

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.

November 1 – November 30, 2006

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE - Sec. 2.6.4.2. Awards.

Motion by Bryant.

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

Motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 nonvoting.

Below are a few misc. items that needed to be cleaned up or clarified in the rulebook.

The effective date is April 1, 2007.

Item 1: Section 2.6.4.2 Awards for High in Levels (Novice, Open, Elite) and High in Trial Paragraph d) reads: In the event of a tie for HITQ-points, the following procedures shall be used for breaking the tie. First tie breaker: The dog with the fastest combined YPS in all rounds of the regular classes will be declared the winner.

Change to: In the event of a tie for HITQ-points, the following procedures shall be used for breaking the tie. First tie breaker: The dog with the fastest combined YPS in all rounds of the regular classes **in which qualifying scores were earned** will be declared the winner.

Rationale: Although it is assumed that the YPS tiebreaker will be used only on qualifying rounds, it was not specified.

Item 2.

Chapter 5, Section 5.1.3 - Scoring - Obstacle Faults

Paragraph (E) Missed Weave Pole (one or more) - 20 Faults (Regular Agility)

Change header to: (E) Weave Poles - Failure to complete in continuous motion - 20 Faults (Regular Agility)

Rationale: during the judges exam it was brought up that the heading of the paragraph wasn't entirely accurate.

Item 4:

Chapter 6, Section 6.1 - Regular Agility Class - Obstacle Requirements

1st sentence reads: The minimum number of obstacles allowed for any course is 14 and the maximum number of obstacles to be used is 20.

Change to: The minimum number of obstacles allowed for any **regular** course is **13** and the maximum number of obstacles to be used is 20.

Rationale: change the minimum number of obstacles from **14** to **13** to align with the course design guidelines for the novice level of 13-17 obstacles.

Item 5:

Chapter 8 - Agility Finals

Section 2 Eligibility Paragraph 7, 3rd & 4th sentences read:

A rug or tarp will be brought out to the start line and the dog will be placed on the rug or tarp to begin her run. Bitches in heat will also wear panties during their run.

Change to: A rug or tarp (**to be provided by the host club**) will be brought out to the start line and the dog will be placed on the rug or tarp to begin her run. Bitches in heat will also wear panties (**to be provided by exhibitor**) during their run.

Chapter 9 - Agility National Specialties

Section 2 Bitches in Heat

Same changes to the 3rd and 4th sentences as listed above.

Rationale: to clarify who is to provide these items at Nationals and Finals.

Directors voting: Approve: Hellmeister, McNamara, MacRoberts, Stevens, Gray, Berryessa, DeChant and Bryant. Disapprove: Walter. Motion is approved.

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE -Ch. 8, Sec. 2 Eligibility

Motion by Bryant.

I move to accept the following recommendation from the agility committee

This motion passed with 6 yes votes, 2 non voting. This motion just clarifies what was assumed, but not stated when the service membership was developed. This motion will take effect on April 1, 2007.

Revise Chapter 8 Section 2 Eligibility

Current:

1. Eligible dogs will be ASCA registered Australian Shepherds whose owners are ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the finals as well as during the finals.

Insert "or LEP Australian Shepherds" and the word "full" and change to:

1. Eligible dogs will be ASCA or LEP registered Australian Shepherds whose owners are full ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the finals as well as during the finals.

Merit List Eligibility Clarification

Appendix B Agility Merit Program, item 5

Current:

5. Eligible dogs will be ASCA registered or LEP Australian Shepherds whose owners are current ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the current merit year.

Insert the word FULL and change to:

5 Eligible dogs will be ASCA registered or LEP Australian Shepherds whose owners are full ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the current merit program year.

Rational: Provides clarification within the agility rules that service membership is not sufficient for an invitation to Finals and that LEP dogs ARE eligible (which mirrors the language currently in the merit rules).

Directors voting: Approve: MacRoberts, Stevens, Berryessa, DeChant, Hellmeister and Bryant. Disapprove: McNamara and Walter. Abstain: Gray.

Motion is approved.

00:20 REGISTRY RULES - HARDSHIP RULES.

Motion by Hellmeister, second by Gray.

I move to delete the last sentence on page two of the Hardship Registration Application ("The Owner's of any dog whose application for Hardship Registration is refused may appeal to the ASCA Board of Directors.")

Comment: It does not make sense to have strict requirements for the Hardship registration in place and then bypass those after initial denial of the app by allowing an appeal, even if those are decided on a case by case basis. By offering an appeal we are asking members to ask us to break the rules everyone else has to follow.

Directors voting: Approve: Hellmeister, Gray, McNamara and Bryant. Disapprove: DeChant, Berryessa, Stevens, MacRoberts and Walter. Motion is disapproved.

98:05 CONFORMATION COMMITTEE - Section 9.6.

Motion by DeChant

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

Motion by Glenda, and seconded by Mary -- #CC10-6-01--- which reads as follows:

I move to make the following changes:

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 and the dog may not again be shown unless and until, following application by the owner to ASCA, the owner has received official notification from*

ASCA 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.

This Chapter 9, Section 9.6 AS IT READS NOW:

SECTION 9.6 A dog which is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, 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 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. A castrated male may be entered as a stud in the Stud Dog and Veterans Class or in the Altered Conformation Program and a spayed bitch may be entered as Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch and Veterans Class or in the Altered Conformation program. 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 and the dog may not again be shown unless and until, following application by the owner to ASCA, the owner has received official notification from ASCA that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated.

The motion passes the Conformation Committee.

Directors voting: Approve: Stevens, DeChant, Berryessa, Bryant and MacRoberts.
Disapprove: Hellmeister, McNamara and Walter. Abstain: Gray. Motion is approved.

94:01 STOCK DOG COMMITTEE - Working Description

Motion by Walter, seconded by Berryessa.

I move that the Stockdog Committee be tasked with providing educational material in the form of articles for the *Aussie Times* discussing the intent and benefits of the Working Description document.

Deadline: September 2007 issue of the *Aussie Times*.

Directors voting: Approve: Hellmeister, Gray, DeChant, Bryant, Berryessa, McNamara, Walter and MacRoberts. Disapprove: Stevens. Motion is approved.

Denied:

A request for reinstatement of a Dog disqualified years ago from Conformation showing.