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## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

APRIL 2020

### Announcements

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

Apprentice Stockdog Judge - **Sue Kelly** (Michigan)

Apprentice Stockdog Judge - **Leroy McKay** (Montana)

#### New ASCA Committee Members

Agility Committee - **Jo Nall** (Region 4)

Scent Search Committee - **Kathryn Meyer** (Region 6) and **Sandra Tung** (Region 1)

Stockdog Committee - **Jacqueline Tinker** (Region 5), **Nate Bake** (Region 1), **Dennis Witham** (Region 6), **Dan Sanderson** (Region 4)

#### Miscellaneous

BD.20.42 \$200 to Committee Chairs Attending 2020 Nationals was presented and withdrawn.

RA.20.02 Change to Rally Rules - Course Requirements was presented and withdrawn.

RA.20.03 Change to Rally Rules - Section 15 Judges was presented and withdrawn.

### Motions from the ASCA Board of Directors

#### BD.20.32 Update Committee Applicant Information on ASCA Website

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

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Larson

Second by Vest

*I move to accept the following motion to change the wording on the ASCA website regarding qualifications and submission of resumes for committees.*

The URL is <https://www.asca.org/home/about-asca/committees/>

### Current Wording:

#### Committees

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Committees shall normally be made up of no more than fifteen (15) ASCA members including the Chairperson. Ideally, the Committee shall have at least one Member and no more than two Members from each ASCA regions.

The Stockdog Committee will consist of seven active ASCA trial contestants and five ASCA approved Stockdog Judges. One contestant shall be appointed from each of the seven geographic regions. Judges shall be appointed on an at large basis. Contestants may only fill the Contestant positions and Stockdog Judges may only fill the Judge positions.

Are you interested in being a part of an ASCA Program Committee?

Is there an ASCA Program that you feel passionate about?

Worried you don't have enough experience?

You don't have to be an expert to be on a committee. ASCA needs dedicated people that want to be a part of the future of ASCA. To be a committee member just you have to send your resume to the executive secretary throughout the year. Membership is required.

### Proposed Wording:

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To be a committee member ~~just you have to~~ send your resume to the executive secretary **any time** throughout the year. **ASCA membership is required. In addition, you should be a judge or competing in or have competed in the Program Committee you are applying for.**

Comments/Rationale: This brings the verbiage on the ASCA website in-line with the verbiage on the Executive Secretary's committee call. Currently the ASCA website does not state that committee applicants should be

participating in the ASCA program they are applying for. This change in verbiage requests experience but does not require it.

Affected: ASCA Program Committees, ASCA Website.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

**BD.20.48 Change to Policy Book - Remove Policy 8.13.9**

Approve: Boone, Evans, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Busquets, Creelman

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **adopted** (7-2).

*Dissent from Busquets:* I'm a little torn on this one. On the one hand, I think it is an extra expense for ASCA. On the other hand, most Chairs work very hard throughout the year and \$200 helps them with hotel fees and food. I think maybe we could have added other conditions to receive it rather than out right excise the amount towards toward expenses.

*Dissent from Creelman:* This has been an ongoing policy forever. It should be revisited and updated in the policy book with more information as to why it is given. Maybe presented to committee chairs at Nationals to show the membership that ASCA does appreciate the work that an active chairperson does.

Motion by Roberts

Second by Larson

*I move to remove policy 8.13.9 from the ASCA Policy book and renumber the section accordingly.*

Current Wording:

8.13.9 Chairs/Appointees, Employees and Guests

- a. ASCA will pay \$200.00 toward expenses to Committee Chairs/Board Appointees selected to attend the National Specialty each year. Chairs/Board Appointees will be selected at the annual spring meeting, if no annual spring meeting is held, selection will be done via email by May 1. Chairs/Board Appointees will be notified by their Board Liaison within 15 days of selection and must notify their Board Liaison if they will attend no later than August 1. No money is given if the Chairs/Board Appointees chooses not to attend.
- b. The determination of who the Board selects to attend the National Specialties shall be based on the individual's service to ASCA and ASCA's need to have the individual present at the National Specialty.
- c. What member(s) or honored guest(s) (if any), ASCA will be honoring at the National Specialty each year will be determined at the annual spring meeting. If no annual spring meeting is held, selection will be done by email by May 1.
- d. What expenses and arrangements ASCA will pay for will be determined at the annual spring meeting. If no annual spring meeting is held, expenses and arrangements will be done by email by May 1.

Proposed Wording:

None.

Comments/Rationale: ASCA is updating the policy book and removing outdated policies.

Affected: Committee Chairs.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

**BD.20.49 Change to Committee Procedures - 2.5 Board Liaison**

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

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Roberts

Second by Larson

*I move to change the wording of Committee Procedures 2.5 Board Liaison to read:*

Current Wording:

2.5 Board Liaison

Each Committee shall vote to select one Board Member to function as the Liaison, between the Committee and the Board, 30 days following the National Specialty Board of Directors' meeting. The Board Liaison is not a member of the Committee but is responsible to explain to the Committee what the Board's position is and to see to it that Committee Procedure, Board Policy and Robert's Rules of Order are followed. At the Liaison's discretion, he/she may redirect the committee to realign with the current committee priorities.

Proposed Wording:

2.5 Board Liaison

Each Committee shall vote to select one Board Member to function as the Liaison, between the Committee and the Board, 30 days following the **seating of the new Board each year**. The Board Liaison is not a member of the Committee but is responsible to explain to the Committee what the Board's position is and to see to it that Committee Procedure, Board Policy and Robert's Rules of Order are followed. At the Liaison's discretion, he/she may redirect the committee to realign with the current committee priorities.

Comments/Rationale: The choosing of the liaison should not be dependent on a meeting but on the seating of the new Board, whenever that may occur.

Affected: Committees, Board members.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

**BD.20.50 Change to Committee Procedures - 2.3 Election of Chair**

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

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None  
Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Roberts  
Second by Larson

*I move to change the wording of Section 2.3 of the Committee Procedures to read:*

Current Wording:

2.3 Terms and Appointments

- A. Each year, the Committees shall hold an election of its Chair within 30 days following the Board of Directors Spring Meeting. Chairs shall serve a one-year term and may be reelected. The person elected Chair must have served a minimum of one year on that respective committee and a minimum of three continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years as a Full ASCA Member in good standing. This person may come from within or outside the current committee membership. If the Committee Chair comes from within the Committee, then that person will be replaced with someone from the Chairperson's region. If the elected Committee Chair is not a Committee member, then the Board of Directors must approve that person. Upon completion of the one-year term as Chair, the Chairperson may remain on the committee for the duration of his/her original appointed term. This may result in an additional committee member. If the term of the Chairperson occurs during the second year of the original appointed term, no additional time is granted upon the completion of the term as Chair.

Proposed Wording:

2.3 Terms and Appointments

- A. Each year, the Committees shall hold an election of its Chair within 30 days following the **yearly seating of new and returning committee members**. Chairs shall serve a one-year term and may be reelected. The person elected Chair must have served a minimum of one year on that respective committee and a minimum of three continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years as a Full ASCA Member in good standing. This person may come from within or outside the current committee membership. If the Committee Chair comes from within the Committee, then that person will be replaced with someone from the Chairperson's region. If the elected Committee Chair is not a Committee member, then the Board of Directors must approve that person. Upon completion of the one-year term as Chair, the Chairperson may remain on the committee for the duration of his/her original appointed term. This may result in an additional committee member. If the term of the Chairperson occurs during the second year of the original appointed term, no additional time is granted upon the completion of the term as Chair.

Comments/Rationale: The election of Chair should be tied to the seating of the new committee, not a meeting of the ASCA Board.

Affected: Committees.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

**EM.20.01 Apply for Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant**

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

Disapprove: None  
Abstain: None  
Non-Voting: None  
Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Busquets  
Second by Evans

*I move for ASCA to apply for the Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant offered through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act.*

Reason for emergency vote: Time sensitive nature of the loan application.

Comments/Rationale: The amount of the loan is not determined by ASCA, but by the governmental agencies providing the loan. The reason for the loan is to continue payroll and necessary operations during the course of the Coronavirus pandemic, which have resulted in a considerable loss of income since affiliates have been forced to cancel or postpone shows/trials in accordance to local shelter in place ordinances.

Effective Date: Immediate upon Board approval.

Affected: ASCA Organization.

### **EM.20.02 Ballot for 2020 Election**

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen  
Disapprove: None  
Abstain: None  
Non-Voting: None  
Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

*I move to approve the ballot for the 2020 Annual Election, as presented.*

Motion by Boone  
Second by Gann

Reason for emergency vote: Ballots begin being mailed on May 1.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Affected: Business Office, membership.

## **Committee Recommendations**

### **Conformation Committee**

#### **CO.20.05 ASCA Supreme Conformation Champion Program**

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

Disapprove: Larson, Roberts

Abstain: Evans

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **adopted** (6-2-1).

*Dissent from Larson:* I really like this program and I think it will be a welcome addition to the conformation program. However, I would like to see the levels assigned a different title than what is used by UKC.

*Dissent from Roberts:* I like everything about this new opportunity except the names for the levels. ASCA shouldn't use names for levels already in use by another registry. It seems we should have been able to come up with something unique to ASCA.

Motion by Liaison Boone

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

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 2020-03 ASCA Supreme Championship Program

Motion by Debbie Martin

Second by Kathy Peycke

I, Debbie Martin, make the following motion: I move to introduce an ASCA Supreme Conformation Champion Program to the existing Conformation Program.

This program will be added to the Conformation Rules and Regulations in Chapter 12 as 12.7.

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

12.7 ASCA Supreme Conformation Champion Program

PARTICIPATION: To participate in the ASCA SCCH program a dog must be:

1. A purebred Australian Shepherd registered with ASCA.
2. An ASCA Champion of Record or have been transferred to the BOB competition based on owner records of having completed the requirements for ASCA Champion of Record pending official notification of CH completion.

POINTS: This program requires a dog to obtain a total of 50 points with 6 major wins to become a Supreme Conformation Champion. The major wins must be won under 6 different judges and at least 2 other judges must award the remaining points. At least one (1) Champion of Record must be defeated at each show where SCCH points are awarded.

SCCH points will be awarded to ASCA Champions of Record who win BOB or BOS at ASCA Affiliate shows and Specialty shows including, but not limited to, the ASCA National Specialty and Pre-Shows.

A BOB win will be awarded 5 points, A BOS win will be awarded 3 points at shows with a major in either dogs or bitches. If there isn't a major, the BOB win will be awarded 3 points, the BOS win will be awarded 2 point.

In the calculation of SCCH points, only dogs that were present and judged will count. Dogs that are disqualified, dismissed, excused, absentee or have all awards withheld do not count.

## LEVELS of SCCH ACHIEVEMENT:

Additionally, the ASCA SCCH program would offer levels of achievement:

At each additional level the participating dogs must be an ASCA SCCH of Record and have completed the requirements of the previous level.

1. Emerald: 100 SCCH points
2. Ruby: 150 SCCH points
3. Sapphire: 200 SCCH points
4. Diamond: 250 SCCH points
5. Diamond I: 350 SCCH points
6. Diamond II: 450 SCCH points
7. Diamond III: 550 SCCH points
8. Diamond IV: 650 SCCH points

Additional levels can be added to the Diamond designation as needed following the established point pattern (additional 100 SCCH points for each level added).

Points are accumulated as the dog progresses through the levels. For example, an ASCA CH has earned 50 points to complete SCCH. He must then earn an additional 50 points to complete SCCH Emerald. The same dog must then earn an additional 50 points to complete SCCH Ruby, an additional 50 SCCH points to earn SCCH Sapphire, and an additional 50 SCCH points to earn SCCH Diamond. An additional 100 points is required for each advancement at the Diamond level. At least one (1) Champion of Record must be defeated at each show where SCCH points are awarded.

## TITLES:

### INTACT:

Abbreviation: Title:

SCCH	Supreme Conformation Champion
SCCHE	Supreme Conformation Champion Emerald
SCCHR	Supreme Conformation Champion Ruby
SCCHS	Supreme Conformation Champion Sapphire
SCCHD	Supreme Conformation Champion Diamond
SCCHDI	Supreme Conformation Champion Diamond I
SCCHDII	Supreme Conformation Champion Diamond II
SCCHDIII	Supreme Conformation Champion Diamond III
SCCHDIV	Supreme Conformation Champion Diamond IV

### ALTERED:

Abbreviation: Title:

A-SCCH	Altered Supreme Conformation Champion
A-SCCHE	Altered Supreme Conformation Champion Emerald
A-SCCHR	Altered Supreme Conformation Champion Ruby
A-SCCHS	Altered Supreme Conformation Champion Sapphire
A-SCCHD	Altered Supreme Conformation Champion Diamond
A-SCCHDI	Altered Supreme Conformation Champion Diamond I
A-SCCHDII	Altered Supreme Conformation Champion Diamond II
A-SCCHDIII	Altered Supreme Conformation Champion Diamond III



Comments/Rationale: The SCCH program is designed to provide a challenging program for those exhibitors who want to pursue additional titles with ASCA registered Australian Shepherds that have achieved their Champion of Record, and to help affiliate clubs increase entries without increasing expenses. The SCCH program will contribute to increased exhibitor participation while emphasizing breed judging by recognizing quality and breed type. The development of the SCCH program is consistent with the ongoing objective of encouraging the exhibition and, ultimately, the breeding and registration of purebred Australian Shepherds, which contributes to the overall health and wellbeing of ASCA.

Affected: In utilizing the BOB/BOS placements in the SCCH point calculations, affiliate clubs incur no additional expense, and points can be automatically tracked based on BOB/BOS wins. Conversation with Ray Fryar included the logistics of this program and basing it on the BOB/BOS is a simple calculation and computer program for the office. The office will have to adjust the current program to track the CH defeated aspect.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021 and will not be retroactive.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9

Disapprove: 2

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

*Dissent from Committee Member Mary Hellmeister:* The reason I'm voting no is that I don't like that we are using UKC's titles. We didn't to use the AKC titles so why using UKC's? We should have come up with our own unique names. I don't like that the BoB Winner gets 5 points even if there is no major in their sex. Overall I do like the program and with lesser points per level (as compared to the previous version) it is achievable. Although very difficult to achieve, as members have pointed out. And with more and more shows barely having 3 pt. majors or more it is a program for those who can afford to travel to many shows over the show year. I also considered the comments from the membership. That is why I vote No.

*Dissent from Committee Member Myrjam Langer:* Same reasons as before. (No Points should be given if there is no major in this Sex.)

*Comment from Committee Member Liz Gibson:* I like that this motion clearly defines how the dogs earn points through the various ranks. I also like that this motion did reduce the points needed to move up. I also like the requirement of a major needed. For example if the major is in bitches and a special dog takes best of breed. It becomes a major win and the same the other way. Very similar to the merit system now. It is easy for exhibitors to track and most importantly it does not cost an affiliate club any money. It can provide additional revenue to affiliate clubs as the motion provides a place for those who wish to continue to campaign a special.

*Comment from Committee Member Kathy Peycke:* I feel that this new opportunity for people to continue to show their dogs towards additional titles will encourage the membership at large to keep dogs in the ring. If more dogs are shown after they receive their Championship title this will have a financial impact on ASCA Affiliate clubs, for the positive. I am disappointed that we are not going to be able to actually offer this until 2021! We as a Committee came up with a way that the program could have started immediately but we were told No by the office. I sincerely hope that the Board sees this program as valuable and therefore passes this motion.

## **Dock Jumping Committee**

### **DJ.20.03 Change to Dock Jumping Rules - Other Restrictions**

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

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Liaison Vest

*I move to approve the following recommendation from the Dock Jumping Committee.*

#### Committee Recommendation:

Motion by Kristina Churchill

Second by Jen Bunker

I make a motion that the following wording be added to the Dock Jumping Rule book under General Information, 1.3.6. This will move the current rule 1.3.6 down to 1.3.7

#### Current Wording:

None.

#### Proposed Wording:

1.3.6 Other Restrictions

All dogs must jump off the dock or the ramp without being physically assisted with forward motion. All dogs must jump, freely and independently without the handler's physical assistance.

Violations of rule:

1st offense Verbal Warning from Judge

2nd offense will result in disqualification by the judge for that class

If the handler pushes or throws the dog off the dock, they are immediately disqualified for the class. If this happens a second time, they will be disqualified for the entire event.

Comments/Rationale: We have had some issues at trials and need to make it clear what is not appropriate and the punishment by the judge to be consistent.

Affected: Exhibitors and Judges. Business office for rule book printing.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

#### Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 8

Disapprove: None

Abstain: 1

Non-Voting: None

# Minutes of the ASCA Board's Special Teleconference Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020, via online meeting service GoToMeeting. This meeting was held to conduct some of the business normally handled at the face-to-face Spring Meeting in Bryan, Texas, which was postponed due to COVID-19.

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

**Also Present:** Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

**Directors Absent:** None.

## 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.

## OPEN SESSION

The Board was in Open Session from 6:03 pm - 7:00 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.20.33 March 2020 Email Business

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

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Wesen

Second by Creelman

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

## System Liaison's Report

Liaison Vest reported that planned system updates have been put on hold due to COVID-19. Once the Board is sure ASCA's finances are secure, updates will continue.

The Office Manager is trying to find ways for Office Staff to do some of their work remotely.

## 2021 National Specialty Pre/Post Show/Trial Host Affiliate Pick Order

The following list was generated randomly using <https://www.random.org/lists/> and is to determine the order in which Affiliate Clubs will get to select the date they will host a pre/post-show-trial at the 2021 National Specialty.

Order drawn:

1. Eastex Australian Shepherd Club (Conformation)
2. Hill Country ASC (Conformation)
3. Colorado Australian Shepherd Association (Agility)
4. ASC of Texas (Agility)
5. Tarrant County ASC (Rally)
6. Greater Atlanta Australian Shepherd Club (Rally)
7. ASC of AZ (Stockdog)
8. Heart of Texas ASC (Conformation)

## Sites for 2022 and 2023 National Specialties

The Board discussed possible sites for the 2022 and 2023 National Specialties. Directors Vest, Wesen, and Creelman have been researching. Many of the sites are too expensive or do not suit our livestock needs. Several sites have potential but need to be further investigated.

The 2021 Nationals are set to be held at the Brazos County Expo in Texas. Director Vest proposed holding the Nationals at the Brazos Expo through 2024, and some others were in favor of using the site through 2023 with an option for 2024. The intent is to give ASCA a chance to understand the finances related to hosting Nationals without the site being a variable, and to give the Board a chance to thoroughly investigate other suitable sites. The Board will re-visit once a bid to host through 2024 has been received from Brazos County Expo.

## 2021 Nationals Obedience Judges

The following judges have been selected by random draw to judge obedience at the 2021 Nationals and Finals.

**Obedience Finals:** Melvin Stanley (Utah) and Kristie Rasmussen (Utah)

**Nationals:** Mary Isenhour-Long (North Carolina) and Edward Pheifer (Minnesota)

### BD.20.34 2021 Nationals Obedience Judges

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

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Roberts

Second by Wesen

*I move to approve the slate of judges for the 2021 Nationals Obedience Trial - Mary Isenhour-Long and Edward Pheifer.*

### BD.20.35 2021 Obedience Finals Judges

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

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Roberts

Second by Larson

*I move to approve the slate of judges for the 2021 Obedience Finals - Melvin Stanley and Kristie Rasmussen.*

## **POSTPONEMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was postponed at 7:00 pm, to be reconvened on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 6:00 pm CDT.

## **Minutes of the ASCA Board's Special Teleconference Meeting**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020, via online meeting service GoToMeeting. This meeting was held to conduct some of the business normally handled at the face-to-face Spring Meeting in Bryan, Texas, which was postponed due to COVID-19.

**Directors Present:** President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Secretary Jan Wesen, Judy Boone, Denise Creelman, Warren Evans, 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 Executive Session at 6:08 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.

## **Committee Renewals and Appointments**

Every year the Board votes to renew committee member terms (2 years).

### **Agility Committee**

**Renewed:** Jan Niblock (region 4), Andrea Hoffmann (region 5), Michael Kurdzo (region 6), Lee Prager (region 6), Natascha Wagenaar-Herbergs (region 7)

**Not renewed:** Sue Graham (region 2), Christine Carlson (region 4)

### **Conformation Committee**

**Renewed:** Liz Gibson (region 1), Debbie Martin (region 1), Ann DeChant (region 4), Peter Kontos (region 6)

**Not renewed:** Dorothy Montano (region 5)

### **DNA Committee**

The Board spent much time considering the value of a DNA Committee as ASCA moves forward with Paw Print Genetics. ASCA's policies must be revised to reflect the change in labs by September 2020, but this is a task the Board has undertaken. They voted unanimously to disband the current ASCA DNA Committee. A new committee could be formed in the future if the need arises.

Thank you to members Carol Gerken, Carol McLaughlin, and Cathy Kenny for their service to ASCA.

### ***Dock Jumping Committee***

**Renewed:** Kristina Churchill (region 3), Tina Lass (region 4), Sandra Czarny (region 6)

**Not renewed:** Emily Glass (region 5)

### ***Hall of Fame Committee***

**Renewed:** Lynda Peppel (region 2), Kristina Churchill (region 3), Dorothy Montano (region 5)

### ***History Committee***

**Renewed:** Ann DeChant (region 4), Sunday Miles (region 4), Jeanne Joy Hartnagle Taylor (region 5)

### ***MVA Committee***

**Renewed:** Curt Uritz (region 2), Janet Colby (region 2), Andrea Hoffmann (region 5), Lori Fausett (region 5)

**Not renewed:** Beth MacLehose (region 4)

### ***Obedience Committee***

**Renewed:** Betsy Coleman (region 2), Marilyn Cherry (region 3), Sandy Walroth (region 5), Pat Pierce (region 5), Guenter Geisel (region 7)

### ***Junior Committee***

**Renewed:** Andrea Armstrong Bair (region 2), Susan Harris (region 2), Donalyn Shock (region 2), Soren Smail (region 4), Mallori Bryan (region 5)

### ***Rally Committee***

**Renewed:** Joan Skinner (region 3), Karen Black (region 5).

**Not renewed:** Karen Souza (region 6)

### ***Scent Search Committee***

**Renewed:** Kiddy Christie (region 1), Sheigh Crabtree (region 2), Leslie Fassio (region 2), Donna Armstrong (region 2), Bev Peabody (region 2), Sandy Thompson (region 4), Deborah Divich (region 5), Kathi Filar (region 6)

**Not renewed:** Chris Reedy (region 4)

### ***Stockdog Committee***

**Renewed:** Terri Jones (region 2), Cathy Lowe (region 3)

**Not renewed:** Jim McKay (region 1), Heather Oslie (region 4), Diane Prather (region 5), Arthur Landry (region 6), Nina Krammer (region 7)

### ***Tracking Committee***

**Renewed:** Beth MacLehose (region 4), Joyce Charron (region 4), Jacqueline Tinker (region 5)

**Not renewed:** Leah Swatko (region 4)

### ***ASCA's Treasurer***

Following Pete Dolan's resignation from the Board, Director Roberts has been serving as ASCA's Interim Treasurer. The Board voted to appoint Warren Evans as ASCA's Treasurer, to serve until annual officer elections following the 2020 General Membership Meeting at the National Specialty.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

## Minutes of the ASCA Board's Monthly Teleconference Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 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, Warren Evans, Gina Larson, and Jean Roberts.

**Also Present:** Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, Member Laura Gibson (6:26 pm - 6:39 pm).

**Directors Absent:** None.

## CALL TO ORDER

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:08 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.

## OPEN SESSION

The Board was in Open Session from 6:08 pm - 7:33 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>

## Sites for 2022 and 2023 National Specialties

The Board continued thorough discussion of sites suitable for hosting ASCA's National Specialty. They reviewed bids and specifications from sites in Colorado, Tennessee, Nebraska, and Texas.

### BD.20.38 ASCA Nationals Site for 2022, 2023, and Option for 2024

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

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Vest

Second by Wesen

*I move to approve the proposal from the Brazos Expo Center, in Bryan, Texas, to host the ASCA National Specialty for 2022 and 2023 with an option for 2024.*

Comments/Rationale: After reviewing sites in Colorado, Tennessee, Nebraska, and Texas... the site that offers the most user-friendly contestant event site, all venues under cover, and is cost efficient, is the Brazos TX site. This site provides an opportunity for ASCA Members to show and trial their dogs without concern of safety due to inclement weather. In addition to that criterion, Brazos is a turnkey site and does not require additional labor

expenses for arena and stock pen setup. Please see the attached site comparison which illustrates the cost effectiveness of the Brazos site when compared to the Nebraska and Colorado sites.

Affected: ASCA Membership, ASCA Business Office.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

### **Reimbursement Request for 2019 Finals**

The Board discussed the request for reimbursement for the 2019 Finals from Central Valley ASC, host of the 2019 ASCA National Specialty. Due to an oversight CVASC was not provided with the Additional Event Membership Dues, per Policy 19.10. The request amount is below what was budgeted.

#### **BD.20.39 Reimbursement to CVASC for 2019 Finals**

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

Disapprove: None

Abstain: Creelman

Absent: None

Motion is **adopted** (8-0-1).

Motion by Evans

Second by Wesen

*I move to authorize a final payment of \$24,030.01 to settle all amounts for the Bakersfield Finals in lieu of the Additional Event Membership Dues and in satisfaction of all current and future expenses whether or not supported by appropriate documentation.*

### **Data Request**

The Board considered a request from Dr. Ingrid Allgoewer, a veterinary ophthalmologist located in Berlin, Germany, for ASCA to send our membership a link to Dr. Allgoewer's questionnaire regarding Aussies with different pupil sizes. CA Sharp, with the Australian Shepherd Health and Genetics Institute, was contacted about the questionnaire and had no objections.

#### **BD.20.40 Share Aussie Research Request with Membership**

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

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Boone

Second by Creelman

*I move to share the research request from Dr. Ingrid Allgoewer with the ASCA membership via Constant Contact.*

### **ASCA Ballot**

The Board reviewed the ballot for ASCA's 2020 Board of Directors election.

There are several changes:

- Include the time zone in the deadline on the instruction page: "NOTE: Online voting continues through 11:59 pm on July 15, 2020"



- Update statement on instruction page to read "Candidate Resumes Can Be Found in the May/June Issue Of Aussie Times and on the ASCA Website: <https://www.asca.org/bod-candidates/>"
- Update statement on ballot page that says "July 15, 2020" to read "BALLOTS ARRIVING LATER THAN JULY 15, 2020 ARE INVALID"

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board was in Executive Session from 7:33 pm - 8:58 pm to discuss the below topics.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for period ending March 31, 2020, was approved by the Board, as presented by Treasurer Evans. Ending balance is \$119,450.38.

### Committee Member Renewal

Liaison Vest presented a remaining committee member renewal for the Legislative Committee.

**Renewed:** Sunday Miles (region 4)

### Employee Pay during COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Ordinance

In March, the Board voted to provide paid leave to Business Office staff from March 25 - April 7 due to the COVID-19 related shelter-in-place ordinance for Brazos County. The ordinance has been extended until April 30, so the Board discussed their options moving forward.

The Office Manager continues to work to gain remote access for the Office staff.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

## Minutes of the ASCA Board's Special Teleconference Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 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, Warren Evans, 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 Executive Session at 6:40 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.

### Employee Pay during COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Ordinance

In March, the Board voted to provide paid leave to Business Office staff from March 25 - April 7 due to the COVID-19 related shelter-in-place ordinance for Brazos County. The ordinance has been extended until April 30, so the Board continued to discuss their options moving forward.

The Board voted unanimously to apply for the Texas Workforce Commission Shared Work Program due to ASCA's income being greatly impacted by the cancellation of shows and trials all over the country and abroad.

The Board voted unanimously to require the Business Office Manager to provide detailed Standard Operating Procedures and Job Descriptions for each ASCA program/position in the Business Office. If operating procedures already exist, they must be revised.

The Board voted unanimously to cancel the printing of the Aussie Times July/August 2020 issue and to make it available only in digital form.

The Board voted to provide full pay to the Business Office Staff for April 8, 2020 and place them at 60% of their usual full time pay, starting on April 9th, 2020. This will be reevaluated on April 30th, 2020, which is the expiration date of the current shelter in place ordinance. The Executive Secretary and Business Office Manager are exempt from the reduction to 60% time/pay.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.