December 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

Tracking Judge Sarah Kahn (Washington)
Provisional Rally Judge Jeannie Strong

Board Email Motions

**BD.16.151 Rally Committee Mission Statement**
Approve: Unanimous; *Motion carries.*
Motion by Vest
Second by Wesen

*We motion to approve the ASCA Rally Committee’s Mission Statement as provided by the Committee:*

Serving ASCA, the affiliate clubs and the exhibitors with their canine partners by ensuring ASCA Rally remains the best rally program available.

Comment: The Mission Statement will be displayed at the top of the Rally Committee information on the ASCA website. The Mission Statement will also be added to the top of page 1 of the Rally Rulebook at the next printing date.

Effective date: Upon BOD approval

**BD.16.153 ASCA Social Media Photo Policy**
Approve: DeChant, Gibson, King, Kissman, Roberts, Vest, Wesen
Oppose: Gray, Silveira

*Motion carries.*

*Comment from Silveira:* This is the same guide that has been used for years. The question was how to better define what photographic presentation to the general public would be appropriate. An attempt was made to explain the fact that demonstrating excessive to severe faults on the ASCA Web Page would have the negative effect of advertising to those with little knowledge of this breed that ASCA approves of dogs that are presented with excessive or severe faults. New people to our breed have been known to fall in love with Aussies that are excessive white. This may not be in keeping with our desire to preserve and protect our Aussie.

Motion by Vest
Second by Gibson

*I make a motion to establish a policy for photographs that are published on ASCA social media sites.*

Photo Policy

Photos that are published on the ASCA Facebook and/or Website have the following requirements.

- Photos are selected with the Breed Standard in consideration
- No obvious advertising of a particular dog, unless noted otherwise within the header - example Nationals Winners
• No obvious Miniature Australian Shepherd, North American Shepherd, North American Miniature Australian Shepherd, Miniature American Shepherd, and/or Toy/Teacup Australian Shepherd breeds
• High quality images that illustrate good photography techniques

ASCA reserves the right to use all photos sent in for publication with no requirement of a signed release. No photo will be used for profit or sold by ASCA.

To be added to Policy Book as follows:
21.1.a Webmaster Posting of Photographs on ASCA Social Media Sites

Comment: To clarify ASCA’s policy on photographs that are sent in for publication on ASCA social media sites. The policy will be posted on ASCA’s social media sites and will be employed as a guide by the Webmaster for choosing photographs for publication.

Effective date: Upon BOD approval

**BD.16.154 History Committee Mission Statement**
Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Vest
Oppose: Gray, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Wesen
Abstain: None
Non-Voting: None
*Motion fails.*

*Comment from Kissman:* The History Committee should make a statement as to their mission instead of identifying their feelings.

*Comment from Roberts:* Too verbose, not succinct about their mission. I think using just the first sentence would be a better statement.

*Comment from Wesen:* This is way too long for a mission statement.

Motion by Vest
Second by DeChant

We motion to approve the ASCA History Committee’s Mission Statement as provided by the Committee:

It is the Mission of the ASCA History Committee to preserve the History of ASCA thru old documents, letters and other types of correspondence. We also seek Members we feel have given of themselves above and beyond the everyday love of the breed and ASCA itself. This Committee feels we must protect our past, we the members of the committee feel that knowledge of our past is a way to honor our future, we strive to preserve and protect the proud heritage of ASCA and our Australian Shepherd.

Comment: The Mission Statement will be displayed at the top of the History Committee information on the ASCA website.

Effective date: Upon BOD approval

**BD.16.155 Junior Committee Mission Statement**
Approve: Unanimous

*Motion carries.*

Motion by Vest
Second by King
*We motion to approve the ASCA Junior Committee's Mission Statement as provided by the Committee:*

To encourage, guide and support all Junior competitors and promote Junior participation in the ASCA programs.

Comment: The Mission Statement will be displayed at the top of the Junior Committee information on the ASCA website. The Mission Statement will also be added to the top of page 1 of the Junior Rulebook at the next printing date.

Effective date: Upon BOD approval

**BD.16.156 Change to Policy 7.7.2 Awards**

*Approve: DeChant, Gibson, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen
Oppose: None
Abstain: Gray, Kissman
*Motion carries.*

*Comment from Kissman:* I was not privy to the discussion on this motion since I have just been appointed to the ASCA Board.

Motion by Vest
Second by Silveira

*We move to revise Policy 7.7.2:*

Current wording:

7.7.2 Awards
The Lifetime Achievement Award designee will be honored at the Nationals Banquet, if they wish to attend, and receive a complimentary lifetime ASCA membership. The honoree(s) will receive a free 1-year subscription to the Aussie Times.

Change to read:

7.7.2 Awards
The Lifetime Achievement Award designee will be honored at the Nationals Banquet, if he or she wishes to attend, and will be awarded an ASCA Honorary Membership for his or her lifetime, pursuant to Article 4, Section 1 D of the Bylaws. As an Honorary Member, the designee will not be required to pay membership fees and if they chose to do so, shall receive the Aussie Times without paying a subscription fee.

Comment: Clarification of the Lifetime Achievement Award and ASCA Honorary Membership awards.

Effective date: Upon BOD approval

**BD.16.157 Change to Policy 7.7.3 Aussie Times**

*Approve: DeChant, Gibson, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen
Oppose: None
Abstain: Gray, Kissman
Non-Voting: None
*Motion carries.*
Comment from Kissman: I was not privy to the discussion on this motion since I have just been appointed to the ASCA Board.

Motion by Vest
Second by Silveira

I move to revise Policy 7.7.3 as follows:

Current wording:

7.7.3 Aussie Times
After the year of free Aussie Times, the honoree(s) will be sent a renewal notice letting them know the issues of the Aussie Times will cease. The notice will give the lifetime member(s) the option of renewing the subscription to the Aussie Times for the current fee if the lifetime member(s) wishes to renew.

Revise to read:

7.7.3 Aussie Times
Every 5 years the Business Office will query all honorees to confirm that they wish to continue the free Aussie Times subscription. If they no longer wish to receive the publication they will be removed from distribution. If at a later date any honoree would like to resume the free Aussie Times publication, they will need to contact the Business Office to be added back to the distribution. If an honoree prefers to receive the on-line Aussie Times versus a hard copy, they will need to contact the Business Office.

Comment: In order to keep track of honorees and the free Aussie Times subscription, the Business Office should query the honorees to determine if they still wish to receive the Times. The subscription will be discontinued if they so choose.

Effective date: Upon BOD approval

BD.16.158 Honoring Paul Kirk
Approve: Unanimous
Motion carries.
Motion by Silveira
Second by Gray

I move that the ASCA Board of Directors reward Paul Kirk with an Honorary Lifetime Membership and a half page ad in the next issue of the Aussie Times for his years of service to ASCA.

This motion shall supersede and replace the previous motion awarding Paul Kirk a Lifetime Membership.

Effective upon passage by the ASCA Board of Directors.

Committee Recommendations

Agility Committee

AG.16.13 Agility Judge Publication
Approve: DeChant, Gibson, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest, Wesen
Oppose: Gray
Motion carries.
Motion by Roberts

I move to approve this motion from the Agility Committee.
Motion by Judy Boone
Second by Sherry Butler

Rationale: This rule will define how and when agility judges will be published and voted on by the Agility Committee and the Board of Directors.

Effective date: When approved by Board of Directors. Publication in June 2017 rulebook.

Current wording:
Appendix C ASCA Agility Judging Program
1.1.6 Application
The applicant must fill out the ASCA Apprentice Agility Judge Application, include the required documentation, and send (mail, email, fax) it to the ASCA Business Office. The office will forward the application to the Agility Committee for comment. The Agility Committee will forward their recommendation to the ASCA Business office, which will include it with all pertinent information to the ASCA Board of Directors when all requirements are met by the applicant.

Proposed wording:
1.1.6 Application
The applicant must fill out the ASCA Apprentice Agility Judge Application, include the required documentation, and send (mail, email, fax) it to the ASCA Business Office.
1. Once the application has been determined to be complete and accurate, the application submitted to the business office will be forwarded to the Agility Committee for review and consideration.
2. At the time of this submission, the Business Office will include the proposed issue of the Aussie Times in which the name of the Applicant will appear. The Business Office will submit the name and intent of the Applicant in the indicated publication of the Aussie Times.
3. Comments from ASCA members regarding the Applicant must be submitted to the ASCA Executive Secretary within 45 days of the publication date to be considered.
4. Any letters or written comments received within 45 days by the Executive Secretary will be forwarded to the Agility Committee within 3 business days of receipt.
5. Any letters or comments received during this 45-day period will be considered by the Agility Committee when evaluating the application into the Apprentice Program.
6. Voting by the committee will not take place until after the 45-day period and all letters have been received and reviewed by the Agility Committee.

1.1.8 Submission to the Board of Directors
After all requirements, have been met (application, open book test, course review and 45-day comment period) the Agility committee will make a motion to approve or reject the applicant. Result of the motion will be sent to the ASCA Business Office and the ASCA Agility Board Liaison. The motion will then be considered by the ASCA Board of Directors for a final decision.
The ASCA Executive Secretary will notify the applicant and the ASCA Business Office of the ASCA Board of Directors’ decision. If approved, the Business Office will then assign a judge number and notify the new judge.

Current wording:
1.2.6 Application
Once these requirements are met, the Apprentice Judge may apply for release from supervision. The Apprentice Agility Judge Application for Promotion form must be filled out and sent to the ASCA Business Office. The Business Office will forward the application to the Agility Committee for comment. The Agility Committee will forward their recommendation to the ASCA Business office, which will include it with all pertinent information to the ASCA Board of Directors when all requirements are met by the applicant. The form must include the documentation required in section 1.2. The form is available at www.asca.org. See Section 4: Acceptance for further requirements.

Proposed wording:
1.2.6 Application

Once these requirements are met, the Apprentice Judge may apply for release from supervision. The Apprentice Agility Judge Application for Promotion form must be filled out and sent to the ASCA Business Office. The form must include the documentation required in section 1.2. The form is available at www.asca.org. See Section 4: Acceptance for further requirements.

1. Once the application has been determined to be complete and accurate, the application submitted to the business office will be forwarded to the Agility Committee for review and consideration.
2. At the time of this submission, the Business Office will include the proposed issue of the Aussie Times in which the name of the Applicant will appear. The Business Office will submit the name and intent of the Applicant in the indicated publication of the Aussie Times.
3. Comments from ASCA members regarding the Applicant must be submitted to the ASCA Executive Secretary within 45 days of the publication date to be considered.
4. Any letters or written comments received within 45 days by the Executive Secretary will be forwarded to the Agility Committee within 3 business days of receipt.
5. Any letters or comments received during this 45-day period will be considered by the Agility Committee when evaluating the application into the Apprentice Program.
6. Voting by the committee will not take place until after the 45-day period and all letters have been received and reviewed by the Agility Committee.

Current wording:

4.3 Publication

Upon receipt of a completed application, the Business Office will submit the name(s) of the applicant for Apprentice Agility Judge(s), Apprentice Supervisor Judge(s) and approved Agility Judge(s) for publication in the Aussie Times for comments by the membership before being voted on by the Board of Directors. Once published, there will be 45 days for membership comments to be submitted to the Agility Committee Chair, the Business Office or the Executive Secretary. The comments will be collected and forwarded to the Board of Directors prior to their vote.

Proposed wording:

4.3 Publication

Upon receipt of a completed application, the Business Office will submit the name(s) of the applicant for Apprentice Agility Judge(s), Apprentice Supervisor Judge(s) and approved Agility Judge(s) for publication in the Aussie Times for comments by the membership before being voted on by the Agility Committee and the Board of Directors. The proposed publication date will be listed on the application before being sent to the Agility Committee. Once published, there will be 45 days for membership comments to be submitted to the Agility Committee Chair, the Business Office or the Executive Secretary. The comments will be collected and forwarded to the Board of Directors prior to their vote.

Results of the committee vote:
Approve: 10
Oppose: None
Non-voting: 2

Conformation Committee
CO.16.12 Interim Judging Assignments
Approve: Unanimous
Motion carries.
Motion by DeChant
I move to approve the motion from the Conformation Committee correcting the discrepancy in the rules regarding the assignments that can be used to move up to Senior Breeder Judge.

Motion by Liz Gibson
Second by Regi Bryant
I, Liz Gibson, make the following motion.

Effective date: Upon approval of the ASCA Board of Directors.

Reasons: This change fixes the conflicting information in the requirements to allow interim assignments to be used for judging experience. We all know there is lag time between an application to move up and actual approval by the ASCA Board of Directors. These interim assignments should count.

Proposed wording:
SENIOR BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS
Before applying for Senior Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:
A. Must be an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.
B. Must have completed ten (10) judging assignments with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries each at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge and/ or interim assignments while awaiting final approval from the ASCA Board of Directors.
C. Five (5) qualifying judging assignments must be worked outside of the state/province the applicant resides in. These five (5) qualifying assignments will come from assignments worked as an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge or as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge only.
D. Judging assignments must be completed in regular classes as published in the ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

PROCEDURE
Steps in applying for Senior Breeder Judge:
A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office: 1. A minimum of ten regular class judging assignments with a minimum of 15 entries that meet the previously stated requirements. These assignments may come from the interim period during which a judge is awaiting final approval from the ASCA Board of Directors. Once approval is given, all interim assignments will then count toward the level of judging being applied for.

Current wording:
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PROCEDURE
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Results of the committee vote:
Approve: 11
Oppose: 1

Comment from Debbie: I vote no on this motion because I don’t feel the wording is clear enough. My suggestion was: Interim assignments officiated while awaiting final approval from the ASCA Board of Directors may be included. Which apparently was not received by the committee. Gotta love Yahoo! Lol!

Junior Committee

JR.16.12 Change to Junior Guidelines
Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by King
I make a motion to accept the junior committee’s revision of questions relating to the breed standard.

Motion by Andrea
Second by Bryn
This is for the Junior Guidelines, Q & A Portion on page 22

Rationale: The acceptable answers were not updated when the ASCA Breed Standard was revised a few years ago. The answers previously listed as acceptable were no longer valid. An effective date is not needed for this motion as this is not a rule, it is just a tool within the rulebook for the judges.

Proposed wording:
Name two severe faults?
Acceptable answers: Prick ears, overly large ears, low set ears with no lift from the base, and non-typical coats such as excessively long, overabundant/profuse wiry or curly.

Name two disqualifications?
Acceptable answers: Undershot bite, overshot bite, wry mouth, other than recognized colors, white body splashes, Dudley nose, monorchidism, and cryptorchidism.

Current wording:
Name two severe faults?
Acceptable answers: Prick and Hound ears, even bite, non-typical coats, butterfly nose over 1 year of age.

Name two disqualifications?
Acceptable answers: Undershot & overshot bites, white body splashes, Dudley nose, monorchidism, and cryptorchidism.

Results of the committee vote:
Approve: 4
Oppose: None
Non-voting: 2
Abstain: None

**JR.16.13 Junior Showmanship Judging Guidelines**
Approve: Unanimous

*Motion carries.*

Motion by King

**I make a motion to accept the junior committees renaming of the guidelines**

Motion by Andrea
Second by Bryn

Table of Contents and Page 22, Junior Showmanship Guidelines

Rationale: The header needs to better specify who those guidelines are for. In this case the information following it is for the judges, not the juniors. It will also better stand out to judges if listed this way in the Table of Contents. An effective date is not needed for this motion as it is not a rule, it is just a tool within the rulebook for the judges.

Proposed wording:
Header: Junior Showmanship Judging Guidelines

Current wording:
Header: Junior Showmanship Guidelines

Results of the committee vote:
Approve: 5
Oppose: None
Non-voting: 1
Abstain: None

**Rally Committee**

**RA.16.21 Primary Parts of Exercises**
Approve: Unanimous
Motion carries.
Motion by Wesen
I move to approve this Rally Committee motion.

RC Motion 16.10 – Making primary parts of exercises consistent among similar exercises and correcting the underlining of primary parts of #102
Effective Date: June 1, 2017

Motion by Karen Black
Second by Corinne Shanks
I move to amend the primary parts of the following exercises so they are consistent with other exercises with similar requirements and to correct the underlining for exercise #102 that had some language bold and not underlined which was intended to be underlined.

Purpose for motion: We have different primary parts of exercises indicated on numerous exercises that require similar behaviors. For the descriptions to be consistent among all signs, it is necessary to amend these exercises. As an example, some of the exercises that required the dog to stand and stay required the judge to award zero points for the exercise if the dog took one step forward after being told to stay while other exercises requiring the same stand and stay behavior allow for points to be deducted if the dog takes a step forward rather than not receiving and credit for the exercises. Expecting the judges and exhibitors to keep straight which stand and stay performance is required or allowed for all similar signs is unrealistic. Making these changes to exercises with similar behaviors will make things easier for the judges to keep up with and will make performance expectations more clear for both the judges and the exhibitors.

Party(s) affected by the motion and how it will affect them: Judges will be affected in a positive way as the primary parts of the similar exercises will be the same making their job easier and more consistent. Exhibitors will be affected also and will now know what to expect when being judged on these exercise.

Business Office notified: B.O. was notified on 09/30/16. The office has no problem with this motion.

Results of the committee vote:
Approve: 9
Disapprove: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-voting: 2

PROPOSED WORDING
(Exercise #102)
Halt, Front Dog, Finish Right, Halt:
Handler stops, dog sits in heel position. Handler steps around to front of dog. Dog finishes right, around handler back to heel position, dog sits. Team heels forward moving in the opposite direction they were traveling.

(Exercise #200)
Halt, Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Return:
Handler stops, dog sits. At handler’s command and/or signal, dog stands in place in heel position. Handler walks at least three steps, turns, faces dog and and pauses. Handler returns around
**Dog and pauses** in heel position while dog remains standing (Effective June 2016). Team heels forward.

*(Exercise #306)*

**About Turn, Halt:**

Team makes an about turn to the right in heel position. At end of turn, handler stops, dog sits in heel position. Team heels forward.

*(Exercise #312)*

**Moving Stand, Walk Around Dog:**

At handler’s command and/or signal, dog stands and stays in place while handler continues moving and walks around dog. Handler pauses in heel position while dog remains standing. Team heels forward.

*(Exercise #313)*

**Moving down, Walk Around Dog:**

At handler’s command and/or signal, dog downs and stays in place while handler continues moving and walks around downed dog. Handler pauses in heel position while dog remains down. Team heels forward.

*(Exercise #400)*

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

At handler’s command and/or signal, dog stands in place while handler continues moving and at least three steps forward. Handler turns, faces dog, and pauses. At handler’s command and/or signal, dog downs in place. Handler returns around dog and pauses in heel position. Team heels forward.

*(Exercise #408)*

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

At handler’s command and/or signal, dog stops at a stand in place while handler continues at least three steps forward. Handler turns and faces dog. At handler’s command and/or signal, dog returns directly to a sit in heel position. Team heels forward.

*(Exercise #409)*

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

At handler’s command and/or signal, dog downs and stays in place while handler continues at least three steps forward. Handler turns and faces dog. At handler’s command and/or signal, dog comes directly to front position and sits. Dog finishes and sits in heel position prior to moving forward. (Effective June 2017)

**Current Wording**

*(Exercise #102)*

**Halt, Front Dog, Finish Right, Halt:**

Handler stops, dog sits in heel position. Handler steps around to front of dog. Dog finishes right, around handler back to heel position, dog sits. Team heels forward moving in the opposite direction they were traveling.

*(Exercise #200)*

**Halt, Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Return:**

Handler stops, dog sits. At handler’s command and/or signal, dog stands in place in heel position. Handler walks at least three steps, turns, faces dog and pauses. Handler returns around dog and pauses in heel position while dog remains standing (Effective June 2016). Team heels forward.

*(Exercise #306)*

**About Turn, Halt:**
Team makes an **about turn to the right** in heel position. **At end of turn, handler stops, dog sits** in heel position. Team heels forward.

**(Exercise #312)**

**Moving Stand, Walk Around Dog:**
At handler’s command and/or signal, **dog stands and stays in place while handler continues moving and walks around dog. Handler pauses** in heel position while **dog remains standing**. Team heels forward.

**(Exercise #313)**

**Moving down, Walk Around Dog:**
At handler’s command and/or signal, **dog downs and stays in place while handler continues moving and walks around downed dog. Handler pauses** in heel position while **dog remains down**. Team heels forward.

**(Exercise #400)**

**Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Down, Return:**
At handler’s command and/or signal, **dog stands in place while handler continues at least three steps forward. Handler turns, faces dog, and pauses.** At handler’s command and/or signal, **dog downs in place. Handler returns around dog and pauses** in heel position. Team heels forward.

**(Exercise #408)**

**Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Heel:**
At handler’s command and/or signal, **dog stops at a stand in place while handler continues at least three steps forward. Handler turns and faces dog.** At handler’s command and/or signal, **dog returns directly to a sit** in heel position. Team heels forward.

**(Exercise #409)**

**Moving Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Front, Finish, Halt:**
At handler’s command and/or signal, **dog downs and stays in place while handler continues at least three steps forward. Handler turns and faces dog.** At handler’s command and/or signal, **dog comes directly to front position and sits. Dog finishes and sits** in heel position prior to moving forward.

**Stockdog Committee**

**SD.16.27 New Farm Trial Forms**
Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Silveira, Vest, Wesen
Oppose: King, Roberts
Abstain: Gray, Kissman

*Motion carries.*

*Comment from Kissman:* I was not privy to the discussion on this motion since I have just been appointed to the ASCA Board.

*Comment from Roberts:* This should have been two motions. And the title is a misnomer, in that the entry form is for SD Trials, not just Farm trials.

Motion by Gibson

**I move to accept the two new Farm Trial forms, as recommended by the Stockdog Committee. Please see the rationale and the committee’s full motion and vote below.**

Title: New Farm Trial Forms
Effective Date: Approval by the Board

Motion by Wayne Kirby
Second by Judy Deshazo

I make a motion that we accept the new forms, entry form and the farm trial form that Jerry made.
Rationale: The new forms are more user friendly and works with the new system at ASCA.

The attached new forms that will be posted to the website were sent to Ray Fryar at the ASCA Business Office for review and approval. Ray’s response is below:

October 20, 2016 at 2:34 PM
All look good.

Ray Fryar
ASCA Manager

Results of the committee vote:
Approve: 11
Disapprove: 2
Abstain: None
Did not vote: None

Comment from Schvaneveldt: This should have been two motions
Comment from Alexander: This should have been two motions. I can support the entry form, but not the score sheet.

(See Attachment at the end of the minutes for Forms)

**Tracking Committee**

**TR.16.09 Change to 1.20.4 Versatility Competition & Draw for Test Entries**

Approve: Unanimous

*Motion carries.*

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this motion from the Tracking Committee.

Motion Title: Motion to modify draw priorities for the Nationals and more.

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 and even earlier in the Tracking Section of the ASCA website.

Purpose for motion:
Discussion of reasons for the modified language and expanded section:

1. ASCA’s Tracking Regulations need to be updated to include references to ASCA’s Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) test. Wherever the Tracking Dog (TD) title is referenced, it should be listed as TD/TDU (or Tracking Dog/Tracking Dog Urban.) Since its adoption, TDU has been considered as an urban alternative to TD, the field tracking title, and the titles are used equivalently for several purposes: either TD or TDU certifications may be used for priority entry into TD or TDU tests. Either TD or TDU titles can be used as prerequisites for entry into Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) tests. ASCA’s Master Tracker (MT) title requires 3 TD’s or 3 TDU’s or an equivalent combination of TD and TDU.

2. The draw priorities for TD and TDX test entry need to be clarified for instances when ASCA Tracking Tests are offered in conjunction with shows that include Versatility competition. So far, ASCA Tracking Tests have been offered in conjunction with Versatility only at ASCA National Specialty Shows, but other opportunities might occur in the future, possibly with ASCA sanctioned European shows.
3. Please note that TDX titled dogs may enter TD/TDU tests, because the ASCA MT title requires 2 TDX’s and 3 TD/TDU’s. Tracking dogs may have earned one or more ASCA TDX titles before they have earned 3 TD/TDU titles.

4. When ASCA Tracking Tests are offered in conjunction with ASCA National Specialty Shows, test entries are restricted to Australian Shepherds. ASCA Nationals is a special case of offering Tracking in conjunction with Versatility, so Specialty Show Tracking Test Chairs need a list of test entry priorities that specifically addresses draw priorities for the ASCA Nationals.

Results of the committee vote:
Approve: 8
Disapprove: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-voting: 0

Motion by Anne Hershey
Second by Maia Halverson
I move that the Australian Shepherd Club of America Tracking Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 1.20.4 Versatility Competition and the “Draw for Test Entries” be modified to include language that refers to ASCA’s Tracking Dog Urban Test and title, modified to list separate draw priorities for TD/TDU and TDX test entry, and expanded to specify more precisely the priorities for the Draw for Test Entry for ASCA Nationals Tracking Trials. In the June, 2016, edition of the ASCA Tracking Regulations, Chapter 1, section 1.20.4 is written as follows:

The Paragraph now states:
1.20.4 Versatility Competition and the “Draw for Test Entries”
When a Versatility Competition is offered in conjunction with a Tracking Trial the “Draw for Test Entries” shall be given in the following order:
a. To an untitled (in Tracking) ASCA registered Australian Shepherd with a Certification or an equivalent title,
b. To a titled (in Tracking) ASCA registered Australian Shepherd who is entered in the Versatility Competition,
c. To an untitled dog with an ASCA Office Tracking Number with a certification or an equivalent title,
d. To a titled ASCA registered ASCA registered Australian Shepherd,
e. To a titled dog with an ASCA Office Tracking Number,
f. To a non-titled Australian Shepherd without a certification or an equivalent title,
g. To a non-titled dog with an ASCA Office Tracking Number without a certification or an equivalent title.

When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be drawn for positions on the Alternate List.

Priority for draw order for TD test:
1. Aussies who are untitled in Tracking with a Certification or an equivalent title;
2. Aussies entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition who are titled in Tracking;
3. Aussies who are titled through TD2 but not entered in Most Versatile Aussie Competition;
4. Aussies who are uncertified.

Priority for draw order for TDX test:
1. Aussies who are titled through TD or TDU, not previously titled in TDX;
2. Aussies who have previously titled in TDX, who are entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition;
3. Aussies who have previously titled through TDX1;
4. Aussies with TDX2 or MT titles.

These priorities for the “Draw for Test Entries “order shall be published in the Premium for the Tracking Trial when a Tracking Test is offered with a Versatility Competition.

I move that the section be modified to read:
1.20.4 Versatility Competition and the “Draw for Test Entries”
When a Versatility Competition is offered in conjunction with a Tracking Trial the “Draw for Test Entries” shall be given in the following order:

**Priority draw order for TD/TDU:**

a. To an untitled (in Tracking) ASCA registered Australian Shepherd with a TD/TDU certification or an equivalent title,
b. To a titled (in Tracking) ASCA registered Australian Shepherd who is entered in the Versatility Competition,
c. To an untitled dog with an ASCA Office Tracking Number with a TD/TDU certification or an equivalent title,
d. To a TD/TDU or TDX titled ASCA registered ASCA registered Australian Shepherd,
e. To a TD/TDU or TDX titled dog with an ASCA Office Tracking Number,
f. To a non-titled Australian Shepherd without a certification or an equivalent title,
g. To a non-titled dog with an ASCA Office Tracking number without a certification or an equivalent title.

**Priority draw order for TDX:**

a. To an ASCA registered TD/TDU titled Australian Shepherd, not previously titled in TDX,
b. To a TDX titled ASCA registered Australian Shepherd who is entered in the Versatility Competition,
c. To a TD/TDU titled dog with an ASCA Office Tracking Number, not previously titled in TDX,
d. To an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd, titled through TDX 1 but not entered in Versatility Competition,
e. To a dog with an ASCA Office Tracking Number, titled through TDX 1 but not entered in Versatility Competition,
f. To an Australian Shepherd, titled through TDX2 or MT but not entered in Versatility Competition,
g. To a dog with an ASCA Office Tracking number, titled through TDX2 or MT but not entered in Versatility Competition.

When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be drawn for positions on the Alternate List.

When a Tracking Trial is held in conjunction with an ASCA National Specialty Show, the draw priorities for TD/TDU entry and TDX entry shall be listed as follows:

**Priority draw order for TD/TDU test:**

1. Aussies who are untitled in Tracking, with a Certification or an equivalent title;
2. TD/TDU and TDX titled Aussies who are entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition;
3. Aussies who are titled through TD/TDU 2 or TDX but are not entered in Most Versatile Aussie Competition;
4. Aussies who are uncertified.
Priority for draw order for TDX test:
1. TD/TDU titled Aussies not previously titled in TDX,
2. TDX titled Aussies who are entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition
3. Aussies who have previously titled through TDX1
4. Aussies with TDX2 or MT titles

These priorities for the “Draw for Test Entries” shall be published in the Premium for the ASCA National Specialty Show Tracking Trial.

Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2016
Present: President Laura Gibson, 1st Vice President Ann DeChant, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Secretary Cindy King, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Director Linda Gray, Director Jean Roberts, Director Ken Silveira, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco
Absent: None
There is a quorum with 8 voting members of the Board present.

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

Items in Executive Session:
There was one item discussed in Executive Session. A summary of the topic is included; no action was taken.

November Email Votes
BD.16.159 Ratify November BOD email votes
Motion by Gibson to ratify the email votes for November. Second by Gray.
Approve: Unanimous; motion carries.

November Treasurer's Report
Wesen gave the report. Income is looking better and expenses have gone down this year. Balance for the period ending November 30, 2016, is $142,214.14. The Bookkeeper is setting up the budget in QuickBooks so we have more options and will be able to better use the document for financial decisions.

BD.16.160 November Treasurer's report
Motion by Gibson to accept the Treasurer’s report as read. Second by Vest.
Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: Wesen; Absent: 0; motion carries.

System Upgrade
Vest gave the report. The new system will be able to track information on dogs with no or pending registration, which can be accessed once they are registered. It does not look like there will be anything preventing full implementation of the system by the end of December, as planned.

Vest will make a note to have the search function added back to the website.
Filling BOD Vacancy
The Board received resumes from Preston Kissman, Mary Logue, Carol Gerken, Liz Gibson, and Luc Goossens to fill the vacancy on the BOD.

**BD.16.161 Preston Kissman to BOD Vacancy**
Motion by Silveira to appoint Preston Kissman to fill the final year of the open Board of Directors position. Second by Gibson.
Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira Disapprove: 0; Abstain: Vest, Wesen; Absent: 0; motion carries.

**Autonomy for Foreign Nation Members**
Silveira raised the issue of trying to give ASCA’s foreign members more autonomy in dealing with club topics. He feels there are a lot of issues particular to foreign members that we cannot understand or dictate here in the United States. He suggests a mirror BOD for Europe that could deal with their local issues, like this Board does in the US.

DeChant sent out an email to all the non-US Affiliate Presidents and Reps to request that they each elect someone to serve on the European Advisory Committee. There are also 2 “at large” positions for non-Affiliated foreign members.

In regards to another matter concerning European members, DeChant will follow-up with contacting members to assist in translating ASCA’s judge tests into foreign languages.

**BD.16.162 European Advisory Committee Liaison & Chair**
Motion by Gibson to appoint Ann DeChant as Liaison to the European Advisory Committee and Luc Goossens as Chair to get this committee started. Second by Silveira.
Approve: Unanimous; motion carries.

**Social Media Photo Policy**
There is a motion on this topic currently on the floor for December email voting. ASCA needs to have some directional control over what is posted on our social media sites, and this policy puts into writing what has been practiced by the Webmaster for years. The Board discussed concerns about displaying conformation-faulted Aussies on our social media sites.

**Website Front Page**
The format of the new website does not allow for the same kind of utilization of the front page as we had with the old site. The Board discussed creating a page on the website that would detail ASCA’s positions on various topics, such as “mini Aussies” and judging tails on Aussies outside the US.

The Board would like to keep the front page of the website welcoming and positive. Vest will submit a motion for the January voting cycle to allow for some changes.

**Nationals Site Survey**
Gibson reported on the results of the survey. She will go through the individual responses in order to make a list of other possible sites to investigate. She will report back to the Board in January.
The Board entered Executive Session at 6:57 pm.

Judge Conduct
Roberts will have a recommendation for the January voting cycle.

On a related topic, Junior Judges are approved with no resume and no test; they are only required to be 21-years-old and a former Junior Handler. The Board would like to change this, and King will bring to the Junior Committee.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:14 pm.

Director’s Handbook
This topic has been added to the January meeting agenda. Jaco requested that Directors go through the handbook and mark sections that need to be updated/changed before the meeting.

Aussie Times Committee
DeChant, Gibson, Gray, and King are on the committee.

Dock Diving
The Board would like to move forward with Dock Diving. A committee will be created and Heidi Mobley will be given the go-ahead to find members and investigate a path forward for ASCA.

BD.16.163 Dock Diving Committee
Motion by Gibson to allow Heidi Mobley to create a Dock Diving Committee and move forward with investigation. Second by Silveira.
Approve: Unanimous; motion carries.

BOD Holiday Break
The Board observes a holiday break from December 20, 2016 until January 2, 2017.

Strategic Plan
Gibson led the discussion. There has been pushback from some committees regarding their task to designate three goals for the committee for the upcoming year. The Board reaffirmed its desire to focus the work of the committees by utilizing the Strategic Plan. Each committee must submit its three goals for the year.

Open Items
Gibson read off a list of items awaiting resolution and who is responsible for each.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.
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COMMENTS:

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**AGREEMENT**

The person who signs this agreement represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of both exhibitor and the owner of entered dog. In consideration of acceptance of this entry:

1.1 As used here, "ASCA" means the Australian Shepherd Club of America", its affiliate clubs and each of their members, officers, directors, employees, show chairs, show committees, and agents.

1.2 Exhibitor/owner agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA and any other rules and regulations appearing in the premium for this event.

1.3 Exhibitor/owner certifies that the entered dog is not a hazard to persons, dogs, or property and that the entered dog's rabies vaccination is current in accordance with the requirement of the state in which the dog resides.

1.4 Exhibitor/owner acknowledges all hazards presented by the event and the event premises, including, but not limited to: the condition of the floors, stairways, halls, lighting, security measures (or lack thereof), electrical appliances, fittings, show rings, parking areas, and the presence of unfamiliar animals and people. Exhibitor and owner assume the risk of any harm arising from these.

1.5 Exhibitor/owner releases ASCA, the ASCA affiliate/licensee club hosting the event (including its officers, directors, members, and event organizing committee), and all site owner(s) harmless from all present and future loss, injury, damage, claims, demands and liabilities involving the entered dog, the event, or event premises. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing hold harmless provisions, exhibitor/owner hereby specifically assume sole responsibility for, and agree to indemnify and save aforementioned parties harmless from, any and all loss and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damages because of bodily injuries, including death, at any time in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such injury, or death, may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused, or may have been alleged to have been caused, by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

I have read, understood, and acknowledge the above Agreement.

Signature of Owner/Exhibitor

Date:

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian of Minor (If Applicable)

Date:

E-Mail Address

Cell/Phone #

Total Entry Fees:

EXHIBITOR/OWNER MUST READ & SIGN REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM

PARENT/GUARDIAN OF JUNIOR MUST SIGN AS WELL.

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