

Teleconference Meeting of the ASCA Board of Directors
Monday, February 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Ford at 8:02 PM CST. Those present included: President Russ Ford, 1st Vice-President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice-President Ronnie Bates, Secretary Ann DeChant, Treasurer Greg McClintock, Director Linda Gray, Director David Clayton, Director Rick Hardin, and Director Jean Miller.

Ratification of January Votes

I move to ratify all January email votes.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes

12:61 New Infectious Disease Committee Member - McLaughlin

I move to appoint Carol McLaughlin to the Infectious Disease Committee.

Motion: McClintock

Second: Ford

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes

13.07 Revised Committee Procedures

Discussion was held regarding postponing this Motion for more time to consider and make changes. Secretary DeChant raised some concerns that she agreed to put in writing.

Motion postponed until March voting cycle

06:05 New Rally Judge - Barber-Wiltse

I move to approve Lynda Barber-Wiltse as an ASCA Rally Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes

06:05 New Rally Judge - McCall

I move to approve Ted McCall as an ASCA Rally Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Computer Upgrades and Changes to Venue Rules

Discussion was held regarding a moratorium on the changing of rules/forms/processes that involve changes to the computer system. Treasurer McClintock proposed a start date of March 1st and lasting for a period of one (1) year or until the system is fully implemented. Director Miller suggested an additional month to give notice to committees.

3) Treasurer McClintock left the conference.

2nd Vice-President Bates clarified that the only motions subject to the moratorium are those that affect the computer system. If a motion comes to the Board and it does not affect the computer

system it will be allowed to move through and be voted on, if not it will be sent back to the committee of origin. Any changes cost ASCA money, and it is easier to make updates once the system is implemented rather than during the process.

Discussion was held regarding the creation of an Executive Committee to vet all motions for impact on the computer system. Secretary DeChant thought it would be too cumbersome and that the responsibility lay with the committees in holding off on sending such motions to the Board.

13.13 Motion for Moratorium

I move that the ASCA Program Committees be informed that any motions which will include changes to the ASCA computer system may be put on hold by the Board from March 1 until the work on the new computer system is complete. This will also be true for any Registry Rule changes.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Ford

Approve: Ford, Gann, Bates, DeChant, Gray, Clayton, Hardin, Miller

Non-Voting: McClintock

Motion Passes

Sponsorship Committee

Discussion was held regarding the progress of the Sponsorship Committee, comprised of Director Hardin, Director Miller, and Secretary DeChant.

13.14 Disband Sponsorship Committee and Create New

I move to disband the Sponsorship Committee and pass the work onto a newly formed committee.

Motion: Ford

Second: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Bates, DeChant, Gray, Clayton, Hardin, Miller

Non-Voting: McClintock

Motion Passes; Committee Chair Hardin will collect the work and send to the Executive Secretary to hold until a new committee is formed. 2nd Vice-President Bates stated that Wayne Kirby had offered to chair the committee as a non-member.

13.15 Systems Executive Committee

I move that the ASCA Board create a Systems Executive Committee comprised of Ronnie Bates, Russ Ford, and Rick Hardin. This committee will be expressly tasked with making decisions regarding the requirements of our new computer system, and the implementation of those requirements. The intention is that this committee will have the full authority of the Board of Directors, pursuant to and subject to all limitations of Article XII of the Bylaws. The Committee will be responsible for making decisions regarding content and changes to content of the requirements, drafting and promulgating requests for bids and any other needed steps in securing a contractor for making system changes, dealing with the contractor on an as-needed basis with full authority of the Board to act when needed so as to facilitate the process and to meet the needs of ASCA and its contractor in order to implement our system changes with the least amount of delay and cost. The Committee will also be tasked with reviewing any and all motions brought before the Board from any source whatever, in order to determine the extent that such proposed motion impacts the system requirements. The Committee will have authority to determine whether any such motion may be brought to the Board for action, or because of conflict with system requirements, must be placed under moratorium. Determinations of the

Committee will have the full authority of the Board of Directors, within the limitations expressed here, and under Article XII of the Bylaws.

Comments: In order to facilitate our computer changes, a companion motion would create a moratorium on all motions the result of which if passed would impact the system requirements being devised by the System Liaison. The Liaison needs stability in the rules in order to fully control the details of the system upgrades, and the moratorium would accomplish this. The instant motion is intended as a companion to the moratorium. The Committee will be comprised of our resident expert on computers, Liaison Bates, Russ Ford as our Board Executive, and one other Director to be named by consent of the Board. Our System Liaison is in the best position to understand the impact any changes might have, and the Board needs to rely on his discretion in these matters. This motion will formalize the process, allow for oversight through participation of two other Directors, and streamline the process of making system changes. Because it is a companion to the motion for moratorium, these two motions should be considered together.

Parties affected: The ASCA Board of Directors, ASCA Committees, the ASCA Business Office, and ASCA System Liaison Bates.

Effective Date: March 1, 2013, continuing for a period of one year, or until system changes are complete, whichever is the earlier date.

Motion: Ford

Second: DeChant

Approve: Ford, Gann, Bates, DeChant, Gray, Clayton, Hardin, Miller

Non-Voting: McClintock

Motion Passes

Director Miller expressed an interest in serving on the Committee. 2nd Vice-President Bates stated that the Office Manager should be included on the committee.

13.16 Donation to Mays Business School

I move to approve a \$2,000 donation to Mays Business School at Texas A&M University.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Ford

2nd Vice-President Bates gave an overview of the work Mays Business School will be doing regarding the computer system.

Approve: Ford, Gann, Bates, DeChant, Gray, Clayton, Hardin, Miller

Non-Voting: McClintock

Motion Passes

Conformation Committee

Liaison/Secretary DeChant gave an update on the progress of the Conformation Committee. She asked for the Board's support in new appointments in an effort to fill the Committee with active members. President Ford suggested that the appointments be taken out of the regular voting cycle and be voted on during the conference call.

87:19 New Conformation Committee Member - Kelly

I move to approve Janet White for the Conformation Committee.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Ford

Approve: Ford, Gann, DeChant, Clayton, Hardin, Miller

Abstain: Bates, Gray

Non-Voting: McClintock

Motion Passes

87:19 New Conformation Committee Member - Doubler

I move to approve Donna Doubler for the Conformation Committee.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Ford

Approve: Ford, Gann, DeChant, Clayton, Hardin, Miller

Abstain: Bates, Gray

Non-Voting: McClintock

Motion Passes

13.17 2014 Conformation Finals Judging Panel

I move to approve Cheryl Padgett, Terri Morgan, and Barbara Peters as the judging panel for the 2014 Conformation Finals.

Motion: Gann

Second: DeChant

Approve: Ford, Gann, Bates, DeChant, Gray, Clayton, Hardin, Miller

Non-Voting: McClintock

Motion Passes

94:01 Posting of Individual Judges Scores at Finals

Discussion was held regarding the Stockdog Committee rewording the motion and sending back to the Board. Director Hardin stated that the motion had been passed by the Committee and should be voted on as is. If it fails it can be reworded and sent back. Board consensus was to allow the Stockdog Committee to reword and the changes will be made to the motion as it is still in the discussion period.

98:15 Motion 2013-3 Obedience Merit Program

Liaison/2nd Vice-President Bates clarified that this is not anything new, but a correction of the accidental removal of the Merit Program from the Obedience Rule Book years ago. President Ford said he would like to see the motion posted on the ASCA-L for comment and have it voted on it during the next cycle.

Follow-up on NYASA Obedience/Rally Trial in Flanders, NJ (March 1-3)

Director Miller asked for a progress update. President Ford stated that the Business Office was handling the matter. Director Miller felt the Office had not handled this in a timely fashion.

13.18 Committee to Rectify Situation Between GSASA and NYASA

I move that the Board appoint a Committee to rectify the situation between the GSASA and the NYASA. I volunteer to serve as one of the members.

Motion: Miller

Second: DeChant

Director Clayton said that he does not disagree that the Office has been slow in handling, but that it is in their hands and our actions come after the Manager's decision.

- 2nd Vice-President Bates left the conference.

Approve: DeChant, Miller

Disapprove: Ford, Gann, Clayton

Abstain: Gray, Hardin

Non-Voting: Bates, McClintock

Motion Fails

The Board agreed to give the Business Office until the end of the week to make a decision on the situation.

Adjournment

I move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Clayton

Second: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, DeChant, Gray, Clayton, Hardin, Miller

Non-Voting: Bates, McClintock

Motion Passes; Meeting Adjourned

The next teleconference call will take place on March 11 at 8:00 PM CST.

Submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary

February 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 from mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications.

96:07 Motion to Change Registry Rules 1.3

Board voting: Approve: Bates, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, Miller, Gann

Disapprove: Clayton, McClintock

Motion Passes

I move to approve the following from the DNA Committee.

LMGray

Motion by Dolan

Second by Harvey

I move to delete paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 1.3 Litter Registration Rules and Procedures of the Registry rules which read:

1. OVER AGE SIRE OR DAM: Should the Registry receive a litter registration application in which the sire is fifteen (15) years of age or older and/or the dam is twelve (12) years of age or older at the time of whelping, the following shall apply:

A. The over-age parent(s) must be DNA profiled with an ASCA approved laboratory, if not already enrolled in ASCA's DNA-VP program.

B. All puppies to be registered must be enrolled in ASCA's DNA-VP (Verified Parentage) program.

C. Any parent of such a litter that is not over-age shall also be profiled with an ASCA approved laboratory if not already enrolled in ASCA's DNA program.

2. Puppies from any litter born prior to the hardship registration of sire and/or dam will not be eligible for Litter Registration. See Section 1.5 Hardship Registration for more information.

and renumber the following paragraphs.

Rationale: With the advent of mandatory Parentage Verification paragraph 1 is redundant. Paragraph 2 longer serves any purpose as the Hardship Registry closed 01/11/11.

Motion to be effective 30 days after publication in the Aussie Times or sooner should the Board of Directors deem an earlier effective day appropriate.

87:19 Motion to Change the Conformation Finals Statement of Purpose

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Motion Passes

I move to approve the Motion to change the Conformation Finals Statement of Purpose stated below:

Ann

Committee votes: Yes...Linda, Dorothy, Nina, Liz, Gail, Sunday Clarissa and Mary.

No....n/a - All Approved.

Liz

We have a motion by Liz with a second by Linda.

I, Liz Gibson, make the following motion.

Reason; To change the Conformation Finals Statement of Purpose to reflect updates to the program.

To Read as follows:

The Conformation Finals is designed to be a self-supporting event that is held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty as a separate event.

Qualifiers are selected from the Conformation program year end Merit standings in both Intact and Altered that are eligible to show per Chapter 9, section 9.10 of the ASCA Show Rules and Regulations.

Any situation not directly addressed by the Conformation Finals Rules shall be governed by the ASCA Show Rules and Regulations

Old;

Statement of Purpose:

The Conformation Finals is designed to be a self-supporting event that showcases the highest ranking altered conformation dogs and intact conformation dogs. This event is to be held in

conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty as a separate event. The intention of the Finals is to showcase ASCA's finest conformation dogs to the world so that we may share the virtues of this versatile breed with others.

Any situation not directly addressed by the Conformation Finals Rules shall be governed by the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

Effective Date: 30 days after publication in the Aussie Times.

87:19 Motion #13 - Chapter 15, Section 15:1, Conditions Affecting Eligibility for Finals

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Motion Passes

I move that the Board approve the following motion from the ASCA Conformation Committee.
Ann

This motion passes.

Yes- Dorothy, Mary, Nina, Gail, Liz, Linda, Sunday, Clarissa

Thanks,

Liz

We have a motion by Linda with a second by Gail.

I, Linda Braun, make the following motion.

Reason: To clarify eligibility requirements for Conformation Finals.

To Read as follows under Chapter 15:1:

(b) Merit Finalists will abide by Section 9.10 per the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations regarding Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility.

This is a new section to 15.1.

94:01 Motion to Require the Posting of Individual Judges Scores at Finals

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Abstain: Hardin
Motion Passes

Motion: Bates

I move to accept the following motion as restated and voted on by the SDC.

FOR: Unanimous
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion: Sanderson Second: Wesen

I make a motion to add a subcategory to Rule number 12.9.5 requiring the posting of each individual Judges' scores when judging at Finals. The existing rule states:

12.9.5 After scoring and totaling the score sheet for each run, Judges will hand the score sheet to a designated person who will deliver it to the appropriate individuals for calculation and posting of scores. This will take place without consultation between any of the other finals Judges.

The proposed addition would be subcategory (a.) and include the following:

a. All individual Judges' scores will be posted as soon as possible upon the completion of the final run of each elimination and final go-round. The scores for the first elimination go-round must be posted for a class of livestock before the second go-round on that same class of livestock may begin. The scores for the second elimination go-round must be posted for a class of livestock before the final go-round on that same class of livestock may begin.

This rule addition will allow all contestants to see how each individual judge has scored their run and will permit them to understand the combined score that is used to move them forward into the next elimination go-round and final go-round.

This change will eliminate the concern presented regarding the time allowed for posting of scores as initially proposed. The intent and purpose of requiring the posting of all individual Judges' scores and ensuring these scores are posted before the next go-round on the same class of livestock may begin remains in place.

98:15 Motion 2013-1 Obedience Judging Requirements

Board voting: Approve: Bates, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Abstain: Clayton
Motion Passes

Motion: Bates

I move to approve the following Obedience Committee motion.

OBEDIENCE MOTION 2013-1

FOR: Cindy Franks, Hilary Hines, Laurie Rubin, Anne Shope, Laura Uran, Ancilla Van Engelen, Kim Waller, Jan Weis

AGAINST: Jayne Lips

PLEASE NOTE: Obedience Committee Member Sandy Case passed away; Lora Cox resigned from the Committee

PURPOSE OF MOTION: ODX and CDX are both open obedience classes. At this time only CDX is listed in the judging requirements. We are adding the ODX. This will help increase the judging pool for judges approved to judge through open.

EFFECTIVE: 6/1/2013

Anne Shope moved and Hilary Hines seconded we change Section 3: OBEDIENCE JUDGE REQUIREMENTS, Sub Section: TITLES as set forth below:

Section 3: OBEDIENCE JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

FROM:

TITLES

Must have earned from ASCA or from the above-named entities the following titles or their equivalent to judge the regular level listed. In addition, the applicant must have stewarded novice, open and utility (singularly or collectively) a minimum of two times at a sanctioned trial. Applicant must provide the entity's name, club's name, show secretary's name, and date they stewarded.

- 1) NOVICE: Earned three Companion Dog Titles. Two different dogs must have been titled to a companion dog title.
- 2) OPEN: Earned two Companion Dog Excellent Titles and the three Companion Dog titles named above as stated.
- 3) UTILITY: Earned one Utility Dog Title and, as stated above, the two Companion Dog Excellent titles and the three Companion Dog titles.

TO:

TITLES

First paragraph remain the same.

- 1) NOVICE: Earned three Companion Dog Titles. Two different dogs must have been titled to a companion dog title.
- 2) OPEN: Earned two open titles (Either two CDX, two ODX or one of each) plus the Novice titles named above.
- 4) UTILITY: Earned one Utility Dog Title plus the three Novice titles and two Open titles named above.

94:01 Motion to Change Rules 10.2.2 and 11.3.3

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Motion Passes

Motion: Bates

I move to approve the following SDC Motion.

The voting period has ended. Approved: Epperly, Sanderson, Manley, Durkin, Mhire, McCluskey, Haegus, Schvaneveldt, Garrett, Wesen, Bergert, Padgett and Kissman.
Disapprove: none. Abstain: none.

From:

10.2.2 Livestock allotted to each run will be a minimum of 10 head. The number of runs allowed per head of stock will be a maximum of three per day.

To:

10.2.2 Livestock allotted to each run will be a minimum of 10 head. The number of runs allowed per head of stock will be a maximum of four per day.

and

From:

11.3.3 The number of runs allowed per head of stock will be a maximum of three per day.

To:

11.3.3 The number of runs allowed per head of stock will be a maximum of four per day

PURPOSE: Changing both rules will create consistency within our program between the different types of trials. All ASCA trials will now allow each type of livestock to be used four (4) times in a day. The longer runs in a Ranch Trial will allow a longer rest period for the livestock between runs and should not create an undue hardship on the livestock. This will also help to alleviate the financial hardship clubs experience when offering the Farm Trial. This may assist in profitability for clubs and encourage more use of the Ranch Trial event.

94:01 Motion on Take Pen Size

Board voting: Approve: DeChant, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller
Disapprove: Bates, Clayton, Ford, Gann
Motion Passes

Motion: Bates

I move to approve the following SDC Motion.

Motion made by Tom Mhire and seconded by Dan Sanderson to change rule 3.12.1.d which is Arena and Obstacles, Course A Arena, Take Pens from:

Approve: Epperly, Sanderson, Manley, Durkin, Mhire, Haegus, Garrett, Wesen, Bergert, and Kissman.

Disapprove: Padgett.

Abstain: McCluskey and Schvaneveldt

From:

The duck/geese arena take pen shall be a minimum of 8 x 8 and a maximum of 16 x 16 feet. The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen. All take pens shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence opposite the first obstacle whenever possible. The take pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

To:

The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, a different course must be used that does not require a take pen. All take pens shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence opposite the first obstacle whenever possible. The take pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

i. The duck/geese arena take pen shall be a minimum of 8 x 8 and a maximum of 16 x 16 feet.

ii. For cattle and sheep/goats, a take pen shall be of adequate size to allow the dog to remove the livestock safely. The livestock size, number and demeanor will determine the necessary size of each take pen. The livestock should not take up more than 1/3 of the take pen. It is suggested that the minimum size be no less than 250 square feet with a maximum size of 900 square feet.

iii. The take pen gate for cattle and sheep/goats shall be no less than 8 feet.

iv. Course A may not be run without the use of a take pen. If, on the day of the trial, the take pen is determined to be unsafe or insufficient by the trial committee and Judge, Course B (or any other course not requiring a take pen) must be used. This may be done without pre-approval from the Business Office. Any course changes must be submitted to the Business Office with the Trial Report. At no time is livestock to be set out when using Course A.

PURPOSE: The SDC is of the opinion that the current rules relating to the take pen size especially relating to cattle and sheep/goats is inadequate. We have witnessed on numerous occasions where Course A is sanctioned without an adequate take pen resulting in an unsafe situation for dogs, livestock and handlers. More often however, what occurs is the stock is set out and course A is run without a take pen. The SDC feels that take pen work is one of the skills that is a trade mark of our breed and should be showcased whenever possible. In addition, if the stock is set out for course A, this results in an easier course.

13.08 Motion to Strike Section 8.6.3 of the Policy Manual

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Motion Passes

Motion: Bates
Second: McClintock

I move to Strike Section 8.6.3 of the Policy manual.

8.6.3 Phone

All appointed officers and Directors must submit phone log (enclosed) with telephone bill for reimbursement. If you exceed your established limit, please enclose a letter of explanation. Telephone limitations are as follows:

- a. ASCA President and Executive Secretary - Unlimited.
- b. Other officers and Directors - \$100.00 per month (long distance only).
- c. AUSSIE TIMES Editor - \$50.00 per month (long distance only).
- d. Insurance Liaison - \$50.00 per month (long distance only).
- e. Treasurer - \$100.00 per month (long distance only).
- f. Computer Consultant - \$50.00 per month (long distance only).
- g. Committee Chairpersons - \$25.00 per month (long distance only).
- h. All appointed officers and Directors must submit a phone log enclosed with telephone bill for reimbursement within sixty (60) days of the bill. If you exceed your established limit, please send a letter of explanation to the Board of Directors for approval prior to reimbursement.

Effective: 06/01/88 Revised: 04/15/00 Revised: 09/01

PURPOSE: With technology advancements, this section is no longer relevant.

13.09 Motion to Strike Section 8.6.4 of the Policy Manual

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Motion Passes

Motion: Bates
Second: McClintock

I move to strike Section 8.6.4 of the Policy Manual.

8.6.4 Computer Cleaning

Board of Directors will be allowed up to fifty Dollars (\$50.00) annually to have their computers cleaned if they are used for ASCA business.

Effective: 04/21/00 (Eliminate)

PURPOSE: This is no longer a process that needs to be performed.

13.10 Motion to Modify Section 8.9 of the Policy Manual

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Motion Passes

Motion: Bates

Second: McClintock

I move to modify Section 8.9 of the Policy Manual.

From:

8.9 Policy Book

The ASCA Secretary will update the Policy Book quarterly and forward the updated version to the Business Office for filing and to the Webmaster for posting on the web site. The Business Office will notify the ASCA attorney, AUSSIE TIMES Editor, the Executive Secretary, and all Directors when the new version is posted on the web site.

The ASCA Secretary is responsible for updating the Policy Book. These updates shall occur quarterly (31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December). The Secretary will maintain a working copy of the Policy Book, entering changes as generated during the monthly voting cycle and during teleconferences/meetings. The December revision each year will be a clean copy (all previous year strikeouts and highlighting removed). For record purposes and continuity, the Executive Secretary will maintain an electronic file (CD/DVD) of the quarterly and annual update versions.

Revised 09/30/09

8.9 Policy Book

The ASCA Secretary will update the Policy Book quarterly, on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, of each year. The updated version will be forwarded to the Business office for filing, and to the Webmaster for publication.

The Secretary will maintain a working copy of the Policy Book, entering changes made throughout the year by the Board. The December revision each year will be a clean copy with all strikeouts and highlighting removed.

PURPOSE: The current language is repetitive between the two paragraphs. This language will clearly state when, how & by whom the updates are made to the Policy Manual.

13.11 Motion to Eliminate Section 8.8.2 of the Policy Manual

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Motion Passes

Motion: Bates
Second: McClintock

I move to eliminate Section 8.8.2 of the Policy Manual

8.8.2 Amendments

- a. In the interest of expedience, no amendments will be allowed to a faxed or e-mailed motion.
- b. Directors are reminded to read motions for exact content. If a Director believes that the intent of a motion would be better served with an amendment, then that Director should request that it be withdrawn. This request should be accompanied with suggestions for a new motion. If the motion is not withdrawn as requested then the Director should vote his conscience.
- c. Items in italics are guidelines, not policy.

Effective: 01/01/94

PURPOSE: As per By-Laws, the Board follows Roberts Rules of Order.

13.12 Motion to Change Vision Statement Language in Policy Manual

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Disapprove: DeChant
Motion Passes

Motion: Bates
Second: McClintock

I move to change the Vision Statement language currently in the Policy Manual with the language adopted by the ASCA Board stated in the Strategic Plan.

Current language:

2 Vision Statement

ASCA – the premier independent association for the preservation and promotion of the Australian Shepherd breed.

Proposed change:

2 Vision Statement

The Australian Shepherd Club of America will Preserve the Australian Shepherd as an intelligent working dog of strong herding and guardian instincts.

Purpose: The ASCA Policy Manual should be updated to reflect the language previously approved by the ASCA Board.

98:15 Motion 2013-2 Graduate Novice Class

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Motion Passes

Motion: Bates

I move to approve this Obedience Committee Motion

For: 8

Against: 1

NonVotes/Abstains: 0

MOTION 2012-2

RULEBOOK

SECTION 3: Graduate Novice Class

from:

The Graduate Novice class shall be for ASCA® CD dogs that not been certified by a judge to have received a Qualifying score toward a CDX title prior to the closing of entries.

to:

The Graduate Novice class shall be for ASCA® CD titled dogs that have not been certified by a judge to have received a Qualifying score toward a CDX title or an ODX title prior to the closing of entries.

04:05 Motion - Section 8.3.3. Start Line Training

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Motion Passes

Motion: Miller

I make a motion to accept the following from the agility committee:

This motion passed with 13 yes votes.

The motion would be included in the June 1st rulebook. Rationale, currently there are no guidelines in the rulebook determining what is considered 'training the startline' and different judges are allowing different performances.

Add Section 8.3.3 Start Line Training

Once the handler has left the dog to prepare to start the run and has crossed the plane of the first obstacle, the handler may not cross back over the plane of the first obstacle to return to the dog. Crossing back over the plane of the first obstacle and back to the dog will be considered 'Training the Start Line' and the judge will award an 'Elimination' fault. Note: After being eliminated, the dog/handler may re-start the run and continue their run up to SCT (Standard Course Time), but their run will be scored as Elimination.

Situations that are not to be considered 'Training the Start Line' are when:

1. The handler has left the dog to prepare to start the run and has crossed the plane of the first obstacle. The dog has not crossed the plane of the first obstacle. The handler may move back and forth as long as they don't cross back over the plane of the first obstacle.
2. The dog crosses the plane of the first obstacle without performing the first obstacle. (The run time has started when the dog crosses the plane of the first obstacle.) The handler may cross back over the plane of the first obstacle with the dog to get the dog to perform the first obstacle, but cannot touch the dog.
3. The handler steps away from the dog to start the run, but does not cross the plane of the first obstacle and the dog has not crossed the plane of the first obstacle. The handler may go back to the dog to cue the dog, but cannot touch the dog.

In all situations, once the handler steps away from the dog, they cannot touch the dog or it will result in an elimination fault as 'Training > first obstacle. (The run time has started when the dog crosses the plane of the first obstacle.) The handler may cross back over the plane of the first obstacle with the dog to get the dog to perform the first obstacle, but cannot touch the dog.

04:05 Motion Regarding Promotion of Agility Judge Dan Roy

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller, Gann
Motion Passes

Motion: Ford

I move that Mr. Dan Roy be returned to the Apprentice program as recommended by the Agility committee and not be moved up to judge at this time. If this motion is approved the ASCA executive secretary will advise Mr. Roy of the requirements as listed by the agility committee and advise him that he may re-apply for move up when he has completed those assignments.

The committee suggests that Dan obtain at least two more supervised assignments, consisting of two full days of trials, all classes judged, with passing scores as outlined in the Agility rulebook, Appendix C. If these guidelines are approved by the BoD and followed, the committee will express their concerns to the Supervisor Judges so special attention can be directed to watching Dan's demeanor with exhibitors and other judges.

Please let the BoD know that the Agility Committee did not approve Dan's application for promotion.

The final tally of committee members (that were on the committee when the voting closed on 11/12) were 8 no, 1 yes (Ally) and 3 AB (Betty, Pamela & Janelle).

Please advise the BoD that although Dan passed his required supervised assignments, it was reports of his demeanor towards other judges and exhibitors at other trials that concerned the members of the Agility Committee. Specific examples of incidents were outlined in the complaint letter sent to the BoD/Business office during the 45 day comment period required in the AT.

As we have seen in recent incidents with other current judges, it is not only course design, course building and being able to correctly call faults that are important skills for a judge to demonstrate at a trial, but the demeanor of the judge at ALL trials is important, as a judge is a representative of ASCA and the Agility program.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary