

Secretary's Report

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

April 1 -30, 2010

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA
SPRING BOD MEETING
March 30-April 1, 2010
BRYAN, TX

Meeting was called to order by President Michelle Berryessa at 8:57 AM ; Present at the meeting were Michelle Berryessa/President, Rick Gann/Director, Mark Westerman/Treasurer, Pete Dolan/Secretary, Jerry Aufox/Director, Tenley Dexter/Director, Rachel Vest/Second Vice President and Mary Logue/Executive Secretary; Peter Hellmeister/First Vice President and Christine Davenport/Director are not available; Quorum present

1.
 - a. **Ratify March Motions: Motion by Dolan, second by Westerman; I move to approve the March 2010 motions; Approve: Berryessa, Gann, Westerman, Vest, Dexter, Dolan; Disapprove: Aufox (due to agility licensee motion); Non-voting: Hellmeister, Davenport;**
 - b. **Motion by Westerman, second by Gann: I move to rescind agility licensee motion passed during March 2010 (because Agility committee was not brought into original discussion of March motion); Approved: Berryessa, Westerman, Gann, Aufox; Disapprove: Vest, Dexter, Dolan; Non-voting: Hellmeister, Davenport; motion is approved.**
2. Committee chairs eligible for a \$200 stipend. Revised at 1:55 PM
 - a. Dolan: Mary Burlingame, Obedience; Renee Reschenthaler, Nationals; Jamie Burns, DNA; Ally Bryant, Agility; Bill Dakin, H & G. Recommending all 5
 - b. Vest: Linda Mahoney, yes
 - c. Berryessa: Juniors, Education, Tracking & Rally;
 - d. Gann: Conformation: Glenda Stephenson; HOF Dorothy Montano; yes
 - e. Dexter: History: Jeanne Joy Hartnagle
 - f. Westerman: Legislative: Gina Larson; MVA: Andrea Hoffman; yes
Table vote until motion is submitted to policy (1:55 PM)
3. Employees to the Nationals: discussion of hours and duties the BoD expects and what should be shipped to Nationals/Finals.
4. Business and Strategic Plan (Dolan): Get it to Directors and get Directors comments: Strategic plan is updated as they've been provided input; Presentation on how to be a Director on agenda for Nationals meeting.
5. Treasurer's report (Westerman): Finished 2009 in the black; approved the Treasurer's report.
 - a. Possible capital items for the budget: Scanning in of files/ electronic versus paper; ADMS migration; online results; online registration;
 - b. Credit Card Fees: Will discuss further when Chuck Carnese is available.
 - c. Pearls of Wisdom: start a building fund that can be accounted for separately, to turn paper files into electronic files (Strategic Planning Committee working on per Dolan);
 - d. Investment Plan: almost completed; hand out to BoD before audit in April.
 - e. Financial Procedure Manual: almost complete, timing June 1st.
6. Anyone to honor at 2010 Nationals (Berryessa): Dexter will speak with the History Committee to discuss prior awardees and who to consider for honoring, if any, for 2011; No one suggested for 2010. History Committee will assume this responsibility for designating person(s) or other designee by the Spring BoD meeting each year.
Hellmeister on at 10:41 AM
7. Meet with Office Manager (JM):

- a. Report State of the Office (JM): prior A/C leaks;
 - b. Staff Evaluations;
 - c. Pending material: nothing new
 - d. Notification for Judges Approval- Disapprove a judge, disapproval should come from BoD; if judge is approved, approval comes from Business Office (BO); Office will notify BoD of committee approval of judges. New Stockdog rule says that applicants will come to BoD for approval.
 - e. Office Procedure Manual: Some procedures still needed to be completed.
 - f. DNA problems: Member trying to correct pedigree with grandchildren and grandchildren of bitch which has died and found an incorrect sire by AKC. ASCA can't accept AKC DNA. Owner will have to DNA existing puppies (8 min. puppies).
 - g. Election ballot bids: Election Trust will be used this year under a long term contract.
 - h. HOF Excellence: BO Form approval
 - i. Cheek swab issue: May have been resolved. If it is a Therion problem, then Therion needs to reimburse ASCA. If problem with brush, then contact brush manufacturer to see how they're going to remedy the problem.
8. Discussion on staff Salaries (JM): Due to state of the economy/recession and its present impact on the BO, no raises for BO personnel.

Break for Lunch 12:00

Reconvene meeting at 1:00; every one present except for Davenport; Hellmeister on telephone.

9. Meeting with Tom Wallis: Will send updated engagement letter for annual work agreement.
- a. Agreement for 2009 tax work and audit: like to meet with financial persons prior to the audit in the event ASCA might have specific question(s) regarding finances prior to audit.
 - b. Aufox asked about credit card fees. Westerman will talk with Chuck Carnese.
 - c. Donations made to Phenome project; suggestions to use funds for other purpose; do we need to notify each donor asking if donor wants their money back or release it for other items (general fund of the foundation)? Yes;
 - d. Estate money for genetic research and Aussie Rescue. We can spend as long as it's designated somehow in either genetic research and Aussie Rescue or both.

Davenport dialed in at 1:20 PM

10. Motion by Aufox, second by Vest; I move to change section the Policy Book... 8.11.10

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 email by May 1st. 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 Appointee chooses not to attend.**
- b. **The determination of who the Board selects to attend the National Specialties shall be based on the individual's service to ASCA and ASCA's need to have the individual present at the National Specialty.**
- c. **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 email 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 email by May 1. Approve: Unanimous**
- e. Dolan will make a change to committee procedures to include item d. that is removed from section 8.11.10.

11. Possible changes to Therion contract for 2011 (Berryessa/Miller): Need to make decisions on any changes to contract prior to April of each year. ASCA is going to renew, but we don't know if prices will go down. The charge for the Marshfield strip test is supposed to be removed April 2010. Jean Miller is the DNA liaison. Berryessa will take care of negotiation.

12. Meet with BO Staff: general meeting
 13. BoD member impressions of new voting schedule: Berryessa doesn't specifically like the new schedule, due to delay in end of motions and voting beginning. Several BoD members suggests to giving the new schedule a little more time.
 14. **Motion by Westerman: I move to appoint Sunday Miles to Legislative Committee: Approve: Unanimous; Motion is approved.**
 15. Discussed charging fees for reviewing requests for disqualified (DQ) dogs (Davenport): Opinion is to hold off on a motion until Chuck Carnese discusses policy and DQ policy is in place.
 16. Reply to Dan Sanderson (Vest): In regards to his offer to support Stockdog Finals to have four (4) judges for Finals. It is the BoD's responsibility to respond to Dan Sanderson for his letter from 10/11/09. ASCA will send Mr. Sanderson a letter thanking him for his suggestion. Aufox to draft letter.
 17. Soliciting Judging assignments (Gann): Procedures don't presently consider non-regular breeder judges soliciting assignments. Gann will provide a motion prior to the close of the meeting.
 18. Membership reinstatement (Berryessa): Chuck Carnese has recommended no further lapse than six (6) months. Lapse(s) in membership is the reason why ASCA started the lapsed membership survey quarterly. Berryessa to provide a motion.
 19. NEW item (part of item 10); **Motion by Dolan, second by Berryessa as revised: Committee Procedures, Committee Chairperson's duties: The committee chairperson or their designated representative is required to present a not-to-exceed 10 minute report of their committee's activity to date at the general membership meeting and provide a written/electronic copy of the report to ASCA Secretary for inclusion in the General Membership Meeting minutes. The chairperson or their designated representative should be available for meetings with the ASCA Board and/or their committee(s) at the National Specialty. Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved. Davenport leaves meeting at 2:53PM**
 20. Discussed Affiliate membership requirements for new applicants – full or service- (Dolan); reviewing existing affiliate applications requires officers to be full ASCA members. Should an affiliate application have 10 full members, or can service members be used?
 21. Affiliate Bylaws Template use (Dolan): existing template is not mandatory. Do we want to make it mandatory? Yes, additions can be made, if those changes meet state and/or foreign requirements as applicable per Aufox. Dolan will develop new affiliate bylaws template by end of April.
 22. Patrick MacRoberts has been appointed the interim technology person.
 23. Evaluations for Office Manager and Executive Secretary.
- Meeting suspended at 5:00 PM

Thursday, April 01, 2010

ASCA BoD Meeting resumed at 9:18 AM; Present at the meeting were Michelle Berryessa/President, Rick Gann/Director, Mark Westerman/Treasurer, Pete Dolan/Secretary, Jerry Aufox/Director, Tenley Dexter/Director, Rachel Vest/Second Vice-President and Mary Logue/Executive Secretary; Peter Hellmeister/First Vice-President and Christine Davenport/Director are not available; Quorum present.

1. DNA poll on the Ballot (Vest): Vest wants to pursue to add to ballot this year; Aufox and Vest will work on re-wording for a motion for Friday.
2. Clarification of Stockdog DQ rules (Vest): To be discussed with Chuck Carnese on Friday. This item is based on the Stockdog Committee Chair Linda Mahoney's request for comments from the BoD and Chuck Carnese in regards to "Chapter 3, Section 7- Disqualified Dogs" and a previous BoD motion asking the committee's to be more explicit in what constitutes a DQ dog. Comments will be sent to Linda Mahoney to take to Committee.
3. Two (2) Aussie Times (AT) articles/ads in question (Berryessa):
 - a. ARPH board made statement that will be included in upcoming AT issue. AT Editor will monitor incoming articles more closely and will send to AT Committee for review. ARPH BoD committed to review articles prior to publication in AT.

Hellmeister signed on at 10:22 AM;

4. Breeders Code of Ethics (COE) (Aufox): Discussion about contents of Certified Breeder COE by BoD. Comments from Directors to Aufox within next 30 days.

Hellmeister signed off at 11:13 AM

5. Judges COE (Aufox): Discussion of comments and status; comments to Aufox in regards to problems or comments within next 30 days.
6. Membership Requirements (Berryessa): continued from item 18 on 3/31. **Motion by Berryessa, second by Aufox: I move to change the heading for the Policy Book 9.8 to Membership Renewals; add 9.8.1 Memberships that have lapsed may be renewed retroactively within six (6) months of the lapse date. Past issues of the Aussie Times, if available, will be sent as long as extra postage and handling fees are paid by the member.**
Change the section number for the Membership Retention Survey to 9.8.2 so that the section reads:
9:8 Memberships
9.8.1 Individual or dual memberships that have lapsed may be renewed retroactively provided payment is received within 6 months of the lapse date. Past issues of the Aussie Times, if available, will be sent as long as extra postage and handling fees are included.
9.8.2 The ASCA Business Office shall deploy a membership retention survey, approved by the ASCA Board, via email within the first week of March and of September. Email addresses of lapsed full individual or dual memberships from the previous six months shall be mined for use in deployment. Data shall be compiled after 30 days of submission and submitted to an appointed member of the Board (who should also be a member of the Strategic Planning Committee) for presentation to the Board and to the Strategic Planning Committee, including analysis of results and recommendations based on survey feedback. Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Gann, Vest, Dexter, Aufox, Dolan, Hellmeister; Non-voting: Davenport; The motion is approved.
7. BoD meeting dates at 2010 Nationals; Thursday 10/21, 9 AM, Friday evening 10/22, Sunday 10/24 if needed.
10. BoD expenses for Nationals Meeting (Vest and Dexter): Committee's conclusion is to not make any changes to policy at this time.
11. Discussion about requiring resumes of committee heads to be submitted with the Nationals applications (Berryessa): No further action taken.
12. 2009 Nationals: **Motion by Gann, second by Westerman; I move to accept CASA's Finals Reimbursement package as a zero reimbursement. Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Gann, Vest, Dexter, Aufox, Dolan; Non-voting: Hellmeister, Davenport; the motion is approved.**
 - a. MVA (Berryessa): problems with posting results early enough; Texas Consortium will have one (1) person dedicated to the MVA scoring to try to prevent problems;
13. **Motion by Rick Gann, second by Dexter: 4:04 Conformation Committee Non-Regular judges Soliciting assignments: I move to give a board directive to the Conformation Committee to allow non-regular judges the ability to solicit non-regular judging assignments. This is to be updated in the Conformation rule book and only applies to non-regular judges. Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Gann, Vest, Dexter, Aufox, Dolan, Hellmeister; Non-voting: Davenport; the motion is approved.**
14. Who works 2010 Stockdog Finals (Berryessa): All BoD members are eligible to work the Stockdog finals.
15. National Conformation Finals question (Gann): Will discuss on Friday when Chuck Carnese is available.

New Business motions:

1. **Motion by Gann, second by Dolan: Judge excuse policy: I move to give a board directive to the Conformation Committee to update the Conformation rule book to state that ASCA conformation judges are prohibited from excusing an exhibitor for any reason other than those listed in the Conformation rule book.: Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Gann, Vest, Dexter, Aufox, Dolan; Non-voting: Hellmeister, Davenport; the motion is approved.**

2. Berryessa: A person contacted Jean Miller who wants to include in her book, the Rally ASCA signs. This person/author must give ASCA attribution/credit in book.
3. Berryessa: Do we have the artwork for the sweatshirt for the ASCA logo? Any problem to put out to our approved licensee's to see if they want to handle our merchandise? BoD members agree.
4. Motion by Vest, second by Aufox: DNA ballot question. "Will the mandatory DNA requirements of dams and sires due to go into effect on Jan 1, 2011 along with consideration of the present economic conditions, cause you to not DNA the dams and sires and thereby not register your litters with ASCA, but use another registry that does not have this requirement for dams and sires? Yes_____ No_____"; Needs more discussion later. No vote taken.
5. Dexter: assigning of issues that come to the BoD that need a decision; not just complaints; some items are falling thru the cracks; folks want to be acknowledged; Executive Secretary will continue to make assignments with notification and updates to President and as an alternate, the 1st VP.
6. Discussion with Lisa from BO: send postcard yearly to judges to keep mailing list updated (comment from existing member). Cost to send postcards high. Return e-mail address with postcard response to get the list updated.
 - a. A dog is excused two (2) times for a temperament problem is issued a DQ. Berryessa told Lisa to get with Jean about it.
 - b. Violation In Obedience Committee?: motion to move onto next class, effective 6/1/2010. Need to contact Mary Burlingame in regards to form letters to be sent.
 - c. Obedience book: Section 8 & 9 in rule book: contradicts itself. Tracking number conflict. Berryessa will speak with Jean about keeping scores from dogs without tracking numbers.
7. Discussion of revised breed standard: side by side comparison with existing standard and the BoD Executive Committee revised standard; Dolan provided a copy of the comparison. **Motion by Aufox, second by Westerman: I move that the breed standard comparison as altered by the BoD on 4/1/2010 be posted on the website for comments; to be published in July-August AT. Comments no later than Oct 1st. Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Gann, Vest, Dexter, Aufox, Dolan; Non-voting: Hellmeister, Davenport; the motion is approved.** Aufox will shepherd the draft standard through to Oct. 1st. New Breed Standard Committee will be composed of Gann, Vest and Aufox.

Meeting suspended at 5:25 PM

Friday April 2, 2010

ASCA BoD meeting resumed at 9:05 AM

Present at the meeting were Michelle Berryessa/President, Rick Gann/Director, Mark Westerman/Treasurer, Pete Dolan/Secretary, Jerry Aufox/Director, Tenley Dexter/Director, Rachel Vest/Second Vice-President and Mary Logue/Executive Secretary; Peter Hellmeister/First Vice- President and Christine Davenport/Director are not available at this time; Quorum present; also present, Chuck Carnese, ASCA attorney.

1. Dispute Rules Revision (Dolan): **Conformation Committee submitted changes to animal cruelty and neglect**; convicted of cruelty, automatic lifetime, specified period? (Carnese); Carnese wants to clarify and publish rule if found guilty of an offense involving cruelty to animals should be immediately suspended from all membership privileges. Published in rules, registry rules now; 1.7 Chapter 2 in registry. Need to remove "all" out and reword it; "upon a finding of guilty" instead of conviction.

Motion by Aufox, second by Gann: I move to accept the following changes to the Registry Rules.

Section 2, Chapter 1: ANIMAL CRUELTY AND NEGLECT

1. **A person found guilty of an offense involving animal abuse or neglect shall automatically be immediately suspended from all ASCA privileges. The Board of Directors (BoD) shall determine the length of any such suspension, which may be up to a lifetime suspension.**
2. **If the Court in an animal abuse or neglect prosecution orders the defendant to relinquish ownership of any of such person's animals, ASCA may effectuate such order by transferring**

ownership of any dog registered with ASCA to its co-owner, breeder, new owner or a rescue organization. The Board of Directors may also otherwise authorize transfer of ownership of such defendant's dog(s) registered with ASCA on a case-by-case basis.

3. Delete last paragraph of Section 1.7 of current Registry Rules

Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Gann, Vest, Dexter, Aufox, Dolan; Non-voting: Hellmeister, Davenport; the motion is approved

Motion by Westerman, second Gann: Dispute Rules, Section 4.2.3: I move to change the maximum amount of fine that can be levied by ASCA from \$1,000 to \$10,000. This maximum amount should be published in any appropriate rules where the limit is currently published. Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Gann, Dolan, Disapprove: Dexter, Vest, Aufox; Non-voting: Hellmeister, Davenport; motion is approved.

2. When to suspend members who are under a cruelty investigation (Carnese): See part of #1;
3. Whether we should redact identifying materials on complaint letters (Vest): mostly related to judges, but not totally; per Vest, the individual who is being complained against should know who the complainant is. 8.4 Policy Book, Confidentiality; Section b of 8.4/10.5. Comment letters aren't privileged. Motion to be provided by Vest during the May voting cycle.
Hellmeister on -line at 10:34 AM
4. Confidentiality of BoD evaluation of Judge applicants (Carnese): legally a judge can request confidentiality, but the BoD won't release unless done through legal means from the judge applying.
5. Disqualified dog reinstatement procedures (Carnese): go along with dog bite policy/ dog aggression rule; Chuck Carnese will work on procedure. Within 10 days.
6. What emails we should copy Chuck Carnese on (Carnese): leave distribution as it is presently done.
7. Affiliate Club IRS status (Carnese): What is the question: we need to let affiliates know what they need to do as far as non-profit and filing tax statements. Affiliates need to file with IRS. Any affiliate should be registered with IRS and should file tax returns and seek a tax expert for advice. Aufox will draft letter to send to affiliates.
8. Guidelines on when committee members are covered by ASCA insurance (Carnese/Aufox): Carnese will provide a document to BoD for distribution to committee member(s). If a committee member is doing ASCA business, they're covered. When they go beyond that, they are not covered. Will submit draft by June 1st.
9. Dog Bite Policy revisions (Carnese): change title from policy to rule; not sure if it's "dog bite" but dog aggression; Dolan completed a rewrite, rev 2; does the show committee have the authority to DQ a dog? The revised policy will just deal with people and will remove other animals. "Dog aggression Rules" new name. Stockdog Committee (Vest) and Conformation Committee (Gann) need to redefine DQ as it pertains to their programs.
10. BoD/Committee email procedures; handling, forward, privacy, ownership, etc. (Carnese): Discussion for the two (2) new directors, confidentially. You owe a duty of loyalty to ASCA. There is no privilege for a director in ASCA.
11. Can we start acting on motions that are passed before we ratify them? In particular, the suspension motion; the BoD can act on approved motion(s) prior to being ratified. But motions must be ratified if it affects a third party.

Motion by Aufox, second by Dexter as revised: I move to change the name of the Registry rules to "Registry and General Rules applicable to all programs" other rules= dog bite, dispute rules, etc. This brings together rules that are applicable to all programs. Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Gann, Dolan, Aufox, Dexter, Vest; Non-voting: Hellmeister, Davenport; motion is approved.

12. BoD can deny privileges of a member without suspending. Anybody that has a conviction should be flagged in the BO; Jean will work it out.
13. Finals issue: Clarrisa Shank being able to show her dogs in Conformation Finals; Aufox will send a letter in response to the letter Shank sent.

14. Conformation Committee Emergency Rule (Gann): motion the Conformation Committee wants to make changes to National Specialty Hosting rules. Ruled out of order by Berryessa. Conformation Committee can't change National Specialty rules.
15. **Motion by Berryessa; Rally Motion A: Changes to Rules and Signs: I move to accept the following changes to the ASCA Rally Rulebook and Signs. Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Vest, Gann, Dexter, Aufox, Dolan, Hellmeister; Non-voting: Davenport; the motion is approved.**
1. **Change the maximum Stationary exercises to 6 in Novice, 7 in Advanced, 8 in Excellent, and 9 in Masters.**
 2. **Change the required amount of level stations in each level to:**
Novice: 3 Novice Only
Advanced: 4 Advanced, (Not eligible for Novice)
Excellent: 4 Excellent (Not eligible for Advanced) and 3 Advanced (Not eligible for Novice)
Masters: 4 Masters Only and 3 Excellent (Not eligible for Advanced).
 3. **Add to Chapter 1, section 15; Rally Ring equipment**
Fourth bullet: Seven (7) Cones, two (2) food dishes with covers and two (2) dog safe toys.
 4. **Move the Halt Stand and the Halt Down to Novice Only exercises.**
 5. **Add in 7 signs: Serpentine one Way w/ Distractions**
Serpentine Down and Back w/ Distractions
270 Left, Halt
270 Right Halt
Double Left About
Left About Halt
Right 1 Step, Forward 1 Step, Halt
 6. **Change the Masters Jumps to first Jump is Mandatory and must be starred. If two jumps are used, only one must be starred.**
 7. **Fix discrepancies in Rulebook for sign lists and classes:**
2, Halt goes to Novice/ Advanced
5 Halt, Slow goes to Excellent and Masters
65 Halt, Stand Walk Around Dog goes to Advanced and Excellent
67 Moving Down, Walk Around Dog goes to Excellent and Masters
32 reads Left Turn on page 19
40 & # 41 are starred on page 23
 8. **Sign lists for each level are updated to include new signs and consistency.**
 9. **Additions made to the Signs and descriptions to include new signs and any editing errors.**
 10. **Judges Qualifications Chapter 13, section 1 paragraph to read:**
Any Judge who has been approved, no longer Provisional, for a minimum of one (1) year for all levels of AKC / CKC Rally judging may apply to become an ASCA Rally Judge by submitting an application and having a complete set of ASCA Rally Courses, (one for each level) approved.
 11. **Correct miscellaneous wording throughout Rulebook.**
 12. **Chapter 1 Section 34: Add "A Set of Courses (to be forwarded to the Review Committee) used for the Trial along with reasons for any changes to courses, must be submitted to the ASCA Business Office with the Trial results."**
16. **Motion by Vest, second by Aufox: Considering present economic conditions, will the mandatory DNA requirements for dams and sires going into effect on January 1, 2011 cause you to not DNA those dams and sires and thereby not register your litters with ASCA. Yes ___ No ___";**
Approve: Vest, Aufox, Dexter; Disapprove: Dolan, Hellmeister, Berryessa, Westerman, Gann;
Non-voting: Davenport; the motion is not approved.
17. **Motion by Berryessa: The following persons have successfully satisfied all requirements at their current judge level and are now applying to become approved for the next level. Approved: Berryessa, Westerman, Vest, Gann, Dexter, Aufox, Dolan, Hellmeister; Non-voting: Davenport; the motion is approved.**

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18 Heidi May hardship (MB) **Motion by Berryessa, second by Aufox: I move to approve the hardship registration of "Heidi May" owned by Pete May. Approve: Berryessa, Vest, Gann, Dexter, Aufox, Dolan, Hellmeister; Abstain: Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport; the motion is approved.**

19 SD Committee's changes to language from Linda Mahoney on 3/31. Asked Chuck Carnese his opinion. Chuck will work on the language.

ASCA BoD meeting closed at 3:00PM; Motion by Berryessa, second by Dexter; Approve: Berryessa, Westerman, Vest, Gann, Dexter, Aufox, Dolan, Hellmeister; Non-voting: Davenport; The motion is approved.

Reopening of ASCA BoD meeting at 3:13 PM.

20. Credit card merchant fees (Westerman); per Chuck Carnese, ASCA can't charge a fee to cover the charges in Texas. Westerman will look into and decide how much to raise fee.

21 The next Monday Teleconference is scheduled for May10th.

22. **Motion by Berryessa, second by Dolan: I move to adjust the Executive Secretary's salary. Comment/Rationale: This adjustment reflects actual average hours per week Mary worked during the last year. Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Vest, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport, Hellmeister; Motion is approved.**

Motion by Berryessa, second by Westerman: I move to adjourn the meeting. Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Vest, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport, Hellmeister; Motion is approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40PM CDT 04/02/10

/s/ Mary Logue
Executive Secretary

04/29/2010
Date of Approval

4:05 Agility Committee: Motion 6-2010 Required Gamble Obstacles

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the following Agility Committee Motion:

Motion passes: Yes: Sherry, Sue, Janelle, Krystal, Cynthia, Annelise, Andrea, Betty, Pamela, Allison; Non-Voting: Caroline

Motion by Pamela, second by Krystal

Effective August 1, 2010

I would like to make a motion under Section: 4.2.3 Course Obstacles
During Initial Point Accumulation Time we change the following table from:

The following lists the minimum of each type of obstacle on any course:

Table II

Contact Obstacles 3

Weave Pole Lines-Long (optional)

Tunnels 2

Weave Pole Lines-Short 1-3

Jumps/Hurdles 7

Tire Jump (optional) 1

To:

The following lists the minimum of each type of obstacle on any course:

Table II

Contact Obstacles: A-frame 1, Dog-walk 1, Teeter 1

Weave Pole Lines-Long (10-12) (optional)

Tunnels 2

Weave Pole Lines-Short (5-6) 1*

Jumps/Hurdles 7

Tire Jump (optional) 1

*Note: At least one set of weaves is required on each gamblers course. A long set may be used for Open and Elite but a short set must be used for Novice

This clarifies that the three different contacts must be on course and specifies the length of the weave poles.

Approve: Unanimous.

The motion is approved.

4:05 Agility Committee: Motion 7-2010 Novice Gamble Tests

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the following Agility Committee Motion:

Effective Aug 1, 2010

Pamela moved, Krystal seconded.

Motion passes. Yes : Sherry, Sue, Janelle, Krystal, Cynthia, Annelise, Andrea, Betty, Pamela, Allison; Non-Voting: Caroline

Change the table in section:

4.2.6 Gamble Design Requirements

To:

Novice 1-2, Open 2, and Elite 2-3, and changing the statement to read:

*Novice competitors **will** be asked to perform one (1) of the tests and **may** be asked to perform two (1 or 2) of the three tests.

*Open competitors **will** be asked to perform two (2) of the tests.

*Elite competitors **will** be asked to perform two (2) of the tests and **may** be asked to perform a combination of all three (3) tests.

From:

Currently our rulebook reads:

A judge may design a gamble which could include a distance control test, a directional control test, and/or an obstacle discrimination test. The following table lists the number of gamble tests that are allowed for each level	Novice	Open	Elite
	1	2	3

After the paragraph the table states:

In other words, Novice competitors can be required to perform only one (1) of the three tests, Open competitors **could** be asked to perform two (2) of the tests, and Elite competitors **could** be asked to perform a combination of all three (3) tests.

But this paragraph states:

5.10.7.3 Obstacle Discrimination Test Requirements

The obstacle discrimination test shall require the dog to discriminate between two obstacles upon direction from the handler. The obstacle discrimination test should not require that the dog be farther away than the minimum distance for their level of competition.

- At the *Novice* Level, the two obstacles for the discrimination should be no closer than eight (8) feet to each other, unless one of the obstacles is a contact obstacle.

In the case that one of the obstacles used for obstacle discrimination is a contact obstacle, then the minimum distance between the two obstacles shall be one-half (1/2) the distance. In other words, if a contact obstacle is used, the minimum Novice level distance would be four (4) feet, the minimum Open level distance would be three (3) feet and the minimum Elite Level distance would be two (2) feet.

Rationale: This will bring the Table in the section that only allows 1 test in line with the other sections that allow 2 tests for Novice.

Approve: Unanimous.

The motion is approved.

4:05 Agility Committee: Motion 8-2010 Timeline

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion:

Sue moves, Ally second

Effective August 1, 2010 for all trials sanctioned on or after October 1, 2010.

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to extend the sanctioning period to 60 days and to adjust the timeline for the course review process.

Chapter 2, Section 2.1.1 Applications, paragraphs 1-3 currently read:

Only Affiliates of ASCA will be permitted to hold or recommend for sanctioning an Agility trial for the purpose of offering classes for ASCA certification. In order to accommodate Course Review for all Agility Trials in which ASCA is the sole or primary sanctioning organization, an ASCA Affiliate must submit an official request for sanctioning postmarked at least 90 days in advance of the proposed trial date; this rule may be waived in favor of a specified shorter period of not less than 45 days, provided both judge(s) for the trial and the designated Course Reviewer agree in writing to the specified shorter period as being adequate to permit course design, review, and modification. A copy of such written agreement by the Judge(s) and the Course Reviewer must be submitted to the ASCA Business Office along with the application. For other agility trials which do not require an ASCA course review under Appendix D, an ASCA affiliate must submit an official request for sanctioning postmarked at least 45 days in advance of the proposed trial date. The sanctioning fee (as set by the ASCA Board of Directors) will be submitted with the application. The sanctioning fee will be assessed for each day of the trial.

Late Sanctioning Fees: Sanctioning requests received between 30-45 days prior to an event will be accepted upon payment of a fine (see Schedule of Fees) past the 45 day postmark deadline. Sanctioning request received by the Business Office less than 30 days prior to a sanctioned event will not be accepted under any circumstances. Clubs submitting delinquent sanctioning request three times will lose all late sanctioning privileges for a period of two years. It is recommended Clubs retain proof of mailing for all sanctioning requests.

The ASCA Business Office will not accept responsibility for sanctioning requests lost in the mail. All sanctioning requests sent after the 45 day postmark deadline must be original forms (no faxes or e-mails) and must have all required signatures and fees. If the Host Club with the preexisting dates postmarks their sanctioning request form past the 45 day deadline and it is not received 30 days prior to the event, they will lose first right to this date for that year.

Change to:

Only ASCA Affiliates will be permitted to hold or recommend for sanctioning an Agility trial for the purpose of offering classes for ASCA certification. An ASCA Affiliate must submit an official Agility Trial Sanction Request to the business office at least 60 days in advance of the proposed trial date. Sanctioning requests submitted via email or facsimile must be received during the business office hours of operation no later than 60 days prior to the trial date. Sanctioning requests submitted via mail must be postmarked 60 days prior to the trial date. The sanctioning fee (as set by the ASCA Board of Directors) must be submitted with the application. The sanctioning fee will be assessed for each day of the trial.

Late Sanctioning Fees: Sanctioning requests received between 45-60 days prior to an event will be accepted upon payment of a fine (see Schedule of Fees) past the 60 day postmark deadline; or past the 60 day electronic receipt deadline. Sanctioning requests received by the Business Office less than 45 days prior to a sanctioned event will not be accepted under any circumstances. Clubs submitting delinquent sanctioning request three times will lose all late sanctioning privileges for a period of two years.

The ASCA Business Office will not accept responsibility for sanctioning requests lost in the mail. It is recommended that Clubs retain proof of mailing for all sanctioning requests submitted via mail. It is the responsibility of the Club to obtain confirmation of receipt from the business office of any sanctioning requests submitted electronically. If the Host Club with the preexisting dates postmarks or electronically submits their sanctioning request form past the 60 day deadline and it is not received 45 days prior to the event, they will lose first right to this date for that year.

Section 2.6 - Host Group's Responsibilities

Currently, section 2.6.1, third sentence currently reads:

2.6.1 Sanctioning Forms

This form must be submitted postmarked no less than 45 days prior to trial date along with the required per day sanctioning fees (as set forth by the ASCA Board of Directors). The fee for a partial day shall be the same as a full day.

Change to read:

2.6.1 Sanctioning Forms

This form must be submitted to the business office at least 60 days in advance of the proposed trial date. Sanctioning requests submitted via email or facsimile must be received during the business office hours of operation no later than 60 days prior to the trial date. Sanctioning requests submitted via mail must be postmarked 60 days prior to the trial date. The fee for a partial day shall be the same as a full day.

Appendix C, Section 2.6.2.1 and 3.2.3 currently reads:

2.6.2.1 The Application to Apprentice must be postmarked 90 days before the start of the trial.

3.2.3. The Application to Apprentice Supervise must be postmarked 90 days before the start date of the trial.

Change 90 days to 45 days in both sections.

Appendix D, item 4, final sentence reads:

Unless otherwise agreed by the judge, the equipment lists, ring diagrams, and information on electronic timing shall be provided not later than 90 days prior to the first day of the trial.

Change 90 days to 60 days.

Appendix D, item 4 reads:

4. Host clubs shall electronically provide judges with a detailed list of available equipment to be used for each ring, plus a diagram of each ring to be used, showing ring dimensions, location of gates, nature and uniformity of surface, and locations, nature, and dimensions of any ring obstructions. The host club shall also indicate whether electronic timing equipment is available for use. Unless otherwise agreed by the judge, the equipment lists, ring diagrams, and information on electronic timing shall be provided not later than 90 days prior to the first day of the trial.

Change to read:

4. Upon the hiring of a judge, host clubs shall electronically provide judges with a detailed list of available equipment to be used for each ring, plus a diagram of each ring to be used, noting ring dimensions, location of gates, nature and uniformity of surface, and locations, nature, and dimensions of any ring obstructions. The host club shall also indicate whether electronic timing equipment is available for use. The equipment lists, ring diagrams, and information on electronic timing shall be provided not later than 60 days prior to the first day of the trial.

Appendix D, item 5, currently reads:

5. Judges shall electronically submit their proposed courses, together with a copy of the host club's equipment list, ring diagrams, and electronic timing information, for review to the applicable course reviewer not later than 60 days prior to the first day of the trial, provided that, where justified, course reviewers may agree to extensions. Unless otherwise agreed by the course reviewer and judge, course diagrams shall be submitted in either Course Designer 2000 or Course Designer 2003 format.

Change to read:

5. Judges must electronically submit their proposed courses, together with a copy of the host club's equipment list, ring diagrams, and electronic timing information, for review to the applicable course reviewer not later than

30 days prior to the first day of the trial. Unless otherwise agreed by the course reviewer and judge, course diagrams shall be submitted in either **Course Designer 2000** or **Course Designer 2003** format.

Appendix D, item 7, first sentence reads:

Course reviewers shall electronically return copies of the proposed courses, together with any mandatory and recommended non-mandatory changes, to the applicable judges not later than 15 days prior to the first day of the applicable trials.

Change to read:

Course reviewers will electronically return copies of the proposed courses, together with any mandatory and recommended non-mandatory changes to the judge(s) not later than 15 days prior to the first day of the applicable trials. Judges **must** return a final copy of any required/recommended/mandatory changes made on any course to the course reviewer at least 7 days prior to the trial. This will ensure that the course reviewer will have a complete set of finalized courses to be used at the trial.

To recap:

Sanctioning paperwork due 60 days, but we have to allow for clubs that want a trial at the last minute so they will still have the option to pay penalties if they file with less than 60 days prior to trial. Applications to App. due 45 days before trial (will give people time to find events on ASCA calendar) and approach clubs and SP judges. This will also give AP judge two weeks to design courses. Host clubs shall provide equipment list to judge at 60 days to give judge 30 days to design. Judge shall submit courses at 30 days prior to trial to give CR two weeks to review. Course reviewer shall return courses two weeks prior to trial and judge will return a final copy of any amended courses to the course reviewer 1 week prior to the trial.

Approve: Unanimous.
The motion is approved.

04:05 Agility Committee: 9-2010 Gamble Placement

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion:

Sue moves, Ally seconds Effective August 1, 2010

Motion passes unanimously

4.2.5 Qualification Requirements - Gamblers Class

For a run to meet the requirements for a qualifying score the dog must: (A) during the initial point accumulation time earns 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.

Amend to read:

4.2.5 Scoring and Qualification Requirements - Gamblers Class

The class will be placed by total points accumulated (i.e. the dog earning the most total points will win the class regardless of if the run is a qualifying score). For a run to meet the requirements for a qualifying score the dog must: (A) during the initial point accumulation time earns 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.

Approve: Unanimous.
The motion is approved.

6:05 Rally Finals Motion

Motion by Dolan, Second by Aufox

I moved to conduct the first Rally Finals at the 2012 National Specialty.

Comment/Rationale: Setting a date for the first Rally Finals allows one complete show year to work out the kinks in the program before starting a point accumulation and qualification year for the first Rally Finals.

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Vest, Westerman; Disapprove: Berryessa; Non-voting: Hellmeister.

The motion is approved.

6:05 Rally Committee: Rally motion A effective date

Motion by Berryessa

I move we make the Rally Motion A passed at the Spring BOD meeting effective immediately.

Comment: This is a new program and as the committee works with the rules they will find items that need reworked. This motion affects the designing of courses and the grandfathering in of Rally Judges, so needs to be immediately effective.

Approve: Berryessa, Davenport, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Vest, Westerman; Disapprove: Aufox; Non-voting: Hellmeister.

The motion is approved.

9:28 History Committee: Mission Statement

Motion by Dexter

Motion by Sunday Miles second by Jo Kimes to adopt the following Mission Statement and Committee objectives:

MISSION STATEMENT FOR ASCA HISTORY COMMITTEE PURPOSE

Foster documentation, preservation and research concerning the history of the Australian Shepherd Club of America and the Australian Shepherd.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Centralize and consolidate historical data and images of the Australian Shepherd and ASCA.
2. Work in harmony with the ASCA business office to ensure the historical archive owned by ASCA is properly cataloged and backed up.
3. Contact individuals with significant influence on the breed for interviews and historical data.
4. Procure important historical documents, manuscripts and other materials through purchase (as approved by the Board of Directors), gift or trust.
5. Work with the Board of Directors and ASCA committees and other personnel toward the study, interpretation and education of historical points of interest of the breed.
6. Oversee production of historical documents (e.g. yearbooks, texts, displays, etc.)
7. To encourage and support (help, aid and assist) third parties in their informational search of the breed and/or club.

Approve: Helen Wilson, Jo Kimes and Sunday Miles.

Unanimous approval and no comments.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Davenport, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Vest, Westerman; Abstain: Hellmeister.
The motion is approved.

9:28 History Committee: Move to appoint Kay Spencer

Motion by Dexter

I move to appoint Kay Spencer to the History Committee.

Approve: Unanimous.

The motion is approved.

10:23 Finals Fund Carryover Category

Motion by Dolan Second Dexter

I move to establish a Finals Fund Carryover category in the accounting system.

Comment/Rationale: Apparently, from preliminary budgeting, we will have a second year of Finals not requiring all the funding made available, especially affiliate expenses donations made directly to the Business Office. For example, ASCNE donated \$2,250 for the 2009 finals directly to ASCA. This money will not be required for reimbursing CASA. ASCNE also donated \$2,000 directly to ASCA for the 2010 Finals. This money will probably not be needed to defray 2010 finals expenses. I'm certain the Business Office has donations from other Affiliates (not ticketed for payout in the case of the SDF) that would be available to offset expenses for future Finals.

Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Dexter, Dolan, Hellmeister, Vest; Disapprove: Berryessa, Westerman; Abstain: Gann;

The motion is approved.

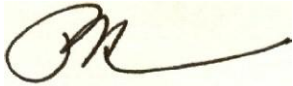
10:24 Registration Revocation: J Bar D's Panzer, N 164677

Motion by Hellmeister Second by Dolan

I move to revoke the registration of J Bar D's Panzer, N 164677.

Approve: Berryessa, Davenport, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Hellmeister, Westerman; Abstain: Aufox, Vest.
The motion is approved.

Submitted,



Pete Dolan
ASCA Secretary