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Executive Secretary's Report

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Announcements

New Judges

Junior Judge - **Mallori Bryan** (Tennessee)

New Committee Members

Hall of Fame Committee - **Carol Gerken** (Region 1)

Rally Committee - **Cheryl Padget** (Region 5) and **Guenter Geisel** (Region 7)

Scent Search Committee - **Jacquelyn Kobiarecki** (Region 4)

Stockdog Committee - **Jamie Burns** (Judge at-large)

Miscellaneous

The Board voted to hire Attorney David Schleicher from Waco, Texas, as Legal Counsel for ASCA.

2019 Stockdog Finals Judge Change: **Becky Beckmann** has replaced Bob Myrick.

From the ASCA Foundation

The Board voted to provide a \$1,000.00 rescue grant to Central Aussie Rescue & Support from Overland, Missouri (www.centraaussierescue.org).

Board of Directors Email Motions

BD.19.56 Member Letters re: Judge Applicants

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: None

Abstain: King

Non-Voting: None

Motion **carries**.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Busquets

I move the following language replace the pertinent Sections of the Conformation Rule Book and the Policy Book.

Current Wording:

Conformation Rulebook:

APPENDIX B: Judge Requirements

1.1.1 Procedure Steps in applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge

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e. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times for comments from the membership. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application, sponsorship form; judges' test results and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.

f. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the non-regular level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.

g. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Non-Regular Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge. The applicant may then accept non-regular level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "NR" beside their name.

Policy Book:

10.5 Filing of Conflict Letters

a. Any communication that requests inclusion of a conflict letter/e-mail in a Judge's or member's file shall also be sent to the subject of the complaint advising him/her that he/she may submit a rebuttal statement that will be placed in the file.

b. The person requesting the inclusion of the conflict letter/e-mail will be sent a letter advising him/her of this policy. ASCA will disclose the name and identifying information of the author of all written comment letters detailing actions of any of the following individuals:

1. Judge Applicants
2. Judges

3. Officials of ASCA, its affiliates and licensees detailing actions during an ASCA sanctioned event.

c. If the writer withdraws his/her request, the letter/e-mail will not be included in the Judge's or member's file or be sent to the Judge or member.

d. Letters/e-mails of conflict will be forwarded to the individual named in the letter/e-mail. The forwarding letter/e-mail will seek a response from the subject of the conflict.

e. The Board of Directors will take no action on an application to become a judge until completion of the preceding process if a conflict letter has been filed.

10.6 Investigation of Conflicts

The conflict resolution process, investigation and recommendations, will be handled by a rotation of the Directors as assigned by the Executive Secretary. The Director assigned to handle a specific conflict is responsible for conducting the entire process from investigation to presenting disposition recommendations to the Board of Directors.

10.7 Members' and Judges' Files

All ASCA members and judges are allowed full access to any file that ASCA maintains for them. Such files may only be viewed at ASCA's Business Office. ASCA members and judges may obtain a copy of all or any part of any of their ASCA files upon payment of a reasonable fee therefor. The ASCA Manager has the obligation to maintain all such files in a secure location at ASCA's Business Office.

Proposed Wording:

Conformation Rulebook:

APPENDIX B: Judge Requirements

1.1.1 Procedure Steps in applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

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e. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times to solicit for comments from the membership to aid the Board of Directors in evaluating a Judge Application. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application, sponsorship form; judges' test results and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. Comments sent by the membership shall not be processed as disputes but only as material to be considered by Directors in the approval/denial process. These letters from the membership and all files containing Judges approvals shall be privileged and available only to Directors and ASCA's Attorneys). The identity of Members writing letters shall be confidential. Any negative comments contained in letters from Members shall be submitted to the Judge Applicant for rebuttal. Negative comments will be further investigated only if they are properly documented. Proper documentation includes but is not limited to Conflict Resolution or complaints found valid by the Board, court rulings, witness statements, etc. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.

f. All properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant shall be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and shall include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the non-regular level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.

g. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Non-Regular Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge. The applicant may then accept non-regular level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "NR" beside their name.

Policy Book:

10.5 Filing of Conflict Letters

Such letters can only be placed in a Judge's or Member's file after the Conflict Resolution Protocol has been successfully completed as approved by the Board of Directors.

a. All communication that requests inclusion of a conflict letter/e-mail in a Judge's or member's file shall also be sent to the subject of the complaint advising him/her that he/she may submit a rebuttal statement that will be placed in the file concurrent with a Conflict Resolution Protocol filing.

b. The person requesting the inclusion of the conflict letter/e-mail will be sent a letter advising him/her of this policy. ASCA will disclose the name and identifying information of the author of all written comment letters detailing actions of any of the following individuals:

1. Judge Applicants (This policy does not include letters solicited by the Board of Directors from the Membership related to a Judge Applicants application process. Such letters are privileged and shall only be available to the Directors during the approval process which is conducted in Executive Session.)

2. Judges

3. Officials of ASCA, its affiliates and licensees detailing actions during an ASCA sanctioned event.

c. If the writer withdraws his/her request, the letter/e-mail will not be included in the Judge's or member's file or be sent to the Judge or member.

d. Letters/e-mails of conflict will be forwarded to the individual named in the letter/e-mail concurrent with a filing of the Conflict Resolution Protocol. The forwarding letter/e-mail will seek a response from the subject of the conflict.

e. The Board of Directors will take no action on an application to become a judge until completion of the preceding process if a conflict letter has been filed concurrent with a Conflict Resolution Protocol filing.

10.6 Investigation of Conflicts

The conflict resolution process, investigation and recommendations, will be handled by a rotation of the Directors as assigned by the Executive Secretary. The Director assigned to handle a specific conflict is responsible for conducting the entire process from investigation to presenting disposition recommendations to the Board of Directors.

10.7 Members' and Judges' Files

All ASCA members and judges are allowed full access to any file that ASCA maintains for them. Such files shall be made available at the Business Office or delivered by email or any commercial carrier as directed by the Member or Judge. ASCA members and judges may obtain a copy of all or any part of any of their ASCA files upon payment of a reasonable fee to cover shipping and handling. The ASCA Manager has the obligation to maintain all such files in a secure location at ASCA's Business Office.

Comments/Rationale: The procedure for responding to the Board of Director's solicitation for comments from the Membership during a Judge's application process has not been well defined. This motion is made to provide clarity for that process; separate these letters from letters of complaint; provide fairness for the Judge applicant and allows the Membership to fully participate in the Directors duty of approving Judges.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.19.57 Committee Member Removal

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: King

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion carries.

Dissent from King: I cannot agree with D 2-4. Committee members can and will have different views and opinions on many things. Allowing the vote and removal of a committee member by a simple majority of the committee gives the power to the majority to create a committee of one mindset or agenda.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Busquets

I move the following language replace the pertinent Sections of the Committee Procedures.

Current Wording:

2.10 Cause for Removal and Procedure

- A. To remain on the Committee all members, including the Chairperson, must vote on at least eighty percent (80%) of all committee issues submitted during any six (6) month period and must attend at least eighty percent (80%) of all physical or telephone committee meetings during any six (6) month period. The Chairperson shall contact those Members who drop to 80% participation and advise them of this requirement. The Chairperson shall advise the Board, through the Liaison, of members whose participation drops below 80%. The committee member will be removed immediately.
- B. The ASCA Board of Directors may remove any Committee Member, including the Chairperson, from the Committee.
- C. The Committee may remove the Committee Chair at any time for any reason. Removal will be by a vote of the Committee. Removal of the Committee Chair requires only a majority vote of the Committee Members. The Chairperson in question is entitled to participate in the debate but not the voting process.

Proposed Wording:

2.10 Cause for Removal and Procedure

- A. To remain on the Committee all members, including the Chairperson, must participate in the discussions and vote on at least seventy percent (70%) of all committee issues submitted during any six (6) month period and must attend at least seventy percent (70%) of all physical, electronic, or telephone committee meetings during the six (6) month period. The Chairperson shall contact those Members who drop to 70% participation, following the procedure outlined below. The Chairperson shall advise the Board, through the Liaison, of members whose participation drops below 70% and who are unable to improve their participation within two months of being advised by the Committee Chair. The Board may remove the committee member upon examination of the documentation provided by the Chair and ensuring that the process outlined below has been followed. The Board of Directors shall reserve the right to reappoint the dismissed Member to a Committee later if circumstances allow it.

Procedure for compliance:

1. When the Committee Chair identifies a Member has fallen below a 70% voting and/or attendance/participation rate, the Chair shall immediately advise the Member by private email advising them of the deficiency and shall instruct the Member to vote on all motions, attend and participate in all meetings until the percentage is above 70%. The Chair shall properly document in writing all conversation with and from the Committee Member in question, including any barriers or special situations that may be preventing the Member from satisfying this requirement.
2. Should the Member not bring their voting and/or attendance/participation rate above 70% after two months, the Chair shall send a recommendation for removal to the Board of Directors through the Liaison with a copy sent to the Member.

3. If the Member has successfully improved their voting and attendance/participation percentage above 70% within two months of being counselled, that Member shall serve a six-month probationary period where they must maintain such voting and participation rate. Upon successfully serving the probationary period, the Member shall be removed from probation and shall receive a clean slate. Should the Member again fall below a 70% voting and/or attendance rate during the six-month probationary period, the Chair shall send a recommendation for removal to the Board of Directors through the Liaison with a copy sent to the Member.

B. The ASCA Board of Directors may remove any Committee Member, including the Chairperson, from the Committee. The Board can only act on properly documented conduct fully outlining the need for such removal. The Board must allow the Member an opportunity to defend themselves against the decision.

C. The Committee may recommend removal of the Committee Chair to the Board of Directors at any time for any reason. A recommendation for removal will be by a majority vote of the Committee. The Chairperson in question is entitled to participate in the debate but not the voting process. The Board can only act on properly documented conduct fully outlining the need for such removal.

D. The Committee may recommend to the Board of Directors removal of a Member at any time for any reason. A recommendation for removal will be by a majority vote of the Committee. The Member in question is entitled to participate in the debate but not the voting process. The Board can only act on properly documented conduct fully outlining the need for such removal. The Board must allow the Member an opportunity to defend themselves against the decision.

Procedure for compliance for parts C and D above.

1. When a conflict arises on a Committee between Members, it shall be the responsibility of the entire Committee to amicably work together to resolve the conflict.

2. Should the Committee be unable to resolve the issue; any Member may make a motion to recommend removal of a Member from the Committee or the Chair from their position and/or as a Member of the Committee to the Board of Directors. Such motion shall have a second.

3. If the motion made is to remove a Member from the Committee, the Chair shall manage the discussion and vote. If the motion made is to remove the Chair from their position and/or as a Member of the Committee, the Liaison shall manage the discussion and vote.

4. The Committee shall prioritize this motion on their agenda for immediate action. The Committee may choose to discuss and decide the issue by teleconference or email. In the case of a teleconference, there must be a quorum of 100% committee members. If email is chosen, the Emergency Procedures shall be used.

5. The result of the Committee's decision shall be immediately submitted to the Board of Directors by the Liaison.

Comments/Rationale: The procedure for removing a Committee Member from a Committee has not been well defined. This motion is made to provide clarity for that process; is intended to allow Committees autonomy to create an amicable working relationship; provide fairness for all Members of a Committee.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.19.58 Remove Section 5 Attorney from the Policy Book

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, King, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: Roberts

Abstain: Gray

Non-Voting: None

Motion **carries**.

Dissent from Roberts: The Board should replace this policy, not remove it entirely.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Vest

I move to remove Section 5 Attorney, from the Policy Book and renumber the document accordingly.

Current Wording:

5 Attorney

5.1 Communications

All communications to and from the ASCA attorney will be reported to the Board of Directors.

5.2 Contact

For as long as C.W. Carnese is on legal retainer to ASCA, all Directors may contact C.W. Carnese and are encouraged to do so.

Proposed Wording:

None - section to be removed.

Comments/Rationale: This section of the Policy Book was created when ASCA last changed Attorneys and the method by which the Attorney was used by the Board of Directors. ASCA is preparing to hire another Attorney which makes this Policy obsolete. A new Policy shall be created after a six-month period to evaluate the best practice for ASCA.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Committee Recommendations

Rally Committee

RA.19.03 Changes to Rally Rules 11 Non-Regular Classes

Approve: Unanimous

Motion **carries**.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve this motion from the Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion Carries - RC Motion 19.5 - Changes to the 2019 Rally Rules and Regulations - Non-Regular Classes

Maker of motion: Corinne Shanks

Seconder of motion: Karen Black

I move to accept the changes/clarifications to the 2019 Rally Rules and Regulations.

Current Wording:

11 Non-Regular Classes

11.1 Ribbons and Prizes

A Qualifying score shall not be required for the awarding of ribbons and prizes in any Non-regular class.

11.2 Team Relay Rally Class

11.2.1 Number of Dogs on a Team

The Team Relay Class shall be for four dogs and their handlers that are eligible under these Rules and Regulations. Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate for which no entry fee shall be required. However, the same four dogs must perform all exercises of the course. Dogs need not be owner-handled, need not be entered in another class at the same Trial, and need not have Rally titles. A separate Official Entry Form must be completed in full for each dog entered.

11.2.2 Performance of the Team; Timing Team Relay Rally

The dogs on a team will perform the course individually and will be judged as specified by the Rally class level being offered. The class will be run like a relay with the time starting as soon as the Judge says "Forward" to the first Team. Each member will start after the previous dog and handler team passes the Finish sign, without any additional commands from the Judge to do so. The four dogs of the Relay team will be timed from the start of the first dog until the fourth dog and handler team passes Finish sign.

11.2.3 Entry Gate and Exit Gate Placement

Entry and exit gates for team relay rally classes will be at least 15 feet apart to minimize congestion in the gate area and help ensure safety of the contestants.

11.2.4 Team Class, Scoring

a. Scoring of the Team class shall be based on the performance of the dogs and handlers individually plus team total time. Each dog and handler will be scored against the customary

maximum for the Rally Class level performed, for a team total of 800 maximum available points. Individual dog's score need not be recorded.

b. At the ASCA Nationals Rally Trial, the Team Relay Rally Class will be based on Advanced level exercises and scoring.

c. At other ASCA sanctioned events, affiliates can determine the rules for the non-regular rally classes being offered at their trials and can choose what level(s) exercises and scoring to use. Details of the non-regular class(es) being offered must be clearly outlined in the premium.

Maximum Total Score: 800 points

Proposed Wording:

11 Non-Regular Classes

A dog entered in a regular class may also enter non-regular Team, Pairs and/or Fast Classes offered at the same trial. A dog not entered in a regular class may enter only non-regular classes.

11.1 Ribbons and Prizes

A Qualifying score shall not be required for the awarding of ribbons and prizes in any Non-regular class.

11.2 Team Relay Rally Class

11.2.1 Number of Dogs on a Team

The Team Relay Class shall be for four dogs and their handlers that are eligible under these Rules and Regulations. Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate for which no entry fee shall be required. However, the same four dogs must perform all exercises of the course. Dogs need not be owner-handled, need not be entered in another class at the same Trial, and need not have Rally titles. A separate Official Entry Form must be completed in full for each dog entered.

11.2.2 Performance of the Team; Timing Team Relay Rally

The dogs on a team will perform the course individually and will be judged as specified by the Rally class level being offered. The class will be run like a relay with the time starting as soon as the Judge says "Forward" to the first Team. Each member will start after the previous dog and handler team passes the Finish sign, without any additional commands from the Judge to do so. The four dogs of the Relay team will be timed from the start of the first dog until the fourth dog and handler team passes Finish sign.

11.2.3 Entry Gate and Exit Gate Placement

Entry and exit gates for team relay rally classes will be at least 15 feet apart to minimize congestion in the gate area and help ensure safety of the contestants.

11.2.4 Team Class, Scoring

- a. Scoring of the Team class shall be based on the performance of the dogs and handlers individually plus team total time. Each dog and handler will be scored against the customary maximum for the Rally Class level performed, for a team total of 800 maximum available points. Individual dog's score need not be recorded.
- b. At the ASCA Nationals Rally Trial, the Team Relay Rally Class will be based on Advanced level exercises and scoring.
- c. At other ASCA sanctioned events, affiliates can determine the rules for the non-regular rally classes being offered at their trials and can choose what level(s) exercises and scoring to use. Details of the non-regular class(es) being offered must be clearly outlined in the premium.
Maximum Total Score: 800 points

11.2.5 Rally Masters Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple pair partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter:

The Rally Masters Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Masters level class.

Masters Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Masters Pairs class are judged off-leash, except for the Tagging Zone. Dogs will be on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leashes will stay with the handlers at all times when not on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leashes may be put in a pocket or draped around the handler's neck or waist. Leash cannot be carried in hand.

Jump Station - At least one jump station must be used and starred in Rally Masters Pairs, but two jump stations may be used.

- a. If two jumps are used, only one must be designated a Star station.
- b. The same physical jump may be used for two stations.
- c. There must be at least two stations performed between two jump exercises.
- d. If two jumps are used, each dog/handler team must perform one of the jumps.
- e. Only the 316 jump exercise may be used in pairs.
- f. The jumps may be any jumps outlined in Chapter 1, Section 15 as standard equipment, with jump heights as outlined on the Reference page of these regulations. Jumps will be set to the lowest jump height of the dogs on the Pairs team.

Restricted Commands; Proper heel Position - All performance requirements for Rally Masters apply to Rally Masters Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Masters Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one of which must be either station 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. There will be a minimum of 3 and a

maximum of 5 stationary exercises. Stations 23 & 24 do not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of four Masters level exercises and three Excellent (not eligible for Advanced or Novice) exercises, not including the jump(s). Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations aside from at least one jump being starred will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Masters or all the Excellent exercises.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring. The dog/handler team going second will go to the midway point in the course, the tagging zone and will have their dog sit, down or stand under control, while the dog/handler team going first performs the first half of the course. When the 2nd dog/handler team is in position in the tagging zone and the 1st dog and handler team is at the start line, the judge asks the team, "Are you Ready?" and with an affirmative response from the team, the Judge then says, "Forward" starting the time. When the 1st dog/handler team arrives at the tagging zone, the handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will shake hands with their teammate, signaling them to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then perform the second half of the course. After passing the finish sign, the 2nd handler will leash their dog and go directly to the tagging zone, and with their dog under control, will shake hands with their teammate signaling the time to stop. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control in a sit, down or stand. The team will lose either 10 or 20 points for being out of control in the Tagging Zone depending on if the exercise is starred.

11.2.6 Rally Excellent Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter:

The Rally Excellent Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Excellent level classes.

Rally Excellent Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Excellent Pairs class are judged off-leash, except for the stay exercise in the Tagging Zone. Dogs will be on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leash will stay with the handlers at all times when not on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leashes may be put in a pocket or draped around handler's neck or waist. Leashes cannot be carried in hand.

Jump Station - One jump station must be used and starred in Rally Excellent Pairs.

a. The jump may be any jump outlined in Chapter 1, Section 15 as standard equipment, with jump heights as outlined on the Reference page of these regulations. Jump will be set to the lowest jump height of the dogs on the Pairs team.

Performance Requirements - All performance requirements for Rally Excellent apply to Rally Excellent Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Excellent Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one of must be either station 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises. Stations 23 & 24 do not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of four Excellent level exercises, not including the jump exercise and three Advanced (not eligible for Novice) exercises. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations aside from at least one jump being starred will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Excellent or all the Advanced exercises.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring. The dog/handler team going second will go to the midway point in the course, the tagging zone and will have their dog sit, down or stand under control, while the dog/handler team going first performs the first half of the course. When the 2nd dog/handler team is in position in the tagging zone and the 1st dog and handler team is at the start line, the judge asks the team, "Are you Ready?" and with an affirmative response from the team, the Judge then says, "Forward" starting the time. When the 1st dog/handler team arrives at the tagging zone, the handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will shake hands with their teammate, signaling them to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then perform the second half of the course. After passing the finish sign, the 2nd handler will leash their dog and go directly to the tagging zone, and with their dog under control, will shake hands with their teammate signaling the time to stop. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control in a sit, down or stand. The team will lose either 10 or 20 points for being out of control in the Tagging Zone depending on if the exercise is starred.

11.2.7 Rally Advanced Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple pair partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter:

The Rally Advanced Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Advanced level classes.

Rally Advanced Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Advanced Pairs class are judged off-leash, except for the Tagging Zone. Dogs in the Tagging Zone will be on leash. Leashes will stay with the handlers at all times while performing their section of the course. Leashes may be put in a pocket or draped around handler's neck or waist. Leashes cannot be carried in hand.

Performance Requirements - All performance requirements for Rally Advanced apply to Rally Advanced Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Advanced Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one must be either station 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises. Stations 23 & 24 do not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of four Advanced level exercises. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations aside from at least one jump being starred will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Advanced exercises.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring. The dog/handler team going second will go to the midway point in the course, the tagging zone and will have their dog sit, down or stand under control, while the dog/handler team going first performs the first half of the course. When the 2nd dog/handler team is in position in the tagging zone and the 1st dog and handler team is at the start line, the judge asks the team, "Are you Ready?" and with an affirmative response from the team, the Judge then says, "Forward" starting the time. When the 1st dog/handler team arrives at the tagging zone, the handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will shake hands with their teammate, signaling them to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then perform the second half of the course. After passing the finish sign, the 2nd handler will leash their dog and go directly to the tagging zone, and with their dog under control, will shake hands with their teammate signaling the time to stop. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control in a sit, down or stand. The team will lose either 10 or 20 points for being out of control in the Tagging Zone depending on if the exercise is starred.

11.2.8 Rally Novice Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple pair partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter:

The Rally Novice Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Novice level classes.

Rally Novice Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Novice Pairs class are judged on-leash.

Performance Requirements - All performance requirements for Rally Novice apply to Rally Novice Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Novice Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one must be either station 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises. Stations 23 & 24 do not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of three Novice Only level exercises. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations aside from at least one jump being starred will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Novice Only exercises.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring.

11.2.9 Rally Fast Classes

Rally Fast Classes will have no stationary exercises, no site, downs, stays or stops. The course should be free-flowing to showcase the team's heeling, precision and speed. Class will be divided into Masters, Excellent, Advanced, and Novice levels.

11.2.9.1 Fast Masters

Fast Masters must include 1 jump or 2 jumps using sign 316 and must be starred. No stay exercise may be used. Any non-stationary exercises allowed for use in Masters may be used.

11.2.9.2 Fast Excellent

Fast Excellent must include 1 jump, which must be starred. No stay exercise may be used. Any non-stationary exercises allowed for use in Excellent may be used.

11.2.9.3 Fast Advanced

Fast Advanced, no stay exercise may be used. Any non-stationary exercises allowed for use in Advanced may be used.

11.2.9.4 Fast Novice

Fast Novice, no stay exercise may be used. Any non-stationary exercises allowed for use in Novice may be used.

Comments/Rationale: The purpose of this motion is to update the Rules and Regulations in response to comments & concerns from Judges and Exhibitors.

Two additional non-regular classes are provided for clubs with low entries, or that have exhibitors that want to "play" with their dog, but are not interested in regular competition.

The Course Review Checklist content is unchanged, but some words changed and requirements clarified to better meet the needs of Judges when building courses, and the course reviewers performing the reviews.

Affected: All Rally Exhibitors, who will find clearer definitions and examples within the rules. All Rally Judges, who will have clearer definitions and examples within the rules to avoid questions and comments from Exhibitors and clubs. The Web Master will need to post the Rules and Regulations and 2019 Rally Checklist to the web, so it is available to all.

Business Office notified: 4/30/19

Web Master notified: 4/30/19

Effective Date: Upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 8; Oppose: None; Abstain: 1; Non-Voting: 1

Tracking Committee

TR.19.04 Changes to Tracking Rules 7 The Master Tracking (MT) Title

Approve: Unanimous

Motion **carries**.

Motion by Gann

I move to approve the attached motion from the Tracking Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: Renumbering Chapters after Addition of Urban Excellent

Motion by: Jan Wesen

Second by: Lisa Klein

Motion Statement: 7 The Master Tracker (MT) Title.

Current Wording:

7 The Master Tracker (MT) Title

ASCA will issue the title of Master Tracker (MT) to:

- a. ASCA registered Australian Shepherds,
- b. Australian Shepherds with an ASCA LEP number,
- c. Any other dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number and will permit use of the letters "MT" after the name of each dog eligible for the title.

The title of Master Tracker (MT) will be awarded to dogs who have earned a higher level of achievement in tracking by passing a variety of Tracking Tests a number of times at ASCA sanctioned Tracking Trials.

The required number of passes will be taken from the total number of passes in TD, TDU and TDX by the ASCA Office.

7.1 Eligibility

To be eligible for the title Master Tracker (MT) a dog must successfully pass a minimum of:

- a. Three (3) Tracking Tests (TD Section 3.3) or three (3) Tracking Dog Urban Tests (TDU Section 4.3) or any combination of TDs and/or TDUs to total three (3),
- b. And Two (2) Tracking Dog Excellent Tests (TDX Section 5.2).

Proposed Wording:

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- b. And Two (2) Tracking Dog Excellent Tests (TDX Section 5.2) or two (2) Urban Tracking Dog Excellent Tests (UTDX Section 6.2) or a combination of a TDX and a UTDX to total two (2).

EXAMPLE: A dog may pass 2 TDUs and 1 TD and 2 TDXs or a dog may pass 3 TDs and 2 TDXs etc. to earn the title of Master Tracker (MT). A dog may earn the title of Master Tracker (MT) only once regardless of the number of passes beyond the minimum requirements. Dogs that already hold the ASCA Tracking titles of TD, TDU, UTDX and TDX will have those titles applied towards the Master Tracker (MT) title; however, each dog must earn the required number of passes at each test level before the title of Master Tracker (MT) will be awarded. (Draw for Test Entries applies: See Section 1.20.)

Comments/Rationale: This is housekeeping to get the Master Tracker in correct location.

Affected: None.

Effective Date: Upon Board approval, if needed.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9; Oppose: None; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: None

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, June 13, 2019, via online meeting service GoToMeeting.

Directors Present: President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Judy Boone, Director Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Director Ken Silveira, and Director Rachel Vest.

Also Present: Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Directors Absent: 1st Vice President Rick Gann.

Call to Order

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

Executive Session

The Board was in Executive Session from 6:01 pm - 7:30 pm to discuss the below topics.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for period ending May 31, 2019, was presented by Treasurer Roberts. Ending balance is \$166,186.99.

Disqualified Dog Investigation

The Board voted to disqualify dog E202235 in accordance with the Dog Aggression Rules, based on Director Silveira's recommendation.

Disqualified Dog Investigation

The Board voted to change a dog's status from disqualified to excused, based on Director Gray's recommendation.

Disqualified Dog Reinstatement Process Request

The Board voted to allow an owner to begin the conformation reinstatement process with their disqualified dog.

DNA Testing Issue

ASCA is working with a member to resolve a DNA issue.

Legal Counsel

The Board will vote on removing Section 5 in the Policy Book and bringing in new legal counsel over email in June.

Open Session

The Board was in Open Session from 7:30 pm - 8:26 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>

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC490D1qEJtV7oiDp6KOHEvA>

Past Month's Email Business

Due to the requirements of Washington State Law, all legal business of ASCA must be conducted via face-to-face meetings or telephone conference call meetings. To meet this requirement and continue to conduct business via e-mail, each face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting includes a motion to ratify all business conducted via e-mail since the last face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting.

BD.19.65 May Email Business

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

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gann

Motion **carries**.

Motion by Vest

Second by Creelman

I move to approve all email business conducted by the Board in May 2019.

System Liaison's Report

Board System Liaison Vest reported on the ongoing status of the computer system upgrade. The Business Office continues to work with Inventive on bug fixes, but they expect to be able to define ASCA's priorities for the original system upgrade work very soon.

If any members find issues within the system, please report to the Business Office - either to the program secretary or the Office Manager.

2019 Finals Budget

The Board reviewed the 2019 Nationals Host Club's presented budget for the 2019 Finals in Bakersfield, California. Director Vest shared concerns over the cost of ducks and Director Creelman will investigate and report back for the Board's July meeting.

Grace Period for New Sanctioning Deadline

During the 2019 Spring Meeting, the Board voted to increase the sanctioning request deadline from 45-days to 60-days in advance of an event. They have determined to provide a grace period for Affiliate Clubs to adjust to the change.

BD.19.66 Grace Period for New 60-Day Sanctioning Deadline

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

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gann

Motion **carries**.

Motion by Creelman

Second by Boone

Following the Board's vote to increase the sanctioning request deadline from postmarked 45-days to 60-days before the date of an ASCA event, I motion that any show/trial sanctioning requests sent to the Business Office by Affiliate Clubs postmarked on or after August 1, 2019, must meet the 60-day deadline.

Example: An Affiliate sends in a sanctioning request on July 9, 2019, for a show to be held August 23-25, 2019. Even though this is only 45-days out from the event, it is appropriate because the sanctioning request was sent in before the new deadline went into effect on August 1, 2019.

Example: An Affiliate sends in a sanctioning request on August 5, 2019, for a show to be held on September 20-22, 2019. This request would NOT be granted, because the sanctioning request was sent in after the new deadline went into effect on August 1, 2019 and must then be made 60-days in advance of an event.

Junior Age to Participate

The Junior Committee would like to clarify that no child under the age of 3 years may participate at an ASCA-sanctioned show/trial. The Junior Rules offer no provisions for children under the age of 3 years to participate in regular or non-regular classes.

If the Junior Committee wishes to clarify this in their rules, they must do so through a recommendation to the Board via their Liaison. If the Junior Committee wishes to implement an ASCA-wide policy for age to participate, they can make a recommendation for the Board to consider.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary