

## 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

May 2014

#### **94:01 Stockdog: Ranch Trial Clarification**

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

Disapprove: Gray, Hardin, Roberts

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

**I make a motion to define pasture work for the Ranch Trial as requested by the Board.**

04-02-14 Ranch trial clarification

Lindy Epperly motion seconded by Dan Sanderson that the following be placed in the rulebook:

#### SECTION 3 – RANCH TRIAL COURSE

Current:

10.3.4 Pasture Work: Minimum of ten head to be worked throughout the pasture portion of the work. Minimum pasture size is five acres. The work may be done before or after the corral work. Pasture work can be a gather and/or a drive, from or to a designated area. The distance of the gather and/or drive will be determined by the pasture setup but must be great enough to indicate that the dog is capable of effective ranch work, and to allow the dog to demonstrate its ability to maintain good control of its stock in an open pasture setting. Which task(s) is performed (gather and/or drive) will be determined by the trial course. The dog should work primarily on its own with assistance from the handler kept to a minimum. Handler may be on horseback if size of the course requires it. Time will be called for overworking stock.

Change to:

Pasture Work: Minimum of ten head to be worked throughout the pasture portion of the work. Minimum pasture size is five usable acres. The minimum area of 5 acres must not have cross fencing. Areas of the pasture will be considered 'usable' if the judge has a clear view of the work being done by the dog. Lakes, ponds, swamps and woods that are unusable will not count towards the minimum 5 acres but may be part of the course. The work may be done before or after the corral work. Pasture work can be a gather and/or a drive, from or to a designated area. The distance of the gather and/or drive will be determined by the pasture setup but must be great enough to indicate that the dog is capable of effective ranch work, and to allow the dog to demonstrate its ability to maintain good control of its stock in a pasture setting. Which task(s) is performed (gather and/or drive) will be determined by the trial course. The dog should work primarily on its own with assistance from the handler kept to a minimum. Handler may be on horseback if size of the course requires it. Time will be called for overworking stock.

Rationale:

To clearly set the guidelines for the work area and work required in the pasture setting of a Ranch Trial

Approve: 8

Non-Voting: 2

**94:01 Stockdog: Clarify Ranch Trial Sanctioning**

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

Disapprove: Gray, Hardin

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

**I make a motion to clarify Ranch Trial Sanctioning; Rule 10.4.1.**

04-03-14 Clarify Ranch Trial Sanctioning

Lindy Epperly motion and Dan Sanderson seconded that the following be placed in the rulebook:

**SECTION 4 – RANCH TRIAL SANCTIONING**

10.4.1 The application for sanctioning of a ranch trial by a host club will contain the following:

Current:

e. A diagram of the pens, chute, sorting area, and pasture layout including all measurements

Change to:

e. A diagram of the pens, chute, sorting area, and the pasture layout to include all measurements, fences, gates and any terrain changes (lakes, ponds, swamps, wooded sections etc. that occur in the pasture). Photographs may be required to assess the work-ability of the course.

Rationale:

To clearly lay out what is needed on the diagram in the request for sanctioning to determine if the course will fulfill the requirements necessary in a Ranch Trial

Approve: 8

Non-Voting: 2

**94:01 Stockdog: Course A Guideline**

Approve: Unanimous

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

**I make a motion to remove the statement regarding Course A, Take Pen - Release of Stock found in the Guideline Section of the Stockdog Rule Book.**

4-09-14 Course A Guideline

Dan Sanderson make a motion and seconded by Lindy Epperly to remove the following statement found in the Guideline Section of the Stockdog Rule Book.

COURSES A TAKE PEN – RELEASE OF STOCK: If the take pen, by the Judge and course director, is deemed too small or unsafe to use, a gather may be used instead of the take pen. If a gather is used, it will follow the same rules as the gather in Course B. At no time can the Advanced Handler cross the advanced handler line without a 50% loss or the Open Handler cross the open handler line without a 15 point loss.

Rationale: The first two sentences in the above Guideline contradict a rule found in the rule book. Course A is never allowed to use a set out and must always use a take-pen. Crossing handler lines, as described above, has nothing to do with a take pen on Course A, so removing the entire statement will eliminate confusion and contradiction within the Rule Book.

Approve: 8

Non -Voting: 2

**87:19 Conformation: Add FEO to Conformation Finals**

Approve: DeChant, Gann, Hardin, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: Bryant, Gray, King, Kissman

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: DeChant

**I move to approve the motion from the Conformation Committee to provide a way for those who qualified for Finals but are ineligible to show to be able to take part in Finals.**

Vote results: The motion passes.

Yes- 7

No- 6

Reasons for NO votes-

Regi- I vote NO. We have rules in place for a reason. We seem to constantly be changing rules to accommodate dogs and exhibitors. We have Year End Standings for a reason. A dog can complete all year to achieve Top30 in the Merit Standings but doesn't necessarily need to compete in Finals (due to conflicts, etc.)

Peter- I know we are in vote phase but I have a serious problem with the ribbon section...it is an added cost to have a ribbon that says something different than Finalist. Regardless if the dog show or not they are still a finalist of that given year. With that being said I vote No.

Nina- We have rules that deal with conflicts. Why are they so hard to follow. The dog is still honored as in the Merit Standings.

Liz- I have been on the fence about this motion. On one aspect I can see the FEO, but I feel the conflict rules should stand and be followed.

Mary- While I appreciate the efforts to give non eligible dogs a chance to be shown I still will vote NO on this motion as it would open a new can of worms.

We have a motion by Dorothy with a second by Linda. We are now in discussion phase thru April 24th.

I Dorothy A Montano make a motion that For Exhibition Only (FEO) category be added to Conformation finals.

This will allow exhibitors that have any conflict with the slate of Judges as outlined in rule 9.10, to be able to showcase their dog that has qualified for top 30 but are ineligible to be Judged.

## CHAPTER 15 CONFORMATION FINALS

### Statement of Purpose:

The Conformation Finals is designed to be a self-supporting event that is held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty as a separate event.

Qualifiers are selected from the Conformation program year end Merit standings in both Intact and Altered that are eligible to show per Chapter 9, section 9.10 of the ASCA Show Rules and Regulations.

Any situation not directly addressed by the Conformation Finals Rules shall be governed by the ASCA Show Rules and Regulations

### 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 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.

a) 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 May31st, all merit points earned in the Intact division are nullified.

b) Merit Finalists will abide by Section 9.10 per the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations regarding Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, but they may enter under For Exhibition Only status (FEO) as outlined in section 15.3.

### 2) Merit Point System:

a) Best of Breed receives 1 (one) point for each dog defeated.

b) Best Opposite Sex receives 1 (one) point for each dog of its sex defeated.

c) If Best of Winners is the same sex as Best Opposite Sex, then Best Opposite Sex will also receive 1 (one) point for each regular class dog of the opposite sex defeated.

d) Champions and Class Dogs and Bitches are eligible for the above points. Top 30 Conformation Merit Points are accumulated and lists for both Intact and Altered divisions are generated on the first (1st) of every month and listed in the Aussie Times.

## 15.2 VERIFICATION AND INVITATIONS

1.) Invitations will go out from the ASCA Business Office to all eligible contestants by US Postal Service Certified Mail. The certified letters will be postmarked no later than July 1st of the Finals year. The ASCA Business Office will make sure that the necessary steps to notify foreign qualifiers are done within the same time frame.

2.) United States Contestants must fill out and post an official entry form with entry fees (made payable to ASCA) to the ASCA Business Office and must be postmarked by July 15th of the Finals year. Contestants may return entries by Certified mail, fax, Fed-Ex, UPS, or any other rapid response mailing system, as long as there is a date/postmark, on the mail.

a.) Foreign Contestants must fill out and post an official entry form with entry fees in U.S. currency (made payable to ASCA) to the ASCA Business Office and must be postmarked by July 20th of the year of the Finals year. Contestants may return entries by Certified mail, fax, fed-ex, UPS, or any other rapid response mailing system, as long as there is a date/postmark, on the mail.

3.) The ASCA Business Office will send the National Host Club(s) a Conformation Finals entry form for each dog by the closing date for Nationals entries.

## 15.3 PARTICIPANTS

1.) By July 1st of every year, the ASCA Business Office will mail an invitation to the Top Thirty (30) Altered Conformation Merit Dog Finalists and the Top Thirty (30) Intact Conformation Merit Dog Finalists to compete in the Conformation Finals. If there is a tie at the 30th position, all dogs tied for the 30th place will be invited to the conformation finals. The ASCA Business Office will also send invitations to the next fifteen (15) alternates in their ranked order in both the Altered and Intact Divisions, including all ties in those 15 alternates. If the ASCA Business Office receives less than the Top Thirty (30) entries in both Altered and Intact by July 30th of the Finals year, the ASCA Business Office will notify alternates whose entries must meet the same deadline, in their ranked order, until reaching the total number of thirty (30) Altered Merit Dogs and thirty (30) Intact Merit Dogs. The ASCA business office will receive FEO entries for those dogs who are ineligible to show in Conformation Finals due to conflicts as outlined in SECTION 9.10.

If a dog has earned enough merit points to qualify in the top 30, but is unable to show due a conflict as outlined in SECTION 9.10, the dog is allowed to enter under the FEO rules as outlined in section 15.3.

It is the responsibility of the entrant to enter under the proper class and return FEO entries to the office by the closing date of July 15, so that alternates can be invited.

1. FEO dogs are not to be counted in the numbers that make up the top 30 intact or altered finalists.

2. FEO dogs shall pay the same entry fees as listed in the conformation finals premium.

3. United States Contestants must fill out and post an official entry form with entry made under "other show date" with appropriate day of Conformation Finals noted. Entry shall be listed as

FEO under the non-regular section of the entry form. Entry fees (made payable to ASCA) are sent to the ASCA Business Office and must be postmarked by July 15th of the Finals year.

4. Foreign contestants must fill out and post an official entry form with entry made under “other show date” with appropriate day of Conformation Finals noted. Entry shall be listed as FEO under the non-regular section of the entry form. Entry fees, in U.S. currency (made payable to ASCA) are sent to the ASCA Business Office and must be postmarked by July 20th of the year of the Finals year.

#### (SECTION 9.10 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No entry shall be made by an exhibitor at any show under a judge of the following:

- a. Any dog said judge or a member of his immediate family or household owns, co-owns, bred, co-bred, or has owned or co-owned in the past.
- b. Any dog said judge or a member of his immediate family or household has bred to, held under lease, boarded, trained, or instructed in the preceding 12 months. Trained or instructed applies equally to exhibitors who train professionally or as amateurs.
- c. Any person who has handled for said judge in the conformation ring more than twice in the preceding twelve months.
- d. Any person or a member of his immediate family or household who within the preceding 12 months has co-owned, co-bred, or purchased a dog with said judge.
- e. Any person or a member of his immediate family or household who has worked as an employee or independent contractor of said judge within the preceding 12 months.
- f. Any person or a member of his immediate family or household who said judge has regularly trained or instructed in the preceding 12 months. Trained or instructed applies equally to exhibitors who train professionally or as amateurs.

The judge’s immediate family or household is defined in Chapter 1, Section 4 & 5.)

2.) The Nationals Host Club(s) will determine the random order of showing Altered Dog Finalists and Intact Dogs Finalists. Dogs will not be judged in the order of their year-end rankings.

#### 15.4 BUDGET AND FEES

1.) The Nationals Host Club(s) shall submit a proposed budget to the ASCA Board of Directors and ASCA Conformation Committee six (6) months prior to the Conformation Finals.

2.) The entry fee (see schedule of fees) is payable in U.S. currency. No entry fees will be refunded. Entry fees collected by the ASCA Business Office will be used only to cover any expenses the Nationals Host Club(s) may incur from the Conformation Finals. The ASCA Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Conformation Finals and is responsible for informing the Nationals Host Club(s), the ASCA Board of Directors, and the ASCA Conformation Committee as to the amount of monies received by August 1st of the competition year. The ASCA Business Office will send all entry monies to the Nationals Host Club(s) by the closing date for National entries. The Nationals Host Club(s) will try to make the Conformation Finals a self-supporting event through entries, donations, and sponsorships. The Nationals Host Club(s) will submit their expenses with receipts to the ASCA Board of Directors within six (6) months of the Conformation Finals event.

#### 15.5 JUDGES REQUIREMENTS

1.) Three (3) ASCA Conformation Judges will be hired for the Conformation Finals by the National Specialty Host Club(s), who will submit the Conformation Finals slate to the ASCA Executive Secretary no later than February 1st of the year prior to the National Specialty being hosted. The Executive Secretary will forward the proposed Judges slate to the ASCA Board of Directors for review. Board approval of the Judges slate, along with comments and recommendations, will be returned to the Host Club(s) no later than thirty (30) days after receipt by the Executive Secretary. Once the Board has approved the Conformation Finals Judges slate, the Judge's names will be posted within 7 days to the ASCA website on the "National Specialty Information" page and the judge information must be to the Aussie Times Editor by March 15th for inclusion in the May-June issue.

2.) Conformation Judge Eligibility:

a.) Judge must be of ASCA Senior Breeder Status.

b.) Judge may not have judged conformation three (3) months prior to the event.

c.) Judge shall not be a conformation judge at the current ASCA Nationals or Pre-shows nor have judged at the previous ASCA Nationals or ASCA Pre-Shows.

d.) Judge shall not have judged the previous three (3) Conformation Finals.

Conformation Finals judges may participate in all Nationals events including all Nationals conformation events. All rules pertaining to the Conformation Finals Judges and their dogs regarding the Conformation Finals will abide by sections 7.4 to 7.7 per the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

#### 15.6 TROPHIES AND ROSETTES/RIBBONS

1.) Funding for trophies and rosettes/ribbons shall be obtained from entry fees and/or donated monies. The Nationals Host Club(s) will be responsible for procuring trophies and rosettes/ribbons. All placements will be awarded.

2.) Trophies: A special award will be given to the Winner of each, Altered and Intact, and second (2nd) through tenth (10th) place in Altered and Intact will also receive an award for a placement.

3.) Rosettes/Ribbons: The Finalists placing first (1st) through tenth (10th) Altered and Intact will receive a placement rosette. A Conformation Finals Qualifier rosette labeled "Conformation Finalist" will be awarded for all qualifiers with the qualifying dog's ASCA registered name and ASCA titles entered on the side streamer. Non ASCA titles will not be included. All Ribbons/Rosettes will have and location of the Conformation Finals. A Conformation FEO Entrant rosette labeled "Conformation for Exhibition Only" will be awarded for all FEO entrants with the qualifying dog's ASCA registered name and ASCA titles entered on the side streamer. Non ASCA titles will not be included. All Ribbons/Rosettes will have date and location of the Conformation Finals. Any qualifying team that is unable to participate in the Conformation Finals is responsible for the cost of shipping their Qualifying Rosette/Ribbon, or requesting that the Rosette/Ribbon be entrusted to someone else for delivery. The Host club is not responsible for the cost of shipping Rosettes/Ribbons. a.) Rosettes/Ribbons Colors: First (1st) place will be blue, Second (2nd) red, Third (3rd) yellow, Fourth (4th) white, Fifth (5th) pink, Sixth (6th) green, Seventh (7th) purple, Eighth (8th) brown, Ninth (9th) teal, and Tenth (10th) place maroon.

4.) Size of the Rosette/Ribbons should be consistent with other ASCA Finals events.

#### 15.7 NATIONALS CATALOG

1.) The Nationals Catalog will contain a complete list of all Conformation Finals entrants and FEO entrants. The following information must be provided for each dog: Dog's registered name,

armband number, Altered or Intact, Sire, Dam, Owner, Date of Birth, Sex, and Breeder. This section will also include a brief biography of the Conformation Finals judges, sponsors, a list of volunteers, and staff.

2.) The Nationals Host Club(s) will provide the Aussie Times Editor with the results of the Conformation Finals placements, to be published with the Show/Trial report for the ASCA Nationals. Each dog will be listed with the dog's registered name, sex, Altered or Intact, and owner as well as Finals placement.

#### 15.8 RING SIZE AND REQUIREMENTS

1.) Positions necessary: Chief Steward, four (4) assistant stewards, two (2) scorekeepers, and one (1) announcer.

2.) Ring Size: The Conformation Finals Ring will consist of one (1) large ring, one hundred and fifty (150) feet by fifty (50) feet minimum, but laid out in such a way that it is divided into three (3) smaller rings of equal size for the individual judging, also allowing movement around the inside perimeter.

3.) Equipment and supplies necessary for each of the three (3) rings and the scoring table: tables and chairs, calculator, clipboards, stapler and staples, scotch tape, broad-tip markers, pads of lined paper, pens, dry erase board to post scores, shade or covered areas for Judges, ring gating and matting if necessary. If mats are required, matting should cover the complete perimeter of the ring, plus individual rings.

#### 15.9 JUDGING AND RING PROCEDURE

1.) All Altered Conformation Finals exhibitors will enter the ring as a group. Armbands will be checked by all judges and chief steward. Once completed, judges will view the group as a whole and then all exhibitors will gait their dogs around the ring and exit. Next, exhibitors will present their dogs to each of the three (3) judges separately for hands-on examination, gaiting, and scoring.

a.) At the completion of Altered judging, all dogs will return to the ring. The entrant's name and titles will be called out as the dogs enter the ring, one at a time. Once all dogs have entered the ring, the Top Ten (10) Altered Finalists will be announced in random order by armband number.

2.) Following Altered, all Intact Conformation Finals exhibitors will enter the ring as a group. Armbands will be checked by all judges and chief steward. Once completed, judges will view the group as a whole and then all exhibitors will gait their dogs around the ring and exit. Next, exhibitors will present their dogs to each of the three (3) judges separately for hands-on examination, gaiting, and scoring.

a.) At the completion of Intact judging, all dogs will return to the ring. The entrant's name and titles will be called out as the dogs enter the ring, one at a time. Once all dogs have entered the ring, the Top Ten (10) Intact Finalists will be announced in random order by armband number.

3.) After the last intact dog has been judged, while the scores for intact dogs are being tallied and checked for ties, the entered FEO dogs will enter the ring one by one, in armband order. The FEO entrant's name and titles will be called out as the dogs are gaiting around the ring. They will then be presented with their FEO entrant Rosette by one of the Finalist Judges, and will exit the ring. This will continue until all FEO entrants have entered, gaited and exited the ring.

4.) The Top Ten (10) Altered Finalists and Top Ten (10) Intact Finalists will be brought back into the ring in random order. The announcement of placements will alternate between Altered and Intact, from tenth (10th) to first (1st) place.

## 15.10 SCORING

- 1.) The score sheet has the Judge's name, exhibitor's armband number, Altered or Intact and the sex of each dog.
- 2.) Each judge uses a simple score sheet for each dog with a numeric scale from 1-10, with 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest score. The Judge shall circle the points he/she determines each dog deserves in that section/subsection of the score sheet. Exception: In the event one judge determines there is a disqualifying fault under the Breed Standard, that judge will mark on the score sheet "DQ" and state the reason for the disqualification, i.e., teeth, color, etc.
  - a.) The scoring sheet consists of 8 (eight) sections and six (6) sub-section. The scoring follows the Breed Standard and be divided accordingly. General Appearance (1-10). Head (1-4) divided into three (3) sub-sections teeth (1-2), eyes (1-2), and ears (1-2). Neck and Body (1-10), Forequarters (1-10), Hindquarters (1-10), Coat (1-10), Color (1-10), and Gait (1-5) and three (3) sub sections Coming (1-5), Going (1-5), Side Gait (1-5). The maximum score will be 90 (ninety) points.
- 3.) A separate score sheet from each of the three (3) Judges will be used for each exhibitor. After each Judge scores the individual exhibitor, the score sheet will be placed into an envelope by each judge and taken by the steward and handed to the score keepers. The first score keeper will add up each of the three (3) scores for each exhibitor. The second score keeper will verify the scores tabulated by the first score keeper and place the final score on a spread sheet according to the exhibitor's armband number only.
- 4.) In the event of two (2) or more tied scores within the Altered Top 10 (ten) or Intact Top 10 (ten) placements, the following procedure must be followed:
  - a.) The dogs involved in the tie will enter the ring together and be judged as a class. Then the three (3) Judges will place themselves in three corners of the ring so they can observe each dog coming and going. Each dog will gait to the first Judge who will observe the front movement and then the rear movement as the dog gaits to the next judge and so on, so that all three (3) judges observe each dog coming and going. As each dog leaves the last Judge, it will arrive back at the ring entrance where all the dogs will re-stack as a class. At this time comparison examination, gaiting or conferring may be utilized at the discretion of the three (3) Judges. Re-judging of the tied dogs shall be utilized to break the tie and not to determine the final score. At the conclusion of the tie breaking judgment, the Judges' Tie Breaking Work Sheet will be tallied. The highest scoring dog will have a plus sign (+) denoted on the dog's original Score Sheet next to the original score. If the tie involves more than two dogs, an A will be placed next to the highest scoring dog's original score on the original Score Sheet, B on the second highest scoring dog's original Score Sheet, C on the third highest scoring dog's original Score Sheet, and so on. The Tie Breaking Work Sheet will not be posted.
- 5.) Within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of Conformation Finals competition, the Host Club will post all exhibitor scores in a central location where announcements and other venues scores are posted. The score sheet shall include the total score, placement and Judge's name according to the exhibitor's armband number. Altered and Intact competitions are to be posted on separate score sheets in the same location.

## 15.11 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CONFORMATION FINALS PLACEMENTS

- 1.) The Nationals Host Club(s) is/are responsible for the photographing of the Top Ten (10)

Altered dogs and Top Ten (10) Intact dogs placement winners. The photographs will be clearly marked with the dog's registered name, handler, owner name, and breeder, Altered or Intact. The photographs must be submitted to the editor of the Aussie Times before the deadline for the Nationals issue.

## ASCA Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting

May 8, 2014

In attendance: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice-President Preston Kissman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Rick Hardin, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Rick Gann, Director Cindy King, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Absent: Director Linda Gray and Director Allison Bryant.

There is a quorum with 7 voting members of the Board present.

DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM CDT.

### **Ratification of April Email Votes**

Motion: Roberts

Second: Kissman

**I move to ratify all Board email votes from April 2014.**

All present approved (Absent: Bryant, Gray); Motion carries.

### **Review of April Financial Reports**

Roberts reported on ASCA's financials and the Board reviewed documents from January 2014 through April 2014. Net income is \$86,859.96. There is currently \$118,517.50 in the checking account, \$339,669.18 in the savings account, and \$100.00 in the wire account. ASCA's total assets come in at \$685,576.21. \$55,000 was recently transferred from checking to savings. Money in savings needs to stay there until we know the cost of the new database, but may look into investing some. Membership dues and program income have increased from last year.

Motion: Gann

Second: King

**I move to approve the Treasurer's report for April 2014 as presented.**

All present approve (Absent: Bryant, Gray); Motion carries.

### **Stockdog Finals Judges**

The Board discussed the timing of the random draw of eligible Stockdog Judges for the 2015 and 2016 Stockdog Finals. Conflicts have arisen due to the timing of the draw and the beginning of the 2015 Finals qualifying year.

- Director Linda Gray joined the meeting at 7:17 PM.
- Counsel Chuck Carnese joined the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Several options were discussed and advice from Counsel was sought. The Board determined to defer implementation of rule 12.7.4.a of the Stockdog Rulebook, which regulates the random draw, until June 2014. The draw for the 2015 Finals will be done immediately by the Business Office, in accordance with the old rule. The draw for the 2016 Finals will be done at the 2014

General Membership Meeting, held at the National Specialty in Bryan, Texas. This will allow the 2015 Host Club and Finals competitors the opportunity to make proper preparations.

#### **14.40 Suspension of Stockdog Program rule 12.7.4.a**

Motion: Kissman

Second: Roberts

**I make a motion to suspend Stockdog Program rule 12.7.4.a for the drawing that would select the 2015 Stockdog Finals judges.**

All present approve (Absent: Bryant); Motion carries.

#### **14.41 Draw for 2015 Stockdog Finals Judges**

Motion: Silveira

Second: Roberts

**I move that the process used for drawing the finals judges for 2015 revert to the process as listed in the January 2013 Stockdog Rulebook.**

All present approve (Absent: Bryant); Motion carries.

#### **ASCA Judges Code of Ethics**

A potential Code of Ethics violation was discussed and no action will be taken. Counsel confirmed that the Code of Ethics is enforceable and any violations may result in suspension or revocation of judging privileges.

#### **Participation in Mediation in the Ford Litigation**

The Board discussed mediating the Russ Ford v. Jean Miller, ASCA lawsuit. Several documents are still needed by the Board to review before making any decisions on mediation.

#### **Liaison's Role in Nominating Committee Members**

Discussion was held regarding the responsibility of a Committee Liaison to bring forward resumes for vacant committee positions. Current procedures state that vacancies may/will be filled, but there is no procedure for how the decision of whom to appoint is made. The Board will continue to consider.

#### **Questions for Counsel**

Director Gann questioned the necessity of having Counsel attend any mediation in the Ford lawsuit, as he was not in attendance for the Westerman lawsuit. Counsel stated that he has more intimate information in this case than the Attorney and that he will represent ASCA's best interest solely. The Board will need to approve Counsel's expenses if he attends.

- Carnese left the meeting at 8:20 PM.

#### **2015 Conformation Finals Judges**

The Board discussed the Conformation Finals judging slate presented by the Southern Hospitality Consortium, Host Club for the 2015 Nationals. A concern has arisen as one of the judge's is slated to evaluate conformation for MVA in 2014. The Board discussed whether conducting the MVA conformation evaluation counts as having judged.

#### **14.42 MVA/Conformation Judge**

Motion: Gann

Second: Hardin

**I make a motion to allow Gail Karamalegos to judge MVA at 2014 and accept her 2015 ASCA Finals assignment, if the Host Club would like to keep that selection as valid, and that we send this rule to the Conformation Committee as a directive to make it more clear in the future.**

Approve: Gann, Hardin, Roberts; Disapprove: Gray, King, Silveira; Abstain: DeChant, Kissman; Absent: Bryant; Motion fails.

#### **Letter from Ingram Wallis**

The Board discussed the engagement letter received from Tom Wallis at Ingram, Wallis & Co., P.C. for the audit of ASCA's financial statements and preparation of the Club's Form 990 for 2013. As the due date of the tax return is May 14, 2014, the firm requests authorization from the Board for them to file an extension on the Club's behalf. The Board determined to move ahead with the engagement and authorize the extension. A letter will be sent to the firm that previously did ASCA's audit, informing them of the transition.

#### **2014 Finals Budget**

The Board discussed the revised 2014 Finals Budget, resubmitted by the 2014 National Specialty Host Club after the Board requested changes at their Spring Meeting. The Board would still like to see more information on the Stockdog budget before approving. The Board also discussed the need to standardize Finals ribbons and prizes and will keep that item under consideration.

#### **2015 Conformation Finals Judges**

The Board received an updated slate of Judges for the 2015 Conformation Finals. The slate is: Michael Ryan, Ginger Abbott, and Ron Moden.

#### **14.43 2015 Conformation Finals Judges**

Motion: Gann

Second: Silveira

**I make a motion to approve Michael Ryan, Ginger Abbott, and Ronald Moden as the 2015 Conformation Finals judges.**

All present approve (Absent: Bryant); Motion carries.

#### **Filming at ASCA Show**

The Board discussed a request from a television company for access to film at ASCA shows. The filming would be for a test pilot for a series that would follow dog show enthusiasts. The Board will discuss further and wait to hear back from Counsel with his opinion.

#### **Conformation Judge Complaints**

The Board discussed 2 complaints against Breeder Judges that came in following a show in California. Kissman will take point on investigation.

#### **Interpretation of Rules**

The Board discussed a recent issue regarding the violation of Conformation Rules 4.12 and 4.13. They also discussed whether the Business Office is responsible for interpreting the rules, and, if not, what kind of procedure could be put in place to make sure that appropriate information is given to the membership.

#### **14.44 Directive to ASC of Rogue Valley**

Motion: Silveira

Second: Gray

**I move that the ASC of Rogue Valley be directed that they cannot hold a non-regular class planned for their May show based on ASCA Conformation rules 4.12 and 4.13 and that judges assigned on an ASCA sanctioned show date must follow the ASCA rules and regulations.**

Approve: Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: DeChant, Gann; Absent: Bryant; Motion carries.

#### **14.45 Discussion with Business Office**

Motion: Silveira

Second: Hardin

**I move that Ann, as Liaison to Business Office, discuss with Ray, our Business Office Manager, that he refer questions more to the program committees than trying to interpret the rules and direct Affiliates how to follow them.**

Approve: DeChant, Gray, Hardin, King, Roberts, Silveira; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: Gann, Kissman; Absent: Bryant; Motion carries.

At 9:47 PM CDT all present approved adjournment and DeChant called the meeting to a close.

#### **Other Action:**

- New Provisional Rally Judge: Jan Wesen.
- New Regular Stockdog Judge: Chris Caldwell.
- New Approved Breeder Judge: Nanette Newbury.
- New Senior Breeder Judge: Cheri Preciado.
- New Senior Breeder Judge: Laura Diebold.
- New Senior Breeder Judge: Kelly English.
- New Senior Breeder Judge: Debbie Reneau.

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