a January 2015 printing. They did not feel that any of the changes were necessary enough to merit a printing until June.

Appointment of System Liaison

The Board discussed what has been done over the past year with the RFP. Some Directors questioned the amount of time it has taken for this to get underway and whether more volunteers should be brought in to help with the project. Others Directors felt that the project had been handled appropriately so far and should be allowed to continue to its end without unnecessary interruptions. Director Vest suggested that the Board appoint a Director to serve as Liaison to the System Liaison. The Board discussed whether a project manager should be assigned or whether a Liaison would serve the purpose.

✚ Jan joined the meeting at 9:41 am.

14.84 Director Liaison to System Liaison

Motion: Silveira

Second: Vest

I move that the Board select a Director to work with whoever we assign as our System Liaison and Webmaster, with the provision that both the System Liaison and Webmaster will be speaking directly to the Board as needed. The Board of Directors will establish guidelines for project completion.

All present approved; motion carries.

14.85 Appointment of Liaison to System Liaison

Motion: Kissman

Second: Hardin

I make a motion that the Board identifies Rachel Vest as the Liaison to the System Liaison and Webmaster.

All present approved; motion carries.

14.86 Appointment of System Liaison

Motion: Silveira

Second: Wesen

I move that the Board appoint Ally Bryant as System Liaison.

All present approve: motion carries.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Webmaster regarding her role and job for ASCA. The Board will let her know that they understand her role and appreciate everything she has done thus far and is working on and do not expect anything of her beyond what is specified in her job description.

✚ Allison Bryant joined the meeting at 10:07 am.

The Board went over their expectations for Bryant and went over what they had just discussed.

Computer System RFP

Bryant updated the Board on the RFP. When the RFP is prepared she will send out to the 4 vendors that were interested. They will then want to set up a meeting, go over the RFP, and eventually get back to us with a bid or not. Texas A&M University provided ASCA with documents related to the RFP and the computer system that Jaco will send to Bryant.

✚ Bryant left the meeting at 10:22 am.

CASA Reimbursement

The Board went over CASA's reimbursement submission timeline that Dolan had put together. The Board will schedule a meeting with a CASA representative to go over the budget and reimbursement.

✚ Hardin left the meeting at 10:41 am.

✚ Laura Gibson joined the meeting at 10:42 am.

2017 Nationals Host Application

The Board went over some feedback regarding the 2014 Nationals so far. Issues with ribbons were discussed and the need for a Nationals committee to review required ribbons.

Gibson went over the Texas Consortium's application to host Nationals again in 2017. The facility has offered a financial incentive if they come back again in 3 years. They are going to make the warm-up arena into a pavilion barn and will add 30 more RV spaces by 2017. There will also be 2 brand new RV parks within a couple of miles from the facility. Gibson also said that the park would be very willing to work with ASCA on using the facility as a permanent location for Nationals, including price breaks.

The Board has already advertised in the Bulletin Board that they will make the selection for the 2017 host at the 2015 Spring Meeting.

The Board discussed having a permanent location for Nationals, or something like a permanent location used every 3 years. They also discussed having a committee to oversee and manage the Nationals and Finals that would work with the Host Club to make sure rules are followed and things go smoothly. The third day of the 2015 Spring Meeting will be dedicated to discussion of this topic.

✚ Gibson left the meeting at 10:08 am.

✚ Rhonda Silveira and Regi Bryant joined the meeting at 11:10 am.

2016 Nationals

Silveira and Bryant came to give the Board an update on the hosting of the 2016 ASCA Nationals and Finals in Oregon. Pre-shows are in place, but there will only be 2. Pre-shows will all follow the same timeline. Stockdog Finals will be Saturday and Sunday with a pre-trial on Monday. They will attempt to showcase Junior Showmanship. No Chair or Co-Chair of any program will be showing or have their dogs shown. There will be pre-trials for multiple programs. The expo center has been great to work with.

The Show Committee will send a request to the Board to extend their entry deadline to a later date for puppy entries. They will also send a request to host a special disabled handler's class for juniors and what that will involve.

- ✚ Ray Fryar joined the meeting at 11:20 am.
- ✚ Silveira and Bryant left the meeting at 11:25 am.

Business Office Report

Fryar reported on the copy machine in the Office. There is a monthly maintenance contract that covers costs of maintaining the copy machine, but it is an old model so parts are hard to find. The Office has run about 1,500,000 impressions total right now. Fryar will compare prices for a new copy machine and get something set up for the Board to see.

14.87 Random Draw for 2016 Agility Finals Judges

Motion: Silveira

Second: Vest

I move that the Board of Directors authorize the Business Office Manager to draw the 2016 Agility Finals Judges list as soon as he is able.

All present approved; motion carries.

- ✚ Judy Boone, Betty Jaco, Sherry Butler, and Sue Graham joined the meeting at 11:49 am.

Meeting with Agility Committee

Boone, Jaco, Butler, and Graham came to speak to the Board as representatives of the Agility Committee. They brought up the committee's use as an advisory body on matters such as new Agility Licensees and judge approvals. The Agility Committee should work on a new chapter and rules that detail their involvement in these processes.

Regarding contract workers for agility trials, the ultimate responsibility rests with the Affiliate club that hires them.

The committee requested a new rulebook printing for January, and the Board has approved.

The Chair questioned the Board on the process for removing committee members that have become aggressive and disruptive. There is currently no process, but if you feel there are issues that merit a removal of a member then bring the issue to the Board.

The committee questioned why their motion to remove the veteran handler division was voted down. Board members went over their reasons for voting how they did. Some suggested keeping the division, but splitting it between veteran dogs and veteran handlers, with an equal amount of each going to Finals. The committee explained that that could work, but would need to be a new division. Last year 30% of the dogs qualifying in veterans were under 7, which make this a real issue. The Board agrees that all titles must be earned based on all dogs qualifying under the same criteria.

- ✚ Wesen left the meeting at 12:48 pm.
- ✚ Boone, Jaco, Butler, and Graham left the meeting at 12:50 pm.
- ✚ The Board broke for lunch from 12:50 pm to 2:11 pm. All were present at start.

ASCA Officers

The Board briefly discussed how any person acting on behalf of ASCA is covered under the D&O insurance.

- ✚ Renee Watson joined the meeting at 2:20 pm.

Meeting with MVA Committee

Watson met with the Board and went over changes to the MVA evaluation form in order to bring it up to speed with new breed standard. She brought up the committee's desire to change the current rules regarding disqualifications in the conformation evaluation. Currently, if a dog is evaluated to have a

disqualification, at the judge's discretion, they can be given a 0 score for their entire evaluation. In the future, the 0 score will only be for the section in which the DQ occurs. The Board discussed this, with some concerns brought up over a dog that is not disqualified based on a breed standard item going on to win or score highly. It would not be wise for us to allow an Aussie with a disqualifying feature to be a representative of the breed like that.

✚ Jean left the meeting at 2:38 pm.

The MVA Committee will forward their recommendation to the Board. Silveira was asked to serve as the committee's Liaison and he accepted.

✚ Watson left the meeting at 3:00 pm.

✚ Terri Morgan joined the meeting at 3:02 pm.

CASA Reimbursement

Morgan spoke to the Board regarding what is needed for reimbursement. Dolan is taking over as Liaison now that Gann is gone. He will work on getting this taken care of. Much time was spent discussing CASA's expenses and the need for some review of the ribbons, which some feel have gotten out of hand.

✚ King left the meeting at 3:24 pm.

✚ Wesen left the meeting at 3:27 pm.

✚ Morgan left the meeting at 3:27 pm.

New Director Orientation

When sensitive Board business is discussed outside of the Board it is more often than not harmful to ASCA. Board members are reminded to use official channels for communication and to remain impartial on all issues.

Committee Orientation

A reminder will be sent out to all committees to choose their Liaison within 30 days of the end of Nationals.

Nationals and Finals

The Board has set the Saturday of the Spring Meeting to spend discussing Nationals and Finals and work out the best way for things to go forward in planning.

Finals Entry Fees

The Board discussed lowering the cost of Finals entry fees.

14.88 Change Program Finals Entry Fees

Motion: Dolan

Second: Silveira

I move to change all ASCA Finals entry fees to \$60.00. For the Stockdog Finals this change is to \$60.00 per livestock. The Board of Directors shall re-examine this fee structure at each subsequent National Specialty.

Rationale: Implementing the Additional Event Membership Dues (AEMD) change for all ASCA programs established a fund designed to defray program finals expenses each year. The attached Acrobat file documents the process and assumptions used to arrive at the proposed entry fees. The Board of Directors annual re-examination will allow entry fee adjustments based on AEMD collection history and carryover from previous year/s collection/s.

This motion affects all program Finals qualifiers/entrants.

Effective date: Upon passage by the Board of Directors.

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen; Disapprove: Hardin; Absent: Cindy; motion carries.

Hardin felt that dropping the fees now might be a bit premature, especially with ASCA undertaking new costs with the computer system, etc.

Motion Template

The Board reviewed a template for motions that Jaco has requested be used by motion makers. This is not a requirement, just a request for consistency.

✚ Ray Fryar, Roger Stevens, and Carol Gerken joined the meeting at 4:38 pm.

Meeting with Members

The Board met with Roger Stevens and answered some of his questions regarding DNA.

Stevens questioned, "Why was ASCA's DNA program started?"

DeChant responded that there was a lab in College Station that came to the Board with their ability to do DNA parentage verification for ASCA's registry. The sitting Board then made the decision to implement a mandatory DNA program. The issue was brought up at the 1993 General Membership Meeting and the membership reacted negatively and gave their feedback to the Board. A group of people then met to reverse mandatory DNA and instead form a committee that would work toward this, but do so in steps that would start off with voluntary and move forward to reach mandatory. It took a total of 11 years for that process to go through.

Stevens questioned, "Was there not a motion passed by the Board that there would be no mandatory DNA unless the membership voted?"

DeChant responded that Stevens was correct and that she believed there was a vote of the membership that passed mandatory DNA.

From the 2002 ASCA Ballot:

Referendum:

1. Should ASCA keep the hardship Registry open - Yes 1177 / No 519
2. Do you feel parents of ASCA registered litters should be required to have been profiled in ASCA's DNA program in order to insure the integrity of the ASCA Registry? - Yes 855 / No 753

Silveira stated that he was elected to the Board in 1991 and that he worked on the mandatory DNA project. They created the DNA program for ASCA because it was well-proven technology (in other industries) and they were looking for a way to brand ASCA's data with tangible science. They wanted a scientifically proven registry, and that is what DNA would provide. The program was designed for the accuracy and validity of the registry. The Board wrote up a system that followed the AQHA model, but when it was offered to the membership they rejected it. The Board then realized that they had made a mistake by not bringing this to the membership first and by not educating them. They immediately withdrew the program and created a committee to shepherd a project for the future.

Stevens questioned, "If I have a puppy and I am keeping it and I DNA it and I get a profile back, then 3 years later I breed the dog and DNA his offspring and get a profile. Should his DNA as a puppy and as an adult be the same?"

Fryar responded that the profile may be the same, but the markers may be different due to shift in system or changes in technology.

Stevens questioned, "If the lab and the markers are identified and the same markers are used, would the puppy's DNA numbers for each be the same as the sire's markers?"

Roberts responded that Therion is not using the same markers as Imgen was. The markers are actually the same, but the value under the markers is different. Imgen did not share their numbers with Therion, so Therion had to figure it out. Sometimes problems arise and new blood is needed to figure out what is going on.

Stevens questioned, "What if Therion had done both profiles? Would the DNA profile be the same?" Fryar responded that the DNA should be the same, but if there are any zeros in the marker, alleles can be filled in using littermates and dam.

Stevens questioned, "Does this Board think there are sufficient markers to distinguish between line-bred and in-bred dogs accurately?"

DeChant said no. Therion does have extra markers they can use, though. ASCA uses 12, but can be extended to 24. Extra markers can be requested. People also have different definitions of line and in-breeding.

Stevens questioned, "What would result in a blank DNA profile?"

The Board stated that this is a question for the lab, but Fryar responded that it could have been that the marker was not found in a particular sample that was sent in, the sample could be corrupted, or things didn't match up right.

Stevens questioned, "For the accuracy of that DNA, how many of those markers would you expect to get information from?"

Fryar responded that it really depends on the sample type (cheek, card or tube). This is really a question better answered by the lab.

Stevens stated that the Board knew Imgen's database was wrong and did nothing to correct it. He said that he is not against DNA, but he is against it being done wrong. He questioned how the Board can say they are protecting the integrity of the registry when they know it is wrong. He questioned the survival of an organization that keeps things from its membership.

Stevens questioned, "How are DNA corrections supposed to be done?"

Fryar responded that he takes charge of it and contacts parties involved to make sure that a new sample of whole blood is submitted. The Office works with Therion and those involved to fix any discrepancies. Fryar is only the facilitator; Therion does all the certification.

Kissman question what Stevens wanted from this Board.

Stevens responded that the dogs currently in the system would be left in, but start over with another lab or with additional markers, with the first generation of dogs at the new lab getting a CP designation.

🚩 Cindy joined the meeting at 5:06 pm.

Stevens stated that the DNA lab should have a yearly evaluation of their markers. Fryar has asked Therion to do that for us.

Stevens also stressed his feeling that inclusionary rather than exclusionary profiles were needed. He also reminded that DNA corrections should be published in the Aussie Times, which is the official publication of ASCA.

The Board will bring points from this discussion to the lab for further consideration.

🚩 Stevens and Gerken left the meeting at 5:31 pm.

The Board continued to discuss DNA issues. The Board agrees that if there are issues they need to be worked out as there must be faith in our registry. Therion has been working to correct any mistakes or issues they come across, but it is an ongoing process. They have come to the membership several times to discuss these corrections, as well. Fryar stated that corrections are published, but only when a sire or dam changes or the like, not when DNA is re-run and an allele is filled in. The Board has determined to do what they can to provide information, training, and education to the membership regarding DNA. They will also ask a representative from Therion to speak to the membership, perhaps at the next General Membership Meeting.

Modifications to Committee Recommendations

Currently, the committee makes a recommendation to the Board. That recommendation is presented by the Liaison, through the Executive Secretary, for comment and vote by the Board. If, during the discussion phase, the Board sees things they would like reworked the Liaison will send these comments on to the committee. If the committee decides they would like to make the changes, the Liaison may withdraw the motion and send back to the committee. The committee may also decide not to make the changes and the motion may stay under Board consideration as is. If the Board votes down a motion there need to be comments included stating why.

Audit Management Letter

In conducting the audit, the company considers ASCA's internal control over financial reporting for the purposes of expressing their opinion on our financial statements. The company identified 2 deficiencies: Financial Statement Preparation and Prior Period Adjustments. They noted that no new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2013. There were no noted transactions entered into by ASCA during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions were recognized in the financial statements in the proper period. They stated that our financial statement disclosures were neutral, consistent, and clear. The company encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in conducting the audit. All misstatements were communicated to management and were corrected. The company did not consider any of the misstatements to be material to the financial statements taken as a whole. This year's audit management letter was among the best that ASCA has received.

Russ Ford Mediation

DeChant reported that ASCA was unsuited and the rest of the decision remains confidential. There is a report going to the Aussie Times.

Judges Code of Ethics

The Board discussed the apparent need to make a statement that harassment is inappropriate and will not be tolerated.

Manzanita Agility Club

The Board will craft a letter to Manzanita Agility Club stating the reasons for their denial as an ASCA Agility Licensee. The denial was due to their past performance as a licensee and their recent accumulation of late payment fees.

At 6:37 pm all present approved adjournment of the meeting.


Nationals Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 7, 2014

Bryan, Texas

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice-President Preston Kissman, Secretary Ken Silveira, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Director Cindy King (by phone), Director Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco
Absent: 2nd Vice-President Rick Hardin, Director Jean Roberts, Director Jan Wesen

DeChant called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

 Jan joined the meeting at 10:10 am.

Complaint against Affiliate

The Board acted on a complaint appeal and found for the individual who filed the appeal.

APHIS Lawsuit

ASCA is working with Keep Our Domestic Animals (KODA) to challenge current APHIS legislation and the Board discussed ways to keep up their support. ASCA has already donated \$2,000.

14.90 KODA Matching Funds Challenge

Motion: Dolan

Second: DeChant

I move that ASCA establish a matching funds challenge to Keep Our Domestic Animals to support the ongoing APHIS lawsuit. ASCA will match donations from affiliate clubs and members for the first \$5,000 donated.

All present approved (absent: Hardin, Roberts); motion carries.

At 1:24 pm all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

Foundation Meeting

Friday, November 7, 2014

Bryan, Texas

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice-President Preston Kissman, Secretary Ken Silveira, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Director Cindy King (by phone), Director Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco
Absent: 2nd Vice-President Rick Hardin, Director Jean Roberts

DeChant called the meeting to order at 1:24 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Dolan does not have a report for the Board's review, but will provide one for inclusion in the minutes (see below).

	INCOME	EXPENSES	AVAILABLE
Cee Hambo	\$12,484.22	\$1,470.00	\$11,014.22
Epilepsy Phenome	\$2,370.00		\$2,370.00
Other	\$33,463.81	\$33,614.71	-\$150.90
Junior Scholarship	\$806.40		\$806.40
Rescue	\$69,850.84	\$10,000.00	\$59,850.84
Unrestricted	\$932.50	\$1,976.21	-\$1,043.71
TOTAL			\$72,846.85

Rescue Grants

Many have been sent out, but only one has been received so far. However, that application does need to be sent back. There is an executive committee coming up with a process for handling disbursement of these funds.

At 1:30 pm all present approved adjournment of the meeting.