December 2015 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.

Board Email Motions

AG.15.17 Veteran Dog Division
Approve: Dolan, Gibson, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen
Disapprove: DeChant
Abstain: Gray
Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson
I move to accept the attached motion from the ASCA Agility Committee concerning the Veteran Dog Division.

Motion 7-2015 Veteran Dog Division

Moved by: Judy
Second by: Gary

I move the attached motion to create a Veteran Dog division.

Effective June 2016 rulebook

Rationale: Currently both Veteran Handler and Disabled Handler are included in the Veteran division. By eliminating both from the division, it makes the Veteran division a Veteran Dog division so that older dogs only compete against other dogs in the same age range. This motion also brings agility in line with all other ASCA programs, which have no classes based on the handler's age.

Results of the committee vote:
Yes: 10
No: 1
Non-voting: 1

Letter of Dissent from Kathy: "I feel removing the Veteran Handler Division is not the way to grow ASCA agility and it is a huge loss for those that need it. It speaks negatively about ASCA and its support for those that have needs. Further I don't see how this division negatively impacts ASCA or its agility program, but I see its removal doing so. The people harmed by the removal of this division will take their money and spend it in other venues, there are many other agility venues that allow handlers more time. ASCA has one of the tightest times of the agility venues. We are all ASCA members and deserve a chance to compete against our peers. Any ASCA program that is timed should have a Veteran Handler division so that all members can compete against their peers."

Existing:
3.3.2 Veterans Division

The Veterans Division is open to any dog age seven (7) or older, or any handler aged 60 or older, or any handler who has a certificate of disability. The dog's age shall be determined by the dog's actual birthday or the closest date as known. The handler's age shall be determined by a birth certificate or any valid document giving date of birth. Disabled handlers shall present a copy of their disabled parking permit or a letter from their doctor.

Dogs entered in the Veterans Division classes will jump 4" (10.2 cm) lower than their standard jump height. Course times for dogs entered in the Veterans Division of the Regular Agility and Jumpers classes shall be 10% greater than the SCT for the Standard Division. The gamble time in the Veterans Gamblers class shall be two seconds longer than the gamble time for the Standard Division. The maximum course time shall remain the same as the Standard Division.

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Dogs entered in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division classes will jump 4" (10.2 cm) lower than their standard jump height. Course times for dogs entered in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division of the Regular Agility and Jumpers classes shall be 10% greater than the SCT for the Standard Division. ~~The gamble time in the Veterans Gamblers class shall be two seconds longer than the gamble time for the Standard Division. The maximum course time shall remain the same as the Standard Division.~~

Existing:
2.4.2 Required Measurements
Dogs entering the standard division jump height classes 20" or less (wither height less than or equal to 20"), that do not have a permanent ASCA, AKC or NADAC height card must be measured. Dogs entering 20+'' or 24" jump heights are exempt (includes Veteran and Junior Handler Division dogs entered in the 16"+ jump height classes).

The Trial Secretary shall maintain a list of all dogs needing measurement for the trial. All dogs that require measuring must present a permanent height card or be measured before the dog's first run of the trial.

If a dog was not measured and competed in a jump height class lower than eligible for, any qualifying scores AND PLACEMENTS earned at the incorrect jump height are forfeited. The only exception is a 20+" dog that competed in the 20" jump height class; that dog will be moved immediately to 20+" and all placements earned will be forfeited.

Any dog which measures higher than the entered jump height for that trial has two options:
1. Move dog to the higher jump height.
2. Run in the entered jump height, but move to the FEO division.
See Rulebook chapter 7, section 7.3 for FEO details.

Any dog that cannot be measured by the Judge of record for any reason must jump 20+" or move to the FEO division (enter at the desired jump height) for that trial.

Copies of approved height cards may either be mailed with trial entry form or presented at trial check in. Trial secretaries may note a dog's height card as 'on file' for future trials hosted by the same affiliate to avoid having to re-verify a dog's height.

The trial Judge of record has the right to re-measure a dog believed to be running in the wrong jump height class at any time. In the event of a question concerning a dog's actual height, the exhibitor must re-present the card or the dog to verify actual height. The decision of the Judge of record is final.

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1. A 20+" dog that competed in the 20" jump height class in the Standard or Junior Handler divisions in the Championship program; that dog will be moved immediately to the 20+" jump height class in their division and all placements earned will be forfeited.
2. A 16+" dog that competed in the 16" jump height class in the Veteran Dog or Junior Handler division in the Championship program or the Standard division in the ACE program; that dog will be moved immediately to the 16+" jump height class in their division and all placements earned will be forfeited.
3. A 12+ dog that competed in the 12" jump height class in the Senior Dog division in the ACE program, that dog will be moved immediately to the 12+" jump height class and all placements earned will be forfeited.

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Any dog that cannot be measured by the Judge of record for any reason must ~~jump 20+"~~ enter the 20+" jump height class in the Standard division in the Championship program, the 20+" or 16+" jump height class in the Junior Handler division in the Championship program, the 16+" jump height class in the Veteran Dog division in the Championship program, the 16+" jump height class in the Standard division

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Existing:
2.4.4 Jump Height Tables
The Standard Division jump heights are: 4" (ACE Program), 8", 12", 16", 20", 20+" and 24". Clubs must offer all ASCA Standard Division jump heights at trials. The 24" jump height is an optional jump height for the dog in the championship program and class placements may be combined with the 20+"class. Clubs shall offer separate classes and placements for each division in both the Championship and ACE programs for dogs measuring over 18" but under 20" and dogs measuring over 20".

Dogs entered in the Junior Handler Division classes may jump at the dog's standard jump height or 4" lower. The following table lists the maximum height required in each jump height category.

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ACE Program					
Standard Division	Withers 11” & under Jump 4”	Withers 14” & under (>11” & <14”) Jump 8”	Withers 18” & under (>14” & <18”) Jump 12”	Withers 20” & under (>18” & <20”) are in the 16” class Jump 16”	Withers over 20” are in the 16”+ class Jump 16”
Senior Dog Division	Withers 11” & under Jump 4”	Withers 14” & under (>11” & <14”) Jump 4”	Withers 18” & under (>14” & <18”) Jump 8”	Withers 20” & under (>18” & <20”) are in the 12” class Jump 12”	Withers over 20” are in the 12+” Jump 12”

Jump Height Metric Conversion: 4” (10.2 cm), 8” (20.3 cm), 12” (30.5 cm), 16” (40.6 cm), 20” (50.8 cm), 24” (61 cm) - shown to one decimal place to be more accurate.

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Existing:
2.6.2 Awards for High in Levels (Novice, Open, Elite) and High in Trial
Awards for high scoring in level (Novice, Open, Elite), and/or High in Trial (HIT) are not mandatory. However, such awards shall be given for the Championship Program at the ASCA National Specialty and the National Specialty Pre or Post Trials. When such awards are given at the ASCA National Specialty and the National Specialty Pre or Post Trials, computation for these awards shall be done in the following manner:
   a. Separate awards will be given to each of the three Divisions. The Standard Division will award High in Trial to the Novice, Open and Elite levels. The High in Trial Veterans and Junior Handler awards may be calculated by combining scores from all class levels.
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   c. Each faultless qualifying run in Regular Agility, Gamblers, or Jumpers shall be given the following HITQ-point value: runs in an Elite class shall be given 7 HITQ-points; runs in an Open class shall

be given 6 HITQ-points; runs in a Novice class shall be given 5 HITQ-points. Each faulted (.01 to 5 faults) qualifying run in Regular Agility shall be given one-half the value of the equivalent level HITQ-points (runs in an Elite class shall be given 3.5 HITQ-points; runs in an Open class shall be given 3 HITQ-points; runs in a Novice class shall be given 2.5 HITQ-points).

d. In the event of a tie for HITQ-points, the following procedures shall be used for breaking the tie. First tie breaker: The dog with the fastest combined YPS in all rounds of the regular classes in which qualifying scores were earned will be declared the winner. Second tie breaker: The dog with the highest number of gamble points and a qualifying score will be declared the winner.

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2.7.1.1 Regular and Jumpers Classes
The header (or footer) of each page of the report must give the club/ affiliate, name, location, and state, date of trial, the program (CH/ACE), the class, the level, and the judge. Also, in the header of the page the course distance and the standard course time (in seconds) for small standard dogs, small veteran dogs, medium standard dogs, medium veteran dogs, large standard dogs, and large veteran dogs must be given for both the Championship and ACE. The dogs running in a Division (Standard, Veteran, and Junior Handler) must be grouped together within their program (Championship or ACE).

The columns of the report shall be in this order, from left to right (either the long or short orientation of the 8-1/2"by 11" page (or 21 cm by 29.7 cm for A4 paper) may be used as long as the same orientation

is used throughout the results report; ASCA Registration number; Height dog jumps; Program (CH/ACE), Division (Note: the Program and Division information may be put in the header rather than in the column when headers are used to separate classes); Identification of A or B class (for divided classes; leave blank for undivided classes) (Note: the identification of A or B class may be put in the header rather than in the column when headers are used to separate classes); Dog's call name; Breed; Owner/Handler's name; Dog's time (in seconds and hundredths); Time faults; Course faults; Total faults; Place; Qualifying (Q for qualifying dogs, leave blank for non-qualifying dogs). The results from the Championship program and the ACE program must be on separate pages.

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For the Championship program, the header of the page must also include the course distance and the standard course time (in seconds) for small standard dogs, small veteran dogs, medium standard dogs, medium veteran dogs, large standard dogs, and large veteran dogs.
For the ACE program, the header of the page must also include the course distance and standard course time (in seconds) for small standard dogs, small senior dogs, medium standard dogs, medium senior dogs, large standard dogs, and large senior dogs.
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The following lists the classes, divisions and levels of ASCA certified classes.

Class:	Division:	Level:	Class:	Division:	Level:	Class:	Division:	Level:
Regular	Standard	Novice	Jumpers	Standard	Novice	Gamblers	Standard	Novice
Regular	Standard	Open	Jumpers	Standard	Open	Gamblers	Standard	Open
Regular	Standard	Elite	Jumpers	Standard	Elite	Gamblers	Standard	Elite
Regular	Veterans	Novice	Jumpers	Veterans	Novice	Gamblers	Veterans	Novice
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Regular	Veterans	Elite	Jumpers	Veterans	Elite	Gamblers	Veterans	Elite
Regular	Jr. Handler	Novice	Jumpers	Jr. Handler	Novice	Gamblers	Jr. Handler	Novice
Regular	Jr. Handler	Open	Jumpers	Jr. Handler	Open	Gamblers	Jr. Handler	Open
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Regular	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Novice	Jumpers	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Novice	Gamblers	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Novice
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Existing:
3.3 Divisions
A handler may not enter a dog in more than one division of the same class round on any one day of a trial. If a dog is entered in the Veterans Division of the first round of a Jumpers Class, then that dog could not also be entered in the Standard Division of the same round of the Jumpers Class on the same day at the same show. However, if a dog is entered in the Veterans Division of the second round of a Jumpers Class on Saturday, that dog could be entered in the Standard or Junior Handler Division of the second round of a Jumpers Class on Sunday. If a dog is entered in a specific Division for one class, it is not required that the dog be entered in the same Division for all other classes for that day. For example: A handler might enter a seven (7) year old dog in the Veterans Division of the Regular Agility Class, and the Standard Division of the Gamblers Class. If six classes are offered on one day (i.e. two regular, two gamblers, two jumpers), the dog may only be entered in each class once.

Change to:
3.3 Divisions
A handler may not enter a dog in more than one division of the same class round on any one day of a trial. If a dog is entered in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division of the first round of a Jumpers Class, then that dog could not also be entered in the Standard Division of the same round of the Jumpers Class on the same day at the same show. However, if a dog is entered in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division of the second round of a Jumpers Class on Saturday, that dog could be entered in the Standard or Junior Handler Division of the second round of a Jumpers Class on Sunday. If a dog is entered in a specific Division for one class, it is not required that the dog be entered in the same Division for all other classes for that day. For example: A handler might enter a seven (7) year old dog in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division of the Regular Agility Class, and the Standard Division of the Gamblers Class. If six classes are offered on one day (i.e. two regular, two gamblers, two jumpers), the dog may only be entered in each class once.

Existing:
5.2 Qualification Requirements
For a round in the Regular class to be recognized as a qualifying round, the dog must complete the round with five (5) or less faults. This applies to all levels within the Standard Division, the Veterans Division and the Junior Handler Division.

Change to:
5.2 Qualification Requirements

For a round in the Regular class to be recognized as a qualifying round, the dog must complete the round with five (5) or less faults. This applies to all levels within ~~the Standard Division, the Veterans Division and the Junior Handler Division.~~ all divisions in both the Championship and ACE programs.

Existing:
10.6 ASCA Agility Title Abbreviations – Championship Program

10.6.1 Basic Titles
The following chart lists the basic titles for all class levels and division:

CLASS	DIVISION	LEVEL	TITLE
Regular	Standard	Novice	RS-N
Regular	Standard	Open	RS-O
Regular	Standard	Elite	RS-E
Regular	Veterans	Novice	RV-N
Regular	Veterans	Open	RV-O
Regular	Veterans	Elite	RV-E
Regular	Junior	Novice	RJ-N
Regular	Junior	Open	RJ-O
Regular	Junior	Elite	RJ-E
Jumpers	Standard	Novice	JS-N
Jumpers	Standard	Open	JS-O
Jumpers	Standard	Elite	JS-E
Jumpers	Veterans	Novice	JV-N
Jumpers	Veterans	Open	JV-O
Jumpers	Veterans	Elite	JV-E
Jumpers	Junior	Novice	JJ-N
Jumpers	Junior	Open	JJ-O
Jumpers	Junior	Elite	JJ-E
Gamblers	Standard	Novice	GS-N
Gamblers	Standard	Open	GS-O
Gamblers	Standard	Elite	GS-E
Gamblers	Veterans	Novice	GV-N
Gamblers	Veterans	Open	GV-O
Gamblers	Veterans	Elite	GV-E
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Regular	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Open	RV-O
Regular	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Elite	RV-E
Regular	Junior Handler	Novice	RJ-N
Regular	Junior Handler	Open	RJ-O
Regular	Junior Handler	Elite	RJ-E
Jumpers	Standard	Novice	JS-N
Jumpers	Standard	Open	JS-O
Jumpers	Standard	Elite	JS-E
Jumpers	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Novice	JV-N
Jumpers	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Open	JV-O
Jumpers	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Elite	JV-E
Jumpers	Junior Handler	Novice	JJ-N
Jumpers	Junior Handler	Open	JJ-O
Jumpers	Junior Handler	Elite	JJ-E
Gamblers	Standard	Novice	GS-N
Gamblers	Standard	Open	GS-O
Gamblers	Standard	Elite	GS-E
Gamblers	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Novice	GV-N
Gamblers	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Open	GV-O
Gamblers	~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog	Elite	GV-E
Gamblers	Junior Handler	Novice	GJ-N
Gamblers	Junior Handler	Open	GJ-O
Gamblers	Junior Handler	Elite	GJ-E

Existing:
10.11 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions – Championship Program

10.11.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Novice, Open, and Elite Titles
A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship Program. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division in the Championship Program these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veterans Division in the Championship Program. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veterans Open Jumpers in the Championship Program, the 'Jumpers Veterans-Open' (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. Note, if a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division in the Championship Program and returns to compete in the Standard division in the Championship Program, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation in the Championship Program.

Change to:
10.11 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions – Championship Program

10.11.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Novice, Open, and Elite Titles
A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship Program. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division in the Championship Program these points may be credited toward the Open

Jumpers title in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Open Jumpers in the Championship Program, the 'Jumpers Veterans-Open' (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. Note, if a dog earns a qualifying score in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program and returns to compete in the Standard division in the Championship Program, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division designation in the Championship Program.

Existing:
10.11.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Outstanding/Superior Titles
A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship Program. For example, qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division in the Championship Program may be combined with scores/points from the Veterans Division in the Championship Program towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veterans Division in the Championship Program. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division in the Championship Program and returns to compete in the Standard Division in the Championship Program, any titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation in the Championship Program.

Change to:
10.11.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Outstanding/Superior Titles
A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship Program. For example, qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division in the Championship Program may be combined with scores/points from the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program and returns to compete in the Standard Division in the Championship Program, any titles earned in that class will have the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division designation in the Championship Program.

Existing:
12.1 Rounds
1. The Agility Finals will be run in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty each year. Agility Finals will not be held on the same day as any other agility competition.
2. All three divisions, Standard, Veterans and Junior Handler, will run four rounds: one Jumpers, one Gamblers and two Regular. There are no elimination rounds. Dogs that qualify for the finals are eligible to compete in all rounds for their division. A dog may only compete in one division. All rounds for a division will take place on the same day.

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Existing:
12.2.3 Divisions

The Agility Finals will consist of three divisions: Veterans, Junior Handlers and Standard. The qualifying rules will be the same for each division, however qualifying points will not transfer between the divisions. The jump heights will be divided as specified in the ASCA Jump Height Table in Chapter 2, Section 2.5.4.

Change to:
12.2.3 Divisions
The Agility Finals will consist of three divisions: Standard, ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog, and Junior Handler. The qualifying rules will be the same for each division, however qualifying points will not transfer between the divisions. The jump heights will be divided as specified in the ASCA Jump Height Table in Chapter 2, Section ~~2.5.4~~ 2.4.4.

Existing:
12.2.4 Point Accumulation
Qualifying in an Elite Standard division class with zero faults gives the dog one point towards the Agility Finals in the Standard Division. Qualifying in an Elite Veterans division class with zero faults gives the dog one point towards the Agility Finals in the Veterans Division. Qualifying in an Elite Junior Handler division class with zero faults gives the dog one point towards the Agility Finals in the Junior Handler Division. The dog does not need to be competing in all Elite level classes before accumulating points towards the finals. 'Finals' point accumulation for a particular class will not begin until the novice and open titles in that class are completed.

The height the dog jumps during the year will not have an impact on the points they accumulate during the year.

Change to:
12.2.4 Point Accumulation
Qualifying in an Elite Standard division class with zero faults gives the dog one point towards the Agility Finals in the Standard Division. Qualifying in an Elite ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division class with zero faults gives the dog one point towards the Agility Finals in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Division. Qualifying in an Elite Junior Handler division class with zero faults gives the dog one point towards the Agility Finals in the Junior Handler Division. The dog does not need to be competing in all Elite level classes before accumulating points towards the finals. 'Finals' point accumulation for a particular class will not begin until the novice and open titles in that class are completed.

The height the dog jumps during the year will not have an impact on the points they accumulate during the year.

Existing:
12.2.5 Minimum Points
For all divisions, a dog will need at least seven (7) points total to be eligible to compete at the Agility Finals. A minimum of two (2) points must be earned in the Elite Jumpers class and a minimum of two (2) points must be earned in the Elite Gamblers class and a minimum of three (3) points must be earned in the Elite Regular class in the Standard or Veterans or Junior Handler division, during the qualifying period. Points must be earned during the ASCA Agility Finals qualifying period and within the same division that the dog will enter at Finals.

Change to:

12.2.5 Minimum Points

For all divisions, a dog will need at least seven (7) points total to be eligible to compete at the Agility Finals. A minimum of two (2) points must be earned in the Elite Jumpers class and a minimum of two (2) points must be earned in the Elite Gamblers class and a minimum of three (3) points must be earned in the Elite Regular class in the Standard or ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog, or Junior Handler division, during the qualifying period. Points must be earned during the ASCA Agility Finals qualifying period and within the same division that the dog will enter at Finals.

Existing:

12.2.7 Invitations

The top 60 qualifiers from the Standard division will be invited to attend the Standard Finals, the top 35 qualifiers from the Veterans division will be invited to attend the Veterans Finals and the top 10 qualifiers from the Junior Handler division will be invited to attend the Juniors Finals. The qualifiers will be ranked based on points accumulated, with the dog accumulating the most points being ranked as #1, the dog with the second most points being ranked as #2, etc. Dogs will be ranked on the list for each division and will be counted towards the total number of invitees (for each division). Current rankings will appear in the Agility Finals List posted in the Aussie Times and on the ASCA website. If there is more than one dog with the same number of points as the 60th qualifier in the Standard division, more than one dog with the same number of points as the 35th qualifier in the Veterans division or more than one dog with the same number of points as the 10th qualifier in the Junior Handler division, then all the dogs with that number of points in the respective divisions will be invited. All alternates will be notified of their alternate status. Alternates will be accepted in list order until all slots are filled.

Change to:

12.2.7 Invitations

The top 60 qualifiers from the Standard division will be invited to attend the Standard Finals, the top 35 qualifiers from the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog division will be invited to attend the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog Finals and the top 10 qualifiers from the Junior Handler division will be invited to attend the Junior Handler Finals. The qualifiers will be ranked based on points accumulated, with the dog accumulating the most points being ranked as #1, the dog with the second most points being ranked as #2, etc. Dogs will be ranked on the list for each division and will be counted towards the total number of invitees (for each division). Current rankings will appear in the Agility Finals List posted in the Aussie Times and on the ASCA website. If there is more than one dog with the same number of points as the 60th qualifier in the Standard division, more than one dog with the same number of points as the 35th qualifier in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog division or more than one dog with the same number of points as the 10th qualifier in the Junior Handler division, then all the dogs with that number of points in the respective divisions will be invited. All alternates will be notified of their alternate status. Alternates will be accepted in list order until all slots are filled.

Existing:

12.6.3 Overall Placements

The first placing overall dog in each division (Standard, Veterans and Junior) shall receive a rosette with blue in it that states the date, location, placement and ASCA <division> Agility Finals Champion, e.g. 2002 ASCA Junior Agility Finals Champion. This rosette shall have a side streamer with the dog's full registered name and titles printed on it. A special award will be given to the first placing overall dog in each division.

The second through tenth overall dogs in each division shall receive rosettes. Second through tenth place rosettes shall have the date, location, placement, 'Overall', and ASCA <division> Agility Finals. For example, 2002 ASCA Junior Agility Finals Overall Second Place. Second place will be red, third place yellow, fourth place white, fifth place pink, sixth place green, seventh place purple, eighth place brown, ninth place teal, and tenth place maroon. These rosettes shall have a side streamer with the dog's full registered name with titles printed on it.

Change to:
12.6.3 Overall Placements
The first placing overall dog in each division (Standard, ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog, and Junior Handler) shall receive a rosette with blue in it that states the date, location, placement and ASCA <division> Agility Finals Champion, e.g. ~~2002~~ 2015 ASCA Junior Agility Finals Champion. This rosette shall have a side streamer with the dog's full registered name and titles printed on it. A special award will be given to the first placing overall dog in each division.

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Existing:
12.7.2 Divisions
Each division (Standard, Veterans and Junior Handler) will be scored separately. All dogs within each division will be grouped together for placements, regardless of jump height. There will be four rounds used to determine each division champion: 1 Jumpers, 1 Gamblers and 2 Regular.

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Existing:
12.7.3 Jump Height
Dogs entered in the Veterans will jump at their appropriate jump height in Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers, which will be one height lower than their standard division jump height would be. Dogs entered in the Junior Handler division will have the option of running at the dog's standard jump height or taking the 4" (10.2 cm) height deduction.

All dogs entered in the Standard Agility division will jump their Standard division jump height.

Change to:
12.7.3 Jump Height
Dogs entered in the ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog division will jump ~~at their appropriate jump height in Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers, which will be one height lower than their standard division jump height would be~~ 4" (10.2 cm) lower than their standard division jump height. Dogs entered in the Junior Handler

division will have the option of running at the dog's standard jump height or taking the 4" (10.2 cm) height deduction.

All dogs entered in the Standard ~~Agility~~ division will jump their Standard division jump height.

Existing:
12.7.4 Standard Course Time (Regular and Jumpers)
There will be a Standard Course Time set by the judge for each division for the two Regular and Jumpers classes. For the Regular and Jumpers classes all Standard Division dogs, regardless of jump height will use the Large Dog Standard Course Time. For the Regular and Jumpers classes the Veterans and Junior Handler Division dogs, regardless of height will use the Large Dog Veterans or Junior Handler Course Time (respectively).

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Existing:
12.7.5 Gamblers Class: Opening and Gamble Time
For the Gamblers class, all dogs, regardless of jump height or division, will have 30 seconds for their opening sequence time. The closing sequence "gamble" time will be determined by the judge. Standard Division dogs will use Standard Division large dog gamble time and all Veterans and Junior Handler Division dogs will use Veterans/Junior Handler Division Large Dog gamble time.

Change to:
12.7.5 Gamblers Class: Opening and Gamble Time
For the Gamblers class, all dogs, regardless of jump height or division, will have 30 seconds for their opening sequence time. The closing sequence "gamble" time will be determined by the judge. Standard Division dogs will use ~~Standard Division large dog~~ the 20" gamble time and all ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog and Junior Handler Division dogs will use ~~Veterans/Junior Handler Division Large Dog~~ the 16" gamble time.

Existing:
12.7.8 Run Order
The Jumpers class will run first, followed by the Gamblers class and then by the two Regular classes.

In each class, all Standard dogs run first, then Veterans, then Junior Handlers.

Jumpers will be run according to random draw within each division, drawing first for the order of jump heights, and then for the order of dogs within each height. Each subsequent class will be run in reverse order of placement based on cumulative scores within each division. In the event that two dogs are tied for placements, the dogs will run in alphabetical order of call name. Bitches in heat will run last in each class. Handlers with multiple dogs may request to move a dog in the run order so as to give the handler more time to adequately prepare to run the other dog. The dogs may be separated by moving the dog that is to run first (with a lower cumulative score) in the round up in the run order to allow a gap of 3 -

10 dogs in between the multiple dogs. The handler must notify the score table and the gate steward as soon as the sorted run order is posted. Once the round has started, no changes may be made.

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Existing:
12.11 Photographs of Finals Champions
The host club is responsible for photographing the three finals champions (Standard, Veterans and Junior). The photographs will be clearly marked with the dog's registered name, owner name, breeder, sire and dam. The photographs MUST be submitted to the editor of the Aussie Times before the deadline for the Nationals issue.

Change to:
12.11 Photographs of Finals Champions
The host club is responsible for photographing the three ~~finals~~ Agility Finals champions (Standard, ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Dog, and Junior Handler). The photographs will be clearly marked with the dog's registered name, owner name, breeder, sire and dam. The photographs MUST be submitted to the editor of the Aussie Times before the deadline for the Nationals issue.

Existing:
Appendix A: Equipment Specifications
6   Miscellaneous Equipment – required to Host an ASCA Agility Trial
    1. Numbered Cones/Markers - Except for gamble opening obstacles, the obstacles on the course must be clearly marked using sequential numbered objects. Numbers shall be no less than 2" (5.1 cm) in height.
    2. Start/Finish markers - Where electronic timing is not used on the first and last obstacles, the start and finish lines need to be clearly marked. Where electronic timing is used, start/finish markers should be available as backup in case of electronic timer malfunction.
    3. Surveyors tape and securing material - The handler lines for the gamblers class need to be clearly marked and secured. On grass, dirt and sand surfaces golf tees or roofing retaining nails (nails with a 1" (2.5 cm) plastic washer retained by the nail head) may be used to secure the handler's line. Indoors, on surfaces that will not accept tees or nails, tape may be used. If tape is not allowed by the facility then a temporary method, such as spray chalk may be used. If this method is used the line from a previous level must be removed before the new line is marked.

4. Timing Device - An accurate timing device is required in each ring to record the dog's course time to at least the 100th of a second. Where electronic timing is used, stopwatches should be available as backup in case of electronic timer malfunction.
5. Ring Boundary Markers - Some sort of marker or barrier to indicate the boundaries of the ring is required.
6. Whistle - The host club must provide one for the timer in each ring in the event of a stopwatch malfunction and for the gamblers class, and to alert the judge and handler when the maximum course time has been reached. It is recommended that, to reduce confusion among rings, where trials of two or more rings are contemplated, the whistle for each ring have a markedly different tone.
7. Dog Height Measuring Device - Dogs entering the standard jump height classes 20" or less (wither height less than or equal to 20"), that do not have a permanent ASCA, AKC or NADAC height card must be measured. Dogs entering 20+'' or 24" jump heights are exempt as are dogs jumping 16+" in the Veterans or Junior Hander Divisions. Calibrated wickets or measuring devices are allowed.

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    7. Dog Height Measuring Device - Dogs ~~entering the standard division jump height classes 20" or less (wither height less than or equal to 20"),~~ with a wither height less than or equal to 20" that do not have a permanent ASCA, AKC or NADAC height card must be measured. Dogs entering the 20+'' or 24" jump height~~s~~ class in the Standard or Junior Handler division in the Championship program, the 16+" jump height class in the Veteran Dog or Junior Handler division in the Championship program, the 16+" jump height class in the Standard division in the ACE program, or the 12+" jump height class in the Senior Dog division in the ACE program are

exempt ~~as are dogs jumping 16+" in the Veterans or Junior Hander Divisions~~. Calibrated wickets or measuring devices are allowed.

Existing:
Appendix B: Agility Merit Program
Merit points can only come from the Championship Program.
1. Merit points can come from any level, any division and any class.
2. There will be nine Merit lists: one for Regular, one for Jumpers and one for Gamblers, within each level, Novice, Open, Elite. The divisions will be grouped together for each class/level. (i.e. the elite regular merit points can come from the Standard, Veterans or Juniors division).
3. Points will be earned by earning a qualifying score in the class. A '10 point' qualifying score will earn 1 point, a '5 point' qualifying score will earn ½ point. The points will only count towards the merit list for the class and level they were earned in. (Points do not transfer.)
4. Dogs can stay at a level and earn points indefinitely.
5. Eligible dogs will be ASCA registered or LEP Australian Shepherds whose owners are Full ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the current merit program year.
6. The program will run from June 1st to May 31st of the following year.

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RA.15.13 List of Judges Eligible to Judge Rally Nationals/Finals
Approve: Unanimous
Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen
I make a motion to approve the following recommendation from the Rally Committee.

Motion title: RC Motion 15.13: Inclusion on list of judges eligible to judge the National Rally Trial and/or Rally Finals
Effective Date: June 1, 2016
Maker of motion: Karen Black
Seconder of motion: Corinne Shanks

Motion statement: Host clubs need a list of qualified judges to make selections for Rally Finals and the National Rally Trial. It is necessary to establish a method by which a list can be created and maintained.

Purpose for motion: This motion establishes the guidelines for judges to request their name be added to the list of judges eligible to judge Rally Finals and/or the National Rally Trial. Having a list of eligible judges will ensure judges selected for Rally Finals and the National Rally Trial meet the requirements for judging these events.

These changes will be Chapter 15.5 and the current 15.5 section and subsequent sections will slide down in number while remaining in their same order.

Related changes necessary to 13.6.1 and 14.1 are listed in this motion below the language for the new 15.5 section.

The Status Change Form is also included on the last page (below the motion) for comments and approval, but will not appear in the Chapters of the Rally Rulebook; rather, it will be found in the Appendix and on the ASCA Website for easy access.

Party(s) affected by the motion and how it will affect them: The Business Office will be affected as they will need to verify each request to be added to the Eligible to Judge list for either, and or both the National Rally Trial and Rally Finals lists. Judges will be affected as they will responsible to track their trialing and judging history to complete the form and submit it to the Business Office for verification. Host clubs for Nationals will have a list of judges from which to select their panel.

If necessary, please state the date that the affected office was contacted: Business Office: November 1, 2015; Webmaster: November 1, 2015

Date that the affected office responded: Business Office Manager responded on November 3, 2015; Webmaster responded on November 2, 2015

Please include either the response or a summary of the response here: Both responded that everything looked fine with the motion.

Results of the committee vote:
Approve: 9
Disapprove: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-voting: 1

Comments from Pat: Our National Rally Trial and Finals events, are the highest-profile, and often the largest entry trials for all of ASCA. Just as Conformation at Nationals requires Senior Breeder Judges with the most experience, Rally Judges for these events should be among the most experienced, particularly in the ASCA version of the sport.

Body of the motion:
PROPOSED WORDING
15.5 Eligible to judge the National Rally Trial and/or Rally Finals List
Host clubs for ASCA Nationals and Finals will use the list of eligible judges, available from the Business Office, to select their judge panel for the National Rally trial and for the Rally Finals events.

15.5.1 To be eligible to judge the National Rally Trial, a judge must be in good standing with ASCA, be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges List, and completed a Rally Masters title in ASCA prior to submitting a request form.

It is the judge's responsibility to complete the request form and submit it to the Business Office for verification that the judge meets the requirements for judging the National Rally Trial. Once the Business Office verifies the requirements are met, the judge's name will be added to the list of judges eligible to judge the National Rally Trial.
The Request Form can be found in the Appendix of the Rally Rulebook or online on the ASCA website.

15.5.2 To be eligible to judge Rally Finals, a judge must be in good standing with ASCA, be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges List, and completed a Rally Masters title in ASCA. Judges must also have completed at least five (5) judging assignments prior to submitting a request form.
It is the judge's responsibility to complete the request form and submit it to the Business Office for verification that the judge meets the requirements for judging Rally Finals. Once the Business office verifies the requirements are met, the judge's name will be added to the list of judges eligible to judge Rally Finals.
The Request Form can be found in the Appendix of the Rally Rulebook or online on the ASCA website.

13.6.1 Judge Eligibility
Judges must be in good standing with ASCA and be on the list of judges eligible to judge Rally Finals. , be listed on the current Approved ASCA Rally Judges List, and completed a Rally Masters title in ASCA. Judges must also have completed at least five ASCA Rally judging assignments prior to the sanctioning of Finals.

14.1 Judge Eligibility
Judges must be in good standing with ASCA and be on the list of judges eligible to judge the National Rally Trial. , be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges list, and completed a Rally Masters title in ASCA.

CURRENT WORDING
There is no current wording for 15.5.

13.6.1 Judge Eligibility
Judges must be in good standing with ASCA, be listed on the current Approved ASCA Rally Judges List, and completed a Rally Masters title in ASCA. Judges must also have completed at least five ASCA Rally judging assignments prior to the sanctioning of Finals.

14.1 Judge Eligibility
Judges must be in good standing with ASCA, be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges list, and completed a Rally Masters title in ASCA.

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REQUEST FORM
ELIGIBLE TO JUDGE NATIONAL RALLY TRIAL OR RALLY FINALS
</div>

Judge's Name _____ Judge's Number _____
Email Address _____
Mailing Address _____
City/State/Country _____

National Rally Trial eligibility requirements: In good standing with ASCA, on the current ASCA Rally Judges List, completed a Rally Masters title in ASCA.

Finals eligibility requirements: In good standing with ASCA, on the current ASCA Rally Judges List, completed a Rally Masters title in ASCA and judged at least 5 assignments.

Indicate the list(s) you are requesting to be included:
_____ Eligible to judge National Rally Trial List
_____ Eligible to judge Rally Finals List

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National Rally Trial and Finals Requirement:
Registered name and ASCA Registration Number for one dog you completed a Rally Masters title:
_____
Finals Requirement:
List five completed Rally judging assignments (Affiliate, Location, Date)
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2015

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice President Laura Gibson, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Linda Gray, Director Cindy King, Director Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco
Absent: Director Jan Wesen

There is a quorum with 8 voting members of the Board present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm Central Time.

Items in Executive Session:
There was one item that was discussed in Executive Session below. The times are marked for when ES was entered and exited. No votes were taken.

–   Wesen joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Ratify November Email Votes
BD.15.130 Ratify November Email Votes
All present approve. Motion carries.
Motion by Vest
Second by Kissman
I make a motion to ratify the November email votes.

November Treasurer's Report

Dolan gave the Treasurer's Report for November. There is $120,562.69 in the Chase checking account, $250,405.88 in the Chase savings account, $100.00 in the Chase wire account, and $183,441.94 in the Raymond James investment account.

There were increases in income from Aussie Times subscriptions ($11,314) and registry services ($1,440).
There were decreases in income from Aussie Times ads (-$5,260), gain/loss on securities (-$14,495), miscellaneous (-$427), and program income (-$15,158).
There were increases in expenses for Aussie Times mail preparation ($2,310), computer ($161,604), depreciation ($7,846), Director/Officer reimbursement ($17,142), member services ($4,087), miscellaneous ($1,060), national ASCA expenses ($1,450), NSF checks ($751), office expenses ($8,922), payroll ($2,130), and professional development ($1,496).
There were decreases in expenses from advertising (-$2,844), Aussie Times editor (-$530), Aussie Times postage (-$3,479), Aussie Times printing (-$12,688), contract labor (-$2,399), equipment rental (-$3,211), insurance (-$4,488), Junior pins and year-end awards (-$1,125), postage and delivery (-$1,070), professional fees (-$2,292), and repairs (-$4,900).
Net income through November is -$94,058.

There is a large net loss for the year, but that is not unexpected with the system maintenance and upgrade costs. Dolan will look into what is behind the significant increase in Director/Office expenses and report back for the January teleconference. The increase in Aussie Times mail preparation is a result of the new wrapping, but since we have started using it there have been no complaints of ripped issues.

Dolan sent by email the proposed budget for 2016. The Board will review and discuss/vote during the January teleconference.

BD.15.131 November Treasurer's Report
All present approve. Motion carries.
Motion by Kissman
Second by Vest
I make a motion we accept the Treasurer's Report for November.

System Upgrade

Vest reported that the Office Manager meets with FrogSlayer on a weekly basis and everything is coming along well. They are preparing to start data migration within the next few weeks. Vest reported to the Board that when the time comes there will be a complete cut-over to the new system; the two systems will not be run in parallel. She will get a statement from FrogSlayer detailing the reasons why to provide to the membership.

Email Update 12/7/2015:
"What we have at this point that is new since the last demo and will be demoing includes:
- Dual membership and Dual Lifetime membership application process
- Revamped kennel admin, application and owner change application.
- DNA Kit ordering and fulfillment
- Admin search, creation and editing of dogs
- Admin search, creation and editing of litters including multiple sires

What we will not be demoing that you and I have discussed already:
- Junior membership management, parental consent, etc. We agreed to back-burner this to get progress on Dogs, etc.
- Any user-side forms for dogs, including the normal registration, LEP, Foreign dog registration, Tracking number application, Dog leasing or dog name or ownership changes.
- User-side litter registration and use of puppy-pins (although that may make an appearance on the admin side Monday, there nothing that consumes them yet)

Our current plan moving forward is:
1. For Dec 7 - Stabilize the admin-side for kennels, dogs, litters, dna and membership (which is pretty stable now) with the goal of demoing a system similar to ADMS for managing these data records.
2. For Dec 21 - I know we will get to spend at least another week or two adjusting to the feedback you give us Monday. We'll do another demo, maybe just a call, to show those changes. Meanwhile, I will be re-doubling my efforts to clearly spec-out the work for all the dogs and litters applications to ensure the team gets these fairly complex and unique interactions done right. I may need to pester you over the weeks after the demo, but you and I have covered most if not all of that already.
3. Mid-January - our goal would be to demo all the user-facing dog and litter forms at this point, and while the team focuses on coding that, over Christmas I'll be diving deep into Clubs, Shows, Judging Titles and all the rest. I'll try not to bug you too much over the holiday weeks, but I will no-doubt need some help.
4. Mid-February: at this point I'm thinking Clubs and Shows would be the next piece, but that may change. I am also entertaining the idea of splitting off a team member to do the data migration for the parts of the database the new app handles. I think we won't really get the measure of how well the system works until your data is in it."

Email Update 12/22/2015:
Here is the latest update….
- Updated the entity pickers (kennel, litters, users, dogs) to work in a consistent and easy manner across the site
- Store DNA Kit Lab results at Amazon storage for retrieval later (PDF files), and store specific lab result details on related user and dog accounts
- Updated DNA Kit pricing
- Lab results that cannot be related to a specific dog are assigned to the owner of the lab results so that they are available for use with a puppy at a later date
- Fix Dog Edit/Dog Registration pages (should have been a single page)
- Create a dynamic dog registration type which is extensible for future registration types and configurations (backend only)
- Image upload/preview widget for reviewing and uploading images where appropriate
- Admins may now edit dog names
- Removed breeding flag from puppies
- Kennel Name List (report) is now publicly viewable without logging in
- Modify Kennel Name rules to support detection of shorter versions of longer single-name kennels
- Validation box pop-up for Kennel name is now properly formatted for review
- Fix Date of Birth display on some forms
- Remove the "flash of angular" issue on some forms

- Color and trim for puppies is the same as dogs
- System now shows DNA Kit pricing on admin screen
- System now collects payment at the time that DNA Kit Orders are placed
- Fixed an issue where if the last puppy in a litter is removed, puppies could no longer be added
- Fixed litters to have exactly one sire (in case of multiple sires the litter actually is split between the two sires and registered with two litter numbers)
- Registration emails now show the member number

Conflict of Interest

Kissman had requested this be added in response to questions raised at the 2015 General Membership Meeting regarding what constitutes a "conflict of interest" for those serving in ASCA. ASCA defines a conflict of interest as:

In the past, some Boards have not felt that it was in ASCA's best interest to allow family members of Directors to serve on committees. This Board does not believe that it is inherently a "conflict of interest" for family members to serve ASCA at the same time. If there becomes an issue, it can be handled on an individual basis. There is no reason that family members cannot serve ASCA like friends can. ASCA's business is done publicly and there are plenty of safeguards to prevent against undue influence.

DeChant and Gray will work on a statement for the Committee Procedures that emphasizes their position, and will send out to the Board for comment.

2016 Nationals Premium

The Board discussed the proposed premium for the 2016 National Specialty and Finals. Several Directors were against the inclusion of a "Tiny Tots" class for Juniors aged 0-3. Some were concerned about having such young children in the ring with dogs. Others simply wanted the class to be described in the premium. Some had an issue with the age being 0-3 as 0 is not an age. Several Directors were in favor of the class, so long as it was required that a parent be in control of the dog at all times.

BD.15.132 2016 Nationals Premium (with added verbiage)
Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Dolan, Kissman
Disapprove: King, Wesen, Gray, Vest
Abstain: Silveira
Motion ties/fails.
Motion by Gibson
Second by DeChant
I make a motion that the ASCA Board approves the 2016 Nationals Premium with added verbiage to the Tiny Tots class to delineate that it is an adult controlling the dog.

Because the Board was unable to approve the premium, they have determined to send their suggested changes to the Host Club for revision and resubmission. They will hold a special meeting to approve the premium before their next teleconference.

The Board also discussed the awards that are given out for MVA/MVJ at Nationals. ASCA provides prizes for all MVA and MVJ awards. There are also prizes given out by private parties.

Stockdog Committee Configuration Directive

Gibson brought up concerns from the Stockdog Committee regarding the Board's recent directive to configure their committee according to the Committee Procedures used for all committees. The committee would like a guarantee that it will be made up of judges and participants, and not go heavily toward one or the other. Many Directors felt that the balance between judges and contestants on committees was already maintained by the selective appointment process. They could not see themselves turning away someone that would be a good contributor to the committee based solely on their judge/contestant status. This is not currently a problem with the other committees and will not become one with the Stockdog Committee.

DeChant and Gibson volunteered to work on a general sentence for the Committee Procedures that would state that the Board will make every effort to be sure that the committees have a mix of judges and contestants.

Junior Merit Directive

Gibson reported that the Agility and Stock Committees have sent proposals for the year-end merit programs over to the Junior Committee and they are awaiting feedback.

2015 National Specialty Status

Dolan reported that there have been some complications with the financials for the 2015 National Specialty. ASCA's money is fine; he is simply advising the Board of the situation. He will meet with the Show Chair and report back to the Board with any updates. He will also let the Show Chair know that it is 2/3 through the time period allowed for providing a reimbursement request to the Board.

Disqualified Dog Reinstatement Procedure

The Board discussed a past reinstatement that was done without contacting the judge who originally disqualified the dog. The Board would like the reinstatement procedures to be changed to require that the disqualifying judge be contacted for a statement as part of the dog's reinstatement process. This item has been added to the agenda for the January teleconference.

- The Board entered Executive Session at 7:55 pm to hear an update on two appeals that have been filed with the Board. The appeals were assigned to Kissman to investigate and bring a recommendation to the entire Board.

- The Board exited Executive Session at 8:00 pm.

DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes

December 22, 2015

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice President Laura Gibson, Director Linda Gray, Director Cindy King, Director Jan Wesen, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco
Absent: Treasurer Pete Dolan, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest

There is a quorum with 6 voting members of the Board present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm Central Time.

Items in Executive Session:
There was one item that was discussed in Executive Session below. The times are marked for when ES was entered and exited. No votes were taken.

2016 National Specialty Premium

The Board discussed the revised premium and had only minor suggested changes.

BD.15.133 2016 Premium (with additional wording)
Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Kissman, Wesen
Disapprove: Gray
Abstain: King
Motion carries.
Motion by Gibson
Second by Kissman
I make a motion that we approve the 2016 Premium with the additional wording to make it clear that all Finals entries (except Junior Showmanship) are to be sent to the Business Office, not the Host Club. The Board will only pay for 18 pages to be published in the Aussie Times, anything beyond that must be paid for by the Host Club.

- ♦ The Board entered Executive Session at 6:35 pm to hear an update on two appeals that have been filed with the Board. The appeals were assigned to Kissman to investigate and bring a recommendation to the entire Board.

- ♦ The Board exited Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.