

Secretary's Report

This report details the day to day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors and mail, fax, e-mail and/or telephone communications. February 1-28, 2011

Board of Director's Teleconference

Monday February 14, 2011

The February 14th, 2011 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM CST by President Pete Dolan. Those attending via phone were: Tenley Dexter/Secretary, Michelle Berryessa/Treasurer, Ronnie Bates/Director, Mark Westerman/Director, Rachel Vest/Director, Peter Hellmeister/First VP; Russ Ford/Second VP and Executive Secretary Mary Logue. Absent was David Clayton/Director.

1) Old Business

- a. Confirmation/Ratification of e-mail votes taken in January, 2010 (Dolan): Motion by Vest, second by Hellmeister; Approve: Unanimous; the motion is approved.
- b. Executive Committee Membership Motion (Bates): Motion by Bates, second by Dolan: I move to approve Kristin McNamara and Amy Bradley to serve on the Executive Committee created by the Board to assess whether ASCA should hire an Executive Director, Business Manager or remain status quo.
Rationale: These two individuals have extensive knowledge of ASCA and non-profit organizations as evidenced in their resumes.
Approve: Hellmeister, Dexter, Bates, Dolan; Disapprove: Berryessa, Ford, Vest; Abstain: Westerman; the motion is approved
- c. Woodstock Belle Star Appeal motion (Dexter): Motion by Dexter, second by Vest; I move that written notice be sent to Mary Hellmeister in regards to her appeal of the decision on Woodstock's Belle Star by the Board of Directors explaining that the BoD decision is not subject to appeal and unless the Board wants to revisit the issue, the results are final.
There was no written notification of cancellation of Woodstock's Belle Star's entry as stated necessary by Show Rule 9.3. Verbal cancellation of an entry is not acknowledged under the current rules. The dog's number was picked up and the dog showed. The Board of Director's decision of January 3, 2011 stands to reinstate the improper removal of Woodstock's Belle Star's points.
An apology is also to be sent to Mrs. Hellmeister that she was not directly notified on her original complaint.
Approve: Berryessa, Vest, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Dolan; Disapprove: Ford, Hellmeister; motion is approved.
- d. Velnosky litter exception request (Hellmeister): Motion by Hellmeister, second by Bates; I move to deny the breeder's request for an exemption to the current rules.
Rationale: Under the rules in effect in 2010 each dog used for breeding that had produced one litter already needed to be DNA tested before a second litter could be processed. Mrs Velnosky chose to wait three months after the current litter was born to order DNA kits from the office. She then waited another almost two months for the tests to be mailed to Therion.
Mrs Velnosky had ample time at her disposal to get her matters in order either before or shortly after the litter was born. Any procrastination on her part cannot be used as reasoning to grant an exemption from the current rules.
Approve: Berryessa, Ford, Vest, Dexter, Hellmeister, Bates, Dolan; Disapprove: Westerman
Letter of Dissent (Westerman): The sire was not required to be DNA tested in the year 2010. The dam needed to be tested in 2010. The dam's DNA sample was sent to Therion in a timely manner (12/10/10). Due to not fault of the breeder, the DNA report has not been returned in 2010. Therefore, I believe that this motion should wait until ASCA's DNA lab completes its work.
- e. Preliminary 2010 Year end Treasurer's Report (Berryessa): Berryessa was not prepared to discuss report as she had just arrived home. She will send it out via e-mail.

h. Effective date of motion; Example: This motion will go into effect on a specific effective date. Lacking an effective date, the motion will go into effect 30 days after publication in the Aussie Times.

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Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Vest; Disapprove: Westerman, Ford; Non-voting: Bates; *the motion is approved.*

4:04 Conformation Committee: Conformation Finals Scoring

Motion by Berryessa to approve the following Conformation Committee motion:

YES- Glenda, Liz, Rhonda, Becky, Dorothy, Peter, Debbie, Denise, Nancy, Regi; No - Mary , Gail. Leah
Non- Voting - Luc, Ann

I vote NO. 2nd paragraph: what will happen if one judge discovers a DQ, marks the score sheet and the other 2 judges don't even know about it. Mary-No.

I agree with Leah's concerns regarding the issue of ties within the Top 10, as there is nothing stated in this revision about actual placements or that ONLY 10 placements will occur, in the event of ties. Gail Motion by Peter with a second by Regi; I make a motion to change the Conformation Finals Scoring to the following. I would like this to effective for the 2011 Nationals in WI.

15:10 SCORING

- 1.) The score sheet has the Judge's name, exhibitor's armband number, Altered or Intact and the sex of each dog.
- 2.) Each judge uses a simple score sheet for each dog with a numeric scale from 1-10, with 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest score. The Judge shall circle the points he/she determines each dog deserves in that section/subsection of the score sheet. Exception: In the event one judge determines there is a disqualifying fault under the Breed Standard, that judge will mark on the score sheet "DQ" and state the reason for the disqualification, i.e., teeth, color, etc..
 - 2.1) The scoring sheet consists of 8 (eight) sections and six (6) sub-section. The scoring follows the Breed Standard and be divided accordingly. General Appearance (1-10). Head(1-4) divided into three (3) sub-sections teeth (1-2), eyes (1-2), and ears (1-2). Neck and Body (1-10), Forequarters (1-10), Hindquarters (1-10), Coat (1-10), Color (1-10), and Gait (1-5) and three (3) sub sections Coming (1-5), Going (1-5), Side Gait (1-5). The maximum score will be 90 (ninety) points.
- 3.) A separate score sheet from each of the three (3) Judges will be used for each exhibitor. After each Judge scores the individual exhibitor, the score sheet will be placed into an envelope by each judge and taken by the steward and handed to the score keepers. The first score keeper will add up each of the three (3) scores for each exhibitor. The second score keeper will verify the scores tabulated by the first score keeper and place the final score on a spread sheet according to the exhibitor's armband number only.
- 4.) In the event of two (2) or more tied scores within the Altered Top 10 (ten) or Intact Top 10 (ten) placements, the following procedure must be followed:
 - 4.1) The dogs involved in the tie will enter the ring together and be judged as a class. Then the three (3) Judges will place themselves in three corners of the ring so they can observe each dog coming and going. Each dog will gait to the first Judge who will observe the front movement and then the rear

movement as the dog gaits to the next judge and so on, so that all three (3) judges observe each dog coming and going. As each dog leaves the last Judge, it will arrive back at the ring entrance where all the dogs will re-stack as a class. At this time comparison examination, gaiting or conferring may be utilized at the discretion of the three (3) Judges. Re-judging of the tied dogs shall be utilized to break the tie and not to determine the final score. At the conclusion of the tie breaking judgment, the Judges' Tie Breaking Work Sheet will be tallied. The highest scoring dog will have a plus sign (+) denoted on the dog's original Score Sheet next to the original score. If the tie involves more than two dogs, an A will be placed next to the highest scoring dog's original score on the original Score Sheet, B on the second highest scoring dog's original Score Sheet, C on the third highest scoring dog's original Score Sheet, and so on. The Tie Breaking Work Sheet will not be posted.

5.) Within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of Conformation Finals competition, the Host Club will post all exhibitor scores in a central location where announcements and other venues scores are posted. The score sheet shall include the total score, placement and Judge's name according to the exhibitor's armband number. Altered and Intact competitions are to be posted on separate score sheets in the same location.

Approve: Berryessa; Disapprove: Hellmeister, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Bates, Vest; the *motion is not approved.*

4:04 Conformation Committee: Changes to Ch 3 sec 3.11 CC

Moved by Berryessa to accept the following Conformation Committee motion:

Subj: [ASCA_CC] Vote Results Motion #7 Chapter3 Section 3.11

Motion passes; Yes- Denise, Liz, Gail, Glenda, Regi, Rhonda, Leah, Mary, Becky, Dorothy, Debbie, Nancy, Peter; Non-voting- Luc, Ann

Motion by Regi with a second by Gail. I make a motion to replace Section 3.11 with the following:
SECTION 3.11 ASCA Judge's Books will include the total number of regular class dogs and bitches, the armband numbers of Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, and Best of Breed, and must be signed by the Judge.

This section currently reads:SECTION 3.11 ASCA Judge's Books will include a complete report stating total number of regular class dogs and bitches, names of Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Best Opposite Sex and Best of Breed. This report must be signed by the Judge.

Approve: Unanimous. *Motion is approved.*

4:05 Agility Committee: Motion 02-2011 Required Obstacles

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion:

The motion passed with everyone voting yes, except for one non-voting.

Motion from Pamela, second from Sherry: I make a motion we change the following, effective 06/01/2011:

Current:

Section 2.2 – Agility Obstacles

All obstacles must meet the specifications listed in Appendix A 'Equipment Specifications'. Clubs have the option of using slatted or slat-less contact equipment and will specify in the trial premium the type

of contact equipment to be used at the trial. Slat-less contact equipment and displacable 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 jumps, Double bar

to:

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The following obstacles are required at an ASCA Agility trial:

A-frame, Dog Walk, Teeter-totter, Open Tunnel, Weave Poles, 5-6 for Novice and 10-12 for Open and Elite, Jumps, 16 minimum, non-winged or winged

Approve: Unanimous; *the motion is approved.*

The following obstacles are optional for an ASCA Agility trial:

Double Bar Jump, Closed Tunnel (Chute), Tire Jump

Rationale: Currently, the rulebook reads as if the tire jump is the only optional piece of equipment, when it is not. Clubs need to know exactly what they must have to host a trial and this motion clarifies that.

4:05 Agility Committee: Motion 29-2010 6 Classes

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion.

This motion passed with 6 yes votes, 1 no vote and 5 non-votes.

Motion by Sue with a 2nd from Robin. Motion effective date is June 1, 2011.

2nd paragraph of Section 2.1.5, Sanctioning Request Form currently reads as follows:

An Agility trial may consist of a single day or it may consist of two or more days in calendar order (i.e., separate days are not considered separate trials nor are separate classes considered separate trials).

The sanctioning request form shall consist of a single form for the trial (not separate forms for each day of the trial) and shall make provision for indicating the exact day or days (including partial days) covered by the trial. It is recommended Clubs retain proof of mailing for all sanctioning requests.

Amend to read:

A Club may request to sanction a one day agility trial or two or more days of agility trials, held on consecutive days. The sanctioning request form shall consist of a single form for either a one day trial or consecutive days of trials and shall list the date and the classes offered per day (including partial days).

For recording purposes, the Business Office will assign a separate 'event' number for each trial day.

The maximum number of ASCA sanctioned classes per trial day is six (6) (see section 2.1.6).

An Affiliate requesting sanctioning for the ASCA National Speciality may not offer more than six (6) sanctioned classes even if the 'trial' is spread over multiple days (see Section 12.1).

Move the final sentence in the 2nd paragraph of section 2.1.5 to the end of the first paragraph of the section. It is recommended Clubs retain proof of mailing for all sanctioning requests.

1st sentence of Section 2.1.6 Trial Premium currently reads:

Clubs may offer a maximum of six (6) ASCA sanctioned classes per trial per day in any combination they choose.

Amend to read:

Clubs may offer a maximum of six (6) ASCA sanctioned classes per 'trial day' in any combination they choose.

Section 12.1 currently reads:

Section 12.1 Sanctioning

Host clubs requesting sanction for the Agility National Specialty trial may only request sanctioning with ASCA.

Add the following sentence:

The National Specialty Agility Trial will be one trial consisting of a maximum of six (6) sanctioned classes. No more than two Regular classes may be offered. To accommodate a large number of entries, the National Specialty Agility Trial may be spread over multiple days but will be considered as one 'trial' and assigned one 'event' number by the Business Office.

From Pamela Bryant Meeks:

The terms classes and rounds are not interchangeable.

The intent of the motion is to clarify clubs may offer no more than 6 rounds of any of the 3 ASCA sanctioned classes per trial day, but this motion does not clarify that. It does nothing to state how many times a dog may run for titling per day. Yes, it states the clubs may offer 6 classes per day. ASCA has 3 classes, Gamblers, Jumpers, and Regular. It does nothing to limit the number of 'rounds' a club may offer of those classes per day. Technically a club could offer 6 rounds of Jumpers and 1 round of Gamblers in a day and still be within the rules, as they have only offered 2 of the 3 classes each day. They offered 7 rounds, which we all agree is more than we want to allow. I believe to be explicitly clear the motion should state: Clubs may offer a maximum of six (6) rounds of the three (3) ASCA sanctioned classes per 'trial day' in any combination they choose.

Approve: Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Hellmeister, Westerman; *the motion is approved.*

Letter of Dissent (Westerman): Since there are only 3 classes in ASCA, it makes no sense to limit number of classes to more than 3.

4:05 Agility Committee Motion 27-2010 Last Gamble Obstacle

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the Agility Committee motion.

Motion 27-2010 "Last Gamble Obstacle"

This motion passed with everyone voting 'yes'.

Motion by Betty, 2nd from Pamela, effective June 1, 2011:

Add to the end of section 6.3.2: At all levels, the last Gamble obstacle, including any bonus obstacle if used, will be a jump or open tunnel.

Rationale: This is for safety and consistent timing.

Approve: Unanimous; *motion is approved.*

11:04 Licensee Application - Performance Dog Training

Motion by Westerman, Second by Bates; I move that the Application to become an ASCA licensed Agility Club as submitted by Performance Dog Training be approved. The license will be effective April 1, 2011. Approve: Unanimous; the motion is approved.

98:02 MVA committee motion

Motion by Clayton ; I move to approved the following MVA Committee motion.

Jan Wesen moved and Andrea Hoffmann seconded, Unanimous approval

The motion adds a qualifying score of 180 for passing an Urban dog track to the section on tracking in the MVA rulebook.

Approve: Unanimous; *the motion is approved.*

99:02 Hall of Fame Committee Motion

Motion by Clayton; I move we accept the following motion from the Hall of Fame Committee

Motion by Dorothy, second by Gina

Voting-Yes-Dorothy, Cheri, Gina; Non-voting-Cheryl, Sharon, Robin, Anneke-Motion Passes

To accept the requests made by the tracking committee as listed in numbers 1 - 4 below.

Our revised program includes TDU = Tracking Dog Urban and a MTD = Master Tracking Dog. In addition, a dog will earn recognition for passing a TD, TDU or TDX multiple times (i.e., TD2, TDU3, TDX2). The TDU is in the current Tracking Rulebook and you can refer there for the details. We have added the new titles below as the motions have been passed by the Board.

1. To the section for HOFX

Add the MTD to the following, see added in red:

<<3 pts required/EXCELLENCE: Minimum of 2 dogs required - A dog may have more than one point count. Each (1pt) - WTCH, ATCH, OTCH, VCH, SVCH, PCH, SPCH, MTD.>>

2. To the section for Sires and Dams

Add to line 3. the TDU, and to follow the section for agility add:

Tracking : TD (Tracking Dog), TDU (Tracking Dog Urban), (only one of these per Australian Shepherd to count).

3. Hall of Fame in the Rulebook online.

Under Section A line 3: Change to read : Tracking Dog (TD) or Tracking Dog Urban (TDU)

4. Under Hall of Fame Excellent, under the section THREE TITLES OF EXCELLENCE add the MTD (1 point)

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Dolan, Westerman; The motion is approved.

Policy Book: Changes to Section 8.8, Motions

Motion by Dexter, Second by Clayton

I move to add the following description of material necessary for a proper and complete motion to the following section in the Policy Book:

8.8 Motions , 8.8.1 Description

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the explanation and it will go in the comments on the motion page to make it easier for the secretary to compile the Secretary's Report.

Effective: 03/06/96

Change to read:

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Motions shall include the following:

a. Subject: title of motion which can be related to a specific Section and/or Chapter of a change and/or an addition to rule(s) or title of a new item.

b. Maker of the Motion; whether it is by Board liaison or committee member.

c. Secunder of the motion. Motions by Board Committee liaisons do not need a second.

d. Beginning of motion: I move to approve...

e. Body of motion

f. Comments; why motion is needed

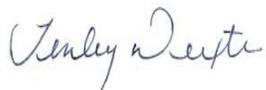
g. Party(s) effected (clubs, individuals, dogs, etc.) by the motion and how it will effect party(s); Example using motion concerning Stock Dog 60 day mandatory move-up rule: This motion will affect dogs that have not received two (2) started titles at the time the motion is passed.

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Submitted,



Tenley Dexter
ASCA Secretary