

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.

June 1 -30, 2010

Monday June 14, 2010

The June 14th, 2010 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM CDT by President Michelle Berryessa. Those attending via phone were: Rick Gann/Director, Pete Dolan/Secretary, Jerry Aufox/Director, Peter Hellmeister/First VP, Tenley Dexter/Director, Rachel Vest/Second VP, and Mary Logue/Executive Secretary. Absent were Mark Westerman, Treasurer and Chris Davenport, Director.

1) Old Business

- a. Confirmation/Ratification of e-mail/teleconference votes taken in May, 2010 (Berryessa): Motion by Hellmeister, second by Aufox; Approve: Berryessa, Hellmeister, Vest, Dolan, Aufox, Dexter, Gann; Absent: Westerman, Davenport; the motion is approved.

Chris Davenport joined meeting at 8:05 PM CDT.

- b. Discussion of Conformation Committee's vote on Non-Regular Breeder Judge (NRBJ) solicitation of assignments (Gann): During the Spring 2010 BoD meeting, the BoD issued a directive to the Conformation Committee (CC) to allow NRBJ to solicit judging assignments. The CC responded that the committee doesn't want to have NRBJ's solicit assignments. Gann discussed as to whether to allow, or not allow, the CC decision. Per Vest, the BoD shouldn't allow the CC to overturn the BoD's decisions, with agreement from Dolan. The CC should provide reasons to the BoD why they think NRBJ soliciting assignments is a bad idea. The revised Judges CoE should resolve this issue.
- c. Treasurer's Report (Westerman): No discussion held since Mark Westerman was unavailable.
- d. On-Line Judges List (Hellmeister): Hellmeister inquired as to why the online judges list couldn't be included in the "membership" section of the ASCA website since the "membership" section is available only to ASCA members. During the spring 2010 BoD meeting, it was discussed that the Business Office (BO) would send out postcards to existing judges to inquire about including the judges on a website listing. There shouldn't be any legal ramifications about including a judge's address, but since judges are presently listed by the state in which they reside, correct phone number and e-mail address should be sufficient. A January 1, 2011 deadline was agreed to get the judges list on line. Berryessa will contact Jean Miller.
- e. Tracking motions from May (Berryessa): Majority of BoD didn't approve motion(s) because of the duration of time between the posting of the motions on the web for comments from the membership and the voting by the BoD members. Berryessa will repost the motions for July.
- f. Posting of dissenting comments on votes by BoD (Hellmeister): Hellmeister requested that dissenting comments about a Directors vote should be included in the vote tally from the Executive Secretary to the BoD. Existing Policy allows a Director voting in the minority to submit a "Letter of Dissent" and request that such letter be posted with the vote tally. Policy also states that if a Director disapproves of a motion, it would be helpful if a short comment regarding the reason for disapproval be included with the vote. Hellmeister will review existing policy and bring discussion back to BoD at a later date.

- 2) New Business:
- a. New procedure for monthly conference calls (Dolan): In the event there is a disruption in service during the conference call, Directors should repeat steps to call back in to the system.
 - b. Discussion about motion from H & G Committee regarding the Foundation (Berryessa): BoD requested H & G make recommendations to the BoD on dispersion of Foundation Funds. Hellmeister inquired if the BoD can make the H & G Committee also the committee for the Foundation, similar to the ASCA BoD being the BoD for the Foundation. Berryessa suggested that maybe we need an H & G Committee for ASCA and an H & G Committee for the Foundation. Dolan will get with Chuck Carnese to see how this can be accomplished.
 - c. New Stockdog courses: Aufox inquired of Vest how the new courses (D, E &F) are supposed to be scored. He had several inquiries from judges at a trial recently based on the packages the judges had received from the BO. Vest will go back to SDC to make sure information on scoring is sent out to the judges.

Motion to adjourn: Aufox, second Hellmeister; Approve: Berryessa, Aufox, Gann, Davenport, Dolan, Dexter, Vest, Hellmeister; Absent: Westerman; Motion is approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM CDT

Next teleconference is presently scheduled for July 12th, 2010 at 8 PM CDT.

_____/s Mary Logue
Executive Secretary

06/26/2010
Date of Approval

1:05 Judge's Code of Ethics

Motion by Aufox

Second by Dexter

I move that the following (attached) Judge's Code of Ethic be adopted for all ASCA Judges, effective 30days after publication in the AUSSIE TIMES. The motion is seconded by Tenley Dexter.

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

The motion is approved.

4:04 Conformation Committee: Changes to Ch. 15.1, Eligibility

Motion by Gann

Motion by Liz Gibson, second by Ann DeChant:

VOTING AS FOLLOWS: Unanimously approved by all members of the committee.

I make the motion to add this sentence which will be added immediately after the Statement of Purpose and just before 15.1. This motion to go into effect immediately upon approval by the BOD's.

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

The chapter would read as follows:

CHAPTER 15 CONFORMATION FINALS

Statement of Purpose:

The Conformation Finals is designed to be a self-supporting event that showcases the highest ranking altered conformation dogs and intact conformation dogs. This event is to be held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty as a separate event. The intention of the Finals is to showcase ASCA's finest conformation dogs to the world so that we may share the virtues of this versatile breed with others. Any situation not directly

addressed by the Conformation Finals Rules shall be governed by the Conformation 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.

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

The motion is approved.

9:28 Legislative Committee: Position Statement

Motion by Westerman

I move that the Legislative Committee motion below be accepted by the ASCA Board and that the statement be placed on the website upon approval.

Note: This position statement has been sent to the ASCA-L for input and no input has been reported.

The following motion by Susan and 2nd by Jarilyn was approved by the LC committee with a unanimous vote: I, Susan, move that the following statement be accepted by this committee as the ASCA position statement regarding mandatory spay/neuter and be sent to the Board of Directors for inclusion on the ASCA website and for use in other ASCA materials:

The Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) is opposed to any legislation, regulation, or lobbying efforts whose actions result in a mandate requiring the spay or neuter of privately owned animals. Castration (neuter) and ovariohysterectomy/hysterectomy (spay) are major surgical operations and affect the well-being of the animal for the duration of its lifespan. This should be an informed decision made by private individuals and not by any governmental agency."

Approve: Unanimous.

The motion is approved.

9:28 History Committee: Move to appoint Robbi Norman to Committee

Motion by Dexter

Motion to appoint Robbi Norman to the History Committee.

Approve: Unanimous.

The motion is approved.

10:25: New affiliate application WASIC (ORKING AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ITALIAN CLUB)

Motion by Dexter

I move to accept the Affiliate application of WASIC.

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

The motion is approved.

10:26 Application to Affiliate - Seaside

Motion by Dolan

Second by Dexter

I move to accept the attached application to affiliate submitted by Seacoast Australian Shepherd Club.

Comment: The Affiliate Application Review Committee verified that the application contains all required information.

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

10:27 Foreign Hardship registration of Loose Contest

Motion by Dexter

Second by Dolan

I move to accept the Foreign Hardship request of Loose Contest.

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

The motion is approved.

10:29 The Rowes' Penalty Assessment

Motion by Aufox

Second by Davenport

I move that Jerry and Sharon Rowe be fined \$500 for falsely attesting to ownership on the registration of "J Bar D Panzer" aka "I'm Every Cowgirl's Dream"

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

Letter of Dissent/Rachel Vest: This motion is not appropriate due to the interference/influence of this issue by a current BOD member. It is my belief that the Rowe's would not have considered registration of this dog without having been led to that thought by an ASCA BOD member.

10:30 Denial of appeal for participating in Tracking events for Ms. Hayes and "Tad"

Motion by Hellmeister

Second by Dolan

I move to deny the appeal by Mrs Hayes and uphold the decision of the Tracking Committee based on the Tracking Rules, (Section 1.8 b)

Approve: Unanimous.
The motion is approved.

98:15 Obedience Committee: Appoint Lora Cox

Motion by Dolan

I move to add Lora Cox to the Obedience Committee

Approve: Unanimous.
The motion is approved.

98:16 Affiliate Application Revisions

Motion by Dolan

Second by Vest

I move to replace the Affiliate Application with the two attached documents.

Comment/Rationale: This revision creates an Affiliate Renewal Form which separates the initial application process from the renewal process. The revision also clarifies the ASCA membership requirements needed to form an affiliate and mandates the use of the By-laws guide when the applicant drafts its set of by-laws.

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

The motion is approved.

98:27 Webmaster work hours

Motion by Hellmeister

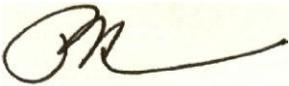
I move for the Board to approve weekly hours for the webmaster to be paid to 15.

Comment:

In general, the website has increased in size and function over the years. The committees, board and office have all started to get into a routine of sending the webmaster updates and getting her new updates. When she has been working during the week, she has been keeping track of how much time things are taking and figured that it is more a 15 hours a week job then the 10 when we started. The 20 hours/week the Board approved earlier this year got her to fix a lot of areas that needed to be fixed and get some new things going. The 15 will allow her to continue with the normal updates and little extra time to work on the extra things that are in the site as it has grown since we first started the site.

Approve: Unanimous;
The motion is approved.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PD', written on a light yellow rectangular background.

Pete Dolan
ASCA Secretary

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Official ASCA[®] Judges Code of Ethics

1. ASCA Judges are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with this Code of Ethics set forth by the Australian Shepherd Club of America Board of Directors. Failure to comply with this Code of Ethics subjects a judge to disciplinary action by the ASCA Board of Directors, including the possible revocation of ASCA Judging privileges.
2. ASCA Judges carry a tremendous amount of responsibility. They function as a guiding voice of the Australian Shepherd and should represent the highest ideals in terms of honesty, integrity, impartiality and knowledge of the sport and the breed.
3. The approval to judge ASCA events is a privilege and is not a right or reward. Suspensions in other registries relevant to the task of judging will be a consideration in the approval and maintenance of ASCA judging privileges.
4. All Judges and applicants must agree to abide by the ASCA Judges Code of Ethics.
5. ASCA has the sole right to refuse, suspend or revoke the ASCA judging license of any person in violation of ASCA rules, or for the failure to comply with the provisions set forth in this Code of Ethics. Failure to comply with the Code of Ethics, or any ASCA Program rules, subjects a judge to disciplinary action by the ASCA Board of Directors, including the possible revocation of ASCA Judging privileges. Judges will be notified if such action is being considered, the reason for its consideration, and given the opportunity to reply.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. ASCA Conformation Judges should have (i) thorough breed knowledge, understanding of the Breed Standard and (ii) have the safety of the dogs and handlers as the judge's foremost concern in judging conformation classes. Judges shall keep up to date on current changes to the Breed Standard. They are expected to demonstrate efficient ring procedure and control.
2. ASCA Stockdog Judges should have the safety and welfare of the stock, dog and handler as the judge's foremost concern in reviewing the trial conditions and in judging a working trial.
3. ASCA Agility Judges should have the safety of the dog and handler as the judge's foremost concern in designing, setting and judging courses.
4. ASCA Obedience Judges should have the safety of the dog and handler as the judge's foremost concern in designing patterns in an obedience ring.
5. ASCA Tracking Judges should have the safety of the dog and handler as the judge's foremost concern in the design of tracks.
6. It is the judge's responsibility to keep up to date with current changes in the program rules for which they are judging and are also expected to continue their education process throughout their career

7. Judges are to be professional in carrying out their duties and must not allow personal preferences to interfere with the stated guidelines upon which they judge the handler (exhibitors) or dogs.

8. It is essential that exhibitors have complete faith in the impartiality of their judges. A judge's actions and decisions should leave no doubt that they were made based solely on the merits of the dogs presented to them on that day.

CONDUCT:

1. The judge's conduct must always be impartial, dignified, and respectful. The judge's actions and professional comportment must be above reproach. Judges should avoid conduct and casual remarks that might be misconstrued or misinterpreted such as expressing favoritism or specific criticism of dogs or exhibitors.

2. When attending social functions organized by the event-giving club where exhibitors are present, a judge is expected to exercise particular discretion in discussing individual exhibitors, dogs or breeders.

3. When officiating at a show, the judge shall not:

a) Discuss the merits or faults of the dogs or handlers (exhibitors) with the stewards, attendants, or spectators during the assignment.

b) Hold, have control of, or groom any dog on the show grounds during his assignment that is not wholly owned or co-owned by the judge

c) While officiating, a judge should not ask individuals:

Who owns the dog

From whom the dog was purchased

What bloodlines the dog is out of

4. A Judge may not judge any dog, which is owned or co-owned, by the judge.

5. A Judge may not give advice or guidance on how to handle his/her dog to an exhibitor during an event or class the Judge is judging. This does not prevent the Judge from answering appropriate questions, giving course instructions, informing an exhibitor where to go or inform the exhibitor of proper procedures.

6. Any alterations or changes in scores or placements must be initialed by the judge before the event is ended.

7. A judge or their family members should never solicit or promote assignments on the judge's behalf.

Definitions:

(a) Solicitation is the repeated contact and/or the use of influence, persuasion or coercion in an effort to obtain a judging assignment.

(b) Promotion is a judge's or their immediate family member's attempt to sell or popularize the judge or their judging assignments through verbal or written advertising and/or publicity.

8. Although a judge cannot control who enters under him, a judge should advise potential exhibitors and exhibitors who are entered in the class being judged when he feels there is a possible conflict of interest to avoid improprieties or perceived improprieties.

Examples of such conflicts might be:

An employer or employee

A relative

A person with whom the judge co-owns dogs

A person with whom the judge has a professional or close working relationship

9. Judges shall score a trial/class based solely on the dog and handler's (exhibitor's) performance as a team as described in the ASCA Program Rules and Regulations, and in no case shall judging be based (nor any consideration be given) on the identity or reputation of the handler, owner, the breeder, or the dog's lineage.
10. Judges shall remember that trials are staffed largely or entirely with unpaid volunteers, and shall treat stock handlers, tracklayers, ring stewards, timers, helpers, exhibitors and spectators with due courtesy and consideration.
11. Judges shall be professional in demeanor and arrive appropriately dressed for the judging assignment, with due consideration of anticipated weather, arena and ring conditions.

Special Rules for Conformation and Tracking Judges

1. When officiating at a trial:
 - a. A Judge shall not judge any dog that is co-owned or bred by the judge's immediate family.
 - b. A Judge while judging a tracking event, shall not place himself/herself in positions on the track so as to indicate the correct direction of the track, nor place markers or articles so as to clearly indicate corners.
2. Prior to the completion of a conformation judging assignment, a judge shall not act as a spectator at the same conformation event at which he is scheduled to judge
3. A judge shall not personally exhibit a dog in Conformation in the same state as his assignment four (4) days prior to his assignment as a conformation judge.



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AFFILIATE CLUB RENEWAL

DATE: _____

NAME OF CLUB: _____

1 AFFILIATE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All Affiliate Clubs **must** renew their membership by January 31 or the club will lose all show privileges. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** (Can be post-marked 1-31)
2. To be eligible for renewal an Affiliate must host one (1) ASCA **sanctioned event** and at least one (1) **educational project** each year. Examples of educational projects are: Eye Clinic, Handling Clinic, Obedience, Working or Agility Clinics.
3. To be eligible for renewal, each Affiliate Club must have at least ten (10) individual members.

IF YOUR CLUB HAS MET REQUIREMENTS 1-3, THEN PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE ASCA BUSINESS OFFICE BY 1-31.

Each club **must** submit an annual report to include:

- a. This completed form.
- b. A renewal fee of \$100.00.
- c. A list of all members (including address and phone number).
- d. Officer Change form completed if applicable. (Need all signatures.)
- e. Complete the following questions regarding sanctioned events and educational events for the previous year.
- f. Completed Show Coordinators Report for the year. (Form enclosed)
- g. Completed ASCA Trademark License Application

NOTE: IF ANY INFORMATION IS OMITTED, THIS APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY.



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APPLICATION TO AFFILIATE

We hereby apply to become an affiliate of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. If approved by the ASCA Board of Directors, this Club agrees to abide by the obligations of an Affiliate Club, the ASCA Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Dispute Rules and all rules, regulations, and guidelines pertaining to the Registry, Agility, Conformation, Juniors, Obedience, Rally, Stock Dog, and Tracking programs.

This Club agrees to conscientiously promote the best interests of the Australian Shepherd and the Australian Shepherd Club of America on a local level.

We understand affiliate dues are based on a current calendar year and we shall be entitled to full rights and privileges for that period. Further, we understand affiliate dues are due and payable to ASCA on or before the 31st of December each year.

CURRENT AFFILIATION FEE IS \$200.00. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ASCA.

2 ASCA OBLIGATIONS

- I. ASCA shall send correspondence pertaining to the Affiliate Club to the Affiliate Representative.

ASCA shall:

1. Accept and submit any business flowing between ASCA and the Affiliate Representative
2. Upon request furnish the Affiliate Representative with a supply of ASCA Rules, literature and forms for that use
3. Be responsible for relaying pertinent ASCA information to the Affiliate Representative

- II. **ASCA shall give affiliate members the opportunity to participate in committee assignments that affect the general membership or breed.**

- III. ASCA shall not allow any ASCA officer or Director to give special consideration to any one affiliate club.

3 ASCA AFFILIATE APPLICANT'S OBLIGATIONS

ELIGIBILITY: Affiliation shall be open to any club with ten individual members who feel they can adequately carry out duties of an Affiliate Club. These ten individuals must be ASCA full or service members.

ELECTION TO AFFILIATE: Each club wishing to affiliate shall apply on the formal application supplied by ASCA. A copy of the club's proposed Bylaws, membership application and the affiliation fee for the current year shall accompany the application. The application for affiliation shall be sent to the Executive Secretary, who will distribute them to the Board of Directors for approval/disapproval. Affirmative vote by the majority of the voting Directors is required to approve the affiliate. The Executive Secretary will send a notice of the vote to the applicant club within forty-five (45) days from the completion of voting. For an application receiving a negative vote the Executive Secretary will return the application to the club within forty-five (45) days from the completion of voting with an explanation for the disapproval. A club receiving a rejected application may resubmit its application with necessary revisions within thirty days.

I ASCA Affiliates shall pay annual affiliate dues to ASCA, as fixed by the Board of Directors, by the 31st of December of each year. All affiliate clubs will be notified on January 31st, of expiration of the deadline for renewal. Letters will be sent to the club President and Affiliate Representative, if they are not in the same household, giving them a final deadline of February 15th to renew. If renewal is

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not received by February 15th, this constitutes a lapse of affiliation. Lapsed affiliates will be terminated and must reapply under New Affiliate rules.

II ASCA affiliates shall maintain the office of Affiliate Representative. The Affiliate Representative is a club officer. The Affiliate Representative shall:

1. Be a member in good standing of ASCA and the Affiliate Club
2. Accept and submit all business flowing between ASCA and the affiliate
3. Maintain a supply of ASCA rules and literature

AFFILIATE CLUB POLICY

To become an Affiliate Club of the Australian Shepherd Club of America, please send the following material to:

Mary Logue
ASCA Executive Secretary
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1. Application to affiliate
2. Bylaws must accompany the application and are subject to approval/disapproval by the Board of Directors. Use the attached By-laws to prepare your club's Bylaws.
3. Affiliation fee of Two Hundred Dollars