

## **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.

**April 1 - 30, 2007**

### **98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE - Chapter 15.**

Motion by DeChant.

I move that the Conformation Finals Motion from the Conformation Committee be approved.

### **Conformation Finals**

Motion-- made by Peter K. and seconded by Liz

Voting on the following Motion-- made by Peter K. and seconded by Liz

--Conformation Finals --was as follows: For: Peter, Ron, Graham, Rick, Mary, Liz, Wendy, Denise, Rene, Janet, Glenda Against: none Non-voting: Nadia The Motion passes.

I move that we accept the following Conformation Finals Rules to be added as Chapter 15 in the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations (with Chapter 15 - Dispute Rules being renumbered as Chapter 16) and be added to the National Specialty Hosting Rules. Effective date is 1 June 2007.

Peter K

## **SECTION 15: CONFORMATION FINALS**

Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Conformation Finals is to showcase the Top Thirty (30) Altered Conformation Merit Finalists and the Top Thirty (30) Intact Conformation Merit Finalists. This premier event will allow for those dogs that have competed and placed within the Top Thirty (30) Altered dogs and the Top Thirty (30) Intact Dogs to compete against each other in a Conformation Finals event. The Conformation Finals will be held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty. The Conformation Finals is part of the ASCA Finals events and is a separate conformation event from the ASCA National Specialty. The Conformation Finals will be held before Nationals Conformation begins excluding the Junior Showmanship competition.

### **15:1 ELIGIBILITY**

1.) Eligible merit points will be those received during the ASCA Finals year. The ASCA Finals year will be the twelve (12) month period from June 1st of the previous year to May 31st of the year that the Finals are held. The ASCA Business Office will confirm the merit standing eligibility for each contestant.

### **15:2 VERIFICATION AND INVITATIONS**

1.) Invitations will go out from the ASCA Business Office to all eligible contestants by US Postal Service Certified Mail. The certified letters will be postmarked no later than July 1st of the Finals year. The ASCA Business Office will make sure that the necessary steps to notify foreign qualifiers are done within the same time frame.

2.) United States Contestants must fill out and post an official entry form with entry fees (made payable to ASCA) to the ASCA Business Office and must be postmarked by July 15th of the Finals year.

a.) Foreign Contestants must fill out and post an official entry form with entry fees in U.S. currency (made payable to ASCA) to the ASCA Business Office and must be postmarked by

July 20th of the year of the Finals year.

3.) The ASCA Business Office will send the National Host Club(s) a Conformation Finals entry form for each dog by the closing date for Nationals entries.

#### 15:3 PARTICIPANTS

1.) The Top Thirty (30) Conformation Merit Altered Dogs Finalists and the Top Thirty (30) Merit Conformation Intact Dogs will be invited to compete in the Conformation Finals. No alternates will be invited. If less than thirty (30) dogs from those ranked Altered dogs and Intact dogs accept the invitations, the Conformation Finals will be limited to those entrants only.

2.) The Nationals Host Club(s) will determine the random order of showing Altered Dog Finalists and Intact Dogs Finalists. Dogs will not be judged in the order of their year end rankings.

#### 15:4 BUDGET AND FEES

1.) The Nationals Host Club(s) shall submit a proposed budget to the ASCA Board of Directors and ASCA Conformation Committee six (6) months prior to the Conformation Finals.

2.) The entry fee will be fifty (50) dollars in U.S. currency. No entry fees will be refunded. Entry fees collected by the ASCA Business Office will be used only to cover any expenses the Nationals Host Club(s) may incur from the Conformation Finals. The ASCA Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Conformation Finals and is responsible for informing the Nationals Host Club(s), the ASCA Board of Directors, and the ASCA Conformation Committee as to the amount of monies received by August 1st of the competition year. The ASCA Business Office will send all entry monies to the Nationals Host Club(s) by the closing date for National entries. The Nationals Host Club(s) will try to make the Conformation Finals a self supporting event through entries, donations, and sponsorships. The Nationals Host Club(s) will submit their expenses with receipts to the ASCA Board of Directors within six (6) months of the Conformation Finals event.

#### 15:5 Judges Requirements

1.) Conformation Judges will be hired for the Conformation Finals by the Nationals Host Club(s). Three (3) ASCA Conformation Judges are required.

2.) Conformation Judge Eligibility:

a.) Judge must be of ASCA Senior Breeder Status.

b.) Judge may not have judged conformation three (3) months prior to the event.

c.) Judge shall not be a conformation judge at the current ASCA Nationals or Pre-shows.

d.) Judge shall not have judged the previous three (3) Conformation Finals.

Conformation Finals judges may participate in all Nationals events including all Nationals conformation events. All rules pertaining to the Conformation Finals Judges and their dogs regarding the Conformation Finals will abide by sections 7.4 to 7.7 per the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

#### 15:6 TROPHIES AND ROSETTES/RIBBONS

1.) Funding for trophies and rosettes/ribbons shall be obtained from entry fees and/or donated monies. The Nationals Host Club(s) will be responsible for procuring trophies and rosettes/ribbons. All placements will be awarded.

2.) Trophies: A special award will be given to the Winner of each, Altered and Intact, and second (2nd) through tenth (10th) place in Altered and Intact will also receive an award for a placement.

3.) Rosettes/Ribbons: The Finalists placing first (1st) through tenth (10th) Altered and Intact, will receive a placement rosette. A participation rosette labeled "Conformation Finalist" will be awarded for all exhibitors

with the dog's ASCA registered name and ASCA titles only entered on the side streamer. No non ASCA titles will be printed. All Ribbons/Rosettes will have the date and location of the Conformation Finals.

a.) Rosettes/Ribbons Colors: First (1st) place will be blue, Second (2nd) red, Third (3rd) yellow, Fourth (4th) white, Fifth (5th) pink, Sixth (6th) green, Seventh (7th) purple, Eighth (8th) brown, Ninth (9th) teal, and Tenth (10th) place maroon.

4.) Size of the Rosette/Ribbons should be consistent with other ASCA Finals events.

#### 15:7 NATIONALS CATALOG

1.) The Nationals Catalog will contain a complete list of all Conformation Finals entrants. The following information must be provided for each dog: Dog's registered name, armband number, Altered or Intact, Sire, Dam, Owner, Date of Birth, Sex, and Breeder. This section will also include a brief biography of the Conformation Finals judges, sponsors, a list of volunteers, and staff.

2.) The Nationals Host Club(s) will provide the Aussie Times Editor with the results of the Conformation Finals placements, to be published with the Show/Trial report for the ASCA Nationals. Each dog will be listed with the dog's registered name, sex, Altered or Intact, and owner as well as Finals placement.

#### 15:8 RING SIZE AND REQUIREMENTS

1.) Positions necessary: Chief Steward, four (4) assistant stewards, two (2) scorekeepers, and one (1) announcer.

2.) Ring Size: The Conformation Finals Ring will consist of one (1) large ring, one hundred and fifty (150) feet by fifty (50) feet minimum, but laid out in such a way that it is divided into three (3) smaller rings of equal size for the individual judging, also allowing movement around the inside perimeter.

3.) Equipment and supplies necessary for each of the three (3) rings and the scoring table: tables and chairs, calculator, clipboards, stapler and staples, scotch tape, broad-tip markers, pads of lined paper, pens, dry erase board to post scores, shade or covered areas for Judges, ring gating and matting if necessary. If mats are required, matting should cover the complete perimeter of the ring, plus individual rings.

#### 15:9 JUDGING AND RING PROCEDURE

1.) All Altered Conformation Finals exhibitors will enter the ring as a group. Armbands will be checked by all judges and chief steward. Once completed, judges will view the group as a whole and then all exhibitors will gait their dogs around the ring and exit. Next, exhibitors will present their dogs to each of the three (3) judges separately for hands-on examination, gaiting, and scoring.

a.) At the completion of Altered judging, the Top Ten (10) Altered Finalists will be announced in random order.

2.) Following Altered, all Intact Conformation Finals exhibitors will enter the ring as a group. Armbands will be checked by all judges and chief steward. Once completed, judges will view the group as a whole and then all exhibitors will gait their dogs around the ring and exit. Next, exhibitors will present their dogs to each of the three (3) judges separately for hands-on examination, gaiting, and scoring.

a.) At the completion of Intact judging, the Top Ten (10) Intact Finalists will be announced in random order.

4.) The Top Ten (10) Altered Finalists and Top Ten (10) Intact Finalists will be brought back into the ring in random order. The announcement of placements will alternate between Altered and Intact, from tenth (10th) to first (1st) place.

#### 15:10 SCORING

- 1.) The score sheet will have the Judge's name, handler's armband number, Altered or Intact and sex of each dog.
- 2.) The scoring sheet will consist of three sections: Structure, Movement, and Overall Breed Standard. Dogs will be scored 1 (one) through 10 (ten) points with 30 (thirty) points being a perfect score. At the judges discretion 1/2 points (.5) may be used.
- 3.) Each participant will have a separate score sheet from each of the three (3) judges. After each judge scores the individual exhibitor, the score sheet will be placed into a folder taken by the steward and handed to the score keepers. The first score keeper will add up each of the three (3) scores for each exhibitor. The second score keeper will verify the scores and place the final score on a spread sheet by the exhibitor's armband number only.
- 4.) In the event of a tied score of dogs in the Altered Top 10 (ten) or Intact Top 10 (ten), only the following procedure will occur. Only dogs involved with the tied scores will be re-examined, gaited, and scored by the three (3) judges using a Tie Breaking Work Sheet. Re-judging of the tied dogs shall be to break the tie only, not the final score. Comparison examination, gaiting or conferring may be utilized at the discretion of the three (3) judges. At the conclusion of the tie breaking judgment, the Judges' Tie Breaking Work Sheets will be tallied. The higher scoring dog will have a plus sign (+) denoted on the dog's original Score Sheet next to the score. The Tie Breaking Work Sheets will not be posted.
- 5.) At the completion of all Altered and Intact competition, the total score will be posted by the exhibitor's armband number separated by Altered and Intact competitions.

#### 15:11 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CONFORMATION FINALS PLACEMENTS

- 1.) The Nationals Host Club(s) is/are responsible for the photographing of the Top Ten (10) Altered dogs and Top Ten (10) Intact dogs placement winners.

The photographs will be clearly marked with the dog's registered name, handler, owner name, and breeder, Altered or Intact. The photographs must be submitted to the editor of the Aussie Times before the deadline for the Nationals issue.

Directors voting: Approve: Hellmeister, Walter, DeChant, Stevens & MacRoberts.  
Disapprove: McNamara & Gray. Non-Voting: Berryessa & Bryant. Motion is approved.

#### **04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Sec. 1.4**

Motion by Bryant.

I move to accept the following recommendation by the agility committee.

Motion by Sue Graham, 2nd by Margaret. Effective 08/01/07.

#### **Section 1.4 - Participation in Classes**

*Paragraph currently reads:* Participation is a privilege afforded by the Host club(s) and may be extended or withdrawn by the Host club's trial committee. No dog that is owned or co-owned by the judge or a member of the judge's immediate family may show in a class in which that judge is judging. No person from the judge's immediate family and/or household may show any dog in a class in which that judge is judging, including For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries.

*Change to:* Participation is a privilege afforded by the Host club(s) and may be extended or withdrawn by the Host club's trial committee based on suitable cause only. Refusal of entries shall be reported to the ASCA® office. No dog that is owned or co-owned by the judge or a member of the judge's immediate family may show in a class in which that judge is judging, however, For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries may be accepted from anyone in the judge's immediate family and/or household and they may show any dog in a class in which that judge is judging. See also Section 3.5.

*Rationale:* Clubs should notify ASCA if they are refusing entries and provide suitable cause. The committee feels that it would benefit the club (income) and ASCA® (run fees) to allow spouses/family to enter their dogs For Exhibition Only.

### **Section 2.6.5 Scoring and Report Forms**

*1st sentence reads:* Clubs must submit show reporting forms (marked catalog of all dogs entered, including 'scratches', 'no-shows' and 'eliminated' runs) for each class offered at their trial.

*Change to:* Clubs must submit a complete catalog of all dogs entered in the Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers classes, including scratches, no-shows, eliminated and FEO runs.

### **2.6.5.3 Event Membership Dues**

*Paragraph currently reads:* For ASCA® sanctioned agility trials whose sanctioning applications are received after January 1st, 2006, the event membership Dues of \$.50 (fifty cents) per Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers run for all dogs listed in the running catalog, including dogs scratched, must be submitted with the report (marked catalog).

*Change to:* Event Membership Dues of \$.50 (fifty cents) per Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers run for all dogs listed in the catalog, including dogs scratched, eliminated and any FEO runs, must be submitted along the marked catalog. See also Section 2.6.7

### **2.6.7 Submitting Records**

*Ssection currently reads:* After each ASCA® sanctioned event, a completed marked catalog (Non-Regular and Regular classes), ASCA® Official Entry Forms for all entries, Scorekeeper's Signature Form, Gross Receipts Report (including event membership dues), Late Filing Fees (if applicable), Sanction Grant and Conduct Evaluation of Judges must be sent to the ASCA® Business Office, postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days after the close of the show.

Penalty for non-compliance is ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day's delay and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of ASCA®. The club shall retain all other ASCA® official entry forms, except the entry forms listed above, for a period of one year from date of show.

*Change to:* After each ASCA® sanctioned Agility Trial the following paperwork shall be submitted to the ASCA® Business office: a completed marked catalog (including FEO runs), ASCA® Official Entry Forms for all entries, Scorekeeper's Signature Form, Gross Receipts Report (including payment for event membership dues), Late Filing Fees (if applicable), Sanction Grant, **Judge's Yardage & Course Times Records, copies of courses (with any changes noted)** and Conduct Evaluation of Judges. The above paperwork/forms must be postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days after the close of the show.

Penalty for non-compliance is ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day's delay and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of ASCA®.

## **Section 3.5 – Non-Regular Classes**

### **Change to 3.5 – Non-Regular and For Exhibition Only (FEO) Classes**

*Section currently reads:* Host clubs may offer any non-regular classes they choose. The club may set guidelines for those classes as to entry requirements and goals for those classes, as long as those goals do not conflict with the general philosophies of ASCA®.

Host clubs may offer Pre-Novice classes for dogs under 18 months of age, although those dogs must jump at least 4" lower than what their regular jump height would be. **In Pre-Novice classes, the teeter-totter may not be used.** Other obstacles may be omitted at the discretion of the host club.

Host clubs may accept “For Exhibition Only” entries, if they choose. FEO entries MUST jump at least 4” lower than their regular jump height and may not compete for any prizes or awards, and must be clearly marked in the catalog. FEO entries may not be owned by the judge or any member of the judge’s household. It is at the discretion of the host club as to whether or not FEO entries can be accepted.

*Change 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph to:* Host clubs may offer Pre-Novice classes for dogs over the age of 12 months. Dogs entered in the pre-novice class must jump at least 4” lower than what their regular jump height is and the **teeter-totter and weave poles may not be used** . Other obstacles may be omitted at the discretion of the host club. Pre-novice courses are not required to be judged by the judge of record and course review is not required.

*Change 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph to:* Host clubs may accept “For Exhibition Only” (FEO) entries, if they choose. Dogs entered "For Exhibition Only" may jump at a lower height than their regular jump height and must be clearly marked as 'FEO' in the catalog. FEO runs shall be included along with the Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers runs to calculate the ‘Event Membership Dues’. See section 2.6.5.3 and section 2.6.7.

FEO entries may be accepted for dogs owned by the judge or any member of the judge’s household. It is at the discretion of the host club as to whether or not FEO entries can be accepted.

FEO entries may not compete for **any** prizes or awards (including any ‘series’, ‘year-end’, High in Trial, or merit awards).

Rationale: Some clubs are including FEO and non-regular classes at their trials and more explicit guidelines are necessary.

#### **Chapter 7 – Section 7.2 Judges Responsibilities**

*Final paragraph reads:* Judges may not judge more than 350 runs per day. The number of runs per day shall be determined by dogs entered in the catalog.

*Change to:* Judges may not judge more than 350 ASCA sanctioned classes per day. The number of runs per day shall be determined by dogs entered in the catalog for the Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers classes and shall include any FEO entries. The judging and payment of any non-regular classes shall be negotiated by the host club and the judge.

#### **Appendix C, section 3 – Judge’s Duties, item 10**

*Currently reads:* 10. Judges are required to submit all trial paperwork (Judge’s Show Report, Yardage & Course Times Record and course copies) within 2 weeks of their assignment to the ASCA® Business Office. Failure to do so, may lead to loss of future judging privileges and/or removal from the ASCA® Approved Judges List.

*Change to:* 10. Judges are required to submit (via email, fax or U.S. Mail to the attention of the ASCA® Agility Coordinator) the Judge’s Show Report within 2 weeks of their assignment to the ASCA® Business Office. Failure to do so, may lead to loss of future judging privileges and/or removal from the ASCA® Approved Judges List. At the end of the trial, judges shall submit the Yardage & Course Times Record and course copies to the trial committee to be included with the other trial paperwork required to be sent to the ASCA® Business Office (see section 2.6.7).

*Rationale:* Since the trial committee has to mail the entry forms, they may as well submit the other paperwork on behalf of the judge, which will allow the judge to submit their show report electronically.

Directors voting: Approve: Walter, Bryant, Gray, McNamara, Stevens, MacRoberts, Berryessa & DeChant. Disapprove: Hellmeister. Motion is approved.

#### **04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Sec.5.2.3.**

Motion by Bryant.

I move to accept the following motion from the agility committee:

The effective date will be August 1, 2007. Rationale: Although many of the exhibitors and judges remember how gamblers is played, our rules do not specifically describe certain situations.

Section 5.2.3 is 'Certification Requirements - Gamblers Class'

First & second paragraphs state: For a run to meet the requirements for a qualifying round the dog must: (A) during the initial point accumulation time earn at least the minimum number of points as required from Table I and then (B) earn at least 20 points during the gamble time allowed.

At the end of the first forty (40) second point accumulation period, a whistle or horn will sound, indicating that the gamble time has begun. At this time the handler must maneuver their dog into the gamble area to prepare to execute the gamble. Once the handler has indicated to the dog by position, hand signal, or verbal command to begin the gamble, the dog must execute the gamble obstacles in the exact order as described by the judge's course design. The dog will receive points for each obstacle performed correctly in the right order in the gamble sequence. Any break in the course design as set by the judge will end the point accumulation time for the gamble.

INSERT: During the performance of the closing gamble sequence, the handler must stay behind the gamble line, however the dog is not required to do so. If the dog crosses the gamble line and/or is redirected by the handler the gamble will not end, as long as the handler does not touch or cross the gamble line and time has not expired.

Insert new paragraph: During the point accumulation period, the obstacles comprising the 'gamble sequence' may NOT be performed in order. During the point accumulation period, the gamble obstacles may be performed individually, out of sequence or in reverse order. Any gamble obstacles performed correctly, but in succession (i.e., 1-2, 2-3, 3-4), will be awarded their point value in the 40 second opening period, but the gamble will be negated and the run will be non qualifying. The point at which the gamble obstacles were performed in sequence is where the gamble point accumulation will end. For example, during the opening point accumulation period, a dog performs gamble obstacles 2 and 3 in order. If the obstacles were performed correctly, the judge would award the point value for these obstacles in the 40 second opening period. Once the whistle/horn sounds to indicate the start of the gamble, the dog would only receive points if obstacles 1 and 2 were performed correctly. At that point, no more points would be awarded.

Jumps will not be reset during gamblers. If a jump in the required 'gamble sequence' is used in the opening point accumulation period and the bar is displaced, the gamble sequence will end at that obstacle and no more gamble points will be awarded.

Delete the 1st sentence of the 3rd paragraph: [For example: If the gamble were four obstacles (1,2,3,4) and the dog were to do obstacle #1, (a jump), come back over obstacle #1, then turn again and execute obstacles #1, #2, #3, and #4 the dog would be given points only for obstacle #1, and none for obstacles 2,3,4, since the dog went off course as set by the course design when it came back over obstacle #1 in the wrong direction.]

Continue the section with: Once a gamble sequence has been broken, then the judge shall say 'gamble ended' INSERT [or 'Thank you' or repeat/confirm the point values earned in the closing sequence for the scribe] and the handler shall not make any further attempts at any of the gamble obstacles, instead they shall go immediately to the finish markers to stop the clock. Etc.....

Directors voting: Approve: Stevens, McNamara, Gray, Bryant, Walter, DeChant, MacRoberts & Berryessa. Abstain: Hellmeister. Motion is approved.

#### **04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Sec. 3.4.**

Motion by Bryant.

I move to accept the following recommendation from the agility committee:

Effective August 1, 2007. Rationale: some junior handlers enter other venue trials at a higher (standard/regular) jump height and may have a difficult time adjusting to handling the dog if the jump is forced to jump 4" lower.

Section 3.4 - Junior Handlers Division - Entry Requirements 2nd paragraph - 1st sentence currently reads:

Dogs entered in the Junior Handlers Division classes will jump 4" lower than their regular jump height.

Change to: Dogs entered in the Junior Handlers Divisions classes may jump at the dog's standard jump height or 4" lower.

The rest of the paragraph will stay the same:

Standard course times for the dogs entered in the Junior Division of the Regular Agility and Jumpers classes shall be 10% greater than the SCT for the Standard Division. The gamble time in the Junior Gamblers class shall be two seconds longer than the gamble time for the Standard Division. The maximum course time shall remain the same as the Standard Division.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

#### **99:02 HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE - HOFX**

MOTION by DeChant.

I move that the Board of Directors approve the following motion from the Hall of Fame Committee regarding HOFX:

HOFX 2007-10 (motion by Dorothy Montano and second by Gina Larson) is as follows:

HOFX

##### **QUALIFICATION #1**

The kennel/breeder must have earned HOF.

##### **QUALIFICATION #2**

The kennel or breeder must have been in good standing with ASCA for a minimum of 15 years.

##### **QUALIFICATION #3**

Twelve (12) stockdog/conformation titles are required, five of which must be earned in each category.



Qualifying titles are:

STOCKDOG: ATDc, ATDs, RTDs, RTDc

CONFORMATION (those earned for HOF do not count): A-CH, CH

A dog may earn more than one title from the stockdog titles named.

#### QUALIFICATION #4

Six (6) additional titles are required which may be earned from the stockdog/conformation categories named above, or from the performance categories named below. Qualifying titles are:

Obedience: UD

Tracking: CDX+TD, or TDX

Agility (one agility credit allowed per dog): GS-E or JS-E or RS-E

A dog may earn more than one title from the categories named above.

#### QUALIFICATION #5

Four dogs must earn a minimum of one of the following titles.

Qualifying titles are:

WTCH

OTCH

ATCH

VCH or SVCH

PCH or SPCH

(Those individual titles earned on these dogs also count in qualifications 3 and 4 named above)

When all qualifications have been met and confirmed by the ASCA® Business Office, the kennel/breeder will have earned HOFX.

#### PLACEMENT:

If HOFX is accepted, it should be placed in the MVA/PCH/VCH/HOF rulebook under Section 4, following the HOF prerequisites.

#### CERTIFICATE FOR HOFX: (FANCY OR SIMPLE as the Board prefers?)

A certificate should be issued for HOFX by the Business Office once the office has confirmed the prerequisites have been met by a breeder/kennel. The Business Office has the capability of computer generating HOFX. However, confirmation of meeting the prerequisites by the Business Office may be expedited by completing a HOFX application, which application is attached as Appendix C in the rulebook.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE:

1-1-08

#### MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL OF HOFX:

BOARD approval sufficient

#### COMMENT BY MOTION MAKER:

Since all ideas were incorporated in formulating this HOFX proposal, I would think Board Approval would be sufficient, if it is accepted.

Committee Vote: For: 8 Opposed: 1

Directors voting: Approve: None. Disapprove: McNamara, Hellmeister, Gray, Berryessa, Bryant, DeChant, MacRoberts & Stevens. Abstain: Walter. Motion is defeated.

### **Misc. Message One**

Motion by McNamara, seconded by Ally Bryant.

I move that ASCA makes use of MessageOne, an Internet-based fax service, for all incoming Board-related faxes. All fax correspondence shall forward to the Executive Secretary's email address to be forwarded to the Board email addresses and other involved parties.

Comment: Expense savings: \$26/month on Executive Secretary fax line alone + director fax machine and line reimbursements. I will help Jo get setup with this software.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

### **Miscellaneous: Candidate reform**

Motion by McNamara, seconded by Linda Gray, forms to be used are attached.

I hereby move the following:

Change ASCA Election Calendar sections a-c from:

- a. MARCH – Director Candidate resumes due to the ASCA Business Office on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March.
- b. March 10 – All Director Candidates resumes from the ASCA Business Office are due to the AUSSIE TIMES editor for publication in the May/June issue of the Aussie Times.
- c. MAY – Foreign ballots will be mailed May 1, or the first business day thereafter. Ballots sent to the US. Membership May 15, or the first business day thereafter. If a ballot has not been received by June 1, member(s) should contact the ASCA Business Office.

to:

- a. February 1 – Last day for prospective candidates to request candidate material from the Business Office. Candidate material includes Declaration of Candidacy document (includes signature stating prospective candidate agrees to submit answers to Candidate Inquiry for publication to the membership) and Candidate Inquiry.
- b. February 14 - Postmark deadline to file Declaration of Candidacy document.
- c. March 1 – Postmark deadline to file candidate's completed Candidate Inquiry with the Business Office for publication in the May/June Aussie Times. Failure to submit completed Inquiry will result in prospective candidate's disqualification for that election year.

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**CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS**

ASCA CANDIDATES shall:

1. Be a current adult ASCA full member in good standing.
2. Have been an adult ASCA full member in good standing a full twelve (12) months prior to the date of this application.
3. Have been a full adult ASCA member in good standing for eight (8) years with no breaks in membership prior to this application.
4. Must have access to e-mail when they are elected and take position on the Board.
5. Submit the following:
  - Resume in electronic form on a plain 8 1/2 x 11 page (not including the candidate inquiry). Information should include, but is not limited to: address, email, and phone number as well as your vision for ASCA. Resume shall not exceed one page.
  - A completed "Declaration of Candidacy" form
  - Candidate Inquiry for publication in the Aussie Times and on the website
  - Signature on all candidate material must be in black or blue ink.

Director candidate resumes are due to the Election Secretary on or before 5:00 pm on the first Tuesday in March (\_\_\_\_). Information and qualification statements will appear in the May AUSSIE TIMES.

All candidate material must be personally submitted by the candidate. **ALL CANDIDATE MATERIAL MUST BE CAMERA READY.** Non-compliance with the election requirements or filing instructions will result in the return of your candidate material by mail.

Send all candidate material to:  
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**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name), do hereby declare that I am a candidate for the office of Director during the Australian Shepherd Club of America's Annual Election for the year \_\_\_\_\_. I further declare that I am an adult full member in good standing with ASCA and agree to abide by all rules, regulations, guidelines, codes of ethics, and policies of ASCA governing this election and the running of ASCA. I further declare that, to the best of my knowledge, neither I, nor any person operating under my kennel name, is the subject of any grievance, complaint, or disciplinary action by the Australian Shepherd Club of America. I will submit answers to the candidate inquiry for publication.

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CANDIDATE INQUIRY

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Failure to do so will result in candidate disqualification for this election year. Your answers will be published on the website as well as in the May-June *Aussie Times*. Responses are restricted to one page.

1. Why would you consider yourself an asset to the ASCA Board of Directors?
2. What do you hope to achieve in your term on the Board?
3. ASCA is a 501 © 7 not-for-profit business classified as a social club. What qualities, abilities, and experiences do you possess that will aid in running ASCA and potentially improve it?
4. Briefly outline the direction you would like to see ASCA take.
5. Briefly outline applicable leadership experience (including committee work) you may have with ASCA at the national level.
6. Briefly outline applicable leadership experience (offices and positions) you have held in ASCA affiliate clubs.

Directors voting: Approve: Hellmeister, McNamara, Gray, MacRoberts, Bryant & Berryessa.  
Disapprove: DeChant & Stevens. Non-Voting: Walter. Motion is approved.

**93:19 BOARD POLICIES - 8.1.1 Award Banquet**

Motion by McNamara, seconded by MacRoberts.

I move to rescind the policy regarding Nationals Banquet Reimbursement and replace it with the following:

**8.1.1 Award Banquet**

Directors are obligated to use allocated per diem to purchase banquet tickets to the National Specialty on their own. Directors failing to purchase a ticket and attend the banquet shall refund ASCA that day's per diem dispersal.

Comment: Originally instituted to ensure Board attendance, the banquet is not a compulsory event and the Board itself is not needed there. Board attendance helps lend to the official atmosphere of the banquet, but the Board is already allocated per diem for that day's food.

Directors voting: Approve: McNamara. Disapprove: DeChant, Walter, Bryant, Berryessa, Gray, Hellmeister & MacRoberts. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is defeated.

#### **04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Fee Increase.**

Motion by McNamara, seconded by MacRoberts.  
I move to increase transfers from \$12/\$24 to \$15/\$30.

Comments: This increase would bring in an additional \$3,500 in revenue and cover the cost of processing.

Directors voting: Approve: DeChant, Bryant, Berryessa, Hellmeister, McNamara & MacRoberts. Disapprove: Gray & Walter. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is approved.

#### **8.2 Eligibility for Awards**

**Emergency Motion** by Hellmeister, second by Gray

I move to change Section 8.2. of ASCA's Policy Book that currently reads:

8.2 Eligibility for Awards

Only ASCA members may accumulate points toward any Finals or Merit programs.

to

8.2 Eligibility for Awards

Only ASCA members with full member privileges may accumulate points toward any Finals or Merit programs.

Rationale: The current policy book version was most likely written when there was no service membership. So this is merely a clarification of the Board's intent. This change should have been made when the service membership was introduced. To clarify this section asap therefore the emergency motion.

Director voting: Approve: Berryessa, DeChant, Gray, Hellmeister, MacRoberts, Stevens Not Voting: Bryant, McNamara, Walter. Motion Carried.

#### **Foreign Registry Rules**

**Emergency motion.**

Motion by Hellmeister, second by Walter

I move to add a new point #13 to the Foreign Registry Rules to read

13. The breeder's signature must appear on the application.

The numbers 13 and 14 are to be renumbered accordingly.

Comment: This was omitted from the original rules proposal. Having the signature of the breeder on the application bring the Foreign Registry rules in line with "regular" individual application where also the breeder's signature is required. Since this is also an individual application for a dog the same grounds should apply. Reason for the emergency motion is that the Board has already decided to implement this new process for foreign registered dogs and waiting for the next voting period would only stall the implementation unnecessarily.

Director voting: Approve: Berryessa, Bryant, DeChant, Gray, Hellmeister, MacRoberts, Walters. Not voting: Stevens, McNamara Motion carried.

**Approved:**

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