

Secretary's Report

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

October 1-31, 2012.

Board of Directors Teleconference

Monday October 8, 2012

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President Ford called the meeting to order at 8:00PM, CDT. Those present included: President Russ Ford, 2nd Vice-president David Clayton, Secretary Rick Gann, Treasurer Greg McClintock, Directors Ronnie Bates, Linda Gray, Rachel Vest and Directors-elect Rick Hardin, and Jean Miller. First Vice-president Peter Hellmeister, and Director Tenley Dexter were absent.

Motion by Ford Second by Clayton

I move to ratify all e-mail September votes.

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

12.52 Sponsorship committee

Motion by Ford Second by McClintock

I move to install a sponsorship committee. Committee members will be director elects Hardin, Dechant, and Miller. Early task is for the committee to come up with a plan on how the committee will function, budget needed, and early planning stages. New members will be added at a later, this will be at the recommendation of the committee.

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

12.53 ASCA Finals budget approval

Motion by Gray Second by Clayton

I move to approve the finals budget for the 2012 ASCA Nationals. Approve Ford, Gray, McClintock, and Clayton. Disapprove Bates. Abstain Gann and Vest. Non-voting: Hellmeister and Dexter. Motion Approved

Update on Executive Secretary hiring – To date ASCA has received 5 applications, all previous applicants have been contacted and only a few are still interested. Anyone interested still have until October 24 to submit their resume.

12.54 Will with Therion expense to Nationals.

Motion by Gray Second by Bates

I move to approve Will's expenses to the 2012 ASCA Nationals; total expenses are not to exceed \$1000.00.

Approve: Ford, Clayton, Gann, McClintock, Gray, and Bates. Abstain: Vest. Non-Voting: Hellmeister and Dexter. Motion Approved.

Directors assigned to work the 2012 ASCA Stockdog Finals - Bates - Timing for James Bergert, Clayton – Where Needed, Ford - Dog Entered, not working, Gann – Scoring, Gray - Scoring & taking pictures, McClintock - Cattle Handler, Vest – Where Needed, and DeChant – Time keeping or helping record scores in the database.

Effort to reduce postage at the ASCA Business Office – Director Vest brought forth an action item for the office staff to reduce the redundant paperwork currently being sent out to ASCA affiliate clubs. By reducing the amount of postage and consciously saving ASCA money, the directors would like to give back to its employee with a possibly bigger raise than normal.

12.57 Rally Judge Seminar for Lori Nichols

Motion by Bates Second by Vest

I move to allow Lori Nichols to take the online Rally Judge seminar to meet the requirements needed to complete her application process to become a Rally Judge. Approve: Ford, Bates, Vest, Gann, McClintock, and Clayton. Non-Voting: Hellmeister and Dexter.

New Business – Meeting time for directors on Saturday November 3rd will be at 9:30 AM. Director McClintock will look into cost and availability for a Parliamentarian for the General Membership meeting.

Motion by Vest Second by Ford

I move to adjourn the meeting.

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

President Ford adjourned the meeting at 9:36 PM CDT.

Rick Gann
Acting Executive Secretary

12:48 Policy Book change - 8.11.3 Air Travel

Motion by Gray 2nd by Dexter

I move to approve the following policy change.

8.11.3 Air Travel

- a. Individual Directors will make his/her own airline reservations.
- b. ASCA will reimburse using the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for travel to and from the airport. Mileage must be submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement. ASCA will reimburse the cost of long term parking at the airport during travel and meeting days. A receipt must accompany the reimbursement request.
- c. Estimate for the most economical air fare must be obtained from the airlines and/or major Internet Travel sites a minimum of 6 weeks before the 1st day of the meeting. A copy of the Treasurer approved flight itinerary with price paid must be sent to the Business Office before reimbursement will be paid. Reimbursement of the approved price paid will be sent to the Director/Officer within 2 weeks of Office Manager Receipt.
- d. ASCA will reimburse airport shuttle costs incurred during travel to board meetings at the National Specialty. Effective 11/12 Approve: Clayton, Dexter, Vest and Gray Disapprove: McClintock, Bates, Ford, Gann and Hellmeister; *the motion is not approved.*

12:49 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S DUTIES

Motion by Gray 2nd by Dexter

I move to approve the addition to the Committee Procedures.

Committee Procedures

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S DUTIES

add:

12. The Committee Chair will organize any committee seminar the committee will present at Nationals. The Chair will contact the host club's Committee Secretary with the needs of the committee (i.e., date, time, equipment) for their seminar at Nationals at least 5 months before the start of Nationals. (The chair may delegate the job to a committee member.) If equipment is needed (projector, screen, flip chart, etc.) which isn't provided by the host club, the committee may request ASCA pay for the rental or the committee may find an alternative source for what they need.

Comment: This year we have committees who want to give judge's seminar that have been having a difficult time getting answers as to a time and or location for their seminar. If the host club had one person designated for committees I feel the seminar process will go smoother

Approve: Clayton, Dexter, Vest and Gray Disapprove: McClintock, Bates, Ford, Gann. and Hellmeister;

The motion is not approved.

12:51 National Rules

Motion by Gray 2nd by Dexter

I move to approve the following addition to the National Rules.

National Rules

Section 4 SHOW COMMITTEE

4.1 The Host Club shall establish a National Specialty Show Committee that will organize and implement the various events described in these Rules and any others applicable to an ASCA National Specialty.

4.2 The following people are REQUIRED on the ASCA National Specialty Show Committee: National Chairperson, Agility Secretary, Conformation Secretary, Obedience Secretary, Rally Secretary, Stockdog Trial Course Director, and Tracking Secretary.

4.2.a In addition to the above, a Committee Secretary will be appointed by the Show Committee. The duties of the Committee Secretary will include, but not limited to, being the point-of-contact for all ASCA Committees and organize their Seminars at Nationals. The Committee Secretary will work with Committee Chairs (or their delegate) on their arrangements/equipment.

Comment: This year we have committees who want to give judge's seminar that have been having a difficult time getting answers as to a time and or location for their seminar. In one case, the host club decided to do a junior seminar without the knowledge or input from the junior committee and this leads to hard feelings that could have been avoided. If the host club had one person designated for committees the seminar process will go smoother.

Approve: Clayton, Dexter, Vest and Gray Disapprove: McClintock, Bates, Ford, Gann. and Hellmeister;

The motion is not approved.

RC 12-9 Changing the Honor exercise to a Stay exercise in all 4 levels.

Motion: Bates

I move to approve the following Rally Committee Motion.

RC 12-9 Changing the Honor exercise to a Stay exercise in all 4 levels.

Subject

Changing the Honor exercise to a Stay exercise in all 4 levels.

I move to approve the following motion to remove the Honor exercise and replace it with a stay exercise.

CHAPTER 2: REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING SECTION 4: Judge's Directions. The Judge's instructions should be given to each handler in a clear and understandable manner, and in such a way that the work of the dog is not disturbed. Prior to starting each run, the Judge shall check to be sure the leash is properly placed for the Sit Stay or Down Stay exercise (if included), the timer is ready, and lastly, will ask the exhibitor "Are you ready?"

SECTION 16: Use of Leash

All dogs shall be kept on leash except when in the Rally ring or exercise ring. Dogs must be brought into the ring and taken out of the ring on leash. Dogs must be kept on leash in the ring when brought in to receive awards. The leash shall be left on the Judge's table or other designated place for Advanced, Excellent, and Masters Classes. The leash must be of fabric or leather and, for the Sit Stay or Down Stay station Novice class; the leash must be six feet in length. Add to SECTION 23: Scoring and Minimum Penalties 10-point deduction for each occurrence of the following: Failure to complete the Sit/Stay or Down/Stay exercise (IP) when not starred, no retries allowed 20-point deduction for occurrence of any of the following: Failure to complete the Sit/Stay or Down/Stay exercise (IP) when starred, no retries allowed

SECTION 24: Timing

2.24.2 In the event of timer malfunction, no time will be recorded for the Team. When determining placements, if a tie involves a Team without a time, the handler will be given the option to run the course again for score and time or accept the loss of the run-off. If they decide to rerun the course and their score is better, they will be considered the winner of the run-off with the original score recorded as their score. If they score less than their original score the team will be considered to have lost the run-off, and will be placed below the other team they tied with in placements, with their original score recorded as their score. If there are ties with the same score and time, the original scores shall be kept and the Teams shall rerun the full course, excluding the Sit Stay or Down Stay station if used, and the new tiebreaker scores and times shall be used solely to determine the winner of the run-off.

CHAPTER 3: RALLY NOVICE

SECTION 5: Novice Exercises and Scores\ 3.5.1 all exercises in Rally Novice classes are judged on leash. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and six feet in length.

3.5.2 Rally Novice A, B, and C courses must have between 16 and 19 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of six Stationary exercises, and with a minimum of three Novice only signs per course. Each sign will have a ten-point value except for Star stations, which will have a 20-point value. The total number of points per course must equal 200. All Novice courses will require the Heeling and Conduct station and one Sit or Down Stay station. Star stations will be determined by the Judge and marked with a Star designator.

CHAPTER 4: RALLY ADVANCED

SECTION 5: Advanced Exercises and Scores

4.5.2 Rally Advanced A, B, and C courses must have between 16 and 19 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 7 stationary exercises per class. The class must also have the Heeling and Conduct station, and a minimum of four Advanced (not eligible for Novice) exercises. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for the Star stations, which will have a 20-point value. The total number of points per course must equal 200. Star stations will be determined by the Judge and marked with a Star designator.

SIGNS FOR ADVANCED

#84 Sit/Stay (Honor) .

#85 Down/Stay (Honor) .

CHAPTER 5: RALLY EXCELLENT

SECTION 5: Excellent Exercises and Scores

5.5.4 Rally Excellent A, B, and C courses must have between 16 and 19 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of eight Stationary exercises per class. The class must also have the Heeling and Conduct station, and a minimum of four Excellent (not eligible for Novice or Advanced) and three Advanced (not eligible for Novice) exercises, not including the jump. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations, which 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.

CHAPTER 6: RALLY MASTERS

SECTION 5: Masters Exercises and Scores

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, the Sit/Stay (Honor) or Down/Stay (Honor), 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.

SIGNS FOR MASTERS

#84 Sit/Stay (Honor)

#85 Down/Stay (Honor)

CHAPTER 13: RALLY FINALS

SECTION 7: Ring Requirements

13.7.3 each ring should have a minimum of three Stewards: a Gate Steward, a Table Steward, and a Ring Steward.

CHAPTER 16: TRIAL GUIDELINES

SECTION 1: Judges

16.1.5 It is the Judges' responsibility to give a briefing to the Table Steward and all other Stewards for the trial. It is also the Judge who should see that all Stewards are ready to go.

SECTION 2: Stewards

(Delete 16.2.3 and renumber remainder)

16.2.3 An Honor Steward is needed for the classes in which Honor is offered. The Honor Steward will report to the Judge as to the dog's performance during the Honor stay. They must not be distracted from this position, nor may they compete in the class for which they steward.

16.2.4 A Timing Steward is also helpful, but the Gate Steward may perform the duties of the Timing Steward. The Judge will designate this position at the beginning of the Trial. The Timing Steward may not show in the class where they act as the Timer, but may show in any other class(es). Timers will preferably time the entire level; if that is not possible, they must complete the entire class.

CHAPTER 17: SIGNS AND DESCRIPTIONS

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N, A, E, M

Sit Stay, (Honor):

Immediately after passing the "Finish" sign, the team proceeds to this sign. The dog is placed in sit. The handler commands and/or signals the dog to stay. In Novice, the handler shall walk forward to the end of the 6 foot leash, turn to face the dog, pause, and then return around the dog to heel position. The dog must remain in a sit. When the judge says "Exercise Finished" the handler releases the dog and exits the ring. In Advanced, Excellent and Masters, the handler proceeds to the leash placed along the side of the ring where the exit is located, retrieves it and returns around behind the dog to heel position. The dog must remain in a sit. After the judge says "Exercise Finished", the handler attaches the lead to the dog's collar and exits the ring. In Advanced, the leash shall be 10 feet away, in Excellent, the leash shall be 15 feet away, and in Masters, the leash shall be 20 feet away.

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N, A, E, M

Down Stay, (Honor):

Immediately after passing the "Finish" sign, the team proceeds to this sign. The dog is placed in down. The handler commands and/or signals the dog to stay. In Novice, the handler shall walk forward to the end of the 6 foot leash, turn to face the dog, pause, and then return around the dog to heel position. The dog must remain in a down.

When the judge says "Exercise Finished" the handler releases the dog and exits the ring.

In Advanced, Excellent and Masters, the handler proceeds to the leash placed along the side of the ring where the exit gate is located, retrieves it and returns around behind the dog to heel position. The dog must remain in a down. After the judge says "Exercise Finished", the handler attaches the lead to the dog's collar and exits the ring. In Advanced, the leash shall be 10 feet away, in Excellent, the leash shall be 15 feet away, and in Masters, the leash shall be 20 feet away.

Comments: The Honor exercise has resulted in vast inequities for exhibitors. The length of the exercise is dependent upon the next working dog. As has been seen in trials, the time a dog must stay has varied from less than 2 minutes up to 5 minutes or more. Replacing it with the Stay exercise will allow for more standardized performance times. In addition, the new exercise will benefit both judges and affiliates, in that it simplifies the judging as each performance is complete before the next dog enters the ring. Also, It will eliminate having two dogs in the ring at a

time. In addition, this will benefit the affiliates as it will eliminate the need for an Honor Steward. Party(s) Impacted (affiliate, member, Aussie, etc.): The parties affected will be the judges, exhibitors and affiliate clubs
Effective date: This motion will go into effect June 1, 2013.
Approve: Dexter, Vest, McClintock, Bates, Ford, Gann, Gray and Hellmeister. Disapprove: Clayton. *The motion is approved.*