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Executive Secretary's Report - September 2018

Announcements

New Judges

Novice Obedience Judge - **Lori Anglemyer** (Michigan)
Junior Judge - **Bayley Williams** (South Carolina)
Non-Regular Breeder Judge - **Lynn Kraut** (Missouri)
Provisional Breeder Judge - **Beth Anglemyer** (Michigan)
Provisional Breeder Judge - **Dawn Williams** (Indiana)
Senior Breeder Judge - **Sharon Sparks** (Colorado)
Apprentice Stockdog Judge - **Brian Abingdon** (Oregon)

New Affiliates

Old Fashioned KY Australian Shepherd Club

Elizabethtown, Kentucky
President: Kayla Hartlage
Affiliate Rep: Elizabeth MacLehose

New Committee Members

Conformation Committee Region 4 - **Ann DeChant**
Hall of Fame Committee Region 1 - **Jan Wesen**
History Committee Region 4 - **Ann DeChant**
Stockdog Committee At-Large Judge - **Andrea Hoffmann**

Board of Directors' Email Motions

BD.18.130 Willamette ASC Restated Bylaws

Approve: Unanimous

Motion **carries**.

Motion by Busquets

Second by Vest

I move to accept the restated bylaws from Willamette ASC.

Affected: Willamette ASC

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

BD.18.131 Paid Advertisements on ASCA Website

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

Second by Silveira

I move to remove paid advertisements from the ASCA website home page in order to maintain the website home page for ASCA information only. This will remove all extraneous advertisements and provide a more professional look to the ASCA website. Paid advertisements will still be accepted and displayed on a separate page created specifically for advertisements.

Comments/Rationale: To elevate ASCA's brand by reserving the ASCA website home page for ASCA business/info only.

Affected: Advertisement customers and ASCA webmaster.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

BD.18.132 Add to Committee Procedures 7.8.1 Timeline for Rule Book Updates (Revised)

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

Second by Silveira

I move to approve a defined program rulebook update procedure. This will establish a more defined and timely process to help to avoid issues with rulebook update timelines and rule changes.

Current Wording:

Committee Procedures

7.8 Rule Book

The ASCA Executive Secretary will be responsible for making additions, changes, and/or deletions to the ASCA Program Committee rulebooks. The ASCA Executive Secretary will highlight the changes as per policy and forward these changes in the form of an updated rulebook to the applicable committee for review. Upon completion of the review, the Executive Secretary will supply the changes to the ASCA Business Office in a timely manner so that new rulebooks will be ready for publication at the appropriate time.

Proposed Wording:

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7.8.1 Timeline for Rule Book Updates

- a. Recommendations for updates to a June rule book must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval by February 10.
- b. The Executive Secretary will make all approved updates to the June rule books and return to the Committee for review by April 1.
- c. The Committee is to complete their review and return any revisions to the Executive Secretary by May 1.
- d. Updated June rule books will be posted on the ASCA Website by May 15.

Affected: Program Committees and Executive Secretary

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

BD.18.133 Proposed Change to Bylaws Section 7.5 Directors Number & Tenure

WITHDRAWN

Motion by Gibson

Second by Vest

I move to put the following proposed change to the ASCA Bylaws on the ballot for the 2019 election.

Current Wording:

7 Article VII Board of Directors

7.5 Section 5 Number and Tenure

The number of Directors of the Club shall be nine (9). Except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws, each Director shall hold office until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. Each Director shall serve a three (3) year term, with the terms of office staggered. Directors #1, #6, and #7 shall be elected in the first year. Directors #2, #3, and #8 shall be elected in the second year. Directors #4, #5 and #9 shall be elected in the third year. The cycle of elections in effect at the time of the adoption of these Restated Bylaws shall be continued in such a manner as to not interrupt or terminate the term of any current Director until it would terminate under prior Bylaws of the Club. Directors may serve only two (2) consecutive elected terms.

Proposed Wording:

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Comments/Rationale: We would like to see this issue go out on a membership survey for feedback before placing it on the ballot for the 2019 election.

Affected: ASCA Members eligible to run for the Board and Directors who wish to run for re-election.

Effective Date: Upon approval by the membership vote during the 2019 election cycle.

Emergency Motions

BD.18.129 Emergency Motion: Pipeline Easement Agreement

Approve: Busquets, DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: Creelman; Motion **carries**.

Motion by DeChant

Second by Busquets

I move by emergency motion to authorize the ASCA President to execute, on behalf of ASCA, the Pipeline Easement Agreement with Magellan presented to the Board by counsel on August 30 to allow easement rights for a pipeline on ASCA property.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Australian Shepherd Club of America ("ASCA"), was held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, via online meeting service, GoToMeeting.

Directors Present:

President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Director Laura Gibson, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest, Director-elect Judy Boone, and Director-elect Rick Gann

Also Present:

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Call to Order

President DeChant called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm (CDT) and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Reminders for those attending the 2018 Nationals:

Tuesday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm ASGHI Blood Draw

Tuesday 7:30 pm Affiliate Meeting

Wednesday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Board Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 pm Ice Cream Social

Wednesday 7:30 pm General Membership Meeting

Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Board Meeting

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Board Meeting

Open Session

The Board was in Open Session from 6:09 pm - 7:49 pm to discuss the below items. A recording of this part of the meeting may be listened to on ASCA's Website

(<https://www.asca.org/home/news/bod-meetings-audio>) and ASCA's YouTube Channel (<https://youtu.be/UbullU5CAcQ>).

Ratification of Email Business

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

BD.18.134 Ratify August Email Business

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Creelman

Second by Roberts

I move to ratify all business conducted over email in August.

System Liaison's Report

Board System Liaison Vest reported on the ongoing status of the ASCA computer system upgrade. ASCA has received two responses from vendors after sending out the RFP. The System Upgrade Committee hopes to review them by Nationals. The Committee will update the previous RFP to send back out to prospective vendors.

Deschutes County Fairgrounds

Director Silveira requested follow-up on the contract with Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond, Oregon, which is scheduled to be the site of the 2023 National Specialty. Director Vest reported that she did not follow-up on securing a contract with the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. She also shared feedback received from members regarding the appropriateness of the site for ASCA. Other Directors shared similar concerns. Some felt that the membership should be surveyed again about all the sites.

Director Silveira expressed confusion over the Board not following-through on its decision to try out the chosen sites and then re-evaluate them all after the rotation is complete. He also addressed concerns shared about the Deschutes County Fairgrounds.

Director Vest volunteered to get in touch with the Deschutes County Fairgrounds to find out if the 2023 dates are still available for ASCA. The Board will revisit this discussion at Nationals.

Input on Finals Expenses

The research committee of Creelman, Gibson, and King presented the comments received about Finals expenses and revenue. This request for feedback was sent to ASCA's Committees and the ASCMembers discussion list.

Suggestions for Cutting Finals Expenses or Raising Revenue to Help Pay for Finals Expenses:

- Multiple suggestions to cut judge expenses, including: not giving a judge's gift, reducing judging fees, paying all judges the same judging fee, reducing the number of judges (stock and conformation), sharing rental cars for judges/use shuttles, manage judging assignments/judge multiple assignments, take bids on stock handlers (to reduce fees)
- Multiple suggestions to hold Nationals/Finals in one location
- Hold Nationals in a new location each year to attract and involve new people
- Purchase less expensive prizes
- Increase the Finals fee to \$0.50
- Increase Finals entry fees
- Provide space on entry forms to donate money to Finals
- Decrease number of head of stock used in Stockdog Finals to three
- Run stock more than once in Stockdog Finals
- Create an online store to sell ASCA merchandise to support Finals
- Offer WTCH belt buckles for sale to support Stockdog Finals
- Find corporate sponsors
- Support from local businesses, could be in exchange for advertising with ASCA

Director Gibson has provided a proposal for ASCA to run Nationals/Finals. If the Board decides to pursue that, it would make many of these suggestions unnecessary.

Nationals Supervisory Committee

At the 2018 Spring Meeting Director Gibson volunteered to come up with a job description for a Finals Coordinator or a Coordinating Committee. She presented the following proposal to the Board for their consideration and further discussion.

Nationals Supervisory Committee Proposal:

- I. ASCA will form a Nationals Supervisory Committee, comprised of former Nationals Chairmen, whose purpose will be to oversee ASCA's management and running of ASCA's annual National Specialty and Finals competition. This committee will run the National Specialty for ASCA, and all profits from the event will go to ASCA.
- II. The Committee's duties will be as follows:
 1. To assemble the Nationals Committee for each year. This committee will be appointed and approved by the Board at least two years ahead of the event.
 2. Solicit, appoint and contract pre-trials and pre-shows for Nationals. These will be awarded two years in advance of the event.
 3. Solicit, appoint and contract for the paid workers for each Nationals, including the entry clerk, the agility entry clerk, stewards, stock handlers, and set-up and tear-down laborers.

4. To ensure that the National Specialty is run in an efficient manner to ensure that all exhibitors have a pleasant experience and that it is run in a financially responsible manner to ensure that the event pays for itself and helps ASCA financially.
5. To work with ASCA's competitive program committees to ensure that rules are being with respect to Nationals and Finals competition. To work with other ASCA committees as needed to ensure a successful participant experience.

III. The Nationals Supervisory Committee will assemble a Nationals Committee for each year, filling the following positions:

1. Nationals Chairman
2. Nationals and Finals Stockdog Course Director
3. Nationals and Finals Conformation Secretary
4. Nationals and Finals Obedience Secretary
5. Nationals and Finals Rally Secretary
6. Nationals and Finals Juniors Secretary
7. Nationals and Finals Agility Secretary
8. Tracking Secretary
9. MVA/MVJ Secretary
10. Awards and Rosettes Chairman
11. Sponsorship Chairman
12. Vendors Chairman
13. Hotels and Travel Chairman
14. Banquet/Receptions Chairman
15. Merchandise Chairman
16. RV/Camping/Golf Carts Chairman
17. Grooming Spaces/Stalls Chairman
18. Hospitality Chairman
19. Parades Chairman
20. Decorations Chairman
21. Signage Chairman
22. Dock Jumping Chairman
23. Bookkeeper
24. Website, Facebook, Slideshows Chairman
25. Catalog Chairman
26. Education/Seminars Chairman
27. Other chairmen as the Board approves

These Nationals Committee Chairman will have their transportation, room and board paid for Nationals, but they will not be paid any cash.

Director King was concerned about losing variety by having the same people running Nationals every year, and that ASCA may not get the same volunteers if there isn't any benefit to their Affiliate Club. Director Gibson responded that the 2018 Nationals is being put on by a committee of about 30 people, some part of the Consortium's Affiliate Clubs and some not, in addition to the hired stock handlers, ring stewards, and manual laborers. This model worked successfully in 2014 and 2017, with both years' Consortiums making a profit. This proposal would make that ASCA's profit. Regarding variety, the Board has ultimate approval of all aspects to ensure that remains. Three programs (stock, conformation, agility) have put in place random draw processes for the selection of their Finals Judges.

The Board agreed that this proposal was worth consideration. They will discuss further at Nationals. This proposal will need to be shared with the Committees for their input, since it would require them to take a more active role in Nationals/Finals.

Membership Survey

The Board discussed the questions that will appear on a survey to the membership. The first section of the survey will cover puppies at Nationals. The second section will cover term limits for Committee Members and Directors.

Entry Fees for Junior Finals

Director Creelman asked whether ASCA should set a fee for Junior Finals entries, now that ASCA is paying for the Finals ribbons.

Director King had hoped the Junior Committee would have presented options for the Junior Finals to help pay for itself, in response to the Finals costs/revenue research committee's request for ideas.

The Board agreed that ASCA will continue to cover the cost of Junior Finals. Additionally, Director-elect Boone brought up the fact that Juniors competing in Agility Finals are required to pay an entry fee. The Board would like to make sure that any Junior who qualifies for Finals has their entry paid for by ASCA.

DNA Committee Questionnaire

Director Silveira has a motion for the Board's consideration to approve the questions created by the DNA Committee for labs that conduct DNA parentage verification.

Several Directors requested changes to two of the questions. Director-elect Gann also requested that references be provided for ASCA to contact.

BD.18.135 DNA Committee Questionnaire

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Vest

I move the Board of Directors approve the questions created by the DNA Committee, and as amended by the Board, for the purpose of questioning available laboratories as to their ability to support ASCA's DNA Program and authorize the Committee to begin the investigative process as previously approved by Board action.

General

- How long has your company been in business?
- How many samples have you tested in the last 5 years? What is your testing accuracy rate?
- Can your equipment handle testing the number of samples and markers we've provided in the "Genetic Testing" section below? How often do you update your equipment and when was the last time the equipment was updated?
- Are you doing research or working toward research with the samples you receive?
- Are you a certified lab with some organization for testing? If so, which one?

Genetic Testing

- ASCA's lab is currently using the following Marker set: 1.9A, AHT 125, AHT 126, CPH3, CXX.403, CXX2137, LEI007, UK101, UK109, UK111, UK118, UK13. Will you be able to accommodate this set?
- Would you recommend switching to the ISAG marker set and how would you approach the change given the fact that there are already thousands of samples recorded?
- Storage of Samples: How long would you be able to store samples and what would the cost be for this storage service?
- Will you be able to accommodate re-use of samples at a later date for different tests?
- What kind of samples do you accept? Do you provide the sample collectors? At what cost?
- What will your projected processing cost be based on an average of 2000 samples per year?
- How long is the process from receiving the sample to submittal of results to ASCA?
- How would results from our German approved lab Certagen be submitted to you?
- How often is your data being backed up? Local server? Cloud service?
- How can ASCA gain access to this database?
- How are problems handled such as sire doesn't match offspring?

- Customer service: Can individuals contact the lab directly or do they need to go through a liaison?

Please also provide at least two references ASCA may contact.

Executive Session

The Board was in Executive Session from 7:49 pm - 8:15 pm to discuss the below items.

Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for period ending August 31, 2018, as presented by Treasurer Roberts. Ending balance is \$165,740.33.

Affiliate Club Incident Report

The Board voted to accept an Incident Report from an Affiliate Club.

Cee Hambo Scholarship

A committee [DeChant, King, Roberts] was formed to review the scholarship applications and make a recommendation to the Board at Nationals.

Suspension of UKC Judge

The Board voted to suspend Barbara Marin from ASCA judging privileges due to her suspension from UKC judging privileges.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm (CDT).

Board of Directors Nationals Meeting Minutes

The meetings of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Australian Shepherd Club of America ("ASCA") were held from Sunday, September 23 - Friday, September 28, 2018, at the National Specialty in Greeley, Colorado.

Sunday, September 23

Directors Present:

President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Director Laura Gibson, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest (joined at 7:25 pm), and Director-elect Judy Boone

Also Present:

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Directors Absent:

Director-elect Rick Gann

Call to Order

President DeChant called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm (MDT) and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Executive Session

This meeting was conducted entirely in Executive Session.

Request for Conflict Resolution

The Board heard and voted to dismiss a Request for Conflict Resolution.

- The meeting was postponed at 8:35 pm, to be continued on Wednesday, September 26 at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, September 26

Directors Present:

President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Ken Silveira, Director-elect Judy Boone, and Director-elect Rick Gann

Also Present:

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, Member Joe Teixeira

Directors Absent:

Director Laura Gibson, Director Rachel Vest

Call to Order

President DeChant called the meeting to order at 8:11 am (MDT) and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

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Committee Reports

The Board heard reports from Committee Liaisons.

- Agility Program Committee:** Liaison Roberts reported that the committee is waiting for the completion of the computer system to resolve several goals. They have started putting out videos for online judge education.
- Conformation Program Committee:** Liaison Busquets reported that the committee has formed several sub-committees to work on their goals/projects.

- c. **DNA Committee:** Liaison Roberts reported that the committee has been working on the Board's directive to research DNA labs.
- d. **Dock Jumping Program Committee:** No report, Liaison Vest was not in attendance.
- e. **European Advisory Committee:** No report, Liaison Gibson was not in attendance.
- f. **Hall of Fame Committee:** Liaison Creelman reported that the committee is working on developing a hall of fame for performance kennels.
- g. **History Committee:** Liaison Busquets reported that the committee is considering awarding ASCA's lifetime achievement award to more than one recipient per year.
- h. **Junior Program Committee:** Liaison Creelman reported that the committee has been working on a qualification test for junior judges.
- i. **Legislative Committee:** No report, Liaison Vest was not in attendance.
- j. **Most Versatile Aussie Committee:** Liaison Silveira reported that the committee has not been working on much lately. It could benefit from additional active members.
- k. **Obedience Program Committee:** Liaison Busquets reported that the committee is looking into the several issues. They have received much feedback from members regarding novice level sit/down-stays.
- l. **Rally Program Committee:** Liaison Busquets reported that the committee has been communicating with judges and considering changes to Class C.
- m. **Stockdog Program Committee:** Liaison Roberts reported that the committee is coming through a rough patch and trying to move forward.
- n. **Tracking Program Committee:** Liaison Gray reported that the committee has been working on many things, including clearing up wording in the rules and providing resources for members.

Nationals Supervisory Committee Proposal

During the Board's September 13 teleconference meeting, Director Gibson presented a proposal that would have ASCA take over putting on the Nationals and Finals. Those present discussed briefly and decided to revisit when Ms. Gibson is in attendance.

2019 National Specialty Premium

The Host Club for the 2019 National Specialty presented the first draft of their premium to the Board for approval. Liaisons will share with their program committees, and Directors will share feedback with the Host Club by October 31.

New Liaison for 2019 National Specialty

The 2019 Nationals Host Club selected Rick Gann as their Board Liaison, to replace outgoing Director Gibson.

- Corinne Shanks joined the meeting at 10:05 am.

Meeting with Rally Committee Chair

The Board met with Corinne Shanks, Chair of the Rally Program Committee, to discuss a recommendation coming from the committee to the Board in October regarding Class C. Directors asked questions and shared feedback with the Chair.

- Ms. Shanks left the meeting at 10:45 am.
- The Board entered Executive Session at 10:45 am.

Refund Request

The Board voted to provide an equivalent refund of Nationals entry fees to a member whose dogs were ineligible to attend due to ASCA's communicable disease policy. The Board will adopt a policy for handling these types of refund requests in the future.

Secondary Counsel

In November 2017, the Board directed Charles Carnese, as Primary Counsel, to find a Secondary Counsel he can work with in serving ASCA. Since he was unable to find a suitable candidate, the Board has decided to take over the search.

Director Creelman suggested Jeff Levinson, an attorney in California, who specializes in family and property law. (<http://griswoldlasalle.com/attorneys/jeffery-levinson>)

Director Roberts suggested Foster Law Group, a group of attorneys in Washington, which specializes in nonprofit tax-exempt organizations. (<http://www.fosterlawgroup.com/index.htm>)

Directors will research and bring attorney suggestions to the Board for consideration.

- The Board exited Executive Session at 11:19 am.
- C.A. Sharp joined the meeting at 11:19 am.

Meeting with ASHGI President

In December 2017, the Board voted to make a \$3,500.00 donation from the ASCA Foundation to the Australian Shepherd Health & Genetics Institute, to be used in the Border Collie Collapse research study conducted by the University of Minnesota. C.A. Sharp, President of ASHGI, updated the Board on the study's progress. They have received ~50 samples from Australian Shepherds.

- Director Gibson joined the meeting at 11:20 am.
- Ms. Sharp left the meeting at 11:30 am.

European Advisory Committee

During the 2016 National Specialty the Board voted to create a European Advisory Committee, composed of one member per European Affiliate and two at-large members. Directors

DeChant, Silveira, and Gibson have each served as Liaison since then, and were unable to motivate the committee members. The Board discussed options for moving forward.

BD.18.142 Letter to European Affiliates re: European Advisory Committee

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: Vest; Motion *carries*.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Gibson

I move to send a letter to all European Affiliates advising them that the Board's plan to create this European Council does not seem to have been well received. The Board would like to hear from affected Affiliates on whether they believe this committee can be beneficial to their members, or shall it be disbanded. Responses will be sent to the Executive Secretary by October 11.

DNA Labs Research

In August 2018, the Board directed the DNA Committee to research and locate all US laboratories who offer DNA Parentage Verification for canines. The Committee is creating a report for the Board's use in ASCA's upcoming contract negotiations with Therion.

Location for 2023 National Specialty

During the September 13 teleconference meeting of the Board, Director Vest volunteered to reach out to Deschutes County Fairgrounds, in Redmond, Oregon, to determine if the 2023 dates are still available for ASCA to use for the National Specialty. The site's representative responded that September 8-18, 2023, is available. Director Roberts volunteered to continue communication with the site.

However, having the Nationals in early September causes many timing issues for the Business Office. The Board discussed the possibility of changing the dates for ASCA's qualification year from June 1 - May 31 to May 1 to April 30 to help.

Board of Directors Term Limits

Director Gibson presented a motion to clarify the wording of ASCA's Bylaws, 7 Article VII Board of Directors, 7.5 Section 5 Number and Tenure, "Directors may serve only two (2) consecutive elected terms," by adding clarifying verbiage based on a survey of the membership and putting that wording for the proposed Bylaws change on the ballot for the 2019 election. The motion was withdrawn after the September 16 survey was sent to the membership regarding term limits for Board of Directors and Committee Members. Ms. Gibson stressed the importance of clarifying the language even if the membership wants to keep things the way they are (one year off after service of two consecutive terms).

- The meeting was postponed at 12:15 pm, to be continued following the General Membership Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, September 26

Directors Present:

Judy Boone, Liz Busquets, Denise Creelman, Rick Gann, Linda Gray, Cindy King, Jean Roberts, Ken Silveira, and Rachel Vest (via phone)

Also Present:

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, Office Manager Ray Fryar

Call to Order

Office Manager Fryar called the meeting to order at 9:33 pm (MDT) and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Executive Session

This meeting was conducted entirely in Executive Session.

Election of ASCA Officers

The officers of the Club are elected annually by the Board at the first meeting of the Board held after the annual meeting of the membership.

- a. **President:** Director Busquets was elected.
- b. **1st Vice President:** Director Gann was approved by acclamation.
- c. **2nd Vice President:** Director King was approved by acclamation.
- d. **Treasurer:** Director Roberts was approved by acclamation.
- e. **Secretary:** Director Boone was approved by acclamation.
- f. **Executive Secretary:** Kalla Jaco was approved by acclamation.
- g. **Election Secretary:** Ray Fryar was approved by acclamation.
- h. **Membership Secretary:** Ray Fryar was approved by acclamation.

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm to hold a meeting of the ASCA Foundation.

Wednesday, September 26

Meeting of the ASCA Foundation Board of Directors

Directors Present:

President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Judy Boone, Director Denise Creelman, Director Linda Gray, Director Ken Silveira, and Director Rachel Vest (via phone)

Also Present:

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, Office Manager Ray Fryar

Call to Order

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 9:42 pm (MDT) and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Executive Session

This meeting was conducted entirely in Executive Session.

Election of ASCA Foundation Officers

The officers of the Foundation are elected annually by the Board at the first meeting of the Board held after the annual meeting of the membership.

The Board voted to accept the Officers of ASCA as the Officers of the ASCA Foundation.

- The Foundation meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Thursday, September 27

Directors Present:

President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Judy Boone, Director Denise Creelman, Director Linda Gray, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest, Outgoing Director Ann DeChant, and Outgoing Director Laura Gibson

Also Present:

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Directors Absent:

Director Rachel Vest

Call to Order

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 8:07 am (MDT) and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

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Revisit Norms

A “norm” is a principle of right action binding upon the members of a group and serving to guide, control, or regulate proper and acceptable behavior. At each face-to-face meeting, the Board reviews their agreed upon norms, revises them, if necessary, and renews commitment to upholding them.

System Liaison's Report

System Liaison Vest was not in attendance but shared a report with the Board via email.

The System Upgrade Committee is currently reviewing two proposals for website maintenance and plan to decide soon on the vendor that can best support ASCA's website. The committee hopes that ASCA can leverage website maintenance into the full system upgrade if the chosen vendor fulfills expectations.

Regarding the completion of the ASCA system upgrade, the committee is reviewing the RFP, Request for Proposal, and will be updating the document to ensure that the upgrade will cover the existing priorities, such as completion of the agility program, addition of the dock jumping program, and results uploads from all programs, as well as bug fixes, before moving forward with completion of the upgrade.

System Liaison

The Board appoints a System Liaison to oversee the ASCA Website and supervise the ASCA Webmaster, present a computer system strategy, receive input concerning the system strategy, and supervise implementation of the strategy.

BD.18.143 Board Liaison to System Liaison

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0, Abstain: 0; Absent: Vest; Motion *carries*.

Motion by King

Second by Gann

I move to appoint Rachel Vest as Board Liaison to the System Liaison.

BD.18.144 System Liaison

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0, Abstain: 0; Absent: Vest; Motion *carries*.

Motion by King

Second by Creelman

I move to appoint Allison Bryant as System Liaison.

- The Board entered Executive Session at 8:30 am.

Cee Hambo Scholarship

The Board voted to select Breann Ellis and Bayley Williams as this year's recipients of ASCA's Cee Hambo Scholarship Award of \$500 each.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roberts gave an update on ASCA's financial status. The report from August was reviewed during the Board's September 13 teleconference.

- The Board exited Executive Session at 8:36 am.

Nationals Supervisory Committee Proposal (continued)

The Board continued discussion of a proposal to have ASCA take over putting on the Nationals and Finals.

BD.18.147 Nationals Organizational Structure Executive Committee

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: Vest; Motion *carries*.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Gann

I move to create an executive committee to begin discussing possible changes to the National Specialty organizational structure. The committee's Chair will be Laura Gibson, and committee members will be Directors Creelman, Gann, and Silveira.

Directors will review the proposal and send feedback to the committee by October 11.

Google Classroom Platform Presentation

Outgoing Director Gibson gave a presentation for the Board about using Google Classrooms for online judge education.

BD.18.148 Google Classrooms for Online Education

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: Vest; Motion *carries*.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Creelman

I move that we immediately accept Google Classrooms for ASCA's platform for educational, training, and testing needs. All classrooms will be "owned" by the Office Manager. Also, that ASCA establish a "train the trainer" program to help the committees learn how to construct their training using Google Classrooms. During this transition, the committees may continue to use other platforms for ancillary training needs. ASCA will re-evaluate this decision after a 1-year probationary period.

Outgoing Director DeChant volunteered to assist with this project.

Finals Entry Fees for Juniors

ASCA has always covered the cost of Junior Finals. The Board would like to make sure that any Junior who qualifies in any program's Finals has their entry fee paid for.

BD.18.149 Finals Entry Fees for Juniors

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: Vest; Motion *carries*.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Creelman

I move that it be ASCA's policy that any Junior participating in any ASCA Finals event have their entry fee paid for/sponsored by ASCA.

Finals Entry Fees

In November 2014, the Board changed all ASCA Finals entry fees to \$60.00. There have been no changes since. The Board re-examined this fee structure and determined to make no changes at this time.

- Donna Armstrong joined the meeting at 10:56 am.

Meeting with Member

The Board met with Donna Armstrong concerning the development of a scent detection program in ASCA.

BD.18.150 Scent Detection Program Committee

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: Vest; Motion *carries*.

Motion by Creelman

Second by Boone

I move to form a committee to investigate the process of developing a scent detection program. A Groups.io group will be created for the committee's use. Interested members may send in resumes to the Executive Secretary by October 11.

The Board will appoint a Chair and Liaison during the October teleconference meeting.

- Ms. Armstrong left the meeting at 11:36 am.

DNA Fees

In November 2014, the Board increased fees for DNA testing from \$45 for swabs/\$40 for blood to \$46 for swabs/\$41 for blood. In October 2015, the Board increased the fees to \$50 for

swabs/\$45 for blood. No increase in 2016 and 2017. The Board re-examined this fee structure and determined to make no changes at this time.

- The Board entered Executive Session at 11:41 am to appoint committee applicants.
- Ms. DeChant left the meeting at 11:42 pm.
- The meeting was postponed at 11:51 am, to be continued on Friday, September 28 at 8:00 am.

Friday, September 28

Directors Present:

President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Judy Boone, Director Denise Creelman, Director Ken Silveira, Outgoing Director Ann DeChant, Outgoing Director Laura Gibson

Also Present:

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, Member Jan Wesen

Directors Absent:

Director Linda Gray, Director Rachel Vest

Call to Order

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 8:15 am (MDT) and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

This meeting is not divided into Open Session and Executive Session. The specific times are marked for when Executive Session was entered and exited throughout the meeting.

2019 Budget

Treasurer Roberts prepared the budget for the next fiscal year and presented it to the Board for adoption.

BD.18.151 Accounting Methods Executive Committee

Approve: 7; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: Gray, Vest; Motion *carries*.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Roberts

I move to form an executive committee to research ASCA's accounting methods and budgeting process. King and Roberts will serve.

BD.18.152 2019 Budget

Approve: 7; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: Gray, Vest; Motion *carries*.

Motion by Creelman

Second by Silveira

I move to accept the 2019 Budget as presented.

Strategic Plan

Each year on September 1 the 2nd VP is to send out a notification to the Board and all standing committees to evaluate the current Strategic Plan and advise the Board of possible changes by December 31. After initial review of the responses the Board then sends them to the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC). The SPC prepares a draft of the updated Strategic Plan to be sent back to the Board no later than February 28th.

Strategic Plan Follow-Up

The Strategic Plan is a document that outlines the goals and objectives of ASCA and its standing program committees for the short and long term. The Board discusses and adopts the Strategic Plan at its Spring Meeting.

- a. Goal 1, Objective 1, 2. Implement learning management system as a platform to offer ongoing judge education for all programs: **COMPLETE**; the Board has selected Google Classrooms.
- b. Goal 1, Objective 2, 1. Create uniform ASCA Finals rules (Committee of DeChant, Gibson, and Vest): **UPDATED**; new executive committee regarding the National Specialty organizational structure makes this committee obsolete.
- c. Goal 1, Objective 2, 2. Investigate the possibility of limiting the number of pre-trials/shows so we can offer other educational activities (Gibson and King): **UPDATED**; there has been mixed feedback from members on this. The 2019 Nationals Host Club is planning to schedule ample time for education.
- d. Goal 1, Objective 2, 3. Create uniform rules for committees to work with each other when responsibilities overlap: **UPDATED**; Directors Boone and Silveira volunteered to work on clarifying language.
- e. Goal 1, Objective 3, 8. Investigate possible HOF options for people & kennels who specialize in stock and performance dogs: **UPDATED**; Hall of Fame Committee is working on this. The Board discussed providing HOF options for each program.
- f. Goal 1, Objective 3, 9. Investigate possible grand/supreme champion titles to encourage participation with specials: **UPDATED**; Conformation Committee is working on this.
- g. Goal 4, Objective 2, 2. Sponsorships & Fundraising: **UPDATED**; Directors Roberts, Silveira, and Vest will work on this.

h. Goal 5, Objective 1, 2. ASCA app for phones & tablets: **UPDATED**; Executive Secretary Jaco is working on this.

- The Board entered Executive Session at 9:06 am.
- Director Vest joined the meeting (via phone) at 9:06 am.
- The Board entered Executive Session at 9:06 am to vote on a judge applicant.
- Ms. Vest left the meeting at 9:56 am.
- The Board exited Executive Session at 9:56 am.
- Jan Wesen and Marti Parrish joined the meeting at 9:56 am.

Meeting with Stockdog Committee Members

The Board met with Jan Wesen, Chair of the Stockdog Committee, and Stockdog Committee at-large Judge member Marti Parrish to discuss the Intro to Stock program and the direction of the Committee.

- Ms. Wesen and Ms. Parrish left the meeting at 10:55 am.
- The Board entered Executive Session at 10:55 am.

Judge Approval Processes

Director King requested evaluation of ASCA's current judge approval processes and some of the problems that have come up.

- The Board exited Executive Session at 12:00 pm.

Old Business

Executive Secretary Jaco went over a list of open items for the Board and several issues were marked resolved or re-assigned.

New Business

Items may include issues that have not been previously discussed or acted upon.

Dual Memberships

The Board discussed issues with dual members only receiving one survey from ASCA.

BD.18.153 Surveys to Dual Memberships

Approve: 7; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: Gray, Vest; Motion *carries*.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Roberts

I move that, prior to any more surveys, ASCA must ensure that dual memberships will receive dual surveys.

*Note: If members have a dual membership, they need to have two emails listed on their ASCA account.

Sponsorship Ads from Suspended Members

The Board would like to include something in the rules that prohibits someone “not in good standing” from sponsoring a class at Nationals and placing an ad in the Nationals catalogue.

Judges Feedback on Affiliates

ASCA has received requests from Judges to provide feedback to ASCA on the Affiliate Club they judged for. The Agility Program already has a form like this that could be modified for other program’s judges to use.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm (MDT).

Affiliate Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (“ASCA”) and ASCA Affiliate Club Members (“Members”), was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at the National Specialty in Greeley, Colorado.

Directors Present:

President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Secretary Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Director Laura Gibson, Director Ken Silveira, Director-elect Judy Boone, and Director-elect Rick Gann

Also Present:

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, Members: Jerry Aufox (Rock River Valley ASC), Michelle Berryessa (joined at 7:46 pm), Donna Burdick (Cascade ASC), Carol Gerken (Treasure Valley ASC - joined at 8:51 pm), Chuck Klein (First in Flight ASC), Kristie Klein (First in Flight ASC), Beth MacLehose (Buckeye ASC), Ann McCabe (Tri-County AS Working Association, Lakeside ASC, Prescott ASC), Carol McLaughlin (COAST ASC), Tom Morrare (ASC of Montana - joined at 7:36 pm), Judi Myers (COAST ASC), Robbi Norman (ASC of Michigan), Kathy Peycke (Olympic ASA), Ann Smyth (Wasatch Working ASC), Joe Teixeira (ASC of New England), and Jan Wesen (ASC of Washington - joined at 8:51 pm)

Directors Absent:

Treasurer Jean Roberts and Director Rachel Vest

Call to Order

President DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm (MDT) and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Open Session

The meeting was conducted in Open Session from 7:34 pm - 9:26 pm to discuss the below items. A recording of this meeting may be listened to on ASCA's Website

(<https://www.asca.org/home/news/bod-meetings-audio>) and ASCA's YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC490D1qEJtV7oiDp6KOHEvA>).

Introductions

The Board and Members introduced themselves.

Dog Aggression Rules and Incident Report Worksheet

Those present reviewed the Dog Aggression Rules and Incident Report Worksheet. These documents can be found on-line and at the back of every program rule book. If you are a member of your local Affiliate Club, please familiarize yourself with these procedures. It is important that whenever there is an incident of aggression these procedures are followed.

Please address any questions to the Executive Secretary.

Conflict Resolution Protocol

Those present reviewed the Conflict Resolution Protocol and Request for Conflict Resolution Form. These documents can be found on-line and at the back of every program rule book. If you are a member of your local Affiliate Club, please familiarize yourself with these procedures. It is important that whenever an incident occurs at an ASCA-sanctioned show/trial those involved attempt to work things out amicably. If that is not possible, then the Affiliate must follow these procedures to resolve the conflict.

Please address any questions to the Executive Secretary.

Concentration of Affiliate Clubs per State

Director Creelman initiated a discussion regarding the number of Affiliate Clubs in a state or area and the number of shows held. She is concerned that holding such a high number of shows prevents any of them from drawing a large entry.

Those present discussed several ideas to alleviate these issues such as joining with another Affiliate Club to put on multi-program events or running shows in conjunction with other organizations to draw more entries.

The Board is requesting ideas for solutions to this issue from the membership. Please send your feedback to the Executive Secretary.

Partnership with 4H Clubs

The Board would like to encourage Affiliates to reach out to their local 4H Club to form a relationship. Some in attendance shared that their Affiliates already utilize their local 4H Club for assistance at their shows/trials.

The Board is working on a brochure aimed at 4H participants, informing them of everything ASCA's Junior Program has to offer.

Sanctioning Deadline

The Board is seeking feedback on whether the current sanctioning deadline is working for Affiliates or not. It was suggested by the Business Office to increase the deadline from 45-days to 60-days, to give them more time to sort out issues and get the event posted to the calendar sooner. Some Affiliate Clubs may not have their judges secured by then, but there is an extension form they may file to sanction a show without judges. Some members were in favor, but others felt that the current 45-day deadline is restrictive enough already.

Errors on Premiums

The Board would like to remind Affiliate Clubs to proofread their submitted premiums and be sure they are following all ASCA rules and regulations.

Nationals Supervisory Committee Proposal

At the September 13 teleconference meeting of the Board, Director Gibson presented a proposal that would have ASCA take over putting on the Nationals and Finals. The Board is considering and would like to hear feedback from Affiliate members.

Beginning with the Nationals in 2020, ASCA will hire the entry clerk and take in all entry fees. The Conyers, Georgia, site will be paid with those funds, and the remainder will be given to the Host Consortium.

It has also come to the Board's attention that the Business Office struggles to have everything ready for Nationals held in September. There was a discussion of changing the show year from June 1-May 31 to April 30-May 1.

Old Business

No old business was brought forward.

New Business

Items may include issues that have not been previously discussed or acted upon.

Difficulty of Securing Obedience/Rally Judges

Several members expressed frustrations with the difficulty in finding Obedience and Rally Judges for Affiliate Club trials. The number and frequency of rule changes, as well as judge education requirements have greatly narrowed the selection pool.

Grandfathering Agility Veteran Qs

There is currently no way to grandfather Qs earned in Agility Veterans before the change specifying that the division is for veteran dogs only. This will be added to the wish list for future updates to the computer system.

Offering Altered Program at Every Show

Director Creelman suggested that Affiliates be able to offer Altered Classes at certain shows per year, instead of at every show. The Board advised Ms. Creelman to send her suggestion to the Conformation Program Committee for consideration.

Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

Director Creelman announced that the 2019 Nationals are still seeking Affiliate Clubs to host Rally/Obedience, Agility, and Stock pre-trials. They have 1 day for Obedience/Rally, 1 day for Agility, and 2 days for Stock. The Host Club will provide ring set-up and ring stewards. Please contact Ms. Creelman if your club is interested.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm (MDT).

General Membership Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Australian Shepherd Club of America ("ASCA") and ASCA Members ("Members"), was held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at the National Specialty in Greeley, Colorado.

Directors Present:

President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Director Laura Gibson, Director Ken Silveira, Director-elect Judy Boone, and Director-elect Rick Gann

Also Present:

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, Office Manager Ray Fryar, Webmaster Heidi Mobley, Members: Linda Bell, Michelle Berryessa, Karen Black, Pamela Bryant-Meeks, Donna Burdick, Laura Clayton, Karen Dahle, Jan Flatten, Sheila Freeman, Lucinda Gardner, Elizabeth Gibson, Leslie Goncharoff, Susan Graham, Linda Groesbeck, Jean Inman, Catherine Kenny, James Kenny, Arthur Landry, Carol Landry, Susan Laursen, Estella Levy, Elizabeth MacLehose, Jill Messenger, Leroy Jim McKay, Pamela McKay, Carol McLaughlin, Jason Meeks, Sunday

Miles, Scott Mobley, Judith Myers, Robbi Norman, Becky Parker, Toni Viola Pearson, Janet Quintens, Corinne Shanks, Ken Shoemaker, Linda Shoemaker, Anne Shope, Steve Shope, Pamela Smith, Chuck Spriggs, Karen Spriggs, Glenda Teaff, Larry Teaff, Joe Teixeira, Debra Thom, Michael Tremblay, Warene Waters, Renee Watson, Jan Wesen, Susan Whitten, Betty Williams, and Claudia Yearsley

Directors Absent:

Director Rachel Vest

Call to Order

President DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm (MDT) and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Members was not present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Open Session

The meeting was conducted in Open Session from 7:33 pm - 9:17 pm to discuss the below items. A recording of this meeting may be listened to on ASCA's Website

(<https://www.asca.org/home/news/bod-meetings-audio>) and ASCA's YouTube Channel

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC490D1qEJtV7oiDp6KOHEvA>).

Introduction of ASCA Directors & Employees

The President officially announced the 2018 Board of Directors election results and introduced the Directors and employees in attendance.

Random Draw for Stockdog Finals Judges

The random draw of eligible judges for the 2020 Stockdog Finals was conducted.

Here are the results, in random draw order:

1. James Bergert
2. Brad Warren
3. Russ Ford
4. Joan Carrillo
5. Bob Myrick
6. Cheryl Padget
7. Becky Beckman
8. Jan Wesen
9. Maarten Walter

The Host Consortium will hire 6 judges from this list.

Summary of Previous Year's Minutes

The Executive Secretary gave a summary of the previous year's minutes of the General Membership Meeting.

Dog Aggression Rules and Incident Report Worksheet

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Please address any questions to the Executive Secretary.

Conflict Resolution Protocol

Those present reviewed the Conflict Resolution Protocol and Request for Conflict Resolution Form. These documents can be found on-line and at the back of every program rule book. If you are a member of your local Affiliate Club, please familiarize yourself with these procedures. It is important that whenever an incident occurs at an ASCA-sanctioned show/trial those involved attempt to work things out amicably. If that is not possible, then the Affiliate must follow these procedures to resolve the conflict.

Please address any questions to the Executive Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roberts gave an update on ASCA's financial status. We are in even better financial shape than last year. ASCA had another successful audit with nothing to remark on.

System Liaison's Report

System Liaison Vest was not in attendance but Executive Secretary Jaco gave a report on her behalf.

"The ASCA System Upgrade Committee is comprised of ASCA President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, ASCA Office Manager Ray Fryar, Board System Liaison Rachel Vest, System Liaison Allison Bryant, and Member Joyce Charron. The goal of the Committee is to review and determine the best path forward for ASCA in relation to the website maintenance as well as the completion of the ASCA System.

The System Upgrade Committee is currently reviewing two proposals for website maintenance and plan to decide soon on the vendor that can best support ASCA's website. The committee hopes that ASCA can leverage website maintenance into the full system upgrade if the chosen vendor fulfills expectations.

Regarding the completion of the ASCA system upgrade, the committee is reviewing the RFP, Request for Proposal, and will be updating the document to ensure that the upgrade will cover the existing priorities, such as completion of the agility program, addition of the dock jumping program, and results uploads from all programs, as well as bug fixes, before moving forward with completion of the upgrade.

Please address any questions to the Executive Secretary.”

Committee Reports

Chairs or appointed representatives gave an annual report to the membership.

Agility

Liaison Jean Roberts gave the report:

“In the 2015-2016 show year there were 427 trials with 2788 dogs competing. In the 2016-2017 show year there were 401 trials and 2650 dogs participating. 2017-2018 has had 392 trials, with 2656 dogs competing. The total amount of titles earned during that time was 4398. Titles earned by Aussies were 2721 and titles earned by other breeds was 1677.

The Agility Committee has not been able to accomplish some of the major things that it would like to because of the computer system issues. Once that is taken care of, we do have some motions ready to go for a vote. But we did put together some videos to help with giving the judges a visual when we post the Did You Know to the judge’s groups.io list. The first one should be going out currently and it is on start line training.

We are always working on clarifications to the rule book as things are brought to our attention. We sent out the judge’s exam in August and all but 3 judges have returned and passed the test. Since other organizations are now allowing training in the ring with toys, the Committee is discussing whether that would be something that would work in ASCA Agility. It is currently in the beginning stages of discussion.

We have added 2 new members to the Committee this year.”

Conformation

Chair Liz Gibson gave the report:

“Hello from the Conformation Committee. I hope everyone is enjoying beautiful Colorado and you have had big wins so far! Hosting such a wonderful event takes many hours of volunteer work. Please give a round of applause to our hosts for a job well done!

I would like to introduce the members of our committee to you. Please stand up if you are present!

Region 1: Debbie Martin, Kathy Peycke

Region 2: Mary Hellmeister

Region 3: No members

Region 4: Joyce Charron

Region 5: Dorothy Montano, Betty Jaco, Gail Karamalegos, Erin Sumler

Region 6: Peter Kontos

Region 7: Svenja Hagedorn, Myrjam Langen

We do have openings in regions 2, 3, 4 and 6. Please consider applying.

Our yearly Title and Show Report is as follows:

From 6/1/2017 through 5/31/2018 there were 610 conformation shows. This is up slightly from last year. Let's keep the trend going on having more conformation events! During this timeframe we had 24 new Altered Champions and 39 new Intact Champions.

Here are some other fun facts! For your information, here are the conformation entries for the last 5 national specialties and 2018. This is the total for all non-regular and regular entries from the catalogs.

Colorado in 2013: 719 entries

Texas in 2014: 664 entries

Tennessee in 2015: 1083 entries

Oregon in 2016: 774 entries

Texas in 2017: 610 entries

Colorado in 2018: 661 entries

Please consider volunteering with your local Affiliate Club. Without our local clubs we would not have any ASCA events for all of you to participate in!

The CC is always open to ideas to enhance the Conformation Program. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact a Conformation Committee member. We hope you have a fantastic time in Colorado and we hope to see all of you in California next year!"

DNA

Committee Member Jan Wesen gave the report:

"Greetings from the DNA committee. Another successful show year is behind us. During the past year from June 2017 to May 2018 a total of 1731 dogs were DNA tested. As a result, 183 dogs received a DNA-CP designation and 1548 dogs received a DNA-VP designation. Congratulations to all owners.

2018 ASCA Nationals Blood Draw: This year our blood draw was held on Tuesday, Sept. 25th in cooperation with ASHGI. In total, 38 DNA blood draws were done. The DNA committee

would like to thank everyone who helped at the blood draw, Committee Members Gina Larson, Robbie Norman, and Supervising Veterinarian Carol McLaughlin, Board Liaison Jean Roberts, Directors Judy Boone and Cindy King, ASCA Office Manager Ray Fryar, Meredith Guy, Bruce Roberts, Joyce Siddall and, especially, Carol Gerken, Shannon Fogarty, and Susan Roberts for drawing blood. The blood draw would not be possible without all the help!

Currently the DNA committee is awaiting approval from the Board of a questionnaire with which we will start the quest to search for another lab to add to the existing one to broaden the choices for ASCA members for DNA testing.

We would like to hear from you! If you currently have issues with DNA testing or if you had issues in the past, resolved or not, please contact us directly so that we are aware of areas that might need improvement. No matter is too small to be discussed and looked at. Thank you for your time.”

Dock Jumping

Chair Heidi Mobley gave the report:

“Dock Jumping has had a great pretrial at nationals this year. We have doubled our entry from last year. We want to thank Dock Dogs for stepping in at a time of need when the pool we were to use was caught in flood waters in NC.

Currently the committee is working on two things:

- Working with the office to get titles hand written until the computer system gets updated;
- Working on what is needed and required to host dock jumping at a Nationals.”

European Advisory

No report.

Hall of Fame

Liaison Denise Creelman gave the report:

“Hello, hoping your summer is going great. My name is Kristina Churchill and I have been elected to the Hall of Fame Committee and I am now the newly appointed Chairperson as well. Thank you to Dorothy Montano for all the years you have been the chair, our sincere appreciation for all your time and hard work.

We are working on a few things this summer and fall:

- HOFX Sires and Dams requirements
- Double checking all titles are correct that have been posted for dogs that have qualified for Hall of Fame status (If you need to update your titles, please contact Heidi Mobley the ASCA Webmaster)
- Asking the board for all board directives you may have for the HOF committee

Please if you have any suggestions about HOFX Sires and Dams requirements feel free to email me at ishok9@gmail.com with the subject line "ASCA HOFX Sire and Dam," and I will forward them all to our entire hardworking committee members. If there is anything else you would like this committee to pursue please email me with ideas and/or suggestions.

Thank you for your time, hope to see you all at this year's National Specialty and good luck to you all in all programs you are participating in."

History

Chair Sunday Miles gave the report:

"Here we are at another beautiful Colorado ASCA Nationals! Can't thank these Colorado folks enough - always great fun. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

The History Committee is proud to have Sandy Cornwell as our 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient this year. I saw Sandy on the way out here and she sends her thanks and is eagerly awaiting her lovely plaque which I can drop off on the way home. My caravan companion is hauling a pup for her.

We would love to have more people join our little committee but, even if you do not wish to partake in the work, please forward us people you would like to see considered for ASCA's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Keeping this short and sweet, I'm so happy to be sharing another great ASCA Nationals with you all - it's about to become history."

Junior

Liaison Denise Creelman gave the report:

"Hi everyone, I hope you are all enjoying your dogs and friends this week.

Since our last Nationals, our Committee has gained 3 new members: Bayley Williams (ex-junior), Debra St Jacques (ASCA SBJ and so much more), and most recently, Soren Smail (current junior). We still have some room, as well, in case there is anyone out there who would like to apply.

As of June 1st, Conformation Juniors are already hard at work trying to earn not only the 500 Club, but I have heard many say that they are aiming for our new 1000 Club or higher. This is very exciting to me to watch as this was the first big project that the current committee got going after our re-building period.

The Junior Program Committee has been working on the new Junior Judge requirements as directed by the ASCA BOD. We have written a new program to include both testing and being published in the Aussie Times, neither of which has been required in the past. We have a few tweaks to work out, but we are well on our way to getting this new program reviewed. In the very near future we will be looking for guinea pigs to try out our test, if anyone wants to volunteer please let me know.

We also have a potential new ASCA Junior Stock Program in the works. Ray Fryar assisted in drafting a new Junior Stock Program and we have created a sub-committee to work on this further. So far, the response is encouraging. Our goal is to get this program going so that Agility can follow.

Last night, the Committee, in conjunction with a group from the Host Club, put on a Junior Handling Seminar. Approximately 20 juniors attended. We had previously polled a few of last year's Junior Judges as well as this year's judges for topics to cover. After discussion, the juniors each got to do hands on patterns with ex-juniors. During the discussion it was brought up that the ASCA Breed Standard is not currently in the rulebook, we would like to get that added on the next printing to make it easier for the kids to study.

On behalf of the committee we would like to thank all the parents, judges, trainers, and other supporters of the ASCA Junior Programs.”

Legislative

No report.

MVA

Chair Renee Watson gave the report:

“Liaison: Ken Silveira

Chair: Renee Watson

Region 1: Jan Wesen (2019)

Region 2: Curt Uritz (2020), Janet Colby (2020)

Region 3: No members

Region 4: Beth MacLehose (2020), Sandra Hawkins (2019)

Region 5: Andrea Hoffmann (2020), Lori Fausett (2020)

Region 6: No members

Region 7: No members

Our Committee is most busy after Nationals, when we get to see how the program rules work during the madness of a Nationals schedule. The goal of this committee is to maintain the history and original intent of the MVA program which is to emphasize the broad spectrum of

our breed in terms showing instinct and ability to work livestock, how they compare to the breed standard and the trainability they exhibit for new and varied tasks.

We'd reworked and refined the Evaluation form in 2017 to total to 100 points, rather than 90 that had been used for many years on the form. We patterned the form after the Conformation Finals form. The two judges who have used it have had some good feedback and some suggestions for improvement.

The committee continues to work on the approach to scoring the various events so that all have the appropriate weight within the program. Our goal is to work toward offering weighted extra Q points as you reach the higher levels within the particular venue. This continues to be a work in progress.

For Nationals this year, we reformatted the scoring spreadsheet to make it easier to read and much easier to calculate. Feedback from our contestants will be most welcome.

We would welcome anyone to this committee who has an interest in the versatility of our breed and helping to maintain this program. Please email the Executive Secretary your resume for consideration."

Obedience

Committee Member Beth MacLehose gave the report:

"First, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Laurie Rubin, who held the chair of this committee for several years. Her leadership was incredible, and the work she helped accomplish unmatched - she is a hard act to follow! Thanks, Laurie!

The Obedience Committee has been working hard on the online version of a judge's education program. At this time, there is a prototype program on Google Classroom that we are finalizing and hope to have ready for Board approval shortly. In the interim, there is an alternative for meeting the continuing education requirements by following the judge's ed link on the obedience page of the ASCA website.

We spent an enormous amount of discussion time on the honorary title for dogs that had 3 scores about 195 at a given level of competition. We were not able to come up with a feasible program at this time, and so that idea is currently on hold. We continue to try to be alert to ambiguous structure in the rule book and make those changes as they are found - so please help us by noticing and bringing them to our attention! Currently, we are beginning to investigate the options of making a second track for the Novice title which would make the group stay exercises an option as is available for the Open title. Given how important impulse

control is for our Aussies, this is not an overnight project - and we all feel it is important that any alternate exercises are both equal in 'value' to the stays and the appropriate challenge for dogs and handlers to train for and have fun doing.

Another challenge for us is the drop-in entries for obedience trials. This is a problem for all venues, with so many places for folks to go have fun with their dogs, so we are not alone in looking for ways to encourage participation. In the 2017-2018 ASCA year, there were 224 obedience trials held, world-wide. The previous year, there were 234. One of the things that has been suggested by competitors is to bring more recognition to the 'Other Breeds' that account for a large number of our entries at many trials. There is a page on the website that honors the other breed teams that earn an Obedience Trial Championship - but not many know about it (or the Aussie OTCH page, either, it seems) but these other breeds are not listed in the year end standings, or the merit lists. So, we are looking at ways to recognize these people who support our trials and welcome your suggestions. The numbers of titles earned bears this out - last year Aussies earned 99 Companion Dog titles, while other breeds took home 54. That should be the start of a career - not the end goal. OTCH titles went to 4 Aussies and 4 Other Breed dogs. Utility shows 15 other breeds earning that title and 10 Aussies. And, for our really premier title, the UDX, 3 other breeds to 2 Aussies.

And, it is nice to see that the alternate track Open class (the ODX) has had 13 titles for Aussies and 1 to another breed. It will very interesting to see if the new AKC classes make any difference to this number next year!

We have been asked where we are on a class for Graduate Open - and it is on the agenda, which I know says little, but it seems there is more interest in the alternate for Novice stays, so that is our current focus.

We also welcome and are seeking ideas for ways to encourage participation in obedience - so please, join the obedience rules list and talk to us! The email for that list is on the ASCA obedience page on the ASCA website - please, please join us!"

Rally

Chair Corinne Shanks gave the report:

"Greetings on behalf of the members of the Rally Committee. On Sunday we completed the 2018 Rally Finals with 19 dogs competing, 3 of which were from Europe. Congratulations to the 2018 Finals Winner: Betsy Coleman & RTCH SRN Eagle's Aspen.

ASCA Rally remains alive and well, though our numbers are down a little this year.

Total Trials in 2017: 300

Total Trials in 2018: 270
Total Dogs Competing 2017: 1360
Total Dogs Competing 2018: 1191
Titles for Aussies 2017: 1191
Titles for Aussies 2018: 1089
Titles for other breeds 2017: 338
Titles for other breeds 2018: 273
RTCH Titles 2017: 39
RTCH Titles 2018: 42
RTCH-1: 26
RTCH 2 – RTCH 7: 16

Rally is a relatively new program; statistical fluctuations can be expected. Those who had an older dog decided to get a title before retirement, then elected to not get another dog. The one area where the program could grow is to generate more interest among other breed owners. In areas where trials fill, it is often noted that there are more other-breeds than Aussies. Everyone who participates in ASCA Rally is encouraged to obtain the Rally Fliers from the ASCA Office, then pass them out at their local training clubs. This is especially true for areas where trials do not fill.

A new judges' education seminar is ready for debut on January 1, 2019. This is the first year that all judges will be required to complete the on-line seminar. Previously the seminar conducted after Finals counted as continuing education. This seminar will continue for participants and judges; however, it does not count for education.

Our new signs were available June 1, 2018. We immediately saw many of these new signs on courses, with very positive responses from judges and exhibitors, as some of the signs solved problems we saw on courses. Other signs just add something new & fun to the courses.

Videos of exercises being correctly, as well as incorrectly, performed are included in the judges' seminar. The goal is to soon provide these videos to handlers as well. These videos have been requested by judges and exhibitors but have taken a significant amount of time to execute. We want everyone to know that there has been great progress, and we hope to see them available soon.

If you or your club has not yet tried ASCA Rally, we encourage you to check us out. If there is an individual, or a club that is considering sponsoring ASCA Rally trials, but is not sure where to start, they are encouraged to contact the Rally Program Committee Chair, or their

representative on the Rally Program Committee. We would be happy to help get the process started and will walk you through the process. And, as always, if there are questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact a member of the Rally Committee.”

Stockdog

Chair Jan Wesen gave the report:

“Chairperson: Jan Wesen

Liaison: Jean Roberts

Region 1: Jim McKay

Region 2: Terri Jones

Region 3: Cathy Lowe

Region 4: Heather Oslie

Region 5: Diane Prather

Region 6: Arthur Landry

Region 7: Nina Krammer

At-Large Judges: Marti Parrish, Canby Scott, and James Bergert

There are 2 vacancies for Judge positions on the committee. If you are a Stockdog Judge and are interested in serving, please send your resume to the ASCA Executive Secretary, Kalla Jaco, at asca.execsec@gmail.com.

We wish to thank Jerry Schetterer for his time on the Stockdog Program Committee and for serving as Chair.

The Stockdog Program welcomes new Apprentice Judge Carol Gerken and congratulates Sandra Zilch and Deb Conroy for becoming approved Stockdog Judges.

Stockdog Program Numbers for June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2018:

Number of Stock Trials: 412

Number of Dogs Competing: 1127

of Started Titles earned by Aussies: 501

earned by other breeds: 270

of Open Titles earned by Aussies: 358

earned by other breeds: 132

of Advanced Titles earned by Aussies: 322

earned by other breeds: 119

of Post Advanced Titles earned by Aussies: 30

earned by other breeds: 6

of Ranch Dog Titles earned by Aussies: 5

earned by other breeds: 3

of Stockdog Champion Titles earned by Aussies: 6

earned by other breeds: 1

of Working Trial Champion Titles earned by Aussies: 96

earned by other breeds: 33

Number of Ranch Trials: 8

Number of Dogs Competing: 52

of Ranch Trial Dog Titles earned by Aussies: 43

earned by other breeds: 5

Motions passed this year: Revised the Dog in Arena. The Stockdog Program Committee welcomes input from the membership.”

Tracking

Chair Beth MacLehose gave the report:

“Hi all, the Tracking Committee has been busy this year. Thanks to all the members for their hard work: Jan Wesen, Sandy Hawkins, Leah Swatko, Joyce Charron, Maia Halvorsen, Marja Teegelbeckers, Jacque Tinker, Lisa Klein, and Laurie Shuren.

We cleaned up some wording in the rulebook. We also changed the space between tracks and legs of tracks from 75 to 50 yards to allow for more tracks to be laid in an area and to align with other organizations who have successfully used this spacing.

Our big accomplishment for the year is implementing the Beginning Tracking Dog title. Our hope is that this title will make ASCA tracking more accessible to all parts of the country. The track will have two turns and may be laid by a person known to the dog. It may be judged by anyone with advanced tracking titles. The tracks do not need to be laid the previous day but may be laid the day of the test prior to running. For handlers, it will be a nice time to get their feet wet with tracking. For clubs, it will also be a chance to get their feet wet in putting on a tracking event without having to commit to multiple days or flying in a judge. For more information about this test, feel free to talk to any Tracking Program Committee member. Also, Jacque did a great presentation on Facebook Live about this new test.

For the upcoming year we are working on putting the finishing touches on an official Tracking Instinct Profile that will give handlers information on their dog's tracking style. We also will be working on another advanced class that will include some more variable surface work in hopes to create a Tracking Championship.

If you have any questions about tracking, all our committee members are more than willing to help you get started. Have a great tracking year.”

Other Reports

Representatives will give an annual report to the membership.

Aussie Rescue & Placement Helpline

Jean Inman gave the report:

“ARPH celebrates 25 years of rescue in 2018. Over the years we have seen the popularity of Australian Shepherds come and go in waves across the nation, yet there remains a large number in need of help every year. Across the south, through the Midwest and into the Southwest we continue to assist shelters and owners who want to find the right home for dogs in their care.

We currently have 45 dogs in foster care. In the first eight months of 2018 we had 95 dogs enter ARPH and 90 were adopted. There were no dogs euthanized in this period.

Rescue is emotional work which brings highs and lows. The dedication of ARPH’s volunteers is a hallmark of our success. We strive to bring out the best in our people so that they, in turn, bring out the best in the Aussies who enter our program. Not every dog is a candidate for general adoption, unfortunately. That is an unhappy fact in rescue. Our volunteers are trained to understand and accept this and receive support from their local as well as national fellow members of ARPH.

Financially, ARPH continues to be a stable and viable organization. Despite rising costs and social pressures, we have kept our adoption fee at the same amount since 2011 while still meeting all the medical care ARPH dogs require, adding microchips to standard expenses as well as MDR1 testing and vision exams for specific circumstances. The expenses for most dogs entering the program well exceed the \$300 we ask as an adoption fee.

We could not do any of this without the generous support of donors, many of whom are ASCA members, the huge response from our yearly mailing to supporters and adopters, and the huge generosity of ARPH’s volunteers. ARPH, its Board of Directors, volunteers and the Aussies thank you most sincerely for your support.”

Old Business

Member Pam Smith expressed disappointment with the flat ribbons for rounds in Agility Finals and requested that the Board return to the old, larger rosettes.

New Business

Items may include issues that have not been previously discussed or acted upon.

Suspended Member Privileges

Member Shelly Hollen brought up concerns with a suspended member being able to sponsor a class at Nationals and place an ad in the Nationals catalogue. She requested the Board address this and change the way sponsorships/ads are accepted.

ASCA Counsel

Several Members brought up concerns with ASCA's current legal representation. The Board is currently in the process of hiring a Secondary Counsel.

Time at Nationals for Educational Events & Meetings

Dedicating a day during Nationals to educational events and meetings has been brought up several times. Director Creelman stated that the 2019 Nationals Host Club is attempting to schedule events and meetings so there will be no conflicts. Please contact Ms. Creelman if you have a meeting that needs to be scheduled.

Member Feedback to Program Committees

There was some discussion regarding how and when committees get input from the membership. Program Committees have program-specific discussion lists for members to communicate with the Committees, but each Committee uses that differently.

Historical Collection of Aussie Memorabilia

Member Leah Swatko brought up the importance of having a collection of Aussie memorabilia, such as old Aussie Times, movies, home videos, etc. If the Membership has anything they would like to donate, please contact the Executive Secretary.

Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

Director Gibson announced that the banquet will be held on Friday, September 28, in the Rally/Obedience Building. Cash bar at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm.

Conformation Program Committee Chair Liz Gibson announced that from now on, the Committee will be putting on two seminars at Nationals - one for the general membership and one for judges only.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm (MDT).

Respectfully submitted,
Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary