

## December 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: Change to 3.11.4

Approve: DeChant, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Dolan

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Silveira

I move to approve the following motion from the SDC.

"Maxine Schvaneveldt makes a motion and seconded by Robyn Garrett to remove the following two sentences from 3.11.4: Points for the re-pen may be earned after completing or attempting obstacle 1 for courses A, B, or C; or obstacle 2 for courses D, E or F. No additional points will be awarded for repeating any obstacle that has already been accomplished with one or more head of stock. Also to add the following language to 3.11.4: All obstacles required for open and advanced divisions must be in place in the arena as described in SECTION 12, regardless of the division being judged.

Rationale: This is a contradicting rule and does not need to be in this section when the other rules come into play. New language added to mandate all obstacles remain on course for Started.

Change from:

3.11.4 For Course A, Course B, and Course C obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the freestanding pen, or center chute. For Course D, Course E, and Course F obstacle 1, obstacle 2, obstacle 3, and obstacle 4 must be attempted before attempting obstacle 5. No points can be earned for the center chute, chute, freestanding pen or obstacle 5 for started dogs. All obstacles required for open and advanced divisions must be in place in the arena as described in SECTION 12, regardless of the division being judged. ~~Points for the re-pen may be earned after completing or attempting obstacle 1 for courses A, B, or C; or obstacle 2 for courses D, E or F. No additional points will be awarded for repeating any obstacle that has already been accomplished with one or more head of stock.~~

Change to:

3.11.4 For Course A, Course B, and Course C obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the freestanding pen, or center chute. For Course D, Course E, and Course F obstacle 1, obstacle 2, obstacle 3, and obstacle 4 must be attempted before attempting obstacle 5. No points can be earned for the center chute, chute, freestanding pen or obstacle 5 for started dogs. All obstacles required for open and advanced divisions must be in place in the arena as described in SECTION 12, regardless of the division being judged.

This motion to be effective 1 June 2015.

Motion passes unanimously."

#### 94:01 Stockdog: Change to 3.12.4.e, Course D, and 3.12.6.e, Course F

Approve: DeChant, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Dolan

Non-Voting: 0  
MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Silveira  
I move to approve the following motion from the SDC.

“Dan Sanderson makes a motion and seconded by Maxine Schvaneveldt to change the following rule to become effective 1 June 2015.

Change From:

3.12.4.e, Course D, and 3.12.6.e, Course F.

e. Obstacle 1: There are two panels that are in-line with each other that have a ten-foot opening. The center of the opening will be set at the center of the width of the arena and positioned 125 feet from the plane of obstacles 2 and 3. The stock must move through panel opening from the take pen end of the arena towards the top of the arena. When at least one head of stock passes through the panels, then no further course points can be counted. To receive course points for obstacle 1, at least one head of livestock must pass the plane between the two in-line panels. If the stock passes through the panels from the wrong direction, at least one head must be driven past the plane of the inline panels so that DAYLIGHT can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. Only those head of stock that clear the daylight line will count for Course points. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

Change to:

e. Obstacle 1: There are two panels that are in-line with each other that have a ten-foot opening. The center of the opening will be set at the center of the width of the arena and positioned on the advanced handler line. The stock must move through panel opening from the take pen end of the arena towards the top of the arena. When at least one head of stock passes through the panels, then no further course points can be counted. To receive course points for obstacle 1, at least one head of livestock must pass the plane between the two in-line panels. If the stock passes through the panels from the wrong direction, at least one head must be driven past the plane of the inline panels so that DAYLIGHT can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. Only those head of stock that clear the daylight line will count for Course points. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

Rationale: House Cleaning. Currently, the existing rule creates a conflict when defining the position of the Advanced Handler Line found in 3.12.4.k and 3.12.6.k. Obstacle 1 is always placed on the Advanced Handler Line, but the definition found in subsection e could contradict the placement of the obstacle, depending on the size of the arena. This will simply ensure that both Obstacle 1 and the Advanced Handler Line are always the same measure.

Motion passes unanimously.”

#### **14.91 Change to National Specialty Rules: 17.2 Expense Reports**

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

Second: Vest

I move to change section 17.2 Expense Reports of the National Specialty Rules which reads:

17.2 Expense Reports

Detailed expense reports must be submitted to the ASCA Board of Directors for all ASCA Program Finals within ninety (90) days after the last day of the Nationals. Each report must include, but is not limited to, a complete accounting of all receipts including judges' expenses, ribbons/trophies, equipment, etc. If you are in doubt as to what information is to be included on your expense reports, contact the Executive Secretary.

To read:

#### 17.2 Program Finals Reimbursement Request

The Host Club shall submit a detailed reimbursement request to the ASCA Executive Secretary, who will distribute it to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will evaluate, process, and recommend approval/rejection to the Board.

This request shall cover all ASCA Program Finals and be submitted within ninety (90) days of the last day of the National Specialty. The reimbursement request must include a complete set of all receipts documenting incurred expenses including but not limited to judges' expenses, ribbons/trophies, equipment, facilities, etc. and a listing of all income including entry fees, additional event membership dues, donations, and sponsorships. The complete package may be submitted electronically or via mail. It is important to match the reimbursement request to the Board-approved Program Finals budget. If there are questions about what information to include in the reimbursement request contact the ASCA Treasurer.

Rationale: This change designates the ASCA Treasurer as the individual responsible for evaluating, processing, and recommending approval/rejection of the request to the Board of Directors. It also specifies including income and fully documenting expenses. The change also standardizes the process for submitting the request for reimbursement.

Effective when approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **14.92 Change to National Specialty Rules: Section 12**

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

Second: Wesen

I move to change section 12 of the National Specialty Rules which reads:

#### 12 Stockdog Finals

Please see the current Stockdog Rule Book, Chapter 12, for complete Finals rules.

#### 12.1 Final Budget

The Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Stockdog Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals. The budget must state the total number head of livestock to be used in each class of stock for all go-rounds of Finals. This number should reflect extra livestock on hand to be used in case of injury or illness, with a written breakdown of what is to be considered back-up or extra. (January 2014)

#### 12.2 Positions to be Filled

The following positions must be filled:

a. Assistants for the Judges-- One assistant for each Judge. Each assistant will check to see all blanks on the score sheet are filled in, check for the Judge's signature, check that run time is entered, and add the total score or check to see if total score is correct if the Judge has totaled the score.

- b. Two Timekeepers - Each timekeeper will be provided a stopwatch and will keep time on each run independently. At the end of each run, times from both watches will be compared and the time will be announced.
- c. Score sheet Runners - These individuals will pick up score sheets after each run is completed and deliver to scorekeepers.
- d. Stock Handlers - A minimum of two stock handlers each for cattle, sheep and ducks. Contact the Stockdog Committee and the Board of Directors for volunteers for these positions. Please use individuals knowledgeable of their duties.

### 12.3 Host Club Supplies

The Host Club will supply the following items:

- a. Arm bands, chairs and tables for each arena, calculators (2), stopwatches (2), clipboards (2), stapler and staples, scotch tape, white-out, push pins, broad-tip markers, pads of lined paper (2), pens, medium 3/4" binder clips, scoreboard to post scores, case or box for storage and movement.
- b. Water, shade or covered areas for Judges/workers.
- c. Run order for each Judge and board score keepers.

To read:

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Rationale: The deleted sections rightfully belong in Chapter 12 of the Stockdog Rulebook. Removing section 12.2 corrects a conflict which exists between the section and the Stockdog Rulebook. Section 12.3 duplicates requirements for all stockdog trials.

The effective date is the Board of Directors approval date.

### **14.94 Dispute Filing Fee Reimbursement**

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Vest

Second: Wesen

I move to approve the following motion:

### 3.2.5 Timing

The following timelines shall apply to ordinary disputes before an Affiliate:

#### What

Filing of ordinary complaint

Payment of filing fee

Notice to opposing parties

#### When

Within 21 days of discovery (knowledge) of an event which is the basis of the complaint; must be filed within one year of the date of the occurrence of the event

\$50 due when complaint or appeal is filed

Parties must provide notice to their opponents as set forth in Section 3.2.2

Filing answer to complaint	Within 21 days of the date of mailing of the complaint to the other party
Deliberations by Affiliate	Within 21 days of last day for timely filing of answer to complaint
Decision by Affiliate	Within 7 days of deliberations
Appeal to ASCA Board	Within 21 days of Affiliate decision
Filing Fee Reimbursement	If the Affiliate/Board rules in favor of the Complainant, the filing fee shall be reimbursed to the Complainant within 21 days from the date of the ruling of the Affiliate/Board.

The Affiliate may summarily rule against any party who fails to comply with these timelines.

### 3.3.8 Timing

The following timelines shall apply to disputes before the Board and appeals from decisions of Affiliates:

What	When
Filing a complaint	Within 21 days of discovery (knowledge) of an event giving rise to complaint; complaints must be filed within one year of the date of the event
Filing of appeal from Affiliate action	Within 21 days of Affiliate's decision
Payment of filing fee	\$100, due at time of filing of complaint
Notice to opposing parties	Provided by ASCA pursuant to Section 3.3.3
Filing answer to complaint or appeal	Within 21 days of the date of mailing notice to Respondent by the Executive Secretary
Deliberations by Board	21 days after last day for timely filing of answer
Decision by Board	Within 21 days of deliberations
Filing Fee Reimbursement	If the Affiliate/Board rules in favor of the Complainant, the filing fee shall be reimbursed to the Complainant within 21 days from the date of the ruling of the Affiliate/Board.

The Board or its committee may summarily rule against any party who fails to comply with these timelines.

Comment: Addition of Filing Fee Reimbursement schedule to the Dispute Rules. Currently there is no directive in the Dispute Rules regarding the return of filing fees associated with complaints.

Parties Impacted: Future complainants if complaints are upheld.

Effective Date: Apr 1, 2015

#### **14.95 Change to Committee Procedures: Paragraph 12**

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

Second: Wesen

I move to change paragraph 12 of the Committee Procedures which reads:

12. The Board Liaison will then forward the recommendation from the Committee to the Executive Secretary in the form of a motion (no second necessary) for distribution to the Board for discussion, comment, questions and voting. The Board of Directors liaison will send another copy of the motion to the

ASCA email list for comments by members. A note is to be included that directs members to send comments to the Executive Secretary by the fifteenth of the month.

To read:

12. The Board Liaison will forward the Committee's recommendation to the Executive Secretary in the form of a motion (no second necessary) for distribution to the Board for discussion, comment, questions, and voting. The Executive Secretary will post a copy to the ASCA email list (ASCA-L) for member comments and forward a copy to the web master for posting on the ASCA web site. The copy posted to ASCA-L shall include a note directing members to send comments to the Executive Secretary by the fifteenth of the month.

Rationale: This change aligns the Committee Procedures with the procedure in use.

**98:15 Obedience: Beginner Novice Walk-Through**

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Wesen

I move to support present this motion.

"Beginner Novice Walk-Through motion

Moved by Laurie Rubin

Seconded by Marilyn Cherry

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.

I move that we add the language below to the end of Chapter 10, Beginner Novice Optional Titling Class.

Purpose: The BN class serves as a starting point in obedience. Adding a walk-through will make the class more user friendly to newcomers.

Party(s) affected: Obedience judges and entrants in Beginner Novice.

Approve: 9 (Cindy Franks, Hilary Hines, Jayne Lips, Katie van de Sandt, Laurie Rubin, Lynn Sidwell, Marilyn Cherry, Penny Jameson, Rosalind Hall)

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 2 (Jane Small, Sandy Walroth)

Rule language:

Chapter 10, Beginner Novice Optional Titling Class:

Section 17 Walk-Through

Prior to the start of the first Beginner Novice class, the judge will allow a brief walk-through of the heeling pattern for handlers from both the B and A classes without their dogs. The judge should be available in the ring during this period to point out the set up location for all exercises, to state which direction the handlers should turn first on the sit stay exercise and to answer any questions the handlers might have. This session will probably take at most 10 minutes, depending on the size of the entry and the number of questions."

**98:15 Obedience: Bitches in Season Pants**

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Non-Voting: 0  
MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Wesen  
I move to support present this motion.

"Bitches in Season Pants Motion  
Moved by Laurie Rubin  
Seconded by Marilyn Cherry

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.

I move to add "Bitches in season must wear pants." to the very end of Chapter 1 General Regulations, Section 13 Disturbances and to the end of Chapter 11 Finals, Section 12.2 Bitches in Season.

Purpose: When the current Bitches in Season rules for Finals and Nationals were written, pants were not commonly used on bitches. This change will create less of a disturbance for other dogs at Nationals and will make the obedience rules more akin to rally and agility rules.

Parties affected: Handlers of Bitches in Season at Nationals Obedience and the Obedience Finals.

Approve: 10 (Cindy Franks, Hilary Hines, Jane Small, Jayne Lips, Katie van de Sandt, Laurie Rubin, Lynn Sidwell, Marilyn Cherry, Penny Jameson, Rosalind Hall)

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 1 (Sandy Walroth)

Rule language:

Change to:

1.13 Disturbances

...

Bitches in season may compete only at the Nationals Obedience Trial and Obedience Finals. They are to compete last after all other judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day, in a ring not to be used again for Obedience. This includes sits and downs, which shall be held separately. A bitch in season could be competing back to back in both rings in Open and Utility. Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen) at least 50' away from the obedience rings prior to and during the competition, except while competing. **Bitches in season must wear pants.**

11.12.2 Bitches in Season

- Bitches in season will compete last after all other judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day, including sits and downs which shall be held separately.
- A bitch in season could be competing back to back in both rings.
- Bitches in season must be crated, not placed in an X-pen, away from the obedience rings before and during the competition except when competing.
- **Bitches in season must wear pants.**

Current wording:

1.13 Disturbances

...

Bitches in season may compete only at the Nationals Obedience Trial and Obedience Finals. They are to compete last after all other judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day, in a ring not to be used again for Obedience. This includes sits and downs, which shall be held separately. A bitch in season could be competing back to back in both rings in Open and Utility. Bitches in season must be

crated (not placed in an exercise pen) at least 50' away from the obedience rings prior to and during the competition, except while competing.

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- Bitches in season will compete last after all other judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day, including sits and downs which shall be held separately.
- A bitch in season could be competing back to back in both rings.
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## Committee Appointments

- New Rally Committee Member Leah Swatko
- New Rally Committee Member Carrie Lovell
- New Rally Committee Member Heinz Guenter Geisel

## Judge Approvals

- New Non-Regular Breeder Judge Judy Van Der Steen
- New Provisional Breeder Judge Lizette Busquets
- New Approved Breeder Judge Kristin Henry-Walden
- New Approved Breeder Judge Susan Harris
- New Senior Breeder Judge J Kelsey Jones
- New Senior Breeder Judge Lisa Renville
- New Novice Obedience Judge Nadine Schott

## Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Preston Kissman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rick Hardin, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Director Cindy King, Director Jean Roberts, Director Rachel Vest, Director Jan Wesen, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Secretary Ken Silveira

There is a quorum with 8 voting members present via telephone.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm Central Time.

### Ratification of November Email Votes

Motion: Kissman

Second: Roberts

I make a motion to ratify the November email votes.

All present approved (Absent: Silveira); Motion carries.

### November Treasurer's Report

Dolan reported on ASCA's financials. The ASCA Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2014 shows \$170,124.73 in the checking account, \$350,039.99 in the savings account, and \$100.00 in the wire account. ASCA's total assets come in at \$755,856.92.

In reviewing ASCA's profit and loss comparison a 5% change is designated as "significant." There was a significant increase in income from Aussie Times ads (up \$4,815.00), gain/loss on securities (\$9,513.82), and program income (up \$26,622.07). There was a significant decrease in printing costs for Aussie Times (down \$3,770), Director/Officer reimbursement (down \$4,094.84), equipment rental fees (down



\$1,402.53), member service costs (down \$7,270.31), and printing and reproduction costs (\$14,230.78). There were also significant increases in computer expenses (up \$16,236.19), insurance payments (\$11,760.42), professional fees (up \$10,943.18), and repair costs (up \$2,197.63). Professional fees include payments to ASCA's accountant, legal representation, and trademark attorney.

Current balance of recording fees (\$1/entry): \$132,230.00  
(Agility: \$78,122.00  
Conformation: \$29,935.00  
Obedience: \$3,613.00  
Rally: \$6,106.00  
Stock: \$14,418.00  
Tracking: \$36.00)

Current balance of finals fees (\$0.25/entry): \$22,904.62  
(Agility: \$13,838.60  
Conformation: \$5,076.00  
Obedience: \$632.42  
Rally: \$1,058.60  
Stock: \$2,291.50  
Tracking: \$7.50)

These amounts are taken from 55,354 agility runs, 20,304 conformation entries, 2,530 obedience entries, 4,234 rally entries, 9,166 stock runs, and 30 tracking entries.

The Board discussed the process that the Business Office uses for tracking the number of dogs shown in a particular program and a good way to have this represented in a report for the Board. DeChant will get a report from Fryar on ASCA's membership numbers with a full breakdown of service vs. full, etc.

Discussion of the Dolan's proposed 2015 budget for ASCA has been added to the agenda for the Board's January teleconference meeting.

Motion: Roberts  
Second: Vest

I make a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

All present approved (Absent: Silveira); Motion carries.

## **Donation to KODA**

The Board discussed moving forward on their pledged donation and the money raised at the 2014 ASCA banquet for KODA. On Friday afternoon, November 7, 2014, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia upheld the USDA Retail Pet Store Rule. Prior to this ruling the ASCA Board issued a fundraising challenge to Affiliates and Members by pledging to match up to \$5,000 in donations to KODA. At the 2014 ASCA Nationals Banquet \$1,172 was raised for this purpose.

The Board has chosen to join the other plaintiffs in an appeal of the court's decision. ASCA will contribute \$2,344 (\$1,172 donated and matched) to this cause immediately.

## **Office Manager Bonus**

During its 2014 Spring Meeting the ASCA Board determined to give ASCA's Office Manager a bonus upon the completion of the 2013 audit, pending a positive management letter from the auditor. Fryar was praised for his efforts to comply with the Board's directives to him and for his general competency and dedication to serving ASCA. The Board voted to provide a bonus to Fryar.

## **Reimbursement to CASA**

The Board will discuss reimbursement options for CASA for the remaining 2013 ASCA Finals costs once receipts have been provided by the Affiliate. As soon as Dolan receives any request from CASA for additional reimbursement he will forward to the Board.

## **Motion to Rescind 94:01 Stockdog: Add to 11.6.6 Judging Criteria**

The following motion was discussed and voted on by the Board.

### **14.93 Motion to Rescind 94:01 Stockdog: Add to 11.6.6 Judging Criteria**

Motion: Dolan

Second: Hardin

I move to rescind the motion adopted during the November voting cycle which approved the following recommendation from the Stockdog Committee:

Discussion: This motion was not submitted to the membership in time for them to submit comments to the Board. This motion did not achieve what the Stockdog Committee intended. The Committee has expressed that they are okay with rescission by the Board and may reword the motion to more clearly represent their intent.

All present approved (Absent: Silveira); Motion carries.

*“94:01 Stockdog: Add to 11.6.6 Judging Criteria*

Motion: Silveira

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

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 (Dan Sanderson, Linda Bell, Robyn Garrett, Mikael Hageus, Jan Wesen, Lindy Epperly, James Bergert, Maxine Schvaneveldt, Fiona Hibbard)

No - 1 (Pam Watson)

Non-voting - 1 (Irene Manley)

Motion Passes

Rationale: The motion to be rescinded introduces more questions than the rule change answers. As written the change does not do what the SDC intended and should be rewritten and resubmitted for approval.”

## **Computer System RFP**

The Board discussed plans for moving forward with sending out the RFP for ASCA's new computer system and selection of vendor proposals. They have determined to work with Dr. Jon Jasperson and his team at Texas A&M University. Dr. Jasperson is a Clinical Associate Professor at A&M and Director of the Center for the Management of Information Systems. His team of 3 students will be coordinated by a staff professor working under Dr. Jasperson's lead, and they will be responsible for reviewing vendor proposals and provide feedback that will allow the Board to make the most informed decision moving forward with the system upgrade. The work will start in January and will culminate in a presentation by the team at the Board's Spring Meeting in April 2015. For this review, ASCA will donate \$2500 to the Center for the Management of Information Systems.

#### **14.97 Review of Vendor Proposals by Texas A&M**

Motion: Vest

Second: Roberts

I make a motion that we use Dr. Jasperson's team at Texas A&M University's Center for the Management of Information Systems to review the vendor proposal for the new ASCA system upgrade. The finished product will be presented at the April 2015 Spring Meeting. There will be a donation made to Dr. Jasperson's team in the amount of \$2500 for this review.

All present approved (Absent: Silveira); Motion carries.

#### **Amazon Smile**

AmazonSmile is a way for ASCA members to designate that a portion of their Amazon.com purchase be donated to the ASCA Foundation. There is no cost to ASCA or to AmazonSmile customers. The shopping experience is identical to Amazon.com with the added benefit that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases to charitable organizations selected by customers. The donation amounts generated will be combined and sent each quarter by electronic funds transfer. The Board will advertise this program once everything has been cleared and finalized.

#### **Sponsorships**

The Board briefly discussed recent activity in obtaining sponsorships for ASCA and what is needed to get the Sponsorship Committee moving again.

#### **Organizational Directive to Stockdog Committee**

DeChant suggested a Board directive to the Stockdog Committee to take a few months to work as a Committee on developing a priority list for their work. With such a list, they can then go forward with new items while keeping old business prioritized. The Board discussed this suggestion and determined that no directive was needed at this time, but Board members would send any suggestions/recommendations for organization they may have to the Committee Liaison who will then relay to the Committee for them to take under consideration. The Board would also like to convey to the Stockdog Committee the necessity of the Stockdog Exchange as a medium for communication with those members interested in ASCA's stockdog program. Any issues with the list should be worked out so that it represents its purpose.

#### **Judge's Education**

The Board has mandated that program committees provide judge education. The Rally Committee has developed an education program that other committees may wish to model theirs after. ASCA is currently in a position that committees simply need to prepare and present a budget to cover judge education costs and the Board can approve.

DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm, with all present approving.

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