

## **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.

### **August 1 – August 31, 2006**

#### **04:06 SHOW RULE CHANGES - Sec 7.6**

Motion by DeChant.

Please send this Motion to the Board. The next e-mail will contain the Committee work on the Exhibitor Rule that deals with the same issue. They need to go to the Board at the same time as the Board didn't want to vote on this one without the Exhibitor solution. Thanks, Ann

I move that the change recommended by the Conformation Committee to Section 7.6 of the Show Rules be approved.

We have a motion by Wendy with a second by Liz.

I move that we change the following section:

Currently reads:

SECTION 7.6: A Conformation Judge shall not pass judgment on any dog he or a member of his immediate family or household owns, co-owns, or has owned, sold, held under lease, boarded, regularly trained, instructed or handled in the conformation ring in the preceding twelve months; nor shall the Conformation Judge pass judgment on a handler he or a member of the immediate family or household has trained or instructed on more than two occasions in the preceding twelve months.". "Trained" or "Instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs. The judge's immediate family or household includes: spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law or any person residing with the judge

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 7.6: A Conformation Judge shall not pass judgment on :

A. Any dog he, or a member of his immediate family or household owns, co-owns, bred or co-bred.

B. Any dog he. or a member of his immediate family or household has owned, co-owned, held under lease, boarded, regularly trained, instructed or handled (more than twice) in the conformation ring in the preceding twelve months.

C. A handler he, or a member of the immediate family or household has trained or instructed on more than two occasions in the preceding twelve months. "Trained" or "Instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs. The judge's immediate family or household includes: spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild or any combination of the preceding by marriage, or any person residing with the judge.

Committee vote results are as follows: 12 in Favor: 0 Opposed. 1 Non-Voting

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

#### **04:06 SHOW RULES CHANGE - Sec. 9.10.**

Motion by DeChant.

I move that the following motion from the Conformation Committee be approved.

This motion is made by Rene with a second by Janet.

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 9.10

No entry shall be made by an exhibitor at any show of any dog which the officiating Judge or any member of his immediate household or immediate family( as defined in Chapter 1, Section 4 & 5 ) currently or previously:

A. Owns, co-owns, bred or co-bred, sold, traded or given.

B. Handled in the ring more than twice, held under lease or kept for a period of more than thirty (30) days within one year prior to the date of the show.

AS READS NOW;

SECTION 9.10 No entry shall be made at any show under a judge of any dog which said judge or any member of his immediate household or immediate family (as defined in Chapter 1, Section 4 & 5) has owned, handled in the ring more than twice, sold, held under lease or kept for a period of more than 30 days within one year prior to the date of the show.

Committee voting: 11 in Favor, 2 Not Voting THIS MOTION PASSES!

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**04:06 SHOW RULE - 12.1 & 12.3**

Motion: DeChant

I move that the following motion from the Conformation Committee be approved.

Discussion/explanation on the sentence that is found in 12.1 & 12.3: "In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused, or ordered from the ring by the judge or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included except as noted in these rules and regulations."

THIS SENTENCE IS NECESSARY BECAUSE:

CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10.2 If an ineligible dog has been entered in any show, or if the name of the owner given on the entry form is not that of the person or person who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed, or if shown in a class for which it has not been entered, or if its entry form is deemed invalid or unacceptable by ASCA under these rules, all resulting awards shall be canceled by ASCA. In computing the championship points such ineligible dogs, whether or not they have received awards, shall be counted as having competed.

\*\*\*I move that we delete Chapter 12, Championships, from the conformation rule book as it now stands and replace it with the following:

**CHAPTER 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

SECTION 12.1 Intact Championship points will be recorded for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch according to the number of eligible dogs competing in the regular classes of each sex, and according to the schedule of points established by the Board of Directors. In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused, or ordered from the ring by the judge or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included except as noted in these rules and regulations.

SECTION 12.2 Any intact dog which shall have won fifteen (15) points shall become a Champion of Record if nine or more of said points shall have been won at three (3) shows with a rating of three (3) or more championship points each and under three (3) different judges. A dog becomes a Champion when it is so officially recorded by the ASCA Business Office, and shall be entitled to a Championship Certificate. Intact Championship titles will be denoted by "CH".

a. If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Breed, the dogs of both sexes that have been entered for Best of Breed competition and that have been defeated in such competition, shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

b. If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, the dogs of its own sex that have been entered for Best of Breed and that have been defeated in competition for Best of Opposite Sex shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

c. The dog awarded the Best of Winners shall be credited with the number of points calculated for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch, whichever is greater.

SECTION 12.3 Altered Championship points will be recorded for Winners dog and Winners Bitch according to the number of eligible dogs competing in the regular classes of each sex, and according to the Schedule of points established by the Board of Directors. In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included except as noted in these rules and regulations.

SECTION 12.4 Any altered dog which shall have won fifteen (15) points shall become an Altered Champion of Record if nine or more of said points shall have been won at three (3) shows with a rating of three (3) or more championship points each and under three (3) different judges. A dog becomes an Altered Champion when it is so officially recorded by the ASCA Business Office, and shall be entitled to an Altered Championship Certificate. Altered Championship titles will be denoted by "A-CH".

a. If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Breed, the dogs of both sexes that have been entered for Best of Breed competition and that have been defeated in such competition, shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

b. If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, the dogs of its own sex that have been entered for Best of Breed and that have been defeated in competition for Best of Opposite Sex shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

c. The dog awarded the Best of Winners shall be credited with the number of points calculated for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch, whichever is greater.

WHAT CH 12 IS NOW:

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Record, if nine or more of said points shall have been won at three (3) shows with a rating of three (3) or more championship points each and under three (3) different judges. A dog becomes a Champion when it is so officially recorded by the ASCA Business Office, and shall be entitled to a Championship Certificate.

Committee vote results: 10 in favor, 3 not voting. MOTION PASSES.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

#### **04:06 SHOW RULE CHANGES - Sec. 3.10**

Motion by DeChant.

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

We have the following motion by Glenda with a second by Rick. .

SECTION 3.10 A club may file an Extension Request - Obedience Judge(s) Form with their sanction request if additional time is required to obtain obedience judges.

a. If a club files an extension request, after they have selected their Obedience Judges, they must send an extension - Obedience Judge(s) List Form listing all Judges names, addresses and assignments to the ASCA Business Office.

b. Shows will not be sanctioned until the ASCA Business Office receives extension - Obedience Judge(s) List and all Judges have been ASCA approved.

What I would like to do is this: (basically just add Conformation)

SECTION 3.10 A club may file an Extension Request – Conformation / Obedience Judge(s) Form with their sanction request if additional time is required to obtain Conformation / Obedience judges.

a. If a club files an extension request, after they have selected their Conformation / Obedience Judges, they must send an extension – Conformation / Obedience Judge(s) List Form listing all Judges names, addresses and assignments to the ASCA Business Office.

b. Shows will not be sanctioned until the ASCA Business Office receives extension – Conformation / Obedience Judge(s) List and all Judges have been ASCA approved.

\*\*Note: I cannot find a copy of the “Extension Request - Obedience Judge(s) Form” on the web site (too late at night, and I’m blind) so, along with the Section change, I’m going to work on the form as well.

DISCUSSION: I do feel that clubs might get into a bind, and have judges not return calls, out of town, or any number of reasons why they cannot confirm a judge in the “prior to 45 day” limit on the sanctioning requests. This would alleviate something that I \*know\* has happened in the past: just plugging a judge’s name in the box, and sending into the office a change of judge form. Why do clubs have to fib? Plain and simple: the club wants to comply with the 45 day limit on sanctioning, but can’t due to an assortment of reasons.

Committee vote results: 11 in favor, 2 not voting Motion passes.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - NADAC Ch. 1, Sec. 1**

Motion by Hellmeister.

I move to accept the following recommendation by the Obedience Committee

We have a motion by White, second by Link.

I make a motion that in Chapter one, section one we delete the "North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC)" be removed. The current section reads:

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

SECTION 1 Clubs

Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement.

The registries with which ASCA has an agreement are North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) and the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).

The section should read:

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Motion is approved unanimously by the Obedience Committee.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

**98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Deaf Dog.**

Motion by Hellmeister.

I move to accept the following recommendation of the Obedience Committee.

We have a motion by Case, second by White to go into effect October 1, 2006.

I make a motion that CH 1, Section 12, Disqualifications and ineligibility - first paragraph, remove the word "deaf" from the first sentence. Remove last sentence of that paragraph (deaf means without useful hearing). Remove the word "deaf" from the first sentence of the fifth paragraph. Therefore, the rules which currently state:

SECTION 12 Disqualifications and Ineligibility

A dog that is blind or deaf or that has been changed in appearance by artificial means (except for such changes as are customarily approved for its breed) may not compete in any Obedience Trial and must be disqualified. Blind means without useful vision. Deaf means without useful

hearing. "Changes in appearance by artificial means" does not include dogs that have been surgically altered for health reasons or disease, such as the loss of an eye or the removal or broken teeth. Dogs that have lost a limb are ineligible to compete. Effective 1-1-06

When a dog has been disqualified under this section as being blind or deaf or having been changed in appearance by artificial means or having attacked or attempted to attack a person in the ring, all awards made to the dog at the trial shall be canceled by ASCA and the dog may not again compete unless and until, following application by the owner to ASCA, the owner has received official notification from ASCA that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

Will read:

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Approve: Case, Link, White, Willems, Waller, Franks, and Watson. Disapprove: Sidwell, Stoddard.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

### **94:01 SDC - Stockdog Emergency Judge and scores**

Motion by Berryessa, second by Davenport:

I move that any scores earned at the Working Australian Shepherd Club of Alberta's trials held July 21-23, 2006 by the substitute Stockdog Judge, Lil Roth-Lee be disallowed for any days at which she was the Stockdog Judge. Scores earned by Joan Holmes will be allowed.

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

### **94:01 STOCK DOG COMMITTEE - Board Directive.**

Motion by Berryessa, second by Davenport:

I move that the SDC be directed to review Ch 4 sec 16 to clarify whether Clubs are required to start with step one, or whether they can choose which option to start with. We also need clarification on how far they need to go with step 1 or 2, I.E. are they only required to contact Judges in their state (or equivalent) or to contact any Judge within neighboring states.

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

## **99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Appendix A.**

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee. Effective Date is 1/07.

I, Deb St. Jacques, and seconded by Celeste Kelly, move that we add the following section to Appendix A.

Section A.1. Assignments.

A tracking assignment entails a two (2) day commitment by the Judges. Acceptance of an assignment presumes that if the test is on a Saturday, the Judges will be available to plot tracks the day before. Similarly, a Sunday test will involve the Judges for both days of that weekend. No Judge should accept an assignment which requires more in one day than he or she is physically and mentally able to accomplish.

Tracking judges who judge at events with combined venues that include tracking may compete at other venues at that event once their tracking judging assignment/s have been completed.

This motion has passed the committee by unanimous vote. Voting in favor of the enclosed motion are: Susan Schroeder, Anne Hershey, Ralph Swingle, Jane Palmer, Celeste Kelly, Craig Bohren, Deb St. Jacques, Judy Whittaker, Megan Rosenstengel, Angela Rector, and Betty Mueller

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

## **04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - 2.6.4.2**

Motion by Gray, seconded by Aufox.

I move to postpone the effective date for implementation of the following Agility Rule update 2.6.4.2 Awards for High in Levels (Novice, Open, Elite) and High in Trial from August 1, 2006 to January 1, 2007.

Comments: The August 1, 2006 effective date will render two ASCA® Affiliate Clubs, those being Rock River Valley ASC and First Coast ASC, in violation of the ASCA Agility Rules in conducting their National Specialty Pre-Trials and Post-Trials. Additionally, implementation of Agility Rule 2.6.4.2 has the potential to cause significant confusion and foment disagreement, complaints and disputes from competitors during and following the ASCA 2006 National Specialty.

Information:

The August 1, 2006 rule update states:

"Awards for high scoring in level (Novice, Open, Elite), and/or high in trial (HIT) are not mandatory. However, such awards shall be given at the ASCA National Specialty and the National Specialty Pre or Post Trials."

On September 20, First Coast Australian Shepherd Club is holding National Specialty Agility Post-Trial. The FCASC Agility Post-Trial Premium specifies:

"1st - 4th placements and qualifying ribbons will be awarded. Prizes given out for 1st places."

The above ribbons and prizes are not in compliance with the August 1, 2006 rule.

On September 16, Rock River Valley Australian Shepherd Club is holding a National Specialty Agility Pre-Trial and on September 21, it is holding a National Specialty Agility Post-Trial. Both trials are on the same Premium, which specifies:

"These Agility Trials will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA, dated JANUARY 1, 2006 [emphasis mine].

Rosettes will be awarded at each trial for HIT, HIT Standard, HIT Junior, HIT Veteran, First thru Fourth Placements and all qualifying scores. Prizes will be awarded at each trial for HIT, HIT Standard, HIT Junior, HIT Veteran and all qualifying scores."

The calculations for HIT that appear in the January 1, 2006 Rule Book are different from the calculations for HIT in the rule that became effective August 1, 2006.

Through no fault of their own, the two ASCA host Affiliate Clubs will be in violation of the Agility Rules in their calculations and/or awards for HIT at National Specialty Pre- and Post-Trials. With Premiums due for approval so far in advance of National Specialties, there was no possible way for the two clubs to foresee the last-minute changes to the Agility Rules with effective dates just six weeks in advance of the first day of the National Specialty.

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

**Approved:**

**ASCA® Agility Judges:**

Dave Grubel

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Annaleise Allen

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**SOUTH FLORIDA - Name Change Request**

From South Florida Australian Shepherd Club to Central Florida Australian Shepherd Club

**Disapproved:**

**Denied the Reinstatement of a Disqualified Dog – Previously Disqualified for biting a Judge**  
**Denied a request for an exemption of the DNA requirement - when a bitch has her third litter**