

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.

July 1- 31, 2008

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - Section 1.3.

Motion by Berryessa.

I move we approve the following motion from the Tracking Committee:

This following motion was made by Betty Mueller, and seconded by Linda Gray. This motion has passed the committee.

Here is the vote tally, and the comments.

Approve: Linda Gray, Ralph Swingle, Betty Mueller, Margaret Abrahamson, Susan Schroeder, Celeste Kelly, Craig Bohren, Angela Rector, Meghan Rosenstengel.

Disapprove: Renea Dahms, Jan Wesen Abstain: none Not voting: Anne Hershey, Becky Parker.

Renea's comment: My comment is there should be no more expectations on a tracking committee than say a stock committee. I feel one person can act as the committee, as those who are workers are NOT always members of ASCA or the host club. There are more than enough people present day of or even on plotting day should an urgent dispute arise.

Jan Wesen comment: "I think it should be 5">

I make a move to change Section 1.3 of the Tracking Regulations by updating the number of Committee members required from FIVE to THREE.

It would now read as follows:

Section 1.3. Tracking Test Chairperson and Tracking Test Committee.

An Affiliate Club holding a sanctioned Tracking Test must appoint a Tracking Test Chairperson, a Tracking Test Secretary (who may also act as Chairperson) and a Tracking Test Committee. The Tracking Test Committee shall be composed of at least THREE members of the club, which may include the Chairperson and Tracking Test Secretary.

This Committee shall exercise all authority vested in a show committee, and shall have sole jurisdiction over all matters that may properly come before it. The Committee shall investigate any reports of abuse of dogs on the grounds or premises of a Tracking Test/TD or TDX. The Committee shall deal with any person who conducts himself in such manner or in any other matter prejudicial to the best interest of the sport. The offender shall be dealt with promptly, during the test if possible, after he/she has been notified of the specific charges against him/her, and has been given an opportunity to be heard in his own defense in accordance with the Dispute Rules. The

Committee shall be responsible for compliance of Chapter 1, Section 12 of these Regulations and the Dispute Rules.

At least THREE members of the Tracking Test Committee shall be present throughout the test. Test Secretaries and Chairpersons shall not be eligible to judge or to enter any Tracking event at which they act in these official capacities.

Directors voting: Approve: Berryessa, Aufox, McNamara, MacRoberts, Hellmeister, DeChant, Gann & Davenport. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is approved.

93:19 BOARD POLICIES - 9.11.11.6

Motion by McNamara, seconded by Hellmeister.

I move to insert the following as section 9.11.11.6 of the ASCA Board Policy Book

Directors Officiating Other Events

A) Directors (or Directors-elect) invited to officiate at Nationals Finals, Pre-Show/Trial and/or Nationals competition at the same time ASCA Board-related meetings/work take place shall receive one-half of travel expenses to the function by ASCA (based on the normal travel arrangement schedule), the other half to be reimbursed by the hosting club. Accommodations shall be provided for by the hosting club on the day prior to officiating.

B) Per-Diem payment by ASCA will only be provided for days when the Director (or Director-elect) is not officiating, and, in addition, acting in an official capacity as an ASCA Director.

Comment: This motion deals with what happens when a Director is invited to officiate at Nationals and shares the expenses fairly between the parent club and the host club.

Directors voting: Approve: DeChant, Hellmeister, MacRoberts, McNamara, Berryessa & Davenport. Disapprove: Aufox, Stevens & Gann. Motion is approved.

08:05 CEE HAMBO SCHOLARSHIP - Selection Committee.

Motion by McNamara, second by DeChant.

I move to appoint Kristin McNamara, Ann DeChant, Jan Niblock, and Karen Russell to the Cee Hambo Scholarship Selection Committee, effective immediately.

Comment: The Board shall establish a Committee, consisting of at least one of its Directors, together with outside interested parties. Priority in appointment shall be given to academic educators and long-standing and active members of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. This committee shall screen all application and recommend qualified individuals to the Board for awards in the amounts established by the Board for that year.

Directors voting: Approve: DeChant, Hellmeister, MacRoberts, Aufox, Berryessa & Davenport. Abstain: McNamara, Stevens & Gann. Motion is approved.

04:02 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES - 15 members.

Motion by Hellmeister, seconded by McNamara.

I move to change the current Committee Procedures, Membership, No. 1, first sentence, from:

Committees shall normally be made up of no more than thirteen (13) ASCA® members including the Chairperson.

to read:

Committees shall normally be made up of no more than fifteen (15) ASCA® members including the Chairperson.

Comment:

This change is long overdue and should have been made when the Board approved Region 7 (Europe) a few years ago to account for the additional committee members.

Directors voting: Approve: Berryessa, Aufox, McNamara, MacRoberts, DeChant, Gann, Hellmeister & Davenport. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is approved.

08:03 ASCA HEALTH & GENETICS COMMITTEE - ASHGI

Motion by DeChant.

I move that the ASCA Board approve the following motion from the ASCA Health & Genetics Committee:

Motion by Bill, second by Valerie.

I move we accept the proposal dated 6/4/2008 from ASHGI, that ASCA provide funding for shipment of collected health clinic samples submitted at the joint ASCA/ASHGI Health Clinic held at the 2008 ASCA Nationals. The amount of funding provided by ASCA to ship the samples is \$200.

I have yes from: Bill, Kim, Valerie, Michelle, Linda, Gina, Chris.

A proposal for a joint ASCA H&G Comm/ASHGI health clinic at the Las Vegas nationals follows.

As you are probably aware, ASHGI did a cheek-swab-only clinic last year in New Jersey that went very well. We gathered 80+ MDR1, 17 CHIC samples and one CEA/PRA test. We would like to team with ASCA's new H&G committee this year with the goal of having an even more successful event and, if possible, adding blood-draw items to the offerings.

Here is what ASHGI can provide:

- Web-page for information and pre-registration/payment
- Handling of financial transactions, including receipt of payments and payment to labs.
- Space at our booth for the cheek swab sampling.
- Information and sign-ups at the booth for any blood-draw items

Here is what we would like the committee to consider contributing:

- Liaison with the DNA committee to make arrangements for including blood draws items with the annual DNA draw
- Assistance in recruiting volunteers to help with both the blood draw and the cheek swab portions of the clinic
- Personal representation of the committee by one or more members at the event
- Assistance with timely transport of samples to shipping points.

If it can be arranged, we would like ASCA to consider covering the shipping costs (probably not to exceed \$200.) ASHGI will absorb all credit card fees on payments via our website.

Here are the specific items we are hoping to provide:

Health Items

Cheek swab: MDR1, HSF4 cataract, CEA, PRA

Blood: CHIC DNA Repository

Research Projects:

Cheek swab: AHT cataract study

Blood: NCSU cancer study and U Minnesota epilepsy study

Please discuss this with your committee and let us know if the committee is interested in partnering with ASHGI for this effort. If there are any questions, comments or suggestions the committee would like to make, please feel free to offer them. Nothing is set in stone. We would like to get our web page up no later than mid-August so would need to have the major details ironed out by then.

We look forward to the possibility of working together with ASCA's new H&G Committee and to hearing your response to our proposal.

Regards,

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C.A. Sharp, Pres.

Australian Shepherd Health & Genetics Institute, Inc.

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Directors voting: Approve: Berryessa, Aufox, McNamara, MacRoberts, Hellmeister, DeChant & Gann. Disapprove: Davenport. Abstain: Stevens. Motion is approved.

04:06 SHOW RULE CHANGE - Section 9.8.

Motion by Gann

Motion by Regi Gravette, 2nd by Leah Swatko

Voting as follows: Motion was passed unanimously from the Conformation Committee. Liz Gibson (OR), Debbie Martin, Mary Hellmeister (CA), Denise Creelman (CA), Regi Gravette, Cynthia Clark, Heather Herron (MI), David Clayton (FL), Janet White (SC), Gail Karamalegos, Peter Kontos (NY), Leah Swatko, Nadia Schlapp (Germany), Luc Goossens, and Glenda Stephenson

SECTION 9.8

No dog shall be eligible to compete in any class at any show in the event the natural color, markings, and/or appearance of the dog has been altered or changed by the use of artificial substances whether such substances may have been used for cleaning purposes or for any other reason. Such substances are to be removed before the dog enters the ring. Any dog which has any artificial substance left in the coat to enhance the dog's appearance, deliberately or by accident, or any dog presented wearing the following but not limited to bandages, tape, ear weights, glue remnants, chalk, etc., shall be excused

from the ring and may not return to be re-judged. The judge shall make a note in the judge's book giving his reason for the excusal, and a dog so excused shall not be counted as having competed.

Here is the ORIGINAL rule (same section):

SECTION 9.8

No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show and no dog shall receive an award at any show in the event the natural color of the natural markings of the dog have been altered or changed by the use of substance whether such substance may have been used for cleaning purposes or for any other reason. Such cleaning substances are to be removed before the dog enters the ring. If in the judge's opinion any substance has been used to alter or change the natural color or shade of natural color or natural markings of a dog, then in such event the judge shall withhold any and all awards from such dog, and the judge shall make a note in the judge's book giving his reason for withholding such award.

Directors voting: Approve: Gann, Berryessa, Aufox, McNamara, MacRoberts, Hellmeister & DeChant. Abstain: Stevens. Non-Voting: Davenport. Motion is approved.

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - OP JUDGES.

Motion by Gann.

Motion by Regi Gravettes, 2nd by Debbie Martin

The motion is as follows:

I move that the ASCA Judges' Book reinstates "OP" Judges as just that, unless these judges are applying (and are eligible) to become ASCA, AKC, CKC or UKC Judges and receive their license from those clubs.

Voting as follows:

Yes: Liz Gibson, Debbie Martin, Mary Hellmeister, Regi Gravette, Cynthia Clark, Heather Herron, David Clayton, Janet White, Gail Karamalegos, Peter Kontos, Leah Swatko, Nadia Schlapp, Glenda Stephenson, and Luc Goossens, Non Voting: Denise Creelman

Discussion/Explanations: A lot of people are confused when they see the "R" next to a judge's name. For some reason they think they are regular breeder judges which of

course they are not. By designating the OP judges as "OP" in the book, it will make it clearer that this person is NOT a breeder judge. (Liz Gibson)

An OP Judge (meaning "Other Person") is a person that has experience breeding and/or exhibiting breeds other than Australian Shepherds and have judging experience (yet they are not AKC, CKC or UKC Judge). (Regi Gravettes)

Directors voting: Approve: Hellmeister, McNamara, Aufox, Berryessa, MacRoberts, DeChant & Stevens. Disapprove: Gann. Non-Voting: Davenport. Motion is approved.

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Ch. 1, Sec. 2.

Motion by Hellmeister.

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

Motion by Burlingame, second by White.

Voting result: Unanimous

I hereby make the following motion to remove the minimum number of Novice dogs in the group exercises to become effective January 2009.

Chapter 1, Section 2, Second paragraph.

REMOVE the entire sentence which reads; "In the Novice classes, in order to earn a qualifying score, there must be a minimum of two (2) dogs competing in the Novice Group Exercises."

Also, in Chapter 3 (Novice), Section 13 (Group Exercises Scoring) please add the following as the fourth (4) paragraph;

"A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the group exercises."

Lastly, please allow the committee to amend the "Reference Sheet" found at the beginning of the rule book to reflect this change. We would need to remove the portion that says there is a 2 dog minimum for Novice groups and REPLACE it with;

"There will not be a minimum number of dogs required during the group exercises in order to earn a qualifying score."

REASON: The committee feels it is no longer feasible to continue to demand that 2 dogs be required to show in the Novice groups in order for a qualifying score to be earned. For those occasional Novice teams who enter a show only to find it has a very small entry, we feel it is unfair to deny them a qualifying score based solely on the fact that they were the only team entered that day. We have received complaints from both judges and exhibitors on this issue and see no reason not to amend the rule.

Directors voting: Approve: DeChant, Hellmeister, MacRoberts, Aufox, Berryessa, Stevens & Gann. Disapprove: McNamara. Non-Voting: Davenport. Motion is approved.

Letter of dissent - McNamara (to be reported with the minutes):

Although I understand that only the best intentions came from this motion, I feel that it has the potential to award qualifying scores to dogs on a less even playing field. As a sometime Novice Obedience competitor over the decade, I do see a reason for the rule. The unique situation that is created by lining up dogs next to one another is part of the "challenge" of this exercise. I see the lineup in the sits and downs as not just a test of a dog's patience, but also of its ability to tune out distractions, such as other dogs. Lessening the requirements to reward a competitor for showing up and performing that day doesn't make any sense in any venue.

00:20 REGISTRY RULES - Section 1.5.3.

Motion by McNamara, seconded by Berryessa.

I move the following be added to the Registry Rules, section 1.5.3:

All littermates of dogs granted registration based on appeal to the Board will be eligible for hardship registration without appeal to the Board.

Comment: This should clarify the question of whether only the one dog granted an exemption to the rules in the litter is eligible or not. Those possessing littermates of exempted dogs may apply for hardship (or foreign) registration, since the grounds of the exemption should be the same for all dogs in that litter. Owners of F2 and below generations must ensure that the F1 generation is fully registered before applying for registration.

Unofficial comment: Basically, we granted approval of Gringo's application. As far as I know, his littermate owner does not/did not have an application in, and if he did, it should have been approved tacitly. It still doesn't mean this particular dog gets a hardship registration.

Directors voting: Approve: Gann, DeChant, Hellmeister, McNamara & Berryessa.

Disapprove: Stevens, Aufox & MacRoberts. Non-Voting: Davenport. Motion is approved.

Approved:

Approved \$2,013.59 for an update of Symantec AntiVirus for another year and Cisco Firewall Upgrade Replacement

Approved removal of points from an unqualified WD and awarded them to RWD

Approved reprimand of Judge for violation of Show Rule 4.8.

Denied:

Denied Hardship appeal and required Hardship registration of litter born before approval of Hardship Registration for the dam

Denied approval of a Judge applicant