

October 2016 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. This report is respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.

Judge Approvals

Rally Judge Gudrun Dytrych (Germany)
Rally Judge Guenter Geisel (Germany)
Rally Judge Shannon Jones (North Carolina)
Rally Judge Joan Skinner (Colorado)

Committee Appointments

Susan Harris was added to Region 2 of the Junior Committee.

Board Email Motions

BD.16.127 Change to Show Coordinator's Agreement on Sanctioning Form

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gray
Second by Gibson

I move to approve the following:

Currently on all program sanctioning forms, except Stock:

SHOW COORDINATOR'S AGREEMENT: The undersigned, being the duly authorized Show Coordinator to sanction events for _____ a Member Affiliate Club of the AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA® (Affiliate Club hereinafter referred to as member club), hereby agrees on behalf of him/herself and the Member Club to conduct the above required show/trial in accordance with the following standards of THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA® Show Rules and Regulations, Obedience Rules, and Tracking Rules. The undersigned, on behalf of him/herself, agrees to be bound by each and every provision of those rules, including, but not limited to, those rules governing the conduct of the show, the judging, the recording of entries and results, and the penalties for failure to comply with such rules, as outlined in the By-laws of the AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®. The undersigned further represents that he/she and the Member Club is in possession of a current, approved copy of the above referenced Rules and Regulations, and acknowledges failure to comply will result in disciplinary action as outlined in THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA® By-laws.

Currently on Stock Trial Sanctioning Form:

The undersigned, hereby agrees on behalf of him/herself and the Member Club to conduct the above requested trial in accordance The Australian Shepherd Club of America Stockdog Rules. The undersigned, on behalf of him/herself, agrees to be bound by each and every provision of those Rules, including, but not limited to, those rules governing the conduct of the trial, the judging, the recording of

entries and results, and the penalties for failure to comply with such rules, as outlined in the By-Laws of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. The undersigned further represents that he/she and the Member Club is in possession of a current, approved copy of the above- referenced Rules and Regulations, and acknowledges failure to comply will result in disciplinary action as outlined in The Australian Shepherd Club of America By-Laws. We further agree to be responsible for all transportation, food and lodging for the trial judges to, from and during the trial.

Change to the following on all program sanctioning forms:

SHOW COORDINATOR'S AGREEMENT: The undersigned, being the duly authorized Show Coordinator to sanction events for _____, an Affiliate Club of the AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA, hereby agrees on behalf of him/herself and the Affiliate Club to conduct the above required show/trial in accordance with the following standards for all Program Rules of the AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA. The undersigned, on behalf of him/herself, agrees to be bound by each and every provision of those rules, including, but not limited to, those rules governing the conduct of the show/trial, the judging, the recording of entries and results, and the penalties for failure to comply with such rules, as outlined in the Bylaws of the AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA. The undersigned further is required that he/she and the Affiliate Club are in possession of and will be present at the show/trial, a current, approved copy of the above referenced Rules and Regulations for this specific show/trial, and acknowledges failure to comply will result in disciplinary action as outlined in the AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA Bylaws.

Comment: In looking to see if the sanctioning form included the names of the Show Committee or Event Committee I read the Show Coordinator's Agreement. Affiliate Clubs are Affiliate Clubs (Affiliate defined is: To adopt or accept as a member) there is no need to add member as it is redundant. The original statement refers to Show Rules and Regulations, Obedience Rules, and Tracking Rules. It should say "all Program Rules". The original statement says the show coordinator should be in possession of the current rule book, it should say in addition, the rulebook is present at the show/trial. Our Bylaws are Bylaws, no hyphenation required.

As far as the Stock Trial sanctioning, the last sentence should be covered in the Judge's contract and is not necessary here.

BD.16.129 Filling Committee Vacancies

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

Second by Silveira

To create a more expeditious process for the nomination of Program Committee members and filling Committee vacancies.

Add to Current Committee Procedure:

2.1 Committee Makeup

a. Resume Submission

1. Members interested in serving on an ASCA committee should submit their resume to the ASCA Executive Secretary by the first day in April each year.

2. Member resumes should provide sufficient detail regarding how their knowledge/skills would be valuable to the Committee they are applying to serve.
3. Resumes may be submitted at any time if a Member would like to serve on an ASCA committee.
4. Resumes will be retained on file for a year.
5. Members who are still interested in serving on a Committee may update their resume at any time or by the first day in April each year.

Current Committee Procedure:

2.3 Terms and Appointments

The Board will appoint volunteers with Full ASCA memberships to Program Committees for a period of two years at the Spring Board of Directors' meeting. For the Stockdog Committee, Judges will renew in odd numbered years and contestants will renew in even numbered years. At the Board of Director's Spring Board Meeting, the Committee Liaison must bring all ASCA members' names forward who have volunteered to serve on a committee by submitting their resume to the Executive Secretary for discussion and decision by the full Board. If existing Committee members apply to remain on the committee after their term of service has expired, the Board may reappoint them during the Spring meeting. The Board may also fill vacancies at other times during the year in an effort to maintain a full and diverse committee. When a seat on a committee becomes vacant creating an opening, the Chair of that Committee will immediately notify the Committee Liaison. The Committee Liaison will immediately notify the Executive Secretary of the vacancy. The Executive Secretary will forward all resumes held by him/her having been submitted by ASCA Members who wish to sit on the particular committee to the full Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will appoint by a simple majority an applicant who is a qualified, compatible addition to the committee. If the Directors do not find an applicant who is compatible and qualified to be appointed to the committee, they will direct the Committee Chair to make another request to the Membership for additional volunteers. All other Rules contained in these Committee Procedures regarding the solicitation, acceptance and time held as they pertain to resume submissions will be honored. The term of a Committee member appointed between Spring Board of Director meetings will expire at the first or second Spring meeting following his/her appointment determined by the Program rules and regulations of the Committee. The Committee Liaison will notify those members that were appointed to the Committee and will notify those individuals that were not appointed to the Committee.

a. Chairs of the Committee will keep track of their Members and their terms and announce in the AUSSIE TIMES, newsletter and/or any approved ASCA e-mail list when vacancies occur and need to be filled or when terms are up for reappointment.

Replace with:

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REMOVE – covered in 2.3

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Current Committee Procedure:

6.7 Vacancies

The Chairperson may post a request for resumes to fill an existing or emerging committee vacancy on any approved ASCA e-mail list deemed appropriate by the Chair. No action shall occur to fill the vacancy until at least 45 days after publication in the Aussie Times.

Replace with:

6.7 Vacancies

The ASCA Executive Secretary will post monthly for Program Committee resumes on ASCA-L, ASCA Facebook page, and the ASCA website to fill Committee vacancies/emerging vacancies. The following steps details resume submission information and how/when the BOD may fill Committee vacancies.

1. Members interested in serving on an ASCA committee should submit their resume to the ASCA Executive Secretary by the first day in April each year.
2. Member resumes should provide sufficient detail regarding how their knowledge/skills would be valuable to the Committee they are applying to serve.
3. Resumes may be submitted at any time if a Member would like to serve on an ASCA committee.
4. Resumes will be retained on file for a year.
5. Members who are still interested in serving on a Committee may update their resume at any time or by the first day in April each year.
6. The Board may fill Committee vacancies that arise during the year with the Member resumes currently on file.

The Stockdog Program rulebook is the single Program that references Committee vacancies.

From the Stockdog Rulebook:

29.3 SECTION 3 – MEMBERSHIP

29.3.5 The Board may also fill vacancies at other times during the year if deemed appropriate by the Committee Liaison. Mid-term vacancies will be announced in the Aussie Times.

a. No action shall occur to fill the vacancy until at least 45 days after publication in the Aussie Times

Replace with:

29.3.5

All committees not grandfathered/exempt are to follow the current version of the Committee Procedures. (Effective February 2016)

Comment: Detailing how Program Committee resumes are submitted, how Committee vacancies are filled, and where vacancies are posted should help to clarify and expedite the addition of members to Program Committees. Moving vacancy announcements to ASCA's social media accounts removes the requirement to post in the AT and the subsequent 45 day waiting period and should eliminate the 4-5-month time lapse when filling committee vacancies.

Effective Date: Effective upon BOD approval.

BD.16.130 Honoring Paul Kirk

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Gray

I would like to make the following motion to become effective immediately upon approval.

I move to award Paul Kirk a lifetime ASCA Membership and a half page 'thank you' ad in the Aussie Times in honor of his over twenty-five years of service to ASCA. His notable service has included being the first Agility Committee Chair where he was instrumental in getting the ASCA Agility Program up and running. He served as the Chair of the ASCA By-Laws Committee. He has developed software for ASCA's Agility and Stock dog trials and Finals competitions that he freely has made available to ASCA and her Affiliates.

Right after Paul sent this year's Nationals Host Affiliate a second edition of software to better record scores for the regular trial and the Finals competition, he developed a serious health problem. The prognosis for his recovery is not bright. I feel strongly that we should honor those people who have spent talent and time to advance ASCA and her programs while they are still able to receive our thanks.

Please join me in this effort to honor a great Member who clearly has gone above and beyond the norm in support of ASCA.

BD.16.131 Remove Section 12.6.1 from Agility Rules

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

Second by Gray

I, Jean Roberts, move to remove the below section from the Agility Rulebook. Effective upon approval from the ASCA Board.

"12.6.1 General Information

All of the monies received from the finals entries minus the expenses to the host club(s) for hosting the Agility finals and all monies donated will be used for prizes for the Agility Finals only. Any unused monies will revert to the Agility Finals Fund. The Host Club is responsible for procuring rosettes and awards for the Agility Finals."

Rationale: This passage became obsolete with the passage of the .25 additional fee for all runs, that is used for finals funding.

Committee Recommendations

Obedience Committee

OB.16.26 Eliminate restriction to show under a judge you train with

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Eliminate restriction to show under a judge you train with

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Secunder of motion: Sandy Walroth

Motion statement: I move to eliminate the restrictions on when you can show under a judge that you have trained with.

Purpose for motion: This will bring the Obedience program rules into alignment with ASCA's Agility, Rally and Stock rules, where judges are trusted to judge performances fairly, regardless of whether they have previously taught or learned from the competitor. This will help clubs reduce expenses for obedience trials by being able to hire local judges without the loss of entries from local students.

Parties affected by the motion: Judges, competitors and trial committees will have more options.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 9

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 1

Eliminate the final two paragraphs of 1.9 Dogs that May Not Compete

Current wording:

1.9 Dogs that May Not Compete

...

No dogs shall be entered or shown under a judge at an Obedience Trial if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, handled in the ring, boarded or has been regularly trained or instructed, within one (1) year prior to the date of the Obedience Trial by the judge or by any member of his immediate family or household, and no such dog shall be eligible to compete.

"Trained or instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs, and to judges who train individual dogs or who train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers.

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Present: President Laura Gibson, 1st Vice President Ann DeChant, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Cindy King, Director Jean Roberts, Director Ken Silveira, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Director Linda Gray, Counsel Charles Carnese

There is a quorum with 7 voting members of the Board present.

Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm Central Time.

September Email Votes

BD.16.132 Ratify September BOD Email Votes

Motion by Gibson to ratify the September email votes. Second by DeChant.

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen; Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: Gray; motion carries.

September Treasurer's Report

Wesen gave the report. She would like to see the budget and what is produced out of QuickBooks be the same. Currently the budget is broken down further than the QuickBooks report.

– *Gray joined the meeting at 6:11 pm.*

The way that the QuickBooks report is set up is based on recommendation from the Auditor. The way the budget is set up is based on what previous Boards have wanted to see broken down. The Board will compare the 2016 and 2017 budgets and report back to Wesen with any comments for the November teleconference meeting.

BD.16.133 September Treasurer's report

Motion by Gibson to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by King.

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Disapprove: 0, Abstain: Wesen, Absent: 0; motion carries.

– *Carnese joined the meeting at 6:19 pm.*

Social Media Policy

Counsel does not believe that ASCA should attempt to create rules directing what can be posted on social media by ASCA members. While ASCA can attempt to control the content placed on ASCA-L and the ASCA Facebook page, doing so would require moderators. He recommends that the moderator be a member who is independent of the Board, with the authority to limit or even ban content.

Letters of complaint regarding statements made on social media may be placed in a judge's file. The files are internal documents for the club's use only. ASCA judges may be held accountable for any negative or inappropriate statements regarding ASCA.

Registry Rule 2.4

Counsel recommends that the first paragraph of Registry Rule 2.4 be modified to read as follows: "Each person who owns or breeds dogs which are registered or eligible for registration with the Australian Shepherd Club of America must maintain complete and accurate records as provided in this Rule. Such records shall be maintained by such person for a period of at least 10-years after the date of death of each such dog. If, however, such dog's sperm has been stored for subsequent breedings after the death of the dog, such records must be maintained for a period of at least 5 years after the last use of such sperm. All such records shall be made available to ASCA upon ASCA's request."

BD.16.134 Change to Registry Rule 2.4

Motion by Vest to accept this change to registry rule 2.4, effective immediately. Second by DeChant. Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen; Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0; motion carries.

Conflict Resolution Protocol

Counsel recommends modifying the "Actions Detrimental to the Interest of ASCA" paragraph in the Conflict Resolution Protocol to read as follows:

"The protocols outlined in this document are intended to help parties resolve conflicts associated with their participation and membership in ASCA. It is the duty of the ASCA Board of Directors to be active protectionists regarding ASCA. Membership in ASCA is a privilege and not a right. A member may be disciplined or membership may be suspended by the Board of Directors for intentional actions taken by such member which are detrimental to the interests of ASCA or its programs, policies or objectives, as determined by the Board of Directors."

The Board discussed shortening the length of time someone must bring a request for resolution. It is currently 21 days from discovery, but most were in favor of shortening it to 5 days.

Vest and Gibson will bring these changes to the Dispute Rules committee and return with a revision for November.

– *Carnese left the meeting at 7:06 pm.*

System Upgrade

There is a meeting with FrogSlayer on the 27th to go over status of project. The process for approving LEP dogs is underway in the new system. LEP applications are reviewed by a committee of DeChant, Janet Kelly, and Melissa Borde. Roberts questioned how the pedigrees will be checked. Vest will get the process from the Office Manager and report back.

Sympathy Cards

Linda Mahoney was an avid supporter of ASCA and she will be missed. Vest proposed sending a sympathy card to her family, and the Board approved.

The Board would like to make an addition to the Policy Book that would provide for sympathy cards to be sent out to these deceased members that have gone above and beyond for ASCA's programs. Vest will come up with language for the November meeting, and will find out where to donate in memory of Ms. Mahoney.

[Adding NSF and Suspension Lists to Website](#)

The Board discussed adding the NSF and suspension lists to the member's only section of the website. These lists would be automatically updated with the new system, and would be more up-to-date than the lists sent to clubs with show paperwork.

BD.16.135 Suspended Persons List and NSF List on Website

Motion by Roberts to put the suspended and NSF list on the website behind the members only portal, effective immediately. Second by Vest.

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen; Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0; motion carries.

[Selection of Social Media Content](#)

Vest will work with the Webmaster to come up with policy for social media content.

– *The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.*