

March 2015 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.

Email Motions

BD.15.22 Updated ASCA Brochure

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

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Hardin

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from Roberts: Although I would really like to see the words “, in the United States,” inserted after full ASCA members in the Aussie Times section.

Motion: Kissman

Second: Silveira

I move that the 2015 ASCA Brochure, attached, replace the existing brochure and have 2000 initially printed.

Effective Date: When approved by the ASCA Board of Directors

Purpose for Motion: To correct and update the information in ASCA Brochure.

Parties Affected: Business Office response:

“Here are a few printing price options for us.

1,000 - \$486.97

2,000 - \$583.64

Ray Fryar

ASCA Manager”

BD.15.23 Change to Section 4.3 of Committee Procedures

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

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Hardin

MOTION CARRIES

Motion by Dolan

Second by Vest

I move to change section 4.3 of the Committee Procedures which reads:

4.3 Webmaster or Business Office

When a motion is going to be made that affects the Webmaster or Business Office:

- a. The committee will send a draft copy of the proposed motion to the office it affects and advise this office it has five (5) working days to comment.
- b. If there are no comments, the affected office will so state.
- c. At this point the committee will either abandon the motion or put the motion into final form, incorporating the office comments, and present it for voting.

To read:

4.3 Webmaster, Business Office, or Program Software Vendors

When a motion is made that affects the Webmaster or Business Office:

4.3.1 For motions affecting the Web Master or Business office the committee will take the following steps:

- a. The committee will send a draft copy of the proposed motion to the office it affects and advise this office it has five (5) working days to comment.
- b. If there are no comments, the affected office will so state.
- c. At this point the committee will either abandon the motion or put the motion into final form, incorporating the office comments, and present it for voting.

4.3.2 For motions affecting program software obtained from outside vendors (Show/trial entry software, agility scoring software, etc.) the committee will:

- a. Ensure, by contacting the applicable software vendor/s, that changes/upgrades will support the rule change's desired effective date.
- b. Include a statement in the body of the motion that software will support the change.

Rationale: At least one ASCA program, Agility, relies heavily on several vendors for entry, scoring, and reporting software to make the Trial Secretary's job manageable. Other ASCA programs use software from various sources to ease the Trial/Show Secretary's job. Mandating checking with software vendors prior to implementing rule changes will ensure the software remains a viable tool rather than a burden.

Effective date: When approved by the Board of Directors.

CO.15.02 National Specialty Judges

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

Disapprove: King, Roberts

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Hardin

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from Roberts: It cannot be effective June 1st as this rule will not be published until the July/August issue of the AT.

Motion: Dolan

I move to approve the following Conformation Committee recommendation:

Conformation Committee Motion 2015-6 National Specialty Judges

We have a motion by Regi with a second by Mary.

I, Regi Bryant, make the following motion to apply to Chapter 5 of the National Specialty Rulebook.

5.4 Conformation Judges

The Regular Dog and Regular Bitch (Intact and Altered) Judges must be approved ASCA Senior Breeder Judges. Non-Regular classes must be judged by Approved Breeder Judges or Senior Breeder Judges. Provisional Breeder Judges are not eligible to judge any classes at the National Specialty. All entries in Best of Breed (Intact) must be judged by one (1) judge and all entries in Best of Breed (Altered) must be judged by one (1) judge. A judge shall only judge at a National Specialty once every three (3) years.

Previous wording:

The Regular Dog and Regular Bitch (Intact and Altered) Judges will be approved ASCA Senior Breeder Judges. Approved Breeder Judges may only judge Non-Regular classes. Provisional Breeder Judges are not eligible to judge any classes at the National Specialty. Best of Breed may be judged by one (1) judge, or by the three (3) Judge System. In the event one (1) judge is used, such judge must come from the ASCA Senior Breeder Judges List. In the event the three (3) Judge System is used for Best of Breed competition, the two (2) Regular Dog and Bitch Judge will judge Best of Breed. The third Best of Breed Judge must come from the ASCA Approved Senior Breeder Judge's List. In all cases, a Lead Judge will be designated. The Lead Judge will be the one with the most years of service as a Senior Breeder Judge.

Purpose:

Because of the large amount of Senior Breeder Judges and Approved Breeder Judges, it has been suggested that we shouldn't recycle our judges at the Nationals as often. It has also been suggested that we discontinue the use of the Three (3)-Judge system, as it is a hardship on the dogs, costly to the host clubs and is used for the Conformation Finals.

Effective June 1 2015 rulebook

Voting:

Yes- 10

No- n/a

Non voting- 2

This motion passes!

CO.15.03 Non-Regular Breeder Judge Change

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

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Hardin

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

I move to approve the following Conformation recommendation.

Conformation Committee Motion 2015-7 Non Regular Breeder Judge Change

We have a motion by Mary with a second by Liz

I would like to make a motion add the following to the current Non Regular Judge requirements.

Mary

Add to letter "B": change highlighted in gray below.

Current:

NON-REGULAR BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

- A. Must be a full adult member of ASCA in good standing for a minimum of eight (8) years.
- B. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age.
- C. Must have bred five (5) ASCA Champions of Record or be a breeder of three (3) and handled two (2) ASCA Champions of Record to their title. (The applicant must have placed all points and majors on each Champion.)
- D. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Australian Shepherd Breed Standard.
- E. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.
- F. Must have evidence of a strong background and involvement in ASCA and its programs developed for the Australian Shepherd, such as membership and participation in Affiliate clubs, and putting on ASCA events such as Show Secretary, Steward, Scorekeeper, Timekeeping, etc.
- G. Must have served as a steward in the conformation ring at five (5) or more ASCA sanctioned events. Must have served as a Show Secretary at three (3) or more ASCA sanctioned events.
- H. Must be willing to abide by the ASCA Conformation Judges Code of Ethics.

THESE ARE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING AND EACH APPLICANT WILL BE EVALUATED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS BEFORE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM. APPLICANT MAY EXCEED THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR BENEFIT.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge:

- A. Obtain an application and Affiliate sponsorship form from the ASCA Business Office.
- B. Both the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office by the sponsoring Affiliate Club.
- C. Upon receipt of the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form, the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation.

New:

NON-REGULAR BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

- A. Must be a full adult member of ASCA in good standing for a minimum of eight (8) years.
- B. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age and must be a member of the sponsoring affiliate club for a minimum of two (2) years before applying to become a non-regular judge.
- C. Must have bred five (5) ASCA Champions of Record or be a breeder of three (3) and handled two (2) ASCA Champions of Record to their title. (The applicant must have placed all points and majors on each Champion.)
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Reason:

The rules require an affiliate sponsorship to be filled out by the affiliate sponsoring the applicant. However, we have seen it time and time again that applicants become a member of an affiliate when they fulfill the minimum requirements to apply and leave said club as soon as the application has gone through. By the same token the rules require to show involvement in affiliates by acting as a time keeper, show secretary, ring steward etc. These positions do not require an affiliate membership, only an ASCA membership. But it is the affiliates that supply the shows/trials for the Aussie fancy and that need the support of their members. So in order for

an applicant to become qualified to apply for non-regular breeder judge he/she should have supported an affiliate club of their choice for some time in order to show that they are supporting the program(s) and that the affiliate can in good conscience support such an applicant as a member of their club. It would certainly make the process more transparent for all affiliate club members that are supporting their affiliate.

Effective date: immediately after approved by the BoD.

Here are the vote results!

YES- 10

NO- 1

Abstain- 1

This Motion passes!

Reason for YES vote: I vote Yes on this motion. I feel it shows commitment and will advantageous to both the applicant and the affiliate. Sunday

Reason for NO vote: I vote no, simply because I believe the additional verbiage is redundant. I believe it should read something like the following: B. Must be at least twenty six (26) years of age, and must be a member of the sponsoring affiliate club for a minimum of two (2) years prior to application. Sue H.

Reason for ABSTAIN vote: I feel this is necessary as it used to be a requirement. However, I think if we are going to change the requirements, we need to incorporate all of them at once. Regi

CO.15.04 Ribbons/Colors Chapter 6.1

Approve: DeChant, Kissman, Silveira

Disapprove: Dolan, King, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Hardin

MOTION FAILS

Comment from Roberts: I disagree with removing the minimum size requirement. I'm afraid clubs will buy much smaller ribbons.

Comment from Vest: Not enough support from the committee.

Comment from Wesen: 1. Not sure why they Deleted the size of the ribbons

2. Limiting clubs to have creative or seasonal ribbon design.

3. Committee wasn't in full support

Motion: Dolan

I move to approve the following Conformation recommendation.

Motion 2015-8 Ribbons/Colors Chapter 6.1

We have a motion by Regi with a second by Debbie.

I, Regi Bryant make the following motion to apply to Chapter 6 of the Conformation Rules.

6.1 Colors

All clubs holding a show under the rules of ASCA must use the following colors for their prize ribbons or as the center streamer in rosettes in the regular classes. Other colors (with or without patterns or designs) may be used in addition to the required colors in rosettes.

- a. First Prize: Blue
- b. Second Prize: Red
- c. Third Prize: Yellow
- d. Fourth Prize: White
- e. Winners: Purple
- f. Reserve Winners: Purple and White
- g. Best of Winners: Blue and White
- h. Special Prize: Optional
- i. Best of Breed: Purple and Gold
- j. Best of Opposite Sex: Red & White

For the Non-Regular classes the following colors must be used for their prize ribbons or as the center streamer in rosettes. Other colors (with or without patterns or designs) may be used in addition to the required colors in rosettes.

- a. First Prize: Rose
- b. Second Prize: Brown
- c. Third Prize: Light Green
- d. Fourth Prize: Gray
- e. Best of Breed Puppy: Orange
- f. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy: L lavender

Each ribbon or rosette shall indicate the placement.

THE ABOVE RIBBON AND/OR ROSETTE PRIZES AND COLORS MUST BE AWARDED AT SPECIALTY SHOWS.

The ASCA logo may be used in awards offered by an ASCA Affiliate hosting a sanctioned show.

Previous wording:

6.1 Colors

All clubs holding a show under the rules of ASCA may use the following colors for their prize ribbons or rosettes, in the regular classes.

- a. First Prize: Blue
- b. Second Prize: Red
- c. Third Prize: Yellow
- d. Fourth Prize: White

- e. Winners: Purple
- f. Reserve Winners: Purple and White
- g. Best of Winners: Blue and White
- h. Special Prize: Optional
- i. Best of Breed: Purple and Gold
- j. Best of Opposite Sex: Red & White

For the non-regular classes the following colors may be used as a guideline. Non regular colors must be used when holding a Specialty show.

- a. First Prize: Rose
- b. Second Prize: Brown
- c. Third Prize: Light Green
- d. Fourth Prize: Gray
- e. Best of Breed Puppy: Orange
- f. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy: Lavender

Each ribbon or rosette shall be at least two (2) inches wide and eight (8) inches long and indicate on its face the placement.

THE ABOVE RIBBON AND/OR ROSETTE PRIZES AND COLORS MUST BE AWARDED AT SPECIALTY SHOWS.

The ASCA logo may be used in awards offered by an ASCA affiliate hosting a sanctioned show, trial, or agility competition

Purpose: To omit the minimum size requirements from the rule book, as well as the mention of other ASCA programs, since they have individual rule books. In addition, making ribbons more uniform to the original guidelines as they were written, but more specific.

Yes- 6
No- 2
Abstain- 1
Non Voting- 3

This motion passes!

Reason for No vote: I am all in favor of the regulation colors to be enforced at Specialty shows. But I feel by forcing affiliate clubs to use the regulation colors on the center streamers for the regular shows we will take away the clubs ability to do themed shows, such as red, white and blue for 4th of July or Holiday colors for all those holiday shows! For example, it would be a pretty ugly ribbon to have a purple center streamer for winners and holiday colors on the side for a holiday show. The current rule already stated that the regulation colors **MUST** be used at specialties. Liz

Reason for Yes Vote: I still have some question about it, as I thought the intent was to change "may" to "must", because in part of the "tabs" of placement color, that seemed to be an issue to the membership at the 2014 National Specialty. I don't know how we go from just changing may to must...to now it's ok to have any color of ribbon, as long as it has a placement color as a

middle streamer. I also don't know how we can stop clubs from using a "tab" as the placement color if it is considered the center "streamer" of the ribbon, if this in fact is one of the purposes of the motion.

I have no problem with being creative, and believe creativity is a must...but I feel like the intent was simply to change "may" to "must" so that there is consistency in ribbons, and we've strayed from that.

All that being said, I don't want to see creativity not be acceptable, as that is what makes for interesting awards and ribbons. I hope that through this Motion, we can ensure the consistency that was the reason for this motion in the first place.

I will vote yes. Sue

Judge Approvals

New ASCA Provisional Rally Judge Ronnie Bates
New ASCA Provisional Rally Judge Barbara Burri
New ASCA Provisional Rally Judge Rachel Brostrom
New ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge Leah Swatko
New ASCA Utility Obedience Judge Penny Jameson
New ASCA Utility Obedience Judge Heinz Geisel

A judge applicant was denied.

Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Present: President Ann DeChant, 2nd Vice President Rick Hardin, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Cindy King, Director Jean Roberts, Director Jan Wesen, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, Director Rachel Vest

There is a quorum with 7 voting members of the Board present via telephone.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Central Time.

1.) Ratification of February Email Votes

The Board voted to ratify all February email votes with 5 approving, 2 disapproving and 2 absent. Dolan reminded the Board that there was a request from the Stockdog Committee to rescind motion SD.15.08 and that should be dealt with before the February votes are ratified. The Board then voted (7 approve, 2 absent) to rescind ratification of the February email votes.

The Stockdog Committee stated that the motion is flawed. They mistakenly removed the statement regarding the appointment times for judge and contestant members of the committee.

BD.15.26 Motion to rescind SD.15.08

All present approve (Absent: Kissman, Vest); *Motion carries.*

Motion: Silveira

Second: DeChant

I make a motion that we rescind SD.15.08 Motion to change 14.1.2 Committee Selection Process.

Here is the motion that is now rescinded:

SD.15.08 Motion to change 14.1.2 Committee Selection Process

Approve: DeChant, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Disapprove: Dolan, Wesen

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Comment from Dolan: The SDC would be better served by requesting a Committee Procedures exemption and removing material from the SD Rulebook which duplicates material contained in the Committee Procedures. The SDC is organized differently from the other ASCA program committees and should maintain this organizational scheme.

Comment from Wesen: I believe there should be contestant and judge positions on the SDC. This section should be removed from the SDC rule book it is covered in the committee procedures.

Motion: Silveira

I move to approve the following recommendation from the SDC.

Title: Correcting Committee Selection Process 14.1.2

Effective Date: June 1, 2015

I make a motion to correct rule 14.1.2 in the StockDog rule book to bring the rule book in compliance with the Committee Procedures rulebook.

Motion: Schvaneveldt

Second: Bell

Rationale: This is another “housecleaning” rule. Changing rule 14.1.2 will bring the StockDog Rulebook into compliance with the new Committee Procedures Rulebook. Currently, the StockDog Rulebook is outdated, listing the rule as it existed prior to the Committee Procedures policy change.

Proposed Change:

14.1.2 The Board will appoint volunteers with Full ASCA memberships to Program Committees for a period of two years at the Spring Board of Directors’ meeting. If existing Committee members apply to remain on the committee after their term of service has expired, the Board may reappoint them during the Spring meeting. The Board may also fill vacancies at other times during the year if deemed appropriate by the Committee Liaison. These appointments are made through a Committee Liaison appointing motion (no second required) to the Board. The term of a Committee member appointed between Spring Board of Director meetings will expire at the first or second Spring meeting following his/her appointment determined by the Program rules and regulations of the Committee. The existing

Committee Liaison will notify those members that were appointed to the Committee and will notify those individuals that were not appointed to the Committee.

Current Rule:

14.1.2 A contestant member's term shall be for a two-year period beginning during National Specialty occurring in odd-numbered years. A Judge member's term shall be for a two-year period beginning during National Specialty occurring in even-numbered years. A committee member may be appointed in the middle of a term to serve for the remainder of that term. Mid-term vacancies will be announced in the Aussie Times. Resumes from ASCA members must be received by the Executive Secretary within a 45-day period following the publication date of the Aussie Times. All resumes will then be submitted to the Board of Directors who will choose an applicant to fill the vacancy.

Motion Passes SDC Unanimously”

BD.15.27 Motion to ratify February email votes

All present approve (Absent: Kissman, Vest); *Motion carries.*

Motion: Silveira

Second: Roberts

I move to ratify the February votes as amended by the Board.

2.) February Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed financial statements provided by Treasurer Dolan. There is \$192,338.31 in the checking account, \$350,170.13 in the savings account, and \$416.00 in the wire account. ASCA's total assets amount to \$781,866.07.

Dolan explained that Raymond James has an account used as part of ASCA’s investment setup to hold money as they shift around our investment portfolio. Money can be put into it and will earn interest. This account is insured under FDIC and can be used to hold cash above what is insured in ASCA’s Chase accounts.

For February overall income is ~\$12,000 lower than January's and February expenses are ~\$48,000 lower than January's. The lower expenses result from decreased insurance cost, no Professional fees, no AT expense, no DNA monthly fee (six months’ worth paid in January), and small decreases in Director and Office expenses.

Additional Event Membership Dues Status as of 03/06/2015

Balance as of 12/31/2013	\$14,518
Collected 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014	\$36,156
2014 Finals payment	-\$11,000
Returned Double Payment	-\$52
Brought Forward 12/31/2014	\$39,623
Collected Jan/Feb 2015	\$2,694
Paid CASA Feb 2015	-\$320
Paid Texas Feb 2015	-\$765
Balance as of 3/6/2015	\$41,232

Using the revised entry fees projected entry income for the 2015 Finals is ~\$17,000. Entry income for the 2014 Finals was \$28,730. The current AEMD balance will support funding the 2015 Finals.

BD.15.28 Motion to approve February Treasurer's report

All present approve (Absent: Kissman, Vest); *Motion carries.*

Motion: Hardin

Second: Silveira

I move to approve the Treasurer's report.

3.) System Upgrade

Vest had sent an email earlier in the day stating that there were no updates regarding the system upgrade. There is a company coming to the Office on March 13 to work with the Office Manager on a Statement of Work. This item will be further discussed at the Spring Meeting.

4.) Aussie Times

The Board discussed the option of wrapping the Aussie Times in a plastic shipping bag to ensure arrival in Europe. This would help cut down on damaged Aussie Times in the US, too. The cost would be ~\$650 extra to put all of the Aussie Times in the plastic wraps. Cost varies depending on the quantity shipped. It is worth it to make sure that the Aussie Times arrives in proper condition the first time.

BD.15.29 Plastic wrapping on Aussie Times

All present approve (Absent: Kissman, Vest); *Motion carries.*

Motion: Silveira

Second: Dolan

I move that we authorize the AT editor to wrap the next issue of the AT in plastic mailers as requested. We evaluated after this initial mailing and determine whether to continue.

5.) LaQuinta

The Board discussed a possible contract with LaQuinta that would give ASCA members a preferred rate on rooms. The Office Manager has been working with LaQuinta and presented the Board with an example Preferred Rate Agreement. ASCA will agree to a revenue target to LaQuinta of \$20,000, and the agreement may be re-negotiated if ASCA is unable to provide that through member use.

BD.15.30 Agreement with LaQuinta

All present approve (Absent: Kissman, Vest); *Motion carries.*

Motion: Silveira

Second: Dolan

I move we accept the LQ membership discount offer as presented by the ASCA Office Manager.

6.) GoToMeeting

The Board discussed using GoToMeeting to provide open meetings to the membership. DeChant will continue research on this item and it has been added to the Spring Meeting agenda.

7.) Amazon Smile

DeChant reported that the Office Manager has everything done regarding this and has set up all accounts necessary. Information has been given to the Webmaster to promote this program on

the Website and other media. Wesen questioned whether ASCA has any control over the information presented about the club on the Amazon Smile page.

BD.15.31 Amazon Smile account

All present approve (Absent: Kissman, Vest); *Motion carries.*

Motion: Dolan

Second: Silveira

I move to join smile.amazon.com with the proceeds to benefit the ASCA Foundation.

8.) Returned APHIS Donation

Suggestions on where to direct the ASCA's returned donation to APHIS were solicited last month. The Treasurer has received eight so far. This item has been added to the Spring Meeting for further discussion and decision.

9.) Affiliate Compliance

The Board heard an update regarding Affiliate compliance with a Board directive.

10.) 2016 Stockdog Finals Judges

The Host Club has hired the following judges for the 2016 Stockdog Finals:

Preston Kissman

Joan Carrillo

Jan Wesen

Sharon Simmons

Marie Murphy

Maxine Schvaneveldt

The Board discussed whether this list needed to be approved or not. Dolan stated that approval was redundant because the Host Club hired from a list of judges given to them by the Board. DeChant stated that Board approval of the final list allows for it to be sent out to the membership before the premium is approved. Hardin agreed that it would be appropriate in order to get the list out before the program year begins.

BD.15.32 Motion to approve judges for 2016 Stockdog Finals

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, King, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Wesen

Absent: Kissman, Vest

Motion carries.

Motion: Dolan

Second: Hardin

I move we approve the 2016 Stockdog Finals judging slate.

11.) Requests from 2016 Host Club

The Board discussed requests from the 2016 National Specialty Host Club. The first was to extend entry deadlines for puppies. The Board agreed that as long as it is placed in the premium this is acceptable. The second was regarding offering a "Celebration Class" for mentally and physically handicapped persons that would be showing non-Aussies.

- Vest joined the meeting at 7:55 pm.

The Executive Secretary will contact the Host Club to request more information on the “Celebration Class” and a decision will be made at the Spring Meeting.

12.) Complaint against Breeder Judge

The Board heard an update regarding a complaint against a Breeder Judge.

- Kissman joined the meeting at 8:10 pm.

13.) March Motions

CO.15.04 Ribbons/Colors Chapter 6.1

This motion changes the wording of 6.1 Colors under Chapter 6 of the Conformation Rules. For regular and non-regular classes the appropriate colors must be used for prize ribbons or as the center streamer in rosettes. Other colors may be used in addition to the required colors. This change would not prevent clubs from using unique or themed designs for the ribbons, so long as the center streamer is of the required color.

CO.15.03 Non-Regular Breeder Judge Change

This motion would add a requirement for Non-Regular Breeder Judge applicants to be a member of the sponsoring Affiliate club for a minimum of 2 years before applying. The Conformation Committee feels that an applicant should support the Affiliate club to demonstrate their dedication to the program. This change will assure the Affiliate can sponsor the applicant in good conscience and make the process more transparent.

CO.15.02 National Specialty Judges

This motion would change the wording in 5.4 Conformation Judges in the Conformation Rules to discontinue the use of the three-judge system and limit how often a judge can be hired for a National Specialty to once every three years. The three-judge system is a hardship on the dogs, costly to the Host Clubs, and is used for the Finals. There are a high number of quality Approved and Senior Breeder judges available in ASCA, so there is no reason that the same judges should be judging year after year. This change only affects conformation.

- Hardin left the meeting at 8:47 pm.

DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

This report is respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.