

September 2015 Secretary's Report

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

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

Board Email Motions

BD.15.96 Suspend Committee Procedures Rule 2.9 Board Members

Approve: King, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, Kissman, Vest, Wesen

Abstain: 0

MOTION FAILS

Comment from DeChant: I feel that it is beneficial for Board Members to be able to observe the goings on of the Committees. It helps to see the reasons behind motions. The Committees and the Board are on the same team!

Comment from Kissman: The ASCA Board has committed to correct concerns within the Board that this motion was designed to help fix, so it is not needed.

Motion: Silveira

Second: Kissman

I move to suspend until the 2016 Spring Board Meeting the following rule;

Committee Procedures 2.9 Board Members

Board Members may be added to any or all Committee's email groups of their choosing as long as they are read only and do not participate in the discussion.

At the 2016 Spring Board Meeting the Board must discuss and decide if they want to retain the Rule; eliminate the rule; or modify the rule.

To become effective immediately upon approval.

Rationale: Approval of this motion will only suspend this rule for a period of seven months. During this time we will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of closed meetings for the Committees just as we have on the Board level. It is hoped that giving the Committees the same level of privacy in their discussions that this Board enjoys will allow them to speak freely to each other and really debate the issues they are handling. We will also be able to evaluate the effectiveness of communication between the Committees and the Board through the Liaison position. It is hoped the Board will become comfortable knowing the full intent of a motion without needing to observe the entire Committee process. This hopefully will benefit the Board by allowing each Director to focus more efficiently on Administrative duties that require their attention.

BD.15.97 Directive to Stockdog Committee, Rule 2.2.6

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Silveira

Second: Roberts

I move the Board of Directors direct the Stock Dog Committee to create sufficient rules and procedures to augment Rule 2.2.6.

Effective upon Board approval.

Rationale: Such rules and procedure will give the SDC and the BOD a process/checklist to evaluate the petition and insure the ASCA Program goals are maintained. Such organization will provide continuity as Committee and Board Members come and go. Such rules and procedure will organize and direct how a Breed Club presents a petition to be included on the ASCA Herding Breeds List. The petitioning Breed Club needs a process to know what is expected of them. It cannot be fair to let them flounder in the process without any idea from ASCA what our goal is or what our standards are an explanation of how our program properly used will help them take steps to lead to a successful application.

“2.2.6 Any breed club wishing to participate in the ASCA Stockdog trials that are not listed in APPENDIX 5: HERDING BREEDS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN ASCA STOCKDOG TRIALS, may petition the Stockdog Committee for admittance.”

BD.15.99 Policy Book: Change 8.7, Delete 8.8.2, Add 8.9, Add 9.8

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

Disapprove: Dolan, King

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from King: I agree with the motion with the exception of "unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors." I think anyone's confidential issues with the BOD should not be disclosed. It should not depend on the makeup of the BOD. Also matters considered confidential by one BOD should not be released by another BOD.

Motion: Silveira

Second: Kissman

I move the following changes be adopted as requested by our Attorney.

Section 8.7--Change caption to "General Minutes"

Add subsection i.

i. General Minutes shall report on all motions, seconds and votes on all matters which come before the Board except as provided in Section 8.9 below. General Minutes may be made available to any ASCA member in good standing.

Then delete the current Section 8.8.2 and add a new Section 8.9:

8.9 Executive Session Minutes

Minutes of all motions, seconds, discussions and votes on any matter occurring while the Board was in executive session shall be kept by the Executive Secretary but shall be made available only to Directors, officers and counsel, and not to the general membership, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. Discussions in executive session include, but are not limited to, those involving sensitive, confidential, employee and disciplinary matters, and discussions with counsel. In the event that

disciplinary action is taken against a member or judge, only the notice of the person's violation and the penalties assessed will be published to the membership.

Then add a new Section 9.8, since it affects the operation of the Business Office:

9.8 Disclosure of Tax Information

Pursuant to federal law, a copy of ASCA's federal income tax returns must be available for review by any member of the general public, including those who are not ASCA members, at the Business Office. Any member of the public may request a copy of such returns upon payment of a \$25 copying fee. Such returns are also available, however, on the internet at no cost.

Effective immediately upon approval.

BD.15.102 Change to Policy 8.1.2 Meeting Agenda Deadlines

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Kissman

Second: DeChant

I move to change 8.1.2 to match the document that was sent out.

8 Board of Directors

8.1 Board Meeting Agenda

8.1.1 All agendas for Board of Directors meetings shall contain the following:

- a. Subject: A brief description of what will be discussed;
- b. Contact Director: The Director responsible for adding the subject and description to the Agenda.

8.1.2 The President or a designated Director shall issue meeting agendas using the following deadlines:

- a. Regularly scheduled face-to-face meeting (spring and National Specialty) – no later than thirty days prior to the meeting start date;
- b. Issues with a current nature may be added to face-to-face meetings no later than five days prior to the meeting start date;
- c. Emergency issues* may be added at face-to-face meetings at any time;
- d. Monthly teleconferences – no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting date;
- e. Issues with a current nature may be added to teleconference meetings no later than two days prior to the meeting start date;
- f. Emergency issues* may be added to teleconference meetings at any time.

*Adding emergency issues to agendas will be defined by the majority of the Board of Directors.

8.1.3 The Board of Directors meeting agenda (draft and/or final) will be published on the ASCA web site.

JA.15.30 Agility Judge (Wesen)

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

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Wesen

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Jan Wesen as an ASCA Agility Judge as she has the recommendation of the Committee and has met the requirements.

Agility Committee Recommendation:

The Agility Committee has voted to reverse our previous recommendation on Jan Wesen. Jan has completed all work requested of her. We recommend she be approved as an ASCA Agility Judge.

JA.15.31 Apprentice Agility Judge (Hayes)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Jeff Hays as an ASCA Apprentice Agility Judge as he has met the requirements and has the support of the Agility Committee.

Agility Committee Recommendation:

The Agility Committee has voted to recommend Jeff Hayes be approved as an ASCA Apprentice Agility Judge.

JA.15.32 Utility Judge (Uritz)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Curt Uritz to Judge Utility as he has met the requirements.

JA.15.33 Junior Judge (Roth)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Mathew Roth as an ASCA Junior Judge as he has met the requirements.

JA.15.34 Approved Breeder Judge (Patrick)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Lindy Patrick to move up t Approved Breeder Judge as she has met the requirements and has no letters from Members.

JA.15.35 Senior Breeder Judge (Staten)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I need to approve Kathy Staten as a Senior Breeder Judge as she has met the requirements and no letters from Members were received.

JA.15.36 Senior Breeder Judge (Borde)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Melissa Borde to move up to Senior Breeder Judge as she has met the requirements and no letters came in from Members.

JA.15.37 Approved Breeder Judge (Myrick)

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Bobby Myrick to be moved up to Approved Breeder Judge as she has met the requirements and no letters from Members were received.

CO.15.12 Change to Rule 9.6 Appearance

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

I move to approve the following from the Conformation Committee:

We have a motion by Linda with a second by Sunday.

I, Linda Braun, make the following motion:

New Rule: 9.6 Appearance

A dog which is blind, deaf or has been castrated, spayed, neutered through surgery or chemicals, had a vasectomy, is using a chip or chemical implant to lower hormone levels or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the breed standard, or a male over 6 months of age which does not have two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete at any show in the Intact Conformation Program and will be disqualified. A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because of removal of dewclaws and/or docking of tail. When a judge finds any of these conditions in any dog he is judging, he shall disqualify the dog marking his book "Disqualified" and stating the reason. He shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian. When a dog has been disqualified under this rule or under the Breed Standard, awards earned by that dog at that show shall be canceled by ASCA and the dog may not again be shown unless and until, following application by the owner to ASCA, the owner has received official notification from ASCA that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated. A male that has been neutered through surgery or chemicals or a male that has had a vasectomy may be entered as the Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class, or other Non-Regular classes or in the Altered Conformation Program. A spayed bitch may be entered as Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class, or other Non-Regular classes, or in the Altered Conformation program.

Old Rule: 9.6 Appearance

A dog which is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, had a vasectomy, or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the breed standard, or a male over 6 months of age which does not have two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete at any show in the Intact Conformation Program and will be disqualified. A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because of removal of dewclaws and/or docking of tail. When a judge

finds any of these conditions in any dog he is judging, he shall disqualify the dog marking his book "Disqualified" and stating the reason. He shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian. When a dog has been disqualified under this rule or under the Breed Standard, awards earned by that dog at that show shall be canceled by ASCA and the dog may not again be shown unless and until, following application by the owner to ASCA, the owner has received official notification from ASCA that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated. A castrated male or one that has had a vasectomy may be entered as the Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class, or other Non-Regular classes, or in the Altered Conformation Program. A spayed bitch may be entered as Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class, or other Non-Regular classes, or in the Altered Conformation program.

Rule change to cover the varying and new advances in veterinary science to cover neutering performed through chemicals and also to cover the use of a chip/chemical implant to control hormone levels.

Conformation Committee vote results:

Yes- 11 (Sue, Linda, Kathy, Mary, Liz, Dorothy, Peter, Mish, Sunday, Debbie, Nina)

No- 1 (Regi)

Non-Voting- 2 (Svenja, Lisa)

This motion passes the committee.

Reason for Yes vote: As to this motion also pertaining to recent practices in sterilization, I vote yes. Though I again feel this is covered already, it seems we must spell things out for everyone. Sue

Reason for No vote: I vote NO on this motion. This rule was clear and the change was unnecessary. The way this rule is worded, if other alterations aren't listed, there is no recourse. This may open the door for more issues that aren't covered under the motion. The old rule covered all issues, stating if a dog had been altered by any means, it would be disqualified, period. In addition, the rule should state "6 months of age or over" rather than "over 6 months of age", because grammatically it does not cover dogs in the regular classes who are 6 months of age. While I realize it is stated that way in the current rule, it needs to be addressed and clarified. While the following is in the current rule ("He shall no obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian.") I feel this needs to be reworded to say something to the effect of "he shall not obtain the opinion of anyone in attendance at the show", as this was an issue that recently came up and judges are not permitted to consult with anyone about dogs in their ring during an assignment (part of the reason we implemented the "Electronic Devices" rule).

CO.15.13 Change to Rule 4.14.1 Eligibility

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

I move to approve the following from the Conformation Committee:

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

I, Linda Braun, make the following motion:

New rule:

4.14.1 Eligibility

Eligibility is restricted to regular ASCA registered dogs that have been spayed or neutered, whether surgically or chemically. LEP registered dogs are not eligible for competition in altered or non-altered conformation programs. The ASCA Breed Standard shall be used as a measurement of comparison in all other areas regarding Altered Championship competition. Points earned in non-Altered conformation classes can be carried over into the Altered Conformation. ASCA Champions of record will be eligible to compete in Best of Breed in the Altered Program if they have been spayed or neutered, whether surgically or chemically. Dogs that have a chip or chemical implant inserted to lower hormone levels are not eligible for the Altered Conformation Program. Once a dog has been exhibited in an Altered Conformation Program, it is no longer eligible for the Intact Conformation Program.

Old rule:

4.14.1 Eligibility

Eligibility is restricted to regular ASCA registered dogs that have been spayed or neutered. LEP registered dogs are not eligible for competition in altered or non-altered conformation. The ASCA Breed Standard shall be used as a measurement of comparison in all other areas regarding Altered Championship competition. Points earned in non-Altered conformation classes can be carried over into the Altered Conformation. ASCA Champions of record will be eligible to compete in Best of Breed in the Altered Program if they have been neutered.

Rule change to cover the varying and new advances in veterinary science to cover neutering performed through chemicals and also to cover the use of a chip/chemical implant to control hormone levels.

Conformation Committee vote results:

Yes- Sue, Kathy, Linda, Dorothy, Liz, Mary, Peter, Mish, Sunday, Debbie, Nina

No- 1 (Regi)

Non-Voting- 2 (Lisa, Svenja)

This motion passes the committee.

Reason for Yes vote: As to this motion regarding sterilizing processes, I vote yes. Though I believe it is already covered, it seems we have to spell it out or the rule is either abused by exhibitors, or misunderstood by judges.

Reason for No vote: I vote no on this motion. Once a dog has been altered by any means, he should not be able to compete in Altered or Intact. If a dog has a chip inserted, he shouldn't be competing in either program.

CO.15.14 Change to Rule 8.3 Ring Size and Conditions

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Dolan

I move to approve the following from the Conformation Committee:

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

I, Regina Bryant, make the following motion:

Proposed Rule:

8.3 Conformation Ring-Size and Conditions

a. Indoors-rings should be 40 feet by 50 feet and must be a minimum of 35 feet by 40 feet. The floor shall have surface or covering that provides firm footing. Dogs may only be examined and gaited on the firm footing provided. If mats are provided all dogs must be moved only on the mats.

Current Rule:

8.3 Conformation Ring-Size and Conditions

a. Indoors-rings should be 40 feet by 50 feet and must be a minimum of 35 feet by 40 feet. The floor shall have surface or covering that provides firm footing.

Rationale: With matted, indoor conformation venues, many judges are NOT following a current rule. This rule has been put in place for safety concerns for not only exhibitors, but for our dogs as well. As this practice has not been stopped or addressed, it is assumed by the judges that ASCA is condoning the practice, in violation of the stated rule; thus the practice of moving dogs off of the mats has increased, not decreased. This leaves ASCA liable in the case of any lawsuit stemming from this practice.

This is a clear safety issue and dogs should always be moved on mats in an indoor venue. Obedience and Rally have already addressed this issue to my knowledge.

While the current rule is clear and it is clearly implied that dogs should be moved on the firm footing provided, other judges have not made the same connection. It is time for the Conformation Rulebook to be more explicit and direct as well.

Conformation Committee vote results:

Yes- 11 (Kathy, Svenja, Lisa, Sunday, Regi, Sue, Mary, Dorothy, Mish, Nina, Linda)

NO- 3 (Liz, Debbie, Peter)

This motion passes the committee.

Reason for No vote: I vote no. The more I thought about this. Even though I voted yes on the previous motion for this same situation, I feel this could be bettered handled through education with our judges than another reactive rule change.

Reason for No vote: I vote no because this motion requires that dogs be moved ONLY on mats if provided, but gives no guidance for mat placement.

AG.15.13 Change to Rule 2.1.4.1 Trial Cancellations

Approve: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

Motion: Roberts

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

Results of the Committee vote:

Yes: Judy, Carol, Chet, Sue, Sherry, Gary, Betty, Robin, Andrea, Michael, Kathy, Emma

No: none

Abstain: none

Motion by Sue Graham

Second by Gary Shipley

I propose the following motion to specify that when a trial is sanctioned then canceled the office shall notify the course reviewers that the trial has been canceled (so no course design review necessary) and IF a judge has incurred normally reimbursable expenses associated with the trial that the club shall reimburse them.

Motion will affect the agility coordinator at the business office, who should probably be doing this task anyhow but it specifies the task. Motion will also inform the clubs that they can request their sanctioning fees moved to another event.

Motion effective date will be the printing of the next rulebook.

Section 2.1.4.1 currently reads:

2.1.4.1 Trial Cancellations

If the trial cannot be opened or completed by reason of acts of GOD, civil disturbances, environmental conditions, fire, public emergency, riots, or any other cause beyond the control of the Trial Committee, it may be canceled. Considerations for safety shall be assessed for all dogs, exhibitors, judge, and Trial Committee. The Trial Committee should seek input from the exhibitors and the judge of record, but the decision to cancel is the trial Committee's decision and that decision is final. The refund of entries is at the discretion of the Trial Committee.

Insert the 1st paragraph below to the beginning of the section:

2.1.4.1 Trial Cancellations

If sanctioning paperwork has been filed for a trial and the club decides to cancel the trial (before the trial starts), the club's trial coordinator/chair/secretary must notify the office immediately. Upon request, sanctioning fees will be held for use on a future date. The club shall reimburse the judge for normal trial expenses incurred (course copies, travel expenses, etc.) that cannot be used at a future date. Once notification of the club's intent to cancel the trial is received, the business office will notify the Judge of record and Course Reviewers that the trial has been canceled.

If the trial cannot be opened or completed by reason of acts of GOD, civil disturbances, environmental conditions, fire, public emergency, riots, or any other cause beyond the control of the Trial Committee, it may be canceled. Considerations for safety shall be assessed for all dogs, exhibitors, judge, and Trial Committee. The Trial Committee should seek input from the exhibitors and the judge of record, but the decision to cancel is the trial Committee's decision and that decision is final. The refund of entries is at the discretion of the Trial Committee.

AG.15.14 Creation of Veteran Handler Program

Approve: DeChant, King, Roberts, Wesen

Disapprove: Dolan, Hardin, Kissman, Silveira, Vest

Abstain: 0

MOTION FAILS

Comment from Kissman: While I believe the committee still needs to fix the wording on the Veteran Dog division to keep young dogs from running in the division, I do not believe that ASCA should provide separate divisions based on the handlers advanced age. An additional division adds additional rounds rosettes, additional rounds placement prizes and additional final placement rosettes for Agility Finals.

Comment from Silveira: This would be another issues that we can discuss at our meeting at the Nationals. Of primary concern to me is the addition of Disabled Handlers into the Veteran Handler Program. It is my understanding this may be problematic for ASCA. The expectation is an accommodation for the class entered, not creating a special class. Also, our programs are based on titles issued for the dogs work, not the handlers. This motion addresses this issue but perhaps not completely.

Comment from Vest: Support the veteran dog program, but not the veteran handler program. The motion presented contains both topics, therefore I cannot support as written.

Motion: Roberts

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

Results of the Committee vote:

Yes: Judy, Carol, Chet, Sue, Sherry, Gary, Betty, Robin, Michael, Kathy, Emma

No: none

Abstain: Andrea

Motion 6-2015 Creation of Veteran Handler Division

Motion by Kathy

Second by Judy

I make the following motion to create a Veteran Handler Division in Championship Division to separate from a Veteran Dog Division.

Rationale: It makes sense for Veteran Dogs to compete against their peers and not against young dogs as it is written now. It's not fair to Veteran Dogs and effects which dogs are invited to Finals. It also doesn't make sense for Veteran Handlers to have young standard division dogs jumping 4" lower than the standard jump height; there is no need for that in a Veteran Handler class. As Veteran Dog is written now, it allows for young standard dogs to be invited to Finals under the Veteran Dog heading.

The costs for the programming changes for ASCA are estimated at \$2000-2500. If change is done during the proposed software changes coming, there will not be any additional cost for the programming changes.

Trial software vendors have given the following time frame for implementing the changes: Agility Unscrambled -4 months, FAST - 2 months and Trial Genie - 4 months.

The effective date for this change is June 1st 2016 to coincide with the ASCA year June 1-May 31 of the following year.

AG.15.15 Remove ATCH Invitations from Finals

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, King, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Kissman, Silveira

Abstain: 0

MOTION CARRIES

Comment from Kissman: I believe there are still many locations where few agility trials are held which makes it difficult to qualify for finals. I think is still very special to receive an invitation to compete at finals.

Comment from Silveira: This will be great as an agenda item when we meet at the Nationals. Many negative comments expressed claim personal disadvantage. This, along with a small number of dogs who use the invitation should allow us to discuss this issue further.

Motion: Roberts

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

Results of the Committee vote:

Yes: 9- Judy, Carol, Chet, Sue, Sherry, Gary, Robin, Kathy, Emma

No: 3- Betty, Andrea, Michael

Motion 4-2015 Remove ATCH Invitations from Finals

Motion by Sherry

Second by Gary

Effective: June 2016 rulebook

Rationale: The ATCH invitations were initially put into place to solicit entries and allow dogs that had supported the program but lived in areas with few ASCA trials, to compete in the Agility Finals. However, we now have dogs that have an ATCH and live in areas with many ASCA trials, getting into the Agility Finals with the ATCH invitation. In order to encourage participation throughout the qualifying period, the ATCH auto invitation is being removed.

12.2.7 Invitations

Currently reads:

The top 60 qualifiers from the Standard division will be invited to attend the Standard Finals, the top 30 qualifiers from the Veterans division will be invited to attend the Veterans Finals and the top 30 qualifiers from the Junior Handler division will be invited to attend the Juniors Finals. The qualifiers will be ranked based on points accumulated, with the dog accumulating the most points being ranked as #1, the dog with the second most points being ranked as #2, etc. Dogs will be ranked on the list for each division and will be counted towards the total number of invitees (for each division) whether they have an ATCH or not. Current rankings will appear in the Agility Finals List posted in the Aussie Times and on the ASCA website. If there is more than one dog with the same number of points as the 60th qualifier in the Standard division and more than one dog with the same number of points as the 30th qualifier in the Veterans and/or Junior Handler division, then all the dogs with that number of points in the respective divisions will be invited. An additional 10 alternates will be notified of their alternate status, based on their point ranking on the Finals List in each division.

Proposed change:

The top 60 qualifiers from the Standard division will be invited to attend the Standard Finals, the top 35 qualifiers from the Veterans division will be invited to attend the Veterans Finals and the top 10 qualifiers from the Junior Handler division will be invited to attend the Juniors Finals. The qualifiers will be ranked based on points accumulated, with the dog accumulating the most points being ranked as #1,

the dog with the second most points being ranked as #2, etc. Dogs will be ranked on the list for each division and will be counted towards the total number of invitees (for each division) (REMOVE: *whether they have an ATCH or not*). Current rankings will appear in the Agility Finals List posted in the Aussie Times and on the ASCA website. If there is more than one dog with the same number of points as the 60th qualifier in the Standard division, more than one dog with the same number of points as the 35th qualifier in the Veterans division or more than one dog with the same number of points as the 10th qualifier in the Junior Handler division, then all the dogs with that number of points in the respective divisions will be invited. (REMOVE: *An additional 10 alternates will be notified of their alternate status, based on their point ranking on the Finals List in each division.*) All alternates will be notified of their alternate status. Alternates will be accepted in list order until all slots are filled.

Remove the following section:

12.2.8 ATCH Dog Invitation

In addition to the yearly qualifiers, an ATCH dog that is not invited to the Agility Finals based on rankings may request an invitation to compete in the Agility Finals, provided it has fulfilled at least the minimum eligibility requirements (see section 11.2.4). The ATCH dogs attending via an ATCH invitation would compete in the division where the points were acquired during the qualifying year. Owners/handlers of ATCH dogs that have met the minimum requirements are required to contact the Business Office to obtain an entry form from or download one from the ASCA website.

12.4 Verification

Currently reads:

All eligible contestants (including ATCH dogs requesting an invitation) must verify that they will be competing at the Agility Finals by filling out an official entry form and sending it and the entry fees to the ASCA Business Office. The verification must be clearly postmarked by July 15th of the Finals Year. It is the responsibility of all eligible contestants to be able to provide proof of mailing in the event an entry form and fees are not received by the Business Office. Finals entry forms and fees will be forwarded to the host club by the Business Office by the close of Nationals entries.

If an eligible contestant fails to send in an entry, the next alternate who has stated his/her intent to attend will be notified by the Business Office. Alternates must verify their intent to compete at the National Finals by filling out an official entry blank and sending it to the Business Office postmarked no later than July 15 of the Finals year. Alternates will submit the non-refundable entry fee when the Business Office notifies them that they have filled a Finals entry vacancy. Alternates become eligible when a qualifier fails to verify his/her intent to attend the Finals by the due date.

Proposed change:

All eligible contestants (REMOVE: *(including ATCH dogs requesting an invitation)*) must verify that they will be competing at the Agility Finals by filling out an official entry form and sending it and the entry fees to the ASCA Business Office. The verification must be clearly postmarked by July 15th of the Finals Year. It is the responsibility of all eligible contestants to be able to provide proof of mailing in the event an entry form and fees are not received by the Business Office. Finals entry forms and fees will be forwarded to the host club by the Business Office by the close of Nationals entries.

If an eligible contestant fails to send in an entry, the next alternate who has stated his/her intent to attend will be notified by the Business Office. Alternates must verify their intent to compete at the National Finals by filling out an official entry blank and sending it to the Business Office postmarked no later than July 15 of the Finals year. Alternates will submit the non-refundable entry fee when the

Business Office notifies them that they have filled a Finals entry vacancy. Alternates become eligible when a qualifier fails to verify his/her intent to attend the Finals by the due date. For example, in the Standard division, if 40 of the top 60 dogs apply for Finals, then the top 20 Alternates in the Standard division that applied get into the Standard Finals. For example, in the Standard division, if 40 of the top 60 dogs apply for Finals, then the top 20 Alternates in the Standard division that applied get into the Standard Finals.

AG.15.16 All-Breed Agility Championship at Nationals

Approve: Roberts, Wesen

Disapprove: DeChant, Dolan, Hardin, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest

Abstain: 0

MOTION FAILS

Comment from DeChant: While I am not totally opposed to this, I would like to see further work done so that there is something for these people, like a Merit Program, but I think that ASCA's Mission must be respected and that any "Finals" if offered can't be at Nationals as that is for Aussies only in all programs. My opinion has nothing to do with the fact that ASCA Agility is open to all Breeds at local Trials as I am ALL for that for all ASCA programs. The big picture is important here as I do think that if ASCA does special things for ASCA Agility competitors with other breeds, then it may set a precedent for all ASCA programs, and that should be taken into account by ASCA. So, in my opinion, as one who must look at the big picture for ASCA, I think this needs more work. I appreciate very much that the Agility Committee wants to add this and has brought this up.

Comment from Kissman: I believe that the ASCA Nationals is not the appropriate venue for this trial.

Comment from Roberts: I have struggled with this motion, mostly because ASCA is not a performance club but a single breed registry. That being said, I don't believe that having a culminating event for all breeds, in agility, hurts our stated purpose. In fact, it may "promote" the Australian Shepherd. The event is not a "Nationals", nor is it during Nationals. It is a one day event prior to Nationals, just like a pre-trial. Pre-trials are open to all breeds. This event would be self supporting. It requires no work from the National committee. We have affiliates willing to host this event. While I do not believe this motion is perfect, I believe it is "perfect" enough to get started with an all breed finals.

Comment from Silveira: This will be a great agenda item for the Committee's meeting at the Nationals.

Motion: Roberts

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

Results of the Committee vote:

Yes: Judy, Carol, Chet, Sue, Sherry, Gary, Robin, Andrea, Michael, Kathy, Emma

No: Betty

Motion 5-2015 All Breed Agility Championship

Motion by Chet

Second by Judy

I propose the following motion for an All-Breed Agility Championship trial to be held yearly. The trial will take place at ASCA Nationals before Finals.

All breeds -- not just Aussies -- are vital to the success of the ASCA Agility program. Other breeds, on average, make up approximately 25% of more of the entries but in some regions it can make up to 65% of the competitors. However, while all breeds are allowed to compete, only Aussies have been allowed to reach the highest goal of completing and winning a National Finals. This proposal does not replace the current National Finals for Australian Shepherds only. The proposal introduces a new Championship venue that allows all breeds to compete at a national level.

The costs of the program change which is \$0 if approved before October or approximately \$3000 if it isn't approved by the October deadline for the new programming that is going to be taking place.

The effective date June 1st of 2016 which is when the proposal specifies dogs can start earning points (June 1 - May 31 of the following year.)

ASCA All Breed Agility Championship

14.1 Eligibility

14.1.1 Program

The All Breed Agility Championship is only for the Championship Program at the Elite level.

14.1.2 Eligible Dogs

Eligible dogs will be ASCA or LEP registered Australian Shepherds and all dogs with an ASCA tracking number during the qualifying period for the All Breed Agility Championship, as well as, during the All Breed Agility Championship. The list of All Breed Agility Championship Qualifiers as defined below will be published in the list of All Breed Agility Championship Qualifiers on the ASCA website. Those dogs that meet the requirements will be invited to compete at the All Breed Agility Championship.

14.1.3 Divisions

The All Breed Agility Championship will consist of three divisions: Standard, Veterans, and Junior Handlers. The qualifying rules will be the same for each division; however, qualifying points will not transfer between the divisions. The jump heights will be divided as specified in the ASCA Jump Height Table in Chapter 2, Section 2.5.4. The dog must run in the division that they qualified in.

14.1.4 Groups

Each division will be grouped by jump height (Small (4"-12"), Medium (16"), Large (20"-24") for placements.

14.2. When All Breed Agility Championship will be held.

The All Breed Agility Championship will be run in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty each year. The All Breed Agility Championship will not be held on the same day as any other agility competition. The All Breed Agility Championship is to be held before ASCA Finals.

14.3.1 Regional Qualifier Invitations

Sixteen (16) Qualifiers from each of the 7 regions for a total of 112 Qualifiers that meet the requirements (see 14.3.3 Minimum points and 14.1.2. Eligible dogs) will be invited to the All Breed Agility Championship from the Regional Qualifiers.

Each Regional Qualifier will divide the 16 qualifying slots by percentage of dogs entered in each division, with a minimum one slot for each division as long as a minimum of one dog is entered in any one division.

Each Division will then divide their number of slots by percentage of the number of dogs entered in each height group, with a minimum of one slot for each height group as long as a minimum of one dog is entered in any one height group and there is more than one slot.

The Host Club/Licensee secretary for the Regional Qualifier of each region will factor the total number of dogs entered in the Regional Qualifier divided by the number of dogs entered in each division of the Regional Qualifier resulting in the percentage of slots for each division.

The Secretary must take into account the minimum of one slot for each division as long as a minimum of one dog is entered in any one division.

For example: 75 Elite dogs entered into the Region 6 Regional Qualifier -- 1 Junior Handler Dog, 13 Veteran Division Dogs, 61 Standard Division Dogs.

The Junior Handler division automatically gets one slot reducing the factor number to 74 and the remaining available slots to 15.

The 13 Veteran dogs would then be divided by the factor number of 74 total dogs ($13/74 = .1756 \times 100 = 17.56\%$). 17.56% would be rounded up to 18 % of the remaining available 15 slots that would be allotted to the Veteran division. 18% of the remaining 15 slots ($15 \times 18\% = 2.7$ which would be rounded up to 3 slots that would be allotted to the Veteran Division).

After subtracting the 3 slots allotted to the Veteran Division from the remaining 15 slots there would then be 12 slots left to be allotted to the Standard Division.

The Secretary must then factor the percentage of slots available by height in each division.

For example: There are 61 Standard Division dogs entered consisting of 3 Small dogs, 18 Medium dogs, and 40 Large dogs. To figure the number of slots available to each height group out of the 12 slots allotted to the Standard Division, the number of dogs in each height division should be divided by the total number of dogs entered in the Standard Division.

However, 1 slot would automatically be allotted to the small dogs since there is at least one dog entered which leaves 11 slots to be divided between the larger and medium dogs.

To figure the number of large dogs slots available out of the remaining 11 slots, the total number of large dogs would be divided by the total number of large and medium dogs entered in the Standard Division ($40/58 = .6896 \times 100 = 68.96$) which would be rounded up to 69% of the total 58 large and medium dogs entered in the Standard Division.

The same would be done for the medium height group ($18/58 = .3103 \times 100 = 31.03$ rounded down to 31%).

The large dog group would then get 69% of the remaining 11 slots available ($11 \times 69\% = 7.59$ rounded up to 8 slots allotted to the large dogs).

The remaining 3 slots (11 total - 8 large dogs) would be allotted to the medium dogs.

If there are only two slots allotted to any one Division and there are dogs entered in all three height groups, then the height group with the largest percentage of dogs entered will get one slot and the other two height groups will be competing for the one slot using the formula in Determination of Height Champions (see 14.8.7 Determination of Agility Height Champions) to get the placement by height group then using the formula in Determination of Agility Division Champions (see 14.7.4 Determination of Agility Division Champions). To get placements for the top ten (10) dogs competing for that one slot.

After each placement 1 - 10 the formula will start over again with Determination of Height Champions (see 14.7.3. Determination of Agility Height Champions) then using Determination of Agility Division Champions (see 14.7.4 Determination of Agility Division Champions) in the combined two height groups.

The top qualifiers from each height group that have slots and meet the requirements (see 14.3.3 Minimum points and 14.1.2. Eligible dogs will be invited to the All Breed Agility Championship and the

next ten (10) top qualifiers that meet the requirements (see 14.3.3 Minimum points and 14.1.2. Eligible dogs from each height group and division will be alternates for the All Breed Agility Championship in their region. Qualifiers will appear in the All Breed Agility Championship Qualifiers List posted on the ASCA website. Non verification of intent to enter the All Breed Agility Championship (see 14.6 Verification) will forfeit their spot from their region in their division and height to the next dog from their region in their division and height up to and including the 10th alternate from their regional qualifier of that year. After which it will go to the dog with the most points from the All Breed Agility Championship list. (see 14.4.5. All Breed Agility Championship List Program). If a Region does not hold a Regional Qualifier, the slots for that region will go to the top dogs in the All Breed Agility Championship list. (See 14.4.5 All Breed Agility Championship List Program).

14.3.2 Point Accumulation for the All Breed Agility list

Qualifying in an Elite Standard division class with zero faults gives the dog one point towards the All Breed Agility Championship list in the Standard Division. Qualifying in an Elite Veteran division class with zero faults gives the dog one point towards the All Breed Agility Championship list in the Veteran Division. Qualifying in an Elite Junior Handler division class with zero faults gives the dog one point towards the All Breed Agility Championship list in the Junior Handler Division. The dog does not need to be competing in all Elite level classes before accumulating points towards the All Breed Agility Championship list. All Breed Agility Championship point accumulation for a particular class will not begin until the novice and open titles in that class are completed. The height the dog jumps during the year will not have an impact on the points they accumulate during the year.

14.3.3 Minimum Points

For all divisions and heights, a dog will need at least seven (7) points total in the qualifying period year (see 14.3.5 Qualifying Period) to be eligible to compete at the All Breed Agility Championship. A minimum of two (2) points must be earned in the Elite Jumpers class and a minimum of two (2) points must be earned in the Elite Gamblers class and a minimum of three (3) points must be earned in the Elite Regular class in the Standard, Veteran or Junior Handler division, during the qualifying period. Points must be earned during the All Breed Agility Championship qualifying period and within the same division that the dog will enter at All Breed Agility Championship.

14.3.4 Qualifying Period

The All Breed Agility Championship list qualifying period will be the twelve month period from June 1st of the previous year to May 31st of the year that the All Breed Agility Championship are held.

14.3.5 All Breed Agility Championship List Program Invitations

The top (1st place) qualifiers that meet the min requirements (see 14.3.3 Minimum points and 14.1.2. Eligible Dogs) from the All Breed Agility Championship list will be eligible for slots that are not filled by regions not holding a Regional Qualifier or regions that have an opening by Non Verification (see 14.6 Verification). Rankings will appear in the All Breed Agility Championship list posted on the ASCA website. Those already qualified in the regional qualifier are unable to qualify again by the All Breed Championship list. Their names will be removed from eligibility to qualify in the All Breed Agility Championship list. The top dogs in the All Breed Agility Championship list will be based on points accumulated, with the dog accumulating the most points being ranked as #1, the dog with the second most points being ranked as #2, etc.. If there is more than one dog with the same number of points then all the dogs with that number of points will be invited. An additional 10 alternates will be notified of their alternate status, based on their point ranking on the All Breed Agility Championship List. Non

Verification (see 14.6 Verification) will forfeit their spot to the next dog from the All Breed Agility Championship list.

14.3.6 Allowances for Bitches in Heat

Bitches in heat will be allowed to run. They will run at the end of each class. Bitches in heat will not be brought within 50 feet of the Agility ring prior to their run and must be wearing panties. Bitches in heat using any practice jump or weave poles (for warm-up) must wear panties. Owners of any Bitch in heat must 'potty' their Bitches in heat in an area 100 feet away from the agility area. A rug (to be provided by the owner) will be brought out to the start line and the bitch will be placed on the rug to begin her run. Bitches in Heat will also wear panties (to be provided by exhibitor) during their run. Bitches in heat must be crated (not in an ex-pen) prior to and during the competition, except when competing, away from the agility ring at a minimum distance of 150 feet location or in a location to be determined by the host club. Failure to comply with the above rule will result in dismissal from all agility trials held in conjunction with the ASCA Agility National Specialty.

14.4 Notification

Using USPS First Class mail, the Business Office will notify all eligible competitors who have qualified for All Breed Agility Championship. The letter will be postmarked no later than July 1st of the All Breed Agility Championship year. If a competitor believes he/she is eligible for the All Breed Agility Championship and has not received a notifying letter by July 8th of the All Breed Agility Championship year, he/she shall notify the Business Office concerning this potential problem. Alternates will be notified of their standing as well. The ASCA Business Office will take necessary steps to notify foreign qualifiers.

14.5 Verification

All eligible contestants must verify that they will be competing at the All Breed Agility Championship by filling out an official entry form and sending it and the entry fees to the ASCA Business Office. The verification must be clearly postmarked by July 15th of the All Breed Agility Championship Year. It is the responsibility of all eligible contestants to be able to provide proof of mailing in the event an entry form and fees are not received by the Business Office. All Breed Agility Championship entry forms and fees will be forwarded to the host club by the Business Office by the close of Nationals entries. If an eligible contestant fails to send in an entry, the next alternate who has stated his/her intent to attend will be notified by the Business Office. Alternates must verify their intent to compete at the National All Breed Agility Championship by filling out an official entry blank and sending it to the Business Office postmarked no later than July 15 of the All Breed Agility Championship year. Alternates will submit the non-refundable entry fee when the Business Office notifies them that they have filled an All Breed Agility Championship entry vacancy. Alternates become eligible when a qualifier fails to verify his/her intent to attend the All Breed Agility Championship by the due date July 15th.

14.6 Fees

The entry fee charged for the All Breed Agility Championship will be determined by the Board of Directors. Exhibitors will be notified of the entry fee on their invitation/entry form. No entry fees will be refunded. Dogs will not be allowed to enter a portion of the rounds. If they enter the All Breed Agility Championship, they must enter all rounds available for their division and height. Entry fees will be used to cover any expenses that the host organization may incur while putting on the All Breed Agility Championship as well as for awards. The host club will submit their expenses to the ASCA Board of Directors.

The ASCA Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the All Breed Agility Championship fund and is responsible for informing the Host club(s) of the All Breed Agility Championship, the Board of Directors, and the ASCA Agility Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board of Directors and the ASCA Agility Committee at least six months prior to the All Breed Agility Championship.

14.7 Awards

14.7.1 General Information

All of the monies received from the All Breed Agility Championship entries minus the expenses to the host club(s) for hosting the All Breed Agility Championship and all monies donated will be used for prizes for the All Breed Agility Championship only. Any unused monies will revert to the All Breed Agility Championship Fund. The Host Club is responsible for procuring rosettes and awards for the All Breed Agility Championship.

Presentation of the overall awards for each division and the overall awards for each division and height shall be done in a manner to showcase the event. The individual round placements may be awarded at a time and location deemed appropriate by the host club (for instance, following each round.)

14.7.2 Individual Rounds

Each round of Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers Agility will be placed one (1) through ten (10) for each division and height group. Rosettes will be awarded for each placement in each division and height group). All rosettes will have the date and location of the All Breed Agility Championship, placement, name of the class (i.e., Jumpers) and ASCA All Breed Agility Championship printed on them. First place will be blue, second place red, third place yellow, fourth place white, fifth place pink, sixth place green, seventh place purple, eighth place brown, ninth place teal, and tenth place maroon.

14.7.3 Overall Height Placements

The first placing overall dog in each division and height group (Standard, Veteran and Junior, Small 4"-12" Medium 16", and Large 20"-24",) shall receive a rosette with blue in it that states the date, location, placement and ASCA <division and height group> All Breed Agility Championship Champion, (e.g. 2016 ASCA Medium Junior All Breed Agility Championship Champion). A special award will be given to the first placing overall dog in each division and height. The second through tenth overall dogs in each division and height group shall receive rosettes. Second through tenth place rosettes shall have the date, location, placement, 'Overall', and ASCA <division and height> All Breed Agility Championship. I.e. 2002 ASCA Medium Junior All Breed Agility Championship Overall Second Place. Second place will be red, third place yellow, fourth place white, fifth place pink, sixth place green, seventh place purple eighth place brown, ninth place teal and tenth place maroon.

14.7.4 Overall Division Placements

The first placing overall dog in each division (Standard, Veteran and Junior) shall receive a special award upon which will be engraved the date, location, ASCA, <division > and All Breed Agility Championship Champion, (e.g. 2016 ASCA Junior All Breed Agility Championship Champion, Albany, Oregon) and will also include a spot for a photo of dog and handler (see 14.13 photographs of All Breed Agility Championship Champions) be given to the first placing dog in each division.

14.7.5 Participation Ribbons

All dogs not placing in the overall top ten in each division and height will receive a participation rosette printed with the date and location of the All Breed Agility Championship, name of the host club and 'All Breed Agility Championship Participant' printed on them.

14.8 Judging and Scoring

14.8.1 Judge

One judge will be used to judge all four rounds of each division and height group of the All Breed Agility Championship. This judge may be the same judge that judges the ASCA Finals or Agility Nationals Trial. The courses for the All Breed Agility Championship shall not be the same as the ones used for the ASCA Finals or National Trial and must be completely new courses.

14.8.2 Divisions

Each division (Standard, Veteran and Junior Handler) will be scored separately. All dogs within each division will be grouped by height (Small 4"-12", Medium 16", Large 20"-24") for placements. There will be four rounds used to determine each division and height champion and overall division champion: 1 Jumpers, 1 Gamblers and 2 Regular.

14.8.3 Jump Height

Dogs entered in the Veteran Dog will jump at their appropriate jump height in Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers, which will be one height lower than their standard division jump height, would be. Dogs entered in the Junior Handler division will have the option of running at the dog's standard jump height or taking the 4" (10.2 cm) height deduction. All dogs entered in the Standard Agility divisions will jump their Standard division jump height.

14.8.4 Standard Course Time (Regular and Jumpers)

There will be a Standard Course Time set by the judge for each division and height group for the two Regular using the table in (chapter 4 - Section 4.5 Standard Course Time) and the jumper class using the table in (chapter 5 -section 5.5 - Standard course time) . For the Regular and Jumper classes the Veteran Dog and Junior Handler Divisions SCT will be 10% greater than the Standard division SCT.

14.8.5 Gamblers Class: Opening and Gamble Time

For the Gamblers class, all dogs, regardless of jump height or division, will have 30 seconds for their opening sequence time. The closing sequence "gamble" time will be determined by the judge. Standard, Veteran and Junior Handler Division dogs will use the table in (chapter 6 - Section 6.5 - Course Time)

14.8.6 Faults

Faults will be assessed in accordance with the current ASCA program rules for agility.

14.8.7 Determination of Agility Height Champions

Each faultless qualifying run in Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers will be given seven (7) "Q" points. Each faulted (.01 to 5 faults) qualifying run in Regular agility will be given one-half the value of the "Q" points, or 3.5 "Q" points.

Dogs in each division and height will be ranked by the most "Q" points, then if necessary, by the following ranking procedures:

1. First, sort by the number of "Q" points (a faulted Regular Agility "Q" counts one-half).
2. Then, sort by each dog's total of the number of dogs beaten. (Placement points) (For example, if twenty dogs are entered in a class such as Jumpers, the first place dog would receive 19 placement

points (in other words, beat 19 dogs), the second place dog would receive 18 placement points, the third place dog would receive 17 placement points, etc). Dogs that are eliminated or are scratched receive zero placement points, but still count as dogs defeated.

3. Then, sort by Gamblers. First rank the dogs by considering whether the dog qualified and then by the most points in Gamblers.

4. Then, sort by Jumpers. First rank the dogs by considering whether the dog qualified and then by the dog's run time.

14.8.8 Determination of Agility Division Champions

Of the Agility Height Champions each faultless qualifying run in Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers will be given seven (7) "Q" points. Each faulted (.01 to 5 faults) qualifying run in Regular agility will be given one-half the value of the "Q" points, or 3.5 "Q" points.

Dogs in each division will be ranked by the most "Q" points, then if necessary, by the following ranking procedures:

1. First, sort by the number of "Q" points (a faulted Regular Agility "Q" counts one-half).

2. Then, sort by Gamblers. First rank the dogs by considering whether the dog qualified and then by the most points in Gamblers.

3. Then, sort by Jumpers. First rank the dogs by considering whether the dog qualified and then by the dog's run time.

14.8.9 Run Order

The Jumpers class will run first, followed by the Gamblers class and then by the two Regular classes.

In each class, all Standard dogs run first, then Veteran, then Junior Handlers.

Jumpers will be run according to random draw within each division, drawing first for the order of jump heights, and then for the order of dogs within each height. Each subsequent class will be run in reverse order of placement based on cumulative scores within each division. In the event that two dogs are tied for placements, the dogs will run in alphabetical order of call name. Bitches in heat will run last in each class. Handlers with multiple dogs may request to move a dog in the run order so as to give the handler more time to adequately prepare to run the other dog. The dogs may be separated by moving the dog that is to run first (with a lower cumulative score) in the round up in the run order to allow a gap of 3 – 10 dogs in between the multiple dogs. The handler must notify the score table and the gate steward as soon as the sorted run order is posted. Once the round has started, no changes may be made.

14.8.10 Scores

Scores will be posted when they are available. It is required that two different people NOT entered in the All Breed Championship check the computation of the scores before they are posted.

Qualifying scores will not be applied towards ASCA certifications, the Agility Merit program, Agility Finals program or the All Breed Agility program.

14.9 Selection of All Breed Agility Championship Judges

Once the host club, location & dates for the All Breed Agility Championship have been determined, the Business Office will send a letter to all Judges to determine who is available to judge.

14.9.1 Drawing for Selection

1. The Board of Directors or its assignee will perform a random draw of all Judges who satisfy the requirements (see 14.10.2 requirements for selection of All Breed Agility Championship Judge) and affirm their availability to judge the ASCA Agility Championship.

2. The first five (5) names drawn will be supplied to the Host Club to hire one (1) All Breed Agility Championship Judge.

14.9.2 Requirements for Selection of All Breed Agility Championship Judge

The Judge for the ASCA All Breed Agility Championship will be selected from all ASCA Agility judges who return the questionnaire to the Business Office in the correct time frame and indicate they are available to judge. Agility judges will be excluded from the random draw if they

1. Have 4 years or less experience as an ASCA judge
2. Have pending or previous disciplinary action within the last year
3. Have judged All Breed Agility Championship the previous year.
4. Have failed to judge ten (10) unrelated multiple trial dates, all classes & divisions in the previous five (5) years. (Related trials are those held at the same location & date at the same place in the same 10 day period.) Must have two (2) judging assignments within the previous twelve (12) months.
5. Are not or have not actively participated in ASCA Agility trials as an exhibitor at the Elite level, all classes. Preference given to Judges who have achieved an Agility Trial Championship on at least one dog.

14.9.3 Exceptions

It is possible that the available judges may not meet all the priorities listed. The candidates with the greatest number of listed priorities will be recommended to the host club.

14.9.4 Other Notes

No judge may judge the All Breed Agility Championship more than two years consecutively.

Note: The Finals or Nationals Agility trial Judges do not have to come from this same list but are highly recommended.

14.10 All Breed Championship Course Design

Courses for the All Breed Agility Championship (Jumpers, Gamblers, and Regular) are to be original courses that have never been used at any previous trial. The Regular courses, rounds 1 and 2, may be different courses, (i.e.: not required to be "direct reversals"). A Course Reviewer will be assigned by the Business Office and the course review must be conducted the same as section 11.6 of the ASCA rulebook.

14.11 All Breed Agility Championship Workers

14.11.1 Required Workers

The normal amount of people to run a one ring trial will be needed for the All Breed Agility Championship. At a minimum the host club will need to fill the following positions:

- 2 Timers
- 1 Scribe
- 1 Gate Steward
- 1 Score Runner
- 3 Jump Setters
- 1 Chute Setter
- 1 Scorer (score table)
- Ribbon preparers (can be the same people as above)
- 4 Course Builders (can be the same people as above)

14.11.2 Worker Restriction

The timer, scribe and scorer cannot be a family member or a member of the household of any of the All Breed Agility Championship competitors. Nor can they be an owner of any dog competing in the All Breed Agility Championship.

14.11.3 Timers

Both timers will time each round. One timer will be designated as the primary timer and the other the backup. The primary timer's time will be used for all dogs unless the stop watch malfunctions. In the event of a malfunction, the backup timer's time will be used. In the event that both stopwatches malfunction, then the dog will be required to rerun and their previous run will not count. Timers must time the entire round (i.e. the entire Jumpers class).

14.12 Photographs of All Breed Agility Championship Champions

The host club is responsible for photographing the three All Breed Agility Championship champions in (Standard, Veteran and Junior) and the nine All Breed Agility Championship Height champions in (Standard, Veteran and Junior, Small (4"-12"), Medium (16"), Large (20"-24")). The photographs will be clearly marked with the dog's registered name, owner name. The photographs MUST be submitted to the Web-Master of the ASCA website before the deadline for the ASCA E-News National issue.

14.13 Sample Ribbon Order for All Breed Agility Championship

The following table lists what types of ribbons are required. However, the actual amounts will vary depending on how many dogs are entered in each division and height. For example, if the Junior division only has three dogs in it, then 10 placements will not be required. 1st – 10th in each division's height will encompass all dogs in that division, height.

| Ribbon Type | Qty. | Heights | # of Divisions | Total Qty. |
|---|------|---------|----------------|------------|
| Gamblers Individual Round Placements (1st – 10th) | 10 | 3 | 3 | 90 |
| Regular Round 1 Individual Placements (1st – 10th) | 10 | 3 | 3 | 90 |
| Regular Round 2 Individual Placements (1st – 10th) | 10 | 3 | 3 | 90 |
| Jumpers Individual Round Placements (1st – 10th) | 10 | 3 | 3 | 90 |
| Overall Division Champion | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Overall Division and Height Champion 1st – 10th Placement | 10 | 3 | 3 | 90 |
| Championships (given to those not in the top 10 overall in each division) | | | 1 | 1 |

15 Regional Qualifier for All Breed Agility Championship

15.1 Eligibility

15.1.1 Program

The Regional(s) Qualifier is only for the Championship Program at the Elite level. Regional(s) can be held in conjunction with or without an Agility trial at the Host Club/Licensee discretion. One host club/Licensee from each of the Regions (see 15.1.4. Regions) will be granted the right to hold the Regional Qualifier by the Agility Committee. (Note that preference will be given to locations that are centrally located in the region). All Clubs and Licensees must apply to hold the Regional Qualifier by July 1st of the current qualifying year. If more than one Host Club/Licensee applies to hold the Regional Qualifier a lottery will determine who will be granted the right to hold the Regional Qualifier. No Host Club/Licensee can hold the Regional Qualifier two years in a row if another Host Club/Licensee applies to hold the Regional Qualifier the following year.

15.1.2 When and How Regional(s) Qualifier are held

The All Breed Agility Regional(s) Qualifier will be held between January 1st. and May 31st. The Regional(s) Qualifier is to be run like a regular Agility Trial with the addition of Overall Height Placements and awards, Overall Division Placements and awards and Regional Qualifier Placements.

15.1.3 Eligible Dogs

Eligible dogs will be ASCA or LEP registered Australian Shepherds and all dogs with an ASCA tracking number during the qualifying period for the All Breed Agility Regional(s) Qualifier. (Note entry preference is to be given to Regional Qualifier participants over the other levels)

15.1.4 Regions

Region 1: WA, OR, ID, MT, AK, AB, BC, YT, SK,

Region 2: CA, NV, AZ, UT

Region 3: CO, WY, NE, KS, ND, SD, MB, NU

Region 4: MI, IA, IL, OH, WI, MN, IN, MO, KY, ON

Region 5: AR, LA, MS, AL, TN, NC, SC, GA, FL, TX, NM, OK

Region 6: ME, NH, VT, NY, RI, MA, CT, PA, NJ, WV, VA, MD, DE, DC, QC, NS, NB, PE, NL,

Region 7: Europe

15.1.5 Divisions.

The All Breed Agility Regional(s) Qualifier will consist of three divisions: Standard, Veteran, and Junior Handlers. The qualifying rules will be the same for each division, however qualifying points will not transfer between the divisions. The dog must run in the division that they are eligible to enter and want to compete in at the All Breed Agility Championship.

15.1.6 Height Groups

All Breed Agility Regional(s) Qualifier will consist of three height groups (Small (4" - 12"), Medium (16"), Large (20" - 24")) The jump heights will be divided as specified in the ASCA Jump Height Table in Chapter 2, Section 2.5.4. The dog must run in the group that they are eligible to enter and want to compete in at the All Breed Agility Championship.

15.2. Rounds

A minimum one day of 4 rounds (2 Regular, 1 Jumper, 1 Gambler), or up to a maximum of two days of 12 rounds (4 Regular, 4 Jumper, 4 Gambler) for each division are allowed for any Regional Qualifier. The Host Club/Licensee will determine the number of rounds at their discretion. Judges may not judge more than 350 agility runs per day. However the host club may schedule up to 450 agility runs per day after consulting with and obtaining concurrence from the Judge.

15.3 Allowances for Bitches in Heat

Bitches in heat will be allowed to run. They will run at the end of each class. Bitches in heat will not be brought within 50 feet of the Agility ring prior to their run and must be wearing panties. Bitches in heat using any practice jump or weave poles (for warm-up) must wear panties. Owners of any Bitch in heat must 'potty' their Bitches in heat in an area 100 feet away from the agility area. A rug (to be provided by the owner) will be brought out to the start line and the bitch will be placed on the rug to begin her run. Bitches in Heat will also wear panties (to be provided by exhibitor) during their run. Bitches in heat must be crated (not in an ex-pen) prior to and during the competition, except when competing, away from the agility ring at a minimum distance of 150 feet location or in a location to be determined by the host club. Failure to comply with the above rule will result in dismissal from Regional Qualifier.

15.4 Awards

15.4.1 Individual Round Awards

Each round of Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers Agility will be placed one (1) through ten (10) for each division and height. Rosettes will be awarded for each placement in each division and height group. All rosettes will have the date, location and region of the All Breed Agility Regional Qualifier, placement, name of the class (i.e., Jumpers) and ASCA All Breed Agility Regional Qualifier printed on them. First place will be blue, second place red, third place yellow, fourth place white, fifth place pink, sixth place green, seventh place purple, eighth place brown, ninth place teal, and tenth place maroon.

15.4.2 Overall Height Placements

The first placing overall dog in each division and height group (Standard, Veteran and Junior, Small 4'-12" Medium 16", and Large 20"-24",) shall receive a rosette with blue in it that states the date, location, region, placement, and ASCA <division and height> All Breed Agility Regional Qualifier Champion, (e.g. 2016 ASCA Region 1 16" Junior All Breed Agility Regional Qualifier Champion). The second through tenth overall dogs in each division and height group shall receive rosettes. Second through tenth place rosettes shall have the date, location, region, placement, 'Overall', and ASCA <division and height group> All Breed Agility Regional Qualifier (i.e. 2016 ASCA Region 1 16" Junior All Breed Agility Regional Qualifier Overall Second Place). Second place will be red, third place yellow, fourth place white, fifth place pink, sixth place green, seventh place purple, eighth place brown, ninth place teal and tenth place maroon.

15.5. Judge and scoring

15.5.1 Judging

More than one judge can be used to judge the All Breed Agility Regional. One judge must be used to judge each entire round (i.e. Regular round 1) The courses must be completely new courses.

15.5.2 Jump height

Dogs entered in the Veteran division will jump at their appropriate jump height in Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers, which will be one height lower than their standard division jump height would be. Dogs entered in the Junior Handler division will have the option of running at the dog's standard jump height or taking the 4" (10.2 cm) height deduction. All dogs entered in the Standard Agility divisions will jump their Standard division jump height.

15.5.3 Standard Course Time (Regular and Jumpers)

There will be a Standard Course Time set by the judge for each division and height group for the two Regular using the table in (chapter 4 - Section 4.5 Standard Course Time) and the jumper class using the table in (chapter 5 -section 5.5 - Standard course time) . For the Regular and Jumper classes the Veteran Dog, and Junior Handler Divisions SCT will be 10% greater than the Standard division SCT .

15.5.4 Gamblers Class: Opening and Gamble Time

For the Gamblers class, all dogs, regardless of jump height or division, will have 30 seconds for their opening sequence time. The closing sequence "gamble" time will be determined by the judge. Standard, Veteran and Junior Handler Division dogs will use the table in (chapter 6 - Section 6.5 - Course Time)

15.5.5 Faults

Faults will be assessed in accordance with the current ASCA program rules for agility.

15.5.6 Determination of Agility Height Champions

Each faultless qualifying run in Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers will be given seven (7) "Q" points. Each faulted (.01 to 5 faults) qualifying run in Regular agility will be given one-half the value of the "Q" points, or 3.5 "Q" points.

Dogs in each division and height group will be ranked by the most "Q" points, then if necessary, by the following ranking procedures:

1. First, sort by the number of "Q" points (a faulted Regular Agility "Q" counts one-half).
2. Then, sort by each dog's total of the number of dogs beaten. (Placement points) (For example, if twenty dogs are entered in a class such as Jumpers, the first place dog would receive 19 placement points (in other words, beat 19 dogs), the second place dog would receive 18 placement points, the third place dog would receive 17 placement points, etc). Dogs that are eliminated or are scratched receive zero placement points, but still count as dogs defeated.
3. Then, sort by Gamblers. First rank the dogs by considering whether the dog qualified and then by the most points in Gamblers.
4. Then, sort by Jumpers. First rank the dogs by considering whether the dog qualified and then by the dog's run time.

15.5.7 Scores

Scores will be posted when they are available. It is required that the person entering in the scores for the All Breed Regional not be running in the Regional and they check the computation of the scores before they are posted.

15.5.8 Regional(s) Course Design

Courses for the All Breed Agility Regional(s) (Jumpers, Gamblers, and Regular) are to be original courses that have never been used at any previous trial. The Regular courses, rounds 1 and 2, may be different courses, (i.e.: not required to be "direct reversals"). A Course Reviewer will be assigned by the Business Office and the course review must be conducted the same as section 11.6 of the ASCA rulebook.

15.5.9 Required Workers

The normal amount of people to run a one ring trial will be needed for the All Breed Agility Regional(s).

At a minimum the host club will need to fill the following positions:

- 1 Timers
- 1 Scribe
- 1 Gate Steward
- 1 Score Runner
- 3 Jump Setters
- 1 Chute Setter
- 1 Scorer (score table)
- Ribbon preparers (can be the same people as above)
- 4 Course Builders (can be the same people as above)

15.5.10 Worker Restriction

The timer, scribe and scorer cannot be a family member or a member of the household of any of the All Breed Agility Regional(s) competitors. Nor can they be an owner of any dog competing in the All Breed Agility Regional(s).

September 10 Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, 2nd Vice President Rick Hardin, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Cindy King, Director Jean Roberts, Director Rachel Vest, Director Jan Wesen, Director-elect Laura Gibson, Director-elect Linda Gray, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

There is a quorum with 9 voting members of the Board present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm Central Time.

Items in Executive Session: None.

Ratify August Email Votes

No discussion.

BD.15.100 Ratify August Email Votes

All present approve. Motion carries.

Motion: Dolan

Second: Hardin

I move to ratify the August email votes.

August Treasurer's Report

Dolan gave the Treasurer's Report for August. There is \$175,334.23 in the Chase checking account, \$350,347.02 in the Chase savings account, and \$100.00 in the Chase wire account. There is \$180,870.42 in the Raymond James investment account. ASCA's total assets come in at \$705,149.11.

There is \$32,495 in the Additional Event Membership Dues account. This balance includes the \$29,000 payment to the 2015 Host Club authorized during the Board's August teleconference meeting.

There were increases in income from Aussie Times subscriptions (\$10,487) and registry services (\$3,377). There were decreases in income from Aussie Times ads (-\$5,055), gain/loss on securities (-\$12,025), member services (-\$4,325), membership dues (-\$5,822), and program income (-\$7,485). There were increases in expenses for computer costs (\$40,330), depreciation (\$7,846), Director/Officer reimbursement (\$12,744), member services (\$5,702), and office expenses (\$7,113).

There were decreases in expenses from Aussie Times printing (-\$12,854), equipment rental (-\$1,709), insurance (-\$1,896), postage and delivery (-\$2,477), printing and reproduction (-\$2,785), and repairs (-\$3,594). Net income through August is \$59,569.30.

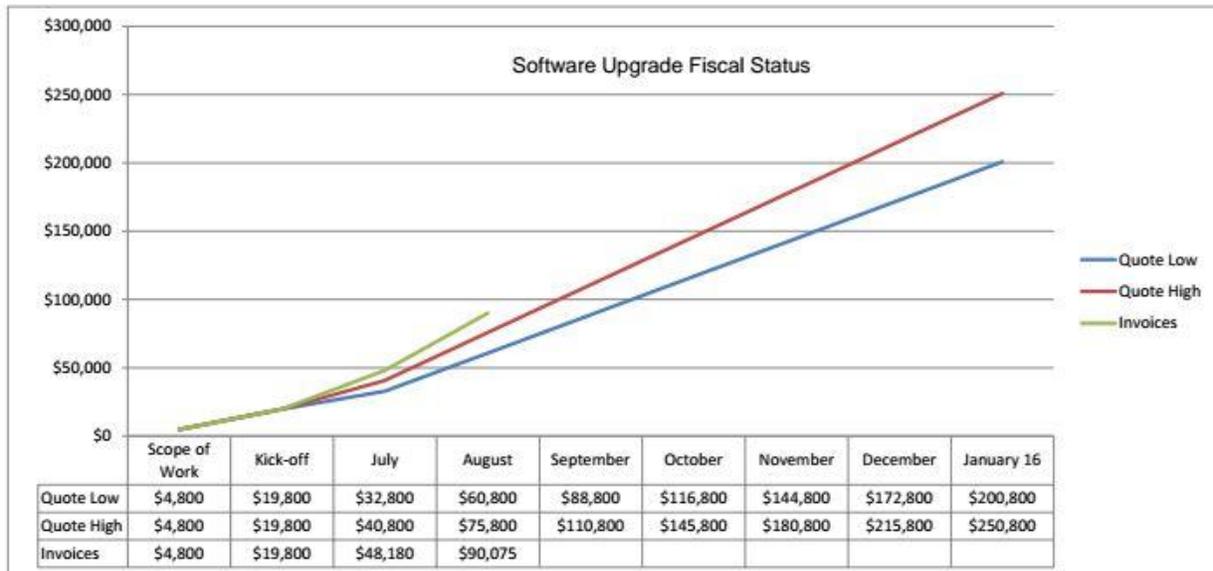
Kissman questioned whether we had closed the gap on program income – he remembers that it used to be more significant. Dolan said he had not looked into it, but that may be the case as August can be an intense show month.

Dolan will have graphs available at Nationals that will show where the trends have been going for the first three quarters of the year. He will also bring to the Nationals Board meeting a chart of accounts so

the Board can see all of the broken down categories that are lumped together in the monthly profit and loss statements.

Invoices paid to FrogSlayer as follows:

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| 3/6/15 | \$4,800.00 | Scope of Work |
| 6/12/15 | \$15,000.00 | Advance Deposit |
| 8/13/15 | \$28,380.00 | July Statement |
| 9/1/15 | \$41,895.00 | August Statement |
| Total to date | \$90,075.00 | |



FrogSlayer is ahead of the promulgated sprint schedule thus they are invoicing at a rate exceeding the original payment schedule estimate. The lead programmer is taking time off at the end of October and so they may be trying to get ahead now so they don't fall behind while he is gone.

Dolan will have a detailed Treasurer's report to present at the 2015 General Membership Meeting, as well as a copy of the most recent audit for interested members to review.

BD.15.101 August Treasurer's Report

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

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Dolan

Motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

Second: Vest

I move to accept the August Treasurer's report.

Update on System Upgrade

Vest reported to the Board that Fryar has worked on a presentation to be given at the 2015 General Membership Meeting to go over what has been done with the upgrade so far and what can be expected. There is nothing really tangible to present that would warrant bringing someone from the FrogSlayer

team to field questions, and the Board feels that Fryar would be the most appropriate person to present this to the membership. As he was planning not to attend Nationals this year to stay and assist with the upgrade, the Board has requested that he attend for the day of General Membership Meeting.

Vest and Fryar are making sure with FrogSlayer that the systems will be able to run in parallel to ensure we can continue business as normal during the switchover.

Sent by email on 9/9:

Week 8/31 – 9/4/15 update

What was accomplished last week:

- Users can view a list of their kennels,
- User can file application for new Kennel
- User listed as secondary owner can "sign" an application
- User listed as secondary can refuse to sign an application, kicking it back.
- The last co-owner to sign causes the application to be submitted to ASCA.
- Emails are sent to the owners of a kennel as the above steps happen.
- User can withdraw their application if it is not submitted to ASCA.
- Kennels are now searched like users on admin home page
- Added application queue to admin home page

Sent by email on 9/28:

This week we accomplished the following:

- Jeremy finished his fixes of the user interface validation issues - such as the password confirm box bug you found. Unfortunately, he won't be able to work on our project anymore, but the work and guidance he provided has helped us a lot.
- Got our new full-time developer, Noah Smith, rolling. In his first week Noah wrote the Authorize.NET module. I am reviewing and integrating that work right now, so, not quite yet, but very very soon, the site will be live with Authorize.NET for payments!
- You and I had a discussion on membership. I spent some time working on how to re-design the system to support my new understanding of ASCA membership, and I've started making code changes around that later this week.
- On the testing front, we've taken advantage of the lull in new functionality to plan out some test cases (which you can review in the test case column of Trello if you like). These test cases helps us communicate to our tester what they need to check.

Agenda Deadline for Board Meetings

Kissman presented a motion and it will be sent out for vote during the monthly cycle.

Stockdog Finals Judge Eligibility Verification

Voting on this motion now gives the Business Office four weeks to conduct verification.

BD.15.98 2017 Stockdog Finals Judge Eligibility Verification

All present approve. Motion carries.

Motion: Dolan

Second: Vest

I move to direct the Business Office to verify the eligibility of the Stockdog judges who respond in the affirmative to the Business Office query concerning their desire and availability to judge the 2017 Stockdog Finals. The Business Office will provide the Board with the list of Judges and qualifications. The verification is to be completed prior to the 2015 General Membership Meeting.

Rationale: The Stockdog rules in effect do not require verification of the submitted information. The selection process for the 2016 SDF judges revealed that some judges were not eligible. This motion directs verification prior to the random draw conducted during the General Membership Meeting. The Business Office has a process available to conduct verification. This is an interim measure pending the Stockdog Committee recommending a change to Stockdog Rulebook Section 22.7.2 Determining Availability and Qualifications.

Effective date: When approved by the Board of Directors.

Meeting with Consultant

Kissman discussed with the Board his frustration at the Board's seeming inability to work together toward a singular goal and tendency to get lost in disagreements. He had previously worked with a consultant that was incredibly beneficial to getting his work team to be on the same page. He thought this might be something the Board would like to pursue. Gibson felt that while the Board does need to establish productive group norms, they could do this without hiring an outside party. She shared with the Board a document with a process to discuss and set these norms. This is potentially something the Board could put in place for continual training.

Agility Finals Entry

The Board received a request from a member with an ATCH dog who attempted to make entry to the 2015 Agility Finals, but incorrectly sent her entry to the Host Club and outside of the submission deadline. The Nationals Premium directs readers to see the Agility Rules for information on Finals and this includes entry deadlines. However, the Board acknowledges that those who are invited to Finals through qualifying are provided all the information necessary to make proper entry, while ATCH dogs are only given an entry as they are not technically invited, but allowed to enter. There were also errors discovered during the entry taking process and this may have been caught earlier and corrected, had that not been the case. Because of the extenuating circumstances surrounding this entry, the Board would like to grant exception and allow her to enter. In the future, the Business Office will provide the same info to ATCH dogs as to Finals qualifiers.

BD.15.103 Agility Finals Entry

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

Disapprove: Dolan, Hardin

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Roberts

Second: DeChant

I make a motion to allow Deborah Hanson and "Flicka" to compete in Agility Finals this year.

The Board briefly discussed motion AG.15.15 Remove ATCH Invitations from Finals. Dolan stated that when Agility Finals began the Board instructed that it could not lose money, so ATCH dogs were invited in order to get the numbers of entrants up. That is no longer needed. Some members have commented

that taking away the ATCH invite will make it impossible for them to qualify for Finals as there are not enough trials in their area to earn the points.

Speaker from Therion

The Board discussed whether they would like to have a representative from Therion come to speak at the 2015 General Membership Meeting and answer questions about DNA. DeChant will talk with Fryar to see if there is anything that would necessitate a representative coming or if it can be scheduled for another year.

DeChant called the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.