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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2020

Announcements

New ASCA Judges / Judge Move-Ups

Provisional Rally Judge **Sarah-Jane Petti** (Canada)

From the ASCA Foundation

A \$500 grant was awarded to Aussie Rescue and Placement Helpline for their work with Australian Shepherds.

Motions from the ASCA Board of Directors

Committee Recommendations

Agility Committee

AG.20.01 Selection Criteria for Choosing ASCA Nationals Judges

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **approved** unanimously.

Motion by Liaison Wesen

I move to accept this motion from the Agility Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Selection criteria for choosing ASCA Nationals Judges

Motion made by: Jan Niblock

Seconded by: Andrea Hoffmann

I move to approve this motion to include a section that gives criteria to the ASCA Nationals Committee for the selection of judges for the Nationals.

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

13.2 Selection of Nationals Judges

Once the Nationals location & dates have been determined, the Business Office will send a letter to all judges to determine who is available and wishes to judge.

13.2.1 Drawing for Selection

The Board of Directors or its assignee will choose from all judges who satisfy the requirements listed in Section 13.2.2 and affirm their availability to judge the ASCA Agility Nationals.

13.2.2 Requirements for Selection of Nationals Judges

The judges for the ASCA Agility Nationals will be selected from all ASCA Agility Judges who return the questionnaire to the Business Office in the correct timeframe and indicate they are available to judge. Agility judges will be considered if they:

- a. have judged or accepted three (3) judging assignments (European judges must have judged or accepted two (2) assignments) in the calendar year prior to the Nationals. For example, for the 2021 Nationals, the 12 months is January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020
- b. do not have pending or previous disciplinary action within the last year
- c. did not judge Agility Finals or Nationals the previous year
- d. have been actively participating in ASCA agility trials as an exhibitor for at least 12 trial days over the last 3 years
- e. have competed in ASCA Agility trials as an exhibitor at the Elite level.

13.2.2 Exceptions:

It is possible that none of the available judges will meet all the requirements listed. The candidates with the greatest number of listed requirements will be recommended to the Nationals Committee.

Comments/Rationale: To date, there has not been criteria to select judges for the Nationals, there is only criteria for Finals. Previously the judges for Nationals were selected by the Host Clubs. Now that there is an ASCA Nationals Committee, a process for selection needs to be in place. These criteria are based on how the Finals judge is selected but since there are more judges needed for Nationals, the criteria have been adapted to accommodate that fact. The ASCA Office has looked at the motion, made a few changes to wording which was done and they are okay with how the motion was written.

Affected: All eligible ASCA agility judges who want to judge ASCA Agility at ASCA Nationals. The Business Office will send out letters to all agility judges on the active list to inquire if they wish to judge Nationals.

Effective Date: On approval of the Board of Directors for the 2021 and future Nationals.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 7

Disapprove: 2

Abstain: 1

Non-Voting: 1

Dissent from Committee Member Christine Carlson: I disagree with the different requirements for European judges. If there are enough trials for European dogs to qualify for ASCA Agility Finals and the Agility Merit list then there should be enough trials for a European judge to judge three trials in a twelve month time frame if they want to be considered to judge ASCA Nationals in a particular year.

Conformation Committee

CO.20.02 Change to Conformation Rules - Division of Areas

Approve: Boone

Disapprove: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **not** approved (1-7).

Comment from Busquets: If a change is to be made to the areas, I think that the number of available senior breeder judges needs to be included in the equation.

Comment from Creelman: This is too uneven between the areas in the number of judges available to apply.

Comment from Roberts: I found Mary Hellmeister's argument persuasive. I can't see where changing the areas makes the division of judges more equitable.

Comment from Vest: I could not support due to the response from members. The change in the numbers of Judges per area highlights the need for additional discussion before this proposal would be a better choice than the current method of selecting Conf Finals Judges.

Comment from Wesen: Nice idea but it didn't help to even out the numbers in the state regions.

Motion by Liaison Boone

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

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 2019-11 (B) Change to Chapter 15.5 Subsection 5

We have a motion by Peter with a second by Debbie.

I, Peter Kontos, make the following motion to change the way the division of the 3 Areas - West, Central and East are currently divided. It will now be divided by States to give an accurate Area division for Final Judge's Draw.

As it reads currently: 15.5 (5)

5. The areas consist of the following; West area; regions 1 and 2. Central area; regions 3 and 4. Eastern area; regions 5, 6 and 7.

To Read as follows. 15.5 (5)

5. Division of each Area

West area: HI, AK, WA, OR, CA, MT, ID, NV, WY, AZ, UT, NM, CO, Canadian Region 3

Central area: ND, SD, NE, KS, OK, TX, MN, IA, MO, AR, LA, WI, IL, MS, MI, IN, OH, KY, TN, AL

East area: ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL, Canadian Region 6, and all of Europe

Comments/Rationale: The Final Judges Selection are divided into Three (3) Areas - West, Central, and East. Those Areas are divided by the current Regions i.e. West - Regions 1 and 2. Central - Regions 3 and 4. East - Regions 5, 6, and 7. For instance Region 5 which includes New Mexico and is included in the Eastern Area. The new breakdown actually divides the Areas State by State and represents a true division of the three (3) Regions. This will allow the Finals Judge's draw to be accurate in the division of the three Areas - West, Central, and East.

Affected: Business Office.

Comment from Office Manager 1/9: Okay, if it is only in reference to Conf. Judge draw, this is fine.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval, so it can be used for the draw for the 2021 Finals.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 7

Disapprove: 3

Abstain: 1

Non-Voting: None

Dissent from Committee Member Mary Hellmeister. The new division of states makes little sense. The arbitrary rearranging of states to fit the definition of the desired areas does little to explain the reason behind the motion. In fact, the East area is reduced to just the states that border the Atlantic while the West area is extended into the middle of the country by adding WY, CO and NM to the mix. The numbers of SBJ provided speak for themselves and make clearer what I mean:

Current		Motion	
Region 1/2	59	West	69
Region 3/4	18	Central	28
Region 5/6/7	37	East	17

The number of judges in the West goes up by 10 judges while the number for the East area is reduced substantially by 20 judges. This cannot be the intention. As I stated before this is all mostly cosmetic and does nothing to improve the process.

I think this motion needs some more discussion and time to allow for more in depth research on the topic and come up with a plan that really improves the original intent and process overall.

While many people are dealing with fires/power outages etc. I don't see why this motion had to be voted on before the National Specialty as there is still time until January.

CO.20.03 Change to Conformation Rules - Other Person Judges

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **approved** unanimously.

Motion by Liaison Boone

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

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 2020-1 Section 2 OP judge change

Motion by - Liz

Second by - Gail

I, Liz Gibson, move to approve the following motion:

Current Wording:

Section 2

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING AN ASCA APPROVED OTHER PERSON CONFORMATION JUDGE:

Within the ASCA Approved Other Person Conformation Judge Program, there are two (2) levels of expertise, which are as follows:

1. **NON-REGULAR:** Allowed to judge only Non-Regular classes at ASCA sanctioned conformation shows. May not judge at a National Specialty.
2. **APPROVED:** Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular classes at ASCA sanctioned conformation shows. May not judge at a National Specialty and/or pre-shows.

Judging at an ASCA Sanctioned Conformation show is an honor and a privilege, not a right. Judge applicants must satisfy ASCA's stated minimum eligibility requirements for judges but satisfying the minimum requirements does not entitle an applicant to become or remain an ASCA OP judge. In addition to satisfying other stated qualifications to serve, an applicant must consistently display the highest level of ethical conduct, impartial demeanor, professional comportment and dedication to upholding ASCA's codes, rules, decisions and the Statement of Purpose in ASCA's Bylaws. Any

documented failure to perform on this level may result in denial or revocation of judging privileges by the ASCA Board of Directors without regard to any other qualification or prior service.

At all levels of the ASCA Other Person Conformation Judge program it is the responsibility of the applicant to maintain their records and to submit applications for increased levels of approval at the appropriate time. The requirements stated are minimum requirements only and may be exceeded by the applicant if so desired.

2.1 Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge Requirements

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

- a. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age.
- b. Must have bred five (5) Champions of Record or be a breeder of three (3) and handled two (2) Champions of Record to their title. (The applicant must have placed all points and majors on each Champion.)
- c. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Australian Shepherd Breed Standard.
- d. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.
- e. Must have evidence of a strong background and involvement in pure breeds, such as membership and participation in Breed clubs, and putting on Breed events such as serving as Show Secretary, Steward, Scorekeeper, Timekeeping, etc.
- f. Must have served as a steward in the conformation ring at five (5) or more Breed club events. Must have served as a Show Secretary at three (3) or more Breed club events.
- g. Must be willing to abide by the ASCA Conformation Judges Code of Ethics.

THESE ARE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING AND EACH APPLICANT WILL BE EVALUATED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS BEFORE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM. APPLICANT MAY EXCEED THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR BENEFIT.

2.1.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge:

- a. Obtain an application and Affiliate sponsorship form from the ASCA Business Office.
- b. Both the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office by the sponsoring Affiliate Club.
- c. Upon receipt of the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form, the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.
- d. When the Office determines the minimum requirements have been met, they will send the applicant a judge's test. This test must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office within two (2) months. A score of 100% is required to pass.
- e. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times for comments from the membership. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application, sponsorship form, judges' test results

and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.

- f. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the non-regular level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.
- g. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Non-Regular Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge. The applicant may now accept non-regular level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as an Other Person Conformation Judge with the notation of "NOP" beside their name.

2.2 Approved Other Person Conformation Judge Requirements

Before applying for Approved Other Person Conformation Judge Status the following requirements must be met:

- a. Must be an ASCA Non-Regular Other person Conformation Judge.
- b. Must have judged non-regular classes at three (3) or more ASCA Sanctioned Conformation events (not handling classes) until a minimum of thirty (30) entries are accrued. At least one of these events must include and entry of ten (10) or more.

2.2.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Approved Other Person Conformation Program:

- a. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:
 - 1. A minimum of three (3) non regular judging assignments that meet the previously stated requirements.
 - 2. Documentation must include the Name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the show, the date the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.
 - 3. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicants may have been involved in since approval as a Non-Regular Other Person Conformation Judge.
- b. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

- c. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.
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- e. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Provisional Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Provisional Other Person Conformation Judge. The applicant may now accept provisional level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as an Other Person Conformation Judge with the notation of "OP" beside their name.

Proposed Wording:

Remove the OP Judge section from Appendix B 2 (all) and replace it with the following:

Appendix B Chapter 2

OTHER PERSON JUDGES

APPROVED: Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular classes at ASCA sanctioned conformation shows. May not judge at a National Specialty and/or pre/post-shows.

***** If five or more years have lapsed from the date of the judge's last ASCA conformation judging assignment, the judge is then required to re-take the judges' test to demonstrate current knowledge of the Breed Standard and ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations. A score of 100% is required to resume status as an ASCA OP Judge. No additional requirements will need to be met. A re-applying judge may take the test twice without penalty. Failure after the second attempt would result in a six-month waiting period. A failure after the third attempt would result in a denial of the judge's reinstatement. *****

Comments/Rationale: The OP Judge program was of great use when ASCA was working to get more conformation judges for our events. It is now outmoded and has not been used for at least 6 years. This information was provided by conversations with Misty in the business office. It will not affect current OP judges. The major change is to have the OP judge take a refresher test if they have not judged in 5 years. We currently do this if an ASCA Breeder Judge has not judged in 5 years.

Affected: This change will not affect current OP Judges. There will be no new OP judges. Current OP judges will have to take a refresher test if they have not judged in 5 years.

The business office already sends out judge tests, so no changes will be needed at the BO.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: 2

Junior Committee

JR.20.03 Change to Junior Rules - Junior Membership

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Boone, Larson

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **approved** (6-2).

Dissent from Boone: This notion does not make it clear that a Junior may still attend Finals when they have converted their Junior membership to Adult membership.

Dissent from Larson: While I understand and agree with the intent, I feel it needs to be spelled out better. Perhaps something like a Jr. that turns 18 after their final year of competition can apply for full membership and will still be allowed to compete in Jr handling finals for the year they qualified for. The current rules state that a Jr. MUST have a JR membership. Technically this would not allow them to compete in finals if they are a full member even if they turn 18 after the qualifying year.

Comment from Roberts: However competing in Junior Finals will need to be addressed. Once this Junior switches to a full membership, will they be able to compete as a Junior? How will the office track that? Full members will not show up on any of the canned reports for Junior merit and finals.

Motion by Liaison Creelman

I move to accept this motion as approved by the Junior Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion to Change Rule 1.5 and 1.6

Motion made by Andrea Bair, seconded by Shelby Shank.

I, Andrea Bair, move to approve the following motion to become effective June 1, 2020.

Current Wording:

1.5 ASCA Junior Program Year Defined

The ASCA Junior Program year runs from June 1st of each calendar year to May 31st of the following calendar year. For the purposes of the ASCA Junior Program, the age of the junior as of June 1st will be used until the following May 31st.

EXAMPLE: Junior's 13th birthday is September 15th, 2003. (In this instance, Junior was officially 12 as of the beginning of the ASCA Junior Program Year, on June 1st, 2003.)

A junior may not move up "to the next age division" before the end of the program year. If a junior does move up, even by accident, any points from that win will be forfeited.

A junior turning 8 years old may not move into the regular classes any earlier than the June 1st following their 8th birthday.

1.6 Membership

Any youth that is eight (8) years of age may become an ASCA Junior Member. There is no fee involved, but the junior must complete an ASCA Junior Membership Application form, (obtainable from the ASCA Business Office, in the Aussies Times, or at www.asca.org) and return it to the ASCA Business Office. All fees will be charged at "member rates" when transferring ownership, registering litters, etc. (The Junior Membership entitles the junior to all the regular membership privileges, except for voting and Aussie Times subscription.). If a Junior Member desires to have a subscription to the Aussie Times (A bi-monthly publication), they can do so by submitting the appropriate fee (listed on the ASCA Junior Membership application form) for this service. A special rate for the Aussie Times is offered to Junior Members.

Proposed Wording:

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Juniors will remain junior members until May 31st of the Junior Program year, regardless of when the actual birthday falls. Junior members can change to adult memberships on June 1st following their 18th birthday.

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Comments/Rationale: Clarification requested by the ASCA Business Office. Several applications have come in for Breeder Judges to use their years as a junior to count. Another application came into question because the person filing to become a judge stated that they became old enough and had their requirements as of their birthday but that was mid-year so technically they didn't have enough years until the point year ended. We need to better define that the junior membership expires at the end of their last point year not as of their 18th birthday. We also need to put something in about it being the junior's responsibility to have their adult membership in effect as of June 1 after they age out of the junior program.

Other rules affected: None that we are aware of.

Effective Date: June 1, 2020.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 7

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: 3

Minutes of the ASCA Board's Special Teleconference Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020, via online meeting service GoToMeeting.

Directors Present: President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Secretary Jan Wesen, Judy Boone, Denise Creelman, and Jean Roberts.

Also Present: Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Directors Absent: 1st Vice President Rick Gann.

CALL TO ORDER

President Busquets called the meeting to order in Executive Session at 6:02 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.

Therion Price Increase

Due to a decrease in sample quantity, Therion has proposed raising fees for parentage verification testing. The Board voted to set a cap of \$45 per sample until ASCA's contract with Therion ends on September 1, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Minutes of the ASCA Board's Monthly Teleconference Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020, via online meeting service GoToMeeting.

Directors Present: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Secretary Jan Wesen, Judy Boone, Denise Creelman, and Jean Roberts.

Also Present: Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco and Counsel David Schleicher (7:00 pm - 7:37 pm).

Directors Absent: None.

CALL TO ORDER

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 6:02 pm - 8:03 pm to discuss the below topics.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed reports provided by ASCA's Bookkeeper. Ending balance for period ending January 31, 2020 is \$121,615.36.

The Board voted to appoint Director Roberts as interim Treasurer to serve until the Spring Meeting in April, when a permanent appointment will be made.

Registration Request

The Board considered a request to change a dog's registration status.

Vacancy on the Board of Directors

The Board considered all candidates who applied to fill the vacancy created when Linda Gray resigned from the Board in January and voted to appoint Gina Larson. Her term extends until the 2021 National Specialty. Gina is a long-time member of ASCA and active in many programs, with Affiliate and Committee experience. She is a first-time Director.

The Board will fill the vacancy left by Pete Dolan's resignation during their March meeting.

Disqualified Dog Reinstatement Request

The Board voted to allow Dog E202235 to begin the reinstatement process for dogs disqualified from ASCA's Conformation Program.

OPEN SESSION

The Board was in Open Session from 8:03 pm - 8:50 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>

Last 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.20.18 January 2020 Email Business

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **approved** unanimously.

Motion by Gann

Second by Roberts

I move to approve all business conducted over email in January 2020.

New System Liaison and Board Liaison

The Board must appoint the System Liaison and a new Liaison to the System Liaison. Allison Bryant agreed to continue as System Liaison. Director Vest volunteered to serve as Board Liaison until the 2020 Nationals when a new person can be appointed.

BD.20.19 Appointment of Temporary Board Liaison to System Liaison

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Roberts, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: Vest

Absent: None

Motion is **approved**.

Motion by Creelman

Second by Gann

I move to appoint Rachel Vest as temporary Board Liaison to the System Liaison to serve until the 2020 National Specialty, at which time a new Liaison will be elected permanently.

BD.20.20 Appointment of System Liaison

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **approved** unanimously.

Motion by Vest

Second by Wesen

I move to appoint Allison Bryant as ASCA System Liaison for the System Upgrade.

System Liaison's Report

Director Vest reported on the ongoing progress of the computer system upgrade. We are currently in the testing phase for agility trial results uploads and there are plans to bring Sherry Butler in to help. The Office Manager is meeting with Inventive this week and will have an estimate for when we plan to begin development on the programming for dock jumping. As we progress, ASCA will confirm each step is fully functional before payment is made to the vendor. ASCA expects to contract with Inventive for monthly support and development work for at least one more year.

Contract with Parentage Verification Lab

President Busquets and ASCA's Counsel have negotiated with Paw Print Genetics to contract for parentage verification of ASCA's Registry.

BD.20.21 Contract with Paw Print Genetics for Parentage Verification

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **approved** unanimously.

Motion by Gann

Second by Boone

I move to approve the contract between ASCA and Paw Print Genetics.

Link to contract: <https://1drv.ms/b/s!Ap9VimWWpypAlgVNrlqiApERiD-A?e=osof7E>

Affiliate Area Request

The Board considered a request from an ASCA Affiliate Club, Gold Country ASC, to change Affiliate areas from Northern California to Central California. Directors Creelman and Roberts also volunteered to work on revising area delineations in California.

BD.20.22 Request to Change Areas from Affiliate Club (GCASC)

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **approved** unanimously.

Motion by Roberts

Second by Creelman

I move to approve the request from Gold Country ASC to change areas from Northern California to Central California, for the purposes of show sanctioning.

ASCA Rally Mobile App

Concerns have been raised regarding the accuracy of a mobile app for ASCA Rally that is currently available for download. The full Board was not involved in the approval originally given to the app's creator to use ASCA's Rally signs and rules unchanged. It's important that all those utilizing ASCA's trademark have the proper form and approval from ASCA.

There are two issues which need to be addressed:

1. We have documented incorrect information on the app.
2. They are using "ASCA" without a trademark agreement.

The Executive Secretary will contact the app creator to begin a conversation.

Affiliate-Hosted Pre-Shows at Nationals

The Board voted on a recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee to detail the method for choosing Affiliates to host pre-shows at the National Specialty.

NA.20.01 Application for Affiliates to Host ASCA National Specialty Pre-Shows or Pre-Trials

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **approved** unanimously.

Motion by Liaison Vest

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Subject: Application for Affiliates to Host ASCA National Specialty Pre-Shows or Pre-Trials

Motion by: Rachel Vest

Second by: Denise Creelman

Motion statement: I move to approve of the wording of the application below to facilitate the process for the selection of Affiliates to host the National Specialty Pre-Shows and Pre-Trials.

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

Link to Google Doc: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWBeqndAZJaeOMCEZ0zQQ3-UoRrcEbpAWqdDz-P1Qsfx9OgQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Application for Affiliates to Host a Pre-Show or Pre-Trial at the 2021 ASCA National Specialty in Bryan, Texas

October 29 - November 6, 2021

You may use this form to apply to host a Conformation Pre-Show, a Stockdog Pre-Trial, an Obedience Pre-Trial, a Rally Pre-Trial or an Agility Pre-Trial for the 2021 ASCA National Specialty. Your Affiliate must be financially able to pay the required first payment on the signing of the event contract.

Name of ASCA Affiliate

Name of person completing this form

Email address of person completing this form

Phone number of person completing this form

Does your Affiliate wish to host an Agility Pre-Trial? By checking "yes" below, you are verifying that your Affiliate has enough members who can attend and WORK to ensure a successful pre-trial: take entries and complete the books, prepare the rings for the trial, work the rings during the trial, manage the awards and rosettes, and clean the rings after the trial.

Yes, we would like to host an Agility Pre-Trial, or No.

Does your Affiliate wish to host a Conformation Pre-Show? By checking "yes" below, you are verifying that your Affiliate has enough members who can attend and WORK to ensure a successful pre-show: take entries and complete the books the night before, prepare and decorate the rings for the show, work the rings during the show, manage the awards and rosettes, and clean the rings after the show. Yes, we would like to host a Conformation Pre-Show, or No.

Does your Affiliate wish to host an Obedience Pre-Trial? By checking "yes" below, you are verifying that your Affiliate has enough members who can attend and WORK to ensure a successful pre-trial: take entries and complete the books, prepare the rings for the trial, work the rings during the trial, manage the awards and rosettes, and clean the rings after the trial. Yes, we would like to host an Obedience Pre-Trial, or No.

Does your Affiliate wish to host a Rally Pre-Trial? By checking "yes" below, you are verifying that your Affiliate has enough members who can attend and WORK to ensure a successful pre-trial: take entries and complete the books, prepare the rings for the trial, work the rings during the trial, manage the awards and rosettes, and clean the rings after the trial. Yes, we would like to host a Rally Pre-Trial, or No.

Does your Affiliate wish to host a Stockdog Pre-Trial? By checking "yes" below, you are verifying that your Affiliate has enough members who can attend and WORK to ensure a successful pre-trial: take entries and complete the books, prepare the arenas for the trial, work the pens and arenas during the trial, manage the awards and rosettes, and leave the area ready for the next event after the trial. Yes, we would like to host a Stockdog Pre-Trial, or No.

Comments/Rationale: This application will be in the form of a Google doc, which Affiliates who wish to host a National Specialty pre-show or pre-trial may complete to be included in the lottery draw for hosting Affiliates.

Affected: This will affect all ASCA Affiliates by providing them an opportunity to host an event at ASCA's National Specialty. This will affect the members of the Nationals Advisory Committee, who will review the applications and prepare the lists of Affiliate names for the lottery draw.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval so that the February timeline can be met.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 4

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

NA.20.02 Procedure for Affiliates to Host ASCA National Specialty Pre-Shows or Pre-Trials

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **approved** unanimously.

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I move to approve the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Subject: Procedure for Affiliates to Host ASCA National Specialty Pre-Shows or Pre-Trials

Motion by: Rachel Vest

Second by: Denise Creelman

Motion statement: I move to approve the addition of the wording below to the National Specialty Rule Book to provide a process for the selection of Affiliates to host the National Specialty Pre-Shows and Pre-Trials.

Current Wording:

1.4.1 Selection of Affiliate Pre/Post-Show/Trial Hosts

Affiliates who are interested in holding a pre-trial, post-trial, pre-show, or post-show for a particular Nationals should submit their names to the Nationals Advisory Committee by the announced deadline. All names will be put into a lottery draw for their desired event(s). An Affiliate may only host one event every four years, unless no other Affiliates are interested in hosting. The purpose of the lottery draw is to give a fair chance to all Affiliates who wish to take part in the ASCA National Specialty by hosting a preshow/trial. (Effective April 27, 2019)

Proposed Wording:

1.4.1 Selection of Affiliate Pre/Post-Show/Trial Hosts

Affiliates who are interested in hosting a pre-trial, post-trial, pre-show, or post-show for a particular Nationals should submit their names to the Nationals Advisory Committee by the announced deadline. All names will be put into a lottery draw for their desired event(s). An Affiliate may only host one event every four years, unless no other Affiliates are interested in hosting. The purpose of the lottery draw is to provide an opportunity to all Affiliates who wish to take part in the ASCA National Specialty by hosting a pre-show/trial.

1.4.1.a. Request for Affiliates

In February, in the year prior to the National Specialty, the Nationals Advisory Committee will send notice via ASCA's electronic media outlets, inviting Affiliates to apply to host a National pre-show or pre-trial.

1.4.1.b. Determining Qualifications of Affiliates to Host

Interested Affiliates will complete the online questionnaire by the designated date, indicating that they would like to host. These applications will be reviewed by the Nationals Advisory Committee to ensure the Affiliate has the expertise and workers to host the event they are volunteering for. Information provided to the National Advisory Committee will be assumed to be correct. The Committee will not be required to verify the information. The responding, qualified Affiliates will be placed in a pool of Affiliates for random selection.

1.4.1.c. Failure to Secure Enough Affiliates to Host

If not enough Affiliates apply to host a pre-show or pre-trial in all competitive programs, the Nationals Committee will host at least one pre-show / trial per competitive program.

1.4.1.d. The Procedure for the Draw

a. The random draw will be done by the Board at their Spring Board Meeting. The selection process will be completed at one time in full view of any who wish to attend the draw.

b. All Affiliate names will be shown in the order of the draw, and then posted to the ASCA Website and any ASCA approved e-mail list.

c. After the Nationals schedule and the pre-show and pre-trial contracts have been approved, the Affiliates will be asked, in order drawn, to select the pre-show / trial they wish to host. For example, number 1 will choose the date they want, followed by two, etc., until all pre-shows / trials have been spoken for.

Comments/Rationale: This motion is needed to provide a more detailed procedure for selecting the Affiliates, as referenced in 1.4.1 of the national Specialty Rule Book.

Affected: This will affect all ASCA Affiliates by providing them an opportunity to host an event at ASCA's National Specialty. This will also affect the ASCA Board of Directors, as it will add a task to their Spring Board Meeting. This will affect the members of the Nationals Advisory Committee, as it will further delineate their role as an advisory body.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval so that the February timeline can be met.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 4

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes of the ASCA Board's Special Teleconference Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020, via online meeting service GoToMeeting.

Directors Present: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Secretary Jan Wesen, Judy Boone (joined at 6:24 pm), Denise Creelman, Gina Larson, and Jean Roberts.

Also Present: Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Directors Absent: None.

CALL TO ORDER

President Busquets called the meeting to order in Open Session 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.

OPEN SESSION

The Board was in Open Session from 6:03 pm - 7:25 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>

2022 National Specialty Site

Directors shared their opinions on contracting with Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley, Colorado, as the site for ASCA's 2022 National Specialty. Several Directors supported rotating between Island Grove Regional Park and Brazos County Expo in Bryan, Texas. Others preferred using one site, either the Brazos County Expo or another suitable site. It's important that wherever the event is held, the site must be cost-effective and fit the needs of all our programs.

The Board determined to delay signing a contract with Island Grove Regional Park by a few months so alternative sites can be investigated. Directors Vest, Wesen, and Creelman volunteered to research.

Membership Survey on National Specialty Sites

Directors discussed the results of the survey on sites for the ASCA National Specialty, sent to the membership in January. There were 2,298 members who responded. Thank you to all who took the time to participate. Here are the results:

1. How long have you been a member of ASCA?
 - a. More than 15 years 37.6%
 - b. 1-5 years 29.7%

- c. 6-10 years 17.2%
 - d. 11-15 years 15.2%
 - e. No response < 1%
2. Which programs do you participate in?
- a. Conformation 48.8%
 - b. Agility 45.4%
 - c. Rally 39.4%
 - d. Obedience 33.7%
 - e. Stockdog 29.3%
 - f. Versatility 8.1%
 - g. Dock Jumping 7.2%
 - h. Tracking 4.4%
 - i. None 14.5%
3. Have you attended Nationals in the last five years?
- a. Yes 50.7%
 - b. No 49.1%
 - c. No response < 1%
4. Which Nationals did you attend?
- a. Colorado 2018 46.1%
 - b. California 2019 44.6%
 - c. Texas 2017 42.9%
 - d. Tennessee 2015 39.1%
 - e. Oregon 2016 37.6%
5. Do you plan to attend Nationals at least once in the next five years?
- a. Yes 60.8%
 - b. Maybe 26.8%
 - c. No 12.2%
 - d. No response < 1%
6. Have you been a Finals competitor in the last five years?
- a. No 77.1%
 - b. Yes 22.7%
 - c. No response < 1%
7. Which program Finals did you qualify for?
- a. Conformation 11.8%
 - b. Agility 9.3%
 - c. Obedience 4.7%
 - d. Stockdog 4.6%
 - e. Rally 3.8%
 - f. None 70.6%
8. What is your state/country of residence?

- a. Varied
9. What is your opinion regarding ASCA's current National Specialty rotation system?
- a. Continue the current rotation system 31%
 - b. Modify the current rotation system 29.8%
 - c. No opinion 25.5%
 - d. One permanent site 13.2%
 - e. No response < 1%
10. If you chose (b) above, how would you like to modify the rotation?
- a. 700 responses were shared with the Board.
11. If you chose (c) above, which site would you like to see as the permanent site for Nationals?
- a. Bryan, Texas 7.1%
 - b. No opinion 6.9%
 - c. Greeley, Colorado 4.5%
 - d. Other 3.5%
 - i. 81 responses were shared with the Board. 32 suggested Purina Farms.
 - e. Conyers, Georgia 2.2%
 - f. Bakersfield, California 1.7%
 - g. No response 73.7%
12. Do you have any other comments?
- a. 673 responses were shared with the Board.

Review of Member-Proposed Sites

Grange Park

The Board discussed Grange Park in Centre Hall, Pennsylvania, a member proposed site for the ASCA National Specialty. Unfortunately, the buildings on site are not large enough for ASCA's needs.

James E. Ward Agricultural Center

The Board discussed James E. Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon, Tennessee, a member proposed site for the ASCA National Specialty. The buildings on site for this facility are also too small for ASCA's needs.

Requirements for ASCA's Programs

Directors discussed the lists of requirements for each program, provided by the program committees, for a National Specialty site. The requirements are a great start for the Board in considering sites.

Financial Information from Past National Specialties

Directors discussed the information voluntarily provided by past National Specialty Chairs regarding finances for their event. The information is much appreciated but isn't enough to provide a full picture for the Board to base any decisions on.

In the future, ASCA needs to establish a financial statement process for Nationals. This will help the Board better understand income and expenses for the event.

It was suggested ASCA host the National Specialty at the Brazos County Expo in Bryan, Texas, for three years in a row to see how it works and to allow time to research other sites.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary