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Executive Secretary's Report

Judge Approvals

Stockdog Judge Deb Conroy (Minnesota)

Committee Appointments

Hall of Fame Committee: Lynda Peppel (Region 2), Kristina Churchill (Region 3)

MVA Committee: Janet Colby (Region 2)

Stockdog Committee: Cathy Lowe (Region 3), Heather Oslie (Region 4), Nina Krammer (Region 7)

Board of Directors Motions

BD.18.35 Communicable Disease Rule

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Motion by Busquets

Second by Gibson

I move to replace Section 9.9 Communicable Disease of the Conformation Rules, Section 4.8.c Stockdog Rules, Section 1.3.7 Agility Rules, Section 1.3.6 Dock Jumping Rules, Section 1.34 Obedience Rules, Section 1.10.4 Rally Rules, Section 1.9 Tracking Rules.

Current wording:

9.9 Communicable Disease

No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show, no dog shall be brought into the grounds or premises of any dog show, and any dog which may have been brought into the grounds or premises of a dog show shall immediately be removed, if it;

a. shows clinical symptoms of distemper, infectious hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease, or

b. is known to have been in contact with distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease within thirty days prior to the opening of the show, or

c. has been kenneled within thirty days prior to the opening of the show on premises on which there existed distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease.

Proposed wording:

9.9 Communicable Disease

A. No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show, no dog shall be brought into the grounds or premises of any dog show, and any dog which may have been brought into the grounds or premises of a dog show shall immediately be removed, if it;

1) shows clinical symptoms of canine influenza, distemper, infectious hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease, or

2) has been confirmed by a veterinarian to have a communicable disease within thirty days prior to the opening of the show, or

3) has been kenneled within thirty days prior to the opening of the show in a household in which there were veterinarian-confirmed cases of canine influenza, distemper, infectious hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease.

B. The ASCA Board of Directors reserves the right to call a quarantine if the situation warrants. The length and details of such quarantine will vary depending on the specific disease and the gravity of the situation.

C. Protocol for Communicable Disease Notification:

1) In the event that a host Affiliate is made aware of a dog exhibiting symptoms of a communicable disease, the hosting Affiliate will in turn investigate, following the steps outlined in the Conflict Resolution Protocol, observe the dog, and, if warranted, remove the dog. Dogs that within thirty days prior to the show have traveled or have been kenneled with a dog exhibiting symptoms may also be removed. In the case of removal of a dog(s), the Affiliate shall immediately report it to the ASCA Board via the Executive Secretary by emailing the Affiliate Health and Safety Report. The Affiliate Club shall provide a copy of the report to the owner of the dog(s).

2) Owners who believe that their dogs have contracted a communicable disease while at an ASCA event or have attended an ASCA event within the incubation period of a communicable disease should report the illness to the ASCA Board of Directors by contacting the Executive Secretary and submitting the Owner's Health and Safety Report form. All reports will be kept confidential.

3) Reports received by the Board will be investigated by an assigned Director, per normal Board procedure, to assess the extent of the communicable disease risk. The assigned Director will investigate and will report findings and a recommendation to the Board within three working days.

4) In instances of reported cases of communicable disease during or following the ASCA National Specialty, ASCA will send out a notice to the membership through its official means of communication, notifying members of the report of the disease and providing educational information concerning the disease in question. Affiliate clubs scheduling events within thirty days of the ASCA National Specialty should be aware of possible financial losses if a quarantine is necessary.

Comments/rationale: To clarify the rule, specify reporting procedures, and provide the ASCA Board the flexibility necessary to evaluate communicable disease cases and take action as it deems necessary.

Who is affected: All competitors in all venues. All affiliate clubs

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

Committee Recommendations

AG.18.01 Removal of the Closed Tunnel (Chute)

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Agility committee.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Chris Carlson

Second by Judy Boone

I move that ASCA remove the closed tunnel (chute) from the equipment list and from use in ASCA agility events.

Current wording:

2.1.5.1 Premium: Required Information

The Agility Trial Premium shall include the following information: - A listing of the individual obstacles, including the type of contacts (slatted or slat-less), type of contact surface (paint and sand, rubber, etc.), type of tire if used (displaceable or non-displaceable), type of closed tunnel if used (solid barrel or safety tunnel-chute design), and the spacing of the weave poles.

2.2 Agility Obstacles

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The following obstacles are optional for an ASCA Agility Trial:

- Double Bar Jump
- Closed Tunnel (Chute)
- Tire Jump

2.3.2 Trial Workers

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- Ring Stewards/Jump Setters. At least two people (per class) should be assigned to the ring steward/jump setter positions. They are responsible for helping reset the course, changing jump heights, straightening the closed tunnel after each dog's run, and resetting any displaced bars that may occur during each dog's run.

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Each contact obstacle must be performed at least once. There shall not be more than four total contact performances required per course. There must be at least one open tunnel performance with no more than three total per course. Jumps may be used as needed. The number of weave poles required is determined by the level. Closed tunnels, Double bar jumps and Tire jumps are optional. If used, closed tunnels shall only be used once per course.

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- All double bar jumps shall have top bars at the same height and have as straight on of an approach as possible, however the use of a double bar jump on a gradual arc within the flow of the course is allowed. A double bar jump shall never follow a closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar jumps.

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The Jumpers course may consist of jumps, a tire jump, and open tunnels and a closed tunnel. If a closed tunnel is used, it shall be no used no more than once. A course does not have to utilize the tire jump or any tunnels, therefore consisting only of single jumps and a double bar jump, if available.

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APPENDIX A: Equipment Specifications

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3 Tunnels

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Closed Tunnel: The closed tunnel may be constructed two ways:

A. The chute is made up of two parts: a solid opening (barrel) and the fabric chute. The rigid opening shall be 30" to 36" in length and shall have a minimum of 22" inside diameter. The rigid opening shall be supported to prevent swaying, the entrance edge shall be padded and the inside dog running area (normally approximately 24" in width) is to have a non-skid surface. The fabric portion of the chute shall be no more than 8' long and flare out over the 8' distance to a circumference of 86" and 90" at the exit. The above length is preferred, however, a combined barrel and cloth length of 12' is also acceptable.

B. The Safety tunnel/chute design may be used. The barrel portion is a short tunnel, 4-6" pitch, 30" to 36" in length, and shall have a minimum of 22" inside diameter. It shall be supported to prevent swaying. For safety reasons sandbags, or other non-metal bases, are recommended for support. The fabric portion of the chute shall be permanently attached to the tunnel portion, be no more than 8' long and flare out over the 8' distance to a circumference of 86" and 90" at the exit. The above length is preferred, however, a combined barrel and cloth length of 12' is also acceptable.

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Comments/rationale: All other agility organizations have removed the closed tunnel from their equipment for safety reasons. While ASCA promotes safer entries and exits from the closed tunnel through required course design, there is a concern for the availability of the closed tunnel for clubs to use and for dogs to be trained on as well as a safety concern.

Effective date: At the next printing of the rulebook

Results of committee vote:

Approve: 9

Oppose: 0

Non-voting: 1

Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Director Denise Creelman, Director Laura Gibson, Director Ken Silveira, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Secretary Linda Gray, Director Rachel Vest

There is a quorum with 7 voting members of the Board present.

- DeChant called the meeting to order in Executive Session at 6:01 pm Central Time.

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

- Vest and Counsel Charles Carnese joined the meeting at 6:01 pm. Gray joined the meeting at 6:07 pm.

Request for Conflict Resolution

The Board voted to lift a ban placed on two members by an Affiliate Club.

Disqualification Request

The Board denied a request to have a dog's disqualification overturned.

Modifications to Pipeline Easement

The Board will discuss at the Spring Meeting.

Letter of Complaint

The Board received a letter complaining about the conduct of two AKC Judges at an ASCA show.

- Carnese left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Roberts gave the Treasurer's Report for March 2018. Ending balance is \$168,734.13.

Open Session: The remainder of the meeting was conducted in open session. The recording can be listened to on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/XPtbBsrriz0>) or downloaded from the ASCA Website (<http://www.asca.org/home/news/bod-meetings-audio/>).

March Email Business

BD.18.40 March Email Business

Motion by Roberts to ratify all March email business. Second by Vest.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

System Upgrade Report

Vest reported on the ongoing status of the ASCA computer system upgrade. The team is searching for candidates for the System Upgrade Committee. The Board will be meeting with a developer, Ross Wright, at the Spring Meeting.

- Amy Bradley joined the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Rescue Grant Application - Western Australian Shepherd Rescue

The Board reviewed an application from Western Australian Shepherd Rescue for a \$3,000 grant from the ASCA Foundation for Australian Shepherd rescue.

FD.18.02 Rescue Grant - Western Australian Shepherd Rescue

Motion by King to approve Western Australian Shepherd Rescue an amount of \$3,000 for their 2018 Rescue Grant application. Second by Gibson.

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

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Roberts

Motion carries.

Trending News

The Board will discuss at the Spring Meeting.

Judges' Education Platform

The Board has been looking for a formalized way to provide meaningful Judge and Affiliate education. Amy Bradley provided the Board with a document outlining options for ASCA for a judge education platform. Directors will review Bradley's document and revisit at the Spring Meeting.

- Bradley left the meeting at 7:38 pm.
- DeChant adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Board of Directors Spring Meeting Minutes

Bryan, Texas

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Linda Gray (via telephone), Director Denise Creelman, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Director Laura Gibson

There is a quorum with 8 voting members of the Board present.

- DeChant called the meeting to order at 9:05 am Central Time.

March Email Business

BD.18.41 March Email Business

Motion by Vest to ratify all March email business. Second by Roberts.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Gibson

Motion carries.

Norms

The Board reviewed their agreed upon norms and renewed commitment to upholding them.

Treasurer's Report

ASCA is paying out more than we are bringing in, for Finals, and the Board is seeking a solution. The Board reviewed a report on investments from Raymond James and a letter regarding ASCA's accounts with Chase.

- Office Manager Ray Fryar, Assistant Manager Sarah Jackson, Adrienne Karli, Misty Ryan, and Nicole Bruce joined the meeting at 9:23 am.

Meeting with Office Staff

The Board met with the ASCA's Office staff and heard their feedback. They continue to do a wonderful job representing ASCA and maintaining our programs.

- Jackson, Karli, Ryan, and Bruce left the meeting at 9:50 am.

Meeting with Office Manager

The Board met with ASCA's Office Manager and heard the state of the Business Office. Fryar recommends increasing the 45-day sanctioning deadline to 60 days.

- Chris Chapman joined the meeting at 10:00 am.

Annual Audit

The Board met with Chris Chapman, an audit manager with Ingram, Wallis & Company. P.C. He had no recommendations for improvement. The Office Manager has done an excellent job of documenting and organizing ASCA's finances.

- Gibson joined the meeting (via telephone) at 10:08 am.

Mr. Chapman will investigate what ASCA can do to fundraise within our tax categorization. This will assist ASCA in developing a policy for selling merchandise and taking sponsorships.

- System Liaison Allison Bryant joined the meeting (via telephone) at 11:00 am. Ross Wright joined the meeting at 11:05 am.

Meeting with Ross Wright

The Board met with Ross Wright, who offered his services to ASCA as a consultant for the system upgrade. He would represent ASCA in our dealings with vendors. His rate is \$300 per hour.

- Wright left the meeting at 11:30 am. Fryar joined the meeting at 12:14 pm.

Meeting with Office Manager, continued

The Board continued their meeting with ASCA's Office Manager regarding the state of the Business Office. The scanning project is going great. They are close to bringing in boxes from storage to begin scanning.

- Gibson joined the meeting in person at 12:24 pm.

The Office will be rezoned to commercial 3. Fryar continues to prepare for a new building on our current property, but no construction will begin until after the computer system is completed.

BD.18.42 Replatting and Rezoning of Business Office Property

Motion by Silveira to approve the Office Manager's plan for replatting and rezoning of the Business Office property. Second by Gibson.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

DNA Fee Audit

Roberts researched whether ASCA's contract with Therion covers the cost of the DNA program. The program was not intended to pay for itself.

ASCA Current DNA Income through April 15, 2018 is \$22,675 (Blood Cards/Blood Draw are \$45; Cheek Swabs are \$50). Therion Expenses: Monthly storage fee is \$1,500. Blood Card/Blood Draw processing fee is \$36.50; Cheek Swab processing fee is \$38.50. Total monthly fee expense (January through June) is \$9,000. Sample processing fee expense through April 15, 2018 is \$18,095.

- Gray left the meeting at 12:43 pm.

Technology Plans

The Board spent some time discussing suggestions from System Liaison Ally Bryant regarding motions from committees that will affect the computer system and the newly formed System Upgrade Committee. The Board received one resume for this committee from Jerry Schetterer. They will discuss further at the May teleconference meeting.

- Lunch break from 1:05 pm to 2:15 pm.

Personnel to Nationals & Expenses

The Board voted to provide a \$200 stipend to the Chairs of the following committees: Agility, Conformation, DNA, Dock Jumping, History, Junior, Legislative, Obedience, Rally, Stockdog, and Tracking.

Lifetime Achievement Award

There is no nominee at this time. Busquets will bring one forward as soon as possible.

Spring Meeting Dates

The Board set the dates for the 2019 and 2020 Spring Meetings in Bryan, Texas.

2019 Spring Meeting - April 4, 5, & 6

2020 Spring Meeting - April 2, 3, & 4

Committee Renewals & Appointments

Agility Committee

Renewed terms: Andrea Hoffmann, Christine Carlson, Jan Niblock, Michael Kurdzo, Sue Graham

Conformation Committee

Renewed terms: Liz Gibson, Debbie Martin, Dorothy Montano, Erin Sumler, Peter Kontos, Ray Schafer

Dock Jumping Committee

Renewed terms: Kristina Churchill, Jen Bunker, Tina Lass, Heidi Mobley, Emily Glass, Pam Smith, Jennifer Marceaux, Sandra Czarny

European Advisory Committee

This committee has not elected a Liaison. The Board can appoint a Liaison to guide the committee in electing a new Chair and Liaison. The committee's first task will be to vote on the division of region 7.

BD.18.55 Liaison to European Committee

Motion by Vest to appoint Ken Silveira as Liaison to the European Committee. Second by DeChant.

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Silveira

Absent: Gray

Motion carries.

Hall of Fame Committee

Renewed terms: Dorothy Montano

New members: Lynda Peppel (Region 2), Kristina Churchill (Region 3)

History Committee

Renewed terms: Sunday Miles, Jeanne Joy Hartnagle Taylor

Junior Committee

Renewed terms: Andrea Bair, Susan Harris, Donalyn Shock, Mallori Bryan

Legislative Committee

Renewed terms: Sunday Miles

Most Versatile Aussie Committee

Renewed terms: Curt Uritz, Beth MacLehose, Andrea Hoffmann, Lori Fausett,

New members: Janet Colby (Region 2)

Obedience Committee

Renewed terms: Katie van de Sandt, Marilyn Cherry, Rosalind Hall, Sandy Walroth, Pat Pierce, Guenter Geisel

Rally Committee

Renewed terms: Heidi Iverson, Ann McCabe, Claudia Yearsley, Joan Skinner, Pat Pierce, Karen Black, Sandy Walroth, Karen Souza, Marianne Kunzmann

Sponsorship Committee

BD.18.56 Disband Sponsorship Committee

Motion by Silveira to disband the Sponsorship Committee. Second by Roberts.

Approve: 6

Oppose: 0

Abstain: King, DeChant

Absent: Gray

Motion carries.

Stockdog Committee

Renewed terms: Jim McKay, Jerry Schetterer, Art Landry

New members: Cathy Lowe (Region 3), Heather Oslie (Region 4), Nina Krammer (Region 7)

Tracking Committee

Renewed terms: Beth MacLehose, Joyce Charron, Leah Swatko

The Board is pleased to see so many active members represent this small community in ASCA.

Partnership with 4H

Silveira took responsibility for researching this topic after the Board met with several members at Nationals who requested cooperation between ASCA and 4H. 4H programs differ based on location, so it may be best to ask ASCA Affiliate Clubs to reach out to their local 4H Club to invite them to ASCA.

The Board would like to create a brochure about ASCA that is targeted to 4H Clubs to send to Affiliates to share with their local 4H Club or mail to 4H Clubs directly.

ASCA Regions

The Board reviewed the regional membership numbers late last year and how to better allocate and serve membership and committees in the 7 Regions. From the feedback received, Region 5 was identified as needing reorganizing due to the unusually large area that it serves.

This change only affects the committee makeup and the regional requirements for some program's Judge Applicants.

Below are the current states and membership numbers within Region 5:

Region 5:			
Alabama - 44	Arkansas - 24	Florida - 165	Georgia - 115
Louisiana - 34	Mississippi - 20	New Mexico - 95	North Carolina - 58
Oklahoma - 105	South Carolina - 21	Tennessee - 93	Texas - 434
Total - 1208			

Proposed changes are below:

Region 5:		
Alabama - 44	Arkansas - 24	Florida - 165
Georgia - 115	Louisiana - 34	Mississippi - 20
North Carolina - 58	South Carolina - 21	Tennessee - 93

Total - 574		
Region 8:		
New Mexico - 95	Oklahoma - 105	Texas - 434
Total - 634		

Breaking out Region 5 will better support the membership and make it more cost effective for Judge Applicants to complete their required regional assignments.

Recording Meetings

BD.18.57 Meeting Recording Device

Motion by King to approve the Executive Secretary's recommendation to purchase the Portable Easy Meeting Digital Recorder for Conferences to record in-person meetings. Second by Roberts.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Gray

Motion carries.

This device will allow for audio recording of the Board's meetings at the 2018 Nationals, and possibly the Affiliate Meeting, General Membership Meeting, and other events at future Nationals.

Judge Requirements

The Board discussed feedback from the program committees regarding whether judges should follow the rules that were in place at the time they were first accepted into the program, or if they should be expected to follow the rules in place at the time of their application for move-up.

BD.18.58 Judging Requirements

Motion by King to state in the Policy Book that a judge entering an ASCA program continues their journey through the ASCA judging path according to the rules that were in effect when they were first accepted into the program. Second by Silveira.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Gray

Motion carries.

- DeChant postponed the meeting at 5:09 pm until 9:00 am on Friday, April 20.

Friday, April 20, 2018

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Linda Gray (via phone), Director Denise Creelman, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Director Laura Gibson

There is a quorum with 8 voting members of the Board present.

- DeChant called the meeting to order at 9:10 am Central Time.

2018 Ballot

BD.18.59 2018 Ballot

Motion by Vest to approve the 2018 election ballot Proof 2. Second by Creelman.

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Gibson, Gray

Motion carries.

- Office Manager Ray Fryar joined the meeting at 9:13 am. Gibson joined the meeting at 9:14 am.

Review of Office Employees

Fryar went over employee reviews and gave his wage recommendations.

- Gray joined (via telephone) at 9:19 am. Counsel Charles Carnese joined the meeting at 9:25 am.
- Fryar left the meeting at 9:56 am.

Staff Compensation

BD.18.61 Staff Compensation

Motion by Silveira to place in the Policy Book that a maximum of 30% of ASCA's annual budget will be allocated to staff compensation. Second by Creelman.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

- Break from 10:40 - 11:00 am.

Secondary Counsel

Carnese reported on his search to locate Secondary Counsel for ASCA. He will have more information for the Board's meetings at Nationals.

Oil Pipeline Easement

Carnese has some follow-up to do with the company regarding their plans and payment to ASCA for the use of our property.

Bylaws Article 16

Article 16 Expulsion of Members, in the Bylaws, states that "a member may be expelled from the Club upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for the express purpose. If at a regular or special meeting, special notice shall be given at least thirty days prior to the date of the meeting stating that a proposal for expulsion of a member will be submitted at the meeting."

The Board has been contacted by a member seeking to find out how this is done. Firstly, a quorum is needed to transact any business at a meeting. The group wishing to bring up Article 16 must notify the membership 30-days in advance that they plan to do this at the 2018 General Membership Meeting, under New Business, if there is a quorum.

Entry Forms

Busquets presented several revised entry forms for feedback from the Board. She will revise and bring forward as part of a motion over email.

Stockdog Committee Applicant

The Board mistakenly appointed a member to the Stockdog Committee before soliciting resumes for that region.

- Lunch break from 12:30 pm to 2:15 pm.

Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed the 2018 Strategic Plan, presented by King. The updated plan is included at the back of these minutes.

BD.18.64 2018 Strategic Plan

Motion by Roberts to approve the Strategic Plan for 2018. Second by Silveira.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: DeChant

Motion carries.

- Gray left the meeting at 4:15 pm.

2018 Finals Budget

The Board discussed the 2018 Finals budget and possible ways to cut future Finals costs.

BD.18.65 2018 Finals Budget

Motion by Silveira to approve the 2018 Finals budget present by Laura Gibson. Second by Vest.

Approve: 5

Oppose: Roberts

Abstain: Gibson, King

Absent: Gray

Motion carries.

Continuous Membership

The Board discussed feedback from the committees regarding any needed exemptions for their program to the general requirement that anytime there is a membership requirement, those years of membership must be continuous.

BD.18.66 Continuous Membership

Motion by Silveira to require that whenever there is a membership requirement, those years of membership must be continuous, without a lapse of membership, and must occur immediately prior to application. The member must remain in good standing during that entire time.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Gray

Motion carries.

Carnese will draft language to replace the word “consecutive” with “continuous” in Section 7.4 of the Bylaws, to be included for vote by the membership on the 2019 ballot.

- DeChant adjourned the meeting at 5:11 pm.

Friday, April 20, 2018

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

Absent: Secretary Linda Gray

There is a quorum with 8 voting members of the Board present.

- DeChant called the ASCA Foundation Meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

Foundation Meeting

FD.18.03 Cancer Research Fund

Motion by DeChant to start a cancer research fund within the ASCA Foundation. This is for book keeping only. Second by Roberts.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Gray

Motion carries.

- DeChant adjourned the ASCA Foundation Meeting at 5:21 pm.

- Carnese left the meeting at 5:21 pm.

Friday, April 20, 2018

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Director Denise Creelman, Director Laura Gibson, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Secretary Linda Gray

There is a quorum with 8 voting members of the Board present.

- DeChant called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm.

Finals Rosettes

The Board heard quotes from three companies and chose to go with Centaur Awards.

BD.18.67 Rosette Vendor

Motion by Silveira to accept Laura Gibson's recommendation to order Finals rosettes from Centaur Awards. Second by Creelman.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Gray

Motion carries.

2019 Conformation Finals Judges

The judges for the 2019 Conformation Finals were chosen according to the policy currently in place. As of June 2018, a new policy will determine how judges are provided to the Host Club for selection. This process will first be used for the 2020 Conformation Finals.

Business Office Mail

If you are sending something to the Business Office and you want to ensure that it arrives, it is necessary to send your parcel priority with tracking. It is the shipper's responsibility to confirm delivery. The Business Office is not responsible for undelivered mail.

2020 Nationals Bid

The Board spent time discussing a bid received to host the 2020 Nationals in Georgia.

- DeChant suspended the meeting at 6:21 pm until 9:00 am on Saturday, April 21.

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Linda Gray (via telephone), Director Denise Creelman, Director Laura Gibson, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

There is a quorum with 9 voting members of the Board present.

- DeChant called the meeting to order at 8:55 am.

2020 Nationals Bid, continued

The Board continued discussing a bid received to host the 2020 Nationals in Georgia.

Stockdog Committee

The Board voted to remove Rick Hardin as Chair and a member of the Stockdog Committee.

BD.18.69 Directive to Stockdog Committee

Motion by Roberts to direct the Stockdog Committee to complete the Intro to Stock Program by the 2018 Nationals, if not sooner. The Committee will work on this on the committee list as a priority. There will be monthly progress reports. The Board will meet with the Committee at Nationals. If the project is not completed, the Board will take over responsibility for developing the program. Second by Gibson.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Board Meetings at Nationals

The Board set their meeting schedule for the 2018 Nationals in Greeley, Colorado.

Wednesday, September 26 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; also following the General Membership meeting to elect new Officers for ASCA and the ASCA Foundation.

Thursday, September 27 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Friday, September 28 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The Affiliate Meeting is on Tuesday, September 25.

The General Membership Meeting is on Wednesday, September 26.

The Banquet is on Friday, September 28.

Judges' Education Platform

The Board discussed options for a platform to offer education to ASCA Judges. The Board would like to use Google Classrooms to teach ourselves how to work in this kind of environment. This is just the framework; the content will be developed by the committees.

BD.18.71 Explore Google Classrooms

Motion by King to ask Gibson to work with the Rally Committee to explore the possibilities of Google Classrooms and present to the Board for review. Second by DeChant.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

BD.18.72 Education Coordinator

Motion by Silveira to ask the Office Manager to find a way to appoint a staff member as our Education Coordinator to maintain the records and develop that position, in concert with Gibson's efforts. Second by Vest.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Decreasing Finals Costs

The Board discussed options for decreasing the cost of Finals.

BD.18.73 Decrease Number of Finals Stock

Due to Finals expense trends, Motion by Gibson to send to the Stockdog Committee, for their input, the Board's proposal to decrease the number of heads of stock used for the Stockdog Finals to 80. Second by Vest.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: King

Motion carries.

Creelman, Gibson, and King volunteered to serve on a committee to work with the program committees to decrease their program's Finals costs.

Judge Evaluation Forms

The Board discussed the Judge Evaluation Forms that the Office receives with the paperwork submitted by Affiliates after they host a show/trial. These forms are informational only and are not a substitute for the Conflict Resolution Protocol. If an Affiliate experiences an issue with a Judge, the proper way to handle is according to the Conflict Resolution Protocol, and immediately at the time of the issue.

- Busquets left the meeting at 11:13 am.

Most Versatile Aussie/Junior Program

In the past, rules were made by the Most Versatile Aussie Committee that affected other programs, without that program's aid in development.

- Gray left the meeting at 11:46 am.

BD.18.74 MVA Program

Motion by Silveira to add to the Committee Procedures that the committees of each ASCA program shall have the full responsibility to manage their program within the Most Versatile Aussie program. The Most Versatile Aussie Committee shall manage and coordinate those requirements. The MVA Committee may make recommendations to the various program committees regarding their program. Second by Gibson.

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Busquets, Gray

Motion carries.

BD.18.75 Eliminate Section 1.1.5 in the MVA Rules

Motion by Silveira to eliminate Section 1.1.5 in the Most Versatile Aussie rules, as it does not conform to the ASCA Conformation Breeder Judge Rules. Second by DeChant.

Approve: 6

Oppose: Vest

Abstain: 0

Absent: Busquets, Gray

Motion carries.

The Junior Committee needs to clarify their rules regarding the Most Versatile Junior Judge - when a judge evaluates both MVA and MVJ they may not show at other Nationals events; but if a judge only evaluations MVJ, then they may show at other Nationals events.

Premium Checklist

There is already a process and a checklist for reviewing all premiums, and the staff will continue to follow that process to review all premiums and return any that need revisions.

Finals Committee or Finals Coordinator

A future goal of this Board is to have a coordinator or coordinating committee for the Finals and Nationals Consortium.

Championship Points

The name of the handler line on the entry form was added to document who put the points on the dog for the purpose of qualifying to become a Breeder Judge. This line has proven to not accurately document who put the points on the dog. The Board wishes to define who gets credit for putting the points on a dog - is it the handler who showed the dog to the class win, or is it the handler who showed the dog in Winners, or is it both handlers? The Board also wishes to clarify which handler is considered "the handler" in reference to Conformation Rules 7.6 and 9.10 c.

BD.18.76 Item to Conformation Committee

Silveira moves to ask the Conformation Committee about who may claim championship points when fulfilling an ASCA requirement. Second by Creelman.

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Busquets, Gray

Motion carries.

Oregon Nationals 2021

The board needs to finalize ASCA's contract with the Oregon site for the 2021 Nationals. Vest will reach out to the site.

- DeChant adjourned the meeting at 12:37 pm.