

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.

November 1-30, 2009

Board of Directors Teleconference

Monday November 2, 2009

The November 2, 2009 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM CST by President Michelle Berryessa. Those attending via phone or teleconference were: Rick Gann/Director, Pete Dolan/Secretary, Jerry Aufox/Director, Peter Hellmeister/First VP, Tenley Dexter/Director, Rachel Vest/Second VP and Mary Logue/Executive Secretary; Absent: Chris Davenport, Director, Mark Westerman, Treasurer.

1) Old Business

- a. 2010 Finals Budget (Dolan): Budget looks good at this point with the exception of the following items still needed from Committee:
 1. Need a corrected, updated facilities contract
 2. Need stock contracts
 3. The number of ducks for day two is twice what is needed based on the rules which allow running only five head of ducks in an arena trial.
 4. Feed and transport are not budgeted for the SDF. However, this may be covered in the stock contracts.
 5. The budgeted sponsorships do not match what is available on the 2010 web site. The budget sponsorship total is \$8,100. The sponsorships available on the web site total \$12,190.
 6. The trophy and ribbons numbers pass the reasonableness test.
 7. The per diem and lodging rates for Waco are \$51 and \$88 per day respectively. The budget uses a lower per diem rate (\$30) and a lower lodging rate. Agility uses \$85/day lodging and the other Finals use \$80/day.

Based on the submitted budget and upon receipt of the noted missing documents Pete Dolan will move to approve the 2010 Finals budget.

- b. Time line for next installment of the 2010 Premium List (Westerman): Item not discussed due to absence of Mark Westerman. Rick Gann said he would check on the status of entering the changes/corrections generated on the first draft by the BoD and that Heidi Mobley was working on it.
 - c. Breeder's COE (Aufox): Berryessa indicated that since she just received it via e-mail, she hasn't had much opportunity to review the latest revision. Per Gann, the BoD needs to take into consideration Conformation Committee's (CC) previous suggestions. Aufox said he didn't include any CC suggestions because he hasn't seen them. Aufox will review what CC sent in regards to Breeder's COE.
 - d. Judge's COE (Aufox): Vest indicated that there should be an exception with stock dog judges traveling and/or staying at host's home for trial. Present wording would technically prevent that from occurring due to concerns with actually wording versus intent of the wording.
 - e. Therion Contract (Berryessa): Business Office hasn't verified with Therion to date as to whether the gene sequence patent has expired. Need to check contract in Business Office to see if the fee for the gene sequence doesn't automatically drop out when the patent expires.
- #### 2) New Business:
- b. Advertising Position/Stephanie Kegal: Michelle Berryessa assigned Rick Gann and Pete Dolan to draft a letter to Ms. Kegal advising her of her selection, advising her of a

- probationary (or maybe a different word here) period and requesting an outline of her plan to approach this task.
- c. Stock dog Committee Electronic List (Vest): Concerns with practice of going off-list to discuss confidential items. According to Committee chair, Linda Mahoney, this has been going on since 2000. Berryessa indicated this practice needs to stop. Vest will discuss with Mahoney to make necessary changes.
 - d. WASCO application (Hellmeister): Affiliate bylaws committee has reviewed application and suggested corrections which have been received. Concern as to whether the immediate (within 24 hrs of request) response with corrections seemed odd. Consensus that it's a non-issue.
 - e. How to handle complaint letters with judges (Dolan): Where do we go with these complaints? A procedure needs to be developed? Business Office sends list of judges for move-up/approval to Cynthia at the Aussie Times. Berryessa will discuss with Jean Miller.
 - f. Motions for Judge move-ups: Motion for reconsideration (Newbury) should be kept confidential; Motion for disapproval (Sanchez) should be published.

Next teleconference will be on December 7th, 2009 at 8 PM CST.

Motion to adjourn: Afox, second Dolan; Approve: Unanimous; Motion is approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM CST.

s/ Mary Logue
Executive Secretary

11/14/09
Date of Approval

4:04 Conformation Committee: 15.1 Eligibility

Motion: Gann

Motion by Gail Karamalegos, 2nd by Mary Hellmeister

Voting in the Affirmative (7): Mary Hellmeister, Denise Creelman, Ann DeChant, David Clayton, Gail Karamalegos, Luc Goossens, and Leah Swatko.

Voting in the Negative (5): Liz Gibson, Debbie Martin, Peter Kontos, Regi Gravette, and Nancy Pelletier

Motion passes

Authors Comment:

Since the current Conformation Finals Rules do not address the possibility of Merit Finalists in the Intact division having to be spayed/neutered prior to Nationals, and because this situation has actually been reported to have occurred with 2 bitches in recent months, the Conformation Committee received requests from exhibitors and the Board to clarify the rule. The majority of the committee voted to allow Intact Merit Finalists to compete in the division in which they earned their Merit Standings, but with a restriction, if they have been spayed/neutered after having qualified in the Intact division. Based on that decision, I, Gail Karmalegos, make this motion to clarify Conformation Finals Rule 15:1 as follows, to be effective immediately.

Revision to 15.1 Eligibility is as follows:

15:1 ELIGIBILITY

1.) Eligible merit points will be those received during the ASCA Finals year. The ASCA Finals year will be the twelve (12) month period from June 1st of the previous year to May 31st of the year that the Conformation Finals are held. Merit points are not transferable from the Intact division to the Altered division. Only points earned toward the championship of a dog are transferable from the Intact division to the Altered division. The ASCA Business Office will confirm the merit standing eligibility for each contestant.

2.) Merit Finalists may only compete in the division for which they qualify. Intact dogs/bitches may only compete in the Intact division and Altered dogs/bitches may only compete in the Altered division during the

current Finals year. Dogs/bitches that are altered AFTER earning qualifying merit points in the Intact division are permitted to compete in the current Intact Finals ONLY if they have not been shown in the Altered division during the current Finals year prior to May 31st. If an Intact Merit Finalist is altered during the current Finals year, and is shown in the Altered division during the current Finals year prior to and including May 31st, all merit points earned in the Intact division are nullified.

Rule as it currently is written:

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Approve: Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest, Westerman; Disapprove: Aufox; Non-voting: Davenport

The motion is approved.

4:04 Conformation Committee: Changes to Section 8.5 & add 7.24

Motion : Gann

Motion by Regi Gravette, 2nd by Debbie Martin

Motion passed unanimously with all members voting.

As follows:

To remove the last sentence of Section 8.5, and add into Chapter 7 as a subsection 7.24 where rules that apply to judges are located.

Sentence that is to comprise new section 7.24 is as follows:

Section 7.24: Any person acting in the capacity of judge at a show shall not exhibit nor act as agent or handler at the show.

Current rule reads:

SECTION 8.5 Any person acting in the capacity of Show Secretary, Ring Steward or persons responsible for contacting and/or hiring a judge, or judges, shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the show. Dogs owned wholly or in part by the above may be exhibited at the show. Any person acting in the capacity of judge at a show shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the show.

Approve: Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest, Westerman; Abstain: Aufox; Non-voting: Davenport.

The motion is approved.

4:04 Judge Application/Sanchez

Motion by Hellmeister

Second by Aufox

I move to send Ms Sheree Sanchez the comments, received by the membership as a result of her name being published in the Aussie Times, to afford her the right based on No. 8.5 b) of the Policy Book and give her a chance to respond to these comments, redacted as to items identifying the author of the comment letters.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.

The motion is approved.

4:05 Agility Committee Motion 20-2009: 4" jump height

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion:

Motion by Pamela, second by Sue.

Yes: Sherry, Sue Krystal, Cynthia, Annelise, Betty, Pamela, Ally Abstain: Andrea Non-voting: Janelle
Motion passes

I would like to make the motion by January 1, 2011 all ASCA clubs must have a 4" jump cup on their winged, non-winged, and double jumps.

Remove the following statement from page A-2 of the rulebook:

Non-Winged Hurdles/Jumps:

All jumps are to be 4' to 5' wide with uprights a minimum of 32" high and adjustable for all ASCA® jump heights (8", 12", 16", 20" and 24"). Two bars may be crossed to form an "X" for the 4" jump height.

And replace it with:

Non-Winged Hurdles/Jumps: All jumps are to be 4' to 5' wide with uprights a minimum of 32" high and adjustable for all ASCA® jump heights (4", 8", 12", 16", 20" and 24").

Rationale: We have several breeds that are eligible to jump 4" as Standard division dogs. This motion will also standardize the equipment so all jumps will be uniform in design. Dog's will only see jump bars at 4". Not some at 4" and some crossed at 8".

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.
The motion is approved.

5:02 National Specialty Rules: Changes to 5.6 & 12.2

Motion by Dolan

Second by Dexter

I move to make the following changes to the National Specialty Rules:

Change section 5.6 which reads:

5.6 Regular Stock Dog Judges must come from the ASCA Approved Stock Dog Judges List. National Stock Dog Finals Judges must come from a list of candidates recommended by the Stockdog Committee.

To read:

5.6 Regular Stock Dog Judges must come from the ASCA Approved Stock Dog Judges List. National Stock Dog Finals Judges must come from a list of candidates **provided by the Business Office** taken from the **ASCA Approved Stock Dog Judges List**.

Change section 12.2 which reads:

12.2 The following positions need to be filled:

a. Assistants to the Judges--Four assistants will need to be provided, one to each Judge. Each assistant will check to see all blanks on the score sheets are filled in, check for Judge's signature, check to be sure time is filled in, and add the total score or check to see if total score is correct if Judges have already totaled the score sheet.

To read:

12.2 The following positions need to be filled:

a. Assistants to the Judges-- **One assistant for each Judge for the elimination round and one assistant for each judge for the placement rounds.** Each assistant will check to see all blanks on the score sheets are filled, check for the Judge's signature, check that run time is entered, and add the total score or check to see if total score is correct if the Judge has totaled the score.

Comment/Rationale: These changes align the National Specialty rules with the program rulebook and include minor editorial changes. The bolded passages are changes from the original motion.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest; Disapprove: Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.

The motion is approved.

6:05 Rally Committee: Appoint Donna Armstrong

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept Donna Armstrong, from region 2, to be on the Rally Committee.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.
The motion is approved.

6:05 Rally Committee: Appoint Jody Fay

Motion by Berryessa

I move we accept Jody Fay's application to be on Rally Committee from Region 3.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.
The motion is approved.

09:31 4 Mile Rowdy Yates, E 131870 request for reinstatement

Motion by Vest

Second by Dolan

I have made the motion to proceed with the letter to Ms. Wootton:

Re: Reinstatement Request for 4Mile Rowdy Yates E131870

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.
The motion is approved.

09:32 Affiliate Bylaws Committee: Move to approve affiliate application from WASCO

Motion by Hellmeister

Second by Dexter

I move to accept the attached Affiliate Application by WASCO.

Approve: Aufox, Berryessa, Dexter, Dolan, Gann, Hellmeister, Vest, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.
The motion is approved.

96.17 Jr. Showmanship Judge: Request from Brandi Base

The Board of Directors approved the request to become a Jr. Showmanship Judge.

99:02 Affiliate Bylaws Committee: Changes to Article VI

Motion by Hellmeister

Second by Dexter

I move to add the following sentence to the starting paragraph of Article VI of the ASCA Bylaws Guide:

No Person may hold more than one office at a time.

The complete new version would then read:

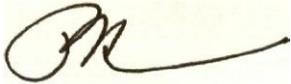
The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Affiliate Representative. All officers must be members in good standing of ASCA. Persons who are currently suspended or expelled from ASCA may not run for office in this Club until they are reinstated in ASCA. No person may hold more than one office at a time.

Rationale: The current version does not clearly state the fact that one person can only hold one office. This change would correct the meaning and make it clear.

Approve: Dolan, Hellmeister; Disapprove: Aufox, Berryessa, Dexter, Gann, Vest, Westerman; Non-voting: Davenport.

The motion is not approved.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PD', is written over a light yellow rectangular highlight.

Pete Dolan