

ASCA 2009 General Membership Meeting

October 1, 2009

2009 ASCA National Specialty

Island Grove Park Greeley Colorado

Attendance: Linda Allison, Beth Angelmyer, Donna Armstrong, Boyce Baker, Michele Baker, Sherry Baker, Tanya Barker, Ronnie Bates, Linda Bell, Joyce Brittingham, Donna Burdick, Wally Butler, Gina Campodonico, Kiddy Christie, Denise Creelman, Leslie Creelman, Bill Dakin, Nan Dakin, Kathryn Dawson, Ann DeChant, Sharon Elkins, Sharon Farkas, Melinda Gann, Darcy Beth Gardiner, Elizabeth Gibson, Susan Graham, Jamie L. Hansen, Wayne Harris, Barbara Anne Hershey, Fiona Hibbard, Kristin Hicks, Manfred Hoerteis, Andrea Hoffmann, Shelly Hollen, Frank P. James, Naomi S. James, Portia Jelinek, Anne Jespersen, Gail Karamalegos, Sue Kelly, Fina Larson, Pat Lambeth, Wayne Kirby, Mark Kitzelman, Jayne, Lips, Jeri Long, Nikki Marenbach-Hengy, Deborah J. Martin, Matthew C. Mason, Carol J. McLaughlin, Tom Mhire, Sunday L. Miles, Jean Miller, Dorothy A. Montano, Thomas A. Morarre, Glenn E. Morton, Devona Myrick, Maria Nagano, Kyrstin Niemeyer-Baker, Corey Norman, Robbi A. Norman, Becky Parker, Patricia K. Parker, Marti Parrish, Charla Patterson, Eve M. Peacock, Kathy Peycke, Wendy Pinckney, Heather Pinnell, Christine E. Reedy, Catherine Renkema, Nancy Resetar, Meghan Rosen Stengel, Ray Schafer, C.A. Sharp, Stepanie Shope-Mcdaniel, Joan Skillman, Glenda Stephenson, Leah Swatko, Andrea M. Torres, Jane Trude, Katie C. van de Sandt, Noel West, Marsha Westerman, Tara Worrone-Romijn,

There is not a quorum.

President Michelle Berryessa called the meeting to order at 7:20PM MDT and introduced Directors in attendance: Mark Westerman, Rick Gann, Pete Dolan, Michelle Berryessa, Rachel Vest Director-elect, Tenley Dexter Director-elect and Mary Logue, Executive Secretary. Absent were Directors Chris Davenport, Jerry Aufox, Patrick MacRoberts, Kristin McNamara, and Director-elect Peter Hellmeister.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Westerman

Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets (summary)

Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
Total Unrestricted Revenues	\$790,496.00	\$790,172.00
Total Expenses	\$804,257.00	\$821,031.00
Change in Net Assets	(\$13,761.00)	(\$30,859.00)
Net Assets, Beginning	<u>\$460,210.00</u>	<u>\$491,069.00</u>
Net Assets, Ending	<u>\$446,449.00</u>	<u>\$460,210.00</u>

Proposed Budget

	2009*	2010
Total Unrestricted Revenues	\$796,492.00	\$868,000.00
Total Expenses	\$840,602.00	\$864,500.00
Change in Net Assets	(\$44,112.00)	\$3,500.00
Net Assets, Beginning	<u>\$446,449.00</u>	<u>\$402,337.00</u>
Net Assets, Ending	<u>\$402,337.00</u>	<u>\$405,837.00</u>

*Revised 9/28/09

ASCA Board of Directors

Mark D. Westerman

Treasurer

Michelle Berryessa: For our next order of business I'd like to give our thanks and appreciation for the years of service of our two outgoing Directors, Patrick MacRoberts and Kristin McNamara.

Our next order of business is our Committee Reports:

Agility Report – Sue Graham

2009 has been a great year for ASCA Agility. Over the past several years, ASCA Agility has been growing by leaps and bounds. In 2006, there were 83 trialing days. In 2007, there were 185 (an increase of 122% over the previous year). In 2008, there were 255 trialing days (an increase of 38% over the previous year.) And in 2009, we have had 280 trialing days (an increase of 10% over the previous year.) Over the past four years, the program has grown a total of 237%! ASCA Agility continues to expand due to all the efforts of the local clubs hosting trials and promoting the program. Good job everyone!

The Agility Committee was busy this year clearing up areas of the rulebook that were unclear as well as implementing some new changes. Here is a summary of the changes. For more details, please consult your Aussie Times where the full verbiage of the changes can be found.

1. The new judges program was effective January 1st, 2009. It is a mentoring style training program. Judges must meet minimum experience requirements and then pass an open book test. Once approved as an apprentice, they gain experience judging by working closely with a supervisor. So far there are 5 approved apprentices with several more in the approval process.
2. The course design requirements were modified to specifically state what obstacles are required in the Regular class. Previously this was not defined and it was unclear what obstacles a club had to offer the judges to design their courses.
3. The course review process was clarified to specifically state that all courses must be reviewed and approved prior to each use. It was unclear if judges could reuse courses without being reviewed. Due to changing rules and safety concerns, the committee felt it was important to have each course reviewed prior to each use.
4. The committee was pleased to develop the 'Degree of ATCH' titles. Previously a dog could only receive recognition for earning three ATCHs. The committee suggested the change to the titling program so that a dog can continue to earn ATCHs up to ATCH-XX (20). The committee felt that the added recognition will keep people competing in our program. Competitors are excited about the change. Thanks to the board for approving that change.
5. For safety reasons, the start and finish lines now have specific requirements concerning how far apart they must be. This will hopefully prevent the next dog to run from interfering with the dog on course.
6. Changes were made to the finals program to clean up some verbiage that had been unclear since the inception of the program. There are multiple changes, please refer to the rulebook for the complete rules.

Congratulations to all the agility finalists. Good luck and clean runs to everyone!

Janelle Farkas solicited membership suggestions about how to improve the agility program for juniors.

ARPH Report

No report delivered.

Conformation Committee – Glenda Stephenson, Chair

INTRODUCTION

Committee Members:

Liaison: Rick Gann

REGION 1: Liz Gibson (OR), Debbie Martin

REGION 2: Mary Hellmeister (CA), Denise Creelman (CA), Regi Gravette (CA)

REGION 3:

REGION 4: Ann DeChant (MI)

REGION 5: David Clayton (FL), Gail Karamalegos (TX)

REGION 6: Peter Kontos (NY), Leah Swatko (Canada)

REGION 7: Luc Goossens (Belg), Nancy Pelletier (NZ)

New Members: Becky Noe (CO) and Ronnie Bates (GA)

Our committee's goals are:

- Revise and clarify the conformation show rules and regulations
- Receive input from the membership and be able to mold these ideas into a viable rule or guideline
- Be able to answer any questions or concerns that an Affiliate Club or Member might have regarding the Conformation rules, whether this be an interpretation or rule research.

Our past session was quite busy and fruitful. Rules that were passed by Committee and the ASCA Board of Directors are:

1. Conformation Show Rules and Regulations: Section 4.14 ASCA Altered Conformation Program: Making this rule comparable to the Intact Rules that only an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge may judge Altered Best of Breed at an ASCA Nationals.
2. National Specialty Hosting Rule Book: Section 5.4 ASCA Altered Conformation Program: Bringing this in line with the intact division in that only a Senior Breeder Judge may judge the Dog and Bitch classes at the ASCA Nationals.
3. Point Schedule: Adjusted the point schedule on quantity of dogs for earning championship points. Effective June 2009. This rule helped clubs who had few shows, but large entries.
4. Conformation Judges Test: The conformation Judges test was completely revised, adding more questions from the rule book, junior showmanship questions, scenarios, and a skeletal drawing.
5. Chapter 13: Section 13.1 and 13.2 Submission of show records to ASCA. This motion corrected omissions of forms that are required by the business office.
6. The Committee was asked for an opinion on the Conformation Finals Budget. The committee's consensus was that the Host Club would be responsible to collect sponsors and donations to cover the expenses incurred by the Host Club beyond what the entry fees would take care of.
7. Finals Merit Point System: This rule corrected the omission of the Merit Point Calculation System in the Show Rules and Regulations.
8. Disqualified or Excused Dog Form: Updated the Disqualified or Excused Dog Form to bring it in line with the Dog Bite Policy.
9. Declaration of Judge Applicant Form added to the Conformation Judges Test. This form requires the judge applicant to declare that they have not asked for assistance by anyone in the completion of the test.
10. The committee was asked for a consensus and rule change to allow an altered dog to compete in Intact Finals if the dog was qualified for Intact Finals prior to being altered.
11. Non Regular Breeder Judge Requirements. In 2004, after receiving numerous suggestions and complaints from the membership and our current judges, the committee began working on sections of the Judges Approval process. Guidance was sought from the Board Directors, the membership, and ASCA Judges. Utilizing all the data, the committee attempted to revise the approval process. The committee members brought all their experience to the table to make this motion a viable one. Three years of this work was fruitless. In late 2008, the Education Committee and the Conformation Committee formed a sub-committee to work on the approval process. This committee comprised of Senior Breeder Judges and other long time members. Their combined efforts produced the motion that was passed by the board in August, 2009. We must make it clear, that this process was not secret. The committee members went out in the field at shows and queried other exhibitors, judges, and members. The announcement of the committee's intent to revise the approval process was published not only in the Aussie Times, but also on the ASCA Website, under conformation news. The committee is continuing to improve the process for the upper levels of Breeder Judges and create an education program. Our first seminar was conducted at these Nationals. We must make it clear, that judges that have already applied and been approved are grandfathered in on the old approval process. Only new applicants AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010, must meet the new requirements. The Conformation Committee has ALWAYS been and will continue to be open to constructive comments and suggestions. My email address and phone number are on the ASCA Website.

Current items that are being voted upon at the committee level presently:

- 1) Disqualified Dog Reinstatement Procedure.
- 2) Chapter 7, Section 7.6: Clarifying who may show to a Conformation Judge.

3) Chapter 8, Section 8.5 Correcting a passage that belongs in Chapter 7, Judges.

Current items under discussion are:

- 1) The Dog Bite Policy. Making a recommendation to the Board with a suggested clarification of the policy.
- 2) Clarifying what corrections can be made by a Judge or a Show Committee on the judge's books after a show is completed.
- 3) Judges Code of Ethics. The committee had passed a Judges Guidelines and Code of Ethics that were in line with a policy that was already in effect for 3 other venues. Our motion as presented was denied. After conference with the Board, the Committee will take the Board's suggestions to re-word this motion.

The Conformation Committee will be making announcements on the ASCA-L and the club's website for upcoming topics of discussion. Members are encouraged, as always to submit constructive comments and ideas, so that the committee serves the club to the best of our ability.

My email address is listed in Aussie Times and on the ASCA Website. Please don't hesitate to make contact with me. Please contact your local committee member.

Thank you,
Glenda Stephenson

Question: What is the determination of dog qualifying in intact and then is altered, where does it show? The committee is working to define an answer to this question.

DNA Committee Report – Jamie Burns, Chair – Report presented by Tanya Barker

We've had a long journey since the inception of the ASCA DNA Program. To date, we have over 6,600 DNA-Certified Pedigrees on file with Therion International and 4,200 DNA-Verified Parentage. Our annual DNA Committee Blood draw held here at Nationals added another 53.

We would like to remind those attending this meeting of the up-coming changes in January:

Registry Rule Chapter 1, Section 1.3-3.D will be amended as follows: Any sire or any dam that has produced one litter must have a DNA profile, from an ASCA approved lab on file before any subsequent litter registration application is approved. Effective date: January 1, 2010.

Registry Rule Chapter 1, Section 1.3-3.D will be amended as follows: All sires and dams must be DNA profiled with an ASCA approved laboratory prior to the registration of their first litter. Effective January 1, 2011.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for this year:

Trish Alexander, Tanya Barker, Marilyn Ballard, Becky Chandler, Linda Gray, Carol Harvey, Barb Harrum, Diana Land, Matt Mason, DVM, Carol McLaughlin, DVM, Jean Miller, Holly Press, Etta Wertz, Joy Wikoff, Sandra Zilch

and years past, for helping with the blood draw. We greatly appreciate the time you have given us to make this possible.

As always, we are here to answer any questions the members have. Thank you.
Your DNA Committee

President Berryessa introduced Mary Logue, the ASCA Executive Secretary and Jean Miller, the Business Office Manager.

Education Committee – Chris Reedy – Chair

We published this year, an outstanding agility ad in Clean Run. The ad is beautiful and available for download on the ASCA web site. We are hoping to do other ads for Obedience and any of the other programs that might want to do ads., etc. The purpose of the ads is to attract people who trial/show in other venues. We did explanatory entry forms and sample registration forms using numbers and explanatory notes. These are also available on the

web site. We need input from all the programs so that we can help with education and promoting the breed. The committee held a meeting with the Conformation Committee that was very productive. We hope to do more of these with the other programs.

Hall of Fame Committee – Dorothy Montano

The committee work is very slow right now. The HOFX program is up and running. There are quite a few kennels that have qualified for this. The numbers for these will be assigned at the end of the year. It appears that the Hartnagles are number one again. We are re-working the requirements for HOFX sires and dams. The original motion was not approved.

Health and Genetics – Bill Dakin – Chair

Good evening everyone. The clinic this year sponsored by ASCA and ASHGI was a very big success. We had over 50 MDR1's, 50 inherited cataract tests, 3 CER/PRA's, 10 JRD's, 2 CHIC's, 3 for cancer, and 10 epilepsy over last year. I'd like to thank all my volunteers, who are all ASCA members, for taking time out of their busy week to spend time with that. We appreciate that and I'm sure Nan does too. The H & G Committee is looking for additional members. Several folks have been very busy countering anti-pet legislation and have been pulled in many different directions.

This year we established a new connection with the Morris Animal Foundation. Dave Riggs from MAF came up and we had a meeting with him yesterday. There are many interesting ideas we've come up with that might direct their research funding in ways that might help us in ASCA with inherited diseases and genetic defects. We also kicked around some ideas for fund raising.

The committee will have more to give you and the Board in the future. We have some direction from the Board after our meeting yesterday. The committee has been tasked to come up with some recommendations for The ASCA Foundation allocation of funds and where the money should go.

We have an ongoing project to generate web content. This turns out to be very extensive.

Thank you. Are there any questions?

Juniors Committee – Janelle Farkas – Junior Chair

Cindy King, the committee adult chair was unable to be here. If you are interested in joining the committee please submit your résumé to the Board of Directors. We are trying to fill the committee. We need junior members from all regions and adult members from regions 3 and 7. The committee has crafted a motion concerning junior stock awards. We have also discussed the 500 club type performance award, promote ways to improve participation in juniors' performance, year-end agility awards, and moving the Junior Handling finals to before the Finals awards.

We are trying to find ways to include junior involvement with the Education Committee. We'd like any and all ideas anyone might have about this. We are also trying to find out what affiliates are doing to at the local level to promote juniors participation in all programs. Also, we'd like to know what people would like to see for juniors at Nationals so we can work with next year's host club to put the suggestions in place. Please send any and all suggestions to the adult committee chair or to me so we can distribute them to the entire committee.

I'd like to thank Michelle Berryessa for all her assistance as our Board liaison.

I invite all juniors to provide input about ways to improve the program. We are investigating setting up a juniors Face book page to improve communication among all juniors.

Thank you.

Legislative Committee – Darcy Beth Gardiner Committee Member

The ASCA Legislative Committee was born out of a growing need to keep our members informed of the anti-dog legislation currently sweeping the country. It is our goal to keep the membership informed of pending legislation and issues in the US and abroad, to assist the membership with sample letters and talking points to

use when contacting their representatives and to provide the membership with information on the issues that engender anti-animal legislation and endanger the right to own animals of any kind.

In 2009 the dog world experienced an unprecedented push to enact anti-animal legislation with numerous states being hit with multiple bills. Much of this legislation involves mandatory spay/neuter laws, number limit laws, and more restrictions on breeding and owning animals. Some areas have seen the banning of specific breeds of dogs and bans on tail docking, This movement at the state level has also spurred many cities and counties to enact similar restrictive legislation. Often the legislation is passed through with little or no public knowledge, especially at the local level.

As the committee was born in the middle of this mass of legislation, we have tried to keep members informed through the existing ASCA-L and Aussie-L email lists until better ways could be developed to get the word out. Unfortunately, this resulted in some duplicate emails and some members of the lists becoming upset with the volume of "legislative alerts" being posted. We are working on streamlining this process and developing more effective ways of alerting the membership.

One of the first accomplishments of the committee was the creation of a bulletin board site where updates on the pending laws in various states could be posted. This site may be found at <http://www.winslowaussies.com>

We will be looking at adding to this site in the near future.

The committee is also compiling a list of links to state government pages where information on pending legislation can be found. This list also includes links to the pet-law yahoo group for each state where one is available or the national pet-law group when there is no group for the state. We expect this list to be completed in the near future.

Sample letters for Mandatory Spay/Neuter laws and Limit Laws have been done by the committee and we hope to have those available for the membership soon. Talking points for personalizing the letters will also be available. These letters will be generic and will need to be personalized and adapted to the particular state, national or local law.

A list of informative websites for further research on the issues is also underway.

The committee currently has a page on the ASCA website. We will be making additions to this page in the near future.

With the sheer volume of work involved, the committee also needs members especially members in foreign countries, as restrictive laws are being proposed world-wide. We (the committee) need everyone's input. Everyone needs to keep watch in their own state, county and local government and provide input to the committee.

We do expect that there will be more laws proposed and that maintaining our rights to own, trial, show and breed will be under attack even more in future years. Most of the groups behind this legislation are well funded and powerful. It takes a strong grassroots effort from individuals to oppose this legislation and it is our goal to assist the membership in this. To defend the right to own animals and pets, intact or not, and to advocate for that right by alerting and educating ASCA members, the public and decision makers about any threat to that right; to uphold the ASCA breed standard and to promote responsible ownership and animal welfare.

MVA Committee – Andrea Hoffman, Chair

The committee has become more active recently. Our members are:

Terry Thomascik (AK), Jan Wesen (WA), Robyn Johnson-Garrett (UT), Beth MacLehose (OH), Renee Reschenthaler (GA), and Chris Davies (PA)

We are discussing adding Rally to MVA once the Rally program is up and running, reviewing the versatility stock requirements, and becoming more involved in the National Specialty MVA segment.

MVA Conformation Evaluation forms are available for pick-up.

Thank you.

Nationals Committee – Pete Dolan, Liaison

The committee continues to work on the first draft of the National Specialty How To Manual and expects to have a complete version by the end of the year. There are openings on the committee and I encourage anyone with recent National Specialty experience to submit a resume to join the committee. Please submit your resumes to Mary Logue at executive.secretary@asca.org.

Obedience Committee Report: - Pete Dolan Liaison

The obedience committee members are; Mary Burlingame WA (Chair), Janet White Kelly SC, Sandra Case OK, Kim Wailer MO, Cindy Franks TN, Lynn Sidwell TX, Mary Stoddart MA, Shirley Alexander NV, Hilary Hines OR, Laura Uran NE, Janice Weis MO, Marula Furlan Italy. Our liaison is Kristin McNamara.

Our major goal for the next year will be judge's education and continued revamping of our program to accommodate the obedience fancy.

Our program appears to be holding its own, even with the economic downturn. There were 325 obedience trials offered from June 2008 through May 2009; only one less than the previous year. The number of obedience titles earned has gone up. There were 247 titles earned in 2009 by Aussies compared to 197 from the previous year. We continue to have a large number of 'Other breeds' competing in our program which is a great boost to the show giving clubs.

Some of the more important changes to the program over the last year are:

- 1) Removal of the '2 dog minimum' rule for Novice stays.
- 2) Addition of an Open and Utility Veterans class for older dogs which allows them to jump 4 inches less than normal.
- 3) Show secretary is allowed to show in addition to running their trial.
- 4) Expansion of the 'Other Breed' list for dogs that jump % their height at the withers.
- 5) Judges can show in Open A and Utility A.
- 6) An alternative method for performing the Broad Jump.

The committee is always looking for ways to improve our program. We are open to any and all suggestions to achieve this pursuit so your input is always welcome.

Sincerely, Mary Burlingame

Rally Committee –Michelle Berryessa, Liaison

ASCA Rally Report

Submitted by: Rally Committee Chair, Lori Fausett, delivered by Michelle Berryessa

Good Evening Everyone,

We know so many of you were looking forward having Rally at this year's nationals. The committee apologizes for the promises made last year.

Looking on to the future and getting a Great Rally program up and running before the 2010 Nationals is our primary goal.

I apologize for not being here personally to answer all of your questions and collect ideas. It just wasn't in the cards this year. Michelle graciously agreed to pass on this report in my absence, Thank you Michelle!

Please know that any of you is ALWAYS welcome to contact me or any committee member with suggestions, ideas, or questions.

Rally hopefully will be up and running well before the Texas Nationals, so we hope to see a great entry next year with a great program.

In April we drafted a rough draft of the Rally rule book. Since then, we've been going through it, editing and tweaking while at the same time, still working on the program and incorporating new ideas.

Part of our committee's delay is we have found doing a new program through an internet committee provides many of its own challenges. Not everyone is on the same e-mails or ideas when they log into their computer. We've also had some members come and go, and each time, catching new ones up to speed has taken some time.

Our committee has been busy. We've done over 25 motions this past 11 months and are well into approving Chapter 2 of the Rulebook and moving forward. With so many choices and so many decisions sitting in front of us, I had reached out and asked for ASCA member input a few months back. We received a good response of people wanting to give input and found the committee wasn't the only ones with diversity in ideas for ASCA Rally. Some want to see it more competitive, some want it like the AKC version, and some want it very inviting and easy to succeed in. To give one example, for failing the Honors station, some want it an NQ, some want it an IP, and some wanted the larger hit but still a Q, with say 20 points off. Rally is a complex venue. We're working on making it great for all, something fun to do with your dogs while challenging for those who desire the challenges of competition.

We'll get it all worked out and a program started, we promise that! I'd like to welcome any new members who were added on at this year's Nationals and look forward to a great time getting the program all wrapped up and presented to the Board soon.

We hope everyone is having a very fun and successful Nationals and are ready for Rally to hit ASCA soon! If anyone has any ideas, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact any of the committee members or myself at any time.

Please see Michelle after the meeting if you would like my contact information. I'm home working on the program!

Lori Fausett
soundtrackfarms@yahoo.com
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Stockdog Committee Report – Delivered by Sue Kelly

The Stockdog Committee thanks outgoing members Melinda May, Joan Holmes, Bill Pechka-King and Rachel Vest for their many contributions to the Committee during their tenure, and welcomes incoming members Cheryl Padgett (Region 5), Stacie Harris (Region 3), Matt Mason (Region 6), and Robyn Johnson Garrett (at-large Judge).

Despite the difficult economy of the past year, the Business Office reports that income from sanctioning of Stockdog Trials was up from the preceding competition year.

Some statistics provided by the Business Office:

1299 dogs competed in ASCA Working Trials, 63 dogs in 9 Ranch Trials (down from 17 sanctioned the previous year), and 88 in the 14 sanctioned Farm Trials in this program's first full year.

Australian Shepherds earned 76 WTCH titles, 26 Post-Advanced titles, 27 Ranch Dog titles, and 28 Farm Dog titles.

Other breeds continue to support our programs, earning 34 WTCH, 8 Post-Advanced, 15 Ranch Dog, and 11 Farm Dog titles.

Our pool of approved Stockdog Judges continued to grow, with David Clayton being approved as an Apprentice Judge and Mike Bryant, Robyn Johnson-Garrett, Wayne Kirby, Bob Myrick, Devona Myrick, Mike Tremblay, and Tanya Wheeler moving from Apprentice to Provisional Judge status.

The Stockdog Rulebook has been updated to meet the style guidelines established by the Board of Directors, and the Committee continues to work on making it more concise, more user-friendly, and more helpful to hosts and course directors.

The Farm Trial Program has proven to be very popular with both contestants and hosts but, as with all new programs, needs some debugging following the initial release. A Task Group is being formed to address some of the concerns raised and streamline the approval process.

The first "real-life" test of the new Finals system took place this week. The Committee would appreciate feedback, suggestions, etc. from everyone who participated in the event and from spectators as well.

A desire for new and different courses has been voiced by many members over the years and SDC member Sherry Baker presented three new concepts at the Committee meeting held September 28. These courses are designed to be useable in a wide variety of settings from the minimum-size rectangular arena to an irregularly shaped pasture and can be set up for Post-Advanced as well. Diagrams and explanatory notes will be available on the ASCA website.

Election of the next Committee Chair and Liaison will take place following the National Specialty.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Mahoney

Strategic Planning Committee Report – Pete Dolan

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) is an Executive Committee of the Board. Its members currently are Maarten Walter, Kristin McNamara, Ronnie Bates, Pete Dolan and Peter Hellmeister (chair).

The SPC is tasked with developing a Business Plan and Strategic Plan for ASCA to lead the organization into the future and provide goals for the future. We are currently awaiting the last pieces for the Business Plan to be provided by various Board members and hope to have a working document to the Board for review by the end of the year.

We are also finalizing a so called “root analysis” for Board proceedings that will result in a document that will help the Board to function better as a whole by providing tangible measures to hold individual Board members accountable as well as helping them in their daily proceedings on the Board.

We will make the Business Plan and Strategic Plan available to the membership on ASCA’s website when it is finalized.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact us through the Executive Secretary Mary Logue.

Thank you for your time.
Peter Hellmeister
SPC Chair

Tracking Committee – Anne Hershey

First, the Tracking committee would like to thank all those folks putting on this year's National Tracking Test. We would especially like to thank Becky Parker for all the work she did behind the scenes to make this event happen.

This year there has been approximately the same number of Tracking Tests as last year. The Tracking committee is focusing on trying to grow the Tracking program.

To address this issue, we have introduced a new test, the Tracking Dog Urban.

This test is to open up new areas where tracking tests can be held. We are hoping that it will make it easier to host tracking tests at show sites and other urban areas especially where there is difficulty getting large field areas. The TDU is similar to the TD, but it differs in these areas:

350 to 400 yards;

2-4 turns;

2 of the turns must be 90 degree turns;

(All turns out in the open on surfaces consistent with the main part of the track. This is just like TD.)

20 percent of the Track can be on non-vegetated area , no non-veg area can be wider than the width of a secondary road.

We are excited about this new test, and we would appreciate feedback from any affiliate that hosts a TDU.

Currently, we are discussing whether we should consider requiring only one judge for tracking tests, or easing the regs on the restrictions on how often a judge can train an entrant who shows under them. We will also be looking at other ways to invigorate the program, and help affiliates to host tests.

These are some of the other issues we have dealt with this year are:

- Clarified the Tracking judge's application
- Ported over the show-conformation rules to the Tracking regs.
- Tried to set up Nationals Tracking Test guidelines.

We would like to thank all of the committee members that have served on the committee this year. It has been a lot of hard work. If you are in the audience can you please stand up.

Betty Mueller, Craig Bohren, Megan Rosenstengel , Madja Tegelbeckers, Maria Kremers, Anne Hershey, Becky Parker, Carol McQuade, Linda Gray, Susan Schroeder, Renea Dahms, Angela Rector, Margaret Abrahamson, and Jan Wesen.

We would also like to thank our liaison, Michelle Berryessa, and Jean at the office for all the help they have given the Tracking Committee this year.

Thanks to all of you for a job well done.

We look forward to next year.

Please let us know how we can help your affiliate with their Tracking program.

Are there any questions?

Sincerely,

Celeste Kelly

For the Tracking committee

Old Business: We don't have a quorum. Does anyone have any issue to bring to the Board of Directors?

President Berryessa announced the National Specialty Locations:

2010 Waco, TX

2011 West Bend, WI

2012 Bakersfield, CA

There was a discussion about how to improve the caliber of Obedience Judges. The Board of Directors is receiving requests from the program committees to become involved in handling judge issues. There are legal and insurance implications when involving the committees in potential judge discipline. The Board will continue to examine this issue looking for ways to improve the performance of our judges.

There was an issue raised concerning generating money through AT advertising and sponsorships. A member suggested contacting ad agencies for help in promoting ASCA and raising money. The Board will look into this.

Will the Board police the Breeder Directory to preclude its use by "puppy mills". The answer was yes, although there may be legal issues to consider.

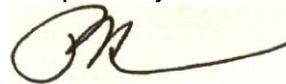
Is there a new slate of officers? The Board will meet after this meeting and elect next year's officers.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.

The motion to adjourn passed by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM MDT.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PD', written over a light yellow rectangular background.

Pete Dolan
ASCA Secretary