

## **Secretary's Report**

This report details the day to day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors and mail, fax, e-mail and/or telephone communications.  
September 1-30, 2012.

## **Board of Directors Teleconference**

**Monday September 10, 2012**

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President Ford called the meeting to order at 9:04PM, EDT. Those present included: President Russ Ford, 2nd Vice-president David Clayton, Secretary Rick Gann, Treasurer Greg McClintock, Directors Ronnie Bates, Linda Gray, Rachel Vest and Directors-elect Ann DeChant, Rick Hardin, and Jean Miller. First Vice-president Peter Hellmeister, and Director Tenley Dexter were absent.

Motion by Ford Second by Clayton

#### **I move to ratify all August e-mail votes.**

Approve: Bates, Clayton, Ford, Gann, Gray, McClintock, and Vest. Non-voting: Dexter and Hellmeister. Motion is approved.

#### **04:04 Motion regarding Margi Floyd judge move up**

*Motion: Ford Second: Gann*

With notice given, I move to amend the July Conformation Judge move-up motion, removing Margi Floyd's move-up to Approved Breeder Judge.

This judge was inadvertently moved up without proper notice in the Aussie Times. This motion corrects the oversight. Approve: Bates, Clayton, Ford, Gann, Gray, McClintock, and Vest. Non-voting: Dexter and Hellmeister.

*Motion is approved.*

President Ford will notify Ms. Floyd of her changed status. The Executive Secretary will follow-up with formal notification via US mail.

Treasurer McClintock reported ASCA's fiscal status to date. Income is up slightly compared to the same period last year. Expenses are significantly less than for the same period last year. Significant reductions are in the areas of payroll, printing, member services, and Director/Officer expense reimbursement.

Treasurer McClintock reported that the CPA completed the 2011 audit and submitted the 2011 tax returns. The CPA is compiling the audit results and each Director will receive a copy of the results upon completion.

The Board, led by Linda Gray, discussed the 2012 Finals budgets submitted by Central Valley Australian Shepherd Club. There are significant questions concerning the submittal. Director Gray will discuss the budgets and the questions with the CVASC Show Chair with the goal of revising and approving the budgets in the near future.

President Ford outlined the plan to find and elect a new Executive Secretary. In the interim, between the departure of the current Executive Secretary scheduled for September 30, 2012 and electing a new Executive Secretary, the ASCA Secretary, Rick Gann, will act as Executive Secretary.

President Ford reported that Roger Stevens has paid his Stockdog Finals entry fees.

#### **12:15 Olympic Australian Shepherd Association Affiliate Application**

*Motion: Gann Second: Gray*

#### **I move to approve the attached bylaws and application for Olympic ASA.**

Approve: Bates, Clayton, Ford, Gann, Gray, McClintock, and Vest. Non-voting: Dexter and Hellmeister. *Motion is approved.*

The board discussed a request from Susan Rossy to be approved as a Senior Breeder Judge based on her judging history. The course of action developed is for Director Gann to contact Ms. Rossy and work with her and the Business to gather information needed to support her request. Once he obtains this information, he will recommend a course of action to the Board. There was no completion date established.

New Business: President Ford solicited inputs for the National Specialty Board Meeting agenda to support publication a month before the National Specialty.

President Ford scheduled the next teleconference for October 8, 2012.

Motion by Bates Second by Gann

I move to adjourn the meeting.

Approve: Bates, Clayton, Ford, Gann, Gray, McClintock, and Vest. Non-voting: Dexter and Hellmeister. Motion is approved.

President Ford adjourned the meeting at 10:11PM EDT.  
Pete Dolan  
Executive Secretary

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**03:09 DNA Committee Motion to handle the DNA situation of Jan Wyatt-Owens MS LPC**

Motion by Gray

I move for this situation alone the office issue Not for Breeding papers that will be sent to fulfill the Registration of the Litter. This can be turned to full registration once the DNA investigation is complete and the actual parents are verified.

**Comment:** The situation is outlined below from Jan Wyatt-Owens MS LPC and the NFB papers would be issued for the seven pups. This is a stop gap measure to allow time for the requirements for full registry to be completed. It is the only thing that ASCA can offer her until she has met the current requirements for full registration.

Feb. 14, 2010 my dog whelped 7 puppies. I followed ASCA protocol and attempted to register the litter. It took a very long time to receive any correspondence, or word back from ASCA. Finally I called and they (ASCA) informed me my litter was not going to be registered. The dam's sire (maternal grandfather) listed on her papers did not DNA back to her. At the time of her conception I only had 2 males, I told ASCA who the sire was, but the dog is now deceased. I felt that Jean was calling me a liar. I only had 2 male dogs at the time and one was now 12 yrs old and the other one was now deceased, as was the dam also. They didn't have her DNA either, and they believed me that she was the dam, so why couldn't they believe me he was the sire? The reason I listed the male that I did to be the sire was because I witnessed the mating, and the other male in question was the dam's litter mate, a full sibling. But I do realize accidents happen, and he could have bred her. This litter was an exceptional litter, I showed them as puppies, and at EVERY show these pups won BOBp and BOSp, in Texas and Colorado, under Sr breeder judges as well as AKC judges, and this breeding was not intended to be conformation dogs, but they were so correct I showed them to be socialized and well-rounded dogs in the future. I sold 3 of pups at 8 weeks of age, and the new owners were promised the reg. papers. I am now out the money I sold the puppies for, and the potential of future breeding's. I have contacted an attorney to begin litigation regarding the denied registration of this litter. The attorney advises me to contact

ASCA one more time. The money I will spend on a law suit would be better served on other things. I would much rather donate the 1000's of dollars this will cost me to the ASCA Jr Program, or medical research. This isn't rocket science; it is registering dogs that will be used on ranches in S.E. Oklahoma. Let's be reasonable and I hope that ASCA makes the best choice that will best serve the membership and me.

Thank-you for your cooperation in this matter.

Jan Wyatt-Owens MS LPC

**Clayton Letter of Dissent:**

I believe clear guidelines need to be established and not piecemeal handling of DNA issues. The problems with DNA are more far reaching than can be solved with this action. This solution from the DNA committee does nothing to solve registration problems it merely postpones them and potentially **eliminates** dogs from our registry and potentially allows for cross bred dogs to be eligible for stock finals. It also potentially does not treat each member fairly as bias towards one individual may be interpreted. This action is not in the best interest of ASCA.

**McClintock Letter of Dissent:**

This is not, in fact "the only" thing that ASCA can offer this owner. ASCA can offer that this breeder follow the same rules as everyone else, or can change the rules as they apply to everyone. The DNA Committee should not be adjudicating Registry issues. The stated reason for this motion is to "allow the owner time

to complete the DNA investigation." There are no time limits on registration nor on application for LEP. The stated reason is therefore a non-sequester and as such constitutes no reason to support such an action, which would at best look to the membership like favoritism or misuse of power.

If the facts of this case warrant a deviation from rule, then they warrant a change in rule. The Committee should limit itself to offering systemic improvements and not be involved in Registry issues.

Voting as follows: Approve: Bates, Dexter, Ford, Gann, Gray, Vest; Disapprove: Clayton, Hellmeister, and McClintock. *The motion is approved.*

### **Policy Book Section 8.c**

*Motion by Gray Second by Gann*

I move to approve the following change to Policy 8.c.

#### **From:**

Policy 8.c. New Directors shall be admitted to the archive and email discussions within a week of the end of the election or August 1st, whichever comes first. New Directors may view discussion during that time period but not comment until installed in office. Revised 8/2007

#### **To:**

Policy 8.c. Directors Elect shall be admitted to the archive and board email discussions within a week of the end of the election or August 1st, whichever comes first. Directors Elect may view discussions and comment during that time period but not vote until installed in office. Revised 9/2012

Effective when passed. Voting as follows: Approve: Bates, Dexter, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hellmeister, McClintock, Vest; Disapprove: Clayton. *The motion is approved.*

### **98:15 Obedience Committee Motion 2012-5**

*Motion: Bates*

#### **MOTION BY SANDY CASE/SECOND BY HILARY HINES**

Due to an overall lack of support in, participation in and some misunderstandings on the intent of the veteran's classes, I move all veterans' classes be discontinued. All veterans shall be allowed at the option of their handler to jump 4" lower than their regular jump height in the applicable division (A or B) of the open class of choice (ODX or CDX) and applicable division (A or B) of the utility class. All dogs entered in the open and utility classes shall be allowed to compete and qualify for placements, high combined, high in trial, merits and finals. The Business Office shall be directed on 6/1/2013 to transfer any legs earned in veterans on 5/31/2013 and earlier to the applicable class division of A (does not have the title earned yet) or B (has earned the title). If approved, this Motion shall be effective 6/1/2013.

**MOTION TO GO INTO EFFECT:** If approved, this Motion shall be effective 6/1/2013. Veterans' classes will remain as-is until 6/1/2013. The Business Office shall be directed on 6/1/2013 to transfer any legs earned in veterans on 5/31/2013 and earlier to the applicable class division of A (does not have the title earned yet) or B (has earned the title).

**PURPOSE:** As reported by the Business Office: "We only have 6 dogs that have legs for CDX-V that do not have a CDX title. We only have 4 dogs that have legs for UD-V that do not have a UD title." Feedback to the Committee is that there has been a lack of interest and support in the veterans' classes as they are now in the rulebook. Further, putting veterans back into the A/B classes of open and utility will save money.

**COMMENT:** If this motion passes, ASCA's regular obedience titles will be: CD, ODX, CDX, UD, UDX and UD. The rulebook areas dealing with veterans will be brought current by the Committee timely so that the 6/1/2013 rulebook is consistent. The Committee presently has open and utility drafts in progress.

#### **McClintock Letter of Dissent:**

The problem as stated is that there is insufficient participation in Veterans Class because Vets can't earn HIT. The cure as proposed is to abolish the class and blend it into the younger class of competitors with the option to jump four inches lower. Quite aside from the logistical problems this causes, it does not address the problem directly. All that is needed is to address the reason few use the Veteran Class -- allow Vets to earn HIT. Why encourage owners to push senior dogs to jump the greater height (which they will do just to prove how fair they are or how tough their

senior is.) Instead, encourage owners to allow their seniors to compete at the lower height and permit the class to earn HIT. The proposed change in rule is not keeping the best interests of our seniors in mind.

Voting as follows: Approve: Bates, Clayton, Dexter, Ford, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest; Disapprove: McClintock;

Abstain: Gray *The motion is approved.*

#### **94:01 SDC National Guidelines**

*Motion: Bates*

We have a motion (Schvaneveldt) and second (Wesen) to: include in the rulebook appendix, the following:

#### **In the appendix of the rulebook:**

File section:

National stock guidelines

1. Examples of stock pen set up
2. Duck care document.

#### **Documents are below.**

These documents would be a guideline and not rules regarding what clubs would need to set up for stock at a National event. And it would also be helpful for a regular trial. I would like to see these documents be published in the National guideline manual if there is such a thing.

**SUGGESTED GUIDELINES**  
**FOR**  
**FACILITY AND LIVESTOCK**  
**AT**  
**ASCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**  
**AND**  
**STOCKDOG FINALS**

**PREPARED BY THE STOCKDOG COMMITTEE**

**2011-2012**

**FACILITY**

#### **Arena**

The size of the arenas should be in accordance with the current rule book.

The arenas need to provide adequate egress for injured dog and/or handler. Egress opening must be large enough to allow a golf cart or mobile stretcher into the arena. If possible, an opening large enough to allow access for an ambulance or stock trailer should be provided.

A barrier must be placed between the arena and holding pens to obscure the view and reduce the amount of draw in the arena. The barrier shall be solid or have holes no larger than 1/4". Shade cloth works if affordable. It should be attached with consideration for the effects of wind. A solid tarp may have slits cut into it to allow for wind to pass through.

The perimeter of the arena and holding pens should have a line marked by paint, chalk, tape, ribbon, etc. at a

distance to prevent spectators from approaching too close and disrupting the stock or dog during its' run. Obstacles should be constructed to be seen through but not allow an animal to get its head or body through. Panels should be well secured to the ground to prevent movement when run into by stock or dog.

### **Set out or Take Pens**

The inside of the take pen shall also have a visual barrier in place. The gate of the take pen shall have a visual barrier to deter livestock from attempting to enter the pen while the gate is closed. No barrier is needed on the inside of a set out pen if used, but must have one on the gate if not placed on the inside perimeter of the pen.

The take pen must have an opening along bottom for a dog to escape to allow for safety.

A secure latch shall be used on the take or set out pen. If a chain or bungee cord is used, it must be securely fastened at one end, with the other end having a distinct attachment point.

The gate on take pen must be able to open at least 90 degrees with minimal effort.

### **Re-Pen**

The re-pen may be the same pen as the take pen. The re-pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the take pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The re-pen gate must be clearly marked so contestants are able to readily identify its' location.

### **Center Pen**

Size of center pen for sheep/goats and ducks/geese shall be in accordance with the current rule book.

The size of center pen for cattle will be no less than 16' x 16'

The center pen must have an opening along bottom for a dog to escape to allow for safety.

Gate on center pen must be able to open at least 90 degrees with minimal effort.

## **STOCK**

A stock trailer to transport injured animals or pen to hold injured animals must be available. The pen should not be in view of the spectating public. If no trailer is available, a veterinarian must be readily available to treat injured animals.

Stock needs to have been worked by qualified dogs and handlers.

All stock needs to be familiar with the arenas they are to be worked in. They need to have been moved around the arena and through the obstacles in a calm manner, but should not be worked in the manner or direction of the course. This may be done by humans on foot or with a qualified dog that is not involved in the upcoming competition.

### **Ducks**

Ducks need to be worked daily prior to the trial to be legged up and fit. They also need to be broken down into groups of five and worked to get used to a small group. They should be worked by a qualified, experienced dog and handler.

Ideal trial age is 4 to 10 months of age. It is best if each set of ducks is made up of only one sex. Ducks over one year of age may become sour workers. Hens, at 9-10 months, begin to get broody and do not work as well as drakes. They need to be able to work consistently for 10 to 12 minutes. They need to be stress broke. They need to be able to move calmly off the pressure of the dog, be taken out of corners and worked in the open. They should not work a course and do not need to be center penned. They can be carefully worked out of a large take pen type area.

Fresh drinking water should be available at all times.

Ducks should have access to water to swim and wash eyes. Small children's swimming pools work well.

Do not feed the morning of a trial - they fill their craw and cannot move well.

Ducks should be one flock, of the same type of duck, to provide consistency of runs.

If housing overnight in the trial arena, feed and water at the non-draw end. This encourages the ducks to go to their least favorite area. If housing away from the trial arena, ducks should be allowed adequate loafing time in the trial arena to become comfortable with the facility. This is important and should be done before the beginning of the trial and after the completion of each trial day.

Ducks do best if held in individual pens of 5. Holding them as a flock and gate sorting is stressful and should not be done.

Pens should be tall enough to keep the ducks in but short enough you can reach over and easily pick one up. They should be large enough for ducks to relax and not be crowded

Water containers should be available in all holding pens.

Holding pens should be blocked from view from the arena and take pen

### **Cattle and sheep**

The cattle and sheep need to be worked in the size to be used to allow them to become accustomed to working in a smaller group. This may be done prior to arrival at the show facility. They should be worked by a qualified, experienced dog and handler and be comfortable with dogs.

When feeding stock in the pens, feed along the perimeter of the pen as well as in the middle so all stock has food available at all times.

Water tanks to be filled and kept full while stock is in the pens. Check water in the evening after stock has been eating. Water is to be available for stock after each run. Multiple water tanks should be placed in each holding pen to allow the most number of stock accesses to water. No water is required in the take pen, set out pen, or post-sort pen.

Cattle and sheep will be gate sorted.

All stock is gate sorted into a smaller pen prior to being placed in the take pen or set out pen. They shall be allowed at *least* one complete run to settle before being placed in the set out or take pen.

Do not feed in the arena.

### **JUDGES**

Judges shall be assigned a position to view the trial arena and must remain at their assigned post while each run is taking place (take pen, handlers' line, runaway lines, etc.).

Each assigned position must provide a clear, unobstructed view of the assigned post, while also allowing a full view of the arena.

Judges need adequate shelter and refreshments while judging trial, even if sitting in the stands.

Shelter shall provide protection from rain or sun at each position assigned.

Special needs or requirements of individual judges should be addressed prior to the beginning of the trial event.

### **Vest Letter of Dissent:**

We have waited 3 years for this document and it is still not complete in that it lacks the examples of pen drawings that was created when I was still on the SDC 3 years ago. It is difficult to read a document and create an arena from just words.

Voting as follows: Approve: Bates, Clayton, Dexter, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hellmeister, McClintock; Disapprove: Vest

*The motion is approved.*

