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August 2002 Secretary's Report

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

August 1 - 31, 2002

99:02 HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE - Grandfathered Titles

Motion by Warren.

I move to accept the following recommendation from the HOF Committee.

Recommendation: Effective January 1, 2003, add to HOF Requirements passed April 2002:

Any allowed titles earned towards HOF Requirements prior to January 1, 2003, will count towards HOF Requirements after January 1, 2003. Any allowed titles earned after January 1, 2003, must be earned under the new HOF requirements.

Comments: After January 1, 2003, the Kennel requirements would have to be 5 Stockdog titles, 5 conformation titles and 10 others, if RS-O, JS-O and GS-O titles were all earned before January 1, they will all count. All RS-O, JS-O and GS-O titles earned before January 1, 2003, will also count towards individual sire and dam requirements. Traditionally, when rules change, people get to keep titles earned. Kennels, sires and dams who earned HOF prior to the change *will not* have to requalify.

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

99:02 HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE - Individual sire/dam titles

Motion by Warren.

I move to accept the following recommendation from the HOF Committee.

Recommendation: Effective January 1, 2003, change HOF Requirements passed April 2002 to read:

A HOF sire must have progeny who have earned a combination of twelve (12) qualifying titles

A HOF dam must have progeny who have earned a combination of eight (8) qualifying titles.

Comments: The input we have gotten was all pretty close on what the membership wanted fixed in the April motions. We decided to go back to the Pre-April rules for Sire and Dam for now...so that it is done by January 1, 2003, and let the Membership know that we heard their outcry and fixed it for now, but we feel it deserves more study. We will then take the time to do a real survey on the Sire and Dam part so that we can get feedback from the Times and possible develop some questions for next years ballot. RJ-O was added to the Qualifying Titles.

QUALIFYING TITLES

Qualifying titles for the ASCA Hall of Fame (HOF) awards may be earned from five areas of ASCA sanctioned events defined as:

Agility: RS-O or RV-O or RJ-O

Obedience: CDX

Tracking: CD/TD or TDX

Stock Dog: ATDd, OTDs, OTDc

Conformation: CH (or A-CH if/when ASCA Conformation Committee requests and gets it approved by the ASCA Board of Directors)

Board voting: Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, DeChant, Warren, Gray & Davenport.

Disapprove: Trumbull-Clark & Toft. Motion is approved.

I disapprove the above motion. Kyle Trumbull-Clark

LETTER OF DISSENT

The Hall of Fame Program is near and dear to many hearts in ASCA, and everyone wants it to signify excellence in our breed, as it should. Signifying excellence in our breed is my only concern regarding the HOF program.

The easiest way for me to study the diversities between the original program, the program put forth by the HOF Committee in April 2002, and what is before us now, titled "Individual sire/dam titles, is to break it down by individual venues.

Stock: I can certainly understand the feelings of those ASCA members who find it difficult to attain Stockdog titles. I can understand why the new Board committee decided to drop the member committee's recommendation of a certain number of stock titles being required, actually that **any** stock titles are required. Personally, I disagree with the Board committee's choice and lean towards the member committee's recommendation in this venue. I feel that to attain Hall of Fame status in this breed, our kennels, sires and dams should be passing on the working instinct and decent enough talent to achieve an Open title in stock. I truly do understand the high cost in time, energy and money it takes to get stock titles, but to protect the basic integrity of our breed, I feel it must be done to receive Hall of Fame status. In other words, we should not be looking at what **people** can or cannot achieve, but what the **breed** is supposed to achieve - and at its most basic, it is to work livestock.

Conformation: Good basic conformation in a dog is very important. I am not naive or blind to the differences between "show" Aussies and "working" Aussies. Personally, I believe that it is easier for many of our "show" Aussies to get an Open stock title than it is for many of our "working" Aussies to get a breed Championship **today**. (It may not have been as difficult many years ago for the "working" Aussie to get a CH.) I am truly ambivalent about requiring a breed Championship to achieve HOF status. I feel that the wording regarding Altered Championship needs to be deleted from this motion. It should not be included in the motion as it is meaningless at this time. Including it in the rules **today** is sloppy "motion craftsmanship" on the part of the Board Committee.

Tracking: I disagree strongly that an Obedience title, the CD, is required **with** the TD title. The Tracking venue should stand alone on its own merit. My feeling is to choose to require either a TD or a TDX. Either one would be fine with me but do not include an Obedience title with a Tracking title.

Agility: The original program rules allowed for the Open titles in Regular Standard, Jumpers Standard and Gamblers Standard, and Veterans could be substituted for Standard. The member committee recommended **only** Open titles in Regular Standard and Regular Veterans (they dropped Jumpers and Gamblers). The Board committee is recommending Open titles in Regular Standard, Regular Veterans and adding Regular Juniors. I understand the change made by the member committee to the requirements was because so many dogs were "able" to get a "number" of agility titles, that they were outnumbering other venues. My feeling is that agility is being done by a huge number of people due to the popularity of the sport, therefore we get the disparity in numbers of titles. I disagree with the member committee's and the Board committee's removal of Jumpers and Gamblers. They are legitimate titles to be used for Hall of Fame, just as ducks, sheep and cattle are legitimate titles. I happen to disagree with using Veteran titles when the class is based upon **the handler**. Our rules allow a dog to enter Veterans by either the dog's age **or** the handler's age. The Veterans class has lower jump heights and they are allowed a longer time. Therefore, **the dogs** are not being tested equally. By allowing titles based upon **the handler**, we are not having a consistency between **the dog's** ability -- which is what Hall of Fame is all about. Strangely enough, I would probably be amenable to allowing Veterans if **the dog** was the Veteran. I also strongly disagree with the Board committee's inclusion of the Juniors, as Juniors also get a lower jump height and longer time allowable -- based solely on **the handler**. (I'd like to make it clear that neither the member committee nor the Board committee chose to get input from the Agility Committee on the final versions of either proposal.)

This motion was poorly crafted in that the "Qualifying Titles" needed to be included in the main motion, not below the "comment" section.

I do hereby request that the above Letter of Dissent be included in the Secretary's Report.
-Kyle Trumbull-Clark

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - judges family motion the final chapter
Motion by Trumbull-Clark.

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee:

Motion by White, second by Waller.

The Obedience Committee recommends the following change to the Obedience Rules, effective January 2003:

Chapter 1, Section 9: DELETE the first paragraph and REPLACE it with:

"An obedience judge's immediate family or household members may compete under other officiating judges at the same trial. Family/household members may do this provided that any wins under other judges will not result in a violation of these rules by any advancement of the dog in the sanctioned event.

"Dogs owned wholly or in part by an obedience judge may be exhibited at a trial in which he/she is officiating provided that any wins under other judges will not result in a violation of these rules by any advancement of the dog in the sanctioned event.

"Obedience judges are not permitted to exhibit or act as agent or handler for any dog at any ASCA sanctioned Dog Show or Obedience Trial on the same day he/she officiates. Judges may show in cluster trials on days on which they are not judging with no restrictions on the order in which they judge and show."

DELETE the first sentence of the second paragraph of Chapter 1, Section 9, i.e., "This applies to both Obedience and Dog Show Judges when an Obedience Trial is held in conjunction with a Dog Show."

DELETE the fifth sentence of Chapter 1, Section 9, "No judge or any person residing in the same household with a judge shall exhibit or act as agent or handler for any dog at an ASCA sanctioned Dog Show or Obedience Trial at which he is officiating as judge and dogs owned wholly or in part by such judge or any member of his household shall be ineligible to be entered at such event.

DELETE the sixth sentence of Chapter 1, Section 9 i.e. "Subject to the foregoing, members of a judge's immediate family who no longer reside in the same household may enter or handle a dog at a show, trial, or test if the judge is not officiating over any competition for which the dog is entered or may become eligible."

Approved: White, Waller, Cox, Case, Bohren, Burlingame, Link, Willems, Swatko & Mann.

Comments: This change was made to bring the Obedience Rules in line with Conformation Rules.

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

93:19 BOARD POLICIES - POLICY BOOK - Motion on Policy 5.4

Motion by Gray, seconded by Warren.

I move to add BOB Altered to Policy 5.4.

5.4 ASCA will donate one DNA blood draw kit with test paid for by ASCA to the following winners of the ASCA Nationals each year:

Best of Breed

High in Working Trial

High Score in Agility

Best Jr. Handler (Nationals, not Finals)

Tracking

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

93:19 BOARD POLICIES - POLICY BOOK - Policy 4.9

Motion by Gray, seconded by Warren.

I move to delete policy 4.9, which now reads:

4.9 Vicki Rand, AUSSIE TIMES Editor, must specify her typesetting and layout service is her own private enterprise and not connected with ASCA. Her ad is not to be smaller than a business card.

Comments: Self explanatory.

Board voting: Approve: Aufox, Toft, DeChant, Gray, Davenport, Warren & Trumbull-Clark.

Disapprove: Berryessa. Motion is approved.

Re: 93:19 BOARD POLICIES - POLICY BOOK - Policy 5.2

Motion by Gray, seconded by Warren.

I move to revise Policy 5.2 from:

5.2 Beginning in 1998, there will be a memorial trophy awarded in the name of Jean Carrillo to the winner of the Most Versatile Aussie, at every ASCA National Specialty. Joan and Bob Carrillo will be contacted for creative input on the design.

to:

5.2A memorial trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Most Versatile Aussie at every ASCA National Specialty in the name of Past President and Director Jean Carrillo who passed away in 1997.

Comment: It would be good for the newer membership to know who Jean Carrillo was. The older policy was done before the fact and needs to be brought up to date.

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

93:19 BOARD POLICIES - POLICY BOOK-Policy 6.12.10. CHAIRS and EMPLOYEES

Motion by Gray, seconded by Warren.

I move to change Policy 6.12.10. CHAIRS and EMPLOYEES

From:

a. ASCA may pay plane fare or mileage, which ever is cheaper, for chairpersons, Board appointee, employees or others to attend the ASCA National Specialty each year, to give a report at the General Membership Meeting. Such persons must be available for meetings with the ASCA Board of Directors. Notification of requested attendance will be made no later than May 1.

Policy 71 effective: 8/1/98.

to:

Policy 6.12.10. CHAIRS/APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES and GUESTS

a. ASCA will pay 200.00 toward expenses to Committee Chairs/Board Appointees selected to attend the National Specialty each year. Chairs/Board Appointees will be selected at the annual Spring meeting, if no annual spring meeting is held, selection will be done via e-mail by May 1. Chairs/Board Appointees will be notified by their Board Liaison within 15 days of selection and must notify their Board Liaison if they will attend no later than August 1. No money is given if the Chairs/Board Appointees chooses not to attend.

a.1. Chairs/Board Appointees attending are required to give a not-to-exceed ten (10) minute report of their Committee's or Appointee's activities at the annual membership meeting and must be available for meetings with the ASCA Board and/or their committee(s). Chairs/Appointees will receive an electronic copy of the board agenda no later than one week before the start of the Nationals.

b. Selection of employees who will attend the National Specialty each year will be determined at the annual Spring meeting. If no annual Spring meeting is held, selection will be done by e-mail by May 1. Employees selected will be notified within 15 days of selection and must notify the Board (via the Executive Secretary) no later than July 1. What expenses ASCA will pay for will be determined at the annual spring meeting. If no spring meeting is held, expense determination will be done by e-mail by May 1.

d. What member(s) or honored guest(s), (if any), ASCA will be honoring at the National Specialty each year will be determined at the annual Spring meeting. If no annual Spring meeting is held, selection will be done by e-mail by May 1. What expenses and arrangements ASCA will pay for will be determined at the annual Spring meeting. If no annual Spring meeting is held, expenses and arrangements will be done by e-mail by May 1.

Policy 71. Effective when passed.

Board voting: Approve: Toft, DeChant, Berryessa, Warren, Gray & Davenport. Disapprove: Aufox & Trumbull-Clark. Motion is approved.

Re: 90:38 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Finals Awards

Motion by Trumbull-Clark.

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Agility Committee.

Motion by Allison Bryant, second by Marj Vincent

Effective 1/1/2003

AGILITY RULES

Chapter 8, Section 5 - Awards

1. Each round of Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers Agility will be placed one (1) through ten (10). Rosettes will be awarded for each placement. All rosettes will have the date and location of the Agility Finals, placement, name of the class (i.e., Jumpers) and ASCA Agility Finals printed on them. First place will be blue, second

place red, third place yellow, fourth place white, fifth place pink, sixth place green, seventh place purple, eighth place brown, ninth place teal and tenth place maroon. A special award will be given to the winner of each class.

2. The first placing overall dog shall receive a blue rosette that states the date, location, placement, and ASCA Agility Finals Champion, e.g., 2002 ASCA Agility Finals Champion. This rosette shall have a side streamer with the dog's full registered name with titles printed on it. A special award will be given to the first placing overall dog.

3. The second through tenth overall dogs shall receive rosettes. Second through tenth place rosettes shall have the date, location, placement, 'Overall,' and ASCA Agility Finals. For example, 2002 ASCA Agility Finals Overall Second Place. Second place will be red, third place yellow, fourth place white, fifth place pink, sixth place green, seventh place purple, eighth place brown, ninth place teal and tenth place maroon. These rosettes shall have a side streamer with the dog's full registered name with titles printed on it.

4. All dogs not placing in the overall top ten will receive a participation rosette printed with the date and location of the Agility Finals, name of the host club, and 'Agility Finalist' printed on them. All these rosettes shall have a side streamer with the dog's full registered name with titles printed on it.

5. All of the moneys received from the finals entries minus the expenses to the host club(s) for hosting the Agility finals and all moneys donated will be used for prizes for the Agility Finals only. Any unused moneys will revert to the Agility Finals Fund.

6. The Host Club is responsible for procuring rosettes and awards for the Agility Finals.

7. Presentation of the awards shall be done in a manner to showcase the event.

Comments:

It is pretty similar to the current finals awards. However, the side streamers with the dog's registered names are only attached to the 'overall' ribbons that are given out at the end of the finals, not the placement for each round.

It changes the participation ribbons from being given out for every round, to just given out for the overall placements. The top ten dogs overall will get 1st-10th ribbons and then the 11th-20th places will get a participation ribbon (with their names on the streamers). Previously we did this for each class. It was a lot of ribbons. The new way makes a little more sense and is more economical to the host club.

In addition, it removes the term 'Agility Dog' which is a registered trademark of USDAA and instead uses the term "Agility Finals Champion."

Committee voting: Approved: Kent Mahan, Annelise Allen, Jean Janotta, Judy Boone, Pamela Kaye, Shelley Malan, Pete Dolan. Non voting: Ron Schumann, Lynn Fickett

Board voting: Approve: Aufox, Toft, Berryessa, Warren, Gray, DeChant & Trumbull-Clark.
Abstain: Davenport. Motion is approved.

Re: 91:24 OPENING HARDSHIP - Section 9 e
Motion by Warren, seconded by Gray.

I move to change Eligibility Section 9 e to read:

All applications for dogs (either DNA-CP or DNA-VP) applying for Hardship registration must include CERTIFIED pedigrees covering AT LEAST 3 generations, including all registration numbers from all registries in which the applicant dog(s), it's parents and grandparents are currently or were registered. All certified pedigrees must state the dog/bitch, it's parents and grandparents registered breed is an Australian Shepherd. If none of the approved registries the dog is registered with issues certified pedigrees, then the breeder of the dog/bitch must certify to the authenticity of the pedigree and breed.

Board voting: Approve: Aufox, DeChant, Berryessa, Gray, Warren & Davenport.
Disapprove: Trumbull-Clark & Toft. Motion is approved.

Re: 99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Ch. 1, Sec. 17
Motion by Toft.

Motion by Celeste, second by Anne.

I move to accept the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee as a change to the Tracking Rules and Regulations. Effective date to be January 1, 2003

I move that ASCA no longer require a date to be put on rosettes or ribbons awarded at ASCA tracking tests.

Therefore: replace Chapter 1 General Regulations, Section 17. Ribbons and Prizes with the following:
If ribbons or prizes are offered at Tracking Tests, they shall be awarded only to dogs which pass the test. Such ribbons or rosettes shall be dark green, at least two (2) inches wide, approximately eight (8) inches long and shall bear on it's face the words, "Tracking Test," the name of the test-giving club and the name of the city or town where the site is located. The ASCA logo may be used in awards offered by an ASCA affiliate hosting a sanctioned show, trial, or agility competition.

The phrase "date of the test" was omitted by this motion.

Committee voting: Approve: Celeste, Anne, Chris, Paula, Deb, Ralph, Wally, Audrey Unanimous

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

Approved:

Kelli Carter as a member of the DNA and Genetics Committee

Diane Munson as a member of the Obedience Committee

Jonna Cole as Non-Regular Breeder Judge Applicant

John Rossys request to be reinstated as a Stock Dog Judge

Kalla Jaco as a member of the ASCA Junior Committee.

ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2002

REGISTRY	MEMBERSHIP	SHOW/STOCK
IND. REGS 520	NEW-Single 58	SANC.RECD 45
NON BREEDING 56	NEW - Dual 7	SANC. PROC. 57
LITTERS 291	NEW-Foreign 1	SANC.PEND 5
TRANSFER 104	NEW-Canadian 0	RESULTS RECD 56
LEASE 5	RENEW-Single 145	RESULTS PROC. 38
LEP 6	RENEW-Dual 45	RESULTS PEND. 9
DUPLICATES 13	RENEW-Foreign 3	S&T SUBSCRIP. 2
HARDSHIPS 3	RENEW-Canadian 6	CERTIFICATES 1280
PEDIGREES 32	JR TIMES 2	
NEW KENNELS 7	AFFIL. New 0	
RENEW KENNELS 14	AFFIL Renew 0	
	NEW Service 64	

JUDGES APPS	0
E-MAIL REQUESTS	2985
DNA KITS MAILED	22
DNA TESTS DONE	68

SHOWS HELD:

# OF CON/OBED	21
#OF STOCK	7
#OF RANCH	5
#OF AGILITY	5
#OF TRACKING	0