

July 2016 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 through mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications. This report is respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.

Judge Approvals

Junior Showmanship Judge Anna Jane Pearson (Washington)
Junior Showmanship Judge Laura Pearson (Washington)
Apprentice Supervisor Agility Judge Gary Shipley (Colorado)
Agility Judge Kay Stimson (Texas)
Non-Regular Breeder Judge Adam Tavares (California)
Approved Breeder Judge Canby Scott (Utah)
Approved Breeder Judge Keli Gaunt (Connecticut)
Senior Breeder Judge Trisha Herring (Georgia)
Utility Obedience Judge Adriana Plum (Kentucky)

Committee Appointments

Trish Alexander was appointed to Region 2 of the Stockdog Committee.

Affiliate Approvals

CrossRoads Australian Shepherd Club (Michigan)
President: Megan Brown
Affiliate Rep: Corey Norman

Agility Licensee Approvals

Act-Up Agility Club (Massachusetts)
Michelle Whall

Board Email Motions

BD.16.80 Sanctioning with another Registry/USASA

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Gray, King, Kissman

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Comment from King: I feel ASCA's responsibility is to protect the ASCA Australian Shepherd. ASCA is a single breed registry with stand-alone events. I feel this motion will jeopardize our responsibility by associating with current registries or future registries that do not have the same standards or goals.

Comment from Kissman: I do not believe that this motion would change ASCA membership's current ability to plan, on a limited basis, trials and shows with other registries. So, an argument in favor of this motion would be that the motion removes wording that has no purpose from the program rulebooks. I believe the wording has purpose. It reminds us of our past history. As Edmund Burke once said, "Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it."

Motion by Dolan

Second by Silveira

I move to delete sections in the program rulebooks referring to Sanctioning with another registry/USASA and renumber remaining sections as follow:

Agility

Delete section 2.1.3 and renumber the following sections

2.1.3 Sanctioning with another Registry

Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement. The registry with which ASCA has an agreement is the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).

The Host Affiliate of an ASCA National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

The ASCA Business office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last day of) the USASA Nationals events.

Conformation

Delete the following sections 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 and renumber the following sections.

3.2 Affiliate Membership/Sanctioning with Other Registry

Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement. The registry with which ASCA has an agreement is the Canadian Kennel Club.

3.3 Host Affiliate Invitation/Contract with Other Registry

The Host Affiliate of an ASCA National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

3.4 Sanctioning Refusal (USASA)

The ASCA Business office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events.

Obedience

Delete section 1.1.1 and renumber the following sections.

1.1.1 Affiliates

Affiliate shall not seek membership nor seek licensure or sanctioning for any event with another registry other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement. The registry with which ASCA has an agreement is the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).

The Host Affiliate of an ASCA Nationals Specialty shall neither invite nor contract with another registry, nor the affiliates of another registry, with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event.

The ASCA Business office will refuse to sanction any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events. Official ASCA programs that require sanctioning and award points or qualifying scores that lead to an ASCA title shall not be conducted by any individual(s), non-ASCA Affiliated corporation(s) or business(es).

Affiliate Club(s) in good standing with ASCA will have the exclusive right to schedule, sanction and conduct Official ASCA programs. No individual(s), non ASCA Affiliated corporation(s) or business(es) shall realize any monetary profit, or any other benefit as a result of any connection with an ASCA sanctioned event. Normal event sponsorship or advertisement by any individual(s), corporation(s) or business(es) shall not be considered to be in conflict with this rule. Individuals, corporations or businesses that enter into agreements with Affiliate Clubs to supply materials, services, facility rentals, livestock rentals or any other products or services required for the implementation of sanctioned events shall not be considered to be in conflict with this rule. The use of a Club's name for event purposes cannot be transferred.

Rally

Delete sections 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3, and 1.1.4 and renumber the following sections.

1.1.1 Membership, Licensing, Sanctioning

Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement.

1.1.2 CKC Agreement

The registry with which ASCA has an agreement is the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).

1.1.3 Sanctioning of Nationals, Pre-Shows or Trials

The Host Affiliate of an ASCA National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

1.1.4 ASCA Sanctioning during USASA National Specialty

The ASCA Business office will refuse sanctioning of any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events..

Stockdog

Delete the following sections:

2.3.10

The Business Office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes.

Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fair grounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events.

2.3.11

Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any Stockdog event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement. The registries with which ASCA has an agreement are: the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).

2.3.12

The Host Affiliate of an ASCA National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

Tracking

Delete section 1.1 and renumber the following sections.

1.1 Host Affiliate Clubs

Affiliates shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA has an agreement. The registry with which ASCA has an agreement is the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).

The Host Affiliate Club of an ASCA National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

The ASCA Office will refuse to sanction of any show/trial/test of an ASCA Affiliate Club held with the United States Australian Shepherd Club (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the Membership when at least 50% of the Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by 2/3 of those casting votes. Note: "held with" as used here is defined as anywhere on the same show/fairgrounds during (from the first day through the last of) the USASA Nationals events.

Rationale: The requirements levied by these rulebook sections are no longer required. There is no effective agreement with CKC obviating the need for the statement concerning CKC.

Effective when approved by the Board of Directors.

BD.16.81 Committee Procedure 4.12 Conditions Affecting Voting

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gray

Second by Dolan

I move to change Committee Procedure 4.12 to insert a new d. and redesignate the current d., e. and f. to e., f. and g.:

d. If a motion is withdrawn by the author there is no need to withdraw the 2nd.

4.12 Conditions Affecting Voting

a. No vote will be taken if the motion does not have a second.

b. No votes will be counted after the deadline is reached.

c. If a Committee Member will be unavailable during the voting period the Committee Member may cast their vote once the motion and second are sent by the Chair to the floor for discussion.

d. Once the vote has been called for the discussion stops.

e. Any Member may change their vote before the deadline is reached; once the deadline is reached the vote is final.

f. A simple majority of votes received is necessary to pass a motion, except Emergency Voting (see above).

Comment: A 2nd is automatically withdrawn if the maker of the motion withdraws the motion.

Effective August 1, 2016

BD.16.82 Committee Procedure 4.6.1 Withdrawal of Motion

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gray

Second by Dolan

I move to revise Committee Procedure 4.6.1 Withdrawal of Motion from:

4.6.1 Withdrawal of Motion

Committee Members are reminded to read motions for exact content. If Committee Members believe the intent of a motion would be better served with an amendment, then Committee Members should request that the motion be withdrawn and restated. This request should be accompanied with suggestions for a new motion. If the motion is not withdrawn as requested then the Committee Members should vote his/her conscience.

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4.6.1 Withdrawal of Motion

Committee Members and authors are reminded to read and write motions for exact content. If Committee Members or the author believes the intent of a motion would be better served with a restatement, then Committee Members should request the motion be withdrawn, or the author may withdraw, and restate. (The seconder of the motion is not required to withdraw their second, it is automatically withdrawn.) The request from committee members should be accompanied with suggestions for a restatement of the motion. If the motion is not withdrawn then the Committee Members should vote his/her conscience.

Comment:

1. Committee Procedures prohibit amendments.
2. Authors may also withdraw their motion at any time before the vote is called for.
3. Many committee members do not realize a 2nd does not have to be withdrawn, as once the motion is withdrawn there is no motion and the 2nd is automatically withdrawn.

Effective August 1, 2016

BD.16.83 Policy Book 15.4.2 Board Changes - Dual Sanctioning

Approve: Dolan, Gibson, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: DeChant, Gray, King, Kissman

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Comment from DeChant: Nothing is ASCA Rules prohibits Affiliates from sanctioning ASCA shows on any grounds or at the same time and place as the shows of another organization. I see no reason for this rule. I am not opposed to ASCA Affiliates holding ASCA Sanctioned events in conjunction with the shows of other entities.

Comment from King: I feel ASCA's responsibility is to protect the ASCA Australian Shepherd. ASCA is a single breed registry with stand-alone events. I feel this motion will jeopardize our responsibility by associating with current registries or future registries that do not have the same standards or goals.

Comment from Kissman: I do not believe that this motion would change ASCA membership's current ability to plan, on a limited basis, trials and shows with other registries. So, an argument in favor of this motion would be that the motion removes wording that has no purpose from the program rulebooks. I believe the wording has purpose. It reminds us of our past history. As Edmund Burke once said, "Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it."

Motion by Dolan

Second by Silveira

I move to change section 15.4.2 of the Policy Book which reads:

15.4.2 Board Changes

~~The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, cancel or supplement all show, trial, testing programs or other rules and/or regulations for the operation of the Club. All such rules shall be in writing. Rules and regulations, as adopted by the Board of Directors, shall become effective no sooner than thirty (30) days after publication in the Club Newsletter (AUSSIE TIMES); or in the event an emergency situation exists that would be detrimental to ASCA and/or its programs the effective date will be determined by the Board of Directors.~~

~~The Business Office will be responsible for notifying the Secretaries, Chairs and Course Directors of any up-coming shows/trials that will be affected by the rule changes, if the rules changes have not been published in the AUSSIE TIMES. If this notification is not made, the rule shall not be enforceable.~~

The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, cancel, or supplement all show, trial, testing programs, or other rules and/or regulations for the operation of the Club. All such rules or regulations shall be in writing. Such rules or regulations shall be effective on the date designated in such rule or regulation. If no effective date is designated therein, such rule or regulation shall be effective sixty (60) days after adoption by the Board of Directors.

The Business Office will be responsible for notifying Show/Trial Secretaries, Chairs, and Course Directors of up-coming shows/trials affected by the rule changes. The Business Office shall develop a notification procedure to use between rulebook printings. If the Business Office notification is not made, the changed rule is not enforceable.

To read:

The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, cancel, or supplement all show, trial, testing programs, or other rules and/or regulations for the operation of the Club. All such rules or regulations shall be in writing. Such rules or regulations shall be effective on the date designated in such rule or regulation. If no effective date is designated therein, such rule or regulation shall be effective sixty (60) days after adoption by the Board of Directors.

The Business Office will be responsible for notifying Show/Trial Secretaries, Chairs, and Course Directors of up-coming shows/trials affected by the rule changes. The Business Office shall develop a notification procedure to use between rulebook printings. If the Business Office notification is not made, the changed rule is not enforceable.

Affiliates may hold ASCA shows on the same grounds as another registry's event, but may not host a dual-sanctioned show with any other registry.

Rationale: This places the prohibition of sanctioning ASCA shows/trials with other registries in the Policy Book replacing the prohibition deleted from the Program Rulebooks.

Effective when approved by the Board of Directors.

BD.16.85 Finals sections of the National Specialty Hosting Rules

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Dolan

Second by Gray

I move to make the following changes to the National Specialty Hosting Rules.

Change Section 12 of the National Specialty Hosting Rules which reads:

12 Stockdog Finals

Please see the current Stockdog Rule Book, Chapter 22, for complete Finals rules.

12.1 Finals Budget

The Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Stockdog Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals. The budget must state the total number of livestock to be used in each class of stock for all go-rounds of Finals. This number should reflect extra livestock on hand to be used in case of injury or illness, with a written breakdown of what is to be considered back-up or extra.

To read:

12 Stockdog Finals

Please see **Chapter 24 Stockdog Rules and Regulations** for complete Finals rules.

12.1 Finals Budget

The Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Stockdog Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals. The budget must state the total number of livestock to be used in each class of stock for all go-rounds of Finals. This number should reflect extra livestock on hand to be used in case of injury or illness, with a written breakdown of what is to be considered back-up or extra.

Change Section 13 of the National Specialty Hosting Rules which reads:

13 Obedience Finals

Please see Obedience Rule Book for complete rules.

13.1 Budget

Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Obedience Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

13.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Host Club(s) may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Host Club(s), the Board of Directors and the ASCA Obedience Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the ASCA Board of Directors. When all expenses have been met any additional monies will be used for funding the next year's competition.

13.3 Positions Necessary

1. 2 Judges

2. 6 Stewards

13.4 Equipment Necessary

a. 2 complete ring set-ups, 2 full sets of regulation jumps, arm bands, chairs and tables for each ring, calculators (2), stopwatches (2), clipboards (2), stapler and staples, scotch tape, white-out, push pins, broad-tip markers, pads of lined paper (2), pens, scoreboard to post scores

b. Shade or covered areas for Judges

c. Run Order for each Judge

d. Cards for exercises for Super Dog.

e. If mats are required, the entire ring(s) should be matted.

13.5 Trophies and Ribbons

Costs for trophies and ribbons shall come from entry fees and/or donated monies. The Host Club(s) is responsible for procuring trophies and ribbons. All placements will be awarded including non-qualifying scores.

a. Trophies: A special award or trophy will be given to the winner of each class (Novice, Open, Utility and Super Dog).

b. Ribbons: Rosettes will be awarded for each class placement from 1st to 10th place. All exhibitors not placing in the top ten in each class will receive a participation rosette labeled "Finalist". All ribbons will have the date and location of the Obedience Finals printed on them. (Please see [new numbered] Section 21 for complete list of ribbons required.)

13.6 Nationals Catalog

The National Catalog will contain a list of all Finals Qualifiers by class. The following information must be provided for each dog: sire, dam, owner, date of birth, sex, breeder, and handler.

13.7 Finals Results in AT

The Host Club will provide the Aussie Times Editor with the Results of the Finals, to be published with the Show/Trial report for the Nationals. Each dog will be listed, with the owner identified and all scores earned.

To read:

13 Obedience Finals

Please see Chapter 12 of the Obedience Rules and Regulations for complete rules.

13.1 Budget

Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Obedience Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

13.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Host Club(s) may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Host Club(s), the Board of Directors and the ASCA Obedience Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the ASCA Board of Directors. When all expenses have been met any additional monies will be used for funding the next year's competition.

Change Section 14 of the National Specialty Hosting Rules which reads:

14 Agility Finals

Please see Agility Rule Book for complete rules.

14.1 Budget

Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Agility Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

14.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Host Club(s) may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Host Club(s), the Board of Directors and the ASCA Agility Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the ASCA Board of Directors. When all expenses have been met any additional monies will be used for funding the next year's competition.

14.3 Positions Necessary

1. 1 Judge
2. 2 Timers
3. 1 Scribe
4. 1 Gate Keeper
5. 1 Score Runner
6. 3 Jump Setters
7. 1 Chute Setter
8. 1 Scorer (Score Table)

- 9. Ribbon Preparers (Can be the same people as above)
- 10. 4 Course Builders (Can be the same people as above)

14.4 Equipment Necessary

- a. Regulation obstacles, arm bands, chairs and tables for each ring, calculators (2), stopwatches (2), clipboards (2), stapler and staples, scotch tape, white-out, push pins, broad-tip markers, pads of lined paper (2), pens, scoreboard to post scores
- b. Shade or covered areas for Judges
- c. Run Order for Judge

14.5 Trophies and Ribbons

Costs for trophies and ribbons shall come from entry fees and/or donated monies. The Host Club(s) is responsible for procuring trophies and ribbons. All placements will be awarded including non-qualifying scores.

14.5.1 Trophies

A special award or trophy will be given to the winner of each class (Regular Round #1, Regular Round #2, Jumpers, and Gamblers).

14.5.2 Ribbons

Rosettes will be awarded for each class placement and for Overall from 1st to 10th place. All exhibitors not placing in the top ten in each class will receive a participation rosette labeled "Finalist". The Champion Agility Dog shall receive a rosette. All ribbons will have the date, placement and location of the Agility Finals printed on them. (Please see [new numbered] Section 21 for complete list of ribbons required.) All class and Overall placement and Finalist ribbons shall have a side streamer with the dog's full registered name and titles printed on it.

14.6 Nationals Catalog

The National Catalog will contain a list of all Finals Qualifiers by class. The following information must be provided for each dog: sire, dam, owner, date of birth, sex, breeder and handler.

14.7 Finals Results in AT

The Host Club will provide the Aussie Times Editor with the Results of the Finals, to be published with the Show/Trial report for the Nationals. Each dog will be listed, with the owner identified and all scores earned.

To read:

14 Agility Finals

Please see [Chapter 12 of the Agility Rules and Regulations](#) for complete rules.

14.1 Budget

Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Agility Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

14.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Host Club(s) may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Host Club(s), the Board of Directors and the ASCA Agility Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the ASCA Board of Directors. When all expenses have been met any additional monies will be used for funding the next year's competition.

Change Section 15 of the National Specialty Hosting Rules which reads:

15 Conformation Finals

Please see the [Conformation Show Rules and Regulations](#) for complete rules

15.1 Budget and Fees

The Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Conformation Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

15.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Host Club(s) may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Host Club(s), the Board of Directors and the ASCA Agility Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the Board of Directors.

To read:

15 Conformation Finals

Please see Chapter 15 of the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations for complete rules

15.1 Budget and Fees

The Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Conformation Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

15.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Host Club(s) may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Host Club(s), the Board of Directors and the ASCA Conformation Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the Board of Directors.

Insert the following:

16 Rally Finals

Please see Chapter 13 of the Rally Rules and Regulations for complete rules

16.1 Budget and Fees

The Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Rally Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

16.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Host Club(s) may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Host Club(s), the Board of Directors and the ASCA Rally Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the Board of Directors.

Renumber the sections following the insertion of the Rally Finals section.

Rationale: This motion adds Rally Finals to the National Specialty Hosting Rules. It also standardizes references to the Finals rules contained in each set of Program Rules to minimize omissions and oversights.

Effective when passed by the Board of Directors for the 2017 and beyond National Specialties.

BD.16.89 Committee Procedures New Section 4 Motion Template

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gray

Second by Silveira

I move to revise Committee Procedures 4 as follows and renumber accordingly:

4. MOTION TEMPLATE

All motions from Committees will contain the following:

- a. Subject: Title of motion. This can be related to a specific section and/or chapter if a change/ addition/ deletion to rules.
- b. Motion by: Committee member.
- c. Second by: Another Committee member.
- d. Motion statement: I move to approve..... .
- e. Body of the motion: Place the bulk of the motion here. For rule book changes, please state the CURRENT WORDING first, followed by the PROPOSED CHANGES. Highlight in gray any changes in wording to make it easier to spot the change.
- f. Comments/Rationale: Why is this motion needed? What caused it to be needed? Use this section to 'sell' your motion to the Board.
- g. If applicable, party(s) affected by the motion and how it will affect them.
- h. If this motion affects the Webmaster, Business Office or Program Software Vendor, see 5.3.
- i. Effective date: Example: This motion will go into effect at the next printing of the applicable Rule Book. (In order to be effective for a June rulebook printing, the motion must be submitted for Board consideration by February of the same year.
- j. For a rule book change: Has the applicable rule book been reviewed for all other rules that will need to be changed due to this motion? If yes, please include all change motions at the same time.
- k. Results of the committee vote: Include names of all who votes, not just a number tally.

Approve:

Disapprove:

Abstain:

Non-voting:

Effective Date: August 1, 2016

BD.16.91 National Specialty General Explanations (Revised)

Approve: Dolan, Gibson, King, Kissman, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: DeChant, Gray, Silveira

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Comment from Silveira: This motion was created with an incomplete understanding of the National Specialty as an event. This motion does disservice to the individual Program's rules for age calculations. At a National Specialty, each Program is a separately Sanctioned event with rules that need not be ignored. This motion should have been sent to each Program Committee for recommendation to the Directors. The Conformation Committee is in disagreement with this motion as written and will be making a recommendation to the Board soon. Age calculations as written into each Program Rule book are intended to be done on the first day of judging for each Program. Never was it the intention of the Committees to allow the calculation to be done up to a five days in advance of the day of judging. Conformation is most affected in that their age classes are for the following months; 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 15, 15 to 18. It is not written for 6 to 9 plus a couple of days. The calculation was clearly intended to be precise as titles can be earned from these classes. This motion has made no provision in age calculation for dogs in all programs that find themselves too young to compete at the proposed, early calculation date but old enough if age is calculated on the day of judging. We would be refusing entry to qualified exhibitors. This motion, for the first time in ASCA's history, will now regulate a portion of the

Affiliates right to freely plan a Pre National Show. Mandating an inaccurate age calculation process not supported by the Rules for each individual Program. The statement, " Although ASCA National Specialties have been run with this age calculation date for at least 25 years,...", is inaccurate and not supported by the documentation submitted by the maker of the motion. Research indicates in the early years of this 25 year period, many different process had been used with changing variables. Research further shows a trend in the most recent years for the calculation to be done as this motion proposes. This issue has been hotly debated on and off over the past 25 years. This new debate is now creating an attempt to make a permanent solution. I want to allow for a more complete discussion that would allow all interested Members, most especially the Committees to be able to help frame a permanent solution to this confusing issue.

Motion by Gibson

Second by Vest

I move that the following section be added to the beginning of the National Specialty Hosting Rules and Regulations. All subsequent sections will be renumbered accordingly.

1. General Explanations

1.1 Definition of National Specialty

The "National Specialty" is a show sanctioned by an ASCA affiliate club or a consortium of clubs, which includes the following events: conformation, obedience, agility, rally, junior handling, a stockdog trial, a tracking test, Most Versatile Aussie competition and other events approved by the ASCA Board of Directors.

1.2 The National Specialty is governed by the ASCA Board of Directors.

1.3 Date of Age Calculation

All competitive events at the National Specialty, except for Junior Handling, have specific age requirements for competing dogs; therefore, the first day of Nationals competition on the National Specialty schedule, usually Friday, will be used as the date for age calculation. The National Specialty is considered one show with multiple competitive events, therefore, using the first Nationals event day will not conflict with existing program rules.

1.4 The host affiliate(s) may choose to offer pre-trials and pre-shows as part of the National Specialty week. If pre-trials and pre-shows are offered, they will be considered part of the Nationals Specialty for the purpose of age calculation, and they will be subject to the same age calculation date as the rest of the National Specialty events.

1.5 Finals are invitation-only events, and although they are part of the National Specialty week, each Finals is subject to its own additional set of program rules. Please refer to each program rule book for complete rules and regulations pertaining to Finals.

Rationale: Although ASCA National Specialties have been run with this age calculation date for at least 25 years, when the rule books were split into the various program rule books, some items which should have been included in the National Specialty Rules and Regulations Book were only left in the Conformation Rule Book, and this caused some confusion for some people. This addition to the National Specialty Rules and Regulations should clear up the confusion and give one age for each competing dog all week long.

Rationale for revision: The intent is to assign one age for a dog to compete under all week long. The addition of the phrase in gray helps clarify this.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the BOD

Committee Recommendations

Conformation Committee

CO.16.11 Change to Conformation Rulebook 4.5 Novice Class

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Dolan

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Effective Date: retroactive June 1, 2016

Conformation Committee Motion 2016-4 Emergency Motion to change wording to 4.5

Motion by Hellmeister

Second by Schafer

I, Mary Hellmeister make the following emergency motion regarding the Novice Class as the current wording does not reflect the changes after implementing changes to Section 4.3 and 4.4 of the Show Rules. As this effects the whole show year (that has just started) I am of the opinion this is an emergency motion.

To be implemented immediately after Board of Directors approval.

New:

4.5 Novice Class

The Novice Class shall be for dogs six (6) months of age and over, which have not, prior to the date of closing entries, won three (3) First Place Prizes in the Novice Class, a First prize in the 12 months to 15 months Class, 15 months to 18 months Class, Bred by Exhibitor Class, American Bred Class, Open Classes, nor one or more points toward their ASCA Championship.

Current:

4.5 Novice Class

The Novice Class shall be for dogs six (6) months of age and over, which have not, prior to the date of closing entries, won three (3) First Place Prizes in the Novice Class, a First prize in the 12 months to 18 months Class, Bred by Exhibitor, American Bred, Open Classes, nor one or more points toward their ASCA Championship.

Results of the committee vote:

Yes- 8

Non-voting- 5

Obedience Committee

OB.16.19 Allow Dogs to Enter Regular and Non-Regular Classes at the Same Trial

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Allow dogs to enter Regular and Non-regular classes at the same trial

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Maker of motion: Beth MacLehose
Seconder of motion: Katie Van de Sandt

Motion statement: I move to delete the following sentence in section 1.2.1 Specialty or Sanctioned Obedience Trial: "Dogs entered in any Non-regular class (whether or not as described in these Regulations) other than Brace, Wild Card, and the Team Non-regular classes shall not enter or exhibit in any Regular Obedience Class held at the same show and on the same day."

Purpose for motion: The purpose of this motion is to allow exhibitors to compete in non-regular and regular classes at the same show. This will encourage clubs to experiment with new classes and give exhibitors a chance to enter more classes in an obedience trial.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: This motion will affect obedience competitors by giving them more classes to enter.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 10
Disapprove: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-voting: 0

Proposed wording:

1.2.1 Specialty or Sanctioned Obedience Trial

A Specialty or Sanctioned Obedience Trial need not include all of the Regular obedience classes defined in these Regulations, but a club will be approved to hold Open classes only if it also holds Novice classes, and a club will be approved to hold a Utility class only if it also holds Novice and Open classes. Novice classes will be divided into "A" and "B". Open and Utility classes will be divided into CDX and ODX "A" and "B". The Novice "A" and "B" classes or the CDX "A" and "B" classes may, at the judge's discretion, be combined for group exercises.

Any Affiliate club which has been approved to hold a Specialty or Sanctioned Obedience Trial, if qualified in the opinion of the ASCA Business Office may offer additional Non-regular classes for dogs not less than six (6) months of age, provided a clear and complete description of the eligibility requirements and performance requirements for each such class appears in the premium list. However, the Non-regular classes defined in these regulations need not be described in the premium list. ~~Dogs entered in any Non-regular class (whether or not as described in these Regulations) other than Brace, Wild Card, and the Team Non-regular classes shall not enter or exhibit in any Regular Obedience Class held at the same show and on the same day.~~

Current wording:

1.2.1 Specialty or Sanctioned Obedience Trial

A Specialty or Sanctioned Obedience Trial need not include all of the Regular obedience classes defined in these Regulations, but a club will be approved to hold Open classes only if it also holds Novice classes, and a club will be approved to hold a Utility class only if it also holds Novice and Open classes. Novice classes will be divided into "A" and "B". Open and Utility classes will be divided into CDX and ODX "A"

and “B”. The Novice “A” and “B” classes or the CDX “A” and “B” classes may, at the judge’s discretion, be combined for group exercises.

Any Affiliate club which has been approved to hold a Specialty or Sanctioned Obedience Trial, if qualified in the opinion of the ASCA Business Office may offer additional Non-regular classes for dogs not less than six (6) months of age, provided a clear and complete description of the eligibility requirements and performance requirements for each such class appears in the premium list. However, the Non-regular classes defined in these regulations need not be described in the premium list. Dogs entered in any Non-regular class (whether or not as described in these Regulations) other than Brace, Wild Card, and the Team Non-regular classes shall not enter or exhibit in any Regular Obedience Class held at the same show and on the same day.

OB.16.20 Wooden Articles

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to except this motion from the Obedience committee.

This is very important update now that CKC and AKC allow competitors to choose the type of article.

Motion title: Wooden Articles

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Secunder of motion: Katie Van de Sandt

Motion statement: I move to allow handlers to use wooden articles as one of their two article sets in Utility.

Purpose for motion: AKC started allowing this in Dec. 2015. Many handlers have switched to wooden articles. This change will increase entries by helping handlers who use wooden articles enter ASCA trials without having to do a lot of extra training.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: Judges and competitors in the Utility class.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 10 (Beth MacLehose, Guenter Geisel, Jane Small, Katie van de Sandt, Laurie Rubin, Marilyn Cherry, Pat Pierce, Penny Jameson, Rosalind Hall, Sandy Walroth)

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Proposed wording:

5.8 Scent Discrimination

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In each of these two exercises the dog must select by scent alone and retrieve an article that has been handled by its handler. The articles shall be provided by the handler and shall consist of two (2) sets, each comprised of five (5) identical objects not more than six (6) inches in length, which may be items of

everyday use. The articles may be made of metal, leather, or wood. The handler will choose two (2) of these three (3) materials. ~~One (1)~~ The metal set shall be made entirely of rigid metal, ~~and one (1)~~ of the leather set shall be of such design that nothing but leather is visible except for the minimum amount of thread or metal necessary to hold the object together, and the wood set shall be made entirely of one or more solid wood pieces. The articles in each set must be legibly numbered, each with a different number and must be approved by the judge.

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Current wording:

5.8 Scent Discrimination

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In each of these two exercises the dog must select by scent alone and retrieve an article that has been handled by its handler. The articles shall be provided by the handler and shall consist of two (2) sets, each comprised of five (5) identical objects not more than six (6) inches in length, which may be items of everyday use. One (1) set shall be made entirely of rigid metal, and one (1) of leather of such design that nothing but leather is visible except for the minimum amount of thread or metal necessary to hold the object together. The articles in each set must be legibly numbered, each with a different number and must be approved by the judge.

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OB.16.21 Bitches in Season at Nationals Pre-Trials

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move that we accept this motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Bitches in Season at Nationals Pre-trials

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be immediately following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Seconder of motion: Katie Van de Sandt

Motion statement: I move that the Obedience Committee recommend that the ASCA Board of Directors encourage clubs putting on Nationals Pre-trials to allow Bitches in Season, following the rules in the Bitches in Season at Regular Trials motion.

Purpose for motion: This will allow Bitches in Season attending Nationals to enter other obedience trials in addition to the Nationals Obedience Trial. Nationals Pre-trials may be the best events for trying the new option to allow Bitches in Season at regular trials, since the venue will already be set up for this possibility.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: The Board is asked to communicate with clubs in charge of pre-trials, starting with the Texas 2017 Nationals. Other effects of this motion are covered in the Bitches in Season at Regular Trials Motion.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 9

Disapprove: 1

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Comment from Sandy Walroth: While I voted no to allowing OBIS in regular trials, I voted yes to this. First of all, Nationals are a once a year event. All other dogs have the ability to "warm up" at pretrials, but OBIS do not. That can give an unfair advantage to the other entrants, particularly in Finals. But more importantly, because OBIS are allowed in Finals and the National trial, conditions outside the ring have already been considered, and allocation made to crating and moving to and from the ring. While there could be more risk at the pretrials due to an OBIS, it is at least partially mitigated by the conditions that have already been put in place for Finals and Nationals.

OB.16.22 Bitches in Season at Regular Obedience Trials

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

I move to accept this motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion title: Bitches in Season at Regular Obedience Trials

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be June 1, 2017, following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Secunder of motion: Katie Van de Sandt

Motion statement: I move on a temporary trial basis to give clubs the option to allow Bitches in Season to compete in regular obedience trials following the same rules as the Nationals obedience trial. This will change rulebook language in Sections 1.1.3 Premium and 1.13 Disturbances.

The Obedience Committee will provide an educational page detailing requirements and concerns to guide clubs in considering and implementing this option. In addition, the Obedience Committee and the Business Office will gather feedback for two years from Show/Trial Secretaries and participants at trials where the option is chosen. This information will be shared with the ASCA Board of Directors. If the Board votes to terminate the option in Fall of 2019, the temporary language will be removed from the June 2020 Obedience Rulebook. If not, the language will become permanent in June 2020.

Purpose for motion: Allowing Bitches in Season to compete at regular obedience trials, when clubs have sufficient facilities and experienced, qualified staff will allow handlers of obedience bitches to trial in more ASCA trials. This will also allow owners of intact dogs the opportunity to experience trial situations where a bitch in season is present, prior to attending a National Specialty where bitches in season are already allowed in the obedience rings.

This option will be very beneficial to attracting European ASCA entries, as most European obedience already allows bitches in season to compete. Plus it will allow bitch owners who may have traveled long distances to Nationals the chance to compete in obedience pre-trials, in addition to the Nationals obedience trial. We hope this option will encourage owners of high quality performance Australian Shepherd bitches to consider keeping them intact and breeding them for the good of the breed.

The Obedience Committee gathered feedback from the fancy for more than a year before crafting this proposal. There were slightly more positive responses than negative. To address the concerns expressed we plan an educational effort explaining the points to consider and the conditions necessary to safely accommodate this option. Also we will gather feedback for two years from those attending trials where this option is taken and use this in deciding whether to maintain as is, modify, or delete this option after the trial period.

Parties affected by the motion and how it will affect them: Judges, Show/Trial Secretaries and competitors will be affected if a club chooses to try this option.

The Business Office will monitor clubs' premiums when they apply for trial sanctioning, send a feedback form to Trial Secretaries with trial packets, collect feedback forms and send the feedback to the Obedience Committee.

If this motion affects the AUSSIE TIMES Editor, Webmaster, Business Office or Executive Secretary, please complete the following:

If necessary, please state the date that the affected office was contacted: Business Office was contacted Sat., July 2, 2016

Date that the affected office responded: No response yet.

Please include either the response or a summary of the response here: No response yet.

Results of the committee vote:

Approve: 8

Disapprove: 2

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 0

Comment from Sandy Walroth: I am against allowing OBIS at regular trials. My only concern is the safety of all involved. The rules spell out how things are handled in the ring and where the OBIS is to be crated. I have been to many venues where crating more than 50 feet from the ring takes them out of the building. There are many places where it would be either too hot, too cold, too wet, etc. to be crated outside. Cars can be up to 30 degrees hotter than the outdoor temperature in the summer. In winter, temperatures can hit freezing or below (I may live in Texas now, but grew up and lived in Pennsylvania till 2006). In addition, and probably even more important, is the movement inside the building. In many cases, crating is tight, and aisle ways to and from the rings are narrow. This would require that many dogs will come in contact with the OBIS as they go to and from the ring. Now, I know that all dogs at an obedience trial *should* be trained, but we all know that isn't the case. And trained for the exercises does not always relay into manners outside the ring. I have been involved in 3 trial committee incidents involving dog on dog attacks - all have occurred outside the ring as dogs were waiting to go in the ring (one involved 2 dogs showing in utility). In my opinion, adding the scents and potential actions of an OBIS (especially when in standing heat), only increases the potential for incidents outside the ring. Also consider that ASCA is strong into honoring our Junior Handlers (for which I am completely behind) - how many of the younger ones would be able to stop an attack? Having that many dogs in close proximity already poses a risk. Adding an OBIS could only increase that risk.

Proposed wording:

Section 1.1.3 Premium

The Premium shall at a minimum indicate:

a. Club name

b. ...

q. If allowing bitches in season, the prominent statement: Bitches in season permitted. They must be crated at least 50' from obedience ring, wear pants and run last after all obedience judging is finished.

r. If allowing bitches in season, details on which trial/s allow them when there are two trials in one day.

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Current wording:

Section 1.1.3 Premium

The Premium shall at a minimum indicate:

a. Club name

b. Club officers (emails and/or phone numbers)

c. Show committee (emails and/or phone numbers)

d. Show/trial secretary (mailing address, email and phone number)

e. The names of the judges hired (level through which they will be judging)

f. Names of the classes offered (regular, optional titling and non-regular), division and class order (Note: All regular classes should be listed as follows: Novice A and B, Open Dog Excellent A and B, Companion Dog Excellent A and B, plus Utility A and B.

g. Date of trials

h. Refund information

i. Show site particulars including directions to site and when the site is open or closed

j. Awards particulars

k. When group exercises shall be held and in what order

l. Entry fees, pre-entry and closing entry date with mailing particulars

m. Motel/hotel/camping information

n. Tracking number application attached and/or linked

o. Entry blank attached and/or linked as applicable

p. Entry limitations, i.e. maximum number of entries or hours per trial or day

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Proposed wording:

Section 1.13 Disturbances

Bitches in season are not permitted to compete except under the specific circumstances detailed below.

The judge of an Obedience Trial must remove from competition any bitch in season, any dog which its handler cannot control, any handler who interferes willfully with another competitor or his dog, and any handler who abuses his dog in the ring, and may excuse from competition any dog which he considers unfit to compete, or any bitch which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element.

If a dog or handler is disqualified or excused by a judge, the reason shall be stated in the judge's book or in a separate report.

Bitches in season may compete ~~only~~ at the Nationals Obedience Trial and Obedience Finals. Regular trials may also allow bitches in season to compete, if a club chooses to and if it is specified beforehand in the premium. They are to compete last after all ~~other~~ obedience judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day. This includes sits and downs, which shall be held separately. Multiple bitches in season may take part in group sits and downs together.

If a club chooses to allow them in two trials on the same day and specifies this clearly in the premium, bitches in season entered in the first trial will be allowed to run at the end of the first trial and again at the end of the second trial.

Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen) at least 50' away from the obedience rings prior to and during the competition, except while competing. Bitches in season must wear pants. Handlers must notify the Show/Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes before the start of the trial if they plan to compete with a bitch in season.

Current wording:

Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. The judge of an Obedience Trial must remove from competition any bitch in season, any dog which its handler cannot control, any handler who interferes willfully with another competitor or his dog, and any handler who abuses his dog in the ring, and may excuse from competition any dog which he considers unfit to compete, or any bitch which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element.

If a dog or handler is disqualified or excused by a judge, the reason shall be stated in the judge's book or in a separate report.

Bitches in season may compete only at the Nationals Obedience Trial and Obedience Finals. They are to compete last after all other judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day, in a ring not to be used again for Obedience. This includes sits and downs, which shall be held separately. Multiple bitches in season may take part in group sits and downs together. Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen) at least 50' away from the obedience rings prior to and during the competition, except while competing. Bitches in season must wear pants.

Stockdog Committee

SD.16.16 Acceptance of New Breeds into ASCA Stockdog Program

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I move to accept the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to change rule 2.2.6, clarifying the process and requirements for a breed to be accepted in the ASCA Stockdog Program. (Please see the details below.)

Effective date: June 1, 2017

Rationale: Currently the requirements and process for a breed to be recognized in the ASCA Stockdog Program is vague and does not outline how to become an accepted breed in the ASCA Stockdog Program. This rule will inform the petitioning parent club or controlling entity of the necessary steps and the expectations of ASCA. It specifies where the request should originate and what information must be provided.

Proposed Rule:

2.2.6

Any breed wishing to participate in ASCA stockdog trials that are not listed in APPENDIX 5: HERDING BREEDS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN ASCA STOCKDOG TRIALS, may petition ASCA for admittance. The request will be reviewed by the ASCA Stockdog Committee for recommendation to the ASCA Board. The

request must come from the parent club or controlling entity for the breed applying. Upon request the parent club or controlling entity may be asked to supply video of various dogs working stock in either a trial or home environment.

All requests must include the following:

1. A petition letter requesting participation in the ASCA Stockdog Program, which must include contact information for the parent club or controlling entity of the breed.
2. A history of the breed along with the official breed standard demonstrating the original intent of the breed applying and how it was meant to be used with livestock

Existing Rule:

2.2.6

Any breed club wishing to participate in the ASCA Stockdog trials that are not listed in APPENDIX 5: HERDING BREEDS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN ASCA STOCKDOG TRIALS, may petition the Stockdog Committee for admittance.

Results of the committee vote:

Motion by Bergert

Second by DeShazo

Approve: 9

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 1

Did not vote: 2

SD.16.17 Changes to Stockdog Rulebook Chapter 8 Section 1.2

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I move to accept the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to make the following changes to the ASCA Stockdog Rulebook:

Rationale: These changes are needed to address the addition of Course G and Course H into the Stockdog Rulebook.

Effective Date: June 1, 2017

Proposed Rule Change:

8.1.2

The arena size for a Course A, B, D, E, F, G or H Cattle or Sheep/Goats will be a minimum of 100 x 200 feet. The arena size for Course C for Cattle and Sheep/Goats will be a minimum of 150 x 225 feet

a. 10 minutes will be allotted for each run, with a 3 minute warning.

b. For arenas larger than 200 feet by 500 feet, 15 minutes will be allotted for each run, with a 5 minute warning.

c. A variance for an arena that does not meet the minimum size is allowed, but cannot exceed 5 feet in combined directions. Example: 96 x 199 (5') is allowed but 95 x 199 (6') is not.

Current Rule:

8.1.2

The arena size for a Course A, B, D, E, or F Cattle or Sheep/Goats will be a minimum of 100 x 200 feet.
The arena size for Course C for Cattle and Sheep/Goats will be a minimum of 150 x 225 feet

- a. 10 minutes will be allotted for each run, with a 3 minute warning.
- b. For arenas larger than 200 feet by 500 feet, 15 minutes will be allotted for each run, with a 5 minute warning.
- c. A variance for an arena that does not meet the minimum size is allowed, but cannot exceed 5 feet in combined directions. Example: 96 x 199 (5') is allowed but 95 x 199 (6') is not.

Results of the committee vote:

Motion by Landry

Second by Kirby

Approve: Unanimous (All members voting)

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

SD.16.18 Changes to Stockdog Rule Book Chapter 8 Section 2.5

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I move to accept the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to make the following changes to the ASCA Stockdog Rulebook concerning 8.2.5 Runaway Lines.

Rationale: These changes are needed to address the addition of Course G and Course H into the Stockdog Rulebook.

Effective Date: June 1, 2017

Proposed Rule Change

8.2.5 Runaway Lines

The runaway line for obstacles 1 and 2 for Course A, B, and C will be the Advanced Handlers line and for the center obstacle, chute, or pen it will be the back fence at the re-pen end of the arena. On Courses D, E, and F the Runaway Line for obstacles 2 and 3 will be the Advanced Handlers Line. For obstacles 1, 4, and 5 the Runaway Line will be the back fence on the re-pen side of the arena. On Course G the runaway line for obstacles 1, 2 and 3 will be the Advanced Handlers. For obstacle 4 the Runaway Line will be the back fence on the re-pen side of the arena. On Course H the Runaway Line for obstacles 2 and 3 will be the Advance Handlers Line. For obstacles 1 and 4 the Runaway Line will be the back fence on the re-pen side of the arena. Each time two or more head of stock breaks back over a runaway line, it is considered an attempt for the obstacle that was being worked on. If two or more head of stock breaks to the back fence twice while working the center obstacle, the attempt is over and the dog must move on to the re-pen.

Current Rule:

8.2.5 Runaway Lines

The runaway line for obstacles 1 and 2 for Course A, B, and C will be the Advanced Handlers line and for the center obstacle, chute, or pen it will be the back fence at the re-pen end of the arena. On Courses D, E, and F the Runaway Lines for obstacles 2 and 3 will be the Advanced Handlers Line. For obstacles 1, 4, and 5 the Runaway Line will be the back fence on the re-pen side of the arena. Each time two or more head of stock breaks back over a runaway line, it is considered an attempt for the obstacle that was

being worked on. If two or more head of stock breaks to the back fence twice while working the center obstacle, the attempt is over and the dog must move on to the re-pen.

Results of the committee vote:

Motion by Landry

Second by Kirby

Approve: Unanimous (All members voting)

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2016

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, Treasurer Pete Dolan, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Linda Gray, Director Cindy King, Director Rachel Vest, Director Jan Wesen, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Absent: 2nd Vice President Laura Gibson

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

– *DeChant called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm Central Time.*

Items in Executive Session:

There were no items that were discussed in Executive Session.

Ratify June Email Votes

BD.16.92 Ratify June Email Votes

All present approve (Absent: Gibson). *Motion carries.*

Motion by Kissman

Second by Wesen

I make a motion we ratify the June email votes.

June Treasurer's Report

Dolan gave the Treasurer's Report for June. There is \$154,900.78 in the Chase checking account, \$200,087.69 in the Chase savings account, and \$100.00 in the Chase wire account. There is \$189,186.17 in the Raymond James investment account. The Office Manager has started putting money from checking back into savings which is why savings is up over 200k again. In June he transferred 14k from checking to savings. This is a good sign; it means we are bringing in more than we are spending.

There is \$53,967.02 in the Additional Event Membership Dues account. For the month of June all programs were up except Agility, which was significantly down compared to previous months (~12,000 runs in May and ~7,200 runs in June). Gibson will request that the Agility Committee research an explanation.

There were increases in income from gain/loss on securities (\$11,529), member services (\$11,344), membership dues (\$2,325), miscellaneous (\$1,190), program income (\$1,015), and registry services (\$9,664).

There were decreases in income from Aussie Times ads (-\$3,025) and bank/investments (-\$133).

There were increases in expenses for Aussie Times postage (\$340), Aussie Times printing (\$2,052), Aussie Times mail preparation (\$1,351), computer (\$42,206), credit card (\$1,054), donations (\$175), dues and subscriptions (\$15), insurance (\$2,549), member service (\$386), Office expense (\$519), payroll (\$8,809), payroll expenses – temp (\$6,382), refunds (\$110), and utilities (\$231).

There were decreases in expenses for contract labor (-\$705), Director/Officer reimbursement (-\$4,793), equipment rental (-\$1,195), miscellaneous (-\$373), national ASCA expenses (-\$519), postage and delivery (-\$8,006), printing and reproduction (-\$4,138), professional development (-\$860), and professional fees (-\$1,165).

Once the audit is completed we will begin listing the computer system upgrade as an asset. The audit should begin shortly, if it is not already underway.

BD.16.93 June Treasurer's Report

Approve: DeChant, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: Dolan

Absent: Gibson

Motion carries.

Motion by Wesen

Second by DeChant

I move to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

System Upgrade

Vest has not received last week's report yet from the Office Manager, but when they last spoke he said FrogSlayer has corrected the entering of emails and passwords so they are not case sensitive. He is still working with them regarding a calculation issue with agility titles. They want to resolve that before we send the FrogSlayer test page out to the membership.

E-mail updates 7/18/2016:

Completed:

- E-mailing system code complete
- Begun implementation of an "Admin Portal" to provide approval workflow for litter and dog registration forms
- Front-end of puppy/dog, membership, and litter registration
- Back-end of membership and litter registration

This week:

- Complete Admin Portal
- Complete back-end of puppy/dog registration
- Integrate separate systems together
- Deploy Release 2 to QA

E-mail updates 7/25/2016:

Completed:

- Admin Portal code complete
- Completed back-end of puppy/dog registration
- Release 2 systems integrated
- Migrated ADMS database to prepare for production launch
- Launched Release 1 to portal.asca.org

- Deployed Release 2 to QA

This week:

- Continue stabilization and testing of Release 2
- Meet with Ray to gain feedback on Release 2 implementation

Agility Licensee Application

The Board discussed an application from Act-Up Agility Club to become an ASCA Agility Licensee. They are located in North Attleboro, Massachusetts. Notice of the club's application was posted to the ASCA-L and there was one positive comment received from a local member. They also have the positive recommendation of the Agility Committee. Local Affiliates were not directly contacted, however, and some Directors thought that voting on the application should be postponed until that was done.

Dolan stated that the local Affiliate, ASC of New England, does not fill the agility trials it puts on now; the area does not need another ASCA Agility club. The purpose of the Agility Licensee program was to provide ASCA Agility in areas that were not already served by an Affiliate.

Silveira made a motion, seconded by Vest, to reject the application from Act-Up Agility Club. The Board spent time discussing the club and the Agility Licensee program as a whole.

– *Gibson joined the meeting at 6:45 pm.*

Silveira withdrew his motion to reject the application from Act-Up Agility Club. He then made a motion to set a 60-day moratorium on new Agility Licensees with the intent that the application from Act-Up not be voted on during this meeting. Several Directors agreed that once the Board has identified an issue with a process it should not choose to follow that process. Others did not think that this club's application should be held up. Silveira agreed to postpone the moratorium motion so that the Board may vote on the agility club's application first.

BD.16.94 Agility Licensee Application – Act-Up Agility Club

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, Kissman, Wesen

Disapprove: Dolan, King, Silveira, Vest

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

Second by Gray

I make a motion that we accept the Agility Licensee application from Act-Up Agility Club as recommended by the Agility Committee.

BD.16.95 Moratorium on Agility Licensees

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Vest

I move that the ASCA Board of Directors immediately set a 60-day moratorium on approving any further Agility Licensees. I further move that the Agility Committee be directed to immediately develop sufficient rules for the approval of Agility Licensees, which must include getting input from any affected Affiliate Club.

Ads for Past Rally Finals/Master Tracker Recipients

The Board discussed a member request to honor past winners of the Rally Finals and Master Tracker recipients. Last month, the Board approved recognizing future Rally Finals winners and Master Trackers with a back cover of the Aussie Times. The Board determined to send this topic to the Rally and Tracking Committees for them to come up with a comprehensive motion to fulfill the request.

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Board Members may be added to any or all Committees email groups of their choosing as long as they are read only and do not participate in the discussion.

Kissman requested that this topic be discussed so that all Directors are on the same page about this rule. It is important that ASCA business is conducted via the proper channels. Directors are not to participate in the email conversations of committees, and any comments they have regarding committee business should be directed through the Liaison. This does not preclude Directors from simply talking to committee members.

Solicitation of Judge Assignments

The Board discussed a member request to prohibit solicitation of judging assignments in all programs. Currently, solicitation is not allowed for Conformation and Tracking Judges only. The Board is in favor of extending the prohibition, but it needs to be added to each program's rulebook, not just the Judge's Code of Ethics.

BD.16.96 Solicitation of Judging Assignments in JCOE

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Wesen

Disapprove: Dolan, Vest

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Kissman

Second by Gibson

I move to make the following changes to the Judge's Code of Ethics:

Add a new #2 under CONDUCT and renumber the following accordingly.

PROPOSED WORDING

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

CURRENT WORDING

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:
 - i. Who owns the dog;
 - ii. From whom the dog was purchased;
 - iii. 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 per the program rules of the venue in which they are judging.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Judges shall be professional in demeanor and arrive appropriately dressed for the judging assignment, with due consideration of anticipated weather, arena and ring conditions.

Remove #4 under Special Rules for Conformation and Tracking Judges.

PROPOSED WORDING

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.
- 4. ~~A Judge or their family members should never solicit or promote assignments on the judge's behalf.~~

CURRENT WORDING

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

BD.16.97 Solicitation of Judging Assignments Directive

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by DeChant

I move that the ASCA Board of Directors direct all the program committees to find the appropriate place in their program's rulebook to mandate that ASCA Judges shall not solicit judging assignments. Their recommendation is due to the Board within 60-days.

Entry fees for Intact and Altered Conformation

The Board discussed a member request to make a ruling on the fees that Affiliates may charge for Intact and Altered Conformation classes. Some Affiliate Clubs offer lower prices for Altered entries than for Intact entries and some members feel that this is discrimination and cheapens the Altered Program.

There is no way that ASCA can regulate entry fees in this regard for the Affiliate Clubs. Affiliates can set their own fee schedule and they are not breaking any rules by offering price breaks.

The Board recognizes that this is a move to examine the viability of the Altered Program. The intent of the Altered Program was that it would be equal to the Intact Program. Some Directors felt that it may be time to re-evaluate the success of the Altered Program, and Silveira suggested that the Board send a directive to the Conformation Committee to address its effectiveness. Most Directors expressed that they were not in favor of this. Dolan suggested that Conformation Judges be polled to find out their opinions on the Altered Program. This topic has been added to the August teleconference agenda.

Request to Post Research Study

The Board received a request from member Karen Wimbush, Associate Professor at Ohio State University Agricultural Technique Institute. Recently she has been studying factors that influence litter size in Australian Shepherds. Of particular interest to her is the effect that breeding method, namely live cover/fresh semen vs. cooled, shipped semen vs. frozen semen may have on litter size. The data of interest include: size of litter, age of sire and dam at the time of breeding, breeding method (live cover, AI/fresh semen, AI cooled/shipped semen, AI frozen semen), sire and dam inbreeding coefficients (if known), number of previous litters of sire and dam, and if frozen semen was used, age of sire at freezing time. She is requesting permission to post the announcement of the study on the ASCA Website and in the AussieENews.

The Board was not in favor of posting the study on the Website, but was in favor of allowing her to post on the ASCA-L and in the AussieENews. Anywhere else must be paid advertisement.

Affiliate Application

The Board reviewed and discussed an application from CrossRoads ASC to become an ASCA Affiliate. They are based out of Hudsonville, Michigan. Notice of the club's application was posted to the ASCA-L and there were no comments received.

BD.16.98 Affiliate Application – CrossRoads ASC

Approve: DeChant, Dolan, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Silveira

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Dolan

Second by Gray

I move to approve the Affiliate application from CrossRoads ASC in Michigan.

Stockdog Committee Vacancy

The Board reviewed a resume from Trish Alexander (Region 2) submitted to be appointed to the vacancy created when Dan Sanderson became the Stockdog Committee Chair. Notice of the vacancy has been posted according to the rules.

SD.16.19 New Stockdog Committee Member (Alexander)

Approve: DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Kissman, Silveira, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Dolan

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Gibson

I move that we place Trish Alexander on the Stockdog Committee to region 2 to fill the vacancy left by Dan Sanderson becoming Chair.

Discussion of Current E-mail Motions

BD.16.80 Sanctioning with another Registry/USASA

Kissman requested that the Board discuss these motions to get a better understanding of what they will accomplish and why they are necessary. There is currently no rule that prohibits ASCA Affiliates from holding shows on the same grounds as another organization's event; this has always been allowed and is being done all over the country. This proposal removes anti-AKC language that no longer serves ASCA or its Affiliates. It would in no way allow an ASCA Affiliate to sanction a show/trial with any other organization. Some Directors expressed their opposition to this motion with concerns that ASCA will lose its independence from other registries and control over its own programs.

BD.16.83 Policy Book 15.4.2 Board Changes - Dual Sanctioning

This motion places the prohibition of sanctioning ASCA shows/trials with other organizations in the Policy Book, which replaces the prohibition deleted from the Program Rulebooks.

BD.16.81 Committee Procedure 4.12 Conditions Affecting Voting

This motion puts committee practices in line with Robert's Rules of Order. It's not necessary for a second to be withdrawn once the motion itself is withdrawn.

BD.16.89 Committee Procedures New Section 4 Motion Template

This motion places the motion template from the Policy Book into the Committee Procedures.

BD.16.84 National Specialty Hosting Rules 2.1 Premium Guide & BD.16.91 National Specialty General Explanations (Revised)

These motions have to do with the calculation of a dog's age in regard to Nationals, and several Directors questioned if they were conflicting. Program rulebooks define the age of a dog depending on that program's requirements. It has been tradition for past Nationals to use one date to calculate a dog's age for all of the Nationals show/trials. Gibson has done extensive research proving this. Each Director

expressed their opinion on whether the dog's age should be static for all of Nationals or should reflect the dog's exact age on a specific date.

Dolan decided to withdraw his motion BD.16.84.

Several Directors felt that this discussion had become personal.

- Dolan left the meeting at 9:18 pm and rejoined at 9:33 pm.

Standard and Extended DNA Markers

While the DNA Committee works on a motion to update the dual-sired litters registry rules, Gray suggested that the Board set the fee for running the combination of the standard set plus the extended set of markers first, if the dual-sired litter is by father/son or brother/brother (first order relatives). The kit and standard marker set is currently \$45 per puppy. If a sire can't be excluded Therion runs the extended set, which is another \$60 per puppy. The Board can choose to set the cost as it is, give a discount, or add a charge to help defray the extra Office work.

BD.16.99 Fee for Using Standard/Extended DNA Markers Together

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gray

Second by King

I move that when the Standard and Extended Markers are used for closely related multiple-sired litters (first order relatives) the fee will be \$105.00.

- *DeChant adjourned the meeting at 9:48 pm.*