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This report details the day to day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors and includes issues before the ASCA Board and communications done by mail, fax, email and/or phone.

August 1-31, 1999

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE-Sample Transfer Policy. Motion by Middleton, seconded by Warren.

I move to accept the following motion as submitted by the DNA Committee.

Motion by Ann DeChant and seconded by Pete Adolphson. The results of the committee members voting are as follows:

Sally - yes; George - yes; Ann - yes; CA - yes; Peter H - yes; Kim - yes; Pete A - yes; Chris-yes.

Motion: While the DNA samples, which are stored by and are in legal custody of a designated ASCA DNA laboratory (currently ImmGen), are in the stewardship of ASCA for the purpose of providing genetic identity and parentage verification, a portion of the archival sample will be provided for any other use provided that 1)written permission of the owner(s) of the dog is obtained by written request through ASCA, and 2) ImmGen determines that enough genetic material will remain available for subsequent genetic purposes.

GENERAL PROCEDURE:

Upon written request, ASCA would request that the ASCA DNA laboratory transfer DNA sample material to the individual or laboratory indicated in the request. Any use of the sample by ASCA for purposes of research or for contribution to a genetic study, must be with the written authorization of the all current registered owner(s) of the dog. All costs for transfer of sample material resulting from a transfer request whether initiated by the dog owner(s) or by ASCA will be born by the requesting party(s).

COMMENTS: Two possible scenarios exist: 1) The owner(s) might request that a portion of the sample be sent to another lab for PV by another registry or to determine whether the dog has a genetic disease when the tests become available; 2) ASCA might wish to send the sample to another lab doing research. In either case, the written permission of the owner *must* be obtained prior to sample transfer. In cases of multiple owners, all owners *must* provide written documentation as to their concurrence (or denial) of the request.

Approve: Unanimous.

Motion is approved.

93:12 STANDARD BYLAWS FOR AFFILIATES-ASCA Required Addendum for Affiliate Clubs. Motion by Gray, seconded by Middleton. I move the revised ASCA Required Addendum to Affiliate Club Bylaws be sent to all ASCA Affiliate Clubs via the August Secretary's Report for attachment to their current Bylaws. This revision replaces the previous 95 revision.

Comment. Because ASCA is a 501(c)(7) in the eyes of the IRS, it is necessary to revise the below addendum to reflect the change in 12.2 from 501(c)(3) to a 501(c)(7).

2.1 Added pure bred before dog club or registry since we do co-sanction agility events with NADAC.

4.4 and 11. Added Tracking Trials.

5. Added: "The latest version of" in front of Robert's Rules of Order.

7. Added: /directors after officers.

9. Added last sentence: Proposed ammendments will be submitted to ASCA with old wording followed by new wording.

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ASCA REQUIRED ADDENDUM TO ALL AFFILIATE CLUB BYLAWS Revision dtd 9/1/99

1. Conflict within Bylaws. In the event of a conflict between this addendum and any other provision of these bylaws, this addendum shall prevail.

2. The Club and ASCA. The Affiliate Club is referred to as "the Club" and the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. is referred to as "ASCA" in this addendum.

2.1 The Club is an official Affiliated Club of ASCA and shall not affiliate with any other pure bred dog club or registry.

3. Non-Profit Status. The Club shall not be operated for profit. No profit or part thereof or any remainder or residue from dues or donations for the Club's use shall inure to the benefit of any member.

4. Objectives. The primary objective of the Club is to protect and advance the Australian Shepherd breed. In service of this goal, the Club will:

4.1 Encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Australian Shepherds in such a manner as to bring their natural qualities to the highest degree attainable.

4.2 It shall strive to promote, educate and assist all owners of the breed to improve their knowledge of the breed and its history.

4.3 Protect and advance the interest of the Australian Shepherd breed and to encourage ethical breeding practices and sportsmanlike competition at all dog shows and trials.

4.4 Conduct Conformation Shows, Agility Trials, Obedience Trials, Stockdog Trials, Tracking Trials and other events in conformity with ASCA rules and regulations.

4.5 Encourage all breeders to accept the ASCA breed standard as the only standard of excellence by which the breed shall be judged.

5. Order of Business and Procedures. The latest version of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern any matter of procedure not specifically addressed by these Bylaws, unless another order of procedure is established by the Board of Directors.

6. Membership. Membership shall be open to all persons who are in good standing with ASCA and the Club and who shall subscribe and adhere to the principles and objectives of this Club. Persons who are currently suspended or expelled from ASCA may not join this Club until they are reinstated in ASCA.

6.1 Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Club. The form shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Bylaws, Registry Rules, Policies, Rules, Regulations, Code of Ethics and Dispute Rules of both ASCA and the Club.

6.2 Any person who renews membership is deemed to have consented to all current terms of the Bylaws, Registry Rules, Policies, Rules, Regulations, Code of Ethics and Dispute Rules of both ASCA and the Club.

6.3 Any member who is disciplined by ASCA is deemed disciplined to the same extent by the Club.

7. Officers. All officers/directors must be members in good standing of ASCA. Persons who are currently suspended or expelled from ASCA may not hold or run for office in this Club until they are reinstated in ASCA.

7.1 Affiliate Representative: Who is an officer in the Club and shall be the Club liaison representative to ASCA and be empowered to represent the Club in all business and correspondence with the parent Club and its affiliates. He/she shall give report of all activities of and communications with the parent Club at each meeting; and he/she shall communicate all impending matters with the Board and/or the President as they arise. The Affiliate Representative is responsible for distributing all ASCA business to the Club.

7.2 Show Coordinators: Shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Show Coordinators are the liaison between the Club and the ASCA show Office. Show Coordinators sign and are responsible for all paperwork pertaining to sanctioning of all ASCA show/trial programs.

7.3 Any member of the Board or officer of the Club who is absent for more than half of the Club meetings shall have resigned by reason of absence.

8. Nominations and Elections. Nominations and elections will be scheduled so the new slate of officers are installed before the Affiliate renewals are due back to the ASCA Business office on January 1. (Note: With the new officers on the renewal form, the listing of all Affiliate Clubs at the Business office and in the Aussie Times will be correct as of January 1.) Any change of officers during the year must be sent to the ASCA Business Office within thirty days of the change.

9. Amendments. Proposed Amendments to these Bylaws must be approved by ASCA before a final club vote on these amendments is initiated. Proposed amendments will be submitted to ASCA with old wording followed by new wording.

10. Disputes and Discipline. Disputes between Club members, between a member and the Club or involving non-members and pertaining to Club affairs or a Club sanctioned event, shall be decided in accordance with the Dispute Rules as adopted by ASCA. Any discipline or sanctions issued or administered by the Club shall be in conformity with such rules.

10.1 Discipline by ASCA. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of ASCA shall automatically be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

11. Consent to rules. Members of the Club and non-member participants in Club activities must agree to abide by all rules and procedures adopted by ASCA and those adopted by the Club. Forms for application for membership and for participation in Club activities shall so state. Such rules and procedures include, but are not limited to, these Bylaws, ASCA's Bylaws, Registry Rules, the ASCA Show, Agility, Obedience, Stockdog and Tracking Rules and Regulations and ASCA's Dispute Rules.

12. Dissolution. Written notification of the dissolution must be given to ASCA before the effective date.

12.1 Upon dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after discharge of the obligations of the Club must be donated to a tax-exempt, benevolent animal organization (such as, but not limited to Aussie Rescue and Placement or to the host Club of the next National Specialty).

12.2 The Club may not engage in any form of discrimination which adversely affects ASCA's tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(7).

13. ASCA trademarks and the like. The names, logos, trademarks and service marks of ASCA may not be used by the Club or its members unless authorized by ASCA.

THIS ADDENDUM MAY BE REVISED BY ASCA FROM TIME TO TIME.

Approve: Kyle, Linda, Lori, Phil, Jane, Terry & Gary

Non-Voting: Michelle & Kathy.

Motion is approved.

97:07 MERIT AWARD PROGRAM-Merit/Year-End Award Amendment. Motion by Warren, seconded by Trumbull-Clark. I move to amend motion 93:01 ASCA Year End Awards to read: Beginning in 1999, to send certificates to all recipients of the Year End Awards in all ASCA programs. The Business Office will send out certificates at the completion of recordation of standings. The Year End Award winners will be showcased in the January-February National Results issue of the Aussie Times by publication of the winners photo. Authors comments: After discussion with Vicki we decided the best way to recognize the Merit and Year End winners would be in a single issue of the Aussie Times. The best place for this would be the National Results issue. This gives plenty of time to get the certificates out to the winners and for them to get the pictures and information needed back to Vicki. The format will be 3 or 4 column and will take about 15 pages to do.

Approve: Terry, Kyle, Linda, Kathy, Lori, Phil, Jane & Gary.

Non-Voting: Michelle.

Motion is approved.

90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE-ASCA Booth/NADAC Championships. Motion by Kyle Trumbull-Clark, seconded by Kathy Warren.

I move that the ASCA booth be sent to the NADAC Championships to be held Oct. 1- 3, 1999 in Duluth, Minnesota, to be manned by either the ASCA Educational Coordinator per the following #1, or if she is unavailable that the booth be manned as per the following #2: 1.) The Educational Coordinator inform the ASCA Board by Friday, August 13, 1999 if she is available to represent ASCA by attending the NADAC Championships event in Duluth, MN from Sept. 30 through October 4, 1999 with the ASCA booth. If the Educational Coordinator is available for this event, that transportation to, from and at the event be paid; motel costs and regular per diem be paid by ASCA. 2.) If the Educational Coordinator is unable to attend this event, that Paul Kirk, ASCA Agility Chair shall represent ASCA with only his air transportation and ground transportation costs being paid by ASCA.

Comments: I have been forwarded a letter by Lola from NADAC. The letter is asking us whether we would like to rent booth space at the NADAC Championships to be held Oct. 1 - 3, 1999 in Duluth, Minnesota. The total cost for the booth for the four days will be \$100.00 and we would be allowed access for set-up on Sept. 30. There are *only* 10 booth spaces available at this event and we would need to have the Booth Reservation Form (they provided a copy with the letter) in by Sept. 1, 1999, so time is of the essence. The reasons for ASCA to be represented at this prestigious event are: a.) This event will be attended by large numbers of the public and dog/handler teams; b.) ASCA's close relationship with NADAC's program; c.) To impart more information to the public for the continued growth of our Agility Program. The Educational Coordinator should be in attendance, but due to the close proximity of time to the ASCA Nationals if it is not possible for our E.C. to attend, I have contacted Paul Kirk, ASCA Agility Chair, to see if he would be available and interested in attending and manning the booth on ASCA's behalf. Mr. Kirk is available for the required period of time and is willing to set-up and man the booth and has volunteered that only the cost of his air transportation to and from Los Angeles to Minneapolis plus car rental be paid by ASCA. The approximate cost to send Mr. Kirk will be about \$400.00 (\$270 round trip air to Minneapolis; car rental approximately \$130). Mr. Kirk has volunteered to pay for his room rental and food expenses. Mr. Kirk is a logical second choice to our Educational Coordinator, having the best background of information regarding ASCA, ASCA's Agility Program and NADAC.

Approve: Linda, Kathy, Kyle, Michelle, Lori, Jane & Terry.

Disapprove: Phil & Gary.

Motion is approved.

93:19 BOARD POLICY-Travel Policy for Incoming and Outgoing Members of the Board. Motion by Gray, seconded by Trumbull-Clark. I move the following become Board Policy.

BOARD TRAVEL POLICY for Incoming and Outgoing Board Members

A. Board Members Elect attending the National Specialty

1. ASCA will pay:

- a. Round-trip air fare or mileage (whichever is lower)
- b. Motel from the opening day thru the last day of the Nationals.
- c. Per diem equal to current board members from the opening day of the Nationals thru the travel day home.
- d. Ground transportation will be provided by ASCA. Board Members elect will not be in charge (driver) of any

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vehicle and if accompanied by spouse, child(ren) and/or dog(s), the Board Member elect will be financially responsible for their own ground transportation while at the Nationals.

Board Members Elect are required to attend all ASCA meetings of the Board. No exceptions. Board Members Elect who accept judging assignments at the National Specialty, Finals event or any pre-show/trial/test will not have their motel paid nor receive any per diem from ASCA on the day(s) judging.

B. Outgoing Board Members attending the National Specialty

1. ASCA will pay:
 - a. Round-trip air fare or mileage (whichever is lower)
 - b. Motel from the opening day thru the last day of the Nationals.
 Note: If Board Member comes in early to work the Stock Dog (or any other) Finals (8 hours minimum per day) ASCA will pay motel from the day before the Finals event begins.
 - c. Per diem from the opening day of the Nationals thru the travel day home. Note: If Board Member comes in early to work the Stock Dog (or any other) Finals (8 hours minimum per day) ASCA will pay per diem from the day before the finals event begins.
 - d. Ground transportation will be provided by ASCA. Outgoing Board Members attending the National Specialty will not be in charge (driver) of any ASCA vehicle and if accompanied by spouse, child(ren) and/or dog(s), the outgoing Board Member will be financially responsible for their own ground transportation while at the Nationals. Outgoing Board Members are required to attend all ASCA meetings of the Board. No exceptions. Outgoing Board Members who accept judging assignments at the National Specialty or any pre-show/trial/test will not have their motel paid nor receive any per diem from ASCA on the day(s) judging.

Any situation that deviates from the policy above will be brought to the Board for consideration 45 days before the event. Effective 9/1/99.

Approve: Linda, Kathy, Lori, Kyle & Phil. Disapprove: Michelle.

Abstain: Jane & Terry. Non-Voting: Gary.

Motion is approved.

RE: STOCK DOG FINALS-The 1999 Stock Dog Finals Budget has been approved.

89:14 ASCA BREEDER JUDGES-Catherine Davis, Annette Cyboron and Ann DeChant have all been approved as ASCA Approved Breeder Judges.

ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT- August 1999

Registry	Membership	Show/Stock
Ind 553	New-Single 63	Sanc.Rec'd 59
NFB 46	New-Dual 23	Sanc.Proc'd 37
Litter 317	New-Foreign 1	Sanc. Pend 11
Trans 92	New-Canadian 2	Results Rec'd 40
Lease 11	Renew Single 244	Results Proc'd 27
LEP 6	Renew Dual 52	Results Pend 18
Dups 24	Renew-Foreign 3	S&T 11
Hards. 8	Renew-Canadian 3	Certificates 451
Ped 65	Jr Times 7	
New Ken 17		
Rnew K 18		
Judge Apps 1		
Email 967		
DNA Kits 4		
DNA tests (did not get this figure from ImmGen)		
Shows Held:		
Conf/Obed 52		
Stock 18		
Ranch 3		
Agility 6		

Submitted by:
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 ASCA Secretary