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Executive Secretary's Report

March 2019

Announcements

New Judges

Agility Judge - **Harold Baska** (Georgia)

Provisional Rally Judge - **Mary Swindell** (Texas)

Senior Rally Judge - **Jayne Lips** (Pennsylvania)

Novice Obedience Judge - **Beth Anglemyer** (Michigan)

Utility Obedience Judge - **Anne Shope** (New Mexico)

Utility Obedience Judge - **Betsy Coleman** (Utah)

Provisional Breeder Judge - **Julie Ostberg** (Wisconsin)

Provisional Breeder Judge - **Allison Bryant** (Georgia)

Senior Breeder Judge - **Laura Gibson** (Texas)

New Committee Members

Rally Committee - **Anne Shope** (Region 5)

Board of Directors Email Motions

BD.19.31 Clarification of Conformation Rules 1.1 Continuous Membership

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Busquets

I move the following highlighted changes be made to the Conformation Program Rules under Non-Regular Breeder Judge requirements.

Current Wording:

1.1 Non-Regular Breeder Judge Requirements

Before applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

- a. Must be a full adult member of ASCA in good standing for a minimum of eight (8) years.
- b. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age and must be a member of the sponsoring affiliate club for a minimum of two (2) years before applying to become a non-regular judge.

Proposed Wording:

1.1 Non-Regular Breeder Judge Requirements

Before applying for Non-Regular ASCA Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

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- b. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age and must be a member of the sponsoring affiliate club for a minimum of two (2) continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years immediately preceding their application to become an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

Comments/Rationale: This language change clarifying the requirement of length of Membership has been changed in all of ASCA's governing documents except for the By Laws, Director's requirements and the Conformation Rulebook. This motion will finish the process of having consistent language to explain, length of membership.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.19.32 Change to Policy Book 9.3 LEP Committee

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Comment from Busquets: I'm agreeing to this change, but I would also like to change the term from 2 years to a longer term or indefinite as the member would like. This committee does not work like the other committees, changes no rules, and providing them with a liaison is just a way for the LEP committee for them to communicate any problems that may arise to the Board.

Motion by Roberts

Second by King

I move to approve the below motion.

Current Wording:

9.3 LEP Committee

The purpose of this committee is to view all applications for LEP Registration and to determine eligibility.

Requirements: Three Committee members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for two year terms. Committee members may reapply for membership. Members must have at least ten years continuous ASCA membership and involvement in breeding and competing in ASCA programs. At

least one committee member will have trained and/or competed with Australian Shepherds in stockdog trials. At least one committee member will be an ASCA Breeder Judge.

Procedure: The Business Office will receive all applications and review them to ensure completion and contain all necessary information and fee. Applications, required photos, and a copy of the ASCA Breed Standard and Annotations will be e-mailed or mailed to each of the committee members. Members will have five days, exclusive of weekends or holidays, to respond to the Business Office with an approval or disapproval. Disapproval will be accompanied by a brief explanation.

If there is disagreement among the three members as to approval, the comments of the disapproving member(s) will be forwarded to the approving member(s) with an additional five days, exclusive of weekends or holidays, to respond. A majority decision will stand. The Business Office shall include a copy of the Breed Standard and Annotations with all LEP applications. Any member who feels additional photos are necessary will notify the Business Office which will request the additional photos. While awaiting the requested photos, the application will be placed on hold. The Committee may require the dog be viewed in person, if warranted.

Directions to committee members: All applications and decisions are strictly confidential. Only dogs who appear to be purebred Australian Shepherds will be accepted into the LEP Registry under the following guidelines. Dogs are to be judged as to whether or not they exhibit traits typical of the breed. Faults of structure do not disqualify a dog from being considered for the LEP program. The ASCA Breed Standard should be the guide. MOST IMPORTANT ARE THE QUESTIONS, "DOES THIS DOG LOOK LIKE A PUREBRED AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD?" and "DOES THIS DOG EXHIBIT CHARACTERISTICS MORE TYPICAL OF ANOTHER BREED?" LEP registered dogs may compete in all ASCA programs except conformation and thus represent the ASCA Australian Shepherd in the public eye. No LEP dogs are allowed to participate in Stockdog Finals after 2012 (see Stockdog Finals Rules).

Proposed Wording:

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The First Vice President will be the Board Liaison to this committee.

9.3.1 Requirements

Three Committee members shall be appointed, at the Spring Meeting, by the Board of Directors for two-year terms. Committee members may reapply for membership. Members must have at least ten years continuous ASCA membership, without a lapse, and involvement in breeding and competing in ASCA programs. At least one committee member will have trained and/or competed with Australian Shepherds in stockdog trials. At least one committee member will be an ASCA Breeder Judge.

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Comments/Rationale: Cleaning up the language - deleting things that aren't done, added a time for appointments, and added a liaison.

Affected: LEP Committee members.

Effective Date: When approved by the Board.

Committee Recommendations

Conformation Committee

CO.19.01 Change to Conformation Rules - Move Chapter 3 to Chapter 8

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Boone

I move to accept this motion by the Conformation committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 2019-1 Move Chapter 3 to Chapter 8

We have a motion by Liz with a second by Joyce.

I, Liz Gibson, make the following motion.

Current Wording:

Chapter 3

3.5 Show Coordinator

The Show Coordinator must be an ASCA member in good standing and appointed by the Affiliate Club hosting a show. The Show Coordinator will be responsible for filing show/trial request forms for show sanctioning along with appropriate fees in a timely manner. The Show Coordinator is also responsible for filing all show/trial reports with appropriate fees to ASCA after the show in a timely manner. (See Chapter 13).

3.6 Show Secretary

A show secretary / chairman must be a Full ASCA member in good standing. Any person acting in the capacity of Conformation Show Secretary or Steward, shall not act as an agent or handler at the show. Dogs owned wholly or in part by the Show Secretary or Ring Steward may be exhibited at the show but must be handled by someone other than the Show Secretary or Ring Steward. Stewards can show as provided in 3.6.3.4 of these Rules. (Effective June 2018)

3.6.1 Show Chair

The Show Chair is defined as the overall Chair of an Affiliate Sanctioned Show that can be made up of a single Conformation Show or any combination of program events that can be individually sanctioned and managed by Show or Trial Secretaries under the supervision of the Show Chair.

A Show Chair must be a full ASCA Member in good standing.

If an Affiliate wishes to use the title of Show Chair in place of Conformation Show Secretary, they may. In this case, the Show Chair will be acting in the capacity of a Conformation Show Secretary and shall comply with the duties and restrictions assigned to the Conformation Show Secretary. (Effective June 2018)

3.6.2 Conformation Show Secretary

The Conformation Show Secretary is authorized with the sole responsibility to fulfill the following duties as defined.

A Conformation Show Secretary must be a full ASCA Member in good standing. The Conformation Show Secretary must be on the Show Grounds for the entire show.

The Conformation Show Secretary may request any fellow Affiliate Member to assist him/her in the discharge of the following duties as defined. (Assisting shall mean working together with the Show Secretary, not replacing.)

- Completing Conformation Show sanction application and Show Flyer and submitting it to the Affiliate Show Coordinator for submission to the ASCA Business Office.
- Verbal or written discussion between the Host Affiliate and Judge relating to the hiring, contracting, planning for Judge's travel and stay. (Assisting the Conformation Show Secretary without entering into verbal or written discussion with the judge in making travel, motel or other arrangements pertinent to getting the judge to the assignment and caring for the judge while he/she is conducting the Affiliate's business is allowed if the Show Secretary is the sole contact exchanging information with the Judge on behalf of the Affiliate.)
- Taking entries.
- Completing all paperwork, Judges Books, etc. with submission to the Affiliate Show Coordinator for submission to the ASCA Business Office. While the Show Secretary is responsible for completing the Judges Evaluation Form, the opinions of Exhibitors and Club Members may be included. (Effective June 2018)

3.6.3 Stewards

A Steward is not required to be an ASCA Member as he/she is supervised by the Conformation Show Secretary. (Effective June 2018)

3.6.3.1 Qualifications

No person shall be asked to serve as a steward whose judging privileges have been revoked. Persons should be selected who are familiar with ring procedure, and the ASCA Conformation Rules and Regulations. It should be borne in mind that a good steward makes the work of judging easier by relieving the judge of necessary detail; by assembling classes promptly, he will be able to keep the judging program on schedule and eliminate to a large extent delays between classes. The Club should use its discretion in the assigning of more than one steward to a ring, but it is advisable that two stewards be asked to serve in those rings where judges have heavy assignments. Stewards will notify the judge when all the dogs are in the ring for each class and call his attention to known absentees. Under no circumstances will a steward make any notation in the judge's book or erase or strike out any notation made by the judge. Stewards will be responsible for returning to the Show Secretary upon the completion of the judging all prize money, trophies and ribbons not awarded. Stewards must have in mind that they have been selected to help the Judge and not to advise him. (Effective June 2018)

3.6.3.2 Non-Interference

Stewards shall not discuss the dogs or the Exhibitors with the Judge.

Stewards shall not show or give the catalogue to a Judge.

Stewards shall not take part in any judging.

When Stewards are not actively engaged in their duties, they must place themselves outside the ring at the gate so as not to interfere with the view of those watching the judging, and must not permit persons to crowd about the ring entrance and interfere with access to the ring. (Effective June 2018)

3.6.3.3 Posting of Results

The Steward shall post the goldenrod copy/copies of the judge's book after the judge has marked awards, placements, excused/disqualified dogs, entry counts, date(s) and signature.

This rule allows the Host Affiliate to choose between the following two choices. Each Judges Book page may be posted when finished as described above, (e.g., Juniors, Non-Regular, Regular Dogs, Regular Bitches, Altered Dogs, Altered Bitches, Best of Breed.) or the entire Judges Book can wait to be posted until Judging of all classes is completed.

The goldenrod copies of the judge's books shall be posted in a conspicuous location away from the judges table for exhibitors to review. (Effective June 2018)

3.6.3.4 National Specialty

Ring Stewards for National Specialty can exhibit, act as an agent or handler at the show if they do not compete under the judge they steward under. (Effective June 2018)

Proposed Wording:

ADD TO CHAPTER 8

Remove the section from Chapter 3 above and renumber into Chapter 8.

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Comments/Rationale: To bring the actual job descriptions into the proper place in the rulebook.

Effective Date: Upon BOD approval.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 8; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 4

Junior Committee

JR.19.01 Add Breed Standard to Junior Rule Book

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Creelman

I move to approve the below recommendation from the Junior Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion made by Andrea Bair, seconded by Bayley Williams.

Backstory - At Nationals during the junior seminar it was brought up by the juniors that it would be nice if the ASCA Breed Standard was included in our rule book...to which most of us were surprised as we thought it already was. Susan grabbed a rule book and checked and sure enough - it isn't there. I see no reason why it shouldn't be there so we told the juniors that we would work on this...so here goes. Since this isn't a rule change or addition I am not really sure what the format is for this one so I am going to wing it.

I, Andrea Bair, make a motion for the ASCA Breed Standard to be added to the ASCA Junior Rules and Regulations book.

It should be placed after the Junior Judge Guidelines but before Australian Shepherd Skeleton diagram. The diagrams are there for the same purpose so this should be in the same section.

Effective Date: This motion is to be effective as of the next printing of the rule books.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 7; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 2; Non-Voting: 0

Rally Committee

RA.19.02 Add to Rally Rules - 16.1.8 Rule Infraction Pre-Trial Course Review

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the rally committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: Rule Infraction Pre-Trial Course Review

Motion by Corinne Shanks

Second by Karen Black

Motion Statement: I move to add 16.1.8 Rule Infraction Pre-Trial Review to the Rally Rules and Regulations.

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

16.1.8 Rule Infraction Pre-Trial Course Review

Timely Submission of Courses for pre-trial review is critical to assuring all trial maps meet minimum standards detailed in the Rally Rules & Regulations.

- a. Judges on pre-trial review who fail to submit courses 30 days in advance of the trial date will be sent a warning of the infraction via email by the ASCA Rally Committee Chair. A second failure to submit courses 30 days in advance of a trial will be reported (with documentation included) to the ASCA Board of Directors for possible suspension of judging privileges.
- b. Judges who have submitted courses for pre-trial review who fail to make the required changes and submit for review prior to the trial will be reported (with documentation included) to the ASCA Board of Directors for possible suspension of judging privileges.
- c. All provisional and pre-trial status review judges will be advised of this rule when they are sent their judges letter, or when their status is changed to pre-trial review after submitting courses that do not meet standards.

Comments/Rationale: The current rules require courses be submitted for review 30 days prior to an upcoming judging assignment. While most judges submit courses well in advance, and some even have created courses to "bank" until their next assignment, some judges do not submit courses until they receive a reminder from the Rally Chair reminding them that courses are needed. Often multiple emails must be sent to get a response from the judge. The end result is often receiving courses a day or two in advance of a trial, which can create a problem if reviewers are not available.

The purpose of this motion is to place the burden of timely submission of courses on the judge, rather than the rally Chair, or others on the review committee to assure courses meet required standards for all trials.

This rule is patterned after the current Agility rule regarding failure to submit courses for pre-trial review.

Affected: New judges entering the program, who remain on pre-review status; all current pre-trial review status judges; and all judges whose status is changed to pre-trial review after submission of 2 courses that do not meet course standards.

The Business Office will need to add this rule to the letter sent to all new Rally Judges when their application is approved by the BOD.

If approved by the BOD, an email will be sent by the Rally Chair to all judges currently on pre-trial review.

Effective Date: On approval of the BOD.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 4

Scent Detection Committee

SC.19.01 Scent Detection Committee Mission Statement

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Creelman

I move to approve the below recommendation from the Scent Detection Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

To put a Mission Statement in effect for the new Scent Search program.

Sheigh C. has made a motion to adopt the following as our Mission Statement, seconded by Christine Reedy

The Scent Search Committee is dedicated to raising awareness around the fundamental role that scent plays with working stock dogs, highlighting the skills of problem-solving in any terrain or weather while showcasing independent working and thinking. A dog who uses its nose to do its job is a well-rounded and versatile working partner. This is also a sport in which veteran dogs/handlers or otherwise challenged handlers/dogs can compete and succeed.

Effective Date: When the program goes into effect.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 0

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019, 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, and Director Rachel Vest.

Also Present: Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Call to Order

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm CST 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 6:03 pm - 6:30 pm to discuss the below topics.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for period ending February 28, 2019, was approved by the Board, as presented by Treasurer Roberts. Ending balance is \$182,466.94.

Search for Legal Counsel

The Board heard an update from the subcommittee handling the search for new legal counsel (Boone, Gann, Silveira). The subcommittee hopes to present candidates for the Board's consideration at the Spring Meeting.

Open Session

The Board was in Open Session from 6:30 pm - 6:52 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>

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC490D1qEJtV7oiDp6KOHEvA>

Past Month's Email Business

Due to the requirements of Washington State Law, all legal business of ASCA must be conducted via face-to-face meetings or telephone conference call meetings. To meet this requirement and continue to conduct business via e-mail, each face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting includes a motion to ratify all business conducted via e-mail since the last face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting.

BD.19.34 February Email Business

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by King

Second by Gann

I move to approve all email business conducted by the Board in February 2019.

System Liaison's Report

Board System Liaison Vest reported on the ongoing status of the computer system upgrade.

Regarding the vendor for website maintenance: Inventive has provided a status update which shows their work is on track. Some of the bugs Inventive will need to fix fall under the "system upgrade" category but are necessary for website functionality. Remaining system upgrade work will get underway soon, after a vendor is chosen.

ASCA-Hosted Nationals Proposal

The Nationals Subcommittee (Creelman, Gann, Silveira, Vest, Laura Gibson) presented its proposal for Board discussion. They are seeking a final vote from the Board during the Spring Meeting. This

proposal will be shared with the membership before the Board votes. Please listen to the meeting audio to hear questions asked by Directors regarding the proposal.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary