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Executive Secretary's Report

August 2019

Announcements

New Judges

Provisional Rally Judge - **Betsy Coleman** (Utah)

Regular Rally Judge - **Lori Anglemyer** (Michigan)

New Committee Members

Rally Committee - **Ann McCabe** (region 2) and **Etta Wertz** (region 3)

Hall of Fame Committee Applicant - **Laura Gibson** (region 5)

Agility Committee Applicant - **Mauricio Britva** (region 5)

New Affiliate Clubs

Lobo Working Aussie Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

President: Kathleen Wright kandswright@gmail.com

Affiliate Rep: Stephanie Shope McDaniel starnaussies@yahoo.com

Gem State Australian Shepherd Club

Victor, Idaho

President: Holly Jossi hollyjossi@gmail.com

Affiliate Rep: Leah Otto trailcreekaussies@gmail.com

Miscellaneous

After full discussion, and upon the recommendation of the DNA Committee, the Board passed a motion to give ASCA's current DNA laboratory, Therion, a one-year notice of termination of its contract for DNA services. Therion has since been given formal notice of such termination, which will be effective no later than September 1, 2020. In conjunction with the termination of the contract, and the selection of a new DNA laboratory which is now being considered by the Board, the Board also agreed to fund a business trip for ASCA's President and Business Manager to review ASCA's samples and storage facilities at Therion's business premises in Saratoga Springs, New York.

From the ASCA Foundation

FD.19.06 Donation to Border Collie Collapse Study

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: None; Abstain: Gann; Motion **carries**.

Comment from Vest: That funds be disbursed to ASHGI for donation to the study.

Motion by Vest

Second by Creelman

I motion to approve a one-time donation of \$1,000.00 to the Border Collie Collapse Study. This donation will be disbursed from the ASCA Foundation.

Comments/Rationale: This donation is suggested as this condition may also affect Australian Shepherds and if the marker is located may assist breeders with breeding decisions.

Affected: ASCA Foundation and potentially Australian Shepherds.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Board of Directors Email Motions

BD.19.77 Location for 2023 ASCA National Specialty

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Vest; Oppose: Roberts, Silveira; Abstain: Gray, King; Motion **carries**.

Dissent from Silveira: I believe it was unfair for the Board to approve the use of the Redmond Fairgrounds without supporting the decision. ASCA did nothing to support the use of this site for the Nationals competition. Instead those responsible for signing the appropriate contracts ignored the preparatory work. This allowed the proposal to languish in a state of limbo for twenty-one months. The Membership of the Pacific Northwest requested a site closer to home for ASCA's Nationals. The Redmond site was chosen as an excellent venue. The failure was not only the Board of Director's for failing to create a positive outcome for their decision as well as lack of support by any Affiliate Club in the region to support the effort. In the world of ASCA politics this doomed the proposal to failure.

Motion by Vest

Second by Gann

I move to rescind the motion that specifies that ASCA will use the Redmond OR site for the 2023 Nationals and Finals. And further, the BOD will review the available West Coast sites to choose a replacement for 2023 Nationals and Finals.

Motion approved in November 2017:

BD.17.224 2023 Nationals Site

Motion by Gray to contract with Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond, Oregon, to be the site for the 2023 National Specialty. Second by Roberts.

Approve: Busquets, DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: Creelman, Silveira

Motion carries.

Comments/Rationale: Membership comments have not been favorable for the Redmond site due to the following factors: distance from a majority of members, lack of local ASCA members to assist with the effort, concerns due to stock requirements for SD Finals. In addition to these concerns, since ASCA has assumed responsibility for hosting Nationals and Finals, the BOD has a fiduciary responsibility to the Membership to ensure that the effort will be profitable. There are concerns that a lack of attendance may prove to be a factor for the Redmond site to be profitable endeavor for ASCA.

Affected: ASCA.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

CO.19.03 Change to Conformation Rules 8.8.3.2 Non-Interference

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Boone

I move to accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 2019-07: Rule change 8.8.3.2

Motion by Liz Gibson

Second by Gail Karamalegos

Current Wording:

8.8.3.2 Non-Interference

Stewards shall not discuss the dogs or the Exhibitors with the Judge. Stewards shall not show or give the catalogue to a Judge. Stewards shall not take part in any judging.

When Stewards are not actively engaged in their duties, they must place themselves outside the ring at the gate so as not to interfere with the view of those watching the judging and must not permit persons to crowd about the ring entrance and interfere with access to the ring.

Proposed Wording:

8.8.3.2 Non-Interference

Stewards shall not discuss the dogs or the Exhibitors with the Judge. Stewards shall not show or give the catalogue or entry form to a Judge. Stewards shall not take part in any judging.

When Stewards are not actively engaged in their duties, they must place themselves outside the ring at the gate so as not to interfere with the view of those watching the judging and must not permit persons to crowd about the ring entrance and interfere with access to the ring.

Comments/Rationale: We have only a few shows with a catalogue and most show rely on entry forms. This is to update the rule to include entry forms.

Effective Date: Upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 8; Oppose: None; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: 3

CO.19.04 Change to Judge Extension Request Postmark Deadline

Approve: Boone, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: Busquets; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: Roberts; Motion carries.

Dissent from Busquets: 45 days before date of the event leaves only 15 days for the clubs to find and submit the judges' names. Previous deadline to submit all judges was close to half of the time between sanctioning paperwork postmark and the date of the event. A more reasonable deadline would have been 30 or 35 days before the event, which would have been less troublesome for clubs and would have still provided time for the office to process.

Motion by Boone

I move to accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 2019-07B Change to Judge Extension

Motion by Liz Gibson

Second by Gail Karamalegos

To change the time on the Judge Extension form from 21 days to 45 days. (Current form attached).

Current Wording:

Obedience/Conformation Judge Extension Request Form

When you have confirmed your judges, you must submit a judges list to the ASCA Business Office postmarked no later than 21 days prior to the date of the show. Judges must be approved through the ASCA Business Office before the show packet will be mailed.

Proposed Wording:

Obedience/Conformation Judge Extension Request Form

When you have confirmed your judges, you must submit a judges list to the ASCA Business Office postmarked no later than 45 days prior to the date of the show. Judges must be approved through the ASCA Business Office before the show packet will be mailed.

Comments/Rationale: To bring this form up to date with the advent of the 60-day sanctioning change the board has approved. Also allows for more time for the sanctioning paperwork to get to the affiliate clubs and premiums to be posted on the ASCA events page.

The Obedience Committee is in agreement with the change.

The Business Office also agrees with the change.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9; Oppose: None; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: 2

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, August 8, 2019, via online meeting service GoToMeeting.

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, Director Rachel Vest, Director-elect Pete Dolan, Director-elect Jan Wesen

Also Present: Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Directors Absent: Director Linda Gray

Call to Order

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 6:04 pm - 7:36 pm to discuss the below topics.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for period ending July 31, 2019, was presented to the Board by Treasurer Roberts. Ending balance is \$171,571.39.

Excused Dog Dispute

The Board voted to amend ASCA's records to show that a dog was voluntarily removed from the ring by its handler rather than an excused by the judge.

Reinstatement Request

The Board voted to reinstate dog E196911 Landslides Stick It to Win It.

Entry Clerk for 2020 Nationals

The Board selected Terri Morgan to serve as the Entry Clerk for the 2020 National Specialty.

Member Dispute

The Board voted to resolve a member dispute.

Junior Service Award

The Board selected Bailey Crader as recipient of the 2019 Junior Service Award. Ms. Crader will be recognized at the 2019 Nationals Banquet in Bakersfield, California.

Open Session

The Board was in Open Session from 7:36 pm - 8:22 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.19.84 July Email Business

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gray; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Vest

Second by King

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

System Liaison's Report

Board System Liaison Vest reported on the ongoing status of the computer system upgrade.

Inventive continues to work on bug fixes and will be updating ADMS to work on the latest version of Windows to make the future transition easier. Inventive will be providing ASCA with a quote for the changeover, when the time comes.

DNA Laboratories

The Board continued discussion regarding laboratories for ASCA's DNA parentage verification program and possibly leaving our current lab, Therion, and moving to a new lab.

Directors are generally in favor of using Certagen (ASCA's current lab in Germany) as a transitional lab while leaving Therion, if ASCA goes in that direction. They did not think it was feasible to use Certagen as ASCA's full-time lab. Most Directors ranked UC Davis highest of all the potential labs. Some Directors liked that Certagen already has a working relationship with UC Davis. Others were concerned ASCA may get lost in the shuffle with a large university. Directors expressed preference for using a public instead of a private company.

Many Directors were concerned about the state of our current stored samples and what will be done with them if ASCA ends the agreement with Therion. It was requested that a Director and ASCA's Office Manager visit Therion to view the samples and get first-hand understanding of the situation.

The Board plans to schedule a call with ASCA's legal counsel to answer questions about the legal implications of breaking with Therion and moving to a new lab.

Purchase Additional Storage on Groups.io

The Board has used up the 1G of storage provided by a free account on Groups.io and needs to upgrade to a paid account for \$110 per year, which provides 10G of storage.

Treasurer Roberts suggested restricting attachments for committees. All files would be uploaded to the group directly or shared through Dropbox, or something similar.

BD.19.85 Storage for BOD Groups.io Account

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gray; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Vest

Second by Roberts

I move to approve payment of \$110 per year to provide 10G of storage for the Board's Groups.io account.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary