

**ASCA Affiliate Meeting
November 22, 2004
Paso Robles, California**

Board Members present: Allison Bryant (incoming Board Member), Linda Gray, Peter Hellmeister, and Kathy Warren. Absent due to working the Stockdog Finals: Maarten Walter (Finals Judge and incoming Board Member), Ann DeChant (Timekeeper), Chris Davenport (Timekeeper), and Michelle Berryessa (Results Scribe). Also Absent: Shelly Hollen, Roger Stevens, and Jo Kimes, and Jerry Aufox

Cindy Boulais, Antelope Valley Australian Shepherd Assoc.
Theresa R. Nieman, ASC of Arizona
Kathy Reeve, WCASA
Jean Miller, COAST
Stacey Harris, CASA
President, Southern Nevada ASC
Andrea Armstrong, WCASA
Donna Armstrong, Southern Nevada ASC
Paul Kirk and Mary Finley
Heidi Erland, ASC of Washington
Maury Finsterwald, ASC of San Diego
Frank Butera, PASA Member and ASCA-L List owner
Kimmie Warren

The Meeting was called to order sometime around 6:00 p.m. The question was asked whether there will be any votes held during the General Membership Meeting to be held on Wednesday, such as the Working Description. Kathy Warren said that the Working Description is in a Subcommittee of the Stockdog Committee, and then it will be sent to the entire Committee who will work it over. The timeline they are shooting for is to have it through the Committee and ready to go for a Membership vote on the next ballot. She also said she had been in ASCA for a number of years, and that's a pretty fast timeline; but it could happen.

Warren stated that the only way the Members can vote Wednesday, is if we have a quorum. If someone brought up an issue and there was a quorum, it could come up for a vote. The Board doesn't have any plans for any issues to be brought to a vote on Wednesday.

Donna Armstrong inquired how we can go about updating the ASCA Judges list. In Nevada, seven of the judges are dead. Donna Armstrong said she has sent e-mail, letters, and made phone calls to the Office to get deceased Judges off the Judges List. Kathy Warren said that the Conformation Committee has a policy in their rule books for how to remove deceased Judges from the List. Kathy Warren reported that they had created a form. Donna said that she went to the Business Office three times for a form. She also said she finds it very hard to use the List. She suggested making one alphabetical list per State, and she would rather see an e-mail address rather than an

address. Someone else stated that it's nice to have the address to see where they live. It was agreed that it would be great to add the e-mail address to the list. Kathy Warren asked for a plan of action to change the list. Someone else suggested that it should be by State, grouped by venue. After several suggestions were made as to how to organize the Judges List, Kathy Warren suggested that a format be designed and sent to the Board as the Board would find that very helpful. The Board, rather than a Committee, would handle the List because the list would cover Judges for all venues. If the Board received a suggested format that would work, they would be happy to look at it. Adding e-mail addresses and placing the list on the web site were suggested again.

When asked if ASCA has a Web Master, Kathy Warren said that with Maarten Walter coming on the Board there should be a proposal to consider.

Kathy Warren announced that on Thursday morning, the Board has a meeting with the Stockdog Committee. In answer to a question about the 2006 Nationals, she reported that the Board had voted to approve Wisconsin's application. That will be announced at the General Membership Meeting. She said they the Board hadn't received an application for 2007. She encouraged applications.

Someone reported that a Member of her Affiliate had sent a letter to a Board Member and got no response. Kathy Warren reported that the Board tries to respond as soon as they can. The letters must go to Jo Kimes who usually answers immediately to say it is being sent to the Board for their consideration. If it's a Rule thing, it is referred to the respective Committee Chair.

Someone asked if there is a list somewhere that has a list of all Committees and Committee Members. Kathy said that the Web Site may not be up to date as far as Committees go, but the Committee Chairs will often put the list of Members in their Committee Report in the *Times*. She suggested that anyone needing a list of Committee Members could contact a Director Liaison as they are always listed in the *Times*.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Maarten Walter, Ann DeChant, Chris Davenport, and Michelle Berryessa arrived right after the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, as transcribed from the tapes that were provided following the meeting,

Ann B. DeChant., Secretary
ASCA Board of Directors