

## **July 2013 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.

### **13.75 Junior Service Award Deadline**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

Motion: Ford  
Second: Clayton

#### *13.75 Junior Service Award Deadline*

I move that a deadline for submission of nomination letters for the Junior Service Award be set for August 1st. The recipient will be determined at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors and notified by the Executive Secretary, to be awarded at that year's National Specialty.

To be inserted into Section 7 of the ASCA Policy Book, as new subparagraph 'a' under 7.4 ASCA Junior Program Awards.  
Effective Date: August 2013

### **87:16 Juniors: Insertion of Rally into Junior Rules**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

Motion: Gann

I move to approve the below motion from the Junior Committee.

#### *87:16 Juniors: Insertion of Rally into Junior Rules*

COMMITTEE VOTE:

YES: Susan, Bryn, Regi, Stephanie, Kalla, Heidi, Andrea, Debbie, Cindy

NO: NONE

NON-VOTING: Mat, Jake, Donalyn, Noah

ABSTAIN: NONE

Comment from Regi: With the fact that Novice is available for all other venues for Juniors, I would like it to count, but I will vote yes and we can see what feedback we receive at a later date.

Comment from Heidi: Even though I don't care for the fact that Novice is not available for Jrs, I don't want this motion to fail because I do think it is important to add it to the MVJ program.

This motion PASSES.

Motion: Kalla Jaco

Second: Stephanie Shope

I move to make the following additions and modifications to the ASCA Junior Rules:

Insert the following (in red) under the introduction:

ASCA® offers year-end recognition to Juniors excelling in Junior Handling, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Agility, and Stockdog Trials; and to encourage these future breeders' interest in the Australian Shepherd as a Versatile dog, ASCA® offers a plane ticket or gas money to the National Specialty for the top All Around Junior.

Insert the following under **YEAR END AWARDS** as:

***SECTION III - RALLY***

This section provides for an area of achievement for the Junior who actively shows his/her dog(s) in Rally competition at ASCA® sanctioned shows and specialties.

The Junior must have trained the dog(s) that they are showing in Rally to qualify for year end awards.

Juniors will follow the Rally Rules and compete against all entrants. There will be a High Score Junior awarded at all ASCA® sanctioned

Rally Trials.

### **SCORES/POINTS**

Qualifying scores from Novice A & B, Advance A & B, Excellent A & B and Masters A & B and Combined Excellent/Masters competition will be accepted. Points are recorded automatically from the Rally Judges books and Trial Reports. Only the highest score for the year for each Junior is considered, along with their accumulated points for High In Trial Juniors and placement points added to that score.

There will be no High In Trial Junior scores or placement points out of the C classes. These points will come out of A and B classes only.

Example: John Smith is working in Novice B rally and receives a score of 189. He also received 1st place in his class, which happened to have 3 other Juniors competing in it. John receives 3 more points, as he placed over the 3 other Juniors.

John also received High In Trial Junior, so he receives 25 points for that. His total points are now:

$$189 + 3 + 25 = 217$$

The following month, John Smith receives two more scores. The first is a 191, but there were no other Juniors competing in his rally class that day. John automatically received High In Trial Junior, but with no other competition, so he receives only 15 points for that instead of 25. 191 is higher than 189, so his 189 score is replaced by 191. His total points are now:

$$217 - 189 = 28, \text{ then } + 191 + 15 = 234$$

The other score that John receives is a 176 in Novice B. John competed with 5 other Juniors in his rally class and he received 1st place, so he gets 5 points for that. Another Junior from Advanced B took High In Trial Junior that day, so John doesn't get any points for that. 191 is higher than 176, so the 176 is not used, but the 5 points will be added on. His total points are now:

$$234 + 5 = 239$$

### **AWARDS**

Scores used for calculating the average will be listed under the junior and dog's name followed by their averaged score. This allows a junior to enter with more than one dog.

There will be separate lists for Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Masters and REM classes. The top three scores from the current Merit year will be used for each dog's averaged score. A minimum of three scores are needed to be included in the Merit list. Ties for placements will be determined by the dog with the fewest number of trials placing higher. If a tie still exists, the higher placement will be awarded to the dog with the highest individual score. If a tie still exists, dogs will be listed alphabetically. Once a dog earns the next level title, they are no longer eligible to earn scores toward the lower level Merit standings. Earned scores in a level remain eligible in the Merit level list regardless of titles earned. The REM Merit list will come from combined (double qualifying) scores. Scores will come from the B classes.

Example: A Masters B score of 192 and an Excellent B score of 197, both in same trials, will be a combined score of 389.

At the end of the Junior year, there will be certificates/prizes awarded to the highest scoring in each class, in Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Masters in each region and overall.

Re-label section titles under **YEAR END AWARDS** from:

**SECTION I - JUNIOR HANDLING**

**SECTION II - OBEDIENCE**

**SECTION III - WORKING**

**SECTION IV - ALL AROUND**

**SECTION V - NATIONAL JUNIOR HANDLING FINALS**

**SECTION VI - RULES FOR HOLDING A MOST VERSATILE JUNIOR COMPETITION**

To (changes in red):

**SECTION I - JUNIOR HANDLING**

**SECTION II - OBEDIENCE**

**SECTION III - RALLY**

**SECTION IV - WORKING**

**SECTION V - ALL AROUND**

**SECTION VI - NATIONAL JUNIOR HANDLING FINALS**

## **SECTION VII - RULES FOR HOLDING A MOST VERSATILE JUNIOR COMPETITION**

Change **SECTION V - ALL AROUND** under YEAR END AWARDS from:

A Junior MUST compete in all THREE (3) areas of competition to be eligible. 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.

To:

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.

Insert the following (in red) under **SECTION VII - RULES FOR HOLDING A MOST VERSATILE JUNIOR COMPETITION**  
**Most Versatile Junior Rules for National Specialties**

II. Juniors competing for MVJ will have their junior handling skills rated in a scored evaluation, and will compete for scores in regular classes in herding and performance events. Performance events will be defined for this competition as obedience, **rally**, tracking and agility. In all facets of the MVJ competition, each junior is expected to be the major influence in the training of his/her dog.

### **C. MOST VERSATILE JUNIOR COMPETITION RULES:**

- i.) 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.

v.) The Rally portion of the Junior's total points will be comprised of an adjusted score. The adjusted score will be the junior's single highest qualifying score from either A or B class (Advanced, Excellent and Masters), with point-adjustments based on the class entered:

Masters : raw score -5

Excellent : raw score -10

Advanced : raw score -20

Novice : does not count

In cases where a junior may have multiple qualifying scores from different classes, the score that is highest after accounting for the adjustment will be the one used for MVJ. Scores earned in non-regular classes or C classes will not count for toward the MVJ competition).

Bitches in season who are entered in the MVJ competition must be accommodated in the National Specialty Rally Trial. Please refer to the ASCA Rally Rules for further information.

Re-label list under C. MOST VERSATILE

JUNIOR COMPETITION RULES from:

- i.) Most Versatile Junior Handler Award is for [...]
- ii.) The Junior Handling Evaluation portion [...]
- iii.) The Working portion [...]
- iv.) The Obedience portion [...]
- v.) The Agility portion [...]
- vi.) The Tracking portion [...]

To:

- i.) Most Versatile Junior Handler Award is for [...]
- ii.) The Junior Handling Evaluation portion [...]
- iii.) The Working portion [...]
- iv.) The Obedience portion [...]
- v.) **The Rally portion [...]**
- vi.) The Agility portion [...]
- vii.) The Tracking portion [...]

Rationale: The Rally program holds a lot of appeal for Juniors and can provide an excellent segue into Obedience competition. It is important that Juniors competing in Rally are recognized for their efforts and accomplishments.

Effective date: June 1, 2014.

### **13.76 ARound the Farm ASC Application to Affiliate**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

Motion: DeChant  
Second: Miller

#### *13.76 ARound the Farm ASC Application to Affiliate*

I move that the application to Affiliate from ARound the Farm ASC be approved.

Comment: The Office has verified everything on the application and the information has been reviewed by me. I questioned their name and sent it to Chuck whose answers is below.

"I don't think it's a problem as long as they have a full name and don't use just ARF (ARFASC, would work). There is a national charity called Animal Rescue Foundation that uses the acronym. Using just ARF may cause problems.

Chuck

### **87:19 Conformation: Move to Senior Breeder Judge - Moorehead**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

#### *87:19 Conformation: Move to Senior Breeder Judge - Moorehead*

Motion: Ford

I move that Susan Moorehead (#254) be approved for move up to Senior Breeder Judge status.

**87:19 Conformation: Move to Provisional Breeder Judge - Patrick**

Voting on this motion went as follows:

Approve: Unanimous  
Motion Passes

*87:19 Conformation: Move to Provisional Breeder Judge - Patrick*

Motion: Ford

I move that Lindy Patrick (#3719) be approved for move up to Provisional Breeder Judge status.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. DeChant  
ASCA Secretary

# ASCA Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting

Monday, July 8, 2013

President Ford called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM CDT.

Present: President Russ Ford, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Ronnie Bates, Secretary Ann DeChant, Director Rick Hardin, Director Linda Gray, and Director Jean Miller.

Not present: Treasurer Greg McClintock and Director David Clayton.

There is a quorum.

- Counsel Charles Carnese joined the call at 7:02 PM.
- Treasurer McClintock joined the call at 7:05 PM.

President Ford informed the Board of an incident that took place at a recent agility trial in California. Counsel is aware of the issue and it is being handled by local law enforcement.

Counsel gave a statement regarding a threat received by President Ford in his capacity as an ASCA Officer. Any further discussion of the matter will be handled through Counsel.

- Counsel left the call at 7:06 PM.

## **Ratification of June Email Votes**

*I move to ratify all June 2013 email votes.*

Motion: Gann

Second: McClintock

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

Non-Voting: Clayton

Motion Passes

## **Review of May Financial Report**

Treasurer McClintock presented the May financial report to the Board. Income for January to May is \$392,919.08, with expenses at \$331,797.03, leaving a net profit of \$61,122.05. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

*I move to approve the May financial report.*

Motion: DeChant

Second: Bates

Secretary DeChant requested that unusually large expenditures for the month be accounted for more specifically and presented with the month's report.

Approve: Bates, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Hardin, McClintock, Miller

Abstain: Gray

Non-Voting: Clayton  
Motion Passes

### **ASCA Book-Keeper**

Treasurer McClintock has been tasked with oversight of the search for a new book-keeper. The Business Office will secure resumes and Treasurer McClintock will act as intermediary for the Board, to assist as necessary in interviewing and making candidate recommendations to the Board.

### **SkyHi OMalley the Alley Cat Crusby DQ Investigation Report**

Second Vice President Bates presented his findings on the March 29, 2013 disqualification of SkyHi OMalley the Alley Cat Crusby at a Delta ASF conformation show.

*I move that the dog's DQ be upheld based upon advice of counsel.*

Motion: Bates  
Second: DeChant

Approve: Bates, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Hardin, Miller  
Abstain: Gray, McClintock  
Non-Voting: Clayton  
Motion Passes

### **Lori Fausett Conduct Complaint Investigation Report**

President Ford presented his findings on the complaint filed by Debbie Crusenberry against Judge Lori Fausett for her conduct at the March 29, 2013 Delta ASF conformation show. The Board discussed the events in question and it was determined that President Ford will investigate further and present his findings in writing to the Board.

### **Draft Request for Proposal**

Second Vice President Bates presented the updated draft RFP. Sections were assigned to Directors to review. As of tonight, no more motions that will impact the computer system will be accepted. The target date for the distribution of the RFP is September 1, 2013.

- Treasurer McClintock left the call at 8:01 PM.
- Treasurer McClintock joined the call at 8:02 PM.

### **Bitches in Season at Nationals**

Second Vice President Bates led the discussion on the inconsistencies among program rules for bitches in season competing at Nationals. The Board determined to observe the BIS situation at the 2013 Nationals and consider any actions at that time.

### **Adjournment**

*I move to adjourn the meeting.*

Motion: Bates

Second: DeChant

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

Non-Voting: Clayton

Motion Passes

President Ford adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

The next teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Monday, August 12 at 7:00 PM CDT.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.