

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.

January 31, 2006

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE-CH 2, Sec. 4

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Susan Schroeder, that we change the following to read:

Chapter 2, Section 4, Third Paragraph:

On the day the tracks are plotted, only the Judges, ASCA officials, apprentices with prior approval of the judges and those required for the laying of the tracks will be allowed on the tracking field.

AND ADD THE FOLLOWING Sentence:

All other persons connected with the test, such as exhibitors and owners or co-owners of an entered dog, must not be on the tracking field the day tracks are plotted.

Comment: this makes it clear test participants and those related to them should not be on the tracking fields on the day of plot.

This motion passed the committee by unanimous vote. Voting in favor are: Ralph Swingle, Celeste Kelly, Susan Schroeder, Jane Palmer, Anne Hershey, Judy Whittaker, Deb St. Jacques, and Craig Bohren.

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

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Sec. 2.1

Motion by Bryant.

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

This motion is approved with the following votes cast: 9 'Yes' votes from Dianne McCormick, Margaret Meleski, Pamela Bryant Meeks, Andrea Hoffman, Lisa Kurcharski, Lisa Dawson, Sue Graham, Art Scott & Kristi Cetrulo. 2 non

voting members: Ron Schumann & Pam Smith.

This motion changes the existing equipment list by adding 'slatless preferred' to the contact equipment and adding the tire as an optional obstacle as many clubs and judges are opting not to use it.

Motion 21-2005 Equipment List - effective May 1, 2006

Section 2.4 Agility Obstacles

Remove the first paragraph which reads: All obstacles must meet the specifications listed in the construction Appendix. Only the following obstacles may be used at an ASCA Agility trial:

Replace with: All obstacles must meet the specifications listed in Appendix A 'Equipment Specifications'. Clubs have the option of using slatted or slatless contact equipment and should specify in the trial premium the type of contact equipment to be used at the trial. Slatless contact equipment and displaceable tires are preferred. Only the following obstacles may be used at an ASCA Agility trial:

- Dog Walk
- A-Frame
- Teeter-totter
- Closed tunnel
- Open tunnel
- Weave poles
- Tire jump - optional -
- Non-winged single hurdles(s)
- Winged single hurdles
- Double bar hurdle

Section 5.2.2 Course Obstacles During Initial Point Accumulation Time

In table II add the word (optional) after the Tire Jump.

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

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE- Ch2, Sec. 2.14

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

I, Ralph Swingle, move, seconded by Celeste Kelly: Chapter 2, Section

2.14 Leash, Harness Distance:

The second sentence be changed from:

The leash shall be attached to the harness while tracking.

to:

The leash shall be attached to the top of harness while tracking.

Motion #19 passed the committee by unanimous vote. Voting in favor of this motion are: Anne Hershey, Judy Whittaker, Craig Bohren, Deb St. Jacques, Susan Schroeder, Ralph Swingle, Meghan Rosenstengel, Jane Palmer, Celeste Kelly and Anne Hershey.

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

04:02 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Motion by Gray, seconded by Walter.

I move to revise Membership 6. Of the Committee Procedures from:

6. Once the Liaison has notified the Chairperson of all appointments to the Committee, the Chair will then forward Committee Members names and Committee Procedures to all Committee Members. The Chair will notify the Business Office of all Committee Members. The Business Office will then forward one current copy of the ASCA Program Rule Books to Committee Members. The Business Office will automatically send updated versions of the Rule Books.

to:

6. Once the Liaison has notified the Chairperson of all appointments to the Committee, the Chair will then forward Committee Members names to all Committee Members. The Chair will notify the Business Office of all Committee Members and e-mail the ASCA Webmaster with Committee Members, their region and state. Committee Members are responsible for downloading the Committee Procedures and applicable Rule Book(s) from the ASCA Website. If documents aren't available on the Website, Committee Members may contact the Business Office to forward one current copy of the applicable ASCA Program Rule Book(s) and Committee Procedures to Committee Members. The Business Office will automatically send updated versions of the Rule Books and Committee Procedures to the Webmaster.

Comment: Having the committee members responsible for downloading the Committee Procedures and Rule Books from the Website will cut down on printing, postage and labor costs for the Business Office.

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

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE-CH. 1, Sec 1.4

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

I, Anne Hershey, move, seconded by Ralph Swingle, the following language be added to the ASCA Tracking Rules and Regulations:

ASCA Tracking Tests shall not be held in conjunction with Tracking Tests of other canine titling organizations nor may Tracking Tests of other canine titling organizations be sanctioned as ASCA Tracking Tests.

in Chapter 1, Section 1.4 Sanctioned Tracking Test.

Chapter 1, Section 1.4 now reads:

"An Affiliate Club may be approved by the Australian Shepherd Club of America to hold a Sanctioned Tracking Test(s). Sanctioned Tracking Tests shall be governed by all of these Regulations. ASCA sanctioning must be obtained by any Affiliate Club that holds ASCA tracking events. "

With the new language added, the section would read:

"An Affiliate Club may be approved by the Australian Shepherd Club of America to hold a Sanctioned Tracking Test(s). Sanctioned Tracking Tests shall be governed by all of these Regulations. ASCA sanctioning must be obtained by any Affiliate Club that holds ASCA tracking events.

ASCA Tracking Tests shall not be held in conjunction with Tracking Tests of other canine titling organizations nor may Tracking Tests of other canine titling organizations be sanctioned as ASCA Tracking Tests."

Motion Number 17, has passed the committee by unanimous vote.

Voting in favor of this motion: Jane Palmer, Meghan Rosenstengel, Susan Schroeder, Ralph Swingle, Anne Hershey, Celeste Kelly, Craig Bohren, Deb St. Jacques, and Judy Whittaker.

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

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE-Ch 1, Sec 1.21

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee:

I, Ralph Swingle, move, seconded by Celeste Kelly: Chapter 1, Section 1.21 Judging Assignments - at the end of the second paragraph – add the following sentence:

"The most recent copy of the ASCA Tracking R & Rs must be mailed to the Tracking Judges for this event".

(This would be after the sentence 'Ground Maps, roughly to scale about sixty (60) days prior to the Tracking Test' .)

This motion, #18, has passed the committee by unanimous vote. Voting in favor of this motion are: Craig Bohren, Meghan Rosenstengel, Anne Hershey, Deb St. Jacques, Ralph Swingle, Judy Whittaker, Susan Schroeder, Jane Palmer and Celeste Kelly.

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

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Sec. 7 (Nationals Rules)

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Sue Schroeder, that we change Section 7 of the National's rules to read:

Part 1: Change the title of the section to read: "Rings and Tracking Fields"

Part 2: and to Section 7, add following:

7.1 TD fields must be open fields of consistent cover free of obstacles with at least 5-7 acres in area for each TD track.

7.2 TDX fields must be of both open and mixed cover in an area of at least 20-27 acres in area for each TDX track.

7.3 Judges must approve the site of the tracking test and determine the number of tracks before the premium goes to publication.

7.4 Fields for the National Tracking test cannot be changed once they have been published in the Premium unless permission is given by both National test judges.

Explanation: Information needs to be added to the National's rules to give the host giving club information on what land use will be expected for the Nationals Tracking Test.

This is how the National's rules now read:

Section 7. RINGS

The conformation and obedience rings will be at least 50' x 50' or larger if the entry warrants.

The conformation rings should be placed so they can be combined for Best of Breed. The number of rings will be dictated by the schedule of events and the need to accommodate bitches in season competing in Obedience for Versatility and the Obedience

Voting in favor of this motion are: Ralph Swingle, Celeste Kelly, Susan Schroeder, Jane Palmer, Anne Hershey, Judy Whittaker, Deb St. Jacques and Craig Bohren.

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

Approved:

Appointment of Angela Rector to the Tracking Committee
Retained ASCA's Attorney, Chuck Carnese for 2006