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.

Board of Director’s Teleconference
Monday January 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, CST, by President, Russ Ford.
Directors present were: Peter Hellmeister, David Clayton, Rick Gann, Greg McClintock, Ronnie Bates, Rachael Vest, Tenley Dexter, Linda Gray and Russ Ford.
Motion by Vest, second by McClintock. I move to ratify all previous email motions for the
month of December. Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.
The Spring Board Meeting is set for April 12 thru 14, 2012. Peter Hellmeister has indicated that
he will not be able to attend.
2001:03 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OFFICE - Motion by Hellmeister, seconded by Dexter. I
move to continue with the recommendation of the Committee, to interview the selected
candidates. Approve: Hellmeister, Clayton, Bates, Vest, Dexter and Gray. Disapprove:
McClintock. Abstain: Gann and Ford. Motion is approved.
Director Greg McClintock left the Conference Call and was absent for the remainder of the call.
The Board will check with our attorney regarding the printing of the Breed Standard with ballots
as a section by section or as a whole for a vote from the membership.
Director Ronnie Bates gave a report on Committee Makeup.
The Board gave their approval for the Host Club of the 2012 ASCA National Specialty to
publish the Schedule of Events and Preshow Information on their website, and Facebook.
With regard to ASCA Trademark progress, our Patent and Trademark attorney advised the
Board there was neither change nor issues with the material. ASCA will hear no more until
March of 2012.
Agnitek Proposal Upgrade - Backup for 8 years and Prime for 5 years. Quote for the update is
Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars, ($14,255.00), Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for programming.
Additional quotes are being requested.
The next Conference Call for ASCA Directors will be February 13, 2012, at 8 PM, CST.
Motion by Hellmeister, seconded by Dexter to adjourn at 9:07 PM, CST. Approve:
Unanimous. Absent: McClintock. Motion was approved.
Respectfully submitted,

Jo Kimes,
ASCA Executive Secretary

2011:39 RALLY - Motion 11-38 - CH. 7
Motion by Vest
I move that we change Chapter 7: Rally Excellent Masters Title
Existing: 1. ASCA will issue a Rally Excellent Masters certificate to a dog with an ASCA registration or a tracking
number, and will permit the use of REM after its name when it
received ten (10) double Qualifying scores in both Excellent B and Masters B at the same Trial.  

**Change To:** 1. ASCA will issue a Rally Excellent Masters certificate to any dog, with an ASCA registration, LEP, or tracking number, and will permit the use of REM after its name when it has received five (5) double qualifying scores in each class of Excellent B and Masters B in the same trial. Double qualifying scores must be earned under at least three (3) different judges.

Reason: While lowering the requirements for REMX (currently motion 11-37), it was noted that the X title could easily be earned as many as five trials before the regular title. This is not in keeping to program flow. Reducing the requirement to five to mirror the REMX number of double qualifiers, will keep the program in line with itself.

**Effective date:** June 1st, 2012

7 For: Pat, Rebecca, Cheri, Sandy, Karen, Donna and Heather
6 Opposed: Cheryl, Ginni, Barbara, Kathi, Jody and Lori
1 non Voting: Bev Motion passes 7-6


**2004:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - New Judge Jan Wesen**

*Motion by Ford*

I move to approve Jan Wesen as a new Agility Apprentice judge.

Comment: All 13 members of the committee have approved Jan’s application to become an Apprentice judge. Her name was posted in the AT and no comments were received.

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

**2011:32 FAITHWALK'S SHOUT AT THE DEVIL - Reinstatement**

*Motion by Ford, Second by Hellmeister.*

Motion: I move to reinstate the dog Faithwalk’s Shout at the Devil reason: The owner has followed a program she laid out for me in 2011 and has completed all areas. While we are working on a reinstatement process this dog should be allowed to compete again.


**97:14 DNA COMMITTEE - Registry Rules Ch. 2, Sec. 2.2.1**

*Motion by Gray*

I move to remove the Monthly Random DNA sampling.

Registry Rules Chapter 2, Section 2.2.1 as it reads now:

2.2.1 Monthly Random DNA Sampling

Once a month the ASCA Registrar will choose by lottery a date on which a litter will be randomly selected for sampling. On that day, the first litter registration received by the Office will be DNA sampled. The registration of the selected litter will be held until the DNA samples of the sire, dam and one pup from the litter are submitted by the owner(s) and parentage is confirmed by ASCA’s approved lab. The costs for the kits and tests (at most three) will be paid for by ASCA. Detailed description of the lottery procedure is available on request from the ASCA Business Office along with the complete procedures for the monthly sampling.

Reason for this motion: money saving measure in light of mandatory DNA. This is no longer needed.

If approved the following sections have to be renumbered:

2.2.1 Monthly DNA Sampling - removed
2.2.2 Alternate Use of Stored DNA Sample 6 - will be 2.2.1
2.2.3 Determination of Deceased Parent 6 - will be 2.2.2
2.2.4 ASCA DNA Artificial Fertilization/Propagation Rule 6 - will be 2.2.3
2.2.5 Blood Card Sample Collection Instructions 7 - will be 2.2.4
2.2.6 ASCA DNA Corrective Measures Rule - will be 2.2.5
Effective Date: immediately.
Approved: Ann, Marilyn, Laura, Trish, Sandra, Carol, Mary, and Tanya.
Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

96:17 JR. SHOWMANSHIP COMMITTEE - Motion #3: Section V

*Motion: Gann*
I move to approve that the ASCA business office will send confirmation letters to each of the Nationals Junior Handling Finals qualifiers.
Motion to be added to Jr rule book, Section V A #4, to be read as:
4. Using USPS First Class mail, the Business Office will notify all eligible competitors who have qualified for Finals. The letter will be postmarked no later than July 1st of the Finals year. If a competitor believes he/she is Finals eligible and has not received a notifying letter by July 8th of the Finals year, he/she shall notify the Business Office concerning this potential problem.
All eligible contestants must verify that they will be competing at the Junior Handling Finals by filling out an official entry form to the Business Office. The verification must be clearly postmarked by July 15th of the Junior Handling Finals year. The Business Office will forward these forms to the Host Club by the close of the entries.
Comments: Currently Jr's get no notification from the office that they have made the finals for the current nationals. This becomes problematic for the entry clerk when the jr's enter. Just as any other finals, jr's must meet a certain qualification and should receive a letter stating they qualified and entry information from the ASCA Business office.

Effective Date: for 2012 Finals
YES: Kalla, Susan, Regi, Debbie, Stephanie, Heidi
NO: Cindy
NON-VOTING: Bryn
ABSTAIN: NONE
*Motion is approved.*

96:17 JR. SHOWMANSHIP - New Jr. Committee Member

*Motion by Gann*
I move to approve Mathew Roth as a new member to the Junior committee.
Comment: The committee is not full and the committee chair would like to have Mathew added. Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

94:01 STOCK DOG COMMITTEE - Chapter 7 Judges

*Motion: Bates*
I move to accept the following SDC Motion.
Currently Reads:
**SECTION 1 - JUDGE’S DUTIES**
7.1.1 Authorization – The ASCA Approved Stockdog Judge is authorized in his capacity as the ASCA representative to pass judgment on contestants in the trial and to act as an official Inspector/Judge for the ranch dog applying for certification. This authorization is granted by ASCA and can be revoked at any time by Board of Directors.
7.1.2 The Stockdog Committee is the advisory body of the Board of Directors and is empowered to review and pass on the qualifications of all applicants wishing to be appointed a Stockdog Judge, to investigate all complaints and review competence and compliance with all ASCA’s rules and procedures relating to Stockdog Judges.
   a. Fraternization – Judges should avoid improper fraternization with the contestants and spectators during a trial.
   b. Conduct – All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the following Code of Ethics:
   c. Judging is a privilege, not a right. The Stockdog Judge’s conduct must always be impartial, dignified, and respectful of the welfare of the dog, stock, and the handler. A Judge’s actions and professional comportment must be
above reproach.

d. Judges shall be professional in demeanor and shall refrain from making coaching comments to the handler during the contestants run.

e. The safety of the stock, dog, and handler shall be the Judge’s foremost concern in reviewing the trial conditions and in judging a working trial.

f. Judges shall score a trial based solely on the dog and handler’s performance as a team as described in the ASCA Stockdog Rules and Regulations, and in no case shall be based (nor any consideration be given) on the identity or reputation of the handler, owner, the breeder, or the dog’s lineage.

g. Judges shall remember that trials are staffed largely or entirely with unpaid volunteers, and shall treat stock handlers, timers, helpers, exhibitors, and spectators with due courtesy and consideration.

h. Any Judge found abusing the privileges of judging for ASCA or violating this Code of Ethics may have his/her judging privileges revoked or suspended by ASCA.

7.1.3 Seminars – All ASCA approved Stockdog Judges are encouraged to attend Judge’s seminars. A set of general seminar minutes must be turned in to the Business Office by the Stockdog Committee representative within 15 days of the seminar, listing those in attendance and points of discussion, decisions or suggestions.

7.1.4 Membership – Judges are encouraged to become ASCA members.

7.1.5 All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be required to take an open book test administered by the Stockdog Committee every two years. All questions must be answered correctly. The test may be retaken until all questions are answered correctly. If the test is not passed and returned by April 30th of that year, judging privileges and responsibilities will be suspended until the test is returned and passed. Judges test will be sent out January 1st (every two years) along with an updated rule book and must be received back by April 30th of that year.

SECTION 2 – PROTESTS

Any person wishing to lodge a protest or complaint against a Judge shall do so in accordance with the ASCA Dispute Rules.

SECTION 3 – DISCIPLINE

A Judge may be temporarily denied judging privileges for a period of 60 days by the Stockdog Committee while it investigates any allegation of a serious infraction or violations of the Judges Code of Ethics or ASCA’s Rules and Procedures. Any Judge may be suspended from judging assignments by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Stockdog Committee, provided the Stockdog Committee has proposed a course of remediation to resolve the rule infraction. If a formal complaint is filed against a Judge concerning a trial, it shall be investigated by the Stockdog Committee and, if the complaint is found to be valid, the Judge may be suspended or have his/her judging privileges revoked. (See ASCA Dispute Rules 1.1.2. Complaints Against Judges.)

To Read:

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### Stockdog Judge Disciplinary Response and Reinstatement Guidelines

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June 2012 Revision
** ASCA Board of Directors handing down disciplinary action should document specific terms of suspension with regard to time and conditions of reinstatement. Future ASCA Board of Directors shall honor the terms unless further infractions occur and terms should be extended or increased. Approve: Bates. Disapprove: Gray, McClintock, Ford, Dexter, Clayton, Hellmeister and Vest. Abstain: Gann. Motion is disapproved.

96:17 JR. SHOWMANSHIP - Sec. V, Letter Vote Results

Motion by Gann

I move to approve the following motion effective for the 2012 ASCA Junior Handling Finals:

Replacing SECTION V, letter B: AWARDS FOR THE NATIONAL JR. HANDLING FINALS with:

B. AWARDS FOR THE NATIONAL JR. HANDLING FINALS

1. All placements {1st through 4th} will receive a rosette and the first place winners will receive a prize. The Best Junior Handler will receive a larger rosette and a prize, and their name and year they have won will be engraved on the National Finals Handling Plaque. The Reserve Junior Handler will also receive a larger rosette and a prize. (Effective: 6-1-2009).

2. All finalists will receive a rosette labeled “Junior Handling Finalist” with the Junior’s name & dog’s ASCA Registered Name and ASCA titles printed on the side streamer. All rosettes will have the date and location of the Junior Handling Finals. Juniors need not be present to be awarded their finalist ribbon.

Currently reads:

B. AWARDS FOR THE NATIONAL JR. HANDLING FINALS

All placements {1st through 4th} will receive a rosette and the first place winners will receive a prize. The Best Junior Handler will receive a larger rosette and a prize, and their name and year they have won will be engraved on the National Finals Handling Plaque. The Reserve Junior Handler will also receive a larger rosette and a prize. (Effective: 6-1-2009).

Comments: There have been issues in the past with finalists getting their ribbons if they haven't competed, although they have worked all year and paid their dues. Changing the wording from “Participant” to “Finalist” will aid in the Junior receipt of their ribbons whether they have competed in the Finals or not.

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

2004:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Motion 20-2011 Gamble Timing, Sec. 6.2

Motion by Hellmeister

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Agility committee:

Section 6.2 currently reads:

Section 6.2 - Scoring and Qualification Requirements

The class will be placed by total points accumulated (i.e. the dog earning the most total points will win the class regardless of if the run is a qualifying score). For a run to meet the requirements for a qualifying score the dog must: (A) during the initial point accumulation time earn at least the minimum number of points as required from Table I and then (B) earn at least 20 points during the gamble time allowed.

Table I - number of points needed during the point accumulation period. (NOVICE - 15 OPEN - 18 ELITE - 21)

At the end of the first thirty (30) second point accumulation period, a whistle or horn will sound, indicating that the gamble time has begun. At this time the handler must maneuver their dog into the gamble area to prepare to perform the gamble. The gamble will begin when the dog performs the first obstacle of the gamble correctly. The dog must
then perform the gamble obstacles in the exact order as described by the judge’s course design.

Amend to read:

Section 6.2 - Scoring and Qualification Requirements
The class IS placed by total points accumulated (i.e. the dog earning the most total points will win the class WHETHER the run is qualifying OR NOT). To meet the QUALIFYING requirements the dog must: (A) during the point accumulation time earn at least the minimum number of points from Table I and then (B) earn at least 20 points during the gamble time.

Table I - Minimum QUALIFYING during the point accumulation period. (NOVICE - 15 OPEN - 18 ELITE - 21) AT THE END OF THE point accumulation period, a whistle or horn will sound, indicating that the gamble time has begun. The handler must maneuver their dog into the gamble area to perform the gamble. The gamble begins when the dog CORRECTLY performs the first GAMBLE obstacle. The dog must perform the gamble obstacles in the exact order described IN the judge's course design. IF the signal (horn, buzzer, or whistle) indicating the gamble time has ended SOUNDS before the dog COMPLETES the LAST gamble OBSTACLE, the gamble is not completed. THE Judge shall award points TO the last COMPLETED obstacle.

For example, if a horn SOUNDS as dog is over a #8 jump, Judge shall award 2-4-6. Signal must not SOUND for dog to be awarded the obstacle. And add to Section 6.3.2 Obstacle Requirements:

6.3.3 Finish Lines
Judge must set the finish line as close to or on the plane of the last obstacle including any bonus obstacle(s) of the gamble. Approve: McClintock, Ford, Bates, Gray, Hellmeister and Gann. Disapprove: Clayton, Dexter and *Vest. Motion Approved. Vest Letter of Dissent: Committee vote too small to be considered a majority with two no votes and five non-voting.

2010:16 AGILITY LICENSEE PROGRAM - Tail Waggn Agility Club
Disapprove: Vest. Abstain: Gann.
*Letter of Dissent by Vest - Need clarification - If the Clubs wish to affiliate with ASCA, the granting of Agility Licenses may not be appropriate. Request is approved.

2010:16 AGILITY LICENSEE PROGRAM - Manzanita Agility Club
Abstain: Gann. *Vest Letter of Dissent - Need clarification - If the Clubs wish to affiliate with ASCA, the granting of Agility Licenses may not be appropriate. Request has been approved.

2004:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Motion 23-2011 Finals Sec. 11.6.1
Motion by Hellmeister.
I move to change section 11.6.1 which reads:
11.6.1 General Information
All of the monies received from the finals entries minus the expenses to the host club(s) for hosting the Agility finals and all monies donated will be used for prizes for the Agility Finals only. Any unused monies will revert to the Agility Finals Fund. The Host Club is responsible for procuring rosettes and awards for the Agility Finals. Presentation of the overall awards for each division shall be done in a manner to showcase the event. The individual round placements may be awarded at a time and location deemed appropriate by the host club (for instance, following each round.)
to read:
11.6.1 General Information
All the funds received from finals entries minus the host(s) club expenses for hosting the Agility finals and all funds donated will be used for prizes for the Agility Finals. The Host Club is responsible for procuring rosettes and awards for the Agility Finals. Presentation of the overall awards for each division shall be done in a manner to showcase the event. The individual round placements may be awarded at a time and location deemed appropriate by
the host club (for instance, following each round.)

**Reason/Rationale:** Use of the word "monies" is cumbersome. There is no Agility Finals Fund. Revenue from the Agility Finals is not carried forward but rather used to cover expenses incurred by the host club for all Finals.


*Motion is disapproved.*

### 2008:11 DOG BITE/AGRESSION POLICY - Dog Bite Reinstatement Process

*Motion Gann Second Ford*

I move to approve the below Dog Bite Reinstatement Process.

**Dog Bite Reinstatement Process**

1. 9 months documented Obedience training with an ASCA approved Obedience instructor/class. Positive documentation from Obedience instructor required. Request should be sent to ASCA's 2nd Vice-President.
2. Dog must be evaluated by an ASCA approved Certified Canine Behaviorist (CCB) and given a documented positive evaluation. Request should be sent to ASCA's 2nd Vice-President.
3. Dog must be evaluated by (3) ASCA Breeder Judges with (1) being at the discretion of the ASCA Board of Directors. Director's choice must be within owner/dogs local region or within a reasonable travel distance. All evaluations should be sent to ASCA's 2nd Vice-President.
4. Owner of dog will request in writing to have the DQ'd dog reinstated by the ASCA Board of Directors. Request must be sent through the ASCA Executive Secretary.
5. Reinstatement request may be no sooner than (1) year from the official ASCA Board of Directors notification that the dog has been officially DQ'd from all ASCA programs.
6. At the completion of (1) year and all the above training completed with positive documentation, the DQ’d dog shall be immediately reinstated by the ASCA Board of Directors during the next voting cycle.

**Comments:**

ASCA 2nd Vice-President will be responsible for approving the following steps.

1. Approving Obedience instructor/class and receiving the positive documentation from the Obedience instructor. (Approved Obedience class should be a group class, not a private instructor)
2. Approving Certified Canine Behaviorist (CCB) and receiving the positive evaluation from the Certified Canine Behaviorist (CCB),
3. Selecting the ASCA Breeder Judge who will be responsible for the 3rd and final hands on evaluation. (Director should try to select a judge that will be in the owner/dogs next local ASCA show or within a reasonable travel distance).
4. Officially communicating with the dog’s owner that all the above steps have been approved and the next step is to request in writing to the ASCA Executive Secretary to be officially reinstated by the ASCA Board of Directors.


*Motion is disapproved*