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Executive Secretary's Report - December 2018

Announcements

New Judges

Provisional Rally Judge - **Lori Anglemyer** (Michigan)
Non-Regular Breeder Judge - **Lynne Skinner** (Virginia)
Non-Regular Breeder Judge - **Valerie Yarber** (Virginia)
Non-Regular Breeder Judge - **Francine Guerra** (Massachusetts)
Provisional Breeder Judge - **Valerie Yates** (Ontario)
Provisional Breeder Judge - **Lisa Ott** (Wisconsin)
Provisional Breeder Judge - **Jennifer McKervey** (Utah)
Provisional Breeder Judge - **Lori Anglemyer** (Michigan)
Senior Breeder Judge - **Bobbie Myrick** (North Carolina)

New Affiliates

Roadrunner ASC

Location: New Mexico

President: Star Mathis (samwiseaussies@gmail.com)

Affiliate Rep: Yvette Misquez (laluzkennels@gmail.com)

Love and Laughter Dogs ASC

Location: Texas

President: Mark Buehl (agilityguy@gmail.com)

Affiliate Rep: Laura McClary (lmccclary@25@hotmail.com)

Miscellaneous

- A sound alike kennel name issue was resolved.
- A DNA issue was resolved.
- A judge application was denied.
- The suspension of Ann Clow-Gilpin, formerly known as Annie Buffington, has been terminated by the Board and she is now eligible to reapply for membership.

Board of Directors' Email Motions

BD.18.171 Place Proposed Amendment to Article VII, Section 7.4 of the Bylaws on the 2019 Ballot

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, DeChant, Gibson, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Busquets

I move to submit to the ASCA membership for a vote at the 2019 Membership Election the following amendment to Article VII, Section 7.4 of the Bylaws:

RESOLVED, That Article VII, Section 7.4 of the Bylaws be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

A candidate for election as a Director of the Club must have been a Full Member of the Club, as defined in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 of these BYLAWS, for a period of eight (8) continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years prior to March 1 of the year of standing for election as such Director, and must remain in good standing as a Full Member during such Director's candidacy and entire tenure as a Director. The Board of Directors may establish rules governing the procedures, deadline dates and disclosures relating to such election and the candidates for election.

Current Wording:

Bylaws 7.4 Section 4 Qualifications

A candidate for election as a Director of the Club must have been a Full Member of the Club, as defined in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 of these BYLAWS, for a period of eight (8) consecutive years prior to March 1 of the year of standing for election as such Director, and must remain in good standing as a Full Member during such Director's candidacy and entire tenure as a Director. The Board of Directors may establish rules governing the procedures, deadline dates and disclosures relating to such election and the candidates for election.

Proposed Wording:

Bylaws 7.4 Section 4 Qualifications

A candidate for election as a Director of the Club must have been a Full Member of the Club, as defined in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 of these BYLAWS, for a period of eight (8) continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years prior to March 1 of the year of standing for election as

such Director, and must remain in good standing as a Full Member during such Director's candidacy and entire tenure as a Director. The Board of Directors may establish rules governing the procedures, deadline dates and disclosures relating to such election and the candidates for election.

Comments/Rationale: Clearly, because of the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, adopted by the Board in 1999, the proposed change to the Bylaws is not effective, but it does show that the Board supports such a Bylaw change.

Motion author will prepare statement for the Membership for the Board's approval, if motion is approved.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

BD.18.177 Changes to Sections 1.4 Individual Dog Registration Rules and Procedures and 2.7 Kennel Name Registrations (Revised)

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion *carries*.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Busquets

I move to change the wording as highlighted in Sections 1.4 Individual Dog Registration Rules and Procedures and 2.7 Kennel Name Registrations.

Current Wording:

1.4 Individual Dog Registration Rules and Procedures

1.4.6 Required Signatures - Kennel Name Owners

If the owner of a dog is listed as an ASCA registered kennel name only, all owners of the kennel name must sign as the dog's owner or litter owner.

1.4.7 Required Signatures - Owners

All persons owning a dog or litter must sign on all paperwork (i.e.: individuals, litters, transfers, etc.) as owner and co-owner(s), even if the ownership is listed as and/or.

1.4.8 Kennel Name in a Registered Name

All owners of an ASCA registered kennel name must sign giving permission to the owner of the dog to use the kennel name in naming the dog. If litter owner(s) require their ASCA registered kennel name to appear as part of the dog's name, they must insert the kennel name, as registered with ASCA, in the spaces provided on the Individual Registration Application. They must also sign in the space provided giving owner(s) permission to use the registered kennel name. In the event litter owner(s) does not put the kennel name in the spaces provided, buyer may use their own choice in naming dog. If seller/buyer cannot agree on choice of names, it is suggested the breeder register the dog and then transfer ownership accordingly. The Registrar reserves the right to deny any name deemed offensive or profane.

1.4.9 Consent for Use of Kennel Name

No dog shall be registered with a name including an ASCA registered kennel name, or similar sounding name, as a prefix or suffix without the consent of the registered kennel name owner.

1.4.10 Registered Name

Once the dog is registered in ASCA, this one name will be retained on all future breeding's except as outlined in Ch 1 Sec 1.4.12. If a possibility of name duplication is evident, the owner will be notified and asked to submit a new name. Dog's names are limited to thirty (30) letters including spaces, punctuation and the ASCA registered kennel name except as outlined in Ch 1 Sec 1.4.11.

1.4.11 Additional Letters

Up to twenty (20) additional letters including spaces, punctuation and the ASCA registered kennel name can be used. An additional fee as determined by the ASCA Board of Directors is due at the time of registration. (Effective July 2011)

1.4.12 Change of Registered Name

A dog's registered name can be changed one time if the following conditions are met:

- A. The dog must not have earned any points in conformation or earned a qualifying or passing scores in any of the other ASCA programs.
- B. The dog may not have produced offspring.
- C. The breeder must give permission for the name change.
- D. The fee as set by the ASCA Board of Directors must be enclosed with the application.

2.7 Kennel Name Regulations

1. Applicant(s) must have been a Full ASCA member(s) in good standing for the two (2) previous consecutive years. Applicant(s) must be 18 years of age or older.

2. Kennel names registered from 1971 to 1/15/76 are a lifetime issue and may not be reassigned except by transfer. There are no further kennel renewal fees unless the kennel name is transferred.
3. Kennel names registered from 1/15/76 to the current date must be renewed every three years. Kennel name will be considered abandoned if renewal payment is not postmarked on or before expiration date. The original owner of the kennel name may renew or transfer the abandoned kennel name for the first 19 five years following the abandonment of the kennel name, but after the five years has passed, anyone can register the kennel name as their own.
4. All owners or partners of said kennel name must sign an application for kennel name to be included on certificate and registry office files pertaining to same. Once the kennel name is accepted and registered with ASCA, no other breeder or owner will be permitted to use the kennel name or sound alike names without written permission of the recorded owner of said kennel name, when the Kennel Name is placed at the beginning of a dog's name or at the end when it is preceded by the word "of".
5. Dog's names are limited to thirty (30) letters including spaces and kennel name as stated under Individual Dog Registrations. It is suggested that the kennel name not contain the words Aussies, Kennels, Farms, etc. as the entire kennel name is required to be used when naming the dog.
6. A kennel name will be recognized only if it is registered with ASCA.
7. A fee will be required to make any deletions, additions or transfers in ownership of a kennel name registration.
8. No variations in spelling or sound alike will be allowed.
9. No color used independently will be allowed.
10. A kennel name application and the registration fee must be submitted to the ASCA Business Office when either the initial or renewal application is made.
11. After fifteen (15) years, a kennel name is permanent.
12. No offensive or profane language will be permitted.
13. No new kennel name may contain the exact name of an existing registered kennel.
14. Renewal applications must be submitted by a present Full member in good standing with ASCA.
15. Renewal notices must be sent by the ASCA Business Office.
16. The Business Office will list kennel names in the Aussie Times with notation to send objections and the reason for the objection to the Business Office for consideration.

Proposed Wording:

1.4.9 Consent for Use of Kennel Name

No dog shall be registered with a name including an ASCA registered kennel name, no variations in spelling of an existing registered kennel name will be allowed without the signature of the registered kennel name owner,(s) on the Individual Dog Registration Application.

If a kennel owner discovers any variation in spelling to their registered kennel name that was not permitted by the kennel owner, the kennel owner must notify the Registrar immediately.

1.4.10 Registered Name

- A. Once a dog is registered in ASCA, the registered name will be retained except as outlined in the following subsections, C, and D.
- B. If a name duplication or kennel name violation (as outlined in section 1.4.9) is identified by the Registrar prior to registration, the owner will be notified by the Registrar they may not use the kennel name in question without permission as provided for within these Rules. The application will be returned with a request to choose another name.
- C. If a name duplication or kennel name violation (as outlined in Section 1.4.9) is discovered after registration and any of the exceptions listed in Section 1.4.12 has been met, the Owner will be notified by the Registrar they may not use the Kennel Name in question again without permission as provided for within these Rules. The Registered name will not be changed.
- D. If a name duplication or kennel name violation (as outlined in Section 1.4.9) is discovered after registration and none of the exceptions in Section 1.4.12 has been met, the Registrar will contact the Owner and request a new name be chosen. The Registered name will be changed.
- E. Dog's names are limited to thirty (30) letters including spaces, punctuation and the ASCA registered kennel name unless the extended name fee is included to extend the name as outlined in section 1.4.11.

1.4.11 Additional Characters

Up to twenty (20) additional characters including spaces, punctuation and the ASCA registered kennel name can be used. An additional fee as determined by the ASCA Board of Directors is due at the time of registration.

1.4.12 Change of Registered Name

A dog's registered name can be changed one time if the following conditions are met:

- A. The dog must not have earned any points in conformation or earned a qualifying or passing scores in any of the other ASCA programs.
- B. The dog must not have been DNA profiled.

- C. The dog has not produced offspring.
- D. The breeder must give permission for the name change.
- E. The fee as set by the ASCA Board of Directors must be enclosed with the application.

2.7 Kennel Name Regulations

2.7.1 All Applicants and co-applicants must have been Full ASCA members in good standing for five (5) continuous years without a lapse in membership prior to applying for a Registered Kennel Name. Junior members and service members are not eligible.

Grandfather clause: Any potential applicant who became a full member on or before December 31, 2018 will be permitted to register a kennel name under the previous rules and regulations Membership requirements. This clause shall expire effective December 31, 2023.

2.7.2 Registered Kennel Names are a lifetime issue and may not be reassigned except by transfer. There are no further fees unless the kennel name is transferred.

Grandfather clause: Effective December 31, 2018, all current kennel names registered under the previous rules and regulations will be converted to permanent status by completing the remaining renewal payments in one lump sum prior to or at the next renewal date. All kennel names must transition to permanent status by December 31, 2023. Kennel names not transferred to permanent status within the allotted time frame shall be considered abandoned and available for other members to use. Any kennel owner unable to comply must request an exemption and make individual arrangements with the Board of Directors.

2.7.3 All owners and co-owners of said kennel name must sign the Individual Dog Registration Application for kennel name to be included on the registration certificate and any pertaining Registry Office files. Once the kennel name is accepted and registered with ASCA, no other breeder, Kennel Owner, or Dog Owner will be permitted to use the kennel name. No variations in spelling of Registered Kennel Names will be allowed without the written permission of all owners of the Registered Kennel Name in question.

2.7.5 Dog names are limited to thirty (30) characters including spaces, punctuation and kennel name, as stated on the Individual Dog Registration Application, unless an additional fee is remitted for additional characters as outlined in section 1.4.11. The kennel name should not contain the words Aussies, Kennels, Farms, etc. as the entire registered kennel name is required to be used when naming the dog.

2.7.6 Up to twenty (20) additional characters including spaces, punctuation and the ASCA registered kennel name can be used. An extended name fee as determined by the ASCA Board of Directors is due at the time of registration.

2.7.7 A kennel name will be recognized only if it is registered with ASCA.

2.7.8 A fee will be required to make any changes in ownership of a registered kennel name. Membership requirements as outlined in 2.7.1 apply to any new owners and co-owners.

2.7.9 No color used independently will be allowed.

2.7.10 A kennel name application and registration fee must be submitted to the ASCA Business Office to register a kennel name.

2.7.11 No offensive or profane language will be permitted.

2.7.12 No new kennel name may contain the exact name of an existing registered kennel, and no variation in spelling will be allowed.

2.7.13 The Business Office will list new kennel names in the Aussie Times with notation to send objections and the reason for the objection to the Business Office for consideration. Newly Registered Kennel names will not be approved prior to 45 days after the announcement has been published in the Aussie Times. Objections to Kennel Name approvals must be made immediately upon discovery of a valid concern but are not limited to the 45-day Aussie Times publication waiting period. Such objections must be submitted to the Registrar at the ASCA Business Office.

New Fee Structure

Kennel Registration Fee	\$200.00
Kennel Transfer Fee	\$15.00
Duplicate Kennel Certificate	\$10.00

Comments/Rationale: Changes need to be made to the Kennel Registry Rules to clarify issues that have arisen dealing with copyrights, similar and soundalike names, a system that has become inefficient and unmanageable given ASCA's growth. What worked for ASCA forty or more years ago no longer serves ASCA well.

These changes were made with assistance from the Office Staff and Member input. Thank you all for the collaborative effort.

It is intended these changes will allow the Business Office to better serve the Membership.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

Committee Recommendations

Agility Committee

AG.18.03 Changes to Agility Rules Sections 1.3.6 Other Restriction and 9.1 Handling Faults

Approve: Boone, Roberts; Oppose: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Silveira, Vest;
Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 0; Motion **fails**.

Comment from Creelman: After reading all of the pros and cons I think that this motion needs to be reconsidered. There need to be considerations for multiple ring events. I also agree that it should be a Novice class only thing. Many were concerned about additional time that it would add to the trials.

Comment from Vest: The comments received that did not support the motion were sufficient to cause safety concerns to a venue that already has over hyped dogs.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Agility Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion by Lee Prager

Second by Michael Kurdzo

I move to approve changes to the agility rulebook to allow toys in the ring.

Current Wording:

1 General Information

1.3.6 Other Restriction

In all classes the handler shall direct their dog through the course without a collar or lead. No food, toys, balls or other devices may be brought into the ring or used within ten (10) feet (3.1 meters) of the perimeter of the entire ring. The handlers may not carry/wear anything in the ring which might be construed to be an aid to the performance of the dogs (including fanny packs, leashes around their waists, cell phones, cameras). See also Section 9.1.

9 Faults

9.1 Handling Faults

Dogs shall be eliminated for the following occurrences:

- Aggression on the course towards any person or dog. See ASCA's Dog Aggression Rules.
- Fouling the course area before, during or after their run.
- Leaving the course area.
- Being out of control, as viewed by the judge. The judge may choose to eliminate a dog for being out of control at any time that the judge feels that the dog is not trained to a level to perform the obstacles in a safe manner, thereby endangering the dog, the handler or any other person or dog at the event.
- Exiting the ring NOT on leash and NOT under the handler's control. (See Section 11.2 regarding tugging while exiting ring.)
- Exceeding the maximum course time.
- Training in the ring, during their run. However, the dog and handler will not be excused for training in the ring, provided that no harsh words or measures are employed by the handler. Gentle training in the ring is encouraged, in the interest of safety and motivation, if done within the Standard Course Time (SCT) for that class. Exhibitor will be asked to leave the ring once Standard Course Time has been reached.
- Running with a collar. Judges shall eliminate a dog for running with a collar. The judge should instruct the handler to exit the ring immediately or that they may remove the collar and continue the run up to the time limits indicated for training in the ring (Standard Course Time).
- Food, treats or toys being used or brought within 10 feet (3.1 meters) of, or into the agility trial arena.
- Dog repeatedly (three times or more) nipping at handler or making contact with clothing or handler.
- Handler intentionally touching the dog (to aid in or reward the dog's performance) while on course.
- Handler exhibiting un-sportsman like behavior in the agility ring, such as verbally abusing the judge or ring crew, or verbally or physically abusing the dog.

Proposed Wording:

1 General Information

1.3.6 Other Restriction

In all classes the handler shall direct their dog through the course without a collar or lead. No food may be brought into the ring. No food, toys or other devices can be used within ten (10) feet (3.1 meters) outside the perimeter of the entire ring. [Exception to this rule: handlers using toys, balls, or other devices that do not make noise, leave parts behind, or involve food or treats, may use them in the ring if declared. See section 9.1 for guidelines for using toys in the

ring.] The handlers may not carry/wear anything in the ring which might be construed to be an aid to the performance of the dogs (including fanny packs, leashes around their waists, cell phones, cameras). See also Section 9.1.

9 Faults

9.1 Handling Faults

Dogs shall be eliminated for the following occurrences:

- Aggression on the course towards any person or dog. See ASCA's Dog Aggression Rules.
- Fouling the course area before, during or after their run.
- Leaving the course area.
- Being out of control, as viewed by the judge. The judge may choose to eliminate a dog for being out of control at any time that the judge feels that the dog is not trained to a level to perform the obstacles in a safe manner, thereby endangering the dog, the handler or any other person or dog at the event.
- Exiting the ring NOT on leash and NOT under the handler's control. (See Section 11.2 regarding tugging while exiting ring.)
- Exceeding the maximum course time.
- Training in the ring, during their run. However, the dog and handler will not be excused for training in the ring, provided that no harsh words or measures are employed by the handler. Gentle training in the ring is encouraged, in the interest of safety and motivation, if done within the Standard Course Time (SCT) for that class. Exhibitor will be asked to leave the ring once Standard Course Time has been reached.
 - Toys may be brought into the arena for training purposes. These toys may not involve food or treats of any kind, cannot make noise or leave parts behind.
 - All handlers declaring toys must mark the gate sheet with a "T" before the first dog of the class runs and will run at the end of the jump height in order.
 - Upon entering the ring, handlers must declare to the judge that they have a toy. They will be immediately eliminated whether or not the toy is used, and will have standard course time in the ring. If handlers bring a toy in the ring without declaring it they will be asked to leave immediately.
 - The dog immediately following a declared training with toys run will not be required to enter the ring until the previous dog and handler have fully exited the ring.
 - Toys shall not be used outside the ring within 10 ft of the agility trial arena at any time.
- Running with a collar. Judges shall eliminate a dog for running with a collar. The judge should instruct the handler to exit the ring immediately or that they may remove the

collar and continue the run up to the time limits indicated for training in the ring (Standard Course Time).

- Food, treats or toys being used or brought within 10 feet (3.1 meters) of, or into the agility trial arena. (Although eliminated, handlers may continue to train in the ring with declared toys for Standard Course Time as stated above.)
- Dog repeatedly (three times or more) nipping at handler or making contact with clothing or handler.
- Handler intentionally touching the dog (to aid in or reward the dog's performance) while on course.
- Handler exhibiting un-sportsman like behavior in the agility ring, such as verbally abusing the judge or ring crew, or verbally or physically abusing the dog.

Comments/Rationale: One feature of an ASCA agility trial is the opportunity to train in the ring. However, ASCA does not presently allow toys in the ring so there is no opportunity to reinforce the correct behavior during such training. Thus I propose allowing toys in the ring as stated above to enhance the ability to train with reinforcement and further ASCA's benefit of training in the ring.

Affected: Handlers, judges, gate stewards, and scorekeepers at an ASCA agility trial. Motion should not affect the Webmaster, Business office, or Program software.

Effective Date: June 2019

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 8

Oppose: 2

Abstain: 1

Non-Voting: 0

Comment from Andrea Hoffmann: As a judge I can see trials taking longer as people play with their dogs. More chances for amped up dogs to have issues and run into adjacent rings. More chance to create issues for dogs running in adjacent rings. Gives an advantage to toy vs food motivated dogs.

Comment from Sharon Farkas: While I like the idea of this motion and proposed rule, I concur with Andrea that the use of toys may cause more issues with dogs running into and out of the ring. Until ASCA requires the use of fencing I believe that it is unsafe to allow toys in the ring.

Conformation Committee

CO.18.03 Changes to Conformation Rules Section 3.2 Sanctioning Application

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Boone

I move to accept the following motion from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion by Liz Gibson

Second by Gail Karamalegos

I, Liz Gibson make the following motion.

Current Wording:

3.2 Sanctioning Application

ASCA Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA and wish to hold a Conformation Dog Show, at which Championship points may be awarded, must make application to ASCA on the form provided for permission to hold such show. The Sanctioning form shall list date, location, Show Secretary/Chairman's' name, address and phone number, all classes offered, judges names and addresses and assignments, unless as otherwise provided in Sections 4.13 & 5.2.h.

Any ASCA Affiliated Club requesting ASCA sanctioning for any event(s) shall, when making application for said event(s), include any applicable county, state, country or any other bylaws, rules of conduct or associated restrictions regarding dogs, their exhibition and the holding of said event(s) and shall include a list of such rules, bylaws or restrictions in the premium list. Such rules, restrictions, bylaws etc. shall be printed in English and the language of the country where said event(s) will be held, listing all pertinent information. This application must be submitted and postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the event. A sanction fee, as determined by the board, per trial shall be submitted with the application.

All entries shall close prior to the judging of the first class.

Pre-entry deadlines must be determined and set by "postmark date" of mailing.

All Affiliate clubs must send a show flyer to the ASCA Business Office along with the sanctioning forms.

Show Premium/Flyer Required Information:

- Name of affiliate club hosting the event.
- Sanctioning status (pending or approved).
- A statement that the trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA.
- Date and Location of show(s) including physical address.

- Number of conformation shows and other events.
- Pre-Entry opening and closing times.
- Show/trial secretary and show/trial chairperson's name and contact information. Other trial officials may also be listed.
- Judges names, accompanied by their affiliation, including their judge's assignments.
- A listing of all classes offered for each day.
- Judging start times and order of classes.
- Fee amounts for pre-entry and day of show entries for classes offered (Non-regular, regular, junior showmanship and additional classes).
- A statement that no entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Conformation program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ASCA.
- A description of prizes and awards.
- Description of the show/trial's setting (indoor/out, electric or none, etc.) and the ring surfacing (grass, grass/dirt, sand, matting over concrete, carpet, sod, shavings, etc.).
- Time the entrance or show grounds will be open.
- Late or early arrival contact information (list a contact number and person).
- Local veterinarians for emergency contact.
- Rules of the club (including waivers to be signed).
- Listing of any applicable local laws or show site regulations pertaining to the exhibition of dogs. (including waivers to be signed).
- Grooming area information (Electricity, tent, inside/outside, etc.).
- Local hotel(s) and pet accommodation information.
- RV hook up amenities and availability (RV Park Guide) (if applicable).
- Food Vendor information.
- Show photographer information (if applicable).

The most current ASCA approved entry form must be included, or a link to the entry forms on the ASCA Website should be included.

Proposed Wording:

3.2 Sanctioning Application

ASCA Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA and wish to hold a Conformation Dog Show, at which Championship points may be awarded, must make application to ASCA on the form provided for permission to hold such show. The Sanctioning form shall list date, location, Show Secretary/Chairman's' name, address and phone number, all classes offered, judges names and addresses and assignments, unless as otherwise provided in Sections 4.13 & 5.2.h.

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All entries shall close prior to the judging of the first class.

All Affiliate clubs must send a show flyer to the ASCA Business Office along with the sanctioning forms.

Show Premium/Flyer Required Information:

- Name of affiliate club hosting the event.
- Sanctioning status (pending or approved).
- A statement that the trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA.
- Date and Location of show(s) including physical address.
- Number of conformation shows and other events.
- Day of show and/or on-site entry times and date (if applicable)
- Postmark dates for opening and/or closing of pre-entries. (if applicable)
- Show/trial secretary and show/trial chairperson's name and contact information. Other trial officials may also be listed.
- Judges names, accompanied by their affiliation, including their judge's assignments.
- A listing of all classes offered for each day.
- Judging start times and order of classes.
- Fee amounts for pre-entry and day of show entries for classes offered (Non-regular, regular, junior showmanship and additional classes).
- A statement that no entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Conformation program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ASCA.
- A description of prizes and awards.
- Description of the show/trial's setting (indoor/out, electric or none, etc.) and the ring surfacing (grass, grass/dirt, sand, matting over concrete, carpet, sod, shavings, etc.).
- Time the entrance or show grounds will be open.
- Late or early arrival contact information (list a contact number and person, if applicable).
- Local veterinarians for emergency contact.
- Rules of the club (including waivers to be signed, if applicable).

- Listing of any applicable local laws or show site regulations pertaining to the exhibition of dogs. (including waivers to be signed, if applicable).
- Grooming area information (Electricity, tent, inside/outside, etc.).
- Local hotel(s) and pet accommodation information.
- RV hook up amenities and availability (RV Park Guide) (if applicable).
- Food Vendor information.
- Show photographer information (if applicable).

The most current ASCA approved entry form must be included, or a link to the entry forms on the ASCA Website should be included.

Comments/Rationale: This is to update the required premium/flyer information to be on all conformation show flyers.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 1

Non-Voting: 2

Dissent from Mary Hellmeister: This is too confusing for the affiliate clubs and for me too.

Day of Show and/or on site entry times and date (if applicable) - The clubs want to attract entries on a day of show level so they will automatically give these data on the flyer.

Everything else wouldn't make any sense.

Postmark dates for opening and/or closing of pre-entries (if applicable) - Are required already per section 3.2. Nothing applicable about it.

Late or early arrival contact information (list a contact number and person if applicable) - Clubs will automatically put this info in their flyers for courtesy reasons. Unless there is no late contact...

Rules of club (including waivers to be signed, if applicable) - Again, if the club has its own rules (ie: no smoking, all dogs on leash) they will put it in there, unless there are no rules...

Listing of any applicable local laws or show site regulations pertaining to the exhibition of dogs. (including waivers to be signed, if applicable) - If there are local rules, clubs will be forced to put them on there or they are liable if something goes wrong. Why would a club put itself into that position?

Rally Committee

RA.18.07 Changes to Rally Rules Section 15.2.3 Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

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

Committee Recommendation:

Motion by Corinne Shanks

Second by Karen Black

I move to add the paragraph to the Judge Application Process to allow the Rally Committee to require additional apprentice runs if the discrepancy rate is 10% or greater.

Apprentice judges must complete a minimum of 50 runs. The Rally Committee Chair shall review the comparison of the apprentice judge scores and the trial judge scores. If a 10% or greater error rate is noted for scores differing by 3 points or greater, the Chair may request additional apprentice runs, with greater explanation of the differences. The current rules simply require 50 runs, with no ramifications should the scores differ greatly or there be a significant number of differences.

The error rate of 10% was set because the Apprentice is outside of the ring, thus not always able to see the full execution of an exercise. There will be unavoidable discrepancies in scores.

The need for this rule change was highlighted by an Apprentice with a 25% discrepancy of 3 points or greater, with 11% of those discrepancies involving 10 or more points (9 out of 81 runs).

This motion is needed so that the Rally Chair, or designee, can provide assistance to the apprentice judge. The objective is better assure consistent scoring between judges.

Current Wording:

15.2.3 Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures

- a. The Apprentice must complete minimum of two apprentice assignments under at least two different ASCA approved Rally Judges.
- b. The applicant should contact the judge and the affiliate club for approval prior to the trial.

- c. The Apprentice must judge a minimum of 50 runs and must judge runs from all four levels of ASCA Rally.
- d. The Apprentice will observe from the most advantageous position(s) ringside and score each dog as if they were the Judge. The Apprentice shall score each dog independently from the Judge and without interference from spectators or competitors.
- e. After judging is completed, the official Judge and the Apprentice will confer and review their scores, discussing how each arrived at their score. This time should be positive and educational, giving the Apprentice confidence and knowledge to further their judging experience.
- f. The Official Judge shall complete the Rally Apprentice Judge Evaluation (available from the Business Office) at the conclusion of the apprenticing assignment and return the form to the ASCA Business Office.
- g. The Judge applicant must complete and return the Apprentice Judge Comparison Report (available from the Business Office) and their score sheets within 15 days of the trial to receive credit for the apprenticing assignment.
- h. Apprenticing shall not take place during the Rally Finals or National Specialty.

Proposed Wording:

15.2.3 Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures

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- g. The Judge applicant must complete and return the Apprentice Judge Comparison Report (available from the Business Office) and their score sheets within 15 days of the trial to receive credit for the apprenticing assignment.

- h. Rally Apprentice Judge Comparison Worksheets shall be reviewed by a designated member of the Rally Committee or the Chair. Differences in scores of 3 or more points will be evaluated, with an emphasis on 10 points or greater. Should the percentage of differences be 10% or greater, the committee may require additional apprentice runs with closer monitoring of scores and evaluation of the differences.
- i. Apprenticing shall not take place during the Rally Finals or National Specialty.

Affected: Judge Applicant, who may need to travel to additional trials to complete their apprentice runs.

Rally Competitors who will experience more consistency in scoring.

This motion affects only the Rally Committee Chair, or designee. The Business Office will continue their current processes.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 10

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 3

Comment from Leah Swatko: Judge shadowing is a good learning experience for both the judge the apprentice. Many times trials are busy but having a face to face conversation with the Apprentice can help them to become a better and more accurate judge. This is the last chance to catch misinformation regarding aspects of judging rally.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Australian Shepherd Club of America ("ASCA"), was held on Thursday, December 13, 2018, via online meeting service, GoToMeeting.

Directors Present:

President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Judy Boone, Director Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest

Also Present:

Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Call to Order

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm (CDT) and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Executive Session

The Board was in Executive Session from 6:02 pm - 6:50 pm to discuss the below items.

November Treasurer's Report

The Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Report for period ending November 30, 2018, as presented by Treasurer Roberts. Ending balance is \$162,877.95.

Registry Complaint

The Board voted to suspend a member's registry privileges pending investigation into an alleged registry violation.

Discussion Regarding Attorney Search

The Board continued discussion of hiring new legal counsel.

Open Session

The Board was in Open Session from 6:50 pm - 7:05 pm to discuss the below items. A recording of this part of the meeting may be listened to on ASCA's Website (<https://www.asca.org/home/news/bod-meetings-audio>) and ASCA's YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC490D1qEJtV7oiDp6KOHEvA>).

Ratification of November Email Business

The Board voted to ratify all business conducted over email in November.

BD.18.180 Ratify November Email Business

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Gray

I move to ratify all business conducted over email in November.

System Liaison's Report

Board System Liaison Vest reported on the ongoing status of the ASCA computer system upgrade. A timeline of the project's progress so far was posted to ASCAMembers on December 10. The System Upgrade Committee is currently reviewing bids and will have a recommendation for the Board soon.

2019 National Specialty Premium

The Board has reviewed the premium for the 2019 ASCA National Specialty, hosted by Central Valley ASC in Bakersfield, CA. Remaining edits can be made before the camera-ready copy is due to the Executive Secretary on March 1, 2019.

BD.18.181 2019 National Specialty Premium

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: Creelman; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Gann

Second by Vest

I move to approve the 2019 ASCA National Specialty Premium.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm (CDT).

Respectfully submitted,

Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary