

July 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.

Email Motions

Board Motions

BD.15.79 Change to Policy Book 9.6 Holidays

Approve: Unanimous
MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

Second: DeChant

I move to change Section 9.6 of the Policy Book which reads:

9.6 Holidays

The following days will be observed by the Business Office staff as paid holidays:

NEW YEAR'S DAY

MEMORIAL DAY

FOURTH OF JULY

LABOR DAY

THANKSGIVING DAY

FRIDAY FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING DAY

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS DAY

Should the holiday fall on a Saturday observance will be on the preceding Friday. Should the holiday fall on a Sunday observance will be on the following Monday.

To read:

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TWO FLOATING HOLIDAYS

Should any of the set holidays fall on a Saturday observance will be on the preceding Friday.

Should the holiday fall on a Sunday observance will be on the following Monday.

The Office Manager will determine two floating holidays in December of the preceding year and notify the Board of Directors of the selected dates for that year.

Rationale: The change allows the Office Manager latitude in scheduling extra time off for the Business Office Staff.

Effective date: When approved by the Board of Directors.

BD.15.85 Response Letter to Purina (Revised)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Vest

Second: DeChant

We motion to approve the attached response letter be sent to Purina regarding their offer to host ASCA Nationals/Finals.

Purina Parent Club Partnership

Attn: Kaite Flamm

Purina Event Center Manager

200 Checkerboard Dr.

Gray Summit, MO 63039

Ms. Flamm:

The Australian Shepherd Club of America was delighted to receive Purina's offer to host an ASCA National Specialty/Finals. The requirements to host the ASCA Nationals/Finals are extensive because the large number of participants and dogs. ASCA must review a facility prior to committing to the hosting of a National Specialty/Finals.

Purina's offer coincided with planned visits by three ASCA Directors to Purina's facility. Rachel Vest toured the facility with Ms. Diane Bettis and Ms. Bettie Kinsley, who provided information for their respective areas, including changes/updates that may be completed should ASCA choose to move forward with Purina. Jan Wesen and Rick Hardin toured the site with Ms. Diane Bettis. The Directors provided the ASCA Board of Directors with full trip reports which included the Purina site brochure, current pictures of the facility, and updates that may be needed to accommodate ASCA's requirements.

The upcoming 2015 ASCA Nationals/Finals in Shelbyville TN offers Purina representatives an opportunity to better understand the facilities needed to host an ASCA National Specialty/Finals. Please consider sending Purina representatives to Shelbyville to observe the event. The event information is:

ASCA National Specialty 2015: Southern Hospitality Consortium and will be based in Shelbyville, Tennessee. October 10-17, 2015 Walking Horse Celebration Shelbyville, TN <http://www.asca2015.com>

ASCA appreciates Purina's offer to host an ASCA Nationals/Finals event.

Most Sincerely,
ASCA Board of Directors

Judge Approval Motions

JA.15.16 Apprentice Agility Judge (Butler)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Sherry Butler as an Apprentice Agility Judge as she has been approved by the Agility Committee and has been published in the AT.

Recommendation from the Agility Committee:

With no comments from the membership and a unanimous vote, the committee recommends Sherry Butler be appointed as an Apprentice Agility Judge.

JA.15.18 Provisional Rally Judge (Skinner)

Approve: Unanimous
MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move that Joan Skinner be approved to move up to Provisional ASCA Rally Judge as she has completed the requirements and has the recommendation of the Rally Committee.

From the Rally Committee 6/19/2015:

Hi Ray,

Joan Skinner (Colorado) has completed all the sections required for applying to become a provisional ASCA Rally Judge. Will you please send her name to the BOD?

Many thanks,
Karen

JA.15.19 Provisional Rally Judge (Geisel)

Approve: Unanimous
MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move that Heinz Guenter Geisel be approved to move up to Provisional ASCA Rally Judge as he has met the requirements and has the recommendation of the Rally Committee.

From the Rally Committee 6/17/2015:

Hi Ray,

Guenter has completed all the necessary steps to be considered to become an ASCA Rally Provisional Judge. Will you please forward his name with a recommendation from the Rally Committee that he be approved as a Provisional ASCA Rally Judge?

Many thanks,
Karen

JA.15.20 Approved Breeder Judge (Rossy)

Approve: Unanimous
MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Susan Rossy's application for ASCA Approved Breeder Judge as she has met the requirements and has sent the additional information requested to go with her list of Judging assignments. She has been published in the Aussie Times.

Committee Recommendations

CO.15.09 Change to 1.4 Immediate Family

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, Kissman, Roberts, Wesen

Disapprove: King, Silveira, Vest

Abstain: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from Silveira: At our Spring meeting our Attorney proposed language for this rule which we voted to approve. It was suggested that we share our action with the Committee for their input. The Committee created a rule change that was not in step with the language we approve upon Counsels advice.

Comment from Vest: CC was lacking a majority of support, motion should return to the CC for review and possible correction.

Motion: Dolan

I move to approve the following Conformation Committee recommendation.

CC Motion 2015-12 Change to Section 1.4

YES- 5

NO- 3

ABSTAIN- 1

NON-VOTING- 5

This motion passes.

We have a motion by Nina with a second by Liz.

I, Nina Pace (formerly Scott), make the following motion.

1.4 Definition: Immediate Family Members. The immediate family members of a person are that person's parents, grandparents, children, or other descendants, siblings, domestic partner, together with such domestic partner's parents and children, including any step-relationship or in-law relationship among any such persons.

Reason: To update the definition of Immediate Family members per the ASCA attorney.

Effective Date: 30 days after published in the Aussie Times.

Reasons for No votes:

"I vote NO on this motion. Reason: It was suggested that I pull my original motion regarding this issue because we needed to consult with ASCA's attorney, Chuck Carnese. This current motion was made shortly after, and it was only then that we were informed by our liaison that our information was not passed to ASCA's attorney for review by he and our chairperson. While I feel that the majority of the motion is spot-on, the word "descendants" leaves us wide open for more issues than we currently have."

"So for the last vote I voted no, I liked Regi and Lisa's wording better. Seemed to cover all the bases."

CO.15.10 Change to 1.5 Immediate Household

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

Disapprove: King

Abstain: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

I move to approve the following Conformation Committee recommendation.

CC Motion 2015-13 Change to 1.5

YES- 8

NO- 1

ABSTAIN- 1

NON VOTING- 4

This motion passes.

We have a motion by Debbie with a second by Liz.

I, Debbie Martin make the following motion:

1.5 Definition: Immediate Household. The immediate household is defined as any persons, regardless of relationship, living within the confines of said property lines for longer than 2 weeks within the previous 12 months.

Reason: The purpose of this change is to more clearly define the immediate household.

Effective Date: 30 Days after publication in the Aussie Times

The current rule reads as follows:

1.5 Definition: Immediate Household: Immediate household to mean those residing within the residence

For committee information: The census bureau defines a household in this way:

A household consists of all the people who occupy a housing unit. A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated people, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit.

CO.15.11 Change to 8.3 Size and Conditions of Ring

Approve: Dolan, Hardin, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: DeChant, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Abstain: 0

MOTION FAILS

Comment from Silveira: The wording has been changed to suggest a mandated use of floor matting which could prove to be restrictive for affiliates and the program. All that was required to address the issue identified was to add the requirement that the Judge shall only exam and move the dogs on the matting provided.

Motion: Dolan

I move to approve the following Conformation Committee recommendation.

Motion 2015-14 Change to 8.3

We have a motion by Debbie with a second by Regi.

I, Debbie Martin, make the following motion:

8.3 Conformation Ring - Size and Conditions

a. Indoors -rings should be 40 feet by 50 feet and must be a minimum of 35 feet by 40 feet. The floor shall have surface or covering securely placed that provides firm footing for both dog and exhibitor. This covering should be placed in such a way as to accommodate the movement of dogs around the inside perimeter of the ring and across the center of the ring from one corner to the opposite corner. Dogs must be gaited and examined on the firm footing provided.

The current rule reads as follows:

8.3 Conformation Ring-Size and Conditions

a. Indoors -rings should be 40 feet by 50 feet and must be a minimum of 35 feet by 40 feet. The floor shall have surface or covering that provides firm footing.

Reason: The purpose of this change is to protect the dogs and handlers from being injured on potentially slippery indoor surfaces.

Effective Date: 30 Days after publication in the Aussie Times

Voting as follows:

YES- 12
NO- 1
NON-VOTING- 1

Reason for YES vote;

"I have been giving this a lot of thought hence the delay... I will vote Yes to the change/motion but think I would have liked to see the word safe flooring used... not just firm."

"I vote yes, it just makes sense to be as safe as possible with our fur babies."

Reason for NO vote;

"I vote NO. Reason: there are covered arenas that have a roof and open sides and then there are arenas that are buildings with side walls and roofs (i.e. horse arenas). They usually have packed dirt. I think this motion does not cover this."

OB.15.07 Change to Chapter 10 Honor Dog Clarification

Approve: Unanimous
MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Wesen

I move this motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Honor Dog clarification

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

Maker of motion: Jayne Lipps
Secunder of motion: Marilyn Cherry

Motion statement: I move to add details to Chapter 10 Honorary Titles, pursuant to a request from the Board.

Purpose for motion: This clarifies what the owner and the Business Office are each responsible for when a dog earns an Honor Dog title.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: Owners will know what they have to do if they want to receive an Honor Dog Certificate and have a photo published in the Aussie Times. The Business Office will create a certificate template to be sent to owners of Honor Dogs.

This motion was sent to the Business Office June 11, 2015. The manager replied June 12, 2015, agreeing with the process and offering to come up with a certificate.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 8
Disapprove: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-voting: 0

Chapter 10 Honorary Titles

Proposed language to be added after current language:

To receive an Honor Dog title, the owner must notify the ASCA Business Office in writing listing dog's name, dog's registration number and information from each of the three obedience trials. This should include club, date, location, judge and score for each trial. The Business Office will send the owner an Honor Dog Certificate.

To be acknowledged in the Aussie Times, the owner must send a photo with relevant information on the Honor Dog title to the editor.

Current language:

The title of Honor Dog will be accorded to any ASCA registered Australian Shepherd who receives a score of 195 or better in the first three (3) attempts toward any obedience title. Each team will be acknowledged for their achievement with their name and a picture in the Aussie Times.

OB.15.08 Change to 1.13 Bitches in Season

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Wesen

I make a motion from the Obedience Committee, motion follows.

Motion title: Bitches in Season and Specified Ring

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

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Secunder of motion: Jayne Lips

Motion statement: I move to delete the requirement that a ring no longer be used for obedience after a Bitch In Season (BIS) competes in it and to clarify that BIS can do group exercises together if there are multiple BIS in the same class during Finals or Nationals Obedience.

Purpose for motion: Now that Bitches in Season must wear pants to compete at Nationals, it is unnecessary that the ring not be used again for obedience. The space at Nationals is often limited and this change will help the Obedience Chair keep things running smoothly.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: The Nationals Obedience Chair will have clear instructions that simplify duties around BIS. Competitors with BIS and Nationals and Finals judges will have clear instructions.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 6

Disapprove: 1

Abstain: 1

Non-voting: 0

"I am fine with the motion. The wording is not clear. When it says bitches in season may take part in group stays, I think as their own group should be added, so it is not in any way possible to confuse this with the other group stays."

Motion details: Delete the phrase in the second sentence, "in a ring not to be used again for Obedience" and add the sentence: "Multiple bitches in season may take part in group sits and downs together."

Language

1.13 Disturbances

Proposed wording:

...

Bitches in season may compete only at the Nationals Obedience Trial and Obedience Finals. They are to compete last after all other judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day. This includes sits

and downs, which shall be held separately. Multiple bitches in season may take part in group sits and downs together. A bitch in season could be competing back to back in both rings in Open and Utility. Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen) at least 50' away from the obedience rings prior to and during the competition, except while competing. Bitches in season must wear pants.

Current wording:

...

Bitches in season may compete only at the Nationals Obedience Trial and Obedience Finals. They are to compete last after all other judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day, in a ring not to be used again for Obedience. This includes sits and downs, which shall be held separately. A bitch in season could be competing back to back in both rings in Open and Utility. Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen) at least 50' away from the obedience rings prior to and during the competition, except while competing. Bitches in season must wear pants. (Effective June 2015)

OB.15.09 Clarification and Reorganization of Group Stays

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Wesen

I make a motion by the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Group Stays--Clarification and Reorganization

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

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Secunder of motion: Penny Jameson

Motion statement: I move that the roaming on stays rule be clarified AND that the rules for group stays be moved back into Chapter 3 Novice and Chapter 4 Open as specified below.

Purpose for motion: To clarify that dogs moving from their place during the first group exercise may not participate in the second group exercise, including classes using exercise orders Open III and Open V where the long down precedes the long sit. To clarify that when group exercises come before individual exercises, it is not mandatory to excuse dogs from the individual exercises after roaming during groups. To make the rulebook easier to use by moving the language on how to judge group exercises into the Novice and Open chapters (with the other exercises) and out of the General Regulation chapter.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: Obedience competitors and judges will have clearer rules on group stays.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 6 (Katie van de Sandt, Laurie Rubin, Marilyn Cherry, Penny Jameson, Rosalind Hall, Sandy Walroth)

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 2 (Jane Small, Jayne Lips)

Non-voting: 0

Note: Two Word documents are attached to clarify any formatting that doesn't show in this email. "Group Language Motion Language 6-15" provides the proposed and current language (as copied below).

"Group Language showing changes 6-15" is for Kalla to show every spelling, grammar, punctuation change.

Rule change language:

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Chapter 1 Proposed language to be kept:

1.2.2 Group Exercises

Group Exercises may be held either before or after the Individual Exercises. If the Premium fails to state how Group Exercises will be held, Group Exercises will follow the Individual Exercises pursuant to the group quantity and spacing set forth below.

If the club elects to hold the Group Exercises before the Individual Exercises, it must state this preference in the Premium. When Group Exercises are to be held before the Individual Exercises, the Premium should clarify if they are to be held before all Individual Exercises, or before open and novice, or before each class division individually. If the Premium fails to state when they will be held if scheduled prior to the Individual Exercises, then Group Exercises shall be held prior to all Individual Exercises (including Utility).

Chapter 3 Proposed language:

3.12 Group Exercises

The principal feature of the group exercises is that the dog remain in the position required. Orders are: "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

Groups in the ring for Group Exercises must include no more than ten (10) dogs spaced a minimum of 4' apart and positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates. If there are more than 10 dogs competing, the judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections. At the discretion of the judge, groups for Novice A and B and for Open A and B can be combined or separated. However, when Open B orders III and V are used, Open B groups cannot be combined with other classes. The dogs will be lined up in catalog order along one side of the ring. Each handler will remove the leash and place the leash and their armband, weighted as necessary, behind their dog. The judge should stand so that he can see all the dogs and all the handlers without having to turn around.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.

The person who handles the dog in the individual exercises must also handle that dog in the Long Sit and Long Down unless the person handled more than one dog in the class and the class will only have one group of stays. If this occurs, the owner must have additional handlers standing by to handle the additional dog(s) during the Group Exercises.

When the last Group Exercise has been completed and the judge has said, "Exercise Finished," handlers should leash their dogs and keep them under control while exiting the ring.

LONG SIT: Novice dogs are required to sit for one minute. The dogs must be in heel position either standing or sitting beside their handler. The judge will ask if everyone is ready. Upon command from the judge to "Sit Your Dogs," the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit. On the command, "Leave your dogs," handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to stay, walk directly across the ring, and then turn and face their dogs. On the command, "Back to your dogs," handlers will walk back to and around their own dogs counterclockwise to heel position. The judge shall not give the order "Exercise Finished" until the handlers have returned to the heel position. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished." Time begins when the judge commands, "Leave your dogs." After one minute, timing ends, at which time the judge will command, "Back to your dogs."

Dogs moving from the place where they were left in the first group exercise shall be excused from the remaining group exercise.

LONG DOWN: This exercise is performed exactly like the long sit with these exceptions. Novice dogs are required to down for three minutes. The judge will order, "Down your dogs," instead of "Sit your dogs." The dogs must lie down instead of sit. Dogs must be facing directly across the ring.

3.13 Group Exercises, Scoring

During these exercises the judge shall stand in such position that all the dogs are in his line of vision, and where he can see all the handlers in the ring without having to turn around.

Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit or lie down. These shall be penalized substantially; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A handler whose dog assumes a position in such a manner that it could interfere with an adjacent competing dog shall be required to reposition his dog and shall also be substantially penalized; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A score of non-qualifying (NQ) is required for the following: the dog's moving at any time during either exercise a substantial distance away from the place where it was left, or going over to any other dog, or staying on the spot where it was left but not remaining in whichever position is required by the particular exercise until the handler has returned to the "Heel" position, or repeatedly barking or whining.

A substantial deduction shall be made for a dog that moves even a minor distance away from the place where it was left or that barks or whines only once or twice or that changes its position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order "Exercise finished." Depending on the circumstance, a substantial or minor deduction shall be made for touching the dog or its collar in getting the dog into the "down" position.

When dogs have been released from their sit and down position after the judge says, "Exercise Finished," Substantial or minor deductions may be made for misbehavior on overly exuberant releases. Any dog that interferes with another dog may be excused from the class.

Chapter 4 Proposed language:

4.7 Group Exercises (Long Sit and Long Down) – FOR ONLY CDX

The Group Exercises, Long Sit (30 Points) and Long Down (30 Points), shall be done only by those entered in the Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) class.

The Open Long Sit and Long Down are performed and scored exactly like the Novice Group Exercises (Sections 3.12 and 3.13) with these exceptions. Open dogs are required to sit for three minutes and to down for five minutes. When the judge commands, "Leave your dogs," the handlers must cross to the opposite side of the ring, then leave in a single file, and go completely out of the dogs' sight. After the judge has commanded or signaled to the steward for the handlers to return, the handlers will follow the steward back into the ring in reverse order, and line up to face their dogs at the opposite side of the ring, before the judge commands, "Back to your dogs." The judge shall stand in such a position that he can see all the handlers leaving and returning to the ring, as well as all of the dogs, without having to turn around.

CURRENT LANGUAGE

Chapter 1 Current language:

1.2.2 Group Exercises

Group Exercises may be held either before or after the Individual Exercises. If the Premium fails to state how Group Exercises will be held, Group Exercises will follow the Individual Exercises pursuant to the group quantity and spacing set forth below.

If the club elects to hold the Group Exercises before the Individual Exercises, it must state this preference in the Premium. When Group Exercises are to be held before the Individual Exercises, the Premium should clarify if they are to be held before all Individual Exercises, or before open and novice, or before each class division individually. If the Premium fails to state when they will be held if scheduled prior to the Individual Exercises, then Group Exercises shall be held prior to all Individual Exercises (including Utility).

Groups in the ring for Group Exercises must include no more than ten (10) dogs spaced a minimum of 4' apart and positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates. At the discretion of the judge, groups for Novice "A" and "B" and for Open "A" and "B" can be combined or separated. However, when Open B orders III and V are used, Open B groups cannot be combined with other classes.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.

The person who handles the dog in the individual exercises must also handle that dog in the Long Sit and Long Down unless the class will only have one group of stays. If this occurs, the owner must have additional handlers standing by to handle the additional dog(s) during the Group Exercises.

NOVICE LONG SIT: Novice dogs are required to sit for one minute. The dogs must be in heel position either standing or sitting beside their handler. The judge will ask if everyone is ready. Upon command from the judge to "Sit Your Dogs," the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit. Time begins when the judge commands, "Leave Your Dogs." Handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to stay, walk directly across the ring, and then turn and face their dogs. Upon command from the judge to "Return

to Your Dogs," handlers will walk back to their dogs and around their dogs counterclockwise to heel position. The judge shall not give the order "Exercise Finished" until the handlers have returned to the heel position. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished." Dogs roaming from their sit position shall be excused from any further participation in the class.

NOVICE LONG DOWN: Novice dogs are required to down for three minutes. The dogs must be in heel position either standing or sitting beside their handler. The rest of this exercise will be done in the same way as the Novice Long Sit, except the judge will command, "Down Your Dogs," the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to down, dogs will down such that they are facing directly across the ring, the judge will command the handlers to return to their dogs after three minutes, and the dogs will remain in the down position until after the judge commands, "Exercise Finished."

OPEN LONG SIT: Open dogs are required to sit for three minutes. The dogs must be in heel position either standing or sitting beside their handler. The judge will ask if everyone is ready. Upon command from the judge to "Sit Your Dogs," the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit. Time begins when the judge commands, "Leave Your Dogs." Handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to stay, walk directly across the ring, and then turn and follow the steward to a place designated as out of sight. Upon command or signal from the judge, handlers will follow the steward back into the ring, then turn and face their dogs. Upon command from the judge to "Return to Your Dogs," handlers will walk back to their dogs and around their dogs counterclockwise to heel position. The judge shall not give the order "Exercise Finished" until the handlers have returned to the heel position. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished." Dogs roaming from their sit position shall be excused from any further participation in the class. The judge shall stand in such a position that all of the dogs are in his line of vision, and where he can see all the handlers in the ring, or those leaving and returning to the ring, without having to turn around.

OPEN LONG DOWN: Open dogs are required to down for five minutes. The dogs must be in heel position either standing or sitting beside their handler. The rest of this exercise will be done in the same way as the Open Long Sit, except the judge will command, "Down Your Dogs," the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to down, dogs will down such that they are facing directly across the ring, the judge will command or signal the handlers to return to the ring after five minutes, and the dogs will remain in the down position until after the judge commands, "Exercise Finished."

EXERCISE FINISHED: Dogs may be released from their sit and down position after the judge says, "Exercise Finished." Points may be deducted for misbehavior on overly exuberant releases. Any dog that interferes with another dog may be excused from the class.

LEASHING DOGS AFTER GROUP EXERCISES: When the last Group Exercise has been completed and the judge has said, "Exercise Finished," handlers should leash their dogs and keep them under control while exiting the ring.

Chapter 3 Current language:

3.12 Group Exercises

See Chapter 1, Section 2.2 Group Exercises.

3.13 Group Exercises, Scoring

During these exercises the judge shall stand in such position that all the dogs are in his line of vision, and where he can see all the handlers in the ring without having to turn around.

Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit or lie down. These shall be penalized substantially; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.

A handler whose dog assumes a position in such a manner that it could interfere with an adjacent competing dog shall be required to reposition his dog and shall also be substantially penalized; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A score of non-qualifying (NQ) is required for the following: the dog's moving at any time during either exercise a substantial distance away from the place where it was left, or going over to any other dog, or staying on the spot where it was left but not remaining in whichever position is required by the particular exercise until the handler has returned to the "Heel" position, or repeatedly barking or whining.

A substantial deduction shall be made for a dog that moves even a minor distance away from the place where it was left or that barks or whines only once or twice or that changes its position after the handler

has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order "Exercise finished." Depending on the circumstance, a substantial or minor deduction shall be made for touching the dog or its collar in getting the dog into the "down" position.

Chapter 4 Current language:

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The Group Exercises, Long Sit (30 Points) and Long Down (30 Points), shall be done only by those entered in the Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) class.

See Chapter 1, Section 2.2 Group Exercises for Group Exercise Performance details and Chapter 3, Section 13 for Group Exercise Scoring details.

SD.15.15 Change to Appendix 5 Eligible Herding Breeds

Approve: Dolan, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: DeChant, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Abstain: 0

MOTION FAILS

Motion: Silveira

I make a motion to accept the following recommendation from the Stock Dog Committee.

I make a motion that the SDC make a recommendation to the board to accept the Giant Schnauzer as a ASCA approved herding breed.

James Bergert

I will second your motion James

Mikael

For: 5

Against: 3

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 3

Motion carries

Comments:

"I think there is enough working background in the breed that ASCA can provide a platform for breeders to improve it without any more risk to livestock than other breeds or competing dogs."

"It is a way to reach out to more new people."

"I don't believe this was the dogs original function, and most of them are likely unsuited for 'herding'."

"I do not feel this dog needs to be in our program. There is not enough evidence to convince me otherwise."

July 9 Teleconference Minutes

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

Absent: Director Jean Roberts

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

DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Central Time.

Ratification of June Email Votes

BD.15.80 Ratification of June Email Votes

All present approve (Absent: Roberts); motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

Second: Dolan

I move to ratify the June email votes.

- Roberts joined the meeting at 7:02 pm.

June Treasurer's Report

Dolan gave the Treasurer's Report for January-June 2015. There was nothing significantly up or down for the month of June. There is \$207,268.30 in the checking account, \$350,287.73 in the savings account, and \$100 in the wire account. A comparison of the first two quarters of this year's actual numbers and the first two quarters of the budget show that we are approximately 27k above the budget line for the year to date and about 9k below the budget expense number for the year to date. The budget was created by Dolan, with input from the Bookkeeper and the Office Manager, using the last four years' actual numbers.

Additional Event Membership Dues Collection - June 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015

Collected

Agility	\$39,710
Conformation	\$15,200
Obedience	\$1,888
Rally	\$3,079
Stockdog	\$8,760
Tracking	\$10
Total	\$68,647

Pay Out

CASA 2013	\$320
Texas 2014	\$11,765
Total	\$12,085

Balance \$56,562

Dolan plans to make a motion for the August teleconference meeting to disburse funds to the 2015 Host Club.

- The Board logged off at 7:15 and back on at 7:17 pm to fix an echo issue.

BD.15.81 June Treasurer's Report

All present approve; motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

Second: Roberts

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

System Upgrade

Vest reported to the Board that FrogSlayer started work on June 26 after a visit to the ASCA Office. Dolan reported that ASCA has made its first payment to FrogSlayer and he will track that separately.

Update as of 7/9/15:

ASCA Office Manager has access to the FrogSlayer storyboard for access to the current completion status. Status updates are provided weekly on Fridays. Work progress will not be consistent each week as there are portions of the project that are more labor intensive than others.

7/6/15: Test site and layout completed

Ray provided a copy of the current database to FrogSlayer for documentation purposes to insure a smooth transition of the data when upgrade has progressed to that point.

Non-Member Registration: As a Non-Member I need to sign up for new membership and receive e-mail with one-time login token so that I can be an ASCA Member and Login to the ASCA Portal.

Login: As a General Member I need to login to the ASCA Portal so that I can access my account.

First-Time Login: As a Non-Member I need to click on the one-time login token that was sent after registration and membership approval so that I can login to the ASCA Portal for the first time.

As a Developer, I need to setup Authorize.net so that we can handle payments online and store payment data w/ Authorize.net.

As a Developer, I need to setup the database and database models so that we can have models to develop against.

Update given by email on 7/17/15:

7/10/15: Account/Login/Password Information Completed

A lot of progress has been made this week, including:

- Account creation, including a first time sign up verification e-mail and terms and condition acceptance
- Login with a "remember me" button and automatic time out
- Logout button
- Forgot password function with e-mail
- The ability to update account information

7/17/15: Email/Audit/Registration Effort

Ross has implemented several new features this week, including:

- Audit trails are now being implemented, though they are not yet visible outside the database
- Improving the registration process
- Email notifications
- Working on Authorize.net hook up

Next week he will be working on the approval process and implementing the admin dashboard.

Apprentice Agility Judge Application

The Board reviewed an Apprentice Agility Judge Application from Sherry Butler and they will vote on it as an email motion in July.

Conformation Judge Appeal

The Board reviewed a letter from Susan Rossy appealing the Board's vote to deny her move-up to Approved Breeder Judge. Some Directors did not think that she had provided the required information, and there was some discussion on what "all" meant in relation to classes judged. The Board reviewed the application process and denial letter sent to Ms. Rossy and concluded that her appeal included all requested information. The Office has verified that she meets the requirements. The Board will vote on her move-up as an email motion in July.

2015 Nationals Tracking Update

The Board received an update from the 2015 Nationals Host Club that they would like to offer a second day of tracking to accommodate the entries they have received. There is precedent for this – Georgia had a 2nd day of tracking in 2005.

BD.15.82 Adding a Second Day of Tracking to the 2015 National Specialty

All present approve; motion carries.

Motion: Dolan

Second: Vest

I move to grant permission to the 2015 National Specialty Host Club to add a second day of Tracking to the schedule.

Dolan reported that the property they are using is sufficient to allow them to have a different track at the same location the next day, so the conditions will be the same. Random draw will determine who is assigned to the first or second day.

Dog Shown with Chemical Castration

The Board heard from DeChant regarding an issue with a dog shown with chemical castration. The dog was allowed to continue showing in intact at the time because the owner claimed that the dog's status was temporary.

BD.15.83 Directive to Conformation Committee on Chemical Castration

All present approve; motion carries.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Dolan

I make a motion that we issue a Board directive to the Conformation Committee to deal with chemical castration in the show rules and regulations.

DeChant stated that she would like there to be a rule that at the time a dog is in such a state he will not be able to be shown in either intact or altered. Judges who encounter this in their ring need to have direction on how to handle it.

Hardin said that he has looked into chemical castration and he cannot find evidence of it being a reversible procedure. He would like the Conformation Committee to research the facts related to chemical castration to assist them in making the most informed rule on this.

Judge Position on the Stockdog Committee

The Board received three resumes from Stockdog Judges to fill the vacant judge position on the Stockdog Committee.

SD.15.16 New Stockdog Committee Member (Baker)

Approve: Kissman, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Abstain: King

MOTION FAILS

Motion: Silveira

I nominate Boyce Baker to sit on the SDC as a judge member.

Some members of the Board were concerned with Baker's lack of recent judging assignments. There have been a lot of changes to the stockdog program in the past few years and it is important that members of the Stockdog Committee be familiar with them.

King questioned whether any of the applicants had received disciplinary action in the past and the Board discussed this in *Executive Session*.

SD.15.17 New Stockdog Committee Member (Kirby)

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, Kissman, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Roberts, Silveira

Abstain: King

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Silveira

I nominate Wayne Kirby for a position on the SDC as a judge member.

Public and Private Minutes

Silveira presented a motion to put the Board's practices in line with Washington law, which requires the public minutes to contain the motion, maker/seconded of the motion, and the voting results. He received a positive response from Counsel on this motion. Currently, section 8.8.2 in the Policy Book states that motions and vote tally on sensitive, confidential, or violation discipline issues discussed and decided by the Board of Directors shall not be reported to the membership - only the notice of the person's violation(s) and penalty(ies) assessed will appear in the ASCA media.

BD.15. 84 Reporting of Motions and Votes

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Motion: Silveira

Second: Kissman

I move the ASCA Board of Directors in accordance with State of Washington Law, IRS Regulations, ASCA's bylaw and ASCA's Policy Book have all motions and votes made on any subject reported in the minutes which is made available to any interested ASCA member and have all legally required reports and documents also be available for inspection and copying by any interested ASCA member. Any discussion and documents of a sensitive nature may be kept separate and private but any motion and vote on such matters must be recorded in the general meeting minutes and available to members.

Dolan pointed out that the language in this motion does not have a landing place and should be re-written to include where in the Policy Book this would go and to be in consonance with the rest of section 8. DeChant stated that she thought we were already doing this. Currently, the fact that the Board discussed something confidential is mentioned in the minutes, but sensitive information is removed. Some Directors did not feel comfortable voting on this without input and comments from Counsel included with the motion. Silveira agreed to withdraw the motion and DeChant will contact Counsel to get his recommendation.

Response to Purina

Vest has a response letter to Purina regarding their offer to host an ASCA National Specialty/Finals. The Board will vote on the letter as an email motion for July.

DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

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