

## Secretary's Report

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

### ASCA Board of Directors Email Motions

November 2013

#### **94:01 Move to Provisional Stockdog Judge - John Knepper**

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Hardin

*Motion passes.*

Motion: Kissman

October motion from the SDC that I would like to place before the BOD:

Dan Sanderson motioned to accept John Knepper's work as an apprentice and to move him forward as a Provisional Judge. Second by Jan Wesen.

For: 11

Against : 0

Non Voting: 1

Motion Passes.

#### **94:01 Motion to Add Rough Muzzle Pyrenean Shepherds in the Herding Program**

Approve: DeChant, Kissman, Silveira

Disapprove: Gann, Gray, Roberts

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Bryant, Hardin

*Motion fails.*

Motion: Kissman

Next motion from the SDC that I would like to place before the BOD:

A motion was made by Jan Wesen and seconded by Michelle Durkin to add/correct the ASCA Stockdog Rule book by including both smooth and rough muzzle Pyrenean Shepherds in the ASCA Stockdog herding program.

Reason: the Pyrenean shepherd comes in two muzzle types and both should be including in our program

Effective date January 2014.

For: 9

Against: 0

Non-Voting: 3

Motion Passes.

#### **13.109 Motion to Rescind Approval for Revised Committee Procedures**

Approve: DeChant, Gray, Kissman, Silveira

Disapprove: Gann, Roberts  
Abstain: Bryant  
Non-Voting: Hardin  
*Motion passes.*

Motion: Silveira  
Second: Gray

I move to rescind approval for the Committee Procedures due to be effective December 1, 2013 leaving the current Committee Procedures in force.

Reasoning: The new procedures were not created with the collaboration of the Committees involved. This Board stated it wants the Committees to share in the workload of ASCA as partners. These new Committee Procedures were not created with that purpose in mind. In fact, the purpose that created the new procedures appears to have been to tightly control the Committees rather than to invite them into a partnership. I would appreciate the opportunity to allow this new Board to create a document with the help of the Committees that will reflect our goals of openness, shared responsibility and respect for all partners.

#### **06:05 Bitches in Season Entered in Rally Finals**

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira  
Disapprove: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Non-Voting: Hardin  
*Motion passes.*

Motion: Gann

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

Rally Committee Motion 13-9  
Subject: Bitches in Season entered in Rally Finals  
Motion by: Karen Black  
Second by: Sandy Walroth

Beginning of motion: I move to more clearly define the guidelines for bitches in season competing in Rally Finals.

Body of motion: Change CHAPTER 13: Rally Finals, Section 2: Eligibility, 13.2.5

From:

CHAPTER 13: Rally Finals, Section 2: Eligibility, 13.2.5

13.2.5 BITCHES IN SEASON that have qualified will be allowed to compete in Finals. They must be crated (not placed in an Xpen) in a separate area (may be designated by Host Club) at least 50 feet away from the Rally rings prior to and during the trial, until they are called to compete. They will compete last after all other judging is complete with the exception of runoffs, which shall be run last. They must remain on leash (preferably with panties) anytime not in a crate or ring. All attempts should be made to potty bitches in season in an isolated area or areas designated by the Host Club. Failure to comply will result in elimination from Finals.

To:

CHAPTER 13: Rally Finals, Section 2: Eligibility, 13.2.5

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They must remain on leash when not in the ring. All attempts should be made to potty bitches in season in an isolated area or areas designated by the Host Club. Bitches in season shall not be brought back into the ring for ribbons and awards.

Failure to comply with any restrictions in this chapter will result in elimination from Finals.

Comments: This policy needs to be clarified and specifically defined as a result of discovering the potential issues with the current policy during the 2012 and 2013 finals events and needs to go into effect June 1, 2014 so it will be in place for the 2014 and subsequent Finals events.

Parties Impacted: Finals exhibitors, Finals judges, host affiliate for Rally Finals.

Effective date: June 1, 2014

Committee Member Comments:

This modification to when bitches in season will compete in Rally Finals is necessary to ensure all teams compete on a course that is exactly the same with sign placements in exactly the same spot, order of showing in the same order and the same competition environment There is no way to guarantee exact placement of 16-19 stations around a course, keeping the same distance between everything and ensuring the same overall course length unless all teams participate on the course at the same time. - Karen Black

#### **06:05 Guidelines for Ribbons for Rally Finalists**

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: Gray

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: Hardin

*Motion passes.*

Motion: Gann

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

Rally Committee Motion 13-11

Subject: Chapter 13: Rally Finals, Section 5 – Finals awards

Motion by: Pat Pierce

Second by: Karen Black

Beginning of motion: I move to more clearly define the guidelines for ribbons presented to Rally Finalists.

Body of motion: Change CHAPTER 13: Rally Finals, Section 2: Eligibility, 13.2.5

Chapter 13: Rally Finals. section 5 Finals awards

13.5.6 From

All ribbons will have the date and location of the Rally Finals printed on them.

To

All rosettes will show dog's registered name, titles earned, and the date and location of the Rally Finals. Separate streamers can be printed so the dog's name can be attached once placements have been determined.

Comments: All other ASCA Finals event rules specify including a separate streamer with the dog's name and titles for the rosettes. This was an error of omission from the original draft of the Rally Finals rules in need of correction for future Finals events.

Parties Impacted: Rally Finals competitors, Host club providing awards and ribbons

Effective date: June 1, 2014.

## ASCA Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

In attendance: President Ann DeChant, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Preston Kissman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rick Hardin, Treasurer Jean Miller, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Rick Gann, Director Linda Gray, Counsel Chuck Carnese, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM CST.

### Conformation Committee

The Board has looked at Conformation Rule 9.10 and believes it is confusing. The Board is referring this issue to the Conformation Committee for possible revision. The purpose of the rule needs to be looked at and clarified.

- Attorney Daniel Erwin joined the meeting at 8:21 PM.

### 13.110 Action on Anonymous Comments

*I move that the Board will generally not accept, discuss, or act upon any comment that is anonymous in nature, except as already provided by regulation.*

Motion: Kissman

Second: Gray

Approve: DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Kissman, Miller, Silveira; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 0; *Motion passes.*

### Russ Ford Lawsuit

The Board and Erwin discussed the progress of the current lawsuit filed against ASCA and Jean Miller by Russ Ford, as well as what is involved in the process. Erwin advised the Board that as this matter is currently in litigation, it should not be discussed with anyone other than the attorneys. All present Board members and the Executive Secretary voiced their assent.

- Carnese and Erwin left the meeting at 8:58 PM.

### Guidance to SDC for Stockdog Judge Applicants

Kissman and Hardin worked together to develop a response to the SDC regarding their responsibility to investigate before recommending an applicant's entrance to the Apprentice Stockdog Judge program. Kissman laid out expectations and left creation of the actual process to the SDC; Hardin developed a process for them to follow. The Board determined to send the SDC the expectations laid out by Kissman, with Hardin's process as a suggestion.

### 13.111 Directive to SDC Regarding Recommendations for Apprentice Stockdog Judge Applicants

*I move that the Board responds to the SDC request with the following resolution:*

"Because of a request from the Stockdog Committee (SDC) addressed to the ASCA Board of Directors (BOD) concerning their responsibility in determining the qualifications of an applicant for entry into the Apprentice Stockdog Judge Program, the BOD makes the following resolution:

The BOD resolves that the SDC has the responsibility for making recommendations to the BOD for the denial or the acceptance of an individual into the Apprentice Stockdog Judge Program. The SDC will be charged with adhering to Rule 8.3 of the Stockdog Rules and Regulations as they make their determination. The SDC will be charged with providing transparency in their recommendation by making

the reasons for denial of an applicant available to that applicant. The SDC will be charged with insuring that the whole file that was used to make the determination will be available to the applicant who then will be given an opportunity to contest the recommendation before the final recommendation is provided to the BOD.

At the completion of the process and with the recommendation from the SDC, the BOD will make the final determination for the denial or acceptance of an individual into the Apprentice Stockdog Judge Program." The Board directs the SDC to develop their own process for forming recommendations, and includes with this resolution a suggested process. The SDC has 30 days to report back to the Board with their chosen process.

Motion: Kissman

Second: Gray

Approve: DeChant, Gann, Gray, Kissman, Miller, Silveira; Disapprove: Hardin; Abstain: 0; *Motion passes.*

### **Meeting Date**

The Board determined to move the monthly teleconference meetings to the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM CST.

At 9:15 PM, all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

The next Board meeting will take place on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 PM CST.

## **ASCA Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting**

Thursday, November 14, 2013

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

There is a quorum, with 8 voting members of the Board present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM CST.

### **Ratification of October Email Votes**

*I move to ratify all October email votes.*

Motion: Kissman

Second: Gray

All present approved; *Motion passes.*

### **Review of October Financial Report**

Miller reported on ASCA's financials through October 31, 2013. The Profit/Loss Previous Year Comparison and Balance Sheet for October were sent to the Board via email. In the checking account there is currently \$138,374.96. In the savings account there is currently \$284,415.34. Net income for the year so far is \$43,218.06.

On the Balance Sheet, AT subscription income is down about \$40,000 and Membership dues are up about the same. When US membership fees are entered into the system, AT subscription money is supposed to be pulled out and tracked separately, but our new bookkeeper was not aware of this. The money under AT subscriptions right now is for foreign subscriptions, lifetime memberships, and Juniors. Starting in January, the Balance Sheet will be corrected. The loss in program income may have to do with the timing of Nationals. Show income is beginning to come back into the Office. By the end of the year, we should be about where we were last year. Nothing else of note.

The Board discussed the possibility of seeing a more detailed breakdown of the Balance Sheet, and what that would involve. Such as, How many individual registrations did we have during a certain time period?

*I move to approve the October Financial Report as read.*

Motion: Gray

Second: Silveira  
All present approve; *Motion passes.*

### **13.108 2014 Junior Finals Judge - Cassie Noe**

I move to approve Cassie Noe as the Junior Finals Judge for the 2014 ASCA Nationals.

Motion: Gann

Second: DeChant

All present approve; *Motion passes.*

### **13.106 2014 Rally Finals Judges - Rose O'Hara and Laura Richardson**

I move to approve Rose O'Hara and Laura Richardson as ASCA Finals Rally Judges for the 2014 ASCA Nationals.

Motion: Gann

Second: DeChant

All present approve; *Motion passes.*

### **98:15 Obedience Committee Re-appointment - Cindy Franks**

I recommend that Cindy Franks be reappointed to the Obedience Committee.

Motion: Miller

All present approve; *Motion passes.*

### **Rogue Valley ASC Bylaws Revision**

DeChant, Miller, and Gray make up the Affiliate Club Bylaws Review Committee.

Their recommendations are to:

- Reverse 6.6 and 6.7.
- Cleanup 5.1 so that it is more clear about which positions are elected in odd and even years and ensure that all required positions are filled and that there is an odd number of Officers each year.
- Add the last page of the Bylaws that are not included in their Bylaws:  
REQUIRED ADDENDUM TO AFFILIATE CLUB BYLAWS  
Conflict within Bylaws.  
In the event of a conflict between this addendum and any other provision of these bylaws, this addendum shall prevail.  
The Affiliate Club is required to use these Bylaws for one year before any changes can be made.  
The Board of Directors may add to your Club's Bylaws at any time using this addendum.

### **13.107 Return of Rogue Valley ASC Bylaws Revisions**

I move to send the Board's suggested revisions to Rogue Valley ASC for them to edit and return for approval.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Gray

All present approve; *Motion passes.*

### **APHIS Rule**

Discussion was given to the rule and its effects, and what ASCA can or cannot do in regard to halting the rule. The Board is concerned about making ASCA a target by being named a Plaintiff in the Federal Injunction that will be filed. ASCA's Counsel does not recommend that ASCA join as a Plaintiff.

### **13.110 Motion to Support ADCNYS against APHIS Final Rule with \$2000**

I move that the Australian Shepherd Club of America support the Associated Dog Clubs of New York State and their efforts to enjoin the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Final Rule on Retail Pet Stores that was published in the Federal Register on September 18, 2013, by providing a monetary sum of \$2,000.

Motion: Kissman

Second: Silveira

All present approve; *Motion passes.*

### **13.112 Motion to Support ADCNYS against APHIS Final Rule by Joining as a Plaintiff in the Lawsuit**

I move that the Australian Shepherd Club of America support the Associated Dog Clubs of New York State and their efforts to enjoin the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Final Rule on Retail Pet Stores that was published in the Federal Register on September 18, 2013, by joining the lawsuit as a Plaintiff, if possible.

Motion: Hardin

Second: Kissman

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Hardin, Kissman, Miller, Silveira; Disapprove: Gann; Abstain: Gray; *Motion passes.*

Gann felt that the Board should not be going against Counsel's recommendation.

### **Formation of Executive Committee to Review Committee Procedures**

Silveira brought up the formation of an Executive Committee comprised of Board Members and Program Committee Chairs, or a designated Committee member. Hardin called a Point of Order, supported by DeChant: 13.109 Motion to Rescind Approval for Revised Committee Procedures is currently before the Board for vote. Until this has been voted on, formation of a Committee is premature. Silveira stated that this Committee would not be attached to present Committee Procedures, just formed to review and revise regardless of what is currently approved or being worked on by the Board. The Board determined return to this after results for motion 13.109 are tabulated.

### **Conformation Committee**

The Board discussed whether official directives to the Conformation Committee to review and clarify rules regarding conflict of interest and to better define owners, exhibitors, and handlers are needed. Some Directors felt this is an item that should be brought to the Board from the Committee; others felt the Committee may have a problem understanding what the Board wants without an official directive. Silveira moved to send such a directive, but withdrew the motion following discussion with the Committee Liaison DeChant. The Committee will be working on this, and a Board directive was determined to not be necessary at this time.

At 8:44 PM, all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

### **Other Action:**

- An anonymous notice of a potential rule violation was brought to the Board, discussed and dismissed.
- 1 letter of reprimand was sent to a Stockdog Judge.
- 1 explanatory letter was sent to a Member.

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