

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. March 1-31, 2011

Board of Director's Teleconference

Monday March 14, 2011

The March 14th, 2011 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM CDT by President Pete Dolan. Those attending via phone were: Tenley Dexter/Secretary, Michelle Berryessa/Treasurer, Ronnie Bates/Director, Mark Westerman/Director, Rachel Vest/Director, Peter Hellmeister/First VP; Russ Ford/Second VP, David Clayton/Director and Executive Secretary Mary Logue.

1) Old Business

- a. Confirmation/Ratification of e-mail votes taken in February, 2010 (Dolan): Motion by Hellmeister, second by Westerman; Approve: Unanimous; the motion is approved.
- b. Preliminary 2010 Year end Treasurer's Report (Berryessa): Preliminary report shows a year-end profit of approximately \$75, 600. Not sure yet if all 2010 Nationals costs are in. Berryessa reminded Directors that the higher cost for insurance for 2010 was due to the fact that the due date for payment of the premium was moved back to later in the year, and the charges included the extended months. This change was made to ensure that ASCA wasn't hit with an insurance invoice at a time of lower monthly income.
Request was made to diversify a breakdown on income and expenses so the BoD could see where monies were being received and expensed.
- c. Status of donation to Texas A & M University (TAMU) in support of TAMU SOW (Berryessa): Berryessa indicated she believed that the ASCA Office Manager had sent the donation but would verify.
- d. Status/Schedule of submission of 2010 Finals Financial Reconciliation Report (Dolan/Westerman): First report was sent to BoD via e-mail on the afternoon of 3/14/11. Dolan asked if the Directors had seen the letter submitted from the co-chair of the 2010 Nationals sent out on the morning of 3/14/11. Dolan indicated that the stockdog numbers needed to be corrected and that the correct amount of donations needed to be obtained from the ASCA Office Manager and inputted. Dolan will check with the ASCA Office Manager about the donations. Westerman indicated he would get the receipts in the mail to Dolan.
- e. SPC Director Candidate Questionnaire (Hellmeister): Hellmeister only received a couple of responses to the draft questionnaire. Hellmeister would like for the BoD to approve then once the questionnaire(s) are completed by Director candidates, post the completed questionnaire(s) on the ASCA website by mid-April so the membership can review prior to the voting commences. Berryessa requested that on question five (5), try to expand the question to find out more about what the candidates are committed to. It could be expanded by adding bullets or more detail in the question. Westerman inquired as to whether there were questions that a member might not know the answer to because they had never served on the BoD before. Dolan responded that the questions set out did not favor either prior, present or new Director candidates.
- f. Status of Executive Director Committee formation/startup (Bates): First conference call was conducted week before (3/7/11). The motion to develop the Committee which was passed in

December, 2010 was discussed. Committee is presently investigating job descriptions for non-profits and government entities. We can apply to ASCA combinations of each to meet our needs. More discussion with BoD will occur during Spring BoD meeting.

- g. Discuss/generate plan to clarify LEP Registry Rules & LEP participation in Finals for all of ASCA (Dolan/Bates): The motion presently in the March motion queue from the SDC was discussed. Bates (SDC Liaison) indicated the motion from the SDC is separate from the present discussion occurring on ASCA_L. The Registry Rules support the motion and the ASCA Mission Statement. Discussion occurred as to whether to grandfather present LEP registered dogs and/or LEP dogs who have already participated in SD Finals. Discussion also ensued in regards to the March motion in the queue for revising the LEP form. The form has been review by both the ASCA Office Manager and ASCA's attorney. The changes provide for additional information for LEP registration. Ensuing discussion occurred as to whether the LEP form should be changed prior to changing the LEP rules. The author of the motion, Vest, indicated she would consider withdrawing the LEP form change motion until April.
- h. Holly Press Complaint (Vest): Prior to the teleconference, Vest provided the BoD information on the complaint and her investigation. The BoD discussed options for handling this matter. Dolan suggested that a "Dog Bite Checklist" would be helpful to affiliates for such occurrences. It was also suggested that the Dispute Rules needed to be overhauled and possibly also add a checklist for them.

2.) New Business

a. No new business was brought forward

Next teleconference is scheduled for May 9th, 2011 at 8 PM CST.

Motion to adjourn: Dexter, second by Vest: Approve: Unanimous; the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM CDT.

/s/Mary Logue
Executive Secretary

3/25/11
Date of Approval

4:04 Conformation Committee: Motion #11 Judge's Education

Motion by Berryessa to accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee:

YES- Gail, Leah, Liz, Regi, Denise, Ann, Rhonda, Mary, Glenda, Becky, Peter, Nancy, Debbie, Luc, No- Dorothy

We have a motion by Liz with a second by Leah. I move that we accept the following proposal on Judge Education. A budget will be submitted separately.

2011 Conformation Judge's Education Proposal – Module 1

The conformation committee was recently tasked by the ASCA Board of Directors to provide a judge's educational program.

Proposed 2011 Judge's Education Program Scope:

1. Determine most critical information to be transferred to approved and new ASCA conformation judges. DONE
2. Research potential content and topics. DONE
3. Create and finalize content. IN PROCESS

4. Seminar development. IN PROCESS
5. Create sign-up sheets, handouts, evaluation and certificate of completion forms.
6. Create seminar presenter outline and timing flow.
7. Schedule two pre-Nationals seminars to test effectiveness of the program design.
8. Roll-out first presentation at ASCA show near both initial presenters. Include invitations (email/snail mail); hospitality, etc.
9. Gather feedback from first seminar and incorporate changes into the program.
10. Roll-out second presentation (within range of the two initial presenters) with changes incorporated. Include invitations (email/snail mail); hospitality, etc.
11. Gather feedback from second seminar and incorporate changes into the program.
12. Prepare for program delivery at 2011 National Specialty if approved and completed in time; to include location, hospitality, materials produced and shipped, invitations/notification of the seminar. Include additional Senior Breeder Judge to the two-person presenter slate.
13. After the premiere, gather additional feedback for program modification. Determine how the program will be used in the future, prepare to train additional presenters. After presenters are trained, release for use at affiliate level.
14. Start preparation of additional modules.

BACKGROUND

The conformation committee discussed what would be the most impactful topics or subject matter that would benefit current and new ASCA conformation judges. The best training methodologies to transfer this knowledge in a cost-effective and timely manner were explored and discussed in depth. The basis for the training outline presented below is based on input from a variety of sources within the breed/judging community.

The consensus was that what was really needed was a formalized training on the nuances of “judging.” As most judges coming into the ASCA program from AKC or other formal judging institutions have already participated in a mandatory program of this nature, it makes sense for us to focus on our new and existing breeder judges. This will not only set up judges for success it will increase the quality and consistency of judging within the huge ASCA conformation program.

Within ASCA we have been operating with the underlying assumption that because you are a “breeder” you can automatically “judge.” There is much more to judging than breeder knowledge i.e., ring procedures, properly filling out forms, judging juniors versus puppies, safety issues, the judges book, how to move and examine the dogs properly. The list goes on.

The committee determined that we need to make a concentrated commitment and focus to improve this process (from breeder to judge), rather than relying on the trial and error method of the past. The result of this focus will be a smoother transition for new judges, more consistency in the quality of judging within the conformation program and a smoother path for judges as they enter and proceed through the ASCA conformation judge’s program. The conformation committee wants to provide a strong foundation of proven judging techniques that will reward

and improve the overall quality and consistency of conformation judging within the ASCA program now and in the future.

The conformation committee was tasked with developing the educational program looked at a range of training techniques that included a variety of delivery methodologies. These included, but were not limited to: PowerPoint presentations, on-line seminars, printed judging guidelines and a live, participatory training session.

For the type of knowledge and skills we wish to impart, the most effective training methodology for our adult learning audience is a live training, complete with a question and answer session, hands-on demonstrations, hand-outs and a training evaluation/feedback form for program improvement. The training is designed to be approximately one hour in duration for maximum effectiveness and retention of knowledge, yet flexible to include as many questions and answers and demonstrations as needed by the specific audience participating.

We propose rolling out the training at two ASCA conformation shows prior to the 2011 Nationals if time permits. We will select shows that are located in close proximity to populations of existing breeder judges as well as our presenters. ASCA judges will be invited to participate in the two pilot programs. The attendance will be free and invitations will be sent well in advance. After each program feedback from the participants will be gathered and program modifications made prior to the premiere of the session at the National Specialty. Each participant will receive a signed Certificate of Completion.

Program Costs:

1. Travel costs (hotel, mileage and/or airfare) associated in sending two presenters (training module developers) on site to present the two pilot programs (west coast) and the final training module at Nationals (WI). Mileage to be paid to presenters based on currently accepted mileage rate approved by ASCA. Hotel costs to be minimized by sharing one room. Standard ASCA per diem to apply. Airfares booked early in advance will minimize higher rates.
2. We have selected an additional senior breeder judge to co-present at Nationals for increased credibility/expertise and expect to pay this person a stipend for her participation. At this time she is already planning on attending Nationals.
3. Hand-outs produced, printed (potential shipping costs). We can save money by having the hand-outs produced through FedEx Office of UPS Store at the location of the seminar and picked up upon arrival or delivered to the site. If cost-effective the ASCA business office can print the materials and ship them to the site.
4. Hospitality (light food and beverages to be served during the program; 3 locations). We would like to have a cheese and fruit platter or veggie tray; chips and dip. Inexpensive and pre-prepared i.e., Costco, Wal Mart, etc.
5. Invitation list prepared, invitations created and emailed/snail mailed. Minor costs associated if we have to print and snail mail a small number of invitations.

Donated: Program development costs including designing the training module, creating hand-outs and certificate of completion, program modifications and initial program delivery.

Miscellaneous:

Programs of this depth require a great deal of planning, starting with the creative process through to the logistics of the actual presentation. We will need approval of the program and funding from the Board of Directors in order to have this highly effective and professional program ready for this year's Nationals. We need to immediately secure a time and location in the Nationals schedule to present this program.

The Future: In order to ensure the success and longevity of this program the conformation committee will determine how often and where the training will be delivered. If this program becomes a mandatory part of the judge's application, additional thought will need to be given to training additional presenters on a nationwide basis to guarantee access for all and ease of completing this requirement.

Certificates of Completion: if this program becomes a mandatory part of the judge's application process or part of existing judge's continuing education, sign-up sheets should be maintained and forwarded to the appropriate committee who will track education modules or the ASCA business office.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Dolan, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Clayton, Westerman, Dexter, Bates. *The motion is approved.*

4:05 Agility Committee Motion 04-2011 Jr. Handler Division Q's

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sue, 2nd from Pamela. Effective August 1, 2011.

Section 9.7 currently states:

Section 9.7 Combining Standard Division and Veterans Division qualifying scores/points

9.7.1 Crediting Standard Division points to Veterans Division Novice, Open, Elite titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from an unfinished Standard division title to a Veterans division title. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veterans Division. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veterans Open Jumpers, the 'Jumpers

Veterans-Open' (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division and returns to compete in the Standard division, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation.

9.7.2 Crediting Standard Division Points to Veterans Division Novice, Open, and Elite

Outstanding / Superior Titles A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned in the Standard Division with qualifying scores/points from the Veterans Division towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veterans Division. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division and returns to compete in the Standard Division, any titles earned will have the Veterans Division designation.

9.7.3 Crediting Standard Division and Veterans Division points towards the ATCH title

A competitor may combine Standard Division qualifying scores/points with qualifying scores/points earned in the Veterans Division towards an ATCH. Once the Elite title is earned in any one class, any additional points in that class in the Standard Division or Veterans Division may be combined and credited towards the ATCH title.

Change to read:

Section 9.7:

Section 9.7 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions

9.7.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Novice, Open, Elite titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veterans Division. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veterans Open Jumpers, the 'Jumpers Veterans-Open' (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded.

Note, if a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division and returns to compete in the Standard division, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation.

9.7.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Outstanding / Superior Titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division. For example, qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division may be combined with scores/points from the Veterans Division towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veterans Division. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division and returns to compete in the Standard Division, any titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation.

9.7.3 Crediting Qualifying Scores/Points from different Division towards the ATCH title

A competitor may combine qualifying scores/points earned from any Division. Once the Elite title is earned in any one class, any additional points in that class in any Division will be combined and credited towards the ATCH title.

Note: This motion will require having the computer at the BO re-programmed. IF the Junior Handler 'specs' are copied to mirror the Veterans Division 'specs', it should allow for all Q's to be combined for titles. IF the existing Jr. Handler Q's will not automatically be retroactively combined with Q's from the other divisions, the committee will need include verbiage in the rulebook notifying exhibitors they need to contact the office to have scores combined manually. Rationale: This motion will fix the situation that occurs when the Junior Handler 'ages out' and starts to compete in another division with the same dog. Currently, when a Junior Handler moves to another division and competes with the same dog, the novice titles are awarded in the 'newer' division and any accumulated Junior Handler qualifying scores/points are lost. The way the computer was programmed forces a dog with existing Jr. Handler titles to start over at the novice level. This is not fair to the handlers and dogs that are working on their ATCH title.

Approve: Unanimous. *The motion is approved.*

4:05 Appoint Kathy Fretz to the Agility Committee

Motion by Dolan; I move to appoint Kathy Fretz to the Agility Committee to fill a vacancy that exists in Region Six.

Comment/Rationale: The Executive Secretary forwarded Ms. Fretz' resume to the Bod. There are vacancies on the committee. Approval of this appointment would bring committee strength to 13 and provide representation for a region currently unrepresented.

Approve: Unanimous. *The motion is approved.*

4:05 Agility Committee Motion 03-2011 24" class

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion.

The motion passed with 10 Yes votes, 1 No vote and 1 abstention.

Motion by Pamela, 2nd from Krystal

Motion effective date is 08/01/11

2.5.3 Jump Height Tables

The Standard Division jump heights are: 8", 12", 16", 20", 20+"and 24". The 24" jump height is an optional jump height and class placements may be combined with the 20+"class. The Veterans Division shall offer separate classes and placements for dogs measuring over 18" (16" veterans class) and dogs measuring over 20" (16+" veterans class). A handler may not enter a dog in the Veterans Division at a jump height higher than the lowest height the dog is eligible for. Dogs entered in the Junior Handler Division classes may jump at the dog's standard jump height or 4" lower. The following table lists the maximum height required in each jump height category.

to:

2.5.3 Jump Height Tables

The Standard Division jump heights are: 8", 12", 16", 20", 20+" and 24". Clubs must offer all ASCA Standard Division jump heights at trials. The 24" jump height is an optional jump height for the dog and class placements may be combined with the 20+"class. The Veterans Division shall offer separate classes and placements for dogs measuring over 18" (16" veterans class) and dogs measuring over 20" (16+" veterans class). A handler may not enter a dog in the Veterans Division at a jump height higher than the lowest height the dog is eligible for. Dogs entered in the Junior Handler Division classes may jump at the dog's standard jump height or 4" lower. The following table lists the maximum height required in each jump height category.

Rationale: The rulebook could be/has been interpreted that all ASCA Jump Heights are not required to be offered by club's and this clarifies it is. Also defines it is the exhibitor's choice to jump their dog at 20+ or 24".

Approve: Unanimous. *The motion is approved.*

4:05 Agility Committee Motion 06-2011 Pre-Novice

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the following Agility Committee motion.

This motion passed with 11 yes votes and one abstention.

Motion by Sherry, 2nd from Pamela, effective 08/01/11.

Chapter 7, section 7.2 currently reads:

Host clubs may offer Pre-Novice classes for dogs over the age of 12 months. Dogs entered in the pre-novice class must jump at least 4" lower than what their regular jump height is and the teeter-totter and weave poles may not be used. Other obstacles may be omitted at the discretion of the host club. Pre-novice courses are not required to be judged by the judge of record and course review is not required.

Change to read:

Host clubs may offer Pre-Novice classes for dogs over the age of 12 months. Any dog younger than 18 months of age must jump at least 4" lower than their 'standard' jump height. The teeter-totter and weave poles may not be used. Other obstacles may be omitted at the discretion of the host club. Pre-novice courses are not required to be judged by the judge of record and course review is not required.

Approve: Unanimous. *The motion is approved.*

4:05 Agility Apprentice Judge Approval

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve Dan Roy as an ASCA Apprentice Agility Judge.

Rationale: The applicant has fulfilled the requirements to become an Apprentice Agility Judge receiving no comments after publication in the Aussie Times. The Agility Committee approved his application with 10 yes votes, 1 no vote and 1 abstaining.

Approve: Unanimous. *The motion is approved.*

10:04 Conformation Judges: Breeder Judge Move-ups

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the following judge move-ups:

The following persons have successfully satisfied all requirements at their current judge level and are now applying to become approved for the next level.

Non-Regular Breeder Judge	
Sheila W. Boneham, Ph.D 1555 Ridgeview Dr. #151 Reno, NV 89519 (775) 560-6106	Susan Winters 5 Patlena Dr Norton, MA 02766 (508) 285-2847
Provisional Breeder Judge	
Sharon Elkins 12770 Ellicott Hwy Calhan, CO 80808 (719) 347-2627 Judge # 3279	Bobbie W. Myrick 4208 Old Concord Rd Salisbury, NC 28146 (704) 633-1596 Judge # 4585
Breeder Judge	
Terri Altergott 9 Hollis St Uxbridge, MA 01569	Judy Chard 1554 Bonnie Jean Rd La Habra Heights, CA 90631

(508) 278-7774 Judge # 4298	(562) 694-4127 Judge #4562
Laura Diebold 8239 Tommy Dr San Diego, CA 92119 (619) 807-4072 Judge # 4549	Elizabeth A. Stibley 9727 Garwood St Littleton, CO 80125 (303) 913-7927 Judge # 4556
Senior Breeder Judge	
Kiddy Christie PO Box 40073 Eugene, OR 97404 (541) 221-4951 Judge # 1975	

Approve: Unanimous. *The motion is approved.*

11:04 Rescind Motion Licensee Application - Performance Dog Training

Motion by Hellmeister, Second by Ford: I move to rescind the motion below.

Comment: The effective date is incorrect and needs to be 6/1/2011.

Approve: Unanimous. *The motion is approved.*

11:04 Licensee Application - Performance Dog Training

Motion by Westerman, Second by Bates: I move that the Application to become an ASCA licensed Agility Club as submitted by Performance Dog Training be approved. The license will be effective 06/01/2011.

Approve: Unanimous. *The motion is approved.*

96:02 SDC Motion - Chapter 3, Section 7 Excusal/DQ/Reinstatement

Motion: Bates; I move to approve this slightly amended SDC Motion. Based on comments received, the SDC chair has made a slight correction to this motion. Language is added to explain that current 3.7.3 is being renumbered to 3.7.5. Hopefully, this will remove any confusion about the structure of this motion.

MOTION: DQ Rule revision

We have a motion (Padgett) and a second (Wesen); I move we adopt the DQ Rule Revision below.

The motion passed the SDC with a vote of: Unanimous – Approve, 2 -- Abstain / non-voting (Baker, Butler)

CHAPTER 3 SECTION 7 EXCUSED AND/OR DISQUALIFIED DOGS

(3.7.1 Excused Dogs remains the same)

3.7.2. Disqualified dogs: A dog may be disqualified for

a. attacks against livestock (see 3.7.3)

b. being out of control with potential to cause harm to livestock (see 3.7.4)

c. attacks against a person or dog (see the ASCA Dog Aggression Policy, available from the ASCA Business Office, the ASCA website, and following the appendices in this rule book.

3.7.3. Disqualified for attacks against livestock. The Judge shall disqualify any dog that aggressively causes serious injury, cripples and/or potentially critical harm to the livestock. Upon disqualification under this section, the Judge shall immediately stop the run in that arena and:

a. inspect and note injuries of the stock, with the Course Director and handler present

b. write "DQ – STOCK" across the score sheet and provide a brief (1 or 2 sentence) description of the incident in the comments area, also noting specific injuries done to the stock

c. in the presence of the Course Director, inform the handler that the dog is ineligible to compete again at that event or any future ASCA Stockdog Trial until the owner has been notified by ASCA that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated. (If the Course Director is the handler or unavailable at the arena, another Host Club officer must be present.) The handler must be informed of the DQ before the trial continues on that class of stock.

d. submit a detailed report describing events surrounding the incident and the resulting injuries. The report shall be submitted to the Business Office within 14 days of the incident. The Business Office shall distribute this report to the Executive Secretary, Stockdog Committee Chairperson, Course Director, and the owner of the dog.

3.7.4. Disqualified for lack of control. The Judge shall disqualify any dog that is so out of control it cannot be recalled by the handler AND poses a real threat to cause harm to livestock consistent with 3.7.3 (above). If such threat does not exist, then the dog should be Excused immediately in accordance with 3.7.1a, b, c, and /or d. Upon disqualification under this section, the Judge shall immediately stop the run and:

a. write "DQ – CONTROL" across the score sheet and provide a brief (1 or 2 sentence) description of the incident in the comments area

b. in the presence of the Course Director, inform the handler that the dog is ineligible to compete again at that or any future ASCA Stockdog Trial until the owner has been notified by ASCA that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated. (If the Course Director is the handler or unavailable at the arena, another Host Club officer must be present.) The handler must be informed of the DQ before the trial continues on that class of stock.

c. submit a detailed report describing events surrounding the incident and the resulting injuries. The report shall be submitted to the Business Office within 14 days of the incident. The Business Office shall distribute this report to the Executive Secretary, Stockdog Committee Chairperson, Course Director, and the owner of the dog.

(Current 3.7.3 should be renumbered 3.7.5 Reinstatement. The language of the paragraph remains the same)

Approve: Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Westerman, Berryessa; Non-voting: Hellmeister. *The motion is approved.*

Letter of Dissent (Westerman): The words "and/or potentially critical harm to the livestock" cause me to vote against this motion. If a Judge does not like a dog for whatever reason, and the

dog faces up against a challenging stock, the Judge would be empowered to DQ this dog under this proposed rule, even though the dog has shown no prior aggression.

96:02 SDC: CH 7 Judge Discipline and Reinstatement

Motion: Bates; I move to accept the following motion from the SDC.

The motion passed the SDC with a vote of: Unanimous – Approve, 2 -- Abstain / non-voting (Baker, Butler)

There is a motion (Caldwell) and a second (Padgett) to recommend the revisions of Chapter 7 to the Board. The revisions incorporate the Official ASCA Judges Code of Ethics into the Stockdog Rulebook and clarify the procedure for filing complaints, disciplinary action and reinstatement process for Stockdog Judges.

CHAPTER 7 JUDGES

SECTION 1– JUDGE'S DUTIES

- 7.1.1 Authorization – The ASCA Approved Stockdog Judge is authorized in his capacity as the ASCA representative to pass judgment on contestants in the trial and to act as an official Inspector/Judge for the ranch dog applying for certification. This authorization is granted by ASCA and can be suspended or revoked at any time by Board of Directors.
- 7.1.2 The Stockdog Committee is the advisory body of the Board of Directors and is empowered to review and pass on the qualifications of all applicants wishing to be appointed a Stockdog Judge. The Stockdog Committee shall investigate all complaints and review Stockdog Judge competence and compliance with all ASCA Stockdog Rules and procedures relating to Stockdog trials.
 - a. All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Official ASCA Judges Code of Ethics (Appendix XX). The Code of Ethics includes but is not limited to the following:
 - b. The safety of the stock, dog, and handler shall be the Judge's foremost concern in reviewing the trial conditions and in judging a working trial.
 - c. The Stockdog Judge's conduct must always be impartial, dignified, and respectful of the welfare of the dog, stock, and the handler. A Judge's actions and professional comportment must be above reproach.
 - d. Judges shall be professional in demeanor and shall refrain from making coaching comments to the handler during the contestants run. The Judge may answer appropriate questions about course direction, proper procedure, daylighting, etc.
 - e. Judges should avoid conduct and casual remarks that might be misconstrued or interpreted as expressing favoritism or specific criticism of dogs or exhibitors.
 - f. Judges shall score a trial based solely on the dog and handler's performance as a team as described in the ASCA Stockdog Rules and Regulations. In no case shall the Judges score be based on nor any consideration be given to the identity or reputation of the handler, owner, breeder, or the dog's lineage.
 - g. Judges shall remember that trials are staffed largely with unpaid volunteers, and shall treat stock handlers, timers, helpers, exhibitors, and spectators with due courtesy and respect.

- h. Any Judge found abusing the privileges of judging for ASCA, ignoring ASCA Stockdog Rules, or violating the Official ASCA Judges Code of Ethics may have his/her judging privileges suspended or revoked by ASCA as detailed in Section 3.
- 7.1.3 Seminars – All ASCA approved Stockdog Judges are encouraged to attend Judge's seminars. A set of general seminar minutes must be turned in to the Business Office by the Stockdog Committee representative within 15 days of the seminar, listing those in attendance and points of discussion, decisions or suggestions.
- 7.1.4 Membership – Judges are encouraged to become ASCA members.
- 7.1.5 All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be required to take an open book test administered by the Stockdog Committee every two years. All questions must be answered correctly. The test may be retaken until all questions are answered correctly. If the test is not passed and returned by April 30th of that year, the judge will be placed on Inactive Status until the test is returned and passed. Judges test will be sent out January 1st (even numbered years) along with an updated rule book and must be received back by April 30th of that year.

SECTION 2 – PROTESTS

Any ASCA member wishing to lodge a protest or complaint against a Judge may do so by contacting the Course Director and/or Trial Committee with a description of the issue. The member may choose to submit a description of the issue that resulted in the complaint to the ASCA Executive Secretary, who shall forward the information to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will advise the Stockdog Committee unless extenuating circumstances exist. The complaints against judges are not subject to the ASCA Dispute Rules (refer to section 1.1.2).

SECTION 3 – DISCIPLINE

A Judge may be temporarily denied judging privileges for a period of 60 days by the Stockdog Committee pending investigation of any allegation of a serious infraction or violations of the ASCA Official Judges Code of Ethics or ASCA Stockdog Rules. When a complaint is filed against a Judge, the Stockdog Committee shall investigate and recommend to the Board of Directors a resolution that is consistent with the disciplinary responses in the table below. The disciplinary action for any Stockdog Judge will be levied by the Board of Directors based upon the recommendation of the Stockdog Committee. The recommendation may include the Stockdog Judge being suspended or having the Stockdog Judging privileges revoked.

Stockdog Judge Disciplinary Response and Reinstatement Guidelines 2/10/11
Revision

Action	Disciplinary Response	Reinstatement**
Failure to take /pass SD Test	Placed on Inactive List	Automatic after taking /passing SD Test
Failure to take / pass SD Test >5years	Placed on Inactive List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact SDC with letter requesting to be reinstated with brief

		<p>explanation of absence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDC may require additional information depending on time absent and stockdog activity • Serve as Provisional for 2 years
Behavior or act resulting in Letter of Reprimand from SDC and /or Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 1 year Provisional • May continue to Judge regular SD trials but ineligible to Judge Finals 	SDC vote to reinstate after Provisional (as currently)
Behavior or act resulting in ASCA membership suspension due to ASCA rule violation involving any SD program activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD Judging Privilege suspension concurrent with membership suspension • Minimum 5 year wait after membership suspension lifted before request to SDC for reinstatement 	SDC vote to reinstate to Provisional for 2 years
Behavior or act resulting in non-member having Judging Privilege Suspended	Minimum 5 year after judging suspension lifted before request to SDC for reinstatement	SDC vote to reinstate to Provisional for 2 years
Behavior or act resulting in SD Judging Privilege being Revoked	Lifetime suspension from ASCA SD Judging Privileges	NONE

** ASCA Board of Directors handing down disciplinary action should document specific terms of suspension with regard to time and conditions of reinstatement. Future ASCA Board of Directors shall honor the terms unless further infractions occur and terms should be extended or increased.

ASCA DISPUTE RULES

(effective 06/0109)

1.1.2 Complaints against Judges

Complaints about the conduct of an ASCA Judge relating to such Judge's conduct as a Judge are not subject to these Dispute Rules. If remediable at the time of the show or trial, a complaint concerning the conduct of an ASCA Judge at such show or trial should be brought to the attention of the Show or Trial Committee. Any other such complaint should be addressed to the Executive Secretary who shall advise the ASCA Board. The Board shall use its discretion in determining how to proceed and whether the matter should be referred to the appropriate program committee. (Refer to Chapter 7, Stockdog Rules for Stockdog Judge Complaints) Urgent complaints concerning judges should be brought informally (without filing a form) to the Show or Trial Committee for ruling and appropriate action.

Approve: Clayton, Bates, Ford; Disapprove: Hellmeister, Dolan, Westerman, Berryessa, Dexter, Vest; *The motion is not approved.*

96:02 SDC Ch 12, Section 2 Finals Eligibility

Motion by Bates; I move to approve the following SDC Motion.

The SDC recommendation to the Board is to change Chapter 12.2.1 to remove the Stockdog Finals from the eligible events for dogs listed as LEP. Since there may be dogs with substantial investment in time and money currently competing for Finals points, the extension for effective date to June 1, 2011 should accommodate those individuals if there are any. There should be no reason to extend the eligibility past June 1, 2011. This recommendation may be eligible for emergency motion status in order to make publication in the spring Aussie Times issue and be placed in the June 1, 2011 Stockdog rulebook.

RESULTS - VOTE: Motion to exclude LEP dogs from Finals (12.2.1)

We have a MOTION (Wesen) and a second (Caldwell). I move that we make the following <addition> to the Finals Eligibility rules.

Chapter 12 SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY

12.2.1 Only ASCA registered Australian Shepherds owned by ASCA members with full member privileges may accumulate points towards ASCA Stockdog Finals. <NO LEP dogs are allowed to participate in Stockdog Finals. (If a dog has qualified in any of the stock dog finals prior to May 31, 2011 they may continue to compete

until the 2012 Finals.)> Eligible dogs must have accumulated four or more points in each class of stock that the dog will be competing in at the Finals. Points from each class of stock must be earned under at least two different

Judges and must be received from the Advanced Divisions.

The results of the vote are:

8 Approved – (Baker, Caldwell, Kelly, Padgett, de Jong, Garrett, Schvaneveldt, Wesen)

1 Opposed – (Mason)

2 Non-voting/Abstain – (Butler, Pinney)

Approve:Comments: Wesen; LEP is a good program but as long as dogs are being registered Unknown Parents they do not have a place in our Finals Program.

Oppose:Comment: Mason; As I described in the discussions on this issue, I feel that it will be a source of arguments by excluding LEP registered dogs when the LEP program says that they can participate. I am not opposed to "limiting" Finals in all of the venues to ASCA registered dogs with DNA verifications on file to help eliminate the skepticism that appears to be present on the genetics of LEP dogs.

Rationale for Motion and SDC approval: Rick Hardin, SDC Chair

The responsibility of the SDC is to maintain a professional Stockdog program. The Stockdog Finals are a major part of the Stockdog program and are restricted to "only ASCA registered Australian Shepherds owned by ASCA members with full member privileges" (Stockdog Rule 12.2.1 p32). The phrase ASCA registered Australian Shepherds strongly suggests that the dog is purebred and owned by an ASCA member in good standing. A member is now required to DNA test any mating to allow for later parentage verification.

According to the ASCA Registry rules: Prefix "LEP" Limited Exhibition Privileges, to allow purebred Australian Shepherds to compete for degrees in eligible ASCA competitive programs except Conformation. Dogs accepted for an LEP registration number must be spayed or neutered.

This statement infers two issues: 1) the LEP dog may only compete in "eligible ASCA competitive programs" and 2) that LEP dogs are "purebred". The recommendation by the SDC is to remove the Stockdog Finals from the list of eligible events. The recommendation is well founded due to the statement in the Stockdog Finals rules that infers the purebred status of Finals eligible Australian Shepherds. The definition of Purebred animals can be found by a simple Google search. In one search that I conducted, the term Purebred was defined by various sources but consistently using phrases as:

- an animal having parents of the same breed
- produced by mating purebred parents for generations
- a purebred dog is defined as "... a dog of a modern dog breed that closely resembles other dogs of the same breed, with ancestry documented in a stud book and registered with one of the major dog registries. ..."

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purebred_\(dog\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purebred_(dog))

The steps to register a dog in the LEP option are outlined below in the ASCA Registry Rules. A dog registered using this option only needs to "appear to be purebred". The statement in 1.6.A below is the classic oxymoron. Purebred status is determined by documented genetic composition and not by phenotypic appearance alone.

1.6 LEP Registration

A. The Limited Exhibition Privileges registration is open to dogs who appear to be purebred Australian Shepherds.

B. Dogs who or whose parent(s) are registered as other breeds are not eligible for LEP registration.

C. The LEP application can be found on the ASCA website.

D. In addition to submitting an application, the following items must be included with the LEP application. Failure to submit all the items together will result in the application being returned.

1. Three color photos (full body left side, full body right side and full front view). Photos must be clear, no Polaroid or digitally altered photos are acceptable.
2. Any pedigree information or copy of registration papers.
3. Copy of a spay/neuter certificate with Veterinarian signature.
4. Appropriate fees.

E. Dog must be 6 months of age or older at time of application.

F. An appeal of an LEP application must be made to the ASCA Board of Directors.

The situation with LEP dogs being allowed to participate in the Finals is not a new issue. There were conversations by current and previous Board members in 2000 and before.

DNA verification would also be one more way to make use of the DNA program which would leave the LEP program for the BOD to review via the membership but allow the SDC the chance to put this restriction in place.

Approve: Hellmeister, Clayton, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter. *The motion is approved.*

Letter of Dissent (Berryessa): While I have always felt LEP dogs should not be eligible for SDF, in the past, the SDC has decided to leave them eligible. Now, with a change to the committee members, the decision has been made the opposite decision. This will leave those who made the decision to use an LEP dog ineligible to compete after the 2011 Finals. Those members with LEP dogs registered prior to the effective date of this motion should be eligible to compete under the rules in effect when they made their decision to undertake ownership and training of an LEP registered dog.

Letter of Dissent (Westerman): While I agree that LEP dogs should not be in the ASCA SD Finals, there are three reasons I vote to Disapprove this motion. 1) This motion would create a disagreement between the Registry Rules and the SD Finals Rules. 2) There is a discrepancy in the motion considering the effective date of the motion. In one place it states "There should be no reason to extend the eligibility past June 1, 2011." in the reasoning, however in the body of the motion it states "NO LEP dogs are allowed to participate in Stockdog Finals. (If a dog has qualified in any of the stock dog finals prior to May 31, 2011 they may continue to compete until the 2012 Finals." This is poorly worded and would cause confusion. The 3rd reason is a matter of Fiduciary responsibility. There are at least two dogs who used the LEP to register their dogs. This motion is removing certain rights and privileges from the dogs by not allowing them to be grandfathered in. This could lead to costly law suits against ASCA.

Letter of Dissent (Dexter): I cannot vote for this motion as is as there is no Grandfather clause in it for currently registered LEP dogs.

Letter of Dissent (Dolan): Although a small number (noted as 2), it is unfair to change the rule and not grandfather LEP registered dogs that have already qualified for/participated in the SDF under the current rules. Also, a longer phase-out period would cover any LEP registered dog presently working toward Finals competition.

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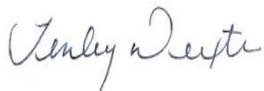
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Submitted,



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ASCA Secretary