

February 2016 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 through mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications. This report is respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.

Email Motions

Board of Directors Motions

BD.16.11 Rescind Directive to Stockdog Committee

Approve: Gibson, Gray, King, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, Kissman

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Comment from Kissman: The original motion to direct the SDC to make their committee makeup match with the Committee Procedures used by the other committees was passed in November 2015. The SDC did not respond with a formal proposal to change Chapter 27 in the Stockdog Rule book. Instead, they argued that this was a bad idea. They argued that the SDC is a special committee and should not operate as the other committees do. I agree that the SDC is a special committee, but I believe that the confirmation committee is a special committee also. I believe the agility committee is a special committee too. I believe that all of ASCA's hard working committees populated with great volunteers are special committees. I am concerned that if the SDC chooses not to respond with a formal proposal to a directive from the ASCA Board, then does the Board actually have the authority to issue a directive.

Motion by Linda Gray

Second by Laura Gibson

I move to rescind the following Board Directive to the Stockdog Committee:

BD.15.126 Directive to Stockdog Committee – Align with Committee Procedures

All present approve.

Motion carries.

Motion by DeChant

Second by Kissman

I make a motion to send a directive to the Stockdog Committee to make their committee makeup match up with the Committee Procedures used by the other committees, so we no longer have the problems with filling judge/contestant slots.

Rationale: After discussion, rescinding the Directive and changing 2.3 is the better solution to solve the problems with SDC committee membership.

BD.16.12 Revision of Committee Procedures 22.1

Approve: Gibson, Gray, King, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, Kissman

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Comment from Kissman: I believe that this motion, if passed, would be in conflict with current motion BD.16.11 if it fails to pass.

Motion by Linda Gray
Second by Rachel Vest

I move to revise Section 22.1 of the Committee Procedures from:

22.1 Committee Procedures

All committees are to follow the current version of the Committee Procedures.

to:

22.1 Committee Procedures

All committees not grandfathered/exempt are to follow the current version of the Committee Procedures.

Rationale: Since we have at least one committee with an exemption to the CPs, the above statement is contradictory to the Policy Book. Adding "grandfathered/exempt" to 22.1 will remove the contradiction.

Effective date: June 1, 2016

BD.16.13 Add to Committee Procedures 5.1 Annual Committee Member Report

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Comment from Kissman: The ASCA Executive Secretary tracks this information currently, but a double check could be beneficial.

Motion by Linda Gray

Second by Pete Dolan

I move to add to Section 5. Chair Person's Duties as follows:

Insert the following as Section 5.1:

5.1 Annual Committee Member Report

As stated in 2.3a, the Chair is responsible to keep track of the terms of its members. During the month of March each Committee Chair will send a report to the Executive Secretary which will contain the following:

1. A list of all committee members, when their term is expiring and the region they represent as of March 1st.
2. Resumes of those members whose term is expiring and who want to remain on the committee.
 - a. In addition for the Stockdog Committee, what position they hold, judge or contestant.
3. Names of those members whose term is expiring but not wanting to remain on the committee.
 - a. In addition for the Stockdog Committee, what position they hold, judge or contestant.
4. Any additional members.
 - a. When their term is expiring.
 - b. In addition for the Stockdog Committee, what position they hold, judge or contestant.

Renumber 5.1 to 5.2, 5.2 to 5.3, 5.3 to 5.4 and so forth to the end.

Rationale: This additional report is necessary to advise the Board of committee membership status prior to appointing committee members at the annual spring meeting.

BD.16.14 Complaint against Mid-South ASC

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Dolan, Silveira

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

Second by Wesen

Below are the recommendations Chuck approved regarding the Complaint filed by Ms Bryant, Silveria, Toth, Crawford, and de Leon against Mid-South ASC Nationals Sweeps class.

BD.16.15 Change to Committee Procedures 2.b and 2.c

Approve: Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: DeChant, Silveira

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Comment from Silveira: As stated multiple times before, the simplest answer is to not appoint a new Committee Members to replace the person elected to the Chair position. This will guarantee no extra people on the Committee.

Motion by Gibson

Second by DeChant

I move to amend the current Committee Procedures 2.b and 2.c, as outlined below, effective immediately upon approval by the BOD.

Rationale: The proposed wording allows for an extra committee member in cases where the committee chair resigns and returns to the committee, resulting in a sixteenth member. This has not happened often in ASCA history, but it did happen recently, and this proposal solves that problem.

PROPOSED WORDING:

2 Membership

2.3 Terms and Appointments

b. Each year, the Committees shall hold an election of its Chair within 30 days following the Board of Directors Spring Meeting. Chairs shall serve a one-year term and may be re-elected. The person elected Chair must have served a minimum of one year on that respective committee and a minimum of three consecutive years as a Full ASCA Member in good standing. This person may come from within or from outside the current committee membership. If the Committee Chair comes from within the Committee, then that person will be replaced by someone from the region the Chairperson's region came from. If the elected Committee Chair is not a Committee member comes from outside the current committee membership, then the Board of Directors that person must be approved by the Board of Directors. to be placed on that Committee. that person. Upon completion of the one year term as Chair, the Chairperson may remain on the committee for the duration of his/her original appointed term. This may result in an additional committee member. If the term of the Chairperson occurs during the second year of the original appointed term, no additional time is granted upon the completion of the term as Chair.

c. If the Chair is unable to carry out his/her duties as listed in these procedures, the Chair may resign his/her the position as Chair and remain on the Committee until his/her term expires. position is up for appointment. This may result in an additional committee member for the duration of the appointed term. The Committee shall then elect a new Chair. upon the current Chair's resignation. If, at any time, a Committee Member believes the Chair is not carrying out his/her duties, the Committee Member may contact the Liaison for resolution.

CURRENT WORDING:

2 Membership

2.3 Terms and Appointments

b. Each year, the Committees shall hold an election of its Chair during the period of 30 days before to 30 days after the Board of Directors Spring meeting. Chairs shall serve a one-year term and may be reelected. The person elected Chair must have served a minimum of one year in that respective Committee as a Member and a minimum of three consecutive years as a Full ASCA Member in good standing. This person may come from within or from outside the current Committee Membership. If the Committee Chair comes from within the Committee, then that person will be replaced with someone from the region the Chairperson came from. If the Committee Chair comes from outside the current Committee Membership, then that person must be approved by the Board of Directors to be placed on that Committee.

c. If the Chair is unable to carry out his/her duties as listed in these procedures, the Chair may resign his/her position as Chair and remain on the Committee until his/her position is up for appointment. The Committee shall then elect a new Chair upon the current Chair's resignation. If at any time a Committee Member believes the Chair is not carrying out his/her duties, the Committee Member may contact the Liaison for resolution.

BD.16.17 Rescue Grant (New Spirit 4 Aussie Rescue)

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by King

Second by DeChant

I'd like to make a motion to accept the application from New Spirit 4 Aussie Rescue for \$5000 from the funds dedicated to rescue in the ASCA Foundation.

Committee Recommendations

Agility Committee

AG.16.02 Veteran Handler Titles

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I move to accept the Agility Committee's emergency motion concerning Veteran Handler Titles. Please see the details and rationale below.

Motion title: Emergency motion - Veteran Handler Titles

Effective date: June 1, 2016

Motion by Judy Boone
Second by Andrea Hoffman

Rationale: This is an emergency motion to correct the June 2016 rulebook. With the elimination of Veteran Handler, we will have dogs with Veteran titles that now must compete in Standard; however their titles will not reflect the Standard division because of current rules. The ASCA Business office has said their system can now make this change with no cost or new programming. This rule change will allow the dog's title to reflect the division where it was earned and reflect the correct division for Finals.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 11

Disapprove: 1

Abstain: 0

I move there be a change from CURRENT WORDING:

10.11.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Novice, Open, and Elite Titles A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship Program. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division in the Championship Program these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veterans Division in the Championship Program. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veterans Open Jumpers in the Championship Program, the 'Jumpers Veterans-Open' (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. ~~Note, if a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division in the Championship Program and returns to compete in the Standard division in the Championship Program, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation in the Championship Program.~~

To PROPOSED WORDING:

10.11.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Novice, Open, and Elite Titles A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship Program. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division in the Championship Program these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veterans Division in the Championship Program. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veterans Open Jumpers in the Championship Program, the 'Jumpers Veterans-Open' (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. Any title earned from mixed divisions will carry the designation of the division with the most points. For example, if a dog has earned 20 points in Novice Regular from the Veteran division and then earns 10 points from the Standard division, the title will be issued from the Veteran division. Dogs with equal points from the Veteran or Standard division will be issued the title based on the last division where points were earned. For example, a dog earns 10 points in Veteran jumpers, then earns 10 points in Standard jumpers - the title will be issued as a Standard division title.

CURRENT WORDING:

10.11.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Outstanding/Superior Titles A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship

Program. For example, qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division in the Championship Program may be combined with scores/points from the Veterans Division in the Championship Program towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veterans Division in the Championship Program. ~~If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division in the Championship Program and returns to compete in the Standard Division in the Championship Program, any titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation in the Championship Program.~~

To PROPOSED WORDING:

10.11.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Outstanding/Superior Titles A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship Program. For example, qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division in the Championship Program may be combined with scores/points from the Veterans Division in the Championship Program towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veterans Division in the Championship Program. Any title earned from mixed divisions will carry the designation of the division with the most points. For example, if a dog has earned 20 points in Novice Regular from the Veteran division and then earns 10 points from the Standard division, the title will be issued from the Veteran division. Dogs with equal points from the Veteran or Standard division will be issued the title based on the last division where points were earned. For example, a dog earns 10 points in Veteran jumpers, then earns 10 points in Standard jumpers - the title will be issued as a Standard division title.

Junior Committee

JR.16.02 Change to Rule 8.5 Section V: All Around

Approve: Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Vest, Wesen

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion fails.

Comment from DeChant: There needs to be more work done to outline what titles, work will be used toward this award.

Comment from Gibson: I do agree that agility needs to be included in AAJ, but until the details on how to include it are worked out, especially with regards to scoring, I believe this is premature.

Comment from King: I want to see agility added to the junior program but this motion does not cover how those points will be counted. Also a section of the junior stock rules conflict with this motion. I will support adding agility to the junior program when those issues are corrected.

Comment from Kissman: It is incomplete.

Comment from Vest: Per input from several individuals, this motion is premature and needs to be reworked. Thanks Junior Committee for your efforts.

Comment from Wesen: Think this needs more work per Kalla and Cindy's suggestion.

Motion by Silveira

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

Motion by Regi Bryant

Second by Andrea Armstrong Bair

Motion statement: I, Regi Bryant, make the following motion, to become effective June 1, 2016:

Rationale: In reading through particular areas of the Junior rulebook, I realized that Agility had been left out of the AAJ competition. In addition, it is contradictory to allow Agility to be used for MVJ

competition, but not for the AAJ competition for the year. If Agility is a performance event that is used to calculate MVA scores, it should be used in the calculation of AAJ and MVJ. Lastly, the consensus of the Junior Committee felt it necessary to include that only qualifying scores be used to calculate the overall score.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 5

Disapprove: 0

Non-Voting: 4

Abstain: 0

PROPOSED WORDING:

8.5 Section V: All Around

A Junior MUST compete in Junior Handling and Working. Remaining points may be earned from Agility, Obedience, Rally, or Tracking. Only qualifying scores from Working and performance events shall be considered. The junior with the most points (the points from each section are added together), providing he/she has met all the requirements for each section, will win the award. In the case that there are no other Juniors competing in all areas, the award will NOT be given that year. In case of a tie, both will win the award.

CURRENT WORDING:

8.5 Section V: All Around

A Junior MUST compete in Junior Handling and Working. Remaining points may be earned from Obedience, Rally, or Tracking. The junior with the most points (the points from each section are added together), providing he/she has met all the requirements for each section, will win the award. In the case that there are no other Junior competing in all areas, the award will NOT be given that year. In case of a tie, both will win the award.

JR.16.03 Change to Rule 8.7.1.3 Most Versatile Junior Competition Rules

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Junior Committee.

Motion by Regi Bryant

Second by Andrea Armstrong Bair

Motion statement: I, Regi Bryant, make the following motion, to become effective June 1, 2016:

Rationale: In reading through particular areas of the Junior rulebook, I realized that Agility four (4) performance areas are permissible for MVJ but the current rules lists the word "three". In addition, there is a statement listed for the MVJ Score Sheet with a marker for the proper Appendix to locate it, which was never followed up on. I added page numbers, rather than move the MVJ Score Sheet to a different area of the rulebook.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 5

Disapprove: 0

Non-Voting: 4

Abstain: 0

PROPOSED WORDING:

8.7.1.3 Most Versatile Junior Competition Rules

1. Most Versatile Junior Handler Award is for the Junior who has the highest combined score in three areas:

a. Junior handling evaluation

b. Working

c. Any ONE of the following four (4) performance events: Agility, Obedience, Rally and Tracking.

2. The Junior Handling Evaluation portion of the junior's total points will be comprised of a score that is awarded by the junior handling evaluator for skills demonstrated during the evaluation. The scoring will be performed based on the criteria outlined on the MVJ Evaluation score sheet on pages 18 and 19 of the ASCA Junior Showmanship Program Rules. Each junior will be allowed to present only one dog in the Junior Handling Evaluation. Bitches in season will be allowed in the evaluation portion of the MVJ competition; they will be evaluated in order, or may be placed at the end of the line, at the evaluator's preference. A Qualifying Score shall be comprised of a final score of one hundred seventy (170) or more points.

CURRENT WORDING:

8.7.1.3 Most Versatile Junior Competition Rules

1. Most Versatile Junior Handler Award is for the Junior who has the highest combined score in three areas:

a. Junior handling evaluation

b. Working

c. Any ONE of the following three performance events: agility, obedience, rally and tracking.

2. The Junior Handling Evaluation portion of the junior's total points will be comprised of a score that is awarded by the junior handling evaluator for skills demonstrated during the evaluation. The scoring will be performed based on the criteria outlined on the MVJ Evaluation score sheet in Appendix [enter appendix number here] of the ASCA Junior Showmanship Program Rules. Each junior will be allowed to present only one dog in the Junior Handling Evaluation. Bitches in season will be allowed in the evaluation portion of the MVJ competition; they will be evaluated in order, or may be placed at the end of the line, at the evaluator's preference. A Qualifying Score shall be comprised of a final score of one hundred seventy (170) or more points.

JR.16.04 Add wording to Page 3 of Rules

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Dolan

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Comment from Dolan: The motion should give a specific place to insert the proposed statement not the general statement "page 3".

Motion by Silveira

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Junior Committee.

Motion statement: I, Regi Bryant, make the following motion to add to Page 3 of the Junior Rulebook, to become effective June 1, 2016:

Rationale: If we include the rules for each program, the Junior Rulebook would be extremely large in size. In addition, it becomes a management issue, having to update two (2) rulebooks and it would be repetitious to include each rule that governs this program.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 5

Disapprove: 0

Non-Voting: 4

Abstain: 0

PROPOSED WORDING:

Juniors compete in many programs. This Junior Rulebook attempts to cover as many topics as possible relative to the Junior Program. However, each individual program rulebook takes precedence over the Junior Program, in cases where the rules are not listed in the Junior Rulebook.

Obedience Committee

OB.16.04 Add Optional Titling to 5 Sections

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Add Optional Titling to 5 Sections

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Motion by Laurie Rubin

Second by Beth MacLehose

Motion statement: I move to add the words Optional Titling to 5 sections of the rulebook.

Rationale: Consistency in the rulebook.

This will affect Trial Secretaries, Judges, and competitors.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 7

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 3

PROPOSED WORDING:

1.10 Qualifying Score

A Qualifying score shall be comprised of scores of more than fifty percent (50%) of the available points in each exercise and a final score of one hundred seventy (170) or more points, earned in a single Regular or Optional Titling class at a Specialty or Sanctioned Obedience Trial.

CURRENT WORDING:

A Qualifying score shall be comprised of scores of more than fifty percent (50%) of the available points in each exercise and a final score of one hundred seventy (170) or more points, earned in a single Regular class at a Specialty or Sanctioned Obedience Trial.

PROPOSED WORDING:

1.14 Obedience Ribbons

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The following ribbon colors must be used at a Specialty: Regular and Optional Titling Classes:

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CURRENT WORDING:

...

The following ribbon colors must be used at a Specialty: Regular Classes:

...

PROPOSED WORDING:

1.15 Ribbons and Prizes

Ribbons for the four (4) official placements and all prizes offered for competition within a single Regular or Optional Titling class at Sanctioned Obedience Trials must be awarded only to dogs that earn Qualifying scores....

CURRENT WORDING:

Ribbons for the four (4) official placements and all prizes offered for competition within a single Regular class at Sanctioned Obedience Trials must be awarded only to dogs that earn Qualifying scores....

PROPOSED WORDING:

1.31 Submitting Records

After each ASCA sanctioned event, all Judge's Books (Optional Titling, Non-Regular and Regular classes), ASCA Official Entry Forms for all qualifiers, Gross Receipts report, including Event Membership Dues, Sanction Grant, Obedience Show Report must be sent to the ASCA Business Office, postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days after the close of the show....

CURRENT WORDING:

After each ASCA sanctioned event, all Judge's Books (Non-Regular and Regular classes), ASCA Official Entry Forms for all qualifiers, Gross Receipts report, including Event Membership Dues, Sanction Grant, Obedience Show Report must be sent to the ASCA Business Office, postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days after the close of the show....

PROPOSED WORDING:

2.25 Misbehavior

In any ASCA class (Regular, **Optional Titling**, or Non-Regular) at any trial (including Nationals and Finals), any dog that fouls the ring while in the ring for judging shall lose all allowable points for that class (Sub-Novice 160; other classes 200 points.)

CURRENT WORDING:

In any ASCA class (regular or non-regular) at any trial (including Nationals and Finals), any dog that fouls the ring while in the ring for judging shall lose all allowable points for that class (Sub-Novice 160; other classes 200 points.)

OB.16.05 Standardize Secretary Language

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the following motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Standardize Secretary Language

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Motion by Laurie Rubin

Second by Katie Van de Sandt

Motion statement: I move to ask the Executive Secretary to standardize the secretary language throughout the rulebook, so that where the rulebook lists either Show Secretary or Trial Secretary, all sections will say the Show or Trial Secretary.

Rationale: To standardize language in the rulebook.

History: We had asked the Board previously which terminology they preferred (show, event, or trial secretary) and they preferred Trial Secretary, except when obedience is held in conjunction with conformation. Secretary is in the rulebook about 30 times in various forms: show secretary, Show or Trial Secretary, Show Secretary, trial secretary.

The will affect the Executive Secretary.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 6

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 3

OB.16.06 Clarify Finals Stay Language

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0
Non-Voting: 0
Motion carries.
Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the following motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Clarify Finals Stay Language

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Motion by Laurie Rubin
Second by Beth MacLehose

Motion statement: I move to make the stay language consistent between Sections 11.5.5 and 11.5.8.

Rationale: Clarity.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 7
Disapprove: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-voting: 2

Omit the phrase: the individual exercises for
Match the language in 11.5.5 Division Details by adding the phrase: first thing in the morning with staggered times for each ring.

PROPOSED WORDING:

11.5.8 Class Order and Running Order of the Entrants

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Group stays for the Novice and Open CDX classes will take place first thing in the morning with staggered times for each ring. ...

CURRENT WORDING:

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Group stays for the Novice and Open CDX classes will be scheduled before the individual exercises for any classes. ...

OB.16.07 Expedited Process for AKC, CKC, UKC Judges (revised)

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen
Disapprove: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-Voting: 0
Motion carries.
Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the following corrected motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: AKC, CKC, UKC Judge Expedited Process

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Motion by Laurie Rubin
Second by Katie Van de Sandt

Motion statement: I move to add the following sections to Sections 3.1 and 3.3 of the Obedience Judge Requirements to do these 3 things: 1)AKC Judges will have to take a shortened Judges Test focusing on the differences between ASCA and AKC; 2)AKC, CKC, and UKC Judges will become Provisional Judges immediately after passing their test; and 3)the time period for them to be Provisional will be shortened.

Rationale: This will allow judges with obedience judging experience to become ASCA judges more rapidly, so that clubs will be able to hire them sooner. At the same time it maintains a procedure for ASCA members with concerns about specific judges to send their concerns to the Board before the person becomes a non-provisional judge.

Clubs will have a chance to hire new judges. Judge applicants who have already judged for other registries will have a quicker process to become ASCA judges. The Business Office will have a Shortened Test for AKC Judges to send to AKC Judge Applicants.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 8

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 1

Non-voting: 0

Add to end of B in Section 3.1 of the Obedience Judge Requirements:

3.1 Obedience Judges

Step B All applicants must take the ... test ...

1. AKC Judge Exception. Applicants who are certified as Provisional Utility Judges or above by the American Kennel Club (AKC) will take the ASCA Obedience Judges Test for AKC Obedience Judges, which focuses on the differences between the ASCA and AKC obedience programs. Upon passing this test, these applicants will become Provisional ASCA Obedience Judges.

2. CKC and UKC Judge Exception. Upon passing the full ASCA obedience judges test, applicants who are certified as Provisional Utility Judges or above by the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) or the United Kennel Club (UKC) will become Provisional ASCA Obedience Judges.

Add to end of Section 3.3 of the Obedience Judge Requirements:

3.3 Provisional status

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AKC, CKC and UKC Judge Exception. Forty-five days after having their name published in the Aussie Times, applicants who are certified as Provisional Utility Judges or above by AKC, CKC or UKC will have their ASCA Provisional status lifted, unless the Board of Directors makes a different determination upon receiving negative input.

OB.16.08 ODX Minor Changes

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Gray

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the following motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: ODX Minor Changes

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Motion by Laurie Rubin

Second by Penny Jameson

Motion statement: I move we make the following changes to the Directed Open Exercises of the ODX class. Exact language of current and proposed rule in attached Microsoft Word document.

Rationale: Generally, this motion will improve the new ODX class. This motion will make the DOE's in the ODX class slightly more challenging by requiring the cone to be farther off the straight path between handler and dog. It will give judges more flexibility in setting up their ring and placing the cone by allowing the cone to be up to six feet off the midline. It will add scoring clarity for what to do if a dog moves a little after standing. It will direct judges to score the second half of the DOE if the dog is in position to accomplish it, just as they do for any other exercise after an NQ. This will allow ODX Finals participants to get a score for the second half of the DOE's, even if they NQ the first part.

Obedience judges and ODX competitors will be affected.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 8

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 1

Non-voting: 0

1. Under 4.8 Directed Open Exercises (DOE) – FOR ONLY ODX

Add: Cone position: The cone shall be placed three to six feet to the left or right of the direct path from dog to handler. It may be placed midway between the dog and the handler or up to six feet forward or backward from the midline.

Delete the original description of where to place the cone and move the asterisk line about the cone being ~12" high... up toward the top, right after the first mention of cone position.

2. Under 4.8.6 DOE 2 – Part A, Scoring

Add: "If a dog has non-qualified on DOE 1 but is in position to perform DOE 2, it should perform and be scored for DOE 2."

Delete: A dog that is non-qualifying on either Part A or Part B shall be scored non-qualifying for DOE 2.

3. Under 4.8.8 DOE 2 – Part B, Scoring

Add phrase “if the dog moves after standing without going outside the four foot radius or”
Last paragraph would now read: “Substantial or minor deductions shall be made if the dog moves after standing without going outside the four foot radius or if the dog has attempted but not assumed heel position by the time the handler reaches the ring barrier.”

OB.16.09 Omit counting excused dogs

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the following motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Omit counting excused dogs

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Motion by Laurie Rubin

Second by Beth MacLehose

Motion statement: I move to omit the sentence below from 1.12.

No dog, which has been excused or disqualified at a given trial, shall count toward the total number of dogs judged or the number of dogs in that particular obedience class.

Rationale: Clarity. The Obedience Committee is not sure why the sentence on counting dogs is part of the obedience rulebook, so we voted to remove it. We know dogs are counted to determine conformation points, dogs are counted to determine OTCh points in another registry, not ASCA, and entries, not dogs, are counted by the Secretary to determine fees to the Business Office. If you know of the reason for the rule, please explain it to us and vote this motion down.

Parties affected: Readers of Chapter 1 of the Obedience rulebook.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 6

Disapprove: 2

Abstain: 1

Non-voting: 0

Rally Committee

RA.16.04 Add ODX to Judge Qualification Requirements

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee.

Motion title: RC Motion 16.1 Adding ODX to the Judge Qualification Requirements

Effective Date: June 1, 2016

Motion by Karen Black

Second by: Guenter Geisel

Motion statement: I move to add ODX to the Judge Qualification Requirements as an option under Section 2, Option A.

Rationale: Currently the CDX is listed, but ASCA currently has another Open level title leading to the utility degree in obedience. Interested rally judge applicants should be able to use a CDX or ODX to meet the requirement listed in 15.2.1.a.ii since ASCA considers those two titles equal.

The Business Office will be affected as they review the applications when they arrive to determine if an applicant is qualified to apply. Judge applicants will be affected as they can now use either a CDX or ODX to meet the requirements listed in that section.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 10

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Comments from committee member:

Leah Swatko: Housekeeping as this was not in the obedience program in the past. It is a valid title and stream towards an advanced title.

PROPOSED WORDING:

15.2.1 Requirements to Become a Judge

All "other persons" wishing to become an ASCA Rally Judge must fulfill all requirements from either Option A or B.

a. Option A Qualifications

i. Two Companion Dog (CD) titles (from ASCA, AKC, CKC, or UKC)

ii. One Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (from ASCA, AKC, CKC or UKC) or One Open Dog Excellent (ODX) title (from ASCA)

iii. One Rally Masters (RM) title (from ASCA)

b. Option B Qualifications

i. One Companion Dog (CD) title (from ASCA, AKC, CKC, or UKC)

ii. One Rally Excellent Masters (REM) title (from ASCA)

iii. Three Rally Excellent (RE) titles (at least one RE must be from ASCA; others may be a combination from ASCA, AKC, CKC, the UR03 from UKC, and/or the WCRL RL3)

CURRENT WORDING:

15.2.1 Requirements to Become a Judge

All “other persons” wishing to become an ASCA Rally Judge must fulfill all requirements from either Option A or B.

a. Option A Qualifications

- i. Two Companion Dog (CD) titles (from ASCA, AKC, CKC, or UKC)
- ii. One Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (from ASCA, AKC, CKC or UKC)
- iii. One Rally Masters (RM) title (from ASCA)

b. Option B Qualifications

- i. One Companion Dog (CD) title (from ASCA, AKC, CKC, or UKC)
- ii. One Rally Excellent Masters (REM) title (from ASCA)
- iii. Three Rally Excellent (RE) titles (at least one RE must be from ASCA; others may be a combination from ASCA, AKC, CKC, the UR03 from UKC, and/or the WCRL RL3)

RA.16.05 Stewards for Rally Finals

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee.

Motion title: RC Motion 16.2 Stewards for Rally Finals

Effective date: June 1, 2016

Motion by Karen Black

Second by Corinne Shanks

Motion statement: I move to restate the stewarding requirements for Finals to ensure the event runs as smoothly as possible and potential timing problems are averted.

Rationale: The current list of stewards required for Rally Finals does not mention a Timing Steward and does not ensure adequate coverage for the event so that it runs smoothly and as error free as possible. Due to the quality of teams competing in Rally Finals, it is imperative that accurate times are recorded for each run. Having a primary stop watch running and a secondary stop watch running will provide backup in the event of a timer malfunction.

Judges will be affected as they will have adequate help with their rings. Affiliate club hosting Finals will be affected as they will be responsible for assigning people to steward.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 10

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Comments from committee members:

Beryl Billingsley: I agree with this motion, and also feel if the host club has enough manpower available, a fourth steward would be beneficial.

Leah Swatko: Finals must have a full complement of stewards it is an important event and needs to run smoothly.

Pat Pierce: In at least two of the four total Rally Finals events, placements for the overall winner had to be determined using the sum totals of all four run times for each of the top teams, who had earned identical cumulative scores. Stopwatch errors can, and do, happen; thankfully in the past, timing errors did not affect Finals placements. Requiring all Finals runs to include both a backup timer, and one of the three required Stewards as a dedicated Timer, should ensure all runs have recorded times.

PROPOSED WORDING:

13.7.3 Number of Stewards and Stopwatches

Each ring should have a minimum of three Stewards: a Gate Steward, a Table Steward, and a Ring Timing Steward.

Due to the importance of having a valid time for each run, two stopwatches must be used for each run in Rally Finals. One stopwatch will be designated as the primary stopwatch. In the event there is a timer malfunction of the primary stopwatch, the time on the secondary stopwatch will be used for that run. Jump height changes, when needed, can be made by any of these stewards to help the trial run smoothly.

CURRENT WORDING:

13.7.3 Number of Stewards

Each ring should have a minimum of three Stewards: a Gate Steward, a Table Steward, and a Ring Steward.

RA.16.06 Stewards for National Rally Trial

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this motion from the Rally Committee.

Motion title: RC Motion 16.3 Stewards for the National Rally Trial

Effective date: June 1, 2016

Motion by Karen Black

Second by Corinne Shanks

Motion statement: I move to include stewarding requirements for the National Rally Trial to ensure the event runs as smoothly as possible. This is a very large event and needs to have proper stewarding coverage to make things run smoothly for the host affiliate, the judges, the stewards and the exhibitors.

Rationale: There are no current guidelines for the number of stewards need for the National Rally Trial. The event has typically been run using the same guidelines for local events which are much smaller than the National Rally trial. Because the National Rally Trial is so large and the number of conflicts so great,

it is imperative that a full slate of stewards are used for each ring. It is also very difficult to locate exhibitors after their run if there was a problem with a timer malfunction and their score ends up being tied for a potential placement. Thus, the same two stop watch guidelines used for Finals should apply here as well.

Judges will be affected as they will have adequate help with their rings. Affiliate club hosting Nationals will be affected as they will be responsible for assigning people to steward. Exhibitors will be affected as things will run more smoothly than when there is not enough help running the ring. Stewards will be affected as they will be able to do a better job at their primary responsibility.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 10

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Comments from committee members:

Beryl Billingsley: I agree with this motion, and feel that if the host club has enough manpower available, a fourth steward would be beneficial.

Pat Pierce: I stewarded both days of the National Rally Trial in Shelbyville, each day as part of a two person team. While a small local trial can "get by" with only one or two stewards, it was extremely difficult for us to accurately change jumps, re set equipment that had been displaced during a run, line up the next series of exhibitors, handle ring conflicts, time every run, record times correctly in the judges books that often required seven full pages open at the same time, verify the judge's math on every worksheet before scores were recorded on the books, hand out maps, and do ring clean ups when fouling occurred. Three dedicated, full time Stewards per Rally ring, is an absolute MINIMUM requirement to make the National Rally Trial run smoothly, efficiently, and without delays.

PROPOSED WORDING:

We recommend this addition be number 14.4 with the remaining sections of Chapter 14 following in sequential order.

14.4 Number of Stewards and Stopwatches

Each ring should have a minimum of three Stewards: a Gate Steward, a Table Steward, and a Ring Timing Steward.

Due to the importance of having a valid time for each run, two stopwatches must be used for each run. One stopwatch will be designated as the primary stopwatch. In the event there is a timer malfunction of the primary stopwatch, the time on the secondary stopwatch will be used for that run. Jump height changes, when needed, can be made by any of these stewards to help the trial run smoothly.

CURRENT WORDING:

There is no current wording for this in the National Trial Section.

RA.16.07 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this motion from the Rally Committee.

Motion title: RC Motion 16.4 – Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Effective date: June 1, 2016

Motion by Karen Black

Second by Pat Pierce

Motion statement: I move to update Section 2.23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties to include points off that are mentioned in other areas of the rulebook but are not currently noted in Section 2.23.

Rationale: The current Section 2.23 lists most of the occurrences for points off, but there are other areas of the rulebook that describe infractions and things that need to be scored as points off that are not included in Section 2.23. Unless the entire rulebook is read thoroughly to pick up on the differences, it isn't clear to judges and exhibitors everything that should be scored. A lot of people do not take the time to read the entire rulebook, they go to a section they need. They will look up the scoring and minimum penalties and assume everything is included there. By making these additions to the list, they will have complete guidelines for scoring and minimum penalties. This motion does not make any changes to the ASCA Rally Program; it simply puts the points off referenced in other areas of the rulebook into this section.

Judges will be affected as it will be easier to reference behaviors that should be scored. Exhibitors will be affected as they also will have an easier reference for scoring.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 10

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Comment from committee member:

Leah Swatko: Judges and competitors need to have at hand all penalties clearly listed to do the best job. Hunting for points off that are scattered through the rule book is a challenging task, more so when there is the pressure of a trial and a timeline to meet. This enhanced list makes scoring easier and clearly right at hand.

PROPOSED WORDING:

2.23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Scoring for all levels and each class is based on a maximum score of 200 points. Any error that is less than a one-point deduction in Obedience is not to be deducted in Rally. The following deductions shall apply while the team is on the course:

1-point deduction for each occurrence of any of the following:

- Tight leash
- Dog interfering with handler

- Poor sit
- Slow or resistant to respond
- Touching or ticking a jump, pylon, post, distraction, sign or person
- Out of position
- Giving the appearance of baiting
- Whistling
- Dog fails to remain under reasonable control while being praised
- In Excellent and Masters, handler patting their legs or clapping to encourage their dog
- Unless specified in the exercise description, handler touching the dog at any time on the course after the judge has said "Are you ready?" and prior to passing Finish and attaching the leash.
- In Masters, an additional command or signal on any element of an exercise (except exercise #401, see below)

3-point deduction for each occurrence of any of the following:

- Repeat of a station (only one retry of each station will be allowed for all class levels except Novice, where two are permitted)
- Pylon/post knocked over on the Figure Eight, Spiral, or Serpentine station
- Lack of control
- Loud command or intimidating signal
- Excessive barking
- Picking up or disrupting Distractions
- A verbal command given in the Masters Signal exercise (# 401) during signals, or the dog's name is used with only a signal

10-point deduction for each occurrence of the following:

- Incorrectly Performed station (IP) with a ten point value
- Physical guidance, such as placing the dog in position with the hands (exception: sign #101 in Novice) or straightening the dog with knees or feet for stations with a ten-point value
- A handler error large enough to interfere with the completion of an exercise valued at ten points
- Jump station worth 10 points not at initial height or length
- Jump worth ten points not left in initial height or length after Jump Station is attempted
- Failure to complete the Sit/Stay or Down/Stay exercise (IP) when not starred, no retries allowed

20-point deduction for occurrence of any of the following:

- Incorrectly Performed station (IP) designated as a Star station
- Physical guidance, such as placing the dog in position with the hands (exception: sign #101 in Novice) or straightening the dog with knees or feet for stations with a twenty-point value
- A handler error large enough to interfere with the completion of an exercise valued at twenty points
- Jump station worth 20 points not left at initial height or length (IP)
- Jump worth 20 points not left in initial height or length after Jump Station is attempted (IP)
- Failure to complete the Sit/Stay or Down/Stay exercise (IP) when starred, no retries allowed

Incorrectly Performed station (IP): When a team attempts a station and fails to perform the primary parts of the station on the first attempt, the handler may choose to retry the station for a correct performance, accepting the mandatory 3-point deduction for the retry of the station. The station is considered an IP if the handler chooses not to retry or fails to perform that station correctly on the second or in Novice, the third attempt. The station is considered an IP if the handler chooses not to retry or fails to perform that station correctly on the second or in Novice, the third attempt.

1 to 5-point deductions for each occurrence of any of the following:

- Lack of teamwork
- Lack of accuracy in the dog's performance
- Lack of briskness
- Handler error
- Hitting the jump
- Misbehavior such as nipping, barking, or running away from its handler

Handler errors can be assessed 1 to 5 points at each station or up to an IP. ~~Example: Once a handler has stopped at any halt station, the handler cannot move his feet to assist a dog without incurring a handler error. If a Handler error is large enough to interfere with completion of a station, it may become an IP.~~

- Once a handler has stopped at any halt station, the handler cannot move his feet to assist a dog
- Use of leash or hand to correct the dog

Non-Qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given for:

- Minimum requirements not met
- Dog unmanageable or uncontrolled barking
- Consistently tight lead
- A dog that eliminates while in the ring
- Any food in the ring
- Station not attempted by handler
- Excessive handler errors
- Excessive handler errors
- Dog is lame
- Double Handling
- Harsh physical correction
- Harsh or excessively loud command
- Misbehavior that is deemed too serious for the team to continue attempting the course

CURRENT WORDING:

2.23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Scoring for all levels and each class is based on a maximum score of 200 points. Any error that is less than a one-point deduction in Obedience is not to be deducted in Rally. The following deductions shall apply while the team is on the course:

1-point deduction for each occurrence of any of the following:

- Tight leash
- Dog interfering with handler
- Poor sit
- Slow or resistant to respond
- Touching or ticking a jump, pylon, post, distraction, sign or person
- Out of position
- Giving the appearance of baiting

3-point deduction for each occurrence of any of the following:

- Repeat of a station (only one retry of each station will be allowed for all class levels except Novice, where two are permitted)
- Pylon/post knocked over on the Figure Eight, Spiral, or Serpentine station
- Lack of control
- Loud command or intimidating signal
- Excessive barking
- Picking up or disrupting Distractions

- A verbal command given in the Masters Signal exercise during signals

10-point deduction for each occurrence of the following:

- Incorrectly Performed station (IP) with a ten point value
- Jump station worth 10 points not at initial height or length
- Jump worth ten points not left in initial height or length after Jump Station is attempted.
- Failure to complete the Sit/Stay or Down/Stay exercise (IP) when not starred, no retries allowed

20-point deduction for occurrence of any of the following:

- Incorrectly Performed station (IP) designated as a Star station
- Jump station worth 20 points not left at initial height or length (IP)
- Jump worth 20 points not left in initial height or length after Jump Station is attempted (IP)
- Failure to complete the Sit/Stay or Down/Stay exercise (IP) when starred, no retries allowed

Incorrectly Performed station (IP): When a team attempts a station and fails to perform the primary parts of the station on the first attempt, the handler may choose to retry the station for a correct performance, accepting the mandatory 3-point deduction for the retry of the station. The station is considered an IP if the handler chooses not to retry or fails to perform that station correctly on the second or in Novice, the third attempt. The station is considered an IP if the handler chooses not to retry or fails to perform that station correctly on the second or in Novice, the third attempt.

1 to 5-point deductions for each occurrence of any of the following:

- Lack of teamwork
- Lack of briskness
- Handler error
- Hitting the jump

Handler errors can be assessed 1 to 5 points at each station or up to an IP. Example: Once a handler has stopped at any halt station, the handler cannot move his feet to assist a dog without incurring a handler error. If a Handler error is large enough to interfere with completion of a station, it may become an IP.

Non-Qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given for:

- Minimum requirements not met
- Dog unmanageable or uncontrolled barking
- Consistently tight lead
- A dog that eliminates while in the ring
- Any food in the ring
- Station not attempted by handler
- Excessive handler errors

RA.16.08 Addition to Glossary of Terms

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the following motion from the Rally Committee.

Motion title: RC Motion 16.5 - Adding a second example of Elements to the Glossary of Terms

Effective date: June 1, 2016

Motion by Karen Black
Second by Pat Pierce

Motion statement: I move to update the Glossary of Terms to include the Back 3 Steps exercise as one of the examples for elements.

Rationale: There is always a lot of discussion surrounding this exercise and how many elements it has. By adding it as an example in the Glossary, judges and exhibitors will have a clearer understanding of how many elements that exercise has.

Judges will be affected as they will now have a reference for how many elements the Back 3 steps is. Exhibitors will be affected also and will now know what to expect when being judged on this exercise.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 7

Disapprove: 1

Abstain: 1

Non-voting: 1

Comments from committee members:

Leah Swatko: This addition answers many questions from entrants in rally trials. As well judges have a better understanding of what is expected and another example of what constitutes an element.

Carrie Lovell: This motions stops short of dealing with the issue of "what is an element" and how many and where commands are allowed in the Masters class.

Karen Souza: While I can agree that "Back 3 Steps" is two elements, I think it is still not clear what type of signal is allowed. The exercise, like the "Send Over Jump", has the handler and dog in motion for multiple steps. It is not a clear, quick element like a sit, down or stand. We allow a continuous signal throughout the jump. The handler uses his/her hand to signal the jump, and then to signal return to heel. I feel a continuous signal is appropriate for the entire time the team is in motion in "Back 3 Steps." A second signal and/or command brings the dog back to heeling forward. I fear using this exercise, as an example, without defining what it would look like, will lead to further misinterpretations of an already confusing sign.

PROPOSED WORDING:

Glossary of Terms

Element – a single piece of an exercise, such as a sit, stand, front, finish, or continuous movement specific to the exercise being performed (i.e.: Halt, Call Front, Finish Left, Halt – there are 4 elements: the initial sit, the call to the front position, the finish to the left and the sit at heel.)

For example: Halt, Call Front, Finish Left, Halt (Sign #311) – there are four elements: the initial sit, the call to the front position, the finish to the left, and the sit in heel position at the end.

For example: Back 3 Steps (sign #315) – there are two elements: the continuous movement of the team taking at least three handler steps back, and then the movement of the team heeling forward.

CURRENT WORDING:

Glossary of Terms

Element – single piece of an exercise, such as a sit, stand, front, finish. (i.e.: Halt, Call Front, Finish Left, Halt –there are 4 elements: the initial sit, the call to the front position, the finish to the left and the sit at heel.)

Stockdog Committee

SD.16.06 Clarification of Course E and Description of Obstacle 4 and 5

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I make a motion to accept the SDC's clarification of Stockdog Course E and the description of obstacles 4 and 5 and how they are to be judged.

Motion title: Clarification of Course E and Description of Obstacle 4 and 5

Effective date: June 1, 2016

Motion by Maxine Schvaneveldt

Second by Linda Bell

Motion statement: I, Maxine Schvaneveldt, make a motion to replace the following rule regarding Obstacle 4 and 5.

Rationale: This new wording will clarify the description of obstacle 4 and 5 and how they are to be judged.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 10

Disapprove: 0

Non-Voting: 2

Comments from committee members:

Maxine: This will clarify the "dog leg."

PROPOSED WORDING:

13.1.1

h. **Obstacle 4:** Obstacle 4 uses the same panels as obstacle 1. The dog is to put the stock through the entrance from the top end of the arena toward the re-pen. To receive course points, at least one head of livestock must pass the plane between the in-line panels. If the stock passes through the obstacle from the wrong direction, at least one head must be driven past the plane of the in-line panels so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. Only those head of stock that clear the daylight line will count for course points. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

i. **Obstacle 5:** Once the stock has cleared Obstacle 4, set up and control for obstacle 5 begins. The stock is turned toward the entrance of obstacle 5. Obstacle 5 is an "L" shaped obstacle made up of two openings which should be completed in one, single "L" shape manner/motion. The entrance is a 15' opening created by the panel closest to, and perpendicular to, the outer edge of the panel of obstacle 4. The exit is two parallel 12' panels placed 20' apart. The bottom of each panel (closest to the re-pen end of arena) will be placed on the Advanced Handlers' Line with the right hand panel situated perpendicular

to and even with the end of the left hand side of the panel of obstacle 1 /obstacle 4. Then, turn the livestock in the direction needed to drive the stock to and through the alley and out the exit at the bottom end of alley. To receive course points, the livestock must travel through both the entrance created between obstacle 4 and obstacle 5, and the exit of the alley created by the parallel panels. If the livestock fails to move through one or both of the openings, course points will be deducted accordingly. Control points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movement through the obstacle was executed. Losing livestock from the desired "L" path will result in a loss of control points. Obstacles 1, 2, 3, and 4 must be attempted before attempting obstacle 5 as described in Chapter 8, Section 2.3. For Ducks/Geese obstacle 5 is an "L" shape made up of two openings. The entrance is an 8' opening created by the panel closest to and perpendicular to obstacle 4 and the outer panel. The exit is two parallel 4'-5' panels with 8' opening.

Daylighting: If the stock passes through either opening from the wrong direction, at least one head of livestock must be driven past the plane of the panels at the entrance so that daylight may be seen by the Judge between this plane and the stock. The stock must then be turned around to attempt the obstacle in its entirety and in the correct direction.

GUIDELINE: *The maximum number of course points that may be earned is the minimum number of livestock to clear either opening. Example: 1: If five (5) head of livestock enter obstacle 5 and three (3) head of livestock exit obstacle 5, three (3) course points are earned. Example 2: If three (3) head of livestock enter obstacle 5 and five (5) head of livestock exit obstacle 5, three (3) course points are earned. If the livestock stray from the desired path while executing the "L", control points will be deducted.*

CURRENT WORDING:

13.1.1

h. Obstacle 4: Obstacle 4 uses the same panels as obstacle 1. The dog is to put the stock through the entrance from the top end of the arena towards the take pen end, then turn in a clockwise direction and drive the stock to the opening between obstacle 4 and obstacle 5. When at least one head of stock passes through the panels, then no further course points can be counted. To receive course points, at least one head of livestock must pass the plane between the in-line panels. If the stock passes through the obstacle from the wrong direction, at least one head must be driven past the plane of the in-line panels so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. Only those head of stock that clear the daylight line will count for course points. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed. i.

i. Obstacle 5: Obstacle 5 is an "L" shape obstacle made up of two openings and must be completed in one, single "L" shape manner/motion. The first opening is a 15' opening created by the panel closest to, and perpendicular to, obstacle 4 and the outer edge of the panel of obstacle 4. The second opening is two parallel 12' panels placed 20' apart. The bottom of each panel (closest to the re-pen end of arena) will be placed on the Advanced Handlers' Line with the right hand panel situated perpendicular to obstacle 1/obstacle 4. The right hand panel shall be even with the end of the left hand side of the panel which makes up the obstacle 1/obstacle 4. The dog is to put the stock through the entrance of the opening between obstacle 4 and obstacle 5. Then, turn the livestock in the direction needed to drive the stock to and through the alley then out the exit at the bottom end of alley. When at least one head of stock passes through the 44 parallel panels, then no further course points may be counted. To receive course points, the livestock must travel through the opening created between obstacle 4 and obstacle 5, as well as through the alley created by the parallel panels. If the livestock fail to move through one or both of the openings, course points will be deducted accordingly. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movement through the obstacle was executed. Losing livestock from the desired "L" path will result in a loss of control points. Obstacles 1, 2, 3, and 4

must be attempted before attempting obstacle 5 as described in Chapter 3, Section 11.4. Daylighting: If the stock passes through either opening from the wrong direction, at least one head must be driven past the plane of the panels of the first opening so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between this plane and the stock. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in its entirety and in the correct direction. For Ducks/Geese obstacle 5 is an "L" shape made up of two openings. The first opening is an 8' opening created by the panel closest to and perpendicular to obstacle 4 and the outer edge of the panel of obstacle 4. The second opening is two parallel 4'-5' panels with an 8' opening.

Tracking Committee

TR.16.01 Change to Ch 1, Section 2.10: Track Laying

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the following motion from the Tracking Committee.

Motion title: Motion on the grace period for training and tracklaying an entered dog.

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Motion by Anne Hershey

Second by Maia Halvorsen

Motion statement: I move that the language in ASCA Tracking Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 2.10: Track Laying, paragraph 2, be changed. The paragraph now states, "A person cannot act as a Tracklayer for a dog if that person has boarded, laid track for, or regularly trained the dog whose track he/she is to lay, within the past 60 days." I move that the paragraph be changed to read, "A person cannot act as a tracklayer for a dog he/she has boarded, laid track for, or regularly trained within 30 days prior to the tracking test."

Rationale: Changing the current 60 day window to 30 days is appropriate for Tracking. The reason for imposing a window is that the tracking dog is expected to demonstrate that he can pick up and follow the scent path of a stranger. But a 60-day window turns out to be impractical for the small, close-knit tracking community, and years of experience with the sport have demonstrated that it's not necessary. The tracking community is small, and trainers work together to train each other's dogs. It's hard for host clubs to find local tracklayers who have not been involved in some way with the dogs being tested in their tracking trials. Other canine titling organizations now are using the 30 day window, rather than the 60 day window. I simplified the language in the current regulation.

This motion would affect the affiliate clubs by them being able to use more of the tracking community as track layers

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 4

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 2

Move that the language in ASCA Tracking Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 2.10: Track Laying, paragraph 2, be changed.

PROPOSED WORDING:

“A person cannot act as a tracklayer for a dog he/she has boarded, laid track for, or regularly trained within 30 days prior to the tracking test.”

CURRENT WORDING:

“A person cannot act as a Tracklayer for a dog if that person has boarded, laid track for, or regularly trained the dog whose track he/she is to lay, within the past 60 days.”

TR.16.02 Draw for Nationals

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept the following motion from the Tracking Committee.

Motion title: Draw for national specialty

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Motion by Maia Halvorsen

Second by Anne Hershey

Motion statement: I make a motion to accept the draw for the national specialty to be as follows:

Priority for draw order for TD test:

1. Aussies who are untitled in Tracking with a Certification or an equivalent title;
2. Aussies entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition who are titled in Tracking;
3. Aussies who are titled through TD2 but not entered in Most Versatile Aussie Competition;
4. Aussies who are uncertified.

Priority for draw order for TDX test:

1. Aussies who are titled through TD or TDU, not previously titled in TDX
2. Aussies who have previously titled in TDX, who are entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition
3. Aussies who have previously titled through TDX1
4. Aussies with TDX2 or MT titles.

Rationale: To have a rule to clarify the Draw at a National Specialty. Right now in our rule book the draw order for test including Most Versatile competition leaves room for interpretation, since it includes other breeds, and is not up to date with our current rules for dogs working toward an MT. This would give everyone a place in to the rules to see the draw for a National Specialty, preventing confusion on a complicated draw.

Nationals Host clubs will be affected.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 5

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 1

PROPOSED WORDING:

Move that the language in ASCA Tracking Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 2.10: Track Laying, paragraph 2, be changed.

Page 16, Chapter 1, section 1.20.4 Versatility Competition and the "Draw for Test Entries"

Priority for draw order for TD test:

1. Aussies who are untitled in Tracking with a Certification or an equivalent title;
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Priority for draw order for TDX test:

1. Aussies who are titled through TD or TDU, not previously titled in TDX
2. Aussies who have previously titled in TDX, who are entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition
3. Aussies who have previously titled through TDX1
4. Aussies with TDX2 or MT titles.

CURRENT WORDING:

1.20.4 Versatility Competition and the "Draw for Test Entries"

When a Versatility Competition is offered in conjunction with a Tracking Trial the "Draw For Test Entries" shall be given in the following order:

- a. To an untitled (in Tracking) ASCA registered Australian Shepherd with a Certification or an equivalent title,
- b. To a titled (in Tracking) ASCA Registered Australian Shepherd who is entered in the Versatility Competition,
- c. To an untitled dog with an ASCA Office Tracking Number with a Certification or an equivalent title,
- d. To a titled ASCA Registered Australian Shepherd,
- e. To a titled dog with an ASCA Office Tracking Number,
- f. To a non-titled ASCA registered Australian Shepherd without a Certification or equivalent title,
- g. To a non-titled dog with an ASCA Office Tracking Number without a Certification or an equivalent title.

When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be drawn for a position on the Alternate List.

Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2016

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice President Laura Gibson, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Linda Gray, Director Cindy King, Director Rachel Vest, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: Director Jan Wesen

There is a quorum with 8 voting members of the Board present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm Central Time.

Items in Executive Session:

There were three items that were discussed in Executive Session below. The times are marked for when ES was entered and exited. All votes are reported.

Ratify January Email Votes

BD.16.20 Ratify January Email Votes

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Wesen

Motion carries.

Motion by Vest

Second by Gray

I make a motion to ratify the January 2016 email votes.

January Treasurer's Report

Dolan gave the Treasurer's Report for December. There is \$187,430 in the Chase checking account, \$150,432 in the Chase savings account, and \$100 in the Chase wire account. There is \$180,114 in the Raymond James investment account. There is \$44,710 in the Additional Event Membership Dues account.

There were increases in income from Aussie Times subscriptions (\$1,705), gain/loss on securities (\$1,250), member services (\$2,760), and membership dues (\$1,949). There were decreases in income from Aussie Times ads (-\$4,965), program income (-\$957), and registry services (-\$669). There were increases in expenses for Aussie Times postage (\$5,603), Aussie Times printing (\$1,110), Aussie Times mail preparation (\$2,006), Office expenses (\$2,407), and payroll expenses - temp (\$2,849). There were decreases in expenses from advertising (-\$627), computer (-\$5,114), Director/Office reimbursement (-\$3,526), insurance (-\$4,269), member services (-\$2,832), postage and delivery (-\$1,902), printing and reproduction (-\$971), professional development (-\$633), and professional fees (-\$15,000). Net income through January 2016 is \$17,915.

FrogSlayer will be invoicing the last two months of work all at once, and that should be the last ASCA can expect to pay for the computer upgrade. As things wrap up, there may be some additional charges for items not originally in the RFP.

King questioned why there was almost a \$3,000 expense for temporary payroll. That was because the Office Manager hired a temp to fill-in the stockdog position while he searched for a long-term replacement. The Board briefly shared thoughts on why income from Aussie Times advertisements is down. Advertising is cyclical, but could be due to a general downward trend in paper advertising in favor of online. Dolan is going to report back to the Board on how money from online ads is recorded.

- Wesen joined the meeting at 6:10 pm.

BD.16.21 January Treasurer's Report

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Dolan

Absent: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Gray

Second by Wesen

I move to approve the Treasurer's report as delivered.

System Upgrade

Vest made it clear to the Board that rollout of the new system has been delayed until the start of the show year – June 2016. This is because the Office Manager was concerned about tabulations for Finals. This way, the new show year can start off with the new system. She reiterated that after this invoicing period there will be no more charges from FrogSlayer for the agreed upon work. Any extra charges would be for extraneous additions not in the original RFP.

Email update:

What has been accomplished from 2/1 to 2/7:

- Club UI for editing info, members, and officers
- UI for Affiliate Application and Affiliate Links
- Added a preliminary version of the Club Calendar
- Implemented a tabs user interface
- Completed UI mockups for Initial Affiliate App, Club Renewal, Club Links, and Member View
- Member picker for clubs
- Fixes to sidebar colors
- Fixed bugs dealing with user, dog and litter creation and editing

We plan to accomplish the following from 2/8 to 2/14:

- Finishing up dual membership
- Focus on fixing high priority bugs
- Update the sidebar UI
- Meet to demo progress

✚ The Board entered Executive Session at 6:14 pm. Only the vote is reported below.

Complaint Appeals

The Board came to a decision on two complaint appeals, investigated by Gibson.

BD.16.22 Complaint Appeals Decision (Brooks, Atkinson)

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

Second by Vest

I move to accept the recommendation as outlined.

✚ The Board exited Executive Session at 6:35 pm.

Committee Procedures Revisions

The Board discussed several proposed changes to the Committee Procedures that are currently in the monthly email voting cycle. Each Director shared their thoughts.

Kissman did not believe that the Stockdog Committee had appropriately and formally responded to the Board's directive to put the committee in line with ASCA's other committees. He stated that even if the SDC was not favorable to the directive, they should have followed it and could have included their concerns then. Gibson replied that the Stockdog Committee had sent a response to the Board explaining that they did not believe the change would be beneficial to the committee. She explained that the Committee Procedures revision she has proposed for this month was written by the Stockdog Committee Chair as a simple solution to the issue that started all of this.

Dolan stated that the organization of the Stockdog Committee is already in the Committee Procedures; exemptions do not need to be granted. There is nothing wrong with having an "extra" member on a committee, as the current Committee Procedures say that the stated makeup is only "ideal." Gibson agreed, but that ambiguous language did cause a problem this time around and she would like the language to be clear and explicit for the future.

✚ The Board entered Executive Session at 7:09 pm. Only the vote is reported below.

Therion Charges for Certagen Data Entry

BD.16.23 Therion Payment Increase

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by DeChant

Second by Gray

I move that ASCA increase payment to Therion from \$1100 per month to \$1500 per month to begin January 2016, as requested by Therion and to appear as an addendum to the existing contract.

Rationale: The additional \$400 per month would cover Therion adding all Certagen records into the ASCA Database both from the past and ongoing. The \$10 per "Upgrade" process for dogs with one parent in Therion and one parent in Certagen would no longer be paid to Therion and would offset the new Therion fee.

✚ The Board exited Executive Session at 7:20 pm.

ASCA Affiliates and Other Registries

The Board discussed their desire to remove the rules preventing Affiliates from holding an ASCA function in conjunction or on the same grounds as another registry's event. For example, this would allow an ASCA conformation show to be held on the same show site as an AKC conformation show. This would not allow an ASCA Affiliate to sanction a show with another registry; that is still prohibited. There are no insurance issues associated with this. Rules that currently prevent this appear in all program rulebooks.

King stated her opposition to removing the rules. Without an agreement with these other registries we risk something happening that we cannot control. ASCA can only be responsible for its own program, and, without an agreement with these other registries, we run the risk of something happening that is out of our control. Gray expressed concerns of the registries eventually becoming indistinct from each other.

A committee comprised of DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, and Silveira will look at everything involved and the possible consequences of removing the rules. Their recommendation will be made at the Spring Meeting.

✚ The Board entered Executive Session at 7:38 pm to discuss a registry dispute being investigated by Silveira. No votes were taken.

✚ The Board exited Executive Session at 7:49 pm.

Exhibitor Conduct

DeChant, Dolan, and Gibson have been working on language to cover exhibitor conduct in the rules. The Board will read over their proposal and provide comments. This has been added to the Spring Meeting Agenda.

2015 Finals Reimbursement

The Board reviewed and discussed Mid-South ASC's reimbursement request for the 2015 ASCA Finals. This was compiled and presented by Liaison Dolan.

BD.16.24 Reimbursement to Mid-South ASC for 2015 ASCA Finals

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Dolan

Second by Vest

I move that we reimburse Mid-South ASC \$58, as reimbursement for 2015 Finals costs.

The Board discussed how the balance has not yet been paid to the Calsonic for providing the grounds for the 2015 National Specialty. They will direct Mid-South ASC to send the balance of the Finals funds to Calsonic to pay the bill. Mid-South is then responsible for coming up with the remainder immediately. Late payment reflects poorly not just on the Affiliate, but on ASCA as a whole.

Motion to adjourn by Gray.

DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.