June 2017
Executive Secretary’s Report

Judge Approvals

Senior Rally Judge
Kathryn Meyer (North Carolina)
Gudrun Dytrych (Germany)
Guenter Geisel (Germany)
Sandy Walroth (Texas)
Karen Black (Texas)
Corinne Shanks (Oklahoma)
Anne Shope (New Mexico)
Pat Pierce (Georgia)
Heidi Iverson (Oregon)
Melanie Magamoll (Florida)
Thomas Savarese (North Carolina)
Lynn Sidwell (Texas)
Shannon Jones (North Carolina)
Joan Skinner (Colorado)

Regular Rally Judge
Leah Swatko (Ontario)
Laurie Rubin (California)
Michael Greenhagen (Colorado)

Provisional Stockdog Judge
Jamie Burns (Texas)

Committee Appointments
Myrjam Langen was added to region 7 of the Conformation Committee.
Svenja Hagedorn was added to the European Advisory Committee to represent ASVA.

Reinstatement
Jubilee’s Four Alarm Fire E149909 was reinstated.

Committee Recommendations

Dock Jumping

DJ.17.04 Dock Jumping Judge Application
Approve: DeChan
t, Gibson, Gray, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen
Oppose: King, Roberts
Abstain: 0
Motion carries.

*Comment from King: The effective date on this motion is incorrect. Policy book 15.4 ASCA Rule Books All changes to ASCA Competitive program rulebooks will become effective on June 1 for the following competitive show/trial year. The only exception to this protocol will be for rules needed to address true emergencies or safety-related situations which cannot wait till June 1 to be implemented. The Board may assign an effective date to administrative rule changes not affecting how the program is to function (such as a sanctioning change).

*Comment from Roberts: We have not approved the rules for this program. We have no rules regarding judge applicants, so how can we have a form? Also, the effective date on these cannot be July 1st as this is a titling program.

Motion by Vest
I move to approve the attached Dock Jumping Judge Application, as recommended by the Dock Jumping Committee.

*Please see the back of this report for the attached Dock Jumping Judge Application.
Effective Date: July 1, 2017

Motion by Heidi Mobley
Second by Emily Glass
I approve Dock Jumping Judge Application.

Results of the committee vote:
Approve: Unanimous

DJ.17.05 Judge's Book for Launch Class
Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen
Oppose: King, Roberts
Abstain: 0
Non-Voting: 0
Motion carries.

Comment from King: The effective date on this motion is incorrect. Policy book 15.4 ASCA Rule Books All changes to ASCA Competitive program rulebooks will become effective on June 1 for the following competitive show/trial year.... The only exception to this protocol will be for rules needed to address true emergencies or safety-related situations which cannot wait till June 1 to be implemented. The Board may assign an effective date to administrative rule changes not affecting how the program is to function (such as a sanctioning change).

Comment from Roberts: We have not approved the rules for this program. Also, the effective date on these cannot be July 1st as this is a titling program.

Motion by Vest
I move to approve the attached Dock Jumping Judge's Book for the Launch Class, as recommended by the Dock Jumping Committee.

*Please see the back of this report for the attached Dock Jumping Judge’s Book for the Launch Class.

Effective Date: July 1, 2017

Motion by Heidi Mobley
Second by Jen Bunker
I approve Dock Jumping Launch Judge Book.

Results of the committee vote:
Approve: Unanimous

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Present: President Laura Gibson, 1st Vice President Ann DeChant, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Cindy King, Director Linda Gray, Director Preston Kissman, Director Jean Roberts, Counsel Chuck Carnese, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco
Absent: 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Director Ken Silveira
There is a quorum with 7 voting members of the Board present.

➢ Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm Central Time.
➢ Silveira joined the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Items in Executive Session:
There was one item that was discussed in Executive Session below. The time is marked for when ES was entered and exited. Only the notice of the person's violation and the penalties assessed are published.

May Email Business

BD.17.125 May Email Business
Motion by DeChant to ratify May email business. Second by Roberts.
Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: Vest.

Motion carries.

➢ The Board was in Executive Session from 6:06 – 6:14 pm to discuss an ASCA member suspended from AKC.

**Conflict Resolution Protocol - Consequence Guidelines**

Counsel will present suggestions regarding the consequence guidelines provided in the Conflict Resolution Protocol during the Board’s meeting in July.

**Committee Procedures**

Counsel presented suggested modifications to the Policy Book regarding the Board-Committee relationship. The following is meant to replace both 15.3.1 and 15.3.2 with a new Section 15.3.

**15.3 Program Rules**

Program rules for all ASCA programs may be adopted or amended by the Board of Directors. Any proposed changes or amendments to such program rules will be sent by the Board of Directors to the appropriate affected Committee for its review, comment and recommendations. It is ASCA’s goal to seek Committee input in the adoption or amendment of all program rules whenever possible.

Current wording:

15.3 Program Development

15.3.1 Committee Review

Any program development, including rule changes, proposed by the Board of Directors, will be forwarded to the appropriate Committee for review, comment, and recommendations.

15.3.2 Clarification of ambiguous rules

When the Board of Directors is made aware of a rule that may be poorly written or ambiguous, it shall take immediate steps to study the rule in question and to amend the rule, if necessary, so the rule states clearly the rule’s intent. Should the proposed amendment change any ASCA program, the proposed amendment must be sent to Committee for review. For the sake of expediency, the Board of Directors may be made aware of a potential problem in the rules by any ASCA member or by any reported behavior which may be perceived as improper or contrary to any established intent, but is not clearly addressed in the rule itself.

➢ Carnese left the meeting at 6:20 pm.

**May Treasurer's Report**

Wesen presented the Treasurer’s Report for period ending May 31, 2017. Ending balance is $166,123.19.

**BD.17.126 May Treasurer’s Report**

Motion by DeChant to approve the May Treasurer’s report. Second by Roberts.

Approve: 7; Oppose: 0; Abstain: Wesen; Absent: Vest.

Motion carries.

**Introduction to Stock**

Member feedback was discussed and Directors shared their opinions on the proposal.

**Election of Stockdog Committee Liaison**

As part of the reorganization of Chapter 27 in the Stockdog Rules, approved by the board in October 2015, the Stockdog Committee set selection of their Board Liaison in spring. However, ASCA’s Committee Procedures (2.5) state that Liaisons are selected 30 days following the National Specialty Board of Director’s meeting.

➢ Vest joined the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Gibson, as acting Liaison, will direct the Stockdog Committee to correct this discrepancy and bring the Stockdog Committee rules in alignment with the Committee Procedures. Once the Stockdog Committee has chosen a Liaison, the topic of removing all committee procedure redundancies from the Stockdog Rules can be revisited.
System Liaison’s Report
Vest reported on the ongoing progress of the Business Office system upgrade. The current priority issues within the new system are: Agility software uploads and Business Office event sanctioning. Long term goals are to move from the FrogSlayer storage system and from the ADMS system into the new ASCA system. We are seeking a vendor that can satisfy both the short-term priorities and the long-term goals.

Judges Education Committee
The quality of ASCA’s programs depends in large part on the quality of its judges. Judge education requirements are not uniform across ASCA’s various programs. The purpose of this ad-hoc committee will be to produce a proposal which will address the logistical aspects of a comprehensive judges’ education program. They will answer such questions as how much educational development should be required and how often should judges be required to retest. If in attendance, should judges be required to attend Nationals seminars? The content of any tests and seminars will be left to the program committees to decide. This ad-hoc committee will propose a framework for this education.

Members who are interested in joining should send their resume to the Executive Secretary (asca.execsec@gmail.com).

Investigation of New Office Building
The next step is for the Office Manager and Mike Black to contact contractors about the price per foot for a possible building to determine if the cost is going to be feasible. They will also need to verify property line and any ‘right of way’ and/or set-backs (easements), fire sprinkler requirements, and any ag exempt land and rezoning issues with the city.

Obedience Bitches in Season Survey/Educational Page
The Obedience Committee requests Board approval to post an educational page regarding bitches in season, as well as to send out a membership survey on the same topic.

BD.17.127 OBIS Educational Page
Motion by Wesen to add the Obedience Bitches in Season educational page to the ASCA Website and to include with obedience sanctioning. Second by Vest.
Approve: Unanimous
Motion carries.

BD.17.128 OBIS Trial Feedback Survey
Motion by Wesen to place a link to the Obedience Bitches in Season Google survey on the OBIS Educational Page of the ASCA Website, with feedback going to the Obedience Committee. Second by Vest.
Approve: Unanimous
Motion carries.

Nomination for European Advisory Committee
The final Affiliate nominee for the European Advisory Committee is Svenja Hagedorn from the Australian Shepherd Versatility Association in Germany. There is still one at large position available on the committee; interested members should send their resume to the Executive Secretary (asca.execsec@gmail.com).

Additional Agility Award for 2017 Nationals
The Agility and Awards Chairs for the 2017 Nationals would like to add an additional award for agility: HIT Altered Champion. There was an oversight on the premium, and it lists HIT Intact Champion. This was a mistake and the proposed solution is to add this additional award. The Awards Chair already has a sponsor lined up for the award.

BD.17.130 Additional Award for 2017 Nationals Agility
Motion by DeChant to include a HIT Altered Champion award for this year’s Nationals Agility and have it added to the Premium. Second by Wesen.
Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: Gibson; Absent: 0.
Motion carries.

ASCA-L Moderators
Roberts will continue to solicit resumes.
Board of Director Norms
The Board discussed their agreed upon norms.

➢ Gibson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.
Dock Jumping Judge Application

Applicant Information

Name: ________________________________________ Phone: ________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________ Cell: _______________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _________________ Zip/Postal Code: __________________________

Country: ___________________________ E-mail: __________________________________________________________

Are you currently an NADD, Ultimate Air Dog, United Kennel Club, or Dockdog Dock Jumping Judge? ______________

Approved Judge’s Number: ______________________ Approval Date: __________________________

Other Organization Judges: please read the agreement at the bottom and return to the ASCA Office.

Non-Other Organization Dock Jumping Judge applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

• Two ASCA Advanced Dog titles from Launch and/or Fetch-it
• Two ASCA Excellent Title from Launch and/or Fetch-it
• One ASCA Master Title from Launch and/or Fetch-it
• All titles must be achieved by the handler.

List the ASCA Dock Jumping titles you have put on dogs: (If you need more space, please attach another sheet of paper. Please include dog’s registered name, ASCA registration number, owner’s name(s), breed, and highest title for each.)

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Are you a current ASCA member? _________________ ASCA membership number: __________________________

Agreement: I understand that even though I may meet the minimum requirements to become an ASCA Dock Jumping Judge, there may be other factors or circumstances that would cause my application to be denied. I further understand that if my application is denied, I’ll receive a letter from the ASCA Business Office explaining the reason for the denial. I also understand that the decision by ASCA is final and may not be appealed. I fully understand that judging at an ASCA sanctioned Trial is an honor and a privilege, not a right and that I must uphold the Code of Ethics and conduct myself in a professional manner at all times, whether judging or exhibiting.

By signing this application, I hereby permit my name and personal information to be published on the ASCA website, under contact information, except if I check the box here. □

Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

Mail/Fax/Email completed application to:
Australian Shepherd Club of America using the contact information listed at the top of this form.
Host Club: ___________________________  Show Date: ___________________________
Show Location: _______________________  Judge: ___________________________
Trial Chairman: ______________________  Chair Phone: _______________________

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JUDGE, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN BELOW:
"I hereby attest the above listed dogs and handlers completed the above listed class, and this class was conducted, judged and scored according to the current ASCA Rules and Regulations."

Judge Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________