

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.

June 1 – June 30, 2006

94:01 STOCK DOG COMMITTEE - Farm Trial

Motion by Davenport.

I move to approve the following SDC motion:

Motion by May, Second by Kelly.

I move that the SDC form a Farm Trial subcommittee made up of five (5) SDC members, including the Sub-Committee Chairperson. The SDC Chairperson shall appoint volunteers from within the SDC to the Farm Trial subcommittee. Those five members shall, amongst themselves, appoint a Sub-Committee Chairperson. The Farm Trial subcommittee shall review the document regarding a Farm Trial program submitted to the SDC on February 15, 2006. The Farm Trial Subcommittee will work on a proposal to present to the entire SDC regarding a new Farm Trial program. The committee shall return a proposal to the SDC within a 6 month time period.

Once the Farm Trial Sub-committee is finished with it's proposal, it shall submit a final draft to the SDC for comments, revisions and approval. The SDC will then follow proper voting procedures and, if approved, send the program on to the BOD's for approval.

Comments: This program is long overdue. Looking back into the archives of the SDC as well as the various Australian Shepherd list groups, considerable discussion regarding a program of this nature has been occurring for well over 4 years. The SDC has proven repeatedly in the past that subcommittees are effective methods for dealing with issues of this nature.

Approve: unanimous. Motion is carried.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

96:17 JR SHOWMANSHIP COMMITTEE

Motion by Hellmeister.

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

We have a motion & second. Motion – Michelle, Second – Heather

I would like to suggest the following motion. I know there is a poll going on, but if we delay, this will not make the ASCA BOD deadline of motion submission by the 15th of

the month. I talked to Jean Miller today. They now print rules as needed at the office, so this change could be incorporated into the 1 June 2006 rulebook, if we act quickly.

I move the following motion be voted on as an emergency motion, with the vote to be required by June 13th.

Effective date: To be included in the 1 June 2006 rulebook.

The following paragraphs are to be deleted from the Junior Handling rule book (located under JUNIOR HANDLING CLASSES):

A Junior would enter NOVICE if he/she had not won three first place ribbons from this class, with competition of 2 or more handlers; nor taken a Best Junior Handler award over OPEN competition.

The Novice classes should be for exhibitors who have never been awarded Best Junior Handler or three (3) first places from the Novice classes in any age group. If a junior has shown in 8-12 Open then they should not move back into the Novice class in 13-17. The Novice classes should be reserved for the true beginners of the sport.

A Junior would enter OPEN if he/she had won three first places from the NOVICE class, with competition of 2 or more handlers; or has taken a Best Junior handler while in the Novice class over the OPEN class.

The above deleted paragraphs will be replaced by the following:

A. Novice: This class will be for Juniors who are at least 8 years old, up to 17 years old as of June 1st of the current ASCA year, who have not, as of the day of the show, won six(6) first place awards, with competition, in a Novice Class at an ASCA-sanctioned show, or who have not won 2 Best Junior Handler awards over competition from the Open Class. Juniors have sixty (60) days after completing either of the above requirements before they are required to move to the Open class. This will allow the Novice handler more time to gain confidence & experience before moving up into the Open classes.

The Novice class will be for exhibitors who are true beginners at the sport of dog shows. Experienced juniors who are new to ASCA, or juniors who feel they are ready to compete in the Open handling class may elect to move up to Open without meeting these requirements; however, once they move up to the Open Class, they may not move back to the Novice Class in any future competitions.

If an 8-12 year junior handler has moved to Open, they may not go back into Novice upon moving to the 13-17 year class.

B. Open: This class will be for those Juniors that have met the qualifications detailed in the previous section or for those Juniors who feel they are ready to compete in the Open Handling ring.

For: Andrew, Bryn, Sherri, Kalla, Myste, Heather, Michelle & Julie Against: Cindy.
Abstain: None Peter will you take the to the BOD?

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

93:19 BOARD POLICIES - 18.3

Motion by Bryant, seconded by DeChant.

I move to delete 18.3 - "Procedure to select a monthly DNA sampling" from the ASCA Policy book. This procedure is now part of the registry rules and no longer needs to be in the policy book.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Utility B

Motion by Hellmeister.

I move to approve the following:

Motion by Sidwell, second by White.

Eliminate Section I as it now stands

Section 1 The Utility A class shall be for dogs which have won the title CDX from ASCA and have not won the UD from any registry. Each dog must be handled by its owner or by a member of his immediate family. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. Obedience judges may not enter or handle dogs in this class.

Section 2 The Utility B class shall be for dogs that have won the title CDX or UD regardless of registry. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Utility A and Utility B classes at any one (1) trial.

Section 3 Utility Exercises and scores

The exercises, maximum scores, and order of judging in the Utility A class are:

Signal Exercise	40 points
Scent Discrimination Article #1	30 points
Scent Discrimination Article #2	30 points
Directed Retrieve	30 points
Moving Stand and Examination	30 points
Directed jumping	40 points

The exercises and order of judging in the Utility B class are:

I

Signal Exercise
Scent Discrimination Article #1
Scent Discrimination Article #2
Directed Retrieve
Moving stand and Examination
Directed Jumping

II

Scent Discrimination Article #1
Scent Discrimination Article #2
Moving Stand and Examination
Signal Exercise
Directed Jumping
Directed Retrieve

III

Directed retrieve
Directed jumping
Scent Discrimination Article #1
Scent Discrimination Article #2
Signal Exercise
Moving stand and Examination

IV

Moving Stand and Examination
Directed Retrieve
Directed jumping
Scent Discrimination Article #1
Scent Discrimination Article #2
Signal Exercise

V

Directed jumping
Signal exercise
Moving Stand and Examination
Directed Retrieve
Scent Discrimination Article #1
Scent Discrimination Article #2

The point totals for each exercise will remain the same. The judge will select the order of exercises to be used and will post it at least thirty (30) minutes before the class is to start.

For: Waller, Case, Sidwell, Franks, Watson, White, and Stoddard. Against: Link, Willems Motion carries.

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

98:15 OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE - Wild Card.

Motion by Hellmeister.

I move to approve the following:

We have a motion by Nancy Watson with a second from Cindy.

I make a motion that we add Wild Card to Chapter 8 Non-Regular Classes and to read as follows:

Wild Card Novice, Open, and Utility:

These classes are for any dog that is capable of performing the Obedience exercises and that is eligible under the Obedience Regulations to compete in ASCA events. Owners may enter more than one dog and dogs in these classes may be handled by the owners or any other person and may be entered in other classes at the trial.

The exercises (Novice, Open, and Utility):

These exercises will be performed and judged according to ASCA Regulations as in the regular class (Novice, Open, and Utility). These exercises will be performed in the same orders at the A class, "except that verbal praise and encouragement during the exercises will not be discouraged or penalized". However, any additional commands to the dog will be penalized. Upon check-in at ringside, the handler will specify to the table steward that exercise in which the handler selects not to perform, which will be indicated on the entrant's score sheet (they do not have to drop an exercise). This choice, when presented to the judge, will excuse them from performing the specified exercise while receiving a perfect score for that exercise.

The exercises, maximum scores, and order of judging in the Wild Card Classes are as described in the ASCA Obedience Regulations.

For: Waller, Case, Sidwell, Franks, Watson, White, and Stoddard. Against: Willems, Link. Motion is approved.

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

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - AgniTEK

Motion by Walter, seconded by Berryessa.

I move to approve the request to purchase software for the ASCA Business Office for backup software. This version will replace the existing backup software which is significantly in need of upgrading. Total cost is \$700.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Desk for Jean.

Motion by Aufox, seconded by Bryant.

I move to approve the purchase of a desk for Jean in the amount of \$395.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Appendix A, Sec 1.

Motion by Bryant.

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

I, Arthur Scott, move (seconded by Ron Schumann) that Appendix A, Section 1- Contact Obstacles, be amended by adding the following at the end of the last paragraph:

The teeter - totter shall be constructed or adjusted so that a three-pound weight placed twelve inches from the end on the raised side will cause the plank to drop to ground level in three seconds or less.

Note: If required, most teeters can be adjusted to meet this criteria by adding weight, temporarily or permanently, to the underside of the descending end.

The effective date of this motion would be September 1, 2006.

Agility Committee voting was unanimous 'yes'

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

04:15 ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE - Sign

Motion by Berryessa, seconded by Aufox.

I move the up to \$750 be allotted to pay for a new sign and the labor to install it for the ASCA office. Attached is an estimate Jean has gotten. Jean and Debbie will coordinated the buying of the sign.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

Other Actions:

Denied a request to allow an exemption from the 18-month age minimum for several Aussies to enter in Agility at the Nationals.

Approved Lisa Potts and Kim Simons to become ASCA® Agility Judges.

Denied approval of an Agility Judge at the recommendation of the Agility Committee.

Appointed to the HOF Committee: Laura Diebold, Region 2, San Diego, CA Member #111168; Gina Larson, Region 2, Salinas CA Member # 101116; Chris Davies, Region 6, Oxford, PA Member #107361; and Robin McNeill, Region 5, Fort Walton Beach, FL Member #205998.

Approved Affiliate Club Bylaw changes for Gateway ASC.

Appointed Rhonda Silveira to the Education Committee.

Appointed Betty Mueller to the Tracking Committee.

Denied a request to waive the Breeder's signature on a Hardship Registration.