

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.
December 1-31, 2011.

Board of Director's Teleconference Monday December 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order December 12, 2011, at 8:00 PM CST, by President, Russ Ford. Directors present were, Ford, Gray, Gann, Dexter, McClintock, Bates and Hellmeister. Absent: Clayton and Vest.
Motion by Gann, second by Gray. I move to ratify all previous email votes taken in the month of November 2011.
Approve: Ford, Gray, Gann, Dexter, McClintock, Bates and Hellmeister. Absent: Clayton and Vest. Motion approved.

ASCA Treasurer, Greg McClintock, presented to the Board a proposed budget for 2012.

Director Vest came on line at 8:15 PM CST.

2011:43 2012 BUDGET - Motion by Dexter, second by Ford. I move to accept the 2012 Budget as submitted by Treasurer, Greg Mc Clintock.

Approve: Hellmeister, Bates, McClintock, Gray, Dexter, Ford, Gann and Vest. Absent: Clayton. Motion is approved.

Directors Ronnie Bate's proposal on Committee Procedures, Standing and Executive and time frames for each is due in its final form in January.

2011:44 YEARLY LEGAL EXPENSE - Motion by Vest, seconded by Hellmeister. I move to increase the annual retainer fee paid to Charles Carnese from Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500.00) to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). Approve: Hellmeister, Bates, McClintock, Gray, Dexter, Ford, Gann and Vest. Absent: Clayton. Motion is approved.

2004:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICES. There was further discussion on the Rulebook Update/Publication motion that is presently before the Board.

At 9:15 PM CST Dexter moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by McClintock. Approve: Bates, McClintock, Gray, Dexter, Ford, Gann, Vest and Hellmeister. Absent: Clayton. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Jo Kimes,
ASCA Executive Secretary

98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE - Motion #32 Add NRBJ number to sanctioning form

Motion by Dexter

We have a motion by Linda with a second by Dorothy.

I, Linda Braun, move to approve the Conformation Sanctioning Form be amended to include the judge's number for non-regular judging assignments.

Comment: The objective of the motion is ensure that only approved judges with a judge 's ID number are accepting assignments and to eliminate judges not yet fully approved to judge at ASCA sanctioned events.

This motion will affect the Business Office because in addition to verifying judge's ID numbers and eligibility for a Regular Conformation assignment they will also have to verify the Non-Regular judge's ID number and eligibility. The office has verified that this change to the conformation sanction form will be an easy change to do.

This motion passes the CC

Yes- Liz, Rhonda, Jill, Ann, Sunday, Dorothy, Gail, Linda, Kathi, Nancy

Approve: Unanimous.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Sec. 8.2

Motion by Hellmeister

Motion by Pete, Second by Judy

I move to change the following in section 8.2 which reads:

Missed Contact Zone - 10 Faults

A dog is faulted for a Missed Contact Zone if the dog does not have any paw or any part of a paw in the contact zone prior to leaving the contact obstacle or makes only incidental contact with the contact zone. It will be determined that the dog has left the obstacle when all four paws lift off the obstacle in an attempt to leave the obstacle. (Example: If the dog were to jump off the A-Frame and land with its front paws in the grass and its rear paws in the contact zone then it would be assessed a ten (10) fault penalty, because the dog's contact with the safety zone would be judged as incidental.)

The following safety zones shall be judged for penalties:

The descent ramp of the A-Frame

The descent ramp of the Dog Walk

The descent ramp of the Teeter-Totter

To read:

Missed Contact Zone - 10 Faults

A dog is faulted for a Missed Contact Zone if the dog does not have any paw or any part of a paw in the contact zone prior to leaving the contact obstacle. A dog is considered to have left the contact when all 4 paws have touched the ground without previously touching any part of the contact zone.

The following contact zones shall be judged for penalties:

The descent side of the A-Frame

The descent ramp of the Dog Walk

The descent side of the Teeter-Totter

Rationale: The deleted example was not illustrative of improper contact performance in that dogs may perform a proper contact by training in what appears to be an accidental manner. Removal of the "incidental contact" phrase simplifies the rule. Changing the word "safety" to "contact" makes the verbiage match the title.

Approve: Gray, Ford, Dexter, Bates, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest and Clayton.

Disapprove: McClintock. *Motion Approved.*

Letter of Dissent: McClintock

Rewriting the rule in this manner may reflect a current trend in Agility, but if so, it also reflects an unsafe practice.

As the committee would have this rule read, a dog could, without fault, jump from the peak of an A-frame, land on its front paws on the floor or grass of the show area at the base of the A-frame, and then allow its hind paws to fall to the contact area. While this may not be what the committee envisions, and I sincerely hope it is not, that is how this rule could be interpreted if allowed to be modified in this manner, simply because such behavior is not precluded by the proposed language, whereas the rule as it exists does preclude such a landing by faulting it 10 points.

The contact zone in Agility is, in fact, a safety device the intention of which is to fault any dog who leaves the obstacle from any unsafe height. Any part of the obstacle above the contact zone would be at such a height, and the failure of any dog to at least touch the contact zone with one paw on the way down demonstrates a departure from an unsafe height. This is the exact reason the contact zone was developed.

Specifically, I disagree that a dog should not be considered to have left the obstacle until all four paws are on the ground. Instead, I would suggest that the concept is, or should be, that the dog may not lose contact with the obstacle until at least one of his four paws has made contact with the contact zone. Losing contact with the obstacle occurs when any one of his paws touches the ground. What kind of contact with the contact zone is to be thought of as "incidental" contact is not the point. Safety is the point, and a dog can not safely dismount an obstacle if his last contact with the obstacle is above the contact zone and his next contact is on the ground, whether or not his hind feet then fall back on the contact zone. The dog will still have jumped from an unsafe height and taken the full weight of his dismount on his front feet and shoulders from that height, and that is what the "safety" zones are intended to prevent.

How people may wish to train their dogs should not drive the content of the rules. Instead, the rules must promote safe behavior by establishing safe limitations. Hopefully, training methods may follow accordingly.

2011:42 HISTORY COMMITTEE - Resume

Motion by Gray

I move to approve Kristin McNamara for membership in the History Committee.

Approve: Ford, Gray, Dexter, Gann, Bates, McClintock Hellmeister and Clayton.

Abstain: Vest. *Motion is approved.*

98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE - Judge Requirement and Procedure changes

Motion by Dexter.

Motion by Gail, Second by Rhonda.

I move to approve the modification of the Requirements and Procedures for becoming an ASCA Approved Other Person Conformation Judge, in order to remove the Provisional and Senior levels, and to bring the procedures in line with the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations and the National Specialty Hosting Rules, which prohibit any judges other than ASCA Breeder and Senior Breeder Judges from judging at the National Specialty. These changes are to replace the section of the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations on pages 32 - 37, and pages 1 - 5 of the "OP Judges Packet" located at <http://www.asca.org/Portals/0/opjudgepack.pdf>.

The current requirements and procedures as follows:

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING AN ASCA® APPROVED OTHER PERSON CONFORMATION JUDGE

Within the ASCA® Approved Other Person Conformation Judge Program, there are four (4) levels of expertise, which are as follows:

NON-REGULAR Allowed to judge only Non-Regular classes at ASCA® sanctioned conformation shows. May not judge at a National Specialty.

PROVISIONAL Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular classes at ASCA® sanctioned conformation shows. May not judge at a National Specialty.

APPROVED Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular classes at ASCA® sanctioned conformation shows. Allowed to judge only Non-Regular classes at a National Specialty.

SENIOR Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular classes at ASCA® sanctioned conformation shows. Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular classes at a National Specialty.

Judging at an ASCA® Sanctioned Conformation show is an honor and a privilege, not a right. Judge applicants must satisfy ASCA®'s stated minimum eligibility requirements for judges, but satisfying the minimum requirements does not entitle an applicant to become or remain an ASCA® judge. In addition to satisfying other stated qualifications to serve, an applicant must consistently display the highest level of ethical conduct, impartial demeanor, professional comportment and dedication to upholding ASCA®'s codes, rules, decisions and the Statement of Purpose in ASCA®'s Bylaws. Any documented failure to perform on this level may result in denial or revocation of judging privileges by the ASCA® Board of Directors without regard to any other qualification or prior service. At all levels of the ASCA® Other Person Conformation Judge program it is the responsibility of the applicant to maintain their records and to submit applications for increased levels of approval at the appropriate time. The requirements stated are minimum requirements only and may be exceeded by the applicant if so desired.

NON-REGULAR OTHER PERSON CONFORMATION JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age.

B. Must have bred five (5) Champions of Record or be a breeder of three (3) and handled two (2) Champions of Record to their title. (The applicant must have placed all points and majors on each Champion.)

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

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

E. Must have evidence of a strong background and involvement in pure breeds, such as membership and participation in Breed clubs, and putting on Breed events such as serving as Show Secretary, Steward, Scorekeeper, Timekeeping, etc.

F. Must have served as a steward in the conformation ring at three (3) or more Breed club events. Must have served as a Show Secretary at three (3) or more Breed club events.

G. 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.
PROCEDURE**

Steps in applying for Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge:

- A. Obtain an application and Affiliate sponsorship form from the ASCA® Business Office.
- B. Both the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form must be completed and returned to the ASCA® Business Office by the sponsoring Affiliate Club.
- C. Upon receipt of the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form, the ASCA® Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.
- D. When the Office determines the minimum requirements have been met they will send the applicant a judges test. This test must be completed and returned to the ASCA® Business Office within two (2) months. A score of 100% is required to pass.
- E. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times for comments from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA® Business Office will forward the application, sponsorship form, judges' test results and comments from the membership to the ASCA® Board of Directors. The ASCA® Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.
- F. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA® Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the non-regular level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA® Board of Directors.
- G. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA® Business Office of appointment to Non-Regular Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA® Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge. The applicant may now accept non-regular level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA® Approved Judges List as an Other Person Conformation Judge with the notation of "NR" beside their name.

PROVISIONAL OTHER PERSON CONFORMATION JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Provisional Other Person Conformation Judge Status, the following requirements must be met:

- A. Must be an ASCA® Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge.
- B. Must have judged non-regular classes at three (3) or more ASCA® Sanctioned Conformation events (not handling classes) until a minimum of thirty (30) entries is accrued. At least one of these events must include an entry of ten (10) or more.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Provisional Other Person Conformation Judge:

- A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA® Business Office:
 - i. A minimum of three (3) non-regular judging assignments that meet the previously stated requirements.
 - ii. Documentation must include the Name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.
 - iii. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge.
- B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA® Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.
- C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA® Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA® Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.
- D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA® Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include

suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the provisional level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA® Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA® Business Office of appointment to Provisional Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA® Provisional Other Person Conformation Judge. The applicant may now accept provisional level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as an Other Person Conformation Judge with the notation of "P" beside their name.

APPROVED OTHER PERSON CONFORMATION JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Approved Other Person Conformation Judge Status, the following requirements must be met

A. Must be an ASCA® Provisional Other Person Conformation Judge.

B. Must have completed ten (10) judging assignments with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries each at ASCA® Sanctioned Conformation shows.

C. Judging assignments must be completed in regular classes as published in the ASCA® Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Approved Other Person Conformation Judge:

A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA® Business Office:

i. A minimum of ten (10) regular class judging assignments that meet the previously stated requirements.

ii. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.

iii. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Provisional Other Person Conformation Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA® Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA® Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA® Board of Directors. The ASCA® Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA® Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the approved level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA® Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA® Business Office of appointment to Approved Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA® Approved Other Person Conformation Judge. The applicant may now accept approved level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA® Approved Judges List as an Other Person Conformation Judge with the notation of "A" beside their name.

SENIOR OTHER PERSON CONFORMATION JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Senior Other Person Conformation Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Must be an ASCA® Approved Other Person Conformation Judge.

B. Must have completed ten (10) judging assignments with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries each at ASCA® Sanctioned Conformation shows as an ASCA® Approved Other Person Conformation Judge.

C. Five (5) qualifying judging assignments must be worked outside of the state/area the applicant resides in. These five (5) qualifying assignments will come from assignments worked as an ASCA® Provisional Other Person

Conformation Judge or as an ASCA® Approved Other Person Conformation Judge only.

D. Judging assignments must be completed in regular classes as published in the ASCA® Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Senior Other Person Conformation Judge:

A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA® Business Office:

i. A minimum of ten (10) regular class judging assignments that meet the previously stated requirements.

ii. A minimum of five (5) regular judging assignments worked outside of the state/area the applicant lives in that meet the previous stated requirement

iii. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.

iv. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as an Approved Other Person Conformation Judge

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA® Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA® Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA® Board of Directors. The ASCA® Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA® Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the senior level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA® Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA® Business Office of appointment to Senior Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA® Senior Other Person Conformation Judge. The applicant may now accept senior level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA® Approved Judges List as an Other Person Conformation Judge with the notation of "S" beside their name

To Read:

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NON-REGULAR OTHER PERSON CONFORMATION JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

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- C. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA® Australian Shepherd Breed Standard.
- D. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA® Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.
- E. Must have evidence of a strong background and involvement in pure breeds, such as membership and participation in Breed clubs, and putting on Breed events such as serving as Show Secretary, Steward, Scorekeeper, Timekeeping, etc.
- F. Must have served as a steward in the conformation ring at **five (5) *this increase to 5 makes it the same as for our breeder judges*** or more Breed club events. Must have served as a Show Secretary at three (3) or more Breed club events.
- G. Must be willing to abide by the ASCA® Conformation Judges Code of Ethics.

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- D. When the Office determines the minimum requirements have been met they will send the applicant a judges test. This test must be completed and returned to the ASCA® Business Office within two (2) months. A score of 100% is required to pass.
- E. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times for comments from the membership. The membership will have **forty-five (45) *changing to 45 days brings it in line with the current policy*** days to respond. The ASCA® Business Office will forward the application, sponsorship form, judges' test results and comments from the membership to the ASCA® Board of Directors. The ASCA® Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.
- F. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA® Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the non-regular level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA® Board of Directors.
- G. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA® Business Office of appointment to Non-Regular Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA® Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge. The applicant may now accept non-regular level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA® Approved Judges List as an Other Person Conformation Judge with the notation of **"NOP"** beside their name.

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- ii. Documentation must include the Name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.
- iii. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA® Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements; the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have **forty-five (45)** days to respond. The ASCA® Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA® Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA® Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the provisional level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA® Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA® Business Office of appointment to Approved Other Person Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA® Other Person Conformation Judge. The applicant may now accept regular judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as an Other Person Conformation Judge with the notation of "OP" beside their name.

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

2004:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Approved Judges List

Motion: Gann Second: Ford

I move that the approved judges list that is maintained by the ASCA business be put on the ASCA website behind the membership only wall.

Comment: This motion will relieve many request that the business office fields on a daily basis. The business office will continue to maintain the list and forward the updated list to the webmaster as new judges are approved or status has changed.

Approve: Gray, Ford, Dexter, Gann, Bates, McClintock, Vest and Clayton.

Disapprove: Hellmeister. *Motion Approved*

Letter of dissent below.

Hellmeister: I see privacy issues if the list is published in its current way, even if it is behind the member login.

Motion is approved.

2004:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Rulebook Update/Publication Motion

Motion by Vest Second by Clayton

I move to change the rule updates and printing schedule of all ASCA program rule books to once yearly with the publication date of June 1. The Emergency Voting procedure detailed in the Policy Book, Section 8.13 will be used for critical program updates that require a mid-year rule book update and printing. Emergency voting procedures are not to be employed frivolously. Only those issues with imminent deadlines or concerning critical ASCA functions shall be eligible for an emergency vote.

Current Bylaws - ARTICLE XIII

ADOPTION OF ALL SHOW, TRIAL, TESTING PROGRAMS AND/OR REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CLUB

The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, cancel or supplement all show, trial, testing programs or other rules/and or regulations for the operation of the Club. All such rules shall be in writing. Rules and

regulations as adopted by the Board shall become effective no sooner than thirty days after publication in the Club Newsletter; or in the event an emergency situation exists that would be detrimental to ASCA and/or its programs the effective date will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Only those program rules that are contained in the latest version of each rule book shall be enforceable.

As a minimum, program rule books shall be updated and reprinted January 1 and June 1 of each calendar year.

To Read:

Change to Bylaws - ARTICLE XIII

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AND/OR REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CLUB

The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, cancel or supplement all show, trial, testing programs or other rules/and or regulations for the operation of the Club. All such rules shall be in writing. In the event of an emergency situation that would be detrimental to ASCA and/or its programs the effective date will be determined by the Board of Directors and program rule book(s) will be updated accordingly.

Only those program rules that are contained in the latest version of each rule book shall be enforceable.

Program rule books shall be updated and reprinted June 1 of each calendar year.

Current Policy Book 15.4.3

Update Schedule As a minimum, program rulebooks shall be updated and reprinted January 1 and June 1 of each calendar year. This policy shall cancel any previous policy, memo or Board of Directors decision that regulates effective dates.

To Read:

Change to Policy Book 15.4.3

Update Schedule As a minimum, program rule books shall be updated and reprinted June 1 of each calendar year.

This policy shall cancel any previous policy, memo or Board of Directors decision that regulates effective dates.

Impact of motion – A change to the update and print schedule of program rulebook effects ASCA Bylaws, Policy Book, and all program rulebooks. Changes to the Bylaws are allowed per **ARTICLE XXI – AMENDMENTS** of the Bylaws. The change to the Policy Book and Bylaws will be managed by the ASCA Board. Changes to the program rule books will be managed by each Program Committee responsible for that venue.

Comment on motion – To better serve the membership by simplifying program rule changes/updates to once yearly. This change will allow the program committees to have a static date when rule changes/updates must be submitted in order to meet the June 1 update/publication schedule. Rule changes/updates must be submitted to the ASCA Board for vote in the Jan voting cycle in order to insure inclusion into the June 1 rulebook update. Cost savings realized by changing to once yearly update and publication are approximately \$687.00.

Effective date – Feb 01, 2012

Approve: Gray, Ford, Dexter, McClintock, Hellmeister, Vest and Clayton Abstain: Gann.

Non-Voting: Bates. *Motion is approved.*

96:17 JR. SHOWMANSHIP - Revisions of the Junior Patterns, Judging Guidelines and Illustrations

Motion: Gann

Due to space consideration in the Aussie Times, if you wish to see all the patterns presented in pdf form, please request from Rick Gann ASCA Secretary at rgann@tx.rr.com and it will be sent to you.

Approve: Dexter and Vest. Disapprove: Gray, Ford, Bates, McClintock, Hellmeister and Clayton.

Abstain: Gann. *Motion is disapproved.*

98:11 OBEDIENCE RULES - Section 11 - Announcement of Scores

Motion by Bates.

CURRENT SECTION 11 LANGUAGE:

SECTION 11: Announcement of Scores

The judge shall not disclose any score or partial score to contestants or spectators until he has completed the judging of the entire class or, in the case of a split class, until he has completed the judging of his division; nor shall he permit anyone else to do so. Immediately following

the Group Exercises for the Novice and Open classes, the judge shall then inform all handlers whether or not they

qualified. In Utility, the Judge shall inform the handler immediately following the Directed Jumping Exercise whether or not the dog has qualified. After all the scores are recorded for the class, or for the division in the case of a split class, the judge shall call for the available dogs that have won Qualifying scores to be brought into the ring. Before awarding the prizes, the judge shall inform the spectators as to the maximum number of points for a perfect score, and shall then announce the score of each prize winner, and announce to the handler the score of each dog that has won a Qualifying score.

PROPOSED SECTION 11 LANGUAGE:

SECTION 11: Announcement of Scores

The judge shall not disclose any score or partial score to contestants or spectators until he has completed the judging of the entire class or, in the case of a split class, until he has completed the judging of his division; nor shall he permit anyone else to do so. Immediately following the final exercise for any class, the judge shall inform all handlers whether or not they qualified. After all the scores are recorded for the class, or for the division in the case of a split class, the judge shall call for the available dogs that have earned Qualifying scores to be brought into the ring. Before awarding the prizes, the judge shall inform the spectators as to the maximum number of points for a perfect score, and shall then announce the score of each prize winner, and announce to the handler the score of each dog that has earned a Qualifying score.

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

2011:40 Show-Me State ASC Bylaws

Motion Gray, Second Gann

I move to approve the Show-Me State Australian Shepherd Club Bylaws.

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

