

Affiliate Meeting
8:30 a.m.
2003 ASCA National Specialty
West Bend, Wisconsin

Attendance:

Cherrie Cannon	SUASC
Robbi Norman	ASC of MI
Corey Norman	ASC of MI
Chris Reedy	ASC of MI
Cindy King	ASCNE
Trisha Herring	ASTASA
Ann LaBelle	OASC
Kathi L. Schwengel	RRVASC
Kathy Reeve	WCASA
Anne Shope	ZIA ASC & LOBO ASC
Lynn Sipe	Mid-A ASC
Jean M. Janotta	ASCNE
Peter Dolan	ASCNE
Diane Johnson	ASCNE
Susan Winters	ASCNE
Peter Hellmeister	CVASC
Michelle Berryessa	ASC WA
Jerry Aufox	SEMASA & RRVASC
Glenda Stephenson	FLA
Bob Stanton	Upper MidWest
Kathy Warren	
Chris Davenport	ASCNE & WASCUNY
Jo Kimes	
Maarten Walter	
Roger Stevens	Southeast ASC in Alabama
Linda Gray	ASCNE
Ann B. DeChant	ASC of MI

Cherrie Cannon brought up the HOF program changes. She got within one leg and had "crappy" ducks. She earned that last leg in May of this year. Kathy Warren updated everyone on possible changes HOF related to the HOF questions that accompanied the ballot. She said, "It's not done. The kennel might be loosened up as we are still looking for input." She reported that another round of questions will be published in the next *Aussie Times*.

Someone asked about the Tracking Number for non ASCA registered dog. It was reported that, due to a recommendation by the Obedience Committee, the decision was made to require the Tracking number in Obedience beginning January 1, 2004.

Pete Dolan, VP ASCNE, asked about the tracking number decision. He suggested that problems with certain issues would be better handled if the Board consulted with the Standing Committees. Agility is contributing to a manpower overload at the office. The Tracking Number issue was a mess for Affiliate Clubs. His point is to suggest that the Board go to the Standing Committees to get them to help fine tune new policies that affect ASCA's programs.

There were questions about when new rules become active. New rules go into effect for 30 days after they are published in the *Aussie Times*. Financial reports: Jerry Aufox asked if everyone got one. They were published in *Times* and mailed to the Affiliate Reps.

Jerry Aufox asked for Affiliate input about Nationals and the continuing struggle to find a host Club for the Nationals. He asked about whether ASCA should continue with Affiliates putting them on.

Someone said they like the idea of it not being in one place every year. Robbi Norman said that hosting a National is a huge hardship for affiliates. Kathy Schwengel, RRVASC, said they could use more help from ASCA. Kathy Warren asked what help would you want from ASCA. Someone said that the sponsorship of the awards that ASCA pays for is not enough. Seed money would be helpful. The idea of the past host clubs working on guidelines was suggested, but one problem with that is often the host club doesn't want to deal with each other or much follow up afterwards. It was suggested that we don't need to have all the pre-shows so that the Nationals can go to a shorter time frame. Clubs have difficulty getting grounds over two weekends. Pete Dolan stated that if the Finals were held separately, that might help. Roger Stevens said that the problem with two clubs working together is that it's difficult to plan it when clubs are far apart. He spoke to having them in a central location and held on the same dates each year. Kathy Reeves asked who would run it in the central location. Jerry Aufox stated that he has been involved in two, and he feels that separating the Nationals and the Finals would be loading as much work on two clubs. Robbi Norman asked if Committees could play a bigger role in Nationals. Kathy Warren said the Stock Dog Committee asks for volunteers and usually someone steps up, but it is not required. Much discussion was held on working out logistics. Using Professional Superintendents was discussed. They are programmed for AKC and can't figure out our ASCA programs. Jerry asked the Affiliates to discuss this topic with their clubs. Roger Stevens said that his club put the question on their ballot. Anne LaBelle suggested a central group/Committee that can advise Clubs on hosting...sort of a Nationals Committee to help the new host club. The purpose would be not to run it but to develop a better guideline. Glenda Stephenson from Sunshine State ASC asked if you can use dairy cattle. It was answered that it is not preferred, but you can. Cherrie Cannon mentioned that they don't have manpower. She asked why ASCA can't hire people to help. Many clubs do hire people, and the proceeds from the Nationals allows them to afford it. What ASCA

chips in up front is not enough. It was requested that a question be placed in the *Bulletin Board* about Nationals and suggestions for how to do it.

Bob Stanton from Minnesota talked about getting more Members interested in the Breed and the activities. He was welcomed into it by his local Club, and now he's in there on the Board and helping. He suggested that Clubs get the new people involved by talking to them and getting them interested. He suggested that Members get rid of the attitudes about whose dogs are the best and welcome the new people in. The big problem is ASCA people are not friendly. Glenda Stephenson shared ideas from her AKC club that holds big shows. They get service organizations to come and work for a donation. They hire stewards associations to handle stewarding. ASCA Clubs could get help by doing that as well.

Bob Stanton has an issue with the Code of Ethics. He said we have a gender problem in the Bylaws.

Glenda Stephenson brought up the requirements for hiring judges. Glenda is from the other Florida Club and knows what the issues were but doesn't know the outcome, but she think that the clubs need to be educated about hiring judges. Bob Stanton asked about incorporation of affiliates. Each state has different incorporation requirements, so clubs need to check with their state for their requirements. Cherrie Cannon suggested that there be education of judges once the breed standard is clarified. Robbi Norman said that there is a need for the Judges Book to be updated. Trisha Herring asked if there is any way to put the judges list online but password protected. Mary Findlay from Southern California wants a list of grand fathered dates for Clubs. Jerry Aufox said that the dates are not reserved ahead, and the best suggestion is for clubs to call the Business Office about the dates that are taken and to find what is available. Someone said that it has been nice to get the show packets out. They asked the Board to tell the Office Staff that members are happy. Jerry Aufox reported that Lola Hill could not make it to the Nationals this year. Someone mentioned that Certificates are coming back quicker, too.

There was a discussion about electronic reporting of Stock Dog Trial results and that it is okay to submit them using a computerized report instead of handwriting. Some clubs are already providing the results electronically.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. DeChant, Secretary