



AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA

6091 E State Hwy 21
Bryan, TX 77801

www.asca.org

asca.execsec@gmail.com

P: (979) 778-1082

F: (979) 778-1898

manager@asca.org

January 2018 Executive Secretary's Report

Judge Approvals

Senior Rally Judge **Ronnie Bates** (Georgia)
Provisional Breeder Judge **Brandy Esch** (Colorado)
Approved Breeder Judge **Susan Winters** (Massachusetts)
Senior Breeder Judge **Canby Scott** (Utah)
Stockdog Judge **Sandra Zilch** (Germany)

Affiliate Approvals

Casa De Canine Agility (Kansas)
President: Ann Koenig (skoenig45@aol.com)
Affiliate Rep: Karen Nenow (klnenow@flyinblues.com)

Committee Appointments

Tracking Committee, region 5: **Jacqueline Tinker**

Board of Directors Motions

BD.18.03 Change to Policy Book 8.1.2 Emergency Issue Deadline

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts
Second by Busquets

I move to delete 8.1.2 c, renumber the section and change 8.1.2 f (new 8.1.2 e) to read, Emergency issues* may be added to board meetings at any time.

Current wording:

8.1.2 Deadlines

The President or a designated Director shall issue meeting agendas using the following deadlines:

- a. Regularly scheduled face to face meeting (spring and National Specialty) – no later than thirty days prior to the meeting start date;
- b. Issues with a current nature may be added to face-to-face meetings no later than five days prior to the meeting start date;
- c. Emergency issues* may be added at face-to-face meetings at any time;
- d. Monthly teleconferences – no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting date;
- e. Issues with a current nature may be added to teleconference meetings no later than two days prior to the meeting start date;
- f. Emergency issues* may be added to teleconference meetings at any time.

*Adding emergency issues to agendas will be defined by the majority of the Board of Directors.

Proposed wording:

8.1.2 Deadlines

The President or a designated Director shall issue meeting agendas using the following deadlines:

- a. Regularly scheduled face to face meeting (spring and National Specialty) – no later than thirty days prior

to the meeting start date;

b. Issues with a current nature may be added to face-to-face meetings no later than five days prior to the meeting start date;

~~c. Emergency issues* may be added at face-to-face meetings at any time;~~

c. Monthly teleconferences – no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting date;

d. Issues with a current nature may be added to teleconference meetings no later than two days prior to the meeting start date;

e. Emergency issues* may be added to Board meetings at any time.

*Adding emergency issues to agendas will be defined by the majority of the Board of Directors.

Comments/rationale: Only one policy on emergency issues is necessary.

Who is affected: ASCA Board of Directors, Executive Secretary

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

BD.18.04 Changes to Policy Book 8.1.2 Limiting Teleconference Agenda Items

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira

Oppose: Creelman, Gibson, Vest

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Dissent from Creelman: If more issues than 10 need to be addressed at our meeting then we need to do so and not be limited.

Dissent from Gibson: Directors are elected to serve ASCA, and one of the main ways we serve is through participation in the monthly Board meetings. At times the meetings are lengthy, but that is part of the job we agreed to do. If there are more than items that need to be discussed, then the Board should be free to discuss them. Especially now that we are posting the recordings from the meetings, it is beneficial for the membership to hear the Board's discussion on issues rather than having discussions via email where they are hidden from the membership. I support transparency and open discussion of ASCA business, so I am voting against this motion.

Dissent from Vest: Cannot see how this would be of benefit since open discussion can reveal details that are sometimes missed in an email post. And since the BOD discussion is also provided to the Membership, it also helps to better inform of a BOD member's thoughts on a topic.

Motion by Roberts

Second by Gray

I move to add the following policy under 8.1.2 d Monthly Teleconferences

“Teleconference agendas will be limited to 10 items, including re-occurring items.”

Current wording:

8.1.2 Deadlines

The President or a designated Director shall issue meeting agendas using the following deadlines:

a. Regularly scheduled face-to-face meeting (spring and National Specialty) – no later than thirty days prior to the meeting start date;

b. Issues with a current nature may be added to face-to-face meetings no later than five days prior to the meeting start date;

c. Emergency issues* may be added at face-to-face meetings at any time;

d. Monthly teleconferences – no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting date;

e. Issues with a current nature may be added to teleconference meetings no later than two days prior to the meeting start date;

f. Emergency issues* may be added to teleconference meetings at any time.

*Adding emergency issues to agendas will be defined by the majority of the Board of Directors.

Proposed wording:

8.1.2 Deadlines

The President or a designated Director shall issue meeting agendas using the following deadlines:

- a. Regularly scheduled face-to-face meetings (spring, National Specialty or any other face-to-face meeting): no later than thirty days prior to the meeting start date;
- b. Issues with a current nature may be added to face-to-face meetings: no later than five days prior to the meeting start date;
- c. Emergency issues* may be added to face-to-face meetings at any time;
- d. Monthly teleconferences: no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting date. Teleconference agendas will be limited to 10 items, including re-occurring items;
- e. Issues with a current nature may be added to teleconference meetings: no later than two days prior to the meeting start date;
- f. Emergency issues* may be added to teleconference meetings at any time.

*Adding emergency issues to agendas will be defined by the majority of the Board of Directors.

Comments/rationale: Teleconference meetings should be reserved for those items that need a more in-depth discussion, so it is logical to keep the agenda items limited to 10. Routine business should be handled via email as Policy dictates.

Who is affected: ASCA Board of Directors, Executive Secretary

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

BD.18.05 Changes to Policy Book 13.1 Bonuses

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

Second by Busquets

I move to make the following changes to policy 13.1 Bonuses:

Add Executive Secretary to a

Change d to \$100

Delete e and f

Current wording:

13.1 Bonuses

The following will be the Christmas bonuses given to the staff and part-time ASCA employees each year:

- a. Office Manager- \$750.00.
- b. Full-time office employees who have been employed for more than five (5) Years-\$500.00.
- c. Full-time office employees who have been employed from one (1) to five (5) years-\$250.00.
- d. Part-time office employees-\$25.00.
- e. Part-time employees who have been employed for over five (5) years-One month's salary.
- f. Part-time employees who have been employed from one (1) to five (5) years-\$100.00.

Proposed wording:

13.1 Bonuses

The following will be the Christmas bonuses given to the staff and part-time ASCA employees each year:

- a. Executive Secretary and Office Manager- \$750.00.
- b. Full-time office employees who have been employed for more than five (5) Years-\$500.00.
- c. Full-time office employees who have been employed from one (1) to five (5) years-\$250.00.
- d. Part-time office employees-\$100.00
- ~~e. Part-time employees who have been employed for over five (5) years-One month's salary.~~
- ~~f. Part-time employees who have been employed from one (1) to five (5) years-\$100.00.~~

Comments/rationale: To clarify and amend bonus payments to be in accordance with current pay scales.

Who is affected: ASCA Employees

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

Emergency Motions

BD.18.13 Emergency Motion to approve 2018 Nationals Intact Bitch Judge

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Creelman, Gray, King, Vest

Oppose: Silveira

Abstain: Gibson

Non-Voting: Roberts

Motion carries.

Motion by King

Second by DeChant

I make a motion to approve Kym Base as the intact bitch judge at the 2018 ASCA Nationals.

Comments/rationale: This is considered an emergency motion because of the pending deadline for the premium to be published in the Aussie Times with the correct judges.

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

BD.18.14 Emergency Motion to modify Member in Good Standing Rule

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Busquets

I do move the Attorneys recommended fix.

Current wording:

14 Member in Good Standing

A person must be in good standing with ASCA and its Affiliates in order to utilize any of ASCA's programs, including the registry, obtain any of its benefits, or represent ASCA in any manner, including acting as a judge. To remain in good standing, a person must comply with all the rules and regulations of ASCA and its Affiliates and conduct himself or herself in such manner as to advance the interests of ASCA and the breed. A person is not in good standing with ASCA, and is thus not entitled to utilize its programs, obtain its benefits, or represent it in any capacity, if such person:

- a. Is currently under discipline imposed by ASCA or by any of its Affiliates;
- b. Is not in compliance with the Dishonored Funds Policy set forth in Section 19.4 below; or
- c. Is currently suspended from privileges for any reason by the American Kennel Club (USA), the Canadian Kennel Club (Canada), the United Kennel Club (USA), the Kennel Club (United Kingdom) or the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI). A person not in good standing with ASCA because of this subsection (c) may request the Board of Directors to reinstate such person to good standing and the Board's determination shall be final.

A person not in good standing with ASCA remains not in good standing until the reason therefor has been rectified or removed.

Proposed wording:

14 Member in Good Standing

A person must be in good standing with ASCA and its Affiliates in order to utilize any of ASCA's programs, including the registry, obtain any of its benefits, or represent ASCA in any manner, including acting as a judge. A person who is not in good standing may not act as a handler of a dog at any ASCA event. To remain in good standing, a person must comply with all the rules and regulations of ASCA and its Affiliates and conduct himself or herself in such manner as to advance

the interests of ASCA and the breed. A person is not in good standing with ASCA, and is thus not entitled to utilize its programs, obtain its benefits, or represent it in any capacity, if such person:

- a. Is currently under discipline imposed by ASCA or by any of its Affiliates;
- b. Is not in compliance with the Dishonored Funds Policy set forth in Section 19.4 below; or
- c. Is currently suspended from privileges for any reason by the American Kennel Club (USA), the Canadian Kennel Club (Canada), the United Kennel Club (USA), the Kennel Club (United Kingdom) or the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI). A person not in good standing with ASCA because of this subsection (c) may request the Board of Directors to reinstate such person to good standing and the Board's determination shall be final.

A person not in good standing with ASCA remains not in good standing until the reason therefor has been rectified or removed.

Effective date: March 1, 2018

Committee Recommendations

Dock Jumping

DJ.18.01 Change to Fetch It Divisions 3.3.1 Novice Level

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Creelman, Gibson, Gray, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: King, Roberts

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

I move to approve this motion from the Dock Jumping Committee.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Heidi Mobley

Second by Emily Glass

I move to approve the following change of wording in the rulebook to the Fetch it titling.

Current wording:

3.3.1 Novice Level

To earn this title a dog must jump in the same division five times at an ASCA licensed dock jumping events.

Proposed wording:

3.3.1 Novice Level

To earn this title a dog must jump in the same division five times at an ASCA licensed dock jumping events. **No points will be calculated during the Novice title achievement.**

Comments/rationale: We have had exhibitors ask if the points during the novice jumps counted towards their advanced titles. This will clear this part up.

Effective date: June 1, 2018

Results of committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

DJ.18.02 Change to Launch Divisions 3.2.1 Novice Level

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Creelman, Gibson, Gray, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: King, Roberts

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

I move to approve this motion from the Dock Jumping Committee.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Heidi Mobley

Second by Emily Glass

I move to approve the following change of wording in the rulebook to the Launch titling.

Current wording:

3.2.1 Novice Level

To earn this title a dog must jump in the same division five times at an ASCA licensed dock jumping events.

Proposed wording:

3.2.1 Novice Level

To earn this title a dog must jump in the same division five times at an ASCA licensed dock jumping events. No points will be calculated during the Novice title achievement.

Comments/rationale: We have had exhibitors ask if the points during the novice jumps counted towards their advanced titles. This will clear this part up.

Effective date: June 1, 2018

Results of committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

DJ.18.03 Change to Fetch It Divisions 3.3.3-5 Excellent, Master, & Championship Levels

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Creelman, Gibson, Gray, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: King, Roberts

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

I move to approve this motion from the Dock Jumping Committee.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Heidi Mobley

Second by Emily Glass

I move to approve the following change of wording in the rulebook to the Fetch it titling.

Current wording:

3.3.3 Excellent Level

A dog must earn an Advanced level title before it is eligible to earn points towards an Excellent title. For an Excellent title, the dog must earn 35 total points in the same division as the Advanced title.

3.3.4 Master Level

A dog must earn an Excellent level title before it is eligible to earn points towards a Master title. For a Master title, the dog must earn 60 total points in the same division as the Excellent title.

3.3.5 Championship Level

A dog must earn a Master level title before it is eligible to earn points towards a Championship title. For a Championship title, the dog must earn 75 total points in the same division as the Master title.

Proposed wording:

3.3.3 Excellent Level

A dog must earn an Advanced level title before it is eligible to earn points towards an Excellent title in the same division. For an Excellent title, the dog must earn an additional 20 points in the same division as the Advanced title. This is a total of 35 points.

3.3.4 Master Level

A dog must earn an Excellent level title before it is eligible to earn points towards a Master title in the same division. For a Master title, the dog must earn an additional 25 points in the same division as the Excellent title. This is a total of 60 points.

3.3.5 Championship Level

A dog must earn a Master level title before it is eligible to earn points towards a Championship title in the same division. For a Championship title, the dog must earn an additional 15 points in the same division as the Master title. This is a total of 75 points.

Comments/rationale: This will stop the confusion if it was additional points or if the team has to start from 0 for a new title.

Effective date: June 1, 2018

Results of committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

DJ.18.04 Change to Launch Divisions 3.2.3-5 Excellent, Master, & Championship Levels

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Creelman, Gibson, Gray, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: King, Roberts

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

I move to approve this motion from the Dock Jumping Committee.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Heidi Mobley

Second by Emily Glass

I move to approve the following change of wording in the rulebook to the Launch titling.

Current wording:

3.2.3 Excellent Level

A dog must earn an Advanced level title before it is eligible to earn points towards an Excellent title. For an Excellent title, the dog must earn 50 total points in the same division as the Advanced title.

3.2.4 Master Level

A dog must earn an Excellent level title before it is eligible to earn points towards a Master title. For a Master title, the dog must earn 75 total points in the same division as the Excellent title.

3.2.5 Championship Level

A dog must earn a Master level title before it is eligible to earn points towards a Championship title. For a Championship title, the dog must earn 100 total points in the same division as the Master title.

Proposed wording:

3.2.3 Excellent Level

A dog must earn an Advanced level title before it is eligible to earn points towards an Excellent title in the same division. For an Excellent title, the dog must earn an additional 25 points in the same division as the Advanced title. This is a total of 50 points.

3.2.4 Master Level

A dog must earn an Excellent level title before it is eligible to earn points towards a Master title in the same division. For a Master title, the dog must earn an additional 25 points in the same division as the Excellent title. This is a total of 75 points.

3.2.5 Championship Level

A dog must earn a Master level title before it is eligible to earn points towards a Championship title in the same division. For a Championship title, the dog must earn an additional 25 points in the same division as the Master title. This is a total of 100 points.

Comments/rationale: This will stop the confusion if it was additional points or if the team has to start from 0 for a new title.

Effective date: June 1, 2018

Results of committee vote:

Approve: 9

Non-voting: 1

Obedience

OB.18.01 Continuing Education Requirements for all ASCA Obedience Judges

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gibson, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: DeChant, Gray

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Dissent from DeChant: We have tried requiring our Judges from AKC to take tests previously and that ended with them no longer want to Judge for ASCA. I regret not discussing this with Board and asking the Committee about it. I think if we wanted to make these requirements of our ASCA approved Judges that would be fine, but I think we will lose AKC Judges.

Motion by Busquets

I move to add the following requirements for Obedience Judge Education.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Laurie Rubin

Second by Katie van de Sandt

I move that we require continuing education for obedience judges, at least every three years, beginning in 2018. Under 3 *Obedience Judge Requirements*, add a new section 3.4 *Continuing Education Requirements for all ASCA Obedience Judges*. The new language will follow subsection 3.3 *Provisional Status* and precede the current subsection 3.4 *Privileges*.

Current wording:

No current wording.

Proposed wording:

3 Obedience Judge Requirements

...

3.4 Continuing Education Requirements for all ASCA Obedience Judges

3.4.1 Staying Up to Date on Rules

It is the responsibility of all ASCA Obedience judges to stay up to date on the current rules and regulations affecting the ASCA Obedience program. Lists of rule changes for the most recent rulebooks can be found on the ASCA website. Only those program rules contained in the latest version of each rulebook shall be enforceable.

3.4.2 ASCA Obedience Judges Education

Starting July 1, 2018, all ASCA Obedience judges will be required to certify at least every three years that they have completed one of the required options for continuing judge education. Newly approved judges will be required to certify within 12 months of first approval. The list of judge education options for each year will be delineated in the

ASCA Obedience Judge Education Certification Form to be posted on the ASCA website. In addition, upon request, the Business Office will send the Obedience Judge Education Certification Form for the current year to judges who can't utilize the online version.

All current ASCA Obedience judges must certify between July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018 that they have completed the initial continuing judges' education. Starting in 2021, certifications for judges whose last names begin with the letters A-M will be due between January 1 and June 30. Certifications for judges whose last names begin with the letters N-Z will be due between July 1 and December 31.

3.4.3 Certification of Continuing Education

In order to maintain judging eligibility in the ASCA obedience program, it is the responsibility of each ASCA Obedience judge to complete and submit the Obedience Judge Education Certification Form at least every three years. Judges are welcome to certify more often, according to a schedule that is more convenient for them. For example, those who also judge ASCA Rally might choose to re-certify every two years (i.e. 2018, 2020, etc.). The ASCA Business Office will keep a record of which judges are up to date on certification and thus eligible to judge.

The Obedience Judge Education Certification Form can be submitted online or by downloading and sending a copy to the Business Office. Starting January 1, 2019, judges who are not up to date with certification will not be eligible to judge until they complete and submit the Obedience Judge Education Certification Form. After 2 years of lapsed certification, a judge's name will be removed from the ASCA Obedience Judge list.

Comments/rationale: To improve the judging in the ASCA obedience program and to follow a directive from the Board of Directors.

Who is affected: Obedience judges and the ASCA Business Office. The Business Office was contacted for input before the rule language was drafted. After reading the first draft of this rule, staff emailed Oct. 27, 2017, that the language sounds good.

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

Results of committee vote:

Approve: 10

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 2

OB.18.02 Obedience Judge Education Certification Form

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Busquets

I move to approve the Obedience Judge Education Certification Form.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Laurie Rubin

Second by Katie van de Sandt

I move we send the attached Judge Education Certification Form to the Business Office to post on the ASCA website. The text is also copied below.

Current wording:

No current wording.

Proposed wording:

See form at the back of this report.

Note: Option 1 on the form will be replaced by "Future Option 1" as soon as the online seminar is available.

Future Option 1

1. Completed the ASCA Obedience Judging online seminar, and
2. Reviewed rule changes for June 2019 or most recent ASCA Obedience Rulebook.

Comments/rationale: This form is referred to within the Judge Education Certification Motion.

Who is affected: ASCA Obedience judges, the ASCA webmaster and the ASCA Business Office. The Business Office approved the draft language for the Judge Education Certification Motion, which this form accompanies.

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

Results of committee vote:

Approve: 11
Oppose: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-voting: 1

Rally

RA.18.01 Correction of ASCA Rally Judges Worksheet by Deductions and by Station

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Busquets

I move to accept the Corrections to Rally Judges Worksheet by Deduction and Station.

Committee recommendation:

Title of Motion: RC 17.43: Correction of ASCA Rally Judges Worksheet by Deductions and by Station

Motion by Corinne Shanks

Second by Leah Swatco

I move that the wording be corrected on the Rally Judge's Worksheet by Deduction and by Station to reflect 20 points off if it is a Star station.

Current wording:

ASCA Rally Judges Worksheet by Deduction, 20 points section:

IP of a 20-pt valued station (star station)

Physical guidance (placing dog) except #101

Straightening dog with knees or feet on star station

20pt Jump stn not left at initial height/length

20pt Jump station not at initial height/length when approached

Handler error large enough to interfere with completion of star exercise

IP of 20-pt. Sit/Dow n Stay on 1st attempt, no retries

ASCA Rally Judge's Worksheet by Station, 20 points section:

20 Points: IP of a 20 pt station (star) / 20 pt jump not left at initial h/l / 20-point jump not at initial h/l when approached / Placing dog (except #101) / Straightening dog w / knees/feet on star stn /HE interfering w / completion of star stn Total points deducted Failure to complete Sit/Dow n Stay w / star, no retries

Proposed wording:

ASCA Rally Judges Worksheet by Deduction, 20 points section:

IP of a 20-pt valued station (star station)

Physical guidance (placing dog) except #101 on star station
Straightening dog with knees or feet on star station
20pt Jump stn not left at initial height/length
20pt Jump station not at initial height/length when approached
Handler error large enough to interfere with completion of star exercise
IP of 20-pt. Sit/Dow n Stay on 1st attempt, no retries

ASCA Rally Judge's Worksheet by Station, 20 points section:

20 Points: IP of a 20 pt station (star) / 20 pt jump not left at initial h/l / 20-point jump not at initial h/l when approached / Placing dog (except #101) on star stn / Straightening dog w / knees/feet on star stn / HE interfering w / completion of star stn Total points deducted Failure to complete Sit/Dow n Stay w / star, no retries

Comments/rationale: The current wording indicates 20 points off for physical guidance, or placing the dog in a stand. The words "on star station" needs to be added on both worksheets.

Who is affected: This clarification will help judges when scoring a contestant. Contestants will be affected as scoring will be clarified.

Effective date: Upon approval by the Board of Directors

Results of committee vote:

Approve: 13
Disapprove: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-voting: 1

Stockdog

SD.18.01 Dogs in Arena

Approve: DeChant, Busquets, Creelman, Gibson, Gray, Roberts, Silveira
Oppose: King, Vest
Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Dissent from King: I understand the reasoning for this motion but I'd like to see the start of trial as handler's meeting rather than midnight of the trial day. I never want to make it easier to travel eight or ten hours to a trial than to have a member run a trial at their place. There are still areas where trial numbers need to grow and I don't think the safe and efficient moving of the stock should be restricted before the trial. Stock should not need to remain penned for a whole weekend or be transported the day before to allow the stock owner to trial.

Dissent from Vest: This rule will not serve the purpose as intended, which was to allow the livestock owner to use their dog to move stock when the dog had completed trialing for the day.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the following motion from the SD Committee.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Jim McKay

Second by Trish Alexander

I move that the stock dog committee change the wording of 4.11.1 in section 11.

Current wording:

4.11 Section 11: Dogs in Arena

4.11.1

No competing dogs will be allowed in the trial arena on the day of the trial except during their run. A non-competing dog may be used to work the stock only at the discretion of the Course Director and the Judge. The trial arena includes all areas where the dogs are competing and all areas used for handling the trial livestock.

Proposed wording:

4.11 Section 11: Dogs in Arena

4.11.1

No competing dogs will be allowed in the trial arena during a trial day except during their run(s). The trial arena includes all areas where dogs are competing, and all areas used for handling, moving, or gathering trial livestock. A trial begins on the day of the scheduled sanction date and ends when awards and score sheets have been handed out. At any time, a non-competing dog may be used to set or move stock in the trial arena at the discretion of the Course Director and Judge. When the trial ends, there will be no limitations or restrictions on any dogs or handlers.

Comments/rationale: These rules need clarification as there has been confusion at several locations during trials.

Effective date: Upon approval by the Board of Directors

Results of committee vote:

Approve: 7

Oppose: 3

Non-voting: 4

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest, Counsel Chuck Carnese, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Secretary Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Director Laura Gibson

There is a quorum with 6 voting members of the Board present.

- DeChant called the meeting to order in Executive Session at 6:05 pm Central Time.

Executive Session

The Board started their meeting in Executive Session to discuss four topics. Only notice of a violation and any penalties assessed are published below.

Appeal of Board Decision

Laura Liebenow has been fined \$200 and suspended from all ASCA privileges beginning March 1, 2018, and ending August 31, 2018, for violations of ASCA's registry.

- Gray joined the meeting at 6:07 pm.
- Creelman joined the meeting at 6:29 pm.
- Gibson joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.
- System Liaison Allison Bryant joined the meeting at 7:25 pm.

System Upgrade Report

ASCA has completed the system migration work with FrogSlayer and will be moving forward in the near future with plans to complete the ASCA System Upgrade.

- Carnese and Bryant left the meeting at 7:50 pm.

December Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for December 2017, as presented by Roberts. Ending balance is \$145,274.08.

Counsel's Retainer

The Board approved a \$16,000.00 retainer for Counsel. This covers the cost of services throughout the year, as well as attendance at the Spring Board Meeting.

Open Session

The remainder of the meeting was conducted in open session. The recording can be listened to on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/jOba1Wcnk6o>) or downloaded from the ASCA Website (<http://www.asca.org/home/news/bod-meetings-audio/>).

December Email Business

The Board voted to ratify all business conducted over email in December 2017.

BD.18.10 December Email Business

Motion by Vest to ratify the December email business. Second by DeChant.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

New Judges & Solicitation of Judging Assignments

The Board followed up on a discussion from Nationals regarding a new page on the ASCA Website which lists new judges for one year, to help them get the necessary assignments to move through the process. That discussion centered on whether judges should be listed once - when they are first admitted into the program, or multiple times - as they are approved for each level. The intent of the motion maker was to have the judges published for a year from when they are approved or until they move to the next level, whichever comes first, but that was not fully understood by all at the time. There was also some question on whether all program judges should be included on this New Judge page, or to just list Non-Regular Breeder Judges. DeChant and Roberts will work on this.

Some feel that the prohibition against soliciting judging assignments should be clarified, so that judges going through the process may issue a one-time notification to clubs that they are available to judge a show.

ASCA Regions

This proposal was sent out for member feedback following Nationals. A majority of those who responded preferred fixing the regions that currently have issues - 5 and 7, and to leave the rest as is. Silveira and Vest will work on this and have a recommendation for the Spring Meeting.

Sponsorship Committee

During their meeting at the 2017 Nationals, the Board noted the problematic situation of having a Sponsorship Committee when the auditor has advised us against seeking sponsorships due to our tax status. Silveira volunteered to research ASCA's options for sponsorships and report back at the Spring Meeting.

Moderation of ASCMembers Group

At the last Board meeting, Gibson inquired as to the moderation policy for the ASCMembers group.

Roberts shared that the rules for the group are not on the home page yet but are provided in the welcome message when a member applies to join the list. Membership of subscribers has been verified for all but 122, and they have been sent emails asking to clarify or be removed. Those who do not have a name associated with their email have also been asked to update. Roberts stated that the rules for ASCMembers are the same as the rules were for the ASCA-L, which were adopted as the rules for ASCADiscussion. When the rules came out for ASCADiscussion there was a lot of negative pushback on phrasing, so Roberts shared those rules with ASCA members and suggestions were made as to how to phrase things to be more welcoming. Roberts and DeChant will work on revising the rules.

The plan is to begin moderation in the next two weeks. General policy will be: 1st post, always moderated; 1st rule violation, put on moderation until posts are positive; 2nd rule violation, put on moderation.

ASCADiscussion Group

As requested, DeChant asked the membership if anyone is interested in taking over ownership of the ASCADiscussion group from ASCA. She has not received any responses.

BD.18.11 Shut Down ASCADiscussion Group

Motion by Silveira to shut down the unofficial ASCADiscussion group. Second by Gray.

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: DeChant

Motion carries.

DeChant will send a closing letter to the ASCDiscussion list, thanking the members for joining and inviting them to join the ASCMembers list to continue discussion.

Judge Education Committee

The consensus of the Board is that the framework for Judge Education should be developed by the Board, or by a professional. The content remains something to be decided on by the program committees.

BD.18.12 Disband Judge Education Committee

Motion by Creelman to disband the current Judges Education Committee with our sincere thanks for all their thoughts and efforts put into it so far. Second by Gray.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

- DeChant adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.



AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA

6091 E State Hwy 21
Bryan, TX 77801
www.asca.org

asca.execsec@gmail.com

P: (979) 778-1082
F: (979) 778-1898
manager@asca.org

Obedience Judge Education Certification Form

June 2018

Name: _____ Date: _____

ASCA Judge #: _____ Year first certified to judge ASCA Obedience: _____

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

I have completed one of the following Obedience Judge Education options:
(Check one applicable option)

_____ **Option 1**

1. Viewed video of or attended 2014 Nationals Obedience Seminar <https://youtu.be/AageBQp9hQw>, and
2. Viewed video of or attended 2016 Nationals Obedience Seminar <https://youtu.be/PbBla3mjZEY>, and
3. Reviewed rule changes for June 2016 ASCA Obedience Rulebook, and
4. Reviewed rule changes for June 2017 ASCA Obedience Rulebook, and
5. Reviewed rule changes for June 2018 ASCA Obedience Rulebook.

_____ **Option 2**

1. Attended another organization's Obedience Judging Seminar since January 2015, and
 - a. Name of organization presenting seminar: _____
 - b. Date of seminar: _____
 - c. Location of seminar: _____
2. Reviewed the most recent version of the ASCA/AKC Rule Difference document.

_____ **Option 3**

1. Attended another organization's Obedience Judging Seminar since January 2015, and
 - a. Name of organization presenting seminar: _____
 - b. Date of seminar: _____
 - c. Location of seminar: _____
2. Reviewed rule changes for June 2016 ASCA Obedience Rulebook, and
3. Reviewed rule changes for June 2017 ASCA Obedience Rulebook, and
4. Reviewed rule changes for June 2018 ASCA Obedience Rulebook.