



Established 1957

# AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA

6091 E State Hwy 21, Bryan, TX 77801

P: (979) 778-1082

F: (979) 778-1898

[www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org)

Office Contact: [manager@asca.org](mailto:manager@asca.org)

Board Contact: [asca.execsec@gmail.com](mailto:asca.execsec@gmail.com)

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019

### Announcements

#### New ASCA Judges / Judge Move-Ups

Regular Stockdog Judge - **Gail Winnick** (MI)

Junior Judge - **Maik Hagedorn** (Germany)

Non-Regular Breeder Judge - **Adrienne Tullier** (TX)

Provisional Breeder Judge - **Tammy Gaboury-Csicsila** (WA)

Provisional Breeder Judge - **Valerie Yarber** (VA)

Provisional Breeder Judge - **Lynda Peppel** (CA)

Obedience Judge (through Open) - **Karen Black** (TX)

Obedience Judge (through Open) - **Melissa Borde** (WI)

Obedience Judge (through Utility) - **Angela Averhart** (TX)

Obedience Judge (through Utility) - **Hazel Olbrich** (CA)

Nationals Rally Judge - **Lori Anglemyer** (MI)

#### From the ASCA Foundation

The Cee Hambo Scholarship was awarded to Mackenzie Mobley.

### Motions from the ASCA Board of Directors

#### BD.19.94 Add to Policy Book Section 11 DNA Fingerprinting

Approve: Unanimous; Motion is approved.

Motion by Busquets

Second by Gann

I move to add the following sections to Policy Book Section 11 DNA Fingerprinting.

#### Current Wording:

##### 11.3 DNA Liaison

The Office Manager will handle all communications with the ASCA DNA Laboratory.

#### Proposed Wording:

##### 11.3 DNA Liaison

a. The Office Manager will handle all communications with the ASCA DNA Laboratory.

b. The Office Manager shall prepare a quarterly report that includes status of the DNA database, statistics on samples processed, identification of minor problems, membership input received during that quarter, etc.

c. In the event of major problems such as but not limited to, lack of response by the DNA Lab, issues with the availability of materials needed for sample processing, major membership complaints, etc. the Office Manager shall immediately alert the Executive DNA Oversight Committee through the Business Office liaison, ASCA President.

#### 11.4 Oversight of ASCA's DNA Program

a. **Executive DNA Oversight Subcommittee** - The Board of Directors will create and maintain an Executive DNA Oversight Sub-Committee. The Executive DNA Oversight Sub-Committee shall consist of three directors: The liaison to the Business Office (ASCA President), the liaison to the DNA Committee, and one additional director.

b. **Duties of Executive DNA Oversight Sub-Committee** - The Sub-Committee shall examine the DNA quarterly report sent by ASCA's Business Office Manager and report to the Board of Directors any findings and/or anomalies identified by the Business Manager and/or the Committee.

Comments/Rationale: ASCA's DNA program is integral to ASCA's mission. The Board, in conjunction with the Business Office, needs to monitor sample processing and its relationship with the ASCA DNA Laboratory to protect the registry and ensure that any problems are solved in a timely and efficient manner.

Affected: Board of Directors and Office Manager.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

#### **BD.19.95 Add to Policy Book Section 5.3 Revision of Contracts (Revised)**

Approve: Unanimous; Motion is approved.

Motion by Busquets

Second by Vest

I move to add this section to the Policy Book:

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

5.3 Revision of Contracts

All contracts before the Board shall be revised reviewed by ASCA's Counsel prior to approval.

Comments/Rationale: Occasionally, ASCA has to enter into contractual agreements and, in order to protect ASCA's interests, these contracts should be revised by Counsel prior to approval.

Affected: ASCA's Counsel and Board of Directors.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

### **BD.19.96 Directives to DNA Committee**

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, King, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: Gray, Roberts; Abstain: Gann; Motion is approved.

*Dissent from Gray*: This motion only applies to semen stored in straws. Semen is also stored in pellets, why isn't that included as well as any other medium semen is stored in.

Motion by Vest

Second by Silveira

I motion to direct the DNA Committee to determine if there may be a way to "grandfather" the dogs that currently have VP status dogs into the replacement DNA lab. And further to define a method(s) by which Members can submit a DNA sample from a semen straw.

Comments/Rationale: For ASCA Members that may have only one straw of semen remaining ... a "one of" situation. It is incumbent upon the BOD to help define a method by which those Members can use the remainder of that sample to obtain a DNA certification for the dog.

To work with the replacement DNA provider to help alleviate the concern of Members who will lose the VP status of their dogs to determine if they could offer a reduced cost/free retest for a number of dogs.

To work with the replacement DNA provider during the transition from Therion to determine if it may be advisable to create a "grandfather" process for dogs with VP status.

Affected: Membership.

Effective Date: January 10, 2020.

### **BD.19.97 Hall of Fame Committee Mission Statement**

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: None; Abstain: Roberts; Motion is approved.

Motion by Vest

Second by Silveira

To request that the HOF Committee create a more descriptive Mission Statement for the Hall of Fame Committee page.

Comments/Rationale: The current statement on the Hall of Fame Committee page is not clear as to the function of the Hall of Fame Committee and how it supports ASCA.

Affected: Hall of Fame Committee.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

**BD.19.98 Hall of Fame Committee Name Correction (Revised)**

Approve: Unanimous; Motion is approved.

Motion by Vest

Second by Silveira

I move to direct the Webmaster to change the Special Recognition Rules page/header to Hall of Fame. Then the webmaster add a Hall of Fame Committee News Page.

Comments/Rationale: To better define the Hall of Fame Committee on the ASCA website by removing the Special Recognition header. A Special Program Award may be requested by a Program or from the ASCA Board.

Affected: Hall of Fame Committee.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

**BD.19.99 Change to Title of Policy Book Section 11 DNA Fingerprinting**

Approve: Unanimous; Motion is approved.

Motion by Busquets

Second by Vest

I move to change the title of Policy Book Section 11 DNA Fingerprinting.

Current Wording:

11 DNA Fingerprinting

Proposed Wording:

11 DNA Profiling

Comments/Rationale: The current terminology on the title of the section is outdated.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

## Committee Recommendations

### Stockdog Committee

#### **SD.19.16 Change to Stockdog Rules 15.1.1 Course G Arena**

Approve: Unanimous; Motion is approved.

Motion by Creelman

I move to accept the motion approved by the Stockdog Committee to correct the mistake in the rulebook on Daylighting on course G, obstacle 2.

#### Committee Recommendation:

Title: Clarifying the daylighting rules for Course G, Obstacle 2.

I make a motion to align the daylighting rule found in the Daylighting chapter of the Stockdog Rule Book, with the description for daylighting found in the course rules.

Motion by Dan Sanderson

Second by Jim McKay

#### Current Wording:

15 Chapter 15: Arena Trial Course G

15.1 Course G

15.1.1 Course G Arena

f. Obstacle 2: Consists of one panel, positioned 25' from and parallel to the back fence with a 10' foot opening between the left end of the panel and the left-hand side of the arena (See drawing for clarification). The stock must move through the entrance from the top end of the arena towards the re-pen end of the arena. When at least one head of stock passes through the panels, then no further course points can be counted. To receive course points, at least one head of livestock must pass the plane between the in-line panels. If the stock passes through the obstacle from the wrong direction, at least one head must be driven past the plane of the in-line panels so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. Only those head of stock that clear the daylight line will count for Course points. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

Ducks/Geese: the panel is placed 8' from and parallel to the back fence with a 6' opening between the left end of the panel and the left-hand side of the arena.

#### Proposed Wording:

15 Chapter 15: Arena Trial Course G

15.1 Course G

15.1.1 Course G Arena

f. Obstacle 2: This obstacle consists of a single panel, positioned at a 90-degree angle to the side fence. It is positioned 10' from the side fence and 25' from and parallel to the back fence (see drawing for clarification). This obstacle has a separate entrance and exit and requires the stock to clear both in the proper sequence to earn course points. If the stock enters the obstacle from the wrong direction, the daylighting rules found in the daylighting chapter will apply.

Comments/Rationale: This will eliminate a conflict that is currently found in the rule book between the Daylighting section (8.2.9.g.1) and the Course Description (15.1.1.f). The daylighting is written differently between these two chapters and sections. Because the position of the panel making up Obstacle 2 is similar to the position of the panel for Obstacle 2 in Course B and Obstacle 1 in Course A, this will help to eliminate confusion on the correct method for daylighting. This will make it easier for both the contestant and the Judge by making it the same as existing courses with similar obstacles. It will be recommended that, upon passing of this motion by both the committee and the Board, the change to the rule will be put out on Google Classroom to inform Judges and allow them to discuss it in the handler's meetings each time Course G is used.

Affected: This will effect both the contestant and the Judge while competing and judging.

Effective Date: June 1, 2020.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 10; Oppose: 2; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: 1

*Comment from Committee Member:* I have three objections to this motion: 1) The SDC chairperson violated the SDC's Standard Operating Procedure of posting motions to the Stockdog Exchange for comment. 2) The wording regarding the placement of the panel is inaccurate. A panel can only be placed 90 degrees to the side fence AND parallel to the back fence if the corner behind the panel is at a perfect right angle. In my experience most arenas are not perfect so this wording causes a conflict within the motion. 3) This motion removes the description of the entrance and exit of the obstacle from the description of the course and refers readers to another section of the rulebook to get that information. It lengthens and complicates the rulebook for no good reason. In fact I believe the most intuitive place to find the description of an obstacle would be in the description of the course that has that obstacle.

## **Minutes of the ASCA Board of Directors' Teleconference Meeting**

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on Thursday, September 12, 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 Denise Creelman, Director Linda Gray, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest, Director-elect Pete Dolan, Director-elect Jan Wesen

Also Present: Counsel Charles Carnese, Counsel David Schleicher, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

Directors Absent: None

### **Call to Order**

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 - 8:19 pm to discuss the below topics.

#### **Negotiations with Therion**

ASCA's President, along with Counsel, will take part in a teleconference meeting with representatives from Therion on Friday, September 20.

- Mr. Carnese and Mr. Schleicher left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

#### **Multi-Sire Litters**

The Board discussed options for parentage verification of litters with more than one sire.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for period ending August 31, 2019, was presented to the Board by Treasurer Roberts. Ending balance is \$180,820.48.

#### **Requests for Conflict Resolution**

Cascade Australian Shepherd Club was fined \$100 and are required to hold educational event at their next club meeting regarding ASCA's Conflict Resolution Protocol.

#### **Excused Dog**

The Board voted to uphold an Affiliate's decision to excuse a dog.

#### **2021 Nationals Committee & Chairperson**

The Board appointed the following members to serve as the 2021 ASCA National Specialty Committee:

Nationals Chairperson – Laura Gibson  
Nationals Co-Chair – Cathy Kenny  
Finals Stockdog Course Director – Larry Teaff  
Nationals Course Director – Ray Fryar  
Nationals and Finals Agility Secretary – Pam Smith  
Nationals and Finals Conformation Secretary – Gail Karamalegos  
Nationals and Finals Obedience Secretary – Ann McCabe  
Nationals and Finals Rally Secretary – Corinne Shanks  
Nationals and Finals Juniors Secretary - Heidi Mobley  
Tracking Secretary – Jacqueline Tinker  
MVA/MVJ Secretary – Renee Watson  
Dock Jumping Chairperson – Scott Mobley  
Awards and Rosettes Chairperson – Susan Harris  
Sponsorship Chairperson – Heidi Mobley  
Vendors Chairperson – Kim Eden  
Hotels and Travel Chairperson – Nancy McKee  
Banquets/Receptions/Nightly Dinners Chairperson – Danielle  
McJunkins & Lacey Kafer

Merchandise Chairpersons – Carol Harvey & Karen Dahle  
RV/Camping/Golf Carts Chairperson – Tom & Donna Armstrong  
Grooming Spaces/Stalls Chairperson – Michael McGuire  
Hospitality Chairperson – Cherilynn Clark  
Parades Chairperson – Renee Lacey-Carantza  
Decorations Chairperson – Michelle Catlin  
Signage Chairperson – Laura Gibson  
Bookkeeper – Susan Byrne  
Website, Facebook Chairperson – Cameron Leopold  
Slideshows Chairperson – Lesli Hill  
Catalog Chairperson – Cathy Kenny  
Education/Seminars/Health Clinics Chairperson – Leslie  
Creelman Sosa  
Nationals Office Manager – Mari Jo Sharer  
Welcome Bags/Juniors Bags – Kat Fryar  
Judges Gifts – Laura Gibson  
ASHGI Raffle/Auction Chairperson – Suzette Pendo  
Local Liaison – Susan Byrne

## **Registration Dispute**

A registration dispute was handled without action from the Board.

## **Registration Request**

The Board discussed a registration request from a member.

## **Open Session**

The Board was in Open Session from 8:19 pm - 8:45 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/UC490D1qEJtV7oiDp6KOEVA>

## **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.19.104 August Email Business**

Approve: Unanimous; Motion is approved.

Motion by King

Second by Creelman

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

## **System Liaison's Report**

Board System Liaison Vest reported on the ongoing status of the computer system upgrade. Last week, Inventive continued to work on updating ADMS to work on the latest version of Windows. They expect to finish this week.



### **Stock Issues for 2020 Nationals**

Director Vest took time to provide detail to the Board regarding issues with building stock arenas and securing stock for the 2020 National Specialty. She reminded that there is more to hosting Nationals than simply the suitability of the location/site. She stated that the requirement that 150 head of stock be used for Stockdog Finals is beyond what most stock providers have available in the weight and type ASCA needs. Several Directors thought that these requirements should be revisited by the Stockdog Committee.

### **West Coast Site for 2023 Nationals**

Last month, the Board voted to discontinue planned use of the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond, Oregon for the 2023 National Specialty. Director Creelman believes the Nationals should be held in Bakersfield, California, instead and shared her reasoning. The Board will discuss during their upcoming meetings at the 2019 Nationals.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary