

## July 2014 Secretary's Report

These reports detail the day-to-day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors through mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications.

### Email Motions

#### **94:01 Stockdog: Apprentice Judge Rubric**

Approve: Hardin, Kissman, Silveira

Disapprove: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, King, Roberts

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion fails.

Comment from DeChant: I am not against a Rubric and I think it is a great idea. What I would like to see is that it mirrors the requirements and be a tool to ensure that requirements are met, taking note of the years of experience, etc. I think the Farm Trail and Ranch trial should be included. If the requirements allow people into Judging that are not qualified, I think the Requirements need to be improved.

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to have the SDC use the Apprentice judge Rubric (attached) as an additional tool to aid and assist the SDC in objectively reviewing and evaluating an applicant for possible selection and/or acceptance into the ASCA Apprentice Stockdog judge Program.

6-01 Apprentice Judge Rubric

Passed

Yes: 9

Non-Voting: 2

Comment

Dan Sanderson: I fought long and hard within myself regarding this motion. While I agree this is a positive tool to be used in conjunction with the existing criteria, I am concerned that it will become too heavily weighted in the decision process. The rubric is no more important than the rest of the application criteria and should not be used as the definitive deciding factor when making a decision. Integrity, experience, and knowledge are equally, if not more important. but are impossible to put a quantitative value on. It is not my intent that the rubric be used as more than any other asset when making a determination of the qualifications of the applicant. Because it has the potential to be a positive influence when deciding, I will vote in favor of its' use.

Linda Bell: It will be a good tool to help with the selection process.

Pam Watson make a motion and Linda Bell seconded to include the Apprentice Judge Rubric as an additional tool to aid and assist the SDC in objectively reviewing and evaluating an applicant for possible selection and/or acceptance into the ASCA Apprentice Stockdog Judge Program.

Attach file Apprentice Rubric.pdf

#### **94:01 Stockdog: Farm Trial Merit**

Approve: Gann, Kissman

Disapprove: Bryant, Gray, Hardin, King, Roberts, Silveira

Abstain: DeChant

Non-Voting: 0

Motion fails.

Comment from Bryant: I vote no at this point because we don't know the impact on the computer system or Aussie Times.

Comment from Silveira: My reason for the no vote is based on the fact that the justifications for including the Farm Trial Program would be the same for including the Ranch Trial Program which is not now included. I would be happy to approve both Programs if the Committee were to make such a recommendation.

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to change Rule 13.1 by adding Farm trial divisions to the merit program recognizing the top ten year end winners.

6-02 Farm Trial merit

Passed

Yes: 9

No: 1

Non-Voting: 1

Comment

Schvanevelt: I just feel this is not a good thing. I worry about down the road and how it could affect HOF

Irene Manley motion and Pam Watson seconded to add Farm trial divisions to the merit program recognizing the top ten year end winners.

Existing;

SECTION 1 – The Top Ten Year End Winners

Winners will be awarded in each of the following areas of competition:

- Advanced cattle, sheep/goats, and ducks/geese
- Open cattle, sheep/goats, and ducks/geese.
- Started cattle, sheep/goats, and ducks/geese.
- Post Advanced cattle and sheep/goats

Change to;

SECTION 1 – The Top Ten Year End Winners

Winners will be awarded in each of the following areas of competition:

- Advanced cattle, sheep/goats, and ducks/geese.
- Open cattle, sheep/goats, and ducks/geese.
- Started cattle, sheep/goats, and ducks/geese.
- Post Advanced cattle and sheep/goats.
- Open Farm trial cattle, sheep/goats, ducks/geese and mixed.
- Advanced Farm trial cattle, sheep/goats, ducks/geese and mixed

Rationale: The Farm trial program is well established in ASCA and it's competitors deserve the same recognition as the Arena trial and Post Advanced.

### **98:15 Obedience: Beginner Novice Sit Stay Diagram**

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Roberts

I motion to approve the following from the Obedience Committee.

Motioned by Marilyn Cherry and seconded by Sandy Walroth, Friday, May 26, 2014:

I move to add the Beginner Novice Sit Stay diagram, showing 2 options for walking the T pattern, to the next rulebook edition, to be inserted following the DOE set-up diagram. 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.

Purpose: To make it easier for judges and competitors to understand the written rules on the Beginner Novice Sit Stay exercise.

Agree: 10  
Not voting: 1

Diagram attached.

**87:19 Conformation: Change to Finals Scoring Chapter 15:10 2.1**

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Kissman, Silveira  
Disapprove: King, Roberts  
Abstain: 0  
Non-Voting: 0  
Motion carries.

Comment from Roberts: While the motion has merit and I agree with it, I don't believe it can be effective for the 2014 Finals.

Motion: DeChant  
I move to approve this motion from the Conformation Committee.

Here are the vote results;  
Yes- 10  
No- n/a  
Non-Voting- 2

I Liz Gibson, make the following motion to take effect for the Conformation Finals 2014.

The reason behind this motion is to update the scorecard from several Finals Judge's suggestions.

From:

2.1) The scoring sheet consists of 8 (eight) sections and six (6) sub-section. The scoring follows the Breed Standard and is divided accordingly. General Appearance (1-10). Head(1-4) divided into three (3) sub-sections teeth (1-2), eyes (1-2), and ears (1-2). Neck and Body (1-10), Forequarters (1-10), Hindquarters (1-10), Coat (1-10), Color (1-10), and Gait (1-5) and three (3) sub sections Coming (1-5), Going (1-5), Side Gait (1-5). The maximum score will be 90 (ninety) points.

To:

2.1) The scoring sheet consists of 8 (eight) sections and six (6) sub-section. The scoring follows the Breed Standard and be divided accordingly. General Appearance (1-10). Head(1-5) divided into three (3) sub-sections teeth (1-5), eyes (1-5), and ears (1-5). Neck and Body (1-10), Forequarters (1-10), Hindquarters (1-10), Coat (1-5), Color (1-5), and Gait in three (3) sub sections Coming (1-10), Going (1-10), Side Gait (1-10). The maximum score will be 100 (one hundred) points.

(Ray has been consulted and he will help with updating the scorecard)

**87:19 Conformation: Change to Instructions on Finals Scorecard**

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Kissman, Silveira  
Disapprove: King, Roberts  
Abstain: 0  
Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Comment from King: While I agree with the change I don't believe we will meet the time line for 2014 Nationals and the effective date should be 2015.

Comment from Roberts: Again, I don't believe this can go in effect for the 2014 Finals.

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve the following motion from the Conformation Committee.

Here are the vote results;

Yes – 10

No- n/a

Non-Voting – 2

We have a motion by Liz with a second by Regi. This motion is now in vote phase. Please send your vote to me at [coastalrange@embarqmail.com](mailto:coastalrange@embarqmail.com) by June 11th.

I Liz Gibson, make the following motion. Motion to go into effect for the 2014 Nationals;

Reason: To update the instructions to include the use of ½ points.

FROM:

Please circle one number in each category/subcategory (“1” being the lowest score possible and “10” being the highest score possible). Please mark through any mistakes with a “X” and initial.

TO:

Please circle one number in each category/subcategory (“1” being the lowest score possible and “10” being the highest score possible). ½ points may be used. Please mark through any mistakes with a “X” and initial.

### **99:02 Hall of Fame: Add Rally to Hall of Fame**

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Hardin, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Gray, King

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve the following Hall of Fame Committee Motion.

Voting

For-5

Against-0

Abstain-0

Motion carries

We have a motion by Cheri, with a second by Robin.

Motion reads:

I move that the change to the HOF sire/dam/kennel, HOFX kennel, VCH, SVCH, PCH, SPCH to add Rally to the offering be worded as stated below. All changes in lavender. Reasons, which would not be added to the rule book are in yellow. Changes to the original motion in blue.

## **VERSATILITY CHAMPION REQUIREMENTS**

### **SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY**

- A. The Supreme and Versatility Champion recognition as described below is open to Australian Shepherds with ASCA® individual registration numbers.
- B. Minimum Requirements to be met for the VCH (Versatility Champion) title:
1. CH or A-CH (regular class breed championship)
  2. Two OTD (open trial dog sheep & cattle) and one ATD (advanced trial dog ducks) in working
  3. One of the following four <strike> five:
    - a) CDX (companion dog excellent in obedience)
    - b) CD/TD (companion dog in obedience/tracking dog)
    - c) TDX (tracking dog excellent)
    - d) Three Open Agility titles: Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (standard, junior or veterans)
    - e) REM (Rally Excellent/Masters) REASON: Three stock titles and three agility titles are required for this level of honor.
- C. Minimum Requirements to be met for the SVCH (Supreme Versatility Champion) title:
1. CH or A-CH (regular class breed championship)
  2. WTCH (working trial champion)
  3. One of the following three: Added for continuity only
    - a) UD (utility dog in obedience)
    - b) Three Elite Agility titles: Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (standard, junior or veterans)
    - c) REMX (Rally Excellent/Masters X) REASON: All three Advanced stock and all three Elite Agility are required.

## PERFORMANCE CHAMPION REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

- A. The Supreme and Performance Champion recognition described below is open to Australian Shepherds with ASCA individual registration numbers or LEP numbers.
- B. Minimum Requirements to be met for the PCH (Performance Champion) title:
1. Two ATD (advanced trial dog titles)
  2. Two out of the following three <strike> four:
    - a) CDX (companion dog excellent in obedience.)
    - b) CD/TD (companion dog in obedience/tracking dog)
    - c) All of Open Regular, Open Gamblers and Open Jumpers (standard or veterans in agility)
    - d) REM (Rally Excellent/Masters) REASON: Two advanced stock titles and all open Agility titles, CD/TD, are required for the PCH
- C. Minimum Requirements to be met for the SPCH (Supreme Performance Champion) title:
1. WTCH (working trial champion)
  2. Two of the following three.
    - a) UD (utility dog in obedience)
    - b) All of Elite Regular, Elite Gamblers, Elite Jumpers (standard or veterans in agility)
    - c) REMX (Rally Excellent/Masters X) REASON: Dog must have a WTCH and all three Elite Agility titles. I would suggest the RTCH, but there are other requirements as in Obedience and Agility to gain the OTCH/ATCH. In stock nothing else is required but to get all three advanced titles.

## SIRE AND/OR DAM HALL OF FAME REQUIREMENTS

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE 99:02 Any allowed titles earned towards HOF Requirements prior to 1/1/03 will count towards HOF requirements after 1/1/03. Any allowed titles earned after 1/1/03 must be earned under the new HOF requirements.

### SECTION 1: REQUIREMENTS FOR SIRE AND/OR DAM

ASCA® recognizes as members of the HALL OF FAME (HOF) those dams and sires who have produced titled Australian Shepherds who have met the HOF requirements and prerequisites as set forth below.

- A. Qualifying titles earned by an Australian Shepherd produced by a sire or dam counting towards that sire or dam's HOF requirements are as follows:
1. Agility: RS-O (Regular Standard Open) or RV-O (Regular Veterans Open) or RJ-O (Regular Junior Open) (only one of these per Australian Shepherd to count)
  2. Obedience: CDX (Companion Dog Excellent)
  3. Tracking: TD (Tracking Dog) or TDU (Tracking Dog Urban) (only one of these per Australian Shepherd to count). Effective 01/01/2012

4. Stockdog: ATDd (Advanced Trial Dog Ducks) and/or OTDs (Open Trial Dog Sheep) and/or OTDc (Open Trial Dog Cattle).

5. Conformation: CH (Conformation Champion), A-CH (Altered Conformation Champion)

6. Rally: RM (Rally Masters) REASON: Because the REM is required for the RTCH, it should count as a regular title. If that is considered the RM would be a quality title but less than the highest title available before the RTCH.

B. Australian Shepherds produced by the Sire must have earned a combination of twelve (12) of the above-named titles with a combination of three (3) Stockdog or Conformation titles and the remaining nine (9) from any area named in (A.16) above.

C. Australian Shepherds produced by the Dam must have earned a combination of eight (8) of the above-named titles with a combination of two (2) Stockdog or Conformation titles and the remaining six from any area named in (A.1-6) above.

#### KENNEL HALL OF FAME REQUIREMENTS

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE: 99:02 Any allowed titles earned towards HOF Requirements prior to 1/1/03 will count towards HOF requirements after 1/1/03. Any allowed titles earned after 1/1/03 must be earned under the new HOF requirements.

#### SECTION 1: BREEDER AND/OR KENNEL REQUIREMENTS

ASCA recognizes the kennels/breeders that have produced titled Australian Shepherds that have met the HOF requirements as set forth below.

A. Qualifying titles counting toward a Kennel/Breeder's Hall of Fame are as follows:

1. Agility: RS-O (Regular Standard Open) or RV-O (Regular Veterans Open) or RJ-O (Regular Junior Open) (only one of these per Australian Shepherd to count)

2. Obedience: CDX (Companion Dog Excellent)

3. Tracking: TD (Tracking Dog) or TDU (Tracking Dog Urban) (only one of these per Australian Shepherd to count) Effective 01/01/2012

4. Stockdog: ATDd (Advanced Trial Dog Ducks) and/or OTDs (Open Trial Dog Sheep) and/or OTDc (Open Trial Dog Cattle).

5. Conformation: CH (Conformation Champion), A-CH (Altered Conformation Champion)

6. Rally: RM (Rally Masters) REASON: Because the REM is required for the RTCH, it should count as a regular title. If that is considered the RM would be a quality title but less than the highest title available before the RTCH.

B. A Kennel/Breeder must have accrued twenty (20) qualifying titles on their progeny as follows:

1. Ten (10) Stockdog and Conformation titles, with a minimum of three (3) in each, and

2. The remaining Ten (10) in any category named in A.16 above.

#### ASCA® HALL OF FAME EXCELLENT BREEDER/KENNEL

ASCA® recognizes the kennels/breeders who have produced titled Australian Shepherds that have met the HOF requirements as set forth below.

#### SECTION ONE: BREEDER AND/OR KENNEL REQUIREMENTS 20 (TWENTY) QUALIFYING TITLES REQUIRED AS FOLLOWS:

A. SIX MANDATORY STOCKDOG TITLES (individually or combined)

Qualifying titles are:

1. ATDc (Advanced Trial Dog Cattle) (1 pt) or

2. ATDs (Advanced Trial Dog Sheep) (1pt) or

3. RTDsc (Ranch Trial Dog Sheep/Cattle) (combined for 1 pt) or

4. PATDs (Post Advanced Trial Dog Sheep) (1 pt) or

5. PATDc (Post Advanced Trial Dog Cattle) (1 pt)

B. SIX MANDATORY CONFORMATION TITLES (Titles earned in HOF count towards HOFX)

Qualifying titles are:

1. A-CH (Altered Champion) (1 pt) or

2. CH (Champion) (1 pt)

C. FIVE ADDITIONAL TITLES IN EITHER PERFORMANCE, STOCKDOG, OR CONFORMATION AS NAMED ABOVE

Qualifying performance titles are:

1. OBEDIENCE: UD (1 pt) (Utility Dog)

2. TRACKING: TDX (1 pt) (Tracking Dog Excellent)
3. AGILITY: (must earn ALL THREE Elite titles of Regular, Gamblers, and Jumpers) (1 pt)
  - a) Qualifying Regular titles are: RS-E or RJ-E or RV-E (Regular Standard Elite or Regular Junior Elite or Regular Veteran Elite)
  - b) Qualifying Jumper titles are: JS-E or JJ-E or JV-E (Jumper Standard Elite or Jumper Junior Elite or Jumper Veteran Elite)
  - c) Qualifying Gambler titles are: GS-E or GJ-E or GV-E (Gamblers Standard Elite or Gamblers Junior Elite or Gamblers Veteran Elite)
- D. THREE TITLES OF EXCELLENCE (A dog may earn more than one and two dogs must be titled in this category.)ADD: Two of the three titles must be titles that include stock and/or conformation. Individual titles making up these specialty titles may be counted towards stockdog, conformation or performance requirements named above. Qualifying titles are:
  1. VCH (Versatility Champion) (1 pt)
  2. PCH (Performance Champion) (1 pt)
  3. ATCH (Agility Trial Champion) (1 pt)
  4. OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion) (1pt)
  5. WTCH (Working Trial Champion) (1 pt)
  6. SVCH (Supreme Versatility Champion) (1 pt)
  7. SPCH (Supreme Performance Champion) (1 pt)
  8. MTD (Master Tracking Dog) (1 pt)
  9. RTCH (Rally Trial Champion) (1 pt)Additional Requirement: HOF (Hall of Fame) MUST BE EARNED PRIOR TO PUTTING IN FOR HOFX (Hall of Fame Excellent).

## **Meeting Minutes**

July 12, 2014

In attendance: President Ann DeChant, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Allison Bryant, Director Rick Gann, Director Linda Gray, Director Cindy King, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Absent: 1st Vice-President Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice-President Rick Hardin, and Treasurer Jean Roberts.

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

DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM CDT.

### **Ratification of June Email Votes**

Motion: Bryant

Second: Gray

I move to ratify the June email votes.

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

### **Exploration of Hiring an Executive Director**

The Board discussed further the idea of hiring an Executive Director for ASCA. They have determined to form a committee to look into this and appoint members with experience in this process. Once the committee is formed, they will present a feasibility study to the Board within 90 days. Silveira and King have volunteered to serve.

### **Conformation Judge Complaints**

DeChant led the discussion on the complaints filed against two ASCA Conformation Judges. The Board is waiting to hear back from Counsel on several issues relating to this matter. This item has been suspended until further information is obtained.

### **ASCA Director and Officer Insurance**

DeChant informed the Board that ASCA's Office Manager notified her that ASCA's Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance coverage lapsed. Efforts are in progress to renew D&O coverage.

**14.48 Motion to Suspend July 2014 Conference Call**

Motion: Silveira

Second: King

I move that we suspend our conference call.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

**Judge Approvals**

New ASCA Provisional Tracking Judge: Melody Fair.

New ASCA Tracking Judge: Roy E. Fair.

New ASCA Tracking Judge: Jeff Whitsett.

New ASCA Approved Breeder Judge: Sherrie Scott.

New ASCA Agility Judge: Diane Harrison.