

## Secretary's Report

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

May 1-31, 2009

### Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes

#### Monday, May 04, 2009

The May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order at 9:03 PM CDT by President Patrick MacRoberts. Those attending via phone or teleconference were: Michelle Berryessa/First Vice President, Rick Gann/Second Vice President, Mark Westerman/Treasurer (joined meeting at 9:13 PM CDT), Pete Dolan/Secretary, Jerry Aufox/Director, Kristen McNamara/Director and Mary Logue/Executive Secretary. Absent: Chris Davenport/Director.

#### 1) Status Updates

- a. Legislative committee – Aufox: Committee needs more volunteers. Aufox to set up a conference call with committee members to discuss content of ASCA website links and solicit resumes utilizing ASCA\_L
- b. History Committee – McNamara/MacRoberts: Jeanne Joy Hartnagle presently only member of committee. No status update.
- c. Finals Budgeting—Gann; received updated budget from CASA on 5/4; more discussion during week of 5/4 via e-mail.
- d. SNAC reimbursement—Dolan: Dolan hasn't heard back from ASCA<sup>®</sup> lawyer in regards to correspondence sent to Cox Communications; nothing to carry forward during this meeting
- e. Financial Plan Development—Westerman: No forward progress to date; carry forward to June teleconference.
- f. Assignment and Tracking spreadsheet status updates:
  - i. Public Relations position description (from April teleconference): Consensus of Directors in attendance to publish job description in Aussie Times. Executive Secretary will forward job description to member who inquired about the position in February.
  - ii. North American Shepherd Association request: Consensus of Directors in attendance to notify Association of ASCA<sup>®</sup>'s stance of allowing North American Shepherd Association to accept legs/titles earned from ASCA<sup>®</sup> in their program(s).
- g. Aufox completed drafts of a Breeders Code of Ethics and a Judges Code of Ethics and solicited comments from the remaining members of the Ethics Committee (Dolan and MacRoberts).

#### 2) Old Business

- a. Confirmation of e-mail votes taken in March, April.  
Motion: Aufox, second by MacRoberts: Confirmation of e-mail votes taken in March and April. Approve: MacRoberts, McNamara, Aufox, Gann, Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport; Motion is approved.

#### 3) New (Urgent, cannot wait for the regular cycle) Business:

- a. H&G committee ad for the Times – McNamara:  
Motion by McNamara, second by Dolan: I move that ASCA<sup>®</sup> sponsor the ASHGI survey advertisement placement in the July-August Aussie Times as submitted by the H & G committee in color; unless a new signature is needed, in which case, it shall be printed in black and white. Approve: Westerman, McNamara, MacRoberts, Gann, Dolan, Berryessa, Aufox; Non-voting: Davenport; Motion is approved

Motion to adjourn: MacRoberts, second Dolan; Approved: Westerman, Dolan, MacRoberts, McNamara, Gann, Berryessa, Aufox; Non-voting: Davenport; Motion is approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM CDT

/s/ Mary Logue  
Executive Secretary

May 13, 2009  
Date of Approval

## **AFFILIATE CLUB BYLAWS APPROVALS**

Motion by Aufox

I move from the Bylaws Committee that the following Affiliate Club Bylaws be approved by the Board:

09:03 Wild West ASC  
09:08 That'll Do ASC  
09:09 Big Sky ASC  
09:10 First in Flight ASC  
09:11 Great Lakes ASC

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman Non-voting: Davenport  
The motion is approved.

## **4:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE MOTION 9-2009 TIRE JUMP**

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion:

Motion by Sherry, 2nd from Sue, effective August 1, 2009

Approve: Sherry, Sue, Janelle, Krystal, Cynthia, Annelise, Andrea, Betty, Pamela, Allison  
Non-voting: Lisa

I'd like to make the following motion to broaden the description of allowed tire jumps:  
Appendix A - Equipment Specifications

Section 4 - Hurdles/Jumps  
Tire Jump

Current wording

Tire Jump: The tire jump can be constructed two different ways as follows:

A. The tire jump shall be comprised of a framework similar to a non-winged jump and the tire part that will be two parts of a circle. The inside diameter of the `tire' shall be 18" to 24". The top portion of the tire shall be approximately 75-85% of the circle and the lower portion to be 15-25%. Each of these two tire portions is to be a minimum of 4" in diameter, although a 6" diameter is recommended. Each portion is to have a 1" - 1-1/4" piece of PVC or similar material running through as a suspension device placed in jump cups. The side upright framework from which the tire is suspended can be similar to a non-winged jump. The heights of the jump cups shall be located so the lower inside portion of the tire is suspended at the appropriate height (8", 12", 16", 20" and 24"). The jump cups for the upper portion of the tire shall be located so the gap between the upper and lower sections of the tire is as small as possible creating the visual appearance of a complete, circular, tire. There shall be no framework over the top of the tire. The support uprights shall only be wide enough to suspend the tire, but not wide enough to allow a dog to pass between the frame and the tire. Many of the existing non-wing jumps can be used as a tire frame, if the bottom is of the type that uses a PVC pole as a bottom base, in which case a shorter piece of PVC may be used for the bottom. Several equipment manufacturers have made an attachment that can be added to the wings to increase the height of the sides to the appropriate heights for the

upper portion of the tire. The tire is to be suspended such that if the tire is hit by a dog from the side, the bottom, or the top, either the bottom portion or the top portion will be displaced. The material used for the tire shall be black plastic drainpipe or similar material filled with foam to retain its circular shape. The tire not be so heavy enough to cause injury to a dog.

B. The tire jump can consist of a circular object that resembles a tire suspended from a rectangular frame. The inner diameter of the tire' should be 18" to 24". The `tire' should be construed of material with a 4" to 8" diameter. There must be at least 8" between the outside of the tire and the sides of the frame. The frame must be tall enough to accommodate the tire at all the ASCA<sup>®</sup> jump heights. The uprights of the frame shall be secured to the base and the base weighted or secured properly to the running surface to prevent tipping. The jump height of the tire jump is measured from the ground to the lowest point of the inside of the tire opening.

Proposed new wording:

Tire Jump: The tire jump may be either non-displaceable or displaceable. The inner diameter of the tire shall be 18" to 24" and the tire shall have the ability to be positioned to each of the ASCA<sup>®</sup> jump heights. The jump height of the tire jump is measured from the ground to the lowest point of the inside of the tire opening. The tire shall not be so heavy as to cause injury to a dog because of its weight. A. Non-displaceable tire. The tire jump shall consist of a circular object that resembles a tire suspended from a rectangular frame. The tire shall be construed of material with a 4" to 8" diameter. There must be at least 8" between the outside of the tire and the sides of the frame. The uprights of the frame shall be secured to the base and the base weighted or secured properly to the running surface to prevent tipping.

B. Displaceable tire. The tire is to be suspended such that if the tire is hit by a dog; the bottom, top or side portion(s) will displace or spread apart. The side supports shall only be wide enough to suspend the tire, but not wide enough to allow a dog to pass between the frame and the tire. The displaceable tire jump may be constructed in two ways:

1. The tire jump shall be comprised of a rectangular frame and a two part circular tire. The bottom portion shall displace or spread apart, but shall not present a hazard to the dog and will not cause the frame to turn over. The material used for the tire shall be comprised of a plywood/foam sandwich or similar lightweight material so that the tire will retain its circular shape and still be very lightweight and easily displaceable. The tire is to be suspended by a method that can be easily adjusted for all jump heights.

2. The tire jump shall be comprised of a framework similar to a non-winged jump and the tire part that will be two parts of a circle. The top portion of the tire shall be approximately 75-85% of the circle and the lower portion to be 15-25%. Each portion is to have a 1" - 1-1/4" piece of PVC or similar material running through as a suspension device placed in jump cups. The side upright framework from which the tire is suspended can be similar to a non-winged jump. The jump cups for the upper portion of the tire shall be located so the gap between the upper and lower sections of the tire is as small as possible creating the visual appearance of a complete, circular, tire. There shall be no framework over the top of the tire and the tire shall be constructed of lightweight materials.

Approve: Afox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman Non-voting: Davenport  
The motion is approved.

#### **4:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE MOTION 10-2009 COURSE REVIEW CLARIFICATION**

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion:

Motion by Ally, Sue seconded. Effective date August 1, 2009

Yes - Ally, Sue, Sherry, Janelle, Cynthia, Lisa, Andrea, Betty, Pamela Non-voting - Annelise, Krystal

Motion passes

Appendix C, section 5.6 currently reads:

Each time a Judge uses courses for an ASCA<sup>®</sup> sanctioned trial, the courses must be approved by the assigned Course Reviewer. Judges must receive approval for all courses from the Course Reviewer.

Replace entire section with:

5.6. Each time a Judge uses courses for an ASCA<sup>®</sup> sanctioned trial, the courses must be approved by the assigned Course Reviewer prior to the trial. Judges may reuse previously designed and approved courses. Any courses that are reused are not permitted to be used for trials that are located within 200 miles from the location where previously used. Previously approved courses are not automatically approved for future trials. Prior to the trial, all courses, whether new or previously used, must be sent to the assigned Course Reviewer for approval each time they are used.

Appendix D, paragraph 1 currently reads:

1. Effective January 1, 2006, all agility courses used in Agility Trials for which ASCA<sup>®</sup> is the sole or primary sanctioning organization must receive an ASCA<sup>®</sup> course review to ensure consistency with the ASCA<sup>®</sup> Agility Philosophy of safe, flowing courses with challenges appropriate to the intended levels. Prior to the mandatory implementation date, voluntary implementation of course review is strongly encouraged. ASCA<sup>®</sup> is considered the "primary sanctioning organization" for dual-sanctioned trials with another organization, whenever it is agreed that the ASCA<sup>®</sup> Agility Rules and Regulations will take precedence, in cases of conflict, over the rules and regulations of the other organization.

Replace Appendix D paragraph #1 with the following:

1. All agility courses used in Agility Trials for which ASCA<sup>®</sup> is the sole or primary sanctioning organization must receive an ASCA<sup>®</sup> course review to ensure consistency with the ASCA<sup>®</sup> Agility philosophy of safe, flowing courses with challenges appropriate to the intended levels.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman Non-voting: Davenport  
The motion is approved.

## **09:12 MEMBERSHIP RETENTION SURVEY**

Motion by McNamara Second by MacRoberts

I move the following:

ASCA<sup>®</sup> will purchase a yearly subscription to SurveyMonkey (\$200/yr) and ConstantContact (\$30/month) to administrate the attached membership retention survey online. Emails shall be mined from the ASCA database in order to contact expired/expiring members. Hardcopy notices will be sent out with second renewal notices advising expiring members of the online survey availability. The results will be reported on at the Fall Board Meeting and the process shall be revisited then for continuation or revision of the program.

Comment:

The Strategic Planning Committee has developed a survey for those members that have not renewed their membership in 2008. What this survey is intended to do is to find the reasoning behind those members not renewing and to give the Board tools at hand to possibly change some things that will help to lower these numbers. The contact would be made by email only to minimize the fiscal impact on ASCA<sup>®</sup>.

Approve: Dolan, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman; Disapprove: Aufox; Abstain: Berryessa, Gann; Non-voting: Davenport  
The motion is approved.

## **99:02 HOF COMMITTEE MOTION - HOFX SIRES/DAMS**

Motion by Gann

Anne Shope moves to accept the following for HOFX sires/dams second by Cheri Preciado Effective: January 1, 2010:

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Titles counting are:

Conformation: A-CH, CH

Stock: OTDc, OTDs, ATDd

Excellence: WTCH, ATCH, OTCH, VCH, SVCH, PCH, SPCH

Sires: Offspring must have a total of twelve titles as follows: A minimum of nine titles must come from the conformation or stock categories (singular or in combination). The remaining three titles required may come from more conformation or more stock or from the excellence category.

Bitches: Offspring must have a total of eight titles. A minimum of six titles as noted above must come from the conformation or stock categories (singular or in combination). The remaining two titles required may come from more conformation or more stock or from the excellence category.

**PLACEMENT:** HOF Rulebook following HOFX kennel/breeder, Website, and Aussie Times if passed.

This is the end of the motion and clauses that accompany it. I do have a comment for yours and the Board's consideration:

**COMMENT:** An application form must be completed. Applicants may attach copies of proof of titles, copies of the recap of titles from the ASCA<sup>®</sup> website which can be obtained under "My ASCA<sup>®</sup> Membership", or pay the Office a fee (to be established) to research titles.

7-YES Anne, Gina, Cheri, Sharon, Anneke, Cheryl, Dorothy; 2 NO Robin, Chris  
**MOTION APPROVED**

Approve: Aufox, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara; Disapprove: Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.

The motion is approved.

## **99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR MARJA TEEGLEBECKERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE TRACKING COMMITTEE**

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept Marja Teegelbeckers from region 7 for the Tracking Committee.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman Non-voting: Davenport  
The motion is approved.

## **99:10 TRACKING MOTION 11-09 CHANGES TO JUDGES BOOK**

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept the following motion from the Tracking committee:

Motion 11-09

This motion has passed the committee.

Voting in favor of this motion are: Linda Gray, Betty Mueller, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Celeste Kelly, Margaret Abrahamson, Renea Dahms, Jan Wesen, Carol McQuade, Becky Parker, Susan Schroeder, and Angela Rector; Opposed: none; Abstain: none; Not Voting: Anne Hershey and Craig Bohren.

11-09

I, Jan Wesen, move, and seconded by Celeste Kelly, that we replace the current Judge's Book with the following.

A cover sheet that will change to read (see below), the judge's map/chart forms, and add a Tracking Test report to be prepared by the Tracking Test Secretary, but which will be signed by the Tracking Judges and attached to the Cover Sheet and map chart forms for each test. This Tracking Test report will be a form in triplicate that can be used to post as a results form at Specialties.

Note: Currently the Tracking test report form is a form that is filled out by the Tracking Test Secretary and sent to the office.

### Tracking Test Report Form

This form must be mailed to the ASCA Business Office within fifteen (15) days of the Test date.

Affiliate Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Location (city, state): \_\_\_\_\_  
Test Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Secretary e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Competing Dogs in: TD \_\_\_\_\_ TDU \_\_\_\_\_ TDX \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### List all dogs that have PASSED

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Official Catalog: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Handler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Handler \_\_\_\_\_

(Note to committee: this info is repeated for as many times as is needed) The office should set this up so that it has at least 13 slots.

Signature of Person Responsible for this Report: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sanction #: \_\_\_\_\_

Judges, please confirm this list of passing dogs and sign below.

Judge's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed new one page cover sheet (all tests) Judge's Book: Note that this eliminates the entire center section describing the Test which is already updated in the Regulations and need not be repeated here to save space.

### Judge's Book for Tracking Tests

Test Level (check one): Tracking Dog/TD \_\_\_ Tracking Dog Urban/TDU \_\_\_ Tracking Dog Excellent/TDX \_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Test: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of dogs to be judged: \_\_\_\_\_

Catalog Numbers of all dogs entered in this Test including alternates and absentees:

\_\_\_\_\_

Catalog Number of dogs passing this Test:\_\_\_\_\_

Please attach to this cover sheet, the Tracking Test report form signed by the judge for each Test, and a copy of each map/chart form from each Track.

Procedure for all Judges to follow:

Please complete the following:

1. Please fill out the Judge's Book Cover Sheet. Include in the list of dogs entered in the this test, the list of catalogue numbers for all entrants, alternates, and absentees.

2. Please attach a completed map/chart from each track to this Judge's book

On each map/chart form:

Each Judge will mark the track is to be charted (mapped) in a solid line on his/her map.

Each Judge will mark the course taken by the dog in a broken line on his/her own map.

A separate chart/map must be prepared in the same manner for each track.

3. Attach a copy of the Tracking Test report form listing all passing dogs.

4. The Judge alone must mark this Book. Under no circumstances can this be done by the Test Secretary or anyone else.

5. The Judge must sign his/her name where required to Certify that judging has been made in accordance with the above requirements.

Signature of the Judge\_\_\_\_\_

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman Non-voting: Davenport

The motion is approved.

### **99:10 TRACKING MOTION 12-09 CLUBS MAY HOST MORE THAN ONE TRACKING EVENT PER DAY**

Motion by Berryessa

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

Motion 12-09

Voting in favor of this motion are: Linda Gray, Betty Mueller, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Celeste Kelly, Margaret Abrahamson, Renea Dahms, Jan Wesen, Carol McQuade, Becky Parker, Susan Schroeder, and Angela Rector; Opposed: none; Abstain: none; Not Voting: Anne Hershey and Craig Bohren.

12—09

I, Celeste Kelly, and seconded by Jan Wesen, move that we change this paragraph in Section 1.1 to read, effective June 1, 09,

Change to read:

Only ASCA<sup>®</sup> Affiliate Clubs, in good standing, may sanction ASCA<sup>®</sup> events. A "type of event" is defined as Conformation or Obedience or Stockdog Trial or Tracking or Agility. An ASCA<sup>®</sup> Affiliate club may host more than one TRACKING event per day.

Tracking rules now:

Only ASCA® Affiliate Clubs, in good standing, may sanction and conduct ASCA® events. Only one type of event may be held in each state or area (in those states divided into areas). A "type of event" is defined as Conformation or Obedience or Stock dog Trial or Tracking or Agility. Same "type" of events would not be allowed to occur, such as more than one Conformation event per day per area.

a. California is divided into three (3) areas: from the Mexican border north to the city of Ventura, from Ventura north to San Jose, from San Jose north to Oregon. Nevada is divided into two (2) areas: From the southernmost border, North to Highway 6, North to the Oregon and Idaho borders.

b. Alaska Affiliates may have .....

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman Non-voting: Davenport  
The motion is approved.

## **99:10 TRACKING MOTION 13-09 SANCTIONING**

Motion by Berryessa

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

This is Motion 13-09

Voting in favor of this motion are: Linda Gray, Betty Mueller, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Celeste Kelly, Margaret Abrahamson, Renea Dahms, Jan Wesen, Carol McQuade, Becky Parker, Susan Schroeder, and Angela Rector; Opposed: none; Abstain: none; Not Voting: Anne Hershey and Craig Bohren.

13-09

I, Celeste Kelly, and seconded by Linda Gray, move that we change the second to the last paragraph in Section 1.1 to read:

### **Sanctioning**

ASCA® Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA® and wish to hold a Tracking Test at which tracking titles may be awarded, must make application to ASCA® on the form provided for permission to hold such test(s). This request for sanctioning must be sent to the ASCA® Business Office and must be dated/postmarked (hand canceled/legible) at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date or dates of the test. The ASCA® Business Office will confirm or deny the requested date within fifteen (15) days of receipt of paperwork. The club is responsible to see that all official test forms are submitted. A sanction fee set by the office shall be submitted with the application.

Show rules:

### **1 SANCTIONING**

a. Prior request for sanctioning must be sent to the ASCA® Business Office and must be dated/postmarked (hand canceled/legible) at least ninety (90) days prior to the date or dates of the show. The ASCA® Business Office will confirm or deny the requested date within fifteen (15) days of receipt of paperwork. The club is responsible to see that all official show forms are submitted. (See SECTION 3.3 & SECTION 3.4)

### **Current Tracking rules**

ASCA® Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA® and wish to hold a Tracking Test at which tracking titles may be awarded, must make application to ASCA® on the form provided for permission to hold such test(s). These applications must be submitted and postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the event. A sanction fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per test shall be submitted with the application.

Comment: This is a porting of a show reg to the Tracking regs, and making a fixed fee change to generic fee so that we do not have to change 25 in the future when the office changes the fee structure.

## **99:10 TRACKING MOTION 14-09 CHANGES TO SECTION 1.3 AND CHAPTER 8**

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking committee motion

Motion 14-09

Voting in favor of this motion are: Linda Gray, Betty Mueller, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Celeste Kelly, Margaret Abrahamson, Renea Dahms, Jan Wesen, Carol McQuade, Becky Parker, Susan Schroeder, and Angela Rector; Opposed: none; Abstain: none; Not Voting: Anne Hershey and Craig Bohren.

14-09

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Margaret Abrahamson, that we change Section 1.3 to 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 (3) (1-09) 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 any Tracking Tests.(1-09) 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 (3) (1-09) members of the Tracking Test Committee shall be present throughout the test. The Test Secretary must be on the show grounds for the entire 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.

The Test Committees will be held responsible for the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions throughout the precincts of the judging area during all hours when dogs are permitted to be present.

The Test Committee may decline any entries or may remove any dog(s) or person(s) from its show for cause, but in each such instance shall file good and sufficient reasons for so doing with ASCA<sup>®</sup> Business Office within seven (7) days of the close of the Test. Any person acting in the capacity of Test Secretary, or persons responsible for contacting and/or hiring a judge, or judges, shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the Test. Dogs owned wholly or in part by the above may be exhibited at the show. Any person acting in the capacity of judge at a Test shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the Test.

Show Committee shall consist of the Test Secretary and club's officers present at the show unless otherwise stated in the flyer or premium list. Test Committees shall be held responsible for the enforcement of all rules and regulations relating to shows and the exhibiting of dogs, and must provide themselves with a copy of the ASCA<sup>®</sup> Tracking Rules and Regulations.

### **CHAPTER 8 SHOW COMMITTEES**

SECTION 8.1 Show Committee consists of the Show Secretary and club's officers present at the show unless otherwise stated in the flyer or premium list.

SECTION 8.2 Show Committees shall be held responsible for the enforcement of all rules and regulations relating to shows and the exhibiting of dogs, and must provide themselves with a copy of the ASCA<sup>®</sup> Show Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 8.4 The Show Committees will be held responsible for the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions throughout the precincts of the judging area during all hours when dogs are permitted to be present.

SECTION 8.5 Any person acting in the capacity of Show Secretary, Ring Steward or persons responsible for contacting and/or hiring a judge, or judges, shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the show. Dogs owned wholly or in part by the above may be exhibited at the show. Any person acting in the capacity of judge at a show shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the show.

SECTION 8.6 The Show Committee may decline any entries or may remove any dog(s) or person(s) from its show for cause, but in each such instance shall file good and sufficient reasons for so doing with ASCA<sup>®</sup> Business Office within seven (7) days of the close of the show.

SECTION 8.7 The Show Secretary must be on the show grounds for the entire show.

Tracking regs now

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 (3) (1- 09) 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 any Tracking Tests.(1-09) 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 (3) (1-09) 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.

This is a porting of a show reg to the Tracking regs, and making a fixed fee change to generic fee so that we do not have to change 25 in the future when the office changes the fee structure.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara; Disapprove: Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.

The motion is approved.

### **99:10 TRACKING MOTION 15-09 CHANGE TO SECTION 1.17, REMOVAL OF SECTION 10.2 & 10.5**

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking committee motion:

Motion 15-09

Voting in favor of this motion are: Linda Gray, Betty Mueller, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Celeste Kelly, Margaret Abrahamson, Renea Dahms, Jan Wesen, Carol McQuade, Becky Parker, Susan Schroeder, and Angela Rector; Opposed: none; Abstain: none; Not Voting: Anne Hershey and Craig Bohren

15-09

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Margaret Abrahamson, that we change the following Section 1.17 of the Tracking regs to read:

#### Section 1.17 Ribbons and Prizes

If ribbons or prizes are offered at Tracking Tests, they shall be awarded only to dogs, which pass the test. Such ribbons or rosettes shall be dark green, at least two (2) inches wide, approximately eight (8) inches long and shall bear on its face the words, "Tracking Test", the name of the test-giving club .The ASCA® logo may be used in awards offered by an ASCA® affiliate hosting a sanctioned show, trial, or agility competition.

If an ineligible dog has been entered in any Tracking Test, 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 Tracking Test 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®.

If the award of a dog shall be canceled by ASCA®, the owner of the dog shall return all ribbons and prizes to the Tracking Test giving club within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice of the cancellation from ASCA®. The Tracking Test giving club shall in each instance of failure to comply with this rule notify forthwith ASCA® of such failure and ASCA® upon receipt of such notice shall suspend the exhibitor so in default from all privileges of ASCA® and notify the exhibitor so in default that it has done so. Said suspension shall continue until ASCA® is notified that restitution has been made.

Tracking regs now

#### Section 1.17 Ribbons and Prizes

If ribbons or prizes are offered at Tracking Tests, they shall be awarded only to dogs, which pass the test. Such ribbons or rosettes shall be dark green, at least two (2) inches wide, approximately eight (8) inches long and shall bear on its face the words, "Tracking Test", the name of the test-giving club .The ASCA® logo may be used in awards offered by an ASCA® affiliate hosting a sanctioned show, trial, or agility competition.

Show rules

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.

SECTION 10.5 If the win of a dog shall be canceled by ASCA®, the owner of the dog shall return all ribbons and prizes to the show giving club within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice of the cancellation from ASCA®. The show giving club shall in each instance of failure to comply with this rule notify forthwith ASCA® of such failure and ASCA® upon receipt of such notice shall suspend the exhibitor so in default from all privileges of ASCA® and notify the exhibitor so in default that it has done so. Said suspension shall continue until ASCA® is notified that restitution has been made.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.  
The motion is approved.

### **99:10 TRACKING MOTION 16-09 CHANGES TO SECTIONS 2.9 & 10.3**

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking committee motion:

Motion 16-09

Voting in favor of this motion are: Linda Gray, Betty Mueller, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Celeste Kelly, Margaret Abrahamson, Renea Dahms, Jan Wesen, Carol McQuade, Becky Parker, Susan Schroeder, and Angela Rector; Opposed: none; Abstain: none; Not Voting: Anne Hershey and Craig Bohren.

16-09

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Maria Kremers, that we change Section 2.9 to add a new first paragraph. It will read as follows:

#### Section 2.9. Drawing for the Run Order of Tracks

Prior to the Draw, the Test Secretary shall ask all entrants to check all of the information regarding their entry. If the catalogue and/or the judge's book of any show shall, by error or mistake, set forth any information contrary to the information which appears on the entry form of the dog for that Test, the Test Committee and Test Secretary of the Tracking Test, upon request of the owner or handler of said dog prior to the judging, shall correct the entry in the Judge's book and in the marked catalogue to be sent to the ASCA<sup>®</sup> Business Office and said dog may compete in the Tracking Test/s and for all prizes for which its entry form discloses it was entered.

At the time of the Draw, The Test Secretary, with one or both of the Judges present, will assemble the participants just prior to starting time, for a drawing by lot of the assigned catalog numbers to determine the order of running for each participant. Once the numbers have been drawn, they may not be exchanged except under unusual circumstances and only with the Judge's approval. Any such exchanges must be fully reported in the Judge's Books.

Show regs

SECTION 10.3 If the catalogue and/or the judge's book of any show shall, by error or mistake, set forth any information contrary to the information which appears on the entry form of the dog for that show, the Show Committees and/or the Show Secretary of the show, upon request of the owner or handler of said dog prior to the judging, shall correct the entry in the Judge's book and in the marked catalogue to be sent to the ASCA<sup>®</sup> Business Office and said dog may compete in all classes and for all prizes for which its entry form discloses it was entered.

Tracking regs now

Section 2.9 Drawing for the Run Order of Tracks The Test Secretary, with one or both of the Judges present, will assemble the participants just prior to starting time, for a drawing by lot of the assigned catalog numbers to determine the order of running for each participant. Once the numbers have been drawn, they may not be exchanged except under unusual circumstances and only with the Judge's approval. Any such exchanges must be fully reported in the Judge's Books.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.  
The motion is approved.

### **99:10 TRACKING MOTION 17-09 CHANGES TO SECTIONS 1.8 & 9.6**

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking committee motion:

Motion 17-09

Voting in favor of this motion are: Linda Gray, Betty Mueller, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Celeste Kelly, Margaret Abrahamson, Renea Dahms, Jan Wesen, Carol McQuade, Becky Parker, Susan Schroeder, and Angela Rector; Opposed: none; Abstain: none; Not Voting: Anne Hershey and Craig Bohren.

17-09

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Maria Kremers, that we change section 1.8. Disqualification and Ineligibility, to read:

**Section 1.8 Disqualification and Ineligibility.**

A dog that is blind 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 Tracking Test (1-09) and must be disqualified. Blind means without useful vision. A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because it has been spayed or neutered, or because it has had the removal of dewclaws and/or docking of tail. When a judge finds any of these condition for disqualification in any dog he is judging, he shall disqualify the dog marking his book "Disqualified" and stating the reason. He shall not obtain the opinion of the Tracking Test veterinarian. When a dog has been disqualified under this rule, Tracking awards earned by that dog at Tracking Test shall be canceled by ASCA<sup>®</sup> and the dog may not again be tested unless and until, following application by the owner to ASCA<sup>®</sup>, the owner has received official notification from ASCA<sup>®</sup> that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated.

Tracking rules now:

**Section 1.8 Disqualification and Ineligibility**

A dog that is blind 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 Tracking Test (1-09) and must be disqualified. Blind means without useful vision.

Show rules now

**SECTION 9.6** A dog which is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, had a vasectomy, or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the breed standard, or a male over 6 months of age which does not have two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete at any show in the Intact Conformation Program and will be disqualified. A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because of removal of dewclaws and/or docking of tail. When a judge finds any of these conditions in any dog he is judging, he shall disqualify the dog marking his book "Disqualified" and stating the reason. He shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian. When a dog has been disqualified under this rule or under the Breed Standard, awards earned by that dog at that show shall be canceled by ASCA<sup>®</sup> and the dog may not again be shown unless and until, following application by the owner to ASCA<sup>®</sup>, the owner has received official notification from ASCA<sup>®</sup> that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated. A castrated male or one that has had a vasectomy may be entered as the Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class, or other Non-Regular classes, or in the Altered Conformation Program. A spayed bitch may be entered as Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class, or other Non-Regular classes, or in the Altered Conformation program.

Approve: Afox; Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, McNamara, Westerman; Disapprove: MacRoberts; Non-voting: Davenport.

The motion is approved.

**99:10 TRACKING MOTION 18-09 CHANGES TO SECTION 3.2**

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking Committee motion:

Motion 18-09

Voting in favor of this motion are: Linda Gray, Betty Mueller, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Celeste Kelly, Margaret Abrahamson, Renea Dahms, Jan Wesen, Carol McQuade, Becky Parker, Susan Schroeder, and Angela Rector; Opposed: none; Abstain: none; Not Voting: Anne Hershey and Craig Bohren.

18-09

I, Celeste Kelly, move, and seconded by Maria Kremers,, that we change the following reg, Section 3.2, first paragraph to read:

Tracking titles earned from other registries, on tracks of the same or greater distance and difficulty as required for an ASCA<sup>®</sup> TD track or TDU track (1-09) can be substituted for an ASCA<sup>®</sup> certification if the title has been earned on the entered dog. A copy of the title must be submitted with the entry.

Tracking rules now Section 3.2 Certification

Tracking titles earned from other registries, on tracks of the same or greater distance and difficulty as required for an ASCA<sup>®</sup> TD track or TDU track (1-09) can be substituted for an ASCA<sup>®</sup> certification if the title has been earned on the entered dog within the last three years. A copy of the title must be submitted with the entry.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.  
The motion is approved.

### **99:10 TRACKING MOTION 19-09 CHANGES TO SECTION 1.2, 1.18 & 3.2**

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept the following Tracking committee motion:

Motion 19-09

Voting in favor of this motion are:

Linda Gray, Betty Mueller, Meghan Rosenstengel, Maria Kremers, Celeste Kelly, Margaret Abrahamson, Renea Dahms, Jan Wesen, Carol McQuade, Becky Parker, Susan Schroeder, and Angela Rector; Opposed: none; Abstain: none; Not Voting: Anne Hershey and Craig Bohren.

19-09

I, Meghan Rosenstengel, move, and seconded by \_Renea Dahms,, that we change the following parts of Section 1.2, 1.18 and 3.2 of the Tracking rules and regulation as follows.

Change this section to read: (Changes underlined and bolded)

**\*Section 1.2. Tracking and Tracking Dog Excellent Tests. \***

Paragraph 4

It must be stated in the premium list that priority will be given to ASCA<sup>®</sup> registered Australian Shepherds with a \*\_judge's certification or an equivalent title from another venue \_\*that do not have a Tracking Dog title when drawing for entries at a TD test.

Paragraph 6

The Affiliate Club must provide at the Tracking test, catalogs, or a typewritten listing of each entered dog and each alternate. The catalog or listing must contain all of the identifying information that normally appears in a dog show catalog. The identifying information must include the name of the certifying Judge and the date of the certification for every dog requiring certification prior to entry in a Tracking Test. The Affiliate Club shall

retain the entries (and certifications) for six (6) months following the test. \*\_If a dog is not certified or does not have an equivalent title from another venue, the catalog shall say, "Not Certified".\_\*

This is how this section read now:

\*Section 1.2. Tracking and Tracking Dog Excellent Tests. \*

Paragraph 4

It must be stated in the premium list that priority will be given to ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds that do not have a Tracking Dog title when drawing for entries at a TD test.

Paragraph 6

The Affiliate Club must provide at the Tracking test, catalogs or a typewritten listing of each entered dog and each alternate. The catalog or listing must contain all of the identifying information that normally appears in a dog show catalog. The identifying information must include the name of the certifying Judge and the date of the certification for every dog requiring certification prior to entry in a Tracking Test. The Affiliate Club shall retain the entries (and certifications) for six (6) months following the test.

Change this section to read: (Changes underlined and bolded)

\*Section 1.18. Drawing for Entries and Alternates List. \*

Paragraph 5

The drawing shall be at random from all entries received, except that for a Tracking Dog (TD) Test, priority in the draw for test entry shall be given in the following order:

1. To non-titled ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds \*\_with a judge's certification or an equivalent title\_\*
2. To non-titled dogs with ASCA® tracking numbers \*\_with a judge's certification or an equivalent title\_\*
3. To titled ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds
4. To titled dogs with ASCA® tracking numbers
- \*\_5. To ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds without a Judge's certification or equivalent title\_\*
- \*\_6. To dogs with ASCA® tracking numbers without a judge's certification or equivalent title\_\*

Paragraph 9

When a versatility competition is offered in conjunction with a tracking test, the order of draw shall be:

1. To untitled (in Tracking) ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds \*\_with a judge's certification or an equivalent title\_\*
2. To titled ASCA® registered Aussies who are entered in the versatility competition
3. To untitled dogs with ASCA® tracking numbers \*\_with a judge's certification or an equivalent title\_\*

4. To titled ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds

5. To titled dogs with ASCA® tracking numbers

\*\_6. To ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds without a Judge's certification or equivalent title\_\*

\*\_7. To dogs with ASCA® tracking numbers without a judge's certification or equivalent title\_\*

#### Paragraph 11

Following the draw, the Test Secretary shall promptly contact all entrants and advise them of the outcome. Alternates shall be given the option to accept or decline being placed on the alternate list. Those who accept shall be placed on the alternates list in the order in which they were drawn. Those who opt to decline shall have their entry fees (and \*\_any\_\* certification) returned after the Test Secretary has completed the test, within 7 days of the test. Any other conditions under which the entry fees are returned to entrants or alternates shall be so stated in the premium list.

This is how this section reads now:

\*Section 1.18. Drawing for Entries and Alternates List. \*

#### Paragraph 5

The drawing shall be at random from all entries received, except that for a Tracking Dog (TD) Test, priority in the draw for test entry shall be given in the following order:

1. To non-titled ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds,
2. To non-titled dogs with ASCA® tracking numbers,
3. To TD titled ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds
4. To TD titled dogs with ASCA® tracking numbers

#### Paragraph 9

When a versatility competition is offered in conjunction with a tracking test, the order of draw shall be:

1. To untitled (in Tracking) ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds.
2. To titled ASCA® registered Aussies who are entered in the versatility competition.
3. To untitled dogs with ASCA® tracking numbers.
4. To titled ASCA® registered Australian Shepherds
5. To titled dogs with ASCA® tracking numbers

#### Paragraph 11

Following the draw, the Test Secretary shall promptly contact all entrants and advise them of the outcome. Alternates shall be given the option to accept or decline being placed on the alternate list. Those who accept shall be placed on the alternates list in the order in which they were drawn. Those who opt to decline shall have their entry fees (and certification) returned after the Test Secretary has completed the test, within 7 days of the test. Any other conditions under which the entry fees are returned to entrants or alternates shall be so stated in the premium list.

Change this section to read: (Changes underlined and bolded)

**\*Section 3.2. Certification \***

**Paragraph 1**

A written statement **\*\_may\_\*** accompany each entry for a Tracking Test for any dog that has not previously passed an Australian Shepherd Club of America Tracking Test/TD. This statement must be dated within one year of the date the test is to be held, signed by a person approved (or Provisional Tracking Judge) by ASCA<sup>®</sup> to judge Tracking Tests, and must certify that the dog has satisfactorily performed a certification test. **\*\_Preference in the drawing for entries and alternates list will be given those entries accompanied by this statement.\_\***

**Paragraph 6 (Typo correction)**

Judges who wish to enter in a Tracking Test/TD are subject to the same requirements as other entrants. Judges shall not provide certification to any dog owned wholly **\*\_or\_\*** in part by them.

This is how this section read now:

**\*Section 3.2. Certification. \***

**Paragraph 1**

A written statement must accompany each entry for a Tracking Test for any dog that has not previously passed an Australian Shepherd Club of America Tracking Test/TD. This statement must be dated within one year of the date the test is to be held, signed by a person approved (or Provisional Tracking Judge) by ASCA<sup>®</sup> to judge Tracking Tests, and must certify that the dog has satisfactorily performed a certification test.

**Paragraph 6**

Judges who wish to enter in a Tracking Test/TD are subject to the same requirements as other entrants. Judges shall not provide certification to any dog owned wholly or in part by them.

Comments: This motion will allow uncertified dogs to enter ASCA<sup>®</sup> Tracking tests if all of the available slots are not filled by certified or previously titled dogs. We feel this will help the affiliates fill their tests and cover their expenses. It may also serve as an introduction to ASCA<sup>®</sup> Tracking for people who would not otherwise enter our events. This will increase interest and participation in the program.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.  
The motion is approved.

**99:10 TRACKING MOTION 20-09 TDU MAP**

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept the following motion from the tracking committee:

ER Motion 20-09

Linda Gray, Maria Kremers, Jan Wesen, Celeste Kelly, Betty Mueller, Renea Dahms, Angela Rector, Becky Parker, Carol McQuade, Margaret Abrahamson, Meghan Rosenstengel, and Susan Schroeder; Opposed: none; Abstain: none; Not Voting: Anne Hershey and Craig Bohren.

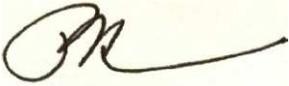
20-09

I, Celeste Kelly, and seconded by Linda Gray, move that we include the TDU map located in the yahoo file, into the regs in the map/chart section. (Note: this map is located in the Files Section of the Tracking Committee Yahoo Group site.

This is an ER Motion to get this map into the June update of the regs.)

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dolan, Gann, MacRoberts, McNamara, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.  
The motion is approved.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PD', is written over a light yellow rectangular highlight.

Pete Dolan