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 and mail, fax, e-mail and/or telephone communications.

August 1-31, 2009

Monday August 3, 2009

The August 3rd, 2009 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM CDT by President Michelle Berryessa. Those attending via phone or teleconference were: Rick Gann/First Vice President, Mark Westerman/Treasurer, Pete Dolan/Secretary, Jerry Aufox/Director, Patrick MacRoberts, Director, Chris Davenport/Director, Kristin McNamara/Director, Peter Hellmeister/Director-elect, Tenley Dexter/Director-elect, Rachel Vest/Director-elect and Mary Logue/Executive Secretary.

1) Old Business
   a. Confirmation of e-mail/teleconference votes taken in July (Berryessa).
      Motion: Dolan, second by MacRoberts: Confirmation of e-mail votes taken in July. Approve: Unanimous; Motion is approved.
   b. Treasurer’s Report (Westerman): Bookkeeper unavailable for discussion of accounting status; continue with non-spending for items that are not customary and ordinary for the running of day-to-day business. Westerman will compose letter and send to BoD for approval in regards to material weaknesses and deficiencies. Discussion occurred of ASCA® investment policy.
      Motion: Dolan, second by Aufox: It is moved that the development of the online litter registration proceed at an estimated cost of $3,000-$4,000. Approve: MacRoberts, Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman, Davenport, McNamara, Aufox; Disapprove: Gann; Motion is approved.
   c. AR Legislative Committee Update (Aufox): Difficulties with Committee chair not communicating with Liaison. Berryessa will contact Committee chair to discuss situation. Aufox will provide motion to replace existing Committee chair with interim chair.
   d. Finals Budgeting, Nationals 2009 (Gann): No new information to provide; will check on entry status and report back.
   e. Rowe/ Mellor Complaint (Dolan): Proceed with draft letter submitted for review by BoD.
   f. Hardship Moratorium (Berryessa): Dolan withdrew original motion submitted in August, and will resubmit motion with changes discussed.
   g. National Committee and Nationals guidelines update (Dolan): The BoD directed the committee to draft National Specialty rule changes for problems noted by the host club and/or other committees. Small progress with changes to Specialty Rule “How To” Manual from Committee.
   h. Plewe reinstatement request (Gann): BoD request owner have dog stand and reviewed by three (3) breeder judges prior to further BoD discussion. Executive Secretary will develop letter to Harald Plewe.
   i. Travel costs for BoD to Nationals: Reminder to get travel cost to Westerman for approval within six (6) weeks of National Specialty.
   j. BoD working Finals (Berryessa): Discussion of who would be available to work SD Finals: Directors and/or Director-elects available are Westerman, Dolan, Gann, McNamara, Davenport, Berryessa, Dexter.
   k. Budget for DNA Clinic Materials (Davenport): Nothing on record indicating committee has a $150 budget. No line item in budget for committee expenses. Davenport indicated that the Committee wants to submit motion requesting a budget amount. Berryessa will discuss issue about previous costs with Office Manager.
   l. Emergency motion concerning an Agility judge (Logue/Dolan): The BoD discussed disciplining an Agility judge for failure to follow ASCA Agility Rules. The BoD then voted to remove ASCA Agility judging privileges from the same judge.
m. MVJ: Has the award been received? Are there any MVJ entries? Gann will check on entries. Logue will check on award status with Business Office.

2) New Business

a. Jacket/Briefcase for Directors-elect: Discussed vendor utilized for jackets. Westerman requests that this policy be extended to Executive Secretary. The BoD provided a consensus to extend policy to Executive Secretary.

Motion to adjourn: Dolan, second Aufox; Approve: Unanimous; Motion is approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM CDT

Policy Book: Section 9.4 Hardship and LEP Committee

Motion by Dolan second by Aufox

I move to replace Section 9.4 of the Policy Book which reads:

9.4 Hardship & LEP Applications

The Business Office shall be directed to send a copy of the ASCA® Breed Standard and Annotations along with all Hardship and LEP applications.

With the following:

9.4 Hardship and LEP Committee

The purpose of this committee is to view all applications for Hardship and LEP Registration and to determine eligibility.

Requirements:

Three Committee members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for two year terms. Committee members may reapply for membership. Members must have at least ten years continuous ASCA® membership and involvement in breeding and competing in ASCA® programs. At least one committee member will have trained and/or competed with Australian Shepherds in stockdog trials. At least one committee member will be an ASCA® Breeder Judge.

Procedure:

The Business Office will receive all applications and review them to ensure completion and contain all necessary information. Applications, required photos and a copy of the ASCA® Breed Standard and Annotations will be e-mailed or mailed to each of the committee members. Members will have five days, exclusive of weekends or holidays, to respond to the Business Office with an approval or disapproval. Disapproval will be accompanied by a brief explanation. If there is disagreement among the three members as to approval, the comments of the disapproving member(s) will be forwarded to the approving member(s) with an additional five days, exclusive of weekends or holidays, to respond. A majority decision will stand. The Business Office shall include a copy of the Breed Standard and Annotations with all Hardship and LEP applications.

Any member who feels additional photos are necessary will notify the Business Office which will request the additional photos. While awaiting the requested photos, the application will be placed on hold. The Committee feels may require the dog be viewed in person if warranted.

Directions to committee members:
All applications and decisions are strictly confidential. Only dogs who appear to be purebred Australian Shepherds will be accepted into the Hardship Registry or the LEP Registry under the following guidelines.

Dogs are to be judged as to whether or not they exhibit traits typical of the breed. Faults of structure do not disqualify a dog from being considered for the Hardship or LEP program. The ASCA® Breed Standard should be the guide. Dogs with disqualifying faults per the Breed Standard (other than recognized colors, white body splashes, undershot bites; overshot bites exceeding 1/8 inch, monorchidism and cryptorchidism, Dudley nose) will not be accepted into the Hardship Registry.

MOST IMPORTANT ARE THE QUESTIONS, "DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A PUREBRED AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD?" and "DOES THIS DOG EXHIBIT CHARACTERISTICS MORE TYPICAL OF ANOTHER BREED?" Hardship registered dogs have the same registry privileges as any ASCA® registered dog including being used for breeding. LEP registered dogs may compete in all ASCA® programs except conformation and thus represent the ASCA® Australian Shepherd in the public eye.

Comment: This motion incorporates material from a previous motion (2001) which appears nowhere but in a Secretary's Report.

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman; Non-voting: Berryessa. The motion is approved.

00:20 Registry Rules Section 1.5 Hardship Registration

Motion by Dolan second by McNamara
I move to replace section 1.5 of the Registry Rules which reads:

Section 1.5 – Hardship Registration
1. Eligibility for Hardship Registration
A. Dogs must be purebred Australian Shepherds.
B. Applicant dogs must be at least 12 months of age.
C. Puppies from any litter born prior to the hardship registration of sire and/or dam will be treated as individuals; each puppy must meet the hardship requirements.
D. If an ASCA® registered kennel name is used to register the applicant dog, written permission from the owner of the kennel name must be included on the application form.
E. Applicant dogs or their parents must not be registered as another breed.
F. Each parent and grandparent of the applicant dog must have been registered as an Australian Shepherd with AKC, CKC (Canadian Kennel Club), ASCA® (see below), or any combination of these registries. The ASCA® Board of Directors must approve any exceptions.
G. Owners of applicant dogs registered with registries not listed above must apply to the ASCA® Board of Directors for approval of the registry.
H. A dog who has only one ASCA® registered parent is eligible for Hardship Registration. HOWEVER, if both parents of an applicant dog are ASCA® registered, the dog must be registered through an ASCA Litter registration application. This dog is NOT eligible for Hardship Registration.
I. The registration of any applicant dog, it parents, or grandparents with any registry as a breed other than that of an Australian Shepherd prior to the date of the application will result in the applicant dog being ineligible for registration in ASCA®’s registry. An ASCA® registered dog shall not be registered now or in the future as any other breed. Registering as another breed will void the ASCA® registration of the dog.
J. Applicant dogs shall not have any disqualifying faults as listed in the ASCA® Breed Standard (i.e., other than recognized colors, white body splashes, undershot bites, overshot bites exceeding 1/8 inch, monorchidism and cryptorchidism, Dudley nose).
K. Applicant dogs already registered as “NOT FOR BREEDING” by another registry will only be registered as “NOT FOR BREEDING” by ASCA®.
L. All applicant dogs must be DNA profiled by and ASCA approved laboratory.
   
   i. If the applicant’s dog’s Sire and Dam are alive and available, the applicant dog MUST be profiled DNA-VP. The costs of DNA profiling are to be borne by the applicant. Documentation of attempts made to fulfill DNA-VP requirement should be provided with this application.
   
   ii. If the applicant dog’s Sire and/or Dam are deceased or unavailable, the applicant dog will then be profiled DNA-CP. A dog’s Sire and/or Dam are considered unavailable if the owner refuses to allow DNA profiling, the owner cannot be found, or the owner refuses to cooperate with the collection of the samples needed.
   
   iii. If the applicant dog is to be registered as “NOT FOR BREEDING”, the protocol in L (i) and L (ii) must still be followed.
   
   iv. If the applicant dog is DNA-CP profiled (under section L (ii)), the applicant must sign a release form acknowledging that all ASCA rights and registry privileges will be revoked should there be evidence of either (a.) that the hardship applicant’s Sire or Dam were, in fact, available, or (b.) that any information supplied by the applicant was incomplete or inaccurate.
   
   v. All applications for dogs (either DNA-CP or DNA-VP) applying for Hardship Registration must include CERTIFIED pedigrees covering AT LEAST 3 generations, including all registration numbers, from all the registries in which the applicant dog, its parents, and its grandparents are currently or were registered. All certified pedigrees must state that the registered breed of the dog/bitch, its parents, and its grandparents is an Australian Shepherd. If none of the approved registries the dogs are registered with issued certified pedigrees, then the breeder of the dog/bitch must certify the authenticity of the pedigree and breed of the applicant dog.

2. Registration Procedure: Items should be submitted at the same time. Incomplete applications will be returned.
   
   A. Complete and submit FORM H-III REGISTRATION APPLICATION. All signatures are required.
   
   B. Submit a photocopy of the applicant dog’s registration certificate and ASCA® DNA profile certificate.
   
   C. Submit three color photos: full body left side, full body right side, and full front view. Photos must be clear. No Polaroid photos will be accepted.
   
   D. Submit the application fee of $100.00 for full ASCA® members or $200 for Service Members. If the applicant dog is not accepted for Hardship Registration with ASCA®, the fee will NOT be returned. Applications and photos will be retained by ASCA® as part of the ASCA® Registry files.
   
   E. If a dog is already registered with AKC or CKC (Canadian Kennel Club); that registered name will remain. The one exception to this rule is that the owner’s ASCA® registered kennel name may be substituted for the surname of the owner if requested.

3. The owners of any dog whose application for hardship registration is refused may appeal to the ASCA® Board of Directors. All littermates of dogs granted registration based on appeal to the Board will be eligible for hardship registration without appeal to the Board. (Effective July, 2008).

4. PLEASE NOTE: The Hardship application procedure is a lengthy process that can take over a month to complete. Hardship applications will not be expedited. Missing or incomplete paperwork will extend the processing time.

   with:

Section 1.5 – Hardship Registration

1. Eligibility for Hardship Registration
   
   A. Dogs must be purebred Australian Shepherds.
   
   B. Applicant dogs must be at least 12 months old.
   
   C. Puppies from any litter born prior to the hardship registration of sire and/or dam will be treated as individuals; each puppy must meet the hardship requirements.
   
   D. If an ASCA® registered kennel name is used to register the applicant dog, written permission from the owner of the kennel name must be included on the application form.
E. Registration of any applicant dog, its parents or its grandparents with any registry as a breed other than an Australian Shepherd will result in the applicant dog being ineligible for registration in the ASCA® Registry.

F. The dog is registered as an Australian Shepherd in a registry recognized by ASCA® that has met one of the following requirements:
   i) Any registry with which ASCA® has a reciprocal agreement (i.e. The Canadian Kennel Club).
   ii) Any registry approved by the ASCA® Board of Directors after review of the registry’s registration process (currently the American Kennel Club, The Kennel Club).

G. Owners of applicant dogs registered with registries not listed above must apply to the Board of Directors for approval of the registry.

H. A dog that has only one ASCA® registered parent is eligible for Hardship Registration. HOWEVER, if both parents of an applicant dog are ASCA® registered, the dog must be registered using the ASCA® Litter registration application. This dog is NOT eligible for Hardship Registration.

I. The applicant must provide evidence that the applicant dog’s lineage is based 100% on ASCA® registered dogs. Applicants must supply ASCA® descendant registration numbers at time of application.

J. The owner must certify that the applicant dog does not have any disqualifying faults as described in the ASCA® breed standard.

K. Applicant dogs already registered as “NOT FOR BREEDING” by another registry will only be registered as “NOT FOR BREEDING” by ASCA®.

L. An applicant dog must be DNA profiled by an ASCA® approved laboratory.
   i. If the applicant’s dog’s Sire and Dam are alive and available, the applicant dog MUST be profiled DNA-VP. The cost of DNA profiling is borne by the applicant. Documentation of attempts made to fulfill DNA-VP requirement shall be provided with this application.
   ii. If the applicant dog’s Sire and/or Dam are deceased or unavailable, the applicant dog will be profiled DNA-CP. A dog’s Sire and/or Dam are considered unavailable if the owner refuses to allow DNA profiling, the owner cannot be found, or the owner refuses to cooperate with the collection of the samples needed.
   iii. If the applicant dog is to be registered as “NOT FOR BREEDING”, the protocol in L (i) and L (ii) must still be followed.
   iv. If the applicant dog is DNA-CP profiled (under section L (ii)), the applicant must sign a release form acknowledging that all ASCA® rights and registry privileges will be revoked if there is evidence of either:
      (a.) the hardship applicant’s Sire or Dam were, in fact, available, or
      (b.) any information supplied by the applicant was incomplete or inaccurate.
   v. All Hardship Registration applications must be accompanied by a minimum three generation pedigree certified by the applicable registry and must include all registration numbers from that registry and must also include a photocopy of the registration papers certified by the applicable registry.

2. Registration Procedure: Items shall be submitted at the same time. Incomplete applications will be returned.
A. Complete and submit FORM H-III REGISTRATION APPLICATION. All signatures are required.
B. Submit a photocopy of the applicant dog’s registration certificate and ASCA® DNA profile certificate.
C. Submit three color photos: full body left side, full body right side, and full front view. Photos must be clear. No Polaroid photos will be accepted.
D. Submit the certified pedigree described in 1.L-v above.
E. Submit the application fee of $100.00 (full ASCA® members) or $200 (Service Members). If the applicant dog is not accepted for Hardship Registration, the fee will NOT be returned. Applications and photos will be retained by ASCA® as part of the ASCA® Registry files.
F. If a dog is already registered with AKC or CKC (Canadian Kennel Club); that registered name will remain. The one exception to this rule is that the owner’s ASCA® registered kennel name may be substituted for the surname of the owner if requested.

3. The owners of any dog whose application for hardship registration is refused may appeal to the Board of Directors. All littermates of dogs granted registration based on appeal to the Board will be eligible for hardship registration without appeal to the Board.
4. PLEASE NOTE: The Hardship application procedure is a lengthy process that can take over a month to complete. Hardship applications will not be expedited. Missing pieces or incomplete applications will extend the processing time.

5. If at any time it is found that any part of the application has been falsified or found to be untrue, registration will be revoked for this dog and any progeny. Disciplinary action may be taken against the owner.

Comment: This motion makes some editorial changes, adds verbiage concerning penalties for false/improper submissions, revises the certified pedigree submission requirements and requires that the applicant certify that the applicant dog's lineage is traceable to 100% ASCA registered dogs.

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman; Non-voting: Berryessa. The motion is approved.

3:05 Education Committee: Stock forms

Motion by Berryessa
I move we accept the following motion from the Education Committee:

Motion by Debbie, second by Regi

Yes: Rhonda, Kay, Ann, Debbie, Regi, Brent, Chris, Lisa non-voting: Mary, Glenda, Tricia
[Attachment(s) from Gold N Aussie included below]

I make a motion that we accept the Stock Explanation Form, Sample Entry Form and Sample Registration Certificate as presented in these attachments, for publication on the ASCA® web site, in the Aussie Times, inclusion in New Member packets and wherever else is deemed appropriate. The purpose of these documents is to provide guidance for correctly filling out entry forms.

Approve: Aufox, Dolan, Gann, McNamara Westerman; Disapprove: Davenport, MacRoberts; Non-voting: Berryessa.
The motion is approved.

3:05 Education Committee: Tracking forms

Motion by Berryessa
I move we accept the following motion from the Education Committee:

Motion by Debbie, second by Regi

Yes: Rhonda, Kay, Regi, Debbie, Lisa, Brent, Chris, Ann non-voting: Mary, Tricia, Glenda
[Attachment(s) from Gold N Aussie included below]

I make a motion that we accept the Tracking Explanation Form, Sample Entry Form and Sample Registration Certificate as presented in these attachments, for publication on the ASCA web site, in the Aussie Times, inclusion in New Member packets and wherever else is deemed appropriate. The purpose of these documents is to provide guidance for correctly filling out entry forms.

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman; Non-voting: Berryessa.
The motion is approved.
4:04 Conformation: Breeder Judge Move-ups

The Board of Directors approved the following Conformation Judge status changes:

Non Regular Breeder Judge
Karen MacDonald
8438 Fremont Ave. So
Bloomington, MN 55420
(952) 884-0359

Lynda L. Shackelford
5842 Thacker Dairy Rd
Whitsett, NC 27377
(336) 456-0681

Senior Breeder Judge
Emmy Adasiewicz
106 Althea St
West Springfield, MA 01089
(413) 374-9074
Judge #4165

Amy Burnette
1108 Pink Goss Rd
Woodstock, GA 30188
(678) 393-1730
Judge # 3988

Sheila Hall
13000 Jacobson Rd
Manor, TX 78653
(512) 826-1077
Judge # 3798

Other Person Judge
Carrianna Marsee Glenn
PO Box 481
Dinwiddie, VA 23841
(804) 469-4660

07:05 2009 Nationals/ $200 National Stipend, Rally Obedience

Motion by Berryessa second by Westerman
I move to give Lori Fausett a $200 stipend for attendance at the 2009 Nationals as Rally Chair, as long as she fulfills the obligations required at the various ASCA® meetings.

Approve: Unanimous.
The motion is approved.

9:05 AR Legislative Committee - resume from Darcy B. Gardiner

Motion by Aufox
I move the appointment of Darcy Beth Gardiner to the Legislative Committee.

Approve: Unanimous.
The motion is approved.

**09:27 Emergency Motion 2009 Conformation Finals Alternate Invitees**

Motion by Dolan Second MacRoberts
I move to validate the inviting of alternates to the 2009 Conformation Finals.

Comment: The current Conformation Finals rules do not allow inviting alternates as substitutes if any of the top 30 dogs choose not to attend the Conformation Finals. Because of an administrative error, alternates were extended invitations in an attempt to achieve the 60 dog entry limit. A number of alternates have accepted and rescinding these invitations would place an unacceptable burden on both host club and the invitees. A correction to the rules will occur during the next normal voting cycle. This motion corrects the administrative error allowing an exception this year and time for review and discussion of the change for next year as a part of regular business.

Approve: Unanimous
The motion is approved.

**9:25 Fee Changes: Removing Fees from Program Rulebooks**

Motion by Dolan second by McNamara
I move to direct each program committee to remove any reference to a fee amount (finals entry fees, event membership dues, sanctioning fees, late sanctioning fees, etc.) from its rulebook and replace the number with (see Schedule of Fees). These fees to be added to the Schedule of Fees maintained by the Treasurer and the Business Office and printed in every issue of the Aussie Times.

Comment: Removing the occurrences of fee amounts from the program rulebooks simplifies rulebook maintenance and places the amounts in a central location. Each rulebook has at least two fee amount references with one rulebook having 8 instances. This change also brings the way we do business into line with section 19.6 of the Policy Book.

Approve: Unanimous.
The motion is approved.

**EMERGENCY MOTION: 98:05 Conformation Committee: Section 15.3 Participants**

Motion by Gann
This motion was intended to be sent to the BOD for normal voting back in the February/March time frame but for some unknown reason was not. The conformation committee, the business office manager, and myself thought this had been passed some time ago. Jean has already been inviting alternate dogs for the conformation finals and I feel this motion warrants the emergency status due to this misunderstanding.

Emergency Motion: Gann Discussion ends on Monday 8/24 at 5pm Voting ends on Wednesday 8/26 11:59pm

(NOTE: Luc had voted. This email is corrected.)
Mr. Liaison: Please forward the following motion to the Board.
Thank you,
Glenda Stephenson
Conformation Committee
Motion by Heather Herron, with a second from Liz Gibson:

Voting as follows: Affirmative: Liz Gibson, Ann DeChant, Leah Swatko, Heather Herron, Cynthia Clark, Nancy Pelletier, Regi Gravette, Gail Karamalegos, Peter Kontos, Glenda Stephenson, David Clayton, and Luc Goossens
Motion passes.
I make the motion to revise Section 15:3 PARTICIPANTS to Chapter 15:3 Conformation Finals to be effective immediately.

Currently Section 15:3 reads as follows:

1.) The Top Thirty (30) Conformation Merit Altered Dogs Finalists and the Top Thirty (30) Merit Conformation Intact Dogs will be invited to compete in the Conformation Finals. No alternates will be invited. If less than thirty (30) dogs from those ranked Altered dogs and Intact dogs accept the invitations, the Conformation Finals will be limited to those entrants only.

Revise Section 15:3 to read as follows:

1.) The Top Thirty (30) Altered Conformation Merit Dogs Finalists and the Top Thirty (30) Intact Conformation Merit Dogs Finalists, including any dogs whose scores resulted in a tie within the Top Thirty score range, will be invited to compete in the Conformation Finals. Invitations will be sent to the Top Thirty (30) dogs and fifteen (15) alternates in their ranked order in both the Altered and Intact Divisions. If less than thirty (30) entries in both divisions are received by the ASCA Business Office by the postmarked deadline of July 15th of the Finals year, alternates whose entries also met the same deadline will be notified in their ranked order, to obtain the total number of entrants desired, which is thirty (30) Altered Merit Dogs and thirty (30) Intact Merit Dogs. Alternates will be required to submit the entry fee, in the amount of fifty dollars ($50.00), upon notification of acceptance into the Finals competition. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Approve: Berryessa, Gann, Westerman; Disapprove: Aufox, Dolan, MacRoberts, McNamara; Non-voting: Davenport.
The motion is not approved.

98:05 Conformation Committee: ASCA DQ or EXC Dog Form 5-09

Motion by Gann

MOTION BY: Liz Gibson, 2nd by Nancy Pelletier

YEAHS VOTES: Liz Gibson, Debbie Martin, Peter Kontos, Regi Gravette, Ann DeChant, Nancy Pelletier, Leah Swatko, Mary Hellmeister, David Clayton, Gail Karamalegos Glenda Stephenson; NAYS: None. NON VOTING: Denise Creelman, Luc Goossens

Motion: DQ or EXC Dog Form is attached.
Comments:
- The form that is currently being sent out by the business office does not allow a committee/show chairperson to DQ a dog for a biting incident that may occur on the grounds, when the judge isn’t present.
- The form that is currently being used does not have an area for excused dogs.
- The form that is currently being used does not explain that a dog that is Do’s for breed standard DQ’s cannot be shown again in conformation, but they can be shown in performance events.
- The form that is currently being used does not explain that a dog that is Do’s for biting/aggression cannot be shown at all.
The committee felt that having the form described as a DQ by Judge form didn’t afford the show committees the understanding that the form could be used by them.

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Gann, McNamara, Westerman; Disapprove: Dolan, MacRoberts; Non-voting: Berryessa.
The motion is approved.

98:05 Conformation Committee: Judges Guidelines, Non-Regular Breeder Judge Requirements

Motion by Gann

MOTION AUTHOR: Liz Gibson, 2nd by Regi Gravette
YEAS VOTES: Liz Gibson, Debbie Martin, Denise Creelman, Regi Gravette, Heather Herron, Ann DeChant, Nancy Pelletier, Leah Swatko, Glenda Stephenson; NAYS: Mary Hellmeister, David Clayton, Gail Karamalegos, Luc Goossens; NON VOTING: Peter Kontos

COMMENTS AFTER the motion.

MOTION AS FollowS

Proposed Revision To: Non-Regular Breeder Judge requirements;
Before applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:
A. Must be a Full member of ASCA® in good standing for a minimum of eight (8) years.
B. Must be twenty-six (26) years of age.
C. Must have bred and raised three (3) or more litters on the applicant's premises. Must have bred five (5) or more Champions and handled five (5) Champions for all points. The required five (5) champions bred by the applicant must be from litters whelped and raised on the applicant's premises. Any dog(s) bred by and handled by the applicant for all points will count for both requirements.
D. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA® Australian Shepherd Breed Standard.
E. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA® Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.
F. Must have evidence of a strong background and involvement in ASCA® and its programs developed for the Australian Shepherd. Evidence of strong background and involvement would be:
   1) Membership and participation in Affiliate clubs
   2) Acting as a Show Secretary, Steward, Scorekeeper, Timekeeper at ASCA® sanctioned events.
G. Must be an active and current member of the sponsoring club(s) for a minimum of two (2) years or membership in ASCA Affiliate Clubs totaling at least three (3) years.
H. Must have served as a steward in the conformation ring at five (5) or more ASCA® sanctioned events over three (3) or more weekends. Must have served as a Show Secretary at five (5) or more ASCA® sanctioned events. Must have served as a stock timekeeper or scorekeeper at two (2) or more ASCA® sanctioned stock events and must have served as a scorekeeper, timekeeper or ring steward at one (1) or more ASCA® sanctioned performance events. (NOTE: Judge applicants should keep copies of the show paperwork for the above mentioned assignments)
I. Must be willing to abide by the ASCA® Judges Code of Ethics. Failure to do so may result in loss of judging privileges and suspension from ASCA®. Judging is a privilege, not a right. The ASCA® Conformation Judge's conduct must always be impartial, dignified and respectful of the dog and the handler. A Judge's actions and professional comportment must be above reproach.

Currently in rule book:

NON-REGULAR BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS
Before applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:
A. Must be an adult member of ASCA® in good standing for at least eight (8) years.
B. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age.
C. Must have bred five (5) ASCA® Champions of Record or be a breeder of three (3) and handled two (2) ASCA® Champions of Record to their title. (The applicant must have placed all points and majors on each Champion.)

D. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA® Australian Shepherd Breed Standard.

E. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA® Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

F. Must have evidence of a strong background and involvement in ASCA® and its programs developed for the Australian Shepherd, such as membership and participation in Affiliate clubs, and putting on ASCA® events such as Show Secretary, Steward, Scorekeeper, Timekeeping, etc.

G. Must have served as a steward in the conformation ring at three (3) or more ASCA® sanctioned events. Must have served as a Show Secretary at three (3) or more ASCA® sanctioned events.

H. Must be willing to abide by the ASCA® Conformation Judges Code of Ethics.

THESE ARE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING AND EACH APPLICANT WILL BE EVALUATED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS BEFORE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM. APPLICANT MAY EXCEED THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR BENEFIT.

From Leah Swatko: Comments. I would of preferred "The Majority of points and all majors must be placed on the required dogs." This allows for the situation where the person cannot handle both dogs or is involved in another aspect of the show physically removing them from the conformation ring, ie: judging obedience, rally etc, working in the stock venues.

From Denise Creelman: I think there should be an alternative option to having to handle a dog completely to its championship. That option would be to have to put 25 majors on several dogs to be equivalent.

Gail Karamalegos [mailto:callistoaussies@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 9:46 PM
To: Glenda Stephenson
Subject: Letter of dissent for Non-reg judge changes

While I approve of most of the proposed changes, there are 2 sections I disagree with. The first proposed change, which pertains to the finishing of champions ("and handled five (5) Champions for all points"), would eliminate anyone from becoming a judge if they were physically unable to handle their own dogs. I've known many older judges who would not have the physical capability of handling their own Aussies, but their knowledge of the breed was excellent, and they were certainly able to judge dogs, which does not require running. Up to now, ASCA® has not required that a judge applicant actually handle dogs to champion titles, if they have bred 5 champions.

The second proposed change that I oppose is in section H-- "Must have served as a stock timekeeper or scorekeeper at two (2) or more ASCA® sanctioned stock events and must have served as a scorekeeper, timekeeper or ring steward at one (1) or more ASCA® sanctioned performance events." Previously, this was not a requirement, but rather a choice for the applicant, as indicative of involvement in ASCA®s programs. Until such time as we have an actual judge's education program in place for conformation judges, I do not believe that making it mandatory for someone to do these things is going to do anything to make someone a better conformation judge. What we DO need is a judge's education program of some kind, and I do believe that at some time in the future, we SHOULD expand the requirements to include an entire list of enriching experiences an applicant may choose from, in order to meet their initial requirements, AND to maintain judging privileges, like a continuing education requirement. For example, I do feel that having exposure to Aussies working stock is important, but simply serving as timekeeper/scorekeeper at a sanctioned trial does what exactly? There are MANY states that do not have stockdog trials. Making something like this mandatory before one can apply as a non-regular judge, could very well eliminate otherwise qualified individuals. I know some people will argue "Well, if someone wants to become a judge badly enough, he/she will spend the money to travel to a trial." I simply don't support the idea of making people jump through additional, sometimes expensive, hoops, when there are better ideas out there for the education of potential and existing judges.

Gail Karamalegos
Approve: Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman, Aufox, Davenport; Disapprove: Dolan; Non-voting: Berryessa.
The motion is approved.

**98:15 Obedience Committee: Appoint Lynn Sidwell**

Motion by McNamara
I move we appoint Lynn Sidwell to the Obedience Committee.

Comment: The committee has space, is active, and would make good use of Lynn now, rather than waiting for Nationals.

Approve: Unanimous.
The motion is approved.
Stockdog Entry Form Explanations

**NOTE:** These are guidelines to follow for other breeds as well. We are simply using the ASCA Registration Certificate as an example.

***IMPORTANT! Please double-check the information you have provided for accuracy. Consult the appropriate ASCA rulebook if you need further explanation regarding classes or point eligibility, available at: www.asca.org

Please be sure to read the event flyer/premium from the host club to check for any additional entry requirements.

Be prepared to show a copy of the dog’s ASCA Registration Certificate at the show for all regular classes entered.

1. **Host Club:** This is the name of the club hosting the show.
2. **Breed:** This is the breed of dog. (If the dog is not an Australian Shepherd and is registered with another registry, use your dog’s registration certificate to fill out the information appropriately; however, you must use your ASCA Tracking Number for #5.)
3. **Color:** This is the color of the dog, as listed under “Body Color” on the ASCA Registration Certificate.
4. **Registered Name of Dog:** This is the dog’s registered name, as printed on the ASCA Registration Certificate.
5. **Registration Number:** This is the dog’s ASCA registration number, as printed on the ASCA Registration Certificate. If your dog is not an Australian Shepherd, please use the ASCA Tracking Number that was assigned to your dog.
6. **Birth Date:** This is the date listed on the ASCA Registration Certificate as “D/B”.
7. **Sex:** This is the gender of the dog.
8. **Date:** The date should be entered in each column for the day that you are entering.
9. **Class(es):** Circle the division of the classes you are entering with the corresponding type of stock and date(s).

***IMPORTANT! Field 9 must always contain the correct class (i.e. Started Ducks, Open Working Jr. Cattle)! Circling one division or one type of stock is NOT sufficient!

10. **Total Entry Fees:** This is the total of the entry fees for all classes that the dog specified on the entry form is entered in.
11. **Junior’s Relationship to all Owners:** This is the junior’s relationship to the owner(s) of the dog they are showing. If the dog has multiple owners, the junior’s relationship to each of them must be listed.
(12) **Junior Membership Number:** This is the number by which ASCA recognizes the junior.  
**NOTE:** A Junior Membership Number is only required for juniors desiring to earn points in the ASCA Merit Program.

(13) **Junior’s Name:** This is the name of the junior entered.

(14) **Birth Date:** This is the date of birth for the junior handler.

***IMPORTANT: If entering Junior Handling, fields 11-14 must be completed.***

(15) **Sire:** This is the dog’s sire (father), as listed on the ASCA Registration Certificate.

(16) **Dam:** This is the dog’s dam (mother), as listed on the ASCA Registration Certificate.

(17) **Breeder:** This is the dog’s breeder of record, as listed under “Litter Owner(s)” on the ASCA Registration Certificate.

(18) **Call Name:** This is the name of your dog (mainly for club use with armbands).

(19) **Owner:** This is the dog’s owner of record, as listed on the ASCA Registration Certificate, as well as his/her address, city, state and zip code.

(20) **ASCA Membership Number:** This is your ASCA membership number for purposes of the ASCA Business Office.

(21) **E-mail:** This is a valid email address for the use of the host club and/or the ASCA Business Office.

(22) **Phone:** This is a current phone/cell phone for the use of the host club and/or the ASCA Business Office.

(23) **Printed Name of Exhibitor:** This is the printed name of the person entering the ring/arena with the dog.

(24) **Date:** This is the date the entry form was filled out.

(25) **Signature of Owner, Exhibitor or Parent:** This is for the signature of one of the aforementioned people, confirming that they have read the agreement on the back of the entry form.
AGREEMENT

THE PERSON WHO SIGNS THIS AGREEMENT REPRESENTS THAT SHE/HE IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF BOTH EXHIBITOR AND THE OWNER OF THE ENTERED DOG. IN CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THIS ENTRY:

1. EXHIBITOR AND OWNER, WHETHER OR NOT MEMBERS OF ASCA®, WILL ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®, AND ANY OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS APPEARING IN THE PREMIUM LIST FOR THIS EVENT.

2. EXHIBITOR AND OWNER CERTIFY THAT THE ENTERED DOG IS NOT A HAZARD TO PERSONS, DOGS OR PROPERTY.

3. EXHIBITOR AND OWNER ACKNOWLEDGE 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, SHOW RINGS, PARKING AREAS AND THE PRESENCE OF UNFAMILIAR ANIMALS AND PEOPLE. EXHIBITOR AND OWNER ASSUME THE RISK OF ANY HARM ARISING FROM THESE.

4. EXHIBITOR AND OWNER RELEASE ASCA® AND WILL DEFEND ASCA® AND HOLD IT HARMLESS FROM ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE LOSS, INJURY, DAMAGE, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND LIABILITIES INVOLVING THE ENTERED DOG. THE EVENT OR EVENT PREMISES.

5. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD THE ENTERED DOG INJURE STOCK, THE OWNER WILL PAY FOR VETERINARIAN SERVICES. IF THE INJURY IS SEVERE, OWNER WILL PAY THE MARKET VALUE OF THE STOCK.

(25) John Sample's signature

SIGNATURE OF OWNER, EXHIBITOR OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (if a Junior is under 18 years of age)

AS USED HERE, "ASCA® MEANS THE OWNER AND THE OPERATOR OF THE EVENT PREMISES, THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®, ITS AFFILIATE CLUBS AND EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, SHOW CHAIRMEN, SHOW COMMITTEES AND AGENTS.

(23) Johnna Sample

Printed Name of Exhibitor

EXHIBITOR, OWNER or PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (if Jr. is under 18)

MUST READ and SIGN REVERSE SIDE of this FORM
AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Registered Name  ABC'S EXAMPLE SAMPLE  ASCA Reg. #  967654
Sext  MALE  ASCA Litter#  00010
Body Color  BLUE MERLE  Trim Color  WHITE/COPPER
Eye Color  LEFT- BROWN DOMINANT  RIGHT- BROWN DOMINANT
Sire  ABC'S SAMPLE NAME  E00001
Dam  XYZ'S EXAMPLE  E00002
Litter Owner(s)  JOE SAMPLE

Owne  JOHN SAMPLE
ner  123 SHEPHERD ROAD
rers  SAMPLE, NY 01234
ners  UNITED STATES

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

October 8, 2008
CERTIFICATE ISSUED

Established 1957
ASCA CERTIFIES THAT IT ACCURATELY MAINTAINS THE
GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION WHICH IS FURNISHED TO IT BY
BREEDERS. THE LINEAGE OF A REGISTERED DOG CAN BE
DETERMINED WITH CERTAINTY BY DNA TESTING
SPONSORED BY ASCA.
THIS CERTIFICATE ISSUED WITH THE RIGHT TO
CORRECT OR REVOKE BY THE AUSTRALIAN
SHEPHERD CLUB OF
AMERICA, INC.
Tracking Entry Form Explanations

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1. **Host Club**: This is the name of the club hosting the show.
2. **Test Date(s)**: The date(s) should be entered according to which day(s) you are trialing.
3. **Test Offered**: Mark an “X” in the appropriate box, depending on which day(s) you are entering, next to the appropriate class you are entering.
4. **Registration Number**: This is the dog’s ASCA registration number, as printed on the ASCA Registration Certificate. If your dog is not an Australian Shepherd, please use the ASCA Tracking Number that was assigned to your dog.
5. **Breed**: This is the breed of dog (If the dog is not an Australian Shepherd and is registered with another registry, use your dog’s registration certificate to fill out the information appropriately; however, you must use your ASCA Tracking Number for #3.)
6. **Sex**: This is the gender of the dog.
7. **Registered Name of Dog**: This is the dog’s registered name, as printed on the ASCA Registration Certificate.
8. **Call Name**: This is the name of your dog (mainly for club use with armbands).
9. **Birth Date**: This is the date listed on the ASCA Registration Certificate as “D/B”.
10. **Owner**: This is the dog’s owner of record, as listed on the ASCA Registration Certificate, as well as his/her address, city, state and zip code.
11. **ASCA No**: This is your ASCA membership number for purposes of the ASCA Business Office.
12. **Telephone**: This is a current phone/cell phone for the use of the host club and/or the ASCA Business Office.
(13) **E-mail:** This is a valid email address for the use of the host club and/or the ASCA Business Office.

(14) **Total Entry Fees:** This is the total of the entry fees for all classes that the dog specified on the entry form is entered in.

(15) **Name of Handler:** This is the printed name of the person entering the ring/arena with the dog.

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**AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

Registered Name: ABC's EXAMPLE SAMPLE

Sex: MALE

ASCA Litter#: 00010

Body Color: BLUE MERLE

Trim Color: WHITE/COPPER

Eye Color: LEFT- BROWN DOMINANT

RIGHT- BROWN DOMINANT

Sire: ABC'S SAMPLE NAME

Dam: XYZ'S EXAMPLE

ASCA Reg. #: 987654

D/B: 05/05/2005

Tail Length: DOCKED

Litter Owner(s): JOE SAMPLE

Owner: JOHN SAMPLE

123 SHEPHERD ROAD

SAMPLE, NY 01234

UNited STATES

October 8, 2008

CERTIFICATE ISSUED

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
AGREEMENT

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

1. Exhibitor/Owner, whether members or not of ASCA, will abide by the rules and regulations of the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc., and any other rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of the event.

2. Exhibitor/Owner certify 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.

3. Exhibitor/Owner acknowledge all hazards represented by the event and the event premises, including, but not limited to, the condition of the fields, floors, stairways, halls, lighting, security measures or lack thereof, show grounds, parking areas and the presence of unfamiliar animals and people; Exhibitor/Owner assume the risk of any harm arising from these.

4. Exhibitor/Owner release ASCA and will defend ASCA and hold it harmless from present and future loss, injury, damage, claims, demands and liabilities involving the entered dog, the event or event premises.

5. Additionally, Exhibitor/Owner hereby recognizes the inherent danger of this event and assumes the sole responsibility for and agrees to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties, including but not limited to Judges, tracklayers, or other volunteers, harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by the law upon and of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or an account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and where or not the same may have been caused by or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their agents or any persons.

I have read, understood and acknowledge the above Agreement.

(16) John Sample's signature and Date

Signature of Owner/Exhibitor

(17) John Sample's signature and Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor

As used here, "ASCA" means the owner and the operator of the event premises. The Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc., its Affiliate Clubs and each of their members, Officers, Directors, Employees, Technical Staff, Chairman, Committees and Agents.
EXPLANATION FORM for DISQUALIFIED or EXCUSED DOGS
THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH SHOW/TRIAL RESULTS

Top portion to be completed by the Show Chairman/Secretary, Show Coordinator or Judge.

Armband Number ________ Disqualified _________ Excused _________

Per ASCA Rules and Regulations: Dogs disqualified for attacking or biting may not be exhibited at any further ASCA Sanctioned events until reinstated by the ASCA Board of Directors. Dogs disqualified for Breed Standard discrepancies may not compete in any further conformation events until reinstated by the ASCA Board of Directors, but may still compete in performance events.

Explanation: ________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
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Signature: ___________________________ Printed Name & Title: ___________________________

Date

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