

September Secretaries' Reports

These reports detail 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.

ASCA Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 23, 2013
Greeley, Colorado

In attendance: Acting President Rick Gann, Interim Treasurer Rick Hardin, Director Russ Ford, Director Linda Gray, Director Jean Miller, Director-elect Preston Kissman, Director-elect Ken Silveira, Office Manager Ray Fryar, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco. There is a quorum, with 5 voting members of the Board present.

Gann called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM (local time).

Director Resignation

Second Vice President Bates tendered his resignation, via the Executive Secretary, from the ASCA Board, effective October 1, 2013. Ford suggested that former Director McClintock's vacancy be filled by the sitting Board and that Bates' vacancy be filled by the new Board. The discussion was postponed.

Ratification of August Email Votes

I move to ratify all August email votes.

Motion: Ford

Second: Gray

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

New Directors

Kissman and Silveira were welcomed to the Board. The Executive Secretary will contact Counsel to obtain any orientation materials.

State of the Office

Fryar gave his report on the state of the Office.

- A. The Office has two new employees: Susan Byrne is at the front desk as well as our bookkeeper; Hannah Pointer is heading up the stockdog program.
- B. The carpet in the Office needs to be replaced. Fryar has researched types and costs, and will present the Board with his findings. His current recommendation is to use Vinyl Composite Tile, with the final cost being ~\$3500.
- C. Fryar suggested that the deadline for submitting show sanctioning forms be set at 60 days prior to the show's date for all programs. This allows more time for the sanctioning to be handled by the office, makes the deadline consistent, and puts notice out to the membership sooner so they can plan ahead. The Board determined to discuss this issue further after seeking input from the membership.

- D. Kissman volunteered to handle oversight on ASCA's insurance, taking over for Ford.
- E. Fryar discussed ASCA's Request for Proposal (RFP) for the updated computer system. The RFP will be ready to go out on October 1, 2013. Planning and vendor selection should occur by April 2014. A contract can then be entered into with an expected implementation date of April 2015. Bates left the RFP and systems work in good shape, but someone needs to be appointed to take over his responsibilities. The new Board will appoint someone.
- F. Fryar reported that he is working on a data management strategy that will tie in with the new computer system, and cut down on the storage space needed for the Office.
- G. Fryar informed the Board that, per their instruction at the Spring Meeting, he has attended several management classes. He also reported to the Board regarding Sarah Jackson's request to be made a salaried employee. He determined that there was no benefit to it, as she does not meet managerial or payroll exemptions.

Treasurer's Report

Hardin reported on ASCA's financials. In the checking account there is currently \$126,528. In the savings account there is currently \$284,344. In the Foundation account there is currently \$70,286 (Cee Hambo: \$11,500; Rescue: \$59,400; Epilepsy: \$0; Unrestricted: \$0 – currently back-paying on a 2011 epilepsy donation of \$20,000; \$3500 remaining). Fryar will report back to the Board on the number and amount of donations received per 6-month/1-year period. Hardin will present highlights from the Treasurer's Report at the General Membership Meeting.

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

Motion: Gray

Second: Ford

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

Contracts

The Board discussed current contracts. ASCA's contract with Therion is good until September 1, 2014. This will be an agenda item for the Spring Meeting. ASCA's verbal contract with the Aussie Times Editor is good. The ASCA trademarks will need to be renewed September 1, 2014. This item will be added to the Spring Meeting agenda as a permanent topic.

Strategic Plan

The Board viewed and discussed ASCA's Strategic Plan. A more proactive approach to the plan needs to be taken by the Board in the future. Further discussion will be held at the Spring Meeting; in the meantime, Directors are expected to contribute where it is needed. The membership will be notified that the plan is currently being worked on.

Committee Renewals and Appointments

Agility Committee: Miller moved to reappoint Allison Bryant to region 5; Motion passes with all present approving.

- Director Clayton joined the meeting at 11:07 AM.

Hall of Fame Committee: Clayton moved to reappoint Dorothy Montano to region 5; Motion passes, with all present approving and Hardin non-voting.

History Committee: Ford moved to reappoint Jeanne Joy Hartnagle to region 5 and Sunday Miles to region 4; Motions pass with all present approving. Ford moved to appoint Elizabeth Lockwood to region 1; Motion passes with all present approving.

- Director DeChant joined the meeting via telephone at 11:14 AM.

Director Resignation, continued

Discussion resumed about filling the Director vacancy left by McClintock's resignation. Several Board members stated that since the new Board will have to work with the incoming Director, they should be the ones to choose.

I move that the existing Board be allowed to fill the unfilled term of Greg McClintock.

Motion: Ford

Second: Clayton

Approve: Clayton, Ford; Disapprove: DeChant, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Abstain: Gann; Motion fails.

- Director DeChant left the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Committee Renewals and Appointments, continued

Stockdog Committee: Clayton moved to reappoint Lindy Epperly to region 1, Irene Manley to region 3, and Mikael Hageus to region 7; Motions pass with all present approving. Clayton moved to reappoint Dan Sanderson to region 2; Motion passes with 5 approving and 1 abstaining. Clayton moved to appoint Pam Watson to region 4 and Linda Bell to region 5; Motion passes with all present approving. Clayton moved to appoint Cindy King to region 6; Motion passes with 5 approving and 1 abstaining. Clayton moved to appoint Fiona Hibbard as a Judge at large member; Motion passes with 3 approving, 2 disapproving, and 1 abstaining.

Conformation Committee: DeChant made her recommendations via email, with Gann presenting. Gann moved to reappoint Linda Braun to region 6, Gail Karamalegos to region 5, Sunday Miles to region 4, and Dorothy Montano to region 5; Motions pass with all present approving.

Junior Committee: Gann moved to reappoint Regi Hall to region 2; Motion passes with all present approving.

- Clayton left the meeting at 11:41 AM.

Legislative Committee: Gann moved to reappoint Sunday Miles to region 4; Motion passes with all present approving.

MVA Committee: Gann moved to reappoint Adrianna Plum to region 5 and Renee Watson to region 4; Motions pass with all present approving. Gann moved to reappoint Lori Fausett to region 5; Motion passes with 3 approvals and 2 abstaining.

Obedience Committee: Bates made his recommendations via email, with Gann presenting. Gann moved to reappoint Hillary Hines to region 1, Laurie Rubin to region 2, Lynn Sidwell to region 5, Jayne Lips to region 6; Motions pass with all present approving. Gann moved to appoint Katie van de Sandt to region 1, Rosalind Hall to region 5, Sandra Walroth to region 5, Penny Jameson to region 2, and Marilyn Cherry to region 1; Motions pass with all present approving.

Rally Committee: Bates made his recommendations via email, with Gann presenting. Gann moved to reappoint Donna Armstrong to region 1, Pat Pierce to region 5, Sandra Walroth to region 5, and Karen Black to region 5; Motions pass with all present approving. Gann moved to appoint Karen Souza to region 6; Motion passes with 4 approving and 1 abstaining.

Tracking Committee: Gray moved to reappoint Carol McQuade to region 1 and Anne Hershey to region 2; Motions pass with all present approving.

- Break from 12:00 to 1:00 PM.

Committee Reports and Updates

Agility Committee: Miller reported that this past year the committee clarified some necessary areas in the rulebook, wrote down some 'unwritten' rules, redid calculations for the gamble, added new obstacles to Novice Gamblers, rewrote rulebook chapter on faults, clarified exhibition of bitches in season at Nationals and Finals, revised hiring qualifications for Nationals and Finals judges. They are currently working on setting up a rule violation review process, judges education guidelines, such as bi-yearly judge exams and mandatory seminars. Chair Sue Graham will give the committee's report at the General Membership Meeting.

Junior Committee: Gann reported that this past year the committee added new patterns for showmanship, worked on rulebook revisions, and added Rally into the program rules. They are currently working on continued rulebook revisions and a judge approval process. The committee works well together under fine leadership, but they are in need of active members.

DNA Committee: Gray reported that the committee is quiet on all fronts.

Tracking Committee: Gray reported that the committee has revised tracking procedures to include Master Tracker.

History Committee: Ford reported that the membership is small, but active. They have named Ann DeChant recipient for the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award. The award for 2014 will be presented to Terry Martin, and the award for 2015 will be awarded to Linda Gray.

Infectious Disease Committee: Ford reported that the committee has failed to gain traction, but reminded the Board that it will be a necessary resource for the club in the future.

Stockdog Committee: Kissman reported that the committee has presented many recommendations to the Board and many changes to the program have been made, including new titles, new requirements toward becoming a judge and being selected to judge Finals, with emphasis on experience, and standardization of some aspects of the farm trial.

Executive Committee Reports and Updates

Sponsorship Committee: Ford reported that the committee has undergone some tumult, but a new Chair has been selected in Ray Schafer. Miller has been approached to take over as Liaison.

Finals Ribbons Committee: Hardin will get this committee up and running in order to determine ways to standardize Finals ribbons, as well as defray costs.

The following are motions presented to the Board via email:

13.89 Change to Presumption of Assent in Bylaws

I move to approve the following Bylaw change to be presented to the membership for their approval on the 2014 ballot.

Motion: Gray

Second: Miller

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

RCW 24.03.113

Assent presumed — Procedures for dissent or abstention.

Change Article VII Section 18 which reads:

SECTION 18. PRESUMPTION OF ASSENT. A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on any matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting, or unless he shall file his written dissent to such action with the person acting as the Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof, or shall forward such dissent by mail to the Secretary of the Club immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to a Director who voted in favor of such action.

To read:

Section 18. PRESUMPTION OF ASSENT. A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on any matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his or her dissent or abstention shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless the director shall deliver his or her dissent or abstention to such action to the person acting as the Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof, or shall deliver such dissent or abstention to the Secretary of the corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting which dissent or abstention must be in the form of a record. Such right to dissent or abstain shall not apply to a director who voted in favor of such action.

Rationale: This change aligns the Bylaws with the Revised Code of Washington Title 24.s

06:05 Dogs That Cannot Compete

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

Motion: Bates

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

Motion 13-5: Chapter 1, Section 10 Dogs That May Not Compete
Subject: Chapter 1, Section 10 - Dogs That May Not Compete
Motion By: Karen Black
Seconded By: Sandy Walroth

Beginning of Motion: I move to accept Chapter 1, Section 10 – Dogs That May Not Compete as follows.

SECTION 10: Dogs That May Not Compete

1.10.1 No dog without an ASCA individual permanent registration, LEP, or ASCA tracking number may compete in any ASCA Rally Trial. An ASCA tracking number application can be submitted along with the entry to a Trial with the appropriate fees made payable to ASCA.

1.10.2 During a Rally Trial Judge's assignment, their immediate family or household members may not compete, even under other officiating Judges, at the same Trial in which he/she is judging. Dogs owned wholly or in part by a Rally Judge may not be exhibited at a Trial in which he/she is officiating.

1.10.3 Judges may not compete in a Rally Trial prior to their judging assignment on the same day in which they are judging. A Judge may compete in Rally Trials on the same day in which they judge after the Trial in which they judged is completed.

~~1.10.4 No dogs shall be entered or shown under a Judge at a Rally Trial if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, handled in the ring, boarded with, or has been regularly trained or instructed by the Judge or by any member of his immediate family or household within one year prior to the date of the Rally Trial.~~

~~1.10.5 "Trained or instructed" applies equally to Judges who train professionally or as amateurs, and to Judges who train individual dogs or who train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers.~~

Comments: Because Rally is a performance based event, meaning the team does the exercise correctly or doesn't (similar in that way to Agility), rather than an opinion based event like conformation, it makes sense to allow rally exhibitors to show under all judges even if they are students of the judge. This would have a positive impact on rally trial numbers and would be a benefit to affiliates hiring judges and to exhibitors who would no longer miss trials due to who is judging. This has worked well in agility and will serve the Rally community quite nicely.

Parties impacted: Affiliate clubs, judges, and exhibitors.

Effective Date: June 1, 2014

Comments submitted with votes:

Donna Armstrong: Just don't like the idea of trialing under someone who is training the contestants I am competing against. With that said, I realize that it is ok in other ASCA performance areas. AND I also realize that it will help our program out because it will allow local judges to judge in their own area to reduce local club costs & increase entries.

Cheryl Mallonee: I still agree with the obedience rules as to who can and cannot compete. I don't believe a dog trained by a judge should be eligible to be shown under that judge. I believe we could change the amount of time from 1 year to 6 months.

06:05 Physically Challenged Handlers

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

Motion: Bates

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

Motion 13-7: Section 14- Physically Challenged Handlers

Subject: Section 14: Physically Challenged Handlers

Motion By: Karen Black

Seconded By: Donna Armstrong

Beginning of Motion: I move to accept the Physically Challenged Handlers guidelines described below.

From:

SECTION 14: Physically Challenged Handlers

2.14.1 The Australian Shepherd Club of America strives to provide an opportunity for everyone to participate in its events. As such, a Judge may modify the judging requirements to accommodate a physically challenged handler.

2.14.2 Judges may modify the specific requirements of these Rules and Regulations to the extent necessary to permit physically challenged handlers to compete, provided such handlers can move about the ring without physical assistance or guidance from another person except for the Judge or Steward. Blind handlers may have a Steward assist them. The primary function of exhibiting the dog is the responsibility of the handler and not the assistant. A physically challenged handler may compete using a cane, crutch, or wheelchair.

2.14.3 Dogs handled by such handlers shall be required to perform all stations of the Rally course and shall be penalized for failure to perform any part of a course.

To:

2.14.1 The Australian Shepherd Club of America strives to provide an opportunity for everyone to participate in its events. As such, a Judge may modify the judging requirements to accommodate a physically challenged handler.

2.14.2 Judges may modify the specific requirements of these Rules and Regulations to the extent necessary to permit physically challenged handlers to compete, provided such handlers can move about the ring without physical assistance or guidance from another person except for the Judge or Steward. Blind handlers may have a ~~Steward assist them~~ a person of their choice assist them in the reading of the signs and guidance through the course. Assistants may not coach or provide instruction on how to perform the stations while in the ring. The primary function of exhibiting the dog is the responsibility of the handler and not the assistant. A physically challenged handler may compete using a cane, crutch, ~~or~~ wheelchair, or other mobility aid.

2.14.3 ~~All teams, Dogs handled by such handlers~~ shall be required to perform all stations of the Rally course and shall be penalized for failure to perform any part of a

course.

Comments: It was brought to our attention that some commonly used mobility aids are not covered by our limited description in the current Rally Rule Book. Additionally we were notified of a concern with a sight impaired exhibitor being forced to use a stranger to read signs along the course when timing of reading is so important to a sight impaired handler. With these two improvements to the Rally rules, we ensure a more level playing field for all exhibitors.

Parties Impacted: Affiliate clubs, Stewards, Judges, and exhibitors.
Effective Date: June 1, 2014

Comments at the time of voting:

Pat Pierce: As someone who has seen a blind handler show on two different occasions - once, he had to have a stranger be his sign reader, and as we described, his timing for cues was quite rough - and the second time, he was able to have a good friend (or was it his wife? I really don't know) be the reader....and as you might expect, the team did BRILLIANTLY with the use of a non-stranger as the sign reader. Also, as a newly "handicapped handler" myself, my mobility aide of choice could have been disallowed under the old rules, because it clearly was neither cane, crutch, nor wheelchair. No more questions on the use of a rolling walker, under the revision!

06:05 Correction to Ch. 6, Section 5: Masters Exercises and Scores

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

Motion: Bates

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

Motion 13.8: Correction to Chapter 6, Section 5: Masters Exercises and Scores

Subject: Chapter 6, Section 5: Masters Exercises and Scores

Motion By: Karen Black

Second By: Donna Armstrong

Beginning of Motion: I move to accept the Masters Exercises and Scores guidelines as described below.

From:

SECTION 5: Masters Exercises and Scores

6.5.1 All exercises in the Rally Masters class are judged off-leash, however, all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.

6.5.2 At least one Jump station must be used and starred in Masters, but two Jump stations may be used.

a. If one jump is used, it must be a different jump than what is used in the Excellent level at the same trial.

b. If two jumps are used, only one must be designated a Star station.

c. The same physical jump may be used for two stations. There must be at least two stations performed between two jump exercises if only one physical jump is used.

d. The jump may be any jump (outlined in Chapter 1, section 15) as standard equipment, with jump height as outlined on the Reference page of these Regulations.

6.5.3 As in the Excellent level, Rally Masters handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap to encourage their dogs. The handler at the Masters level will use a single command and/or signal per element of an exercise to prompt the dog to perform. If both command and signal are given, they must be given simultaneously. Additional communication and signals by the handler not part of each exercise will be a minor deduction. Proper heel positions should be maintained throughout the course.

6.5.4 Rally Masters courses must have between 16 and 19 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of nine stationary exercises per class. The class must also have the Heeling and Conduct Station and a minimum of four Masters only and three Excellent (not eligible for Advanced or Novice) exercises, not including the jumps. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points per course must equal 200. Any other Star stations will be determined by the Judge and marked with a Star designator.

Maximum Total Score 200 points.

To:

SECTION 5: Masters Exercises and Scores

6.5.1 All exercises in the Rally Masters class are judged off-leash, however, all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.

6.5.2 At least one Jump station must be used and starred in Masters, but two Jump stations may be used.

a. If one jump is used, it must be a different jump than what is used in the Excellent level at the same trial.

b. If two jumps are used, only one must be designated a Star station.

c. The same physical jump may be used for two stations. ~~There must be at least two stations performed between two jump exercises if only one physical jump is used.~~

d. There must be at least two stations performed between two jump exercises.

e. The jumps may be any jumps (outlined in Chapter 1, section 15) outlined in Chapter 1, Section 15 as standard equipment, with jump heights as outlined on the Reference page of these Regulations.

6.5.3 As in the Excellent level, Rally Masters handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap to encourage their dogs. The handler at the Masters level will use a single command and/or signal per element of an exercise to prompt the dog to perform. If both command and signal are given, they must be given simultaneously. Additional communication and signals by the handler not part of each exercise will be a minor deduction. Proper heel positions should be maintained throughout the course.

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Maximum Total Score 200 points.

Comments: It was brought to our attention that under the current rules, a judge could actually design a Masters level course with back to back jumps. This was never the intent of that section. It is potentially unsafe for back to back jumps on a rally course. This change is necessary to ensure the safety of all participants and needs to be made as soon as it can be included in the rule book.

Parties Impacted: Affiliate clubs, judges, and exhibitors.

Effective Date: June 1, 2014.

87:19 Provisional Breeder Judge - Kelly Sweeney

I move to approve Kelly Sweeney as an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

87:19 Approved Breeder Judge - Kathryn Ross-Nash

I move to approve Kathryn Ross-Nash as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

87:19 Approved Breeder Judge - Lynda Shackelford

I move to approve Lynda Shackelford as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

87:19 Senior Breeder Judge - Judy Chard

I move to approve Judy Chard as an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

87:19 Senior Breeder Judge - Susan Rossy

I move to approve Susan Rossy as an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: 0; Disapprove: Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Abstain: Ford; Motion fails.

Comments: The process for becoming a Senior Breeder Judge needs to be followed without skipping any steps. The Executive Secretary will write up a process for Rossy to follow, specific to her qualifications.

04:05 Motion 10-2013 Jump Bar Motion

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

Motion: Miller

Approve: 0; Disapprove: Ford, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Abstain: Gann; Motion fails.

Motion 10-2013 Jump Bar Motion - Final to BoD

This motion passed with 8 – Yes; 1 – Abstain; 3 – No; 3 – NV.

Motion by Pamela, 2nd from Krystal.
I would like to make the following motion:
Effective 01/01/2014

Change Appendix A, Section 4-Jumps
Non-Wing Jumps

From:

All jumps will have two bars, except the double bar jump which will have four bars.

To:

All jumps must have one bar, may have two bars, except the double bar jump which will have four bars.

Letters of Dissent:

Betty Jaco: This in my opinion is a frivolous motion and is being made only for the sake of change. I dislike that a certain few regions of this world wide organization seems to think that because they wish to change something that would benefit them, that change should be made for all. There is no documentation that it takes longer to set two bars v/ one bar. The motion does not set a percentage or allow for the novice classes to remain at 2 bars. The motion also does not state who (judge or club) gets to decide if one bar or two will be used. ASCA is unique and its exhibitors are accustom to coming to an ASCA trial and seeing a specific look. That includes having 2 bars on each jump.

Robin McNeill: I oppose this rule change for many reasons. But the main one is that it is one of the things that make ASCA different from all the rest. If we are going to keep changing until we are a cookie cutter of AKC, USDAA, NADAC, etc... then why is there a need for ASCA agility? If it isn't broke why do we feel that we need to fix it? Also if ASCA is going to allow one bar or two who decides that?? The judge or the club? If it is the judge and the club has decided to only have one bar per jump (and the club doesn't have enough bars for two per jump) then the judge isn't going to be happy. What if the club wants to use two bars per jump and the judge says no then here we go again.... Will some jumps have one bar and some have two?? At a given trial will Novice have two bars, Open have one bar and Elite have one bar? I feel that we need to nail down the rule before changing it to allow one or two bars per jump.

04:05 Supervisor Agility Judge - Allison Bryant

I move to approve Allison Bryant as an ASCA Supervisor Agility Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

04:05 Supervisor Agility Judge - Darryl Warren

I move to approve Darryl Warren as an ASCA Supervisor Agility Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

98:10 Tracking Judge - Susan Rush

I move to approve Susan Rush as an ASCA Tracking Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

98:10 Tracking Judge - Donna Highstreet

I move to approve Donna Highstreet as an ASCA Tracking Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

94:01 Clarification of the Application Process for Apprentice Judges

I move to approve the following motion from the Stockdog Committee.

Motion: Clayton

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

Motion by Dan Sanderson, second by James Bergert

Voting For: 11

Voting Against: none

Abstain: none

I make a motion regarding the following changes pertaining to letters, acceptance, and clarification of the process for an applicant entering into the Apprentice judging program.

SECTION 3 – ACCEPTANCE

Existing:

8.3.2.b Applicants for Apprentice Stockdog Judge will have their names published in the Aussie Times for comments. Comments from ASCA members on the application must be submitted to the ASCA Executive Secretary within 45 days of the publication date to be considered.

Proposed:

8.3.2.b Applicants for Apprentice Stockdog Judge will have their names published in the Aussie Times for comments. The Business Office is responsible for the accuracy and completion of each application. Once the application has been determined to be complete and accurate, the application submitted to the business office will be forwarded to the Stockdog Committee for review and consideration. At the time of this submission, the Business Office will include the proposed issue of the Aussie Times in which the name of the applicant will appear. The Business Office will submit the name and intent of the applicant in the indicated publication of the Aussie Times. Comments from ASCA members on the application must be submitted to the ASCA Executive Secretary within 45 days of the publication date to be considered. Any letters or written comments received within 45 days by the Executive Secretary will be forwarded to the Committee within 10 business days of receipt. Any letters or comments received during this 45 day period will be considered by the committee when evaluating the application into the Apprentice Program. Voting by the committee will not take place until after the 45 day period and all letters have been received and reviewed by the committee. No letters regarding the applicants history, character, or behavior prior to entry into the Apprentice Program will be accepted or forwarded to the Stockdog Committee after this 45 day period.

Rationale: This will help to clarify the process for accepting letters from the membership in regards to an applicant into the Apprentice Program. This motion will clarify the procedure and allow the SDC to assist in monitoring the movement of the applicant through the application process, and is designed to make the process of becoming a judge more efficient and less time consuming. It will also specify when letters may be accepted and what they may pertain to at the time of acceptance. It will help to eliminate any suggestions of impropriety during the process and assist moving an applicant forward in a fair and consistent manner.

If approved by the board, the motion will be included in the January 2014 rulebook or following the changes to the computer system as determined by the BOD.

94:01 Clarification of the Application Process for Provisional Judges

I move to approve the following motion from the Stockdog Committee.

Motion: Clayton

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

Motion by Dan Sanderson, second by James Bergert

Voting For: 11

Voting Against: none

Abstain: none

I make a motion regarding the following changes pertaining to letters, acceptance, and clarification of the process for an applicant entering into the Provisional judging program.

SECTION 4 – APPRENTICESHIP

Existing:

8.4.12 Certification as an Apprentice Judge: All score sheets, test scores, application information/verification, comments by Judges, and other interested parties (handlers, host clubs, and others who observed the Apprentice) will be forwarded to the Stockdog Committee. The Stockdog Committee will vote whether to recommend appointment as a Provisional Stockdog Judge, or to dismiss the Apprentice Judge from the program. The Stockdog Committee shall submit the result of the vote and the supporting reasons and documentation along with the committee member's comments to the Business Office. The Business Office will provide the Board of Directors with the Stockdog Committee's recommendation, supporting reasons, documentation, along with the committee member's comments and the apprentice's resume. The Board of Directors will vote on the Stockdog Committee's recommendation within 90 days of the date it receives the recommendations of the Stockdog Committee.

Proposed:

8.4.12 Certification as an Apprentice Judge: All score sheets, test scores, application information/verification, comments by Judges, and other interested parties (handlers, host clubs, and others who observed the Apprentice) will be forwarded to the Stockdog Committee. Any letters or written comments received at this time must be in regard to the period of time the applicant was working in the Apprentice Program. Only those

letters received concerning performance and behavior while the applicant is working as an Apprentice will be considered for certification as a Provisional Judge. Any questions the Stockdog Committee may have regarding received letters and comments while the applicant was working as an Apprentice will be discussed within the committee and written questions may be formed to address these concerns. The applicant will be given these written questions by the Chair of the Stockdog Committee and allowed 14 days to respond in writing. This 14 day period will begin on the date the applicant is notified of the letters and comments. Upon receipt of the response of the applicant the Stockdog Committee will vote whether to recommend appointment as a Provisional Stockdog Judge, require the Apprentice Judge to continue their training with additional runs under the supervision of a full Judge, or to dismiss the Apprentice Judge from the program. The Stockdog Committee shall submit the result of the vote and the supporting reasons and documentation along with the committee member's comments to the Business Office. The Business Office will provide the Board of Directors with the Stockdog Committee's recommendation, supporting reasons, documentation, along with the committee member's comments and the apprentice's resume. The Board of Directors will vote on the Stockdog Committee's recommendation within 90 days of the date it receives the recommendations of the Stockdog Committee.

Rationale; This will help to clarify the process for accepting letters from the membership in regards to an applicant into the Apprentice Program. This motion will clarify the procedure and allow the SDC to assist in monitoring the movement of the applicant through the application process, and is designed to make the process of becoming a judge more efficient and less time consuming. It will also specify when letters may be accepted and what they may pertain to at the time of acceptance. It will help to eliminate any suggestions of impropriety during the process and assist moving an applicant forward in a fair and consistent manner. If approved by the board, the motion will be included in the January 2014 rulebook or following the changes to the computer system as determined by the BOD.

94:01 Correction to Appendix 6, Country of Origin for the Croatian Dog

I move to approve the following motion from the Stockdog Committee.

Motion: Clayton

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

Motion by Jan Wesen, second by Michelle Durkin

Voting For: 11

Voting Against: none

Abstain: none

I move to change the breed of origin in Appendix 6 of the Stock Dog Rules and Regulations: Breeds Allowed To Compete in ASCA Stock Dog Trials for the Croatian Dog from France to Croatia.

Rationale: The country of origin for the Croatian Dog was incorrectly listed as France, this correction identifies the correct country of origin as Croatia.

If approved by the board, the motion will be included in the January 2014 rulebook or following the changes to the computer system as determined by the BOD.

94:01 Stockdog Apprentice Judge - Kim Schneider

I move to approve Kim Schneider as an Apprentice Stockdog Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

94:01 Stockdog Apprentice Judge - Sandra Zilch

I move to approve Sandra Zilch as an Apprentice Stockdog Judge.

Motion: Gann

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

98:15 Motion 2013-5 Dog & Handler Position for DOE for the ODX

I move to approve the following Obedience Committee motion. The Committee handled as an emergency motion, but it is not an emergency situation for the Board.

Motion: Bates

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

MOTION 2013-5

EFFECTIVE: 30 days following publication (This will be inserted into the January, 2014 rulebook if passed by the Board)

I Jan Weis second the emergency motion made by Laura Uran to clarify the position of the dog and handler at the beginning of the DOE (Directed Open Exercises) for the ODX (Open Dog Excellent Obedience Class).

REASON FOR THIS MOTION: There has been confusion about whether the short side of the ring can be used for execution of the DOE and if the jumps are left in the ring when the DOE is being performed. Reports of confusion have come from both judges and competitors. Some judges have allowed the DOE to be done down the short side of the ring. The short side is (and was) not to be used for the execution of the DOE. Jumps are (and were) to be left in the ring during performance of the DOE. It is imperative that this issue be clarified immediately so as to avoid errors during competition and incorrect practice by competitors. The replacement wording is noted beneath the current wording below.

PRESENT WORDING for SECTION 8: DOE 1 Parts A and B first paragraph:

The handler shall stand approximately five (5) feet from the ring barrier on one of the short sides of the ring with the barrier to their back with the dog sitting in heel position.

REPLACEMENT WORDING for SECTION 8 DOE 1 Parts A and B first paragraph:

All DOEs (Directed Open Exercises) shall be performed down the longest length of the ring which is usually fifty (50) feet. The jumps used in the individual exercises remain in place during the DOEs. The handler shall stand with his/ her dog sitting in heel position and their backs about five (5) feet from the short side ring barrier which is usually forty

(40) feet. They will face down the long length of the ring toward the opposite ring barrier. This starting position can be to the right or left side or be on the center line to accommodate the judge's chosen ring configuration. (See diagram for the three possible starting positions). Note: In the June 13, 2013 Rulebook, the Reference sheet on page ix indicates that an open ring can be 30 feet by 40 feet in some cases. In this ring, the "long" side is 40 feet. Should Open be held in a Utility ring that is 35 feet by 50 feet, the long side is 50 feet.

VOTING BY THE OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE:

For: 6

Against: 1

Abstain: 1

Non-voting: none

Budgeting for Finals Costs

Gann brought up the need for the use of lights, at extra cost, for the 2013 Stockdog Finals. The Board discussed how Host Clubs should be taking these things into consideration and budgeting them in, instead of passing the costs off to ASCA.

Stockdog Finals Qualifiers

Gann brought up an idea to cut the number of Stockdog Finals qualifiers down to something smaller, in order to better showcase the top dogs. The Board determined to send this idea to the Stockdog Committee for consideration.

2015 ASCA Nationals

The Board discussed the two applicants to host the 2015 ASCA Nationals: Central Valley ASC out of Bakersfield, California, and the Southern Hospitality Consortium out of Shelbyville, Tennessee.

13.93 2015 Nationals Host: Southern Hospitality Consortium

I move to approve the Southern Hospitality Consortium as the Host Club for the 2015 ASCA National Specialty.

Motion: Gann

Second: Ford

Approve: Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

The Board has offered the option of resubmitting to host 2016 to CVASC and invites other clubs to do the same.

General Membership Meeting Date

Gann brought up the idea of changing the date of the General Membership Meeting to be earlier in the week, possibly to coincide with the Welcome Reception. The Board considered having the old Board meet on Monday, hold the GMM and Welcome Reception on Tuesday, and the new Board can meet on Wednesday. Gann will discuss with the 2014 Host Club and this may be something to consider for future Nationals.

At 3:00 PM, all present approved postponement of the meeting until 9:00 AM on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 (later changed to 9:00 AM on Thursday, September 26, 2013).

ASCA Board of Directors Meeting, continued

Thursday, September 26, 2013
Greeley, Colorado

In attendance: Acting President Rick Gann, Acting Treasurer Rick Hardin, Director Dave Clayton, Director Linda Gray, Director Jean Miller, Director-elect Ken Silveira, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

There is a quorum, with 5 voting members of the Board present.

Gann called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Cost of Finals

The Board discussed ASCA's role in covering the cost of Finals each year. As of about two weeks ago, the additional fee for Finals added to each entry has brought in \$4,759 (Breakdown: Agility: \$2,345.25; Conformation: \$1,113.25; Obedience: 161.75; Rally: \$154; Stock: \$875.75), with a projection of about \$20,000 by the end of the year. The Board discussed options for paying for Finals in the future, as well as the Board's involvement in putting on Finals.

ASCA Logo Merchandise

The Board discussed obtaining logo merchandise for the membership to purchase. The Board considered the idea of gaining a private contract with a member or small business to store, sell, and distribute the merchandise for ASCA. The money from the merchandise could be dedicated to Aussie rescue, health research, etc. Fryar will look into our options and report back to the Board regarding ASCA's abilities to get our logo merchandise out to the membership.

13.96 Conformation Committee Seminar Expenses

I move to approve Gail Karamalegos' request for no more than \$200 to offset costs for the Conformation Judges Education Seminar at the 2013 ASCA Nationals. Receipts must be provided.

Motion: Gann

Second: Hardin

Approve: Clayton, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

Program Rulebooks

Kissman brought up the idea of having the Executive Secretary take over updating the program rulebooks from the committee Chairs. Further discussion will be given to this topic by the new Board.

Committee Renewals and Appointments, continued

Conformation Committee: Gann moved to appoint Peter Kontos to region 6; Motion passes with 4 approving and 1 abstaining.

- Silveira left the meeting at 10:05 AM.

Gann moved to appoint Regi Hall to region 2; Motion passes with 4 approving and 1 abstaining.

- Silveira returned to the meeting at 10:08 AM.

Rally Committee: Gann moved to appoint Gudrun Dytrych to region 7; Motion passes with all present approving.

Director Resignation, continued

The Board drafted a posting for the Aussie Times and online to solicit resumes to fill the vacancy left by Bates' resignation. Since there are 3 years left in Bates' term, the Board must follow Policy in filling the position.

State of the Office, continued

The Board continued discussion on replacing the flooring in the Business Office. Bid information was passed around and reviewed by present Directors. It was suggested that if they have to take up the toilets to replace the carpet anyway, they might as well replace the toilets.

13.97 New Floor and Toilets for Business Office

I move to approve \$4000 to go toward the purchase and installation of new flooring and toilets for the ASCA Business Office. Receipts must be provided.

Motion: Gann

Second: Clayton

Approve: Clayton, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

- Member Judy Boone joined the meeting at 10:25 AM.
- Break from 10:30 to 10:45 AM.

Stockdog Finals Results

The Board discussed providing a printed out packet with Stockdog Finals results for the Stockdog Finals contestants. Results are available via email and are published in the Aussie Times. They are also posted up in many unofficial places.

Junior Entry Form

Miller brought up the idea of creating a single entry form for junior competitors. The Board will pass this idea on to the committees for input.

APHIS Legislation

Some time was given to discussion of the recent APHIS legislation affecting breeders. There will be a presentation given by the Legislative Committee representative

regarding the issue at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2013.

13.89 Change to Committee Procedures 1.1.5

I move to approve the following change to the Committee Procedures.

Motion: Gray

Second: Miller

Approve: Clayton, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

From:

1.1.5. The ASCA Board shall vote to select one Board Member to function as the Liaison between the Committee and the Board. The Board Liaison is not a member of the Committee but is responsible to explain to the Committee what the Board's position is and to see to it that Committee Procedure, Board Policy and Robert's Rules of Order are followed. At the Liaison's discretion, he/she may redirect the committee to realign with the current committee priorities.

To:

1.1.5 Each Committee shall vote to select one Board Member to function as the Liaison between the Committee and the Board. The Board Liaison is not a Member of the Committee but is responsible to explain to the Committee what the Board's position is and to see to it that Committee Procedure, Board Policy and Robert's Rules of Order are followed. At the Liaison's discretion, s/he may redirect the committee to realign with the current committee priorities.

Effective when passed.

Comments. The members of ASCA-L overwhelmingly wanted committee liaisons to be chosen by the committees.

Class Change Request

The Board was made aware of a request from a conformation competitor to have her dog's class changed due to medical circumstances of the owner/handler. It is against the Conformation Rules for a dog to change classes following close of entries.

13.98 Disallow Requested Class Change

I move to not allow the requested change of class, based on the Conformation Rules.

Motion: Gann

Second: Miller

Approve: Clayton, Gann, Gray, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: Hardin; Motion passes. Gann will inform the parties involved.

Affiliate Applications

The Board determined to postpone discussion of the Application to Affiliate from the Australian Shepherd Competition Club Germany and the Bylaws revisions from the Australian Shepherd Club of Rogue Valley until DeChant can be present, as she is a leading member of the Affiliate Review Committee.

- Members Carol McQuade, Sue Graham, Cynthia Clark, Pamela Bryant-Meeks, and Sherry Butler joined the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Meeting with the Agility Committee

The Board met with the present members of the Agility Committee. They discussed the outside licensing program, and Chair Sue Graham presented a proposed Appendix regarding Licensee Clubs for the Agility Rules. The Board discussed the option to pay course reviewers with the committee, and went over some of the flaws in the previous motions submitted to that end. The Committee informed the Board of their efforts to create an alternative jump height program, which would allow an entered dog to jump 4 inches lower than their registered jump height. Discussion was held on implementation with regard to the new computer system. If contestants are willing to wait, it may be possible for the program to go into effect and have the Business Office manually track titles – to be awarded after the computer system is in place. The Committee brought up what they've been working on to handle comments/complaints that they receive about judges – through mostly unofficial channels. The Board would like the committee to come up with a model and present it, potentially for use in an ad hoc committee designed to take and make the process work for all programs. There also needs to be more education on ASCA's current Dispute Rules. The Board and the Committee also discussed creating a specific entry form for Juniors and specifications for Finals ribbons and potential ways to cut costs.

- Boone, McQuade, Graham, Clark, Bryant-Meeks, and Butler left the meeting at 12:32 PM.

At 12:40 PM, all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

ASCA Board of Directors Foundation Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2013
Greeley, Colorado

In attendance: Acting President Rick Gann, Acting Treasurer Rick Hardin, Director Dave Clayton, Director Linda Gray, Director Jean Miller, Director-elect Ken Silveira, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

There is a quorum, with 5 voting members of the Board.

Gann called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Hardin reported on the ASCA Foundation's financials. There is currently \$70,286 in the Foundation account (Breakdown: Cee Hambo: \$11,500; Rescue: \$59,400; Epilepsy: \$0; Unrestricted: \$0). In 2011 there was a \$20,000 donation made to epilepsy research that is currently being paid off using funds from the Epilepsy and Unrestricted categories; there is \$3,500 remaining to be paid.

Distribution of Donations

The Board discussed how to distribute donations dedicated to rescue. They determined to accept applications from Aussie rescue groups for grants of up to \$5,000 available for use toward Aussie-specific rescue initiatives.

13.99 Foundation Grants for Aussie Rescue Groups

I move to make available grants of up to \$5,000 to qualified applicants, defined as a 501c3 non-profit that rescues Aussies.

Motion: Gann

Second: Miller

Approve: Clayton, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

At 1:05 PM, all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

ASCA Board of Directors Post-GMM Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2013
Greeley, Colorado

In attendance: Director Preston Kissman, Director Ken Silveira, Director Linda Gray, Director Rick Gann, Director Rick Hardin, Director Jean Miller, Director Ann DeChant via telephone, Kalla Jaco.

Jaco called the meeting to order at 9:51 PM.

Election of Officers

Miller nominated Ann DeChant for President, no other nominations; Approved by proclamation.

Gray nominated Rick Hardin for 1st Vice President; Kissman nominated Rick Gann; DeChant nominated Preston Kissman. Kissman is elected.

DeChant nominated Rick Hardin for 2nd Vice President, no other nominations; Approved by proclamation.

Miller nominated Ken Silveira for Secretary, no other nominations; Approved by proclamation.

Gray nominated Jean Miller for Treasurer, no other nominations; Approved by proclamation.

Miller nominated Kalla Jaco for Executive Secretary, no other nominations; Approved by proclamation.

Gann nominated Ray Fryar for Election Secretary, no other nominations; Approved by proclamation.

Gann nominated Ray Fryar for Membership Secretary, no other nominations; Approved by proclamation.

At 10:01 PM Gann moved, with a second by Miller, to recess the meeting until selection of Officers for the ASCA Foundation are completed. All present approve; meeting is recessed.

ASCA Board of Directors Post-GMM Foundation Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2013
Greeley, Colorado

In attendance: Director Preston Kissman, Director Ken Silveira, Director Linda Gray, Director Rick Gann, Director Rick Hardin, Director Jean Miller, Director Ann DeChant via telephone, Kalla Jaco.

Jaco called the meeting to order at 10:01 PM.

Election of Officers

I move to select the slate of Officers for ASCA as the Officers for the ASCA Foundation.

Motion: Gann

Second: Hardin

Approve: DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Kissman, Miller, Silveira; Disapprove: 0;

Abstain: 0; Motion passes.

At 10:03 PM, all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

ASCA Board of Directors Post-GMM Meeting, continued

Thursday, September 26, 2013
Greeley, Colorado

In attendance: President Ann DeChant via telephone, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice President Rick Hardin, Secretary Ken Silveira, Treasurer Jean Miller, Director Rick Gann, Director Linda Gray, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Kissman called the meeting to order at 10:03 PM.

Selection of Replacement for Greg McClintock

There is one year left in the vacant term. The Board reviewed and discussed resumes from applicants.

13.100 Appointment of Allison Bryant to ASCA Board

I move to accept Allison Bryant's application to fill the vacancy left by Greg McClintock's resignation from the ASCA Board.

Motion: Gray

Second: Hardin

Approve: Gann, Gray, Hardin, Kissman, Miller, Silveira; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0;

Motion passes.

Reinstatement of Judging Privileges

The Board discussed a motion to prevent the reinstatement of any judging privileges from judges who have had those privileges revoked in the past. It was determined to seek Counsel's advice before further consideration.

At 10:29 PM, all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

ASCA Affiliate Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Greeley, Colorado

In attendance: Acting President Rick Gann, Director Linda Gray, Director Jean Miller, Director-elect Preston Kissman, Office Manager Ray Fryar, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, Amy Bradley, Tom Morarre, Ann Smyth, Sherry Butler, Sue Graham, Donna Burdick, Katie van de Sandt, Eileen Majorian, Charla Patterson, Andrea Hoffman, Shari Dodson, Margaret MacGiffert, Deb St. Jacques.

Gann called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM (local time).

Online Entries

Discussion was held regarding updates to the computer system. Questions about the possibility of online entries were brought up. Due to budgetary constraints, that service is on the 'wish list', but may happen down the line.

- Director Dave Clayton joined the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Those present also discussed the use of an outside service for online entries, but consensus was that it would be nice to have it come from ASCA as a package, without involving a third party.

Preferred Jump Height Program

Agility Committee Chair Sue Graham brought up the new preferred jump height program for agility. It was inquired as to whether or not the program could go into effect June 2014 and have the Office hold the scoring/titles for those runs until the computer system was up and running. Exhibitors would be willing to wait. The same thing may be done for other programs.

- Acting Treasurer Rick Hardin joined the meeting at 6:16 PM.

Fee Changes

The Board and Affiliates discussed fee changes. Clayton brought up that the Stockdog Committee has requested that they go back to paying the \$.50 fee, since stock is where a lot of the costs come from for Finals. Cost of Finals was discussed briefly.

Corporate Sponsorships

It was suggested that the Sponsorship Committee focus on securing corporate sponsors for the Stockdog Finals, which may be an easier draw than all Finals.

ASCA Finals

The idea of the ASCA Board taking over Finals and having it in a central place was brought up and discussed, with consensus being that it is not going to happen. This is where a Nationals Committee may come in to at least assist with making Finals more consistent to defray some costs.

Nationals Stock Pre-Trials

Brief discussion was held regarding having Nationals stock-pre trials go over multiple days to give more competitors a chance to work stock before Nationals. This would be up to the Host Club. It was also brought up to have the entry dates not to come before Finals notifications are sent out.

Agility Licensee Program

The Agility Licensee Program was discussed and is working okay for the time being; it does not need to be cut back. There are just a few issues in agility heavy regions, but those can be worked out by having Licensees clear dates with Affiliates before sanctioning trials.

ASCA Business Office

There was much praise for the Business Office staff and the work they do.

Gann called the meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

ASCA General Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2013
Greeley, Colorado

In attendance: Acting President Rick Gann, Treasurer Rick Hardin, Director Jean Miller, Director Linda Gray, Outgoing Director Dave Clayton, Director-elect Preston Kissman, Director-elect Ken Silveira, Office Manager Ray Fryar, Assistant Office Manager Sarah Jackson, Webmaster Heidi Mobley, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

There are not enough members present for a quorum.

Gann called the meeting called to order at 7:05 PM (local time).

Introduction of Directors and Officers

Director Elect Preston Kissman, Director Elect Ken Silveira, Outgoing Director Dave Clayton, Director Jean Miller, Treasurer Rick Hardin, Director Linda Gray, Acting President Rick Gann.

Introduction of ASCA Employees

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, Office Manager/Election Secretary/Membership Secretary Ray Fryar, Webmaster Heidi Mobley, Assistant Office Manager Sarah Jackson.

2015 ASCA Nationals

The honor of hosting the 2015 ASCA Nationals has been awarded to the Southern Hospitality Consortium. It will take place in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Stockdog Finals Random Draw

The random draw for the 2015 Stockdog Finals Judges will take place, for the first time, at the 2014 Nationals General Membership Meeting, per new ASCA Stockdog Rule 12.7.4.a.

Finals Fees

The \$.25 fee per run to help offset the cost of ASCA Finals has so far brought in \$4,759, with close to \$20,000 expected by one year. This will hopefully lead to decreased entry fees among other price breaks.

Director Resignations

The ASCA Board has lost 2 Directors: Greg McClintock and Ronnie Bates. Greg's 13-month term will be filled following this meeting. Notice to fill Ronnie's 3-year term will go in the Nov/Dec Aussie Times and is expected to be filled by the 2014 Spring Board Meeting.

Committee Reports

Agility Committee: Chair Sue Graham gave the Committee's report. The Agility Program surpassed last year's numbers in income and number of trials; January-December 2012 had 323 trials hosted, January-mid November 2013 has 343 trials sanctioned. That is an increase of %12-13. Agility Finals continues to increase in popularity. The continued success of the Agility Program relies on the sharing of information among exhibitors, judges, and clubs. The Committee is developing their Judge's Education Program, which includes an online seminar and bi-yearly exams. Brief discussion was given to the Agility Licensee Program.

Conformation Committee: Chair Linda Braun gave the Committee's report. Over the last year, the Committee has experience some tumult following the removal of their Chair. The Committee would like to thank Liz Gibson for the work she has done, and for continuing to assist the Committee. In 2012, 708 Conformation shows were held with over 1,200 dogs competing. There were 49 A-CHs awarded and 255 CHs. A minimal amount of complaints and questions came to the Committee, relative to those numbers. The Committee has worked to clarify 7.6 and 9.10 in the Conformation Rules, regarding conflict of interest. The new entry form took care of the multiple day/multiple shows issue. The Breeder Judge test has been updated to reflect the revised Breed Standard. They have also revised who is eligible to judge Conformation Finals. Moving forward, the Committee is making strides to improve conflicts and gray areas, as well as working to develop a Glossary to define terms present in the Breed Standard, such as wry bite and Dudley nose. They are working to streamline the reinstatement process for disqualified dogs. The Committee continues to address issues brought to their attention and to act as a resource at large for the Conformation Program. Discussion was held regarding the Altered Program and the creation of a separate point schedule than Intact.

DNA Committee: Chair Carol Harvey gave the Committee's report. This is the third year of mandatory parent verification for ASCA registered dogs. DNA testing through an

ASCA approved lab is required to register a litter. Sires and Dams of all ASCA litters must have DNA parentage verification in order for the litter to be registered. The Committee recommends that DNA verification be done as part of your dog's regular veterinary check-ups, or that you attend a blood draw clinic – left over blood can be stored in the gene bank. The Committee would like to thank Board Liaison Linda Gray and members Tanya Barker, Trish Alexander, Marilyn Ballard, Carol Harvey, Pete Dolan, and Mary Hellmeister for their work. Discussion was given to issues that may arise with DNA verification and how they might be handled.

Hall of Fame Committee: No report.

History Committee: Chair Sunday Miles gave the Committee's report. The Committee is working on a way to organize all of the ASCA and Aussie memorabilia that our members have collected into an online database, or something similar. There are many people who have contributed to this club and this breed for a long time, and the Committee would like to thank them and pay it forward. The Committee has selected Ann DeChant as recipient of the ASCA Lifetime Achievement Award for 2013. They also announced that 2014's recipient is Terry Martin, and 2015's recipient is Linda Gray.

Infectious Disease Committee: Chair Michelle Berryessa gave the Committee's report. The Committee had a strong start, but has not kept up. This is a work in progress.

Junior Committee: Chair Regi Hall gave the Committee's report. The Chair acknowledged the Junior Committee members and thanked them for volunteering their service. The Committee and the Board recently passed the Junior Rally merit program, which will go into effect for the 2014 show year. The Committee has been trying to work on a Junior Finals budget, since each Finals venue is to be self-supporting. They have also been working on a Junior Showmanship Judge Application. The Committee held a seminar at this year's Nationals that was very well attended. Linda Braun spoke about Agility, Ken Silveira spoke about Stock, and Wendy Waggoner gave an Obedience and Rally demonstration. Sarah and Mat Roth also helped to give a handling seminar. The Committee has added several new members this year, but is always soliciting applications from interested parties – Juniors and adults alike. Please submit your resumes to executive.secretary@asca.org to be considered. The Committee welcomes input from members.

The Committee is happy to report that the Junior Rally Program has been added. They are working on developing a Junior Finals budget and an application process for Junior Showmanship Judges, as well as Rules revisions. The Junior Seminar held at this year's Nationals was well attended and received. Time was given to multiple Junior Programs.

Legislative Committee: Sunday Miles gave the Committee's report for Chair Susan Beals. The Committee consists of Chair Susan Beals, Darcy Gardiner, Sunday Miles, and Guy Leemhuis. The Committee welcomes ideas, comments or suggestions. They need members from all regions. If you can help please send your resume to the ASCA Executive Secretary. Your resume will be submitted to the Board for approval and you can get contributing to the cause as soon as possible. One of the Committee's current, and our most important task at this time, is the pursuit of a private letter ruling from the IRS on whether and how much information relating to "political" issues we are allowed to share with our membership and with other non-member Aussie owners. Without this determination, ASCA's attorney in the past has not allowed important information to be

distributed in a useful or timely manner because of concerns that ASCA's tax-exempt status will be endangered. Without this ruling, the Committee is effectively hamstrung when trying to react to urgent legislation or regulatory matters at various levels of government. *APHIS Rule*: APHIS is the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – an arm of the USDA. This is a rule, which is not a law; it is used to interpret and enforce existing law. To enforce a law there is a rulemaking process. A rule is proposed and must be published and a comment period allowed. That is what went on about a year ago, with people and organizations, including ASCA, submitting comments both for and against. After the comment period, the agency that proposed the rule studies the comments, makes changes they believe are warranted, and issues a final rule. The final rule is where we are now. Once it is considered a final rule, for all intents and purposes it is a done deal. If we can't get it blocked or overturned we have to live with it. Implementation of the rule will begin 60 days after the Final Rule is published in the Federal Register. Publication was on 9/18/2013, so the rule will take effect on 11/17/2013 and enforcement can begin any time after that date. If the breeder has fewer than 5 intact female pet animals on his or her premises, then the breeder is exempt from licensing. That 5 is not just dogs and not just animals you own. EVERY intact female pet animal (excluding domestic farm animals and non-mammals) on the premises capable of being bred, no matter what the reason for the animal's presence, is taken into consideration and counted in the total. If the breeder is exempt from licensing based on having fewer than 5 intact females, then he or she does not have to change any of their ways of doing business. That breeder is not a concern of APHIS. If ALL sales are done face to face, with the seller, the animal and the buyer or a representative of the buyer present before the sale is finalized, then the breeder is not subject to regulation. The representative of the buyer cannot be an agent of a transport business. The buyer can meet the puppy at 6 weeks old, and then it can be shipped at 8 or 9 weeks, but the key point is that the buyer MUST have the opportunity - and must TAKE the opportunity - to inspect the puppy (or dog) prior to finalizing the sale. This inspection is mandatory. The buyer cannot choose to waive it. If there is no inspection by the buyer or the buyer's representative, for even ONE puppy (or dog), the breeder must be licensed if he or she has more than 4 intact female pet animals on his or her premises. There is no prohibition against advertising on the internet or anywhere else. This regulation hinges almost completely on only two points – whether or not you have more than 4 intact female animals on your premises and whether or not you complete sales without the buyer seeing and having the opportunity to refuse the dog prior to completion of the sale. Everything else is incidental and serves only to confuse. At this point in time the Committee cannot advise anyone to rely on the exemption for breeding of dogs used for working, hunting or breeding. It is a specific exemption in the current regulations but the answers to questions to APHIS on how to qualify for it just go around in circles. Once their position on how to meet this exemption is clarified in writing then it is possible that stockdog breeders will be exempt, but again, for right now it may not be wise to hold onto that. Dr. Rushin at USDA seemed to indicate that shipping sight unseen to overseas buyers would not cause a breeder to lose their exemption if they were otherwise meeting the criteria to be exempt from licensing. However, this is not in writing. You cannot rely on the opinions floating around on social media at this time. Until USDA has issued written interpretations of how they plan to enforce this, the

Committee suggests you take the most conservative view – if you have 5 or more intact females you WILL need to be licensed if you ship even ONE dog without the buyer having personally met both you and the animal prior to completion of the sale. In order to stop this, litigation to seek a permanent injunction in Federal Court that would preclude the USDA from implementing a Final Rule needs to be considered. This takes time and money. And it takes major organizations willing to work together – ASCA, AKC, UKC, CFA, other stakeholders – who need to support one another and put aside differences. Urge all of those organizations and any others you can think of to join together to take this route. Another option to halt this rule is congressional intervention. There are very few cases where an agency rule has been overturned by Congress, but it doesn't mean it cannot happen. Contact your Congressman. Contact your Senators. Explain to them how this rule will affect you. Explain to them how this rule does not accomplish its supposed purpose. Don't think that one letter or phone call will do it for you. Without intervention on a higher level, this is a done deal and we will have to find a way to live with it. *PUPS Legislation*: This is a proposed law. As such, it can be defeated. It is designed as a major re-write of the Animal Welfare Act, intended to bring almost all breeders of pet species, but particularly dogs and cats, under USDA regulation and inspection. PUPS defines as a "high-volume retail breeder" anyone with "an ownership interest in or custody of ONE breeding female" and who sells more than 50 offspring in a one year period. The "breeding female" can apply to co-ownerships, fosters, and dogs in rescue. The "offspring" are undefined and it is uncertain what animals would be encompassed in that term. PUPS defines "breeding female" as an intact female aged four months or older. The 50 offspring limit can be easily changed or reduced in the future. This is a typical legislative ploy – get a number into law and then reduce it in later years. Required inspections are warrantless and without notice. Breeders will be regulated under existing USDA dog "dealer" regulations. These regulations are designed for high-volume commercial kennels that produce puppies for wholesale or research, and require a USDA commercial license, maintenance of specified commercial kennel engineering standards and regular inspections. These requirements are not appropriate for small breeders who may keep only a few dogs in their homes. In order to stop this, we have to fight this. Contact your representatives in Washington – both House and Senate. Do not assume that talking to a staffer will suffice. Visit your representatives' local offices. The people in those offices are more likely to be receptive. They tend to be local people with an understanding of local issues. When you are asked to voice your opinion – do it. ASCA has over 10,000 members. Only a small fraction of them bothered to submit comments on the APHIS rule. The Committee would like to create a list of on-line organizations for the ASCA Website with contact information, explanations, and suggestions for ASCA members.

Most Versatile Aussie Committee: No report.

Obedience Committee: No report.

Rally Committee: Chair Karen Black gave the Committee's report. The ASCA Rally Program continues to grow year by year, both at local events and at Nationals. Last year in Finals there were 6 dogs competing, this year there were 17 entered and 14 showed. Congratulations to the Rally Finals winners! Thank you Debra St. Jacques and Carol Tharnish for great courses. Thank you CASA for a very well organized and successful Rally event, especially Diane Hughes. The Rally Committee presented a

Rally Judges Education Seminar at Nationals, open to judges, exhibitors, and anyone interested in Rally. This was the second year this seminar has been held. There were 26 attendees: some judges, some exhibitors, and 2 Junior handlers! The turnout for this seminar keeps growing. This seminar meets the requirements for Judge's education mandated in the guidelines for becoming an ASCA Rally Judge, as well as the every-three-years continuing education requirement. It is also available on-line for easy access to applicants and current Judges. This year, two Judge applicants completed their Judges Education requirements for becoming an ASCA Rally Judge at this seminar. In the last 13 months 10 new Rally Judges have been added. Currently, there are 15 other judge applicants at varying stages of the application process. The Committee is aware the program is still in need of judges in many areas of the country, in Canada, and in Europe. They were recently contacted by an affiliate in Canada in need of judges in their province. As a result of the conversation with that affiliate, they have identified CKC Rally Judges who meet the requirements to apply for becoming an ASCA Rally Judge and are in the process of writing letters of introduction to them, inviting them to apply. For some areas of our country where they are in great need of judges, they are cross-referencing CKC, UKC, AKC, and APDT judges who are already approved ASCA Obedience Judges, and creating a list of potential Rally Judge applicants to invite to apply. They can expand the list later to judges from the other venues who are not already ASCA Obedience Judges, but judges who are able to judge both ASCA Rally and ASCA Obedience are very useful to affiliates who want to offer both events, using one judge. This is a huge cost saver for the affiliates. The Rally Committee is actively pursuing ways to increase the judge pool for affiliates. Since the beginning of ASCA Rally in June of 2010, there have been 791 Rally trials with 2,208 dogs competing. Entry numbers at local trials continue to increase as exhibitors find out about ASCA Rally and they catch "the Rally bug." ASCA has awarded 12 Rally Trial Championships to Aussies and 2 to other breeds. That's not a lot considering how many dogs have competed in Rally, so the Committee believes they have the requirements in a good place: not so easy that every dog gets it, but attainable for those whose performances are consistently high quality and championship worthy. To further acknowledge the growth of ASCA Rally, in 2010 in Waco, which was the first time ASCA Rally was offered at the Nationals, there were 99 entries. Wisconsin had 123 entries. Last year in California, there were 184 entries. This year there are 289 entries, including 8 teams! The Committee continues to look for ways to improve the sport. One thing they did this past year was replace the Honor exercise with a stay exercise. This has reduced the number of stewards an affiliate is required to provide and placed the judging of all exercises in the hands of the judges. Things are really coming together for this program and the Committee looks forward to the time when the Program has been around long enough to be included in the Hall of Fame programs. ASCA Rally is quickly becoming the best Rally program around. The Committee still has a need for members, especially from regions 1, 3, 4, and 7. If you are interested in contributing to the effort of this committee, please send your resume to executive.secretary@asca.org. If you have any comments or suggestions please email the Rally Committee Chair, Karen Black, at kblack@pdmsdesign.com, or contact any Committee member. The Committee really wants to hear from you on how Rally is working in your part of the ASCA world.

This program is for the membership, and they want to make sure it is the best it can be for all involved.

Stockdog Committee: Chair Preston Kissman gave the Committee's report. The Committee would like to make members aware of the Stockdog Exchange – a Yahoo group that allows the Committee to communicate with members who are interested in trialing their dogs. Comments, ideas, and questions are all welcome. If you are interested in subscribing, please send an email to the Committee Chair for an invitation. The Committee added a titles that can be achieved beyond the Advanced level: ATDm (multiple courses), ATDx (multiple courses with scores of over 100), WTCHm, WTCHx, and SDCH. They also worked to standardize Farm Trials, so that scores from trial to trial are fairly equivalent. The Committee revised eligibility requirements for becoming a Stockdog Judge, which emphasize more experience at all levels. Discussion was given to the selection of 2013 Stockdog Finals Judges and what the Committee has done to clarify rules associated with the process.

Tracking Committee: Chair Carol McQuade gave the Committee's report. The Committee currently has only 5 members and are actively seeking new members to spread the word about Tracking, support club members, and brainstorm new ideas to improve the program. This past year the Committee developed new titles and revised the Master Tracker draw system. Discussion was held regarding the cost and effort involved in putting on Tracking at Nationals.

Treasurer's Report

In the checking account there is currently \$126,528. In the savings account there is currently \$284,344. In the Foundation account there is currently \$70,286. The wire transfer account has \$100 in it to keep it open for European activity. Discussion was held on the past appointment of an Assistant Treasurer, as well as ASCA's current audit, which is currently being done. The newly elected Board will consider publishing ASCA's Financial Reports with their meeting minutes in the Aussie Times, or as an annual report. Fees collected for Finals go into individual accounts, so that we know how much is being generated by each program, but they are used generally to support Finals as a whole.

Office Manager's Report

Fryar reported on recent staff turnover. Hannah Pointer has been hired to handle the Stockdog Program and Susan Byrne has been hired at the front desk, as well as bookkeeper. He gave an update on the new computer system and how it is all coming together, as well as what needs to still be done.

Webmaster's Report

Mobley stated plans for the ASCA Website's new design and new navigation system. It will tie in with the new computer system at the Office. She needs a page list, and soon content, from all the Committees. There is a forum on the ASCA Website for the membership to use, located here: <http://www.asca.org/forum>. Mobley brought up the success of the online ads featured on the Website and ASCA Facebook page. Please send any ideas or suggestions to the Webmaster.

The following items were brought up under Old Business:

Aussie Times as Official Notification

The issues that arise from Aussie Times publication deadlines and motion effective dates, etc. were discussed. In order to change the official notification means from the Aussie Times to the Website, for example, would take an affirmative vote of the membership. This is something the Board will consider bringing to the membership.

Director Appointment

The process the Board is following for appointing a replacement for Greg McClintock was discussed with present members. The following have submitted their resumes for consideration: Allison Bryant, Jan Wesen, Jerry Aufox, Jo Kimes, Kristen Horowitz, Pete Dolan, Peter Hellmeister, and Peter Kontos.

Pedigree Search

Those involved are working on adding pedigree database and search into the RFP for the new computer system.

The following items were brought up under New Business:

ASCA Logo Merchandise

Discussion was given to the sale of ASCA logo merchandise and how best for ASCA to go about doing that. Ideas included setting up a subsidiary to conduct the business or running it through the Foundation with funds being earmarked for rescue or epilepsy. The Board will research and discuss with our CPA.

Docking Outside of United States

The current push from the Veterinary Medical Association in Canada to ban docking/cropping/dewclaw removal has proved to be an issue for Aussie owners and ASCA members who live there. The Board advises members affected to contact ASCA and let us know what you need from us for support.

Lawsuits

Without mention of any specific suits or persons, discussion was held regarding what happens when lawsuits are filed against ASCA from within the club and what that does to the ASCA community at large, as well as what could be done in the future to prevent such actions.

Reinstatement of Judging Privileges

Members questioned the process for reinstating a judge whose privileges have been revoked. There currently is no process for reinstatement. Any judge who lost their privileges must re-apply through the entire judge approval process in order to become a judge again. The Board will consider removing the option for reinstatement completely, as per member requests.

At 9:45 PM, all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

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