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## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

JUNE 2020

### Announcements

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

Utility Obedience Judge **Kathy Males** (Illinois)

Open Obedience Judge **Stefanie Hoffman** (Germany)

Regular Rally Judge **Cindy Ruth** (California)

#### New ASCA Affiliate Clubs

**Hells Canyon Australian Shepherd Club** (Washington)

President: Jerrie Davidson

Affiliate Rep: Sue Roberts

### Motions from the ASCA Board of Directors

#### BD.20.58 Aussie Times Ads for July/August Issue

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 that the advertisements in the print July/August Aussie Times be placed on the ASCA website for the months of July/August.*

Comments/Rationale: The folks who purchased Ad space thought they would have a hard copy magazine for their advertising; however, the July/August issue will be online only. ASCA can give these advertisers more exposure by posting on our website. The Executive Secretary spoke to the Webmaster and she stated, "I would post them where the other online ads are. Then under the Aussie Times I would post a little comment of 'your Aussie Times ads here'. Or we can have another section on the front page like there used to be."

Affected: Advertisers and Webmaster.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

### **BD.20.59 Change to Directors Handbook - DNA Fingerprinting**

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 Roberts

*I move to update the Directors Handbook.*

#### Current Wording:

20 DNA Fingerprinting

Therion International will remain the approved lab of use for both random and voluntary DNA profiling programs. Institutfeur Molekularbiologische Diagnostik (IMD) will be the approved lab of use for German citizens. Please refer to ASCA's Registry Rules for complete rules on DNA testing.

#### Proposed Wording:

20 DNA Profiling

Refer to Registry Rules and Regulations.

Comments/Rationale: Updating so DNA parentage information is contained in one rule book.

Affected: Directors Handbook.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

### **BD.20.60 Replace Blood Draw Kits as Awards (Revised)**

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 Roberts

*I, Gina Larson, move to approve the following motion to update the National Specialty Rule Book, Policy Book and Director Handbook.*

National Specialty Rules:

#### Current Wording:

25.17 DNA Blood Draw Kits

ASCA will donate one DNA blood draw kit with test paid for by ASCA, to the following winners of the ASCA Nationals each year:

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Best of Breed           | E. High in Trial Agility |
| B. High in Working Trial   | F. Best Junior Handler   |
| C. High in Obedience Trial | G. Tracking ...          |
| D. High in Rally Trial     |                          |

#### Proposed Wording:

## 25.17 Paw Print Genetics Gift Certificate

ASCA will donate one Paw Print Genetics gift certificate in the amount of \$49.00, to the following winners of the ASCA Nationals each year:

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Best of Breed - Intact & Altered | E. High in Agility Trial |
| B. High in Working Trial            | F. Best Junior Handler   |
| C. High in Obedience Trial          | G. Tracking ...          |
| D. High in Rally Trial              |                          |

## Policy Book

### Current Wording:

#### 7.5 DNA Blood Draw Kits as Awards

ASCA will donate one DNA blood draw kit with test paid for by ASCA to the following winners of the National Specialty each year:

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| a. Best of Breed           | f. High in Trial Agility                                |
| b. Best of Breed - Altered | g. Best Junior Handler (National Specialty, not Finals) |
| c. High in Trial Working   | h. Tracking ...   |
| d. High in Trial Obedience |   |
| e. High in Trial Rally     |   |

### Proposed Wording:

#### 7.5 Paw Print Genetics Gift Certificates as Awards

ASCA will donate one Paw Print Genetics gift certificate in the amount of \$49.00, to the following winners of the ASCA Nationals each year:

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Best of Breed - Intact & Altered | e. High in Agility Trial |
| b. High in Working Trial            | f. Best Junior Handler   |
| c. High in Obedience Trial          | g. Tracking ...          |
| d. High in Rally Trial              |                          |

## Director's Handbook

### Current Wording:

#### 16 Awards

ASCA is responsible for the following awards:

- Jean Carrillo Award to the Most Versatile Aussie
- Sandy Tubbs Award to the Most Versatile Junior
- Year End Merit Certificates
- National Specialty Awards (see National Specialty rules in the Policy Book)
- National DNA blood draw
- ASCA Junior Program Awards (see below & Policy Book)
- ASCA Lifetime Achievement Award

### Proposed Wording:

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- \$49.00 Paw Print Genetics Gift Certificate
- ASCA Junior Program Awards (see below & Policy Book)
- ASCA Lifetime Achievement Award

Comments/Rationale: Once ASCA moves to their new lab blood draw kits will be obsolete. The original intent of awarding the blood draw kits was to promote the voluntary DNA program. By changing to awarding a gift certificate, it can be used to apply to the cost of any service the lab provides. This will help to promote genetic testing, or it can be used for parentage testing.

Affected: Business Office; General ASCA Membership; Nationals Specialty Committee and National Specialty Rule Book - index and chapter 25.17; Policy Book - index and chapter 7.5; Director's Handbook - index and chapter 16.

Effective Date: September 1, 2020.

#### **BD.20.61 Communicable Disease Refund Policy**

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

Motion by Wesen

Second by Creelman

*I move to approve the addition of line number 5.*

Return of entry requirement for exhibitors that has a dog(s) in contact with a dog that a Veterinarian has confirmed to have a Communicable Disease as per ASCA's definition of the same.

Location in rule books: Agility 1.3.7; Conformation 9.9; Dock Jumping 1.3.6; Obedience 1.34; Rally 1.10.4; Stockdog Appendix 9; Tracking 1.9

#### Current Wording:

##### Communicable Disease

- A. No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show, no dog shall be brought into the grounds or premises of any dog show, and any dog which may have been brought into the grounds or premises of a dog show shall immediately be removed, if it:
  1. Shows clinical symptoms of canine influenza, distemper, infectious hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease, or
  2. Has been confirmed by a veterinarian to have a communicable disease within thirty days prior to the opening of the show, or

3. Has been kenneled within thirty days prior to the opening of the show in a household in which there were veterinarian-confirmed cases of canine influenza, distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough or other communicable disease.
- B. The ASCA Board of Directors reserves the right to call a quarantine if the situation warrants. The length and details of such quarantine will vary depending on the specific disease and the gravity of the situation.
- C. Protocol for Communicable Disease Notification:
1. In the event that a host Affiliate is made aware of a dog exhibiting symptoms of a communicable disease, the hosting Affiliate will in turn investigate, following the steps outlined in the Conflict Resolution Protocol, observe the dog, and, if warranted, remove the dog. Dogs that within thirty days prior to the show have traveled or have been kenneled with a dog exhibiting symptoms may also be removed. In the case of removal of a dog(s), the Affiliate shall immediately report it to the ASCA Board via the Executive Secretary by emailing the Affiliate Health and Safety Report. The Affiliate Club shall provide a copy of the report to the owner of the dog(s).
  2. Owners who believe that their dogs have contracted a communicable disease while at an ASCA event or have attended an ASCA event within the incubation period of a communicable disease should report the illness to the ASCA Board of Directors by contacting the Executive Secretary and submitting the Owner's Health and Safety Report form. All reports will be kept confidential.
  3. Reports received by the Board will be investigated by an assigned Director, per normal Board procedure, to assess the extent of the communicable disease risk. The assigned Director will investigate and will report findings and a recommendation to the Board within three working days.
  4. In instances of reported cases of communicable disease during or following the ASCA National Specialty, ASCA will send out a notice to the membership through its official means of communication, notifying members of the report of the disease and providing educational information concerning the disease in question. Affiliate clubs scheduling events within thirty days of the ASCA National Specialty should be aware of possible financial losses if quarantine is necessary.

Proposed Wording:

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5. The owner of a dog that has been in contact with another dog which has been confirmed by a Veterinarian to have a Communicable Disease will be required to provide Veterinarian documentation to the ASCA Affiliate or the ASCA National Specialty Committee in order to receive an entry refund. This rule will be in force prior to or after the close of entries.

Comments/Rationale: To provide reimbursement to the owners of dogs that could be contagious as per ASCA's definition of Communicable Disease. This rule will encourage people to withdraw from shows, thereby preventing the spread of disease.

Affected: Addition to all ASCA rule books. Affiliates and Members.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

### **BD.20.62 Motion to Change National Specialty Rules - Premium Requirements**

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 Vest

*I move to approve the following changes to the National Specialty Rules:*

#### Current Wording:

6.2 Premium List in AT

An eighteen-page Premium List, including entry forms, will be printed in the March/April issue (for Sept/Oct National) or the May/June issue (for November National) of the Aussie Times at no expense to the Nationals Committee. Should the Nationals Committee require more than eighteen, the Nationals Committee must request

Board of Director approval of additional pages when submitting the first draft. Approved additional pages are printed free of charge. If disapproved, the Aussie Times editor will bill the Nationals Committee, after entries close, for the additional pages at the advertising rate in force at the time of Premium list submission.

Proposed Wording:

6.2 Premium List in AT

A fifteen-page Premium List will be printed in the March/April issue (for Sept/Oct National) or the May/June issue (for November National) of the Aussie Times at no expense to the Nationals Committee. Should the Nationals Committee require more than fifteen pages, the Nationals Committee must request Board of Director approval for additional pages when submitting the first draft.

Current Wording:

Premium Checklist

Premium has an eighteen-page limit including entry forms. Anything over this limit must be paid advertising by the Nationals Committee Host Club or free with approval of the Board. All items listed below are required to be included in the Official Premium List.

A. Host Club ID	O. Transportation
B. Dates	P. Parking
C. Location	Q. Camping
D. Specialty Headquarters	R. Directions to Site
E. ASCA Officer List	S. Map of Grounds
F. Nationals Committee Host Club Officer List	T. Directions to the Tracking Site
G. National Committee List: Chair, Conformation Secretary, Stockdog Trial Course Director, Agility Secretary, Obedience Secretary, Tracking Secretary	U. Date, Time, and place of the Draw for Tracks
H. National Judges List	V. Grooming area set-up user requirements
I. Show Photographer	W. Catalog info: Fees for pre-orders, day of show purchase and marked
J. Veterinarian	X. Catalog afterwards, advertising requirements
K. Medical Emergency Information	Y. Trophy Donation Requirements/Availability
L. Schedule of Events: Meetings (Affiliate and General), Judging, Special Events, Pre-Shows, Finals, Awarding of MVA Participant Ribbons	Z. Special Rules---Must include mention that all rules are available from the ASCA Business Office
M. Entry Info: Fees, Classes (Agility, Conformation, Obedience, Stockdog, Tracking, Juniors), Stockdog Finals, Obedience Finals, Junior Showmanship Finals (deadline date for dog changes), Parade of Veterans, Parade of Titleholders, Parade of Rescue, any additional approved competitive events	AA. Entry Forms
N. Lodging	BB. Order Forms: Catalogs, trophies, banquet, camping, vendors

Proposed Wording:

Premium Checklist

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A. Dates	O. Transportation
B. Location	P. Parking
C. Specialty Headquarters	Q. Camping
D. ASCA Officer List	R. RV Reservations/Rentals
E. National Committee List: Chair, Agility Secretary, Conformation Secretary, Obedience Secretary, Rally Secretary, Stockdog Trial Course Director, Tracking Secretary	S. Directions to Site
F. Agility Finals Secretary, Conformation Finals Secretary, Obedience Finals Secretary, Rally Finals Secretary, Stockdog Finals Course Director	T. Map of Grounds
G. National Specialty Judges List	U. Directions to the Tracking Site
H. Finals Judges List	V. Date, Time, and place of the Draw for Tracks
I. Show Photographer	W. Grooming area set-up user requirements
J. Veterinarian	X. Catalog info: Fees for pre-orders, day of show purchase and marked
K. Medical Emergency Information	Y. Catalog afterwards, advertising requirements
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N. Lodging	BB. Order Forms: Catalogs, trophies, banquet, camping, vendors

Comments/Rationale: This change removes the entry forms from the Premium. Entry forms are available on the ASCA web site. Also, simplified entry forms for the National Specialty/Finals are under development and will be posted on the ASCA web site when completed and approved.

Affected: Nationals Advisory Committee, Nationals Committee.

Effective Date: Premium for the National Specialty for June 1, 2021.

## Committee Recommendations

### Agility Committee

#### AG.20.03 Change to Agility Rules - Training in the Ring & Maximum Course Time

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 Wesen



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

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 4-2020 One time per class for both Training in the Ring and Maximum Course Time

Motion by Sherry Butler

Second by Lee Prager

I move to approve this motion to have one time per class for both Training in the Ring (TIR) and Maximum Course Time (MCT). That time will be the longest Standard Course Time (SCT) for the smallest dog in the class plus 6 seconds.

Current Wording:

5.5 Standard Course Time (Last two paragraphs)

...

One fault point or part of a point will be assessed for each second or fraction of a second over the SCT. The time shall always be measured in 1/100ths of a second. A judge may establish a maximum course time (approximately 125% of the Standard Course Time (SCT)), after which the dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring.

Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be Standard Course Time (SCT). Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they have up until the Standard Course Time (SCT) before they are required to leave the ring.

Proposed Wording:

5.5 Standard Course Time (Last two paragraphs)

...

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A judge ~~may~~ **must** establish a maximum course time (MCT) for each class which will be the longest SCT of the dogs entered in that class (rounded up) plus 6 seconds. MCT must be programmed in the timer console when electronic timing is being used or the Timer briefed when manual timing is being used. ~~(approximately 125% of the Standard Course Time (SCT)), after which the dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring.~~ If the MCT has been reached, the dog and handler must immediately leave the ring.

Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be ~~Standard Course Time (SCT)~~ **Maximum Course Time (MCT)**. Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, ~~they the dog and handler have up until the Standard Course Time (SCT) before they are required to leave the ring~~ **must immediately leave the ring once MCT had been reached.**

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### Current Wording:

#### 9.1 Handling Faults (Section "Dogs shall be eliminated for the following occurrences")

- Training in the ring, during their run. However, the dog and handler will not be excused for training in the ring, provided that no harsh words or measures are employed by the handler. Gentle training in the ring is encouraged, in the interest of safety and motivation, if done within the specified time for training in the ring. Exhibitor will be asked to leave the ring once the specified time for training has been reached. At the discretion of the host club and limited to one-ring trials, toys may be brought into the arena for training purposes. These toys may not involve food or treats of any kind, may not make noise, or may not leave parts behind. All handlers declaring toys will mark the gate sheet with a "T" at the run check-in. They will be able to run in their regular place on the gate sheet or at the end of jump height, this decision will be up to the Club and must be published in the premium. Upon entering the ring, handlers must declare to the judge that they have a toy. They will be immediately eliminated whether or not the toy is used and will have the specified time for training in the ring. If handlers bring a toy in the ring without declaring it, they will be asked to leave immediately and will not be able to use a toy for the remainder of the trial. If they use a toy again after being told that they cannot use it again in the trial, they will be excused from that trial.
- Running with a collar. Judges shall eliminate a dog for running with a collar. The judge should instruct the handler to exit the ring immediately or that they may remove the collar and continue the run up to the specified time for training in the ring.
- Food, treats, or toys shall not be used outside the ring within 10 ft of the agility trial arena at any time. Handlers may, however, continue to train in the ring with declared toys for the specified time for training in the ring. The following are additional instructions about using toys in the ring:
  - Handlers using toys for training in the ring must keep the toy concealed until the previous dog has left the ring and the handler and dog are in the ring. If the toy cannot be concealed, the handler must stay back 10' from the ring until the previous dog has left the ring. The handler cannot use the toy until they are in the ring.

- Handlers may tug or toss the toy but not further than 15 feet (4.57 meters). If the dog does not return with the toy but runs around the ring past their training time, they cannot use the toy again for that day.
- If the toy leaves the ring, the handler cannot use a toy again for the rest of the trial. If the dog leaves the ring to get the toy that has left the arena and starts a fight, the dog who left the ring will be excused from the trial per the ASCA Dog Aggression Rule.

Proposed Wording:

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  - If the toy leaves the ring, the handler cannot use a toy again for the rest of the trial. If the dog leaves the ring to get the toy that has left the arena and starts a fight, the dog who left the ring will be excused from the trial per the ASCA Dog Aggression Rule.

Current Wording:

9.2.2 Obstacle Faults (Last Bullet)

### Re-Attempting an Obstacle: Elimination

If the handler elects to re-attempt an obstacle after earning a Failure to Complete penalty (on that obstacle), the judge shall eliminate the team (on the basis of training) and they will have standard course time (SCT) to finish the run.

#### Proposed Wording:

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#### Current Wording:

##### 9.3.3 Start Line Training

Once the handler has left the dog to prepare to start the run and has crossed the plane of the first obstacle, the handler may not cross back over the plane of the first obstacle to return to the dog. Crossing back over the plane of the first obstacle and back to the dog will be considered 'Training the Start Line' and the judge will award an 'Elimination' fault. NOTE: After being eliminated, the dog/handler may re-start the run and continue their run up to SCT (Standard Course Time), but their run will be scored as 'Elimination'.

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Comments/Rationale: Currently, the Training the the Ring (TIR) time is based on the Standard Course Time (SCT). This is 9 different times for each class depending on the dog size (Large, Medium, Small) and what division they are in (Championship Standard, Championship Veteran Dog/Championship Junior Handler/ACE Standard or ACE Senior Dog). The MCT is 125% of the SCT. This is another 9 different times for each class bringing the total to 18 different times. Having one time for both Training in the Ring (TIR) and Maximum Course Time (MCT) for each Regular and Jumpers class will simplify the process for the judge and timer and make it more consistent. This time would be entered into the timer console and relieve the timer from having to keep track of different times and sound the horn at the appropriate time.

Affected: Agility Judges and Timers. This motion does not affect the Business Office, Webmaster or Program Software Vendors. This will be included as part of the addendums to the 2020 Agility Rule Book as it doesn't affect any programming that is being done.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 7; Disapprove: 1; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: 2

*Comment from Committee Member Andrea Hoffman:* I do not think max course time should be mandated. (This is not stock; we are talking about seconds). For some competitors just making it through the course is a feat. And as far as TIR, with the allowance of a toy I see this dragging on and being abused.

#### **AG.20.04 Change to Agility Rules - Judge to Submit Course Yardage & One Standard Course Time**

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

*Comment from Director Evans:* While I agree with the comments of the dissenter on the committee, I don't see that disapproving this motion will help.

Motion by Liaison Wesen

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

#### Committee Recommendation:

Motion 5-2020 Require judges to submit course yardage and one Standard Course time (SCT)

Motion by Sherry Butler

Seconded by Natascha Allard

I move to approve this motion to require a judge to only submit course yardage and one Standard Course Time (SCT) rather than the course yardage and 9 SCTs.

#### Current Wording:

##### 5.5 Standard Course Time

The officiating judge shall be responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT). The judge shall measure the course using a measuring wheel to determine the course distance and then calculate the Standard Course Time (SCT) according to the level of the class, the difficulty of the course and any environmental conditions which may exist. The table below lists the recommended MAXIMUM Yards per Second (YPS) for the different levels and height groups. Any deviation from the following table shall be reported along with the reasons, for the deviation below the recommended Maximum Yards per Second (YPS), in the after-trial Judge's report. At no time may a judge ever ask a dog to exceed the recommended Maximum Yards per Second (YPS).

**\*\*Insert Regular Class Yards per Second TABLE HERE\*\***

The Judge shall calculate the SCT for the Championship program classes and add 10% for the ACE program classes. EXAMPLE: Standard division large dogs in Elite Regular with a course yardage of 156 will have a SCT of 45.22 seconds (156/3.45) and a judge shall add 10% for the Standard division large dogs in Elite Regular in the ACE program, or in this example, 49.74 seconds, and shall add an additional 10% for the large dogs in Elite Regular in the ACE Senior Dog program, or in this example, 54.71 seconds.

ACE Program SCT = Championship SCT + 10% - ACE Senior Dog Program SCT = ACE Program SCT + 10%  
Judges should convert course distance from feet to yards by dividing the number of feet shown on the measuring wheel by three (3). The course yardage (# of feet shown on the measuring wheel divided by 3) should then be divided by the maximum YPS shown in the chart based on the class level and height division. This number should be carried out to the NEAREST 1/100th (i.e., two decimal places or xx.xx) of a second. EXAMPLE: 34.246 should be used as 34.25 seconds; 34.243 shall be used as 34.24 seconds. The calculated SCT shall then be recorded on the judge's yardage sheet and reported to the score table commencing the class. In every case, the

arithmetic of the computation of SCT shall be independently checked by the Trial Chair, Trial Secretary, or score-table personnel PRIOR to posting and recording the trial results.

Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge's Show Report.

One fault point or part of a point will be assessed for each second or fraction of a second over the SCT. The time shall always be measured in 1/100ths of a second. A judge may establish a maximum course time (approximately 125% of the Standard Course Time (SCT)), after which the dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring.

Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be Standard Course Time (SCT). Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they have up until the Standard Course Time (SCT) before they are required to leave the ring.

#### Proposed Wording:

##### 5.5 Standard Course Time

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**\*\*Insert Regular Class Yards per Second TABLE HERE from the rulebook\*\***

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#### Current Wording:

##### 6.5 Standard Course Time

The officiating judge shall be responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT) for the Jumpers class. Standard Course Time (SCT) for Jumpers will be computed in accordance with Section 5.5 using the following table of MAXIMUM Yards per Second (YPS). Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge's Show Report.

**\*\*Insert Jumpers Class Yards per Second TABLE HERE\*\***

The Judge shall calculate the SCT for the Championship program classes and add 10% for the ACE program classes. EXAMPLE: Standard division large dogs in Elite Jumpers with a yardage of 140 will have a SCT of 33.73 seconds (140/4.15) and a judge shall add 10% for the large dogs (in all divisions) in Elite Jumpers in the ACE program, or in this example, 37.10 seconds, and shall add an additional 10% for the large dogs in Elite Regular in the ACE Senior Dog program, or in this example, 40.81 seconds.

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#### Proposed Wording:

#### 6.5 Standard Course Time

The officiating judge ~~shall be~~ **is** responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT) for the Jumpers class. Standard Course Time (SCT) for Jumpers will be computed in accordance with Section 5.5 using the following table of MAXIMUM **Jumpers Class** Yards per Second (YPS). ~~Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge's Show Report.~~

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Comments/Rationale: Currently, the judge has to submit the course yardage and calculate 9 Standard Course Times (SCTs). Since the scoring software calculates all the SCTs, it is not necessary for the judge to duplicate that effort. By having the judge submit the course yardage and one SCT, the scorekeeper can enter the course yardage and verify the SCTs based on the one submitted.

Affected: Agility Judges, Scorekeeper, Business Office and Webmaster. The Business Office and Webmaster are affected because there would be a new Yardage and Course Times sheet to send with the trial paperwork and post on the website. This new form will be created by the Agility Committee. This motion does not affect the Program Software Vendors. This will be included as part of the addendums to the 2020 Agility Rule Book as it doesn't affect any programing that is being done.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 8; Disapprove: None; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: 2

Attachment: Yardage and Course Times Sheet Motion AG2004.pdf

## **Stockdog Committee**

### **SD.20.02 Change to Stockdog Rules - Defining Size of Center or Free-Standing Pen**

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Evans, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen; Disapprove: Creelman; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: None; Motion is **adopted** (8-1).

*Dissent from Director Creelman*: This motion is too complex for a simple description. The term panel is misused in my opinion.

*Comment from Director Evans*: There was a comment that 4' panels will not be sufficient for Cattle. I believe it is the responsibility of the Course Director to provide facilities that allow for the welfare of the stock, including the size and type of pens used.

Motion by Liaison Gann

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

Committee Recommendation:

Defining the size of the center or free-standing pen for Sheep/Goats and Cattle on courses B, D, F, and G

Motion by Dan Sanderson

Second by Carol Gerken

I make a motion to add a description of the minimum and maximum size of the center- or free-standing pen to the beginning of each chapter for Course B, D, F, and G. The placement of the rule will be immediately following "Panel Size" and preceding "Sequence" in all courses listed. In order to retain continuity in the Stockdog Rule

Book, in the chapter for Course B Arena, the “b. Sequence” will be moved to position “d” and “c. Panels” will be moved to position “b”. “Free-Standing” pen will be written as position “c” in all courses listed.

Current Wording:

c. Panels: Ducks/Geese arena panels will be 4-5 feet long and at least 2 feet high. Cattle and Sheep/Goat arena panels will be 8-12 feet in length and will be at least 4 feet high. NOTE: The free-standing pen panels for Cattle and Sheep/Goats must be a minimum of 12 feet and a maximum of 16 feet with a gate of no less than 12 feet. The free-standing pen for Ducks/Geese must be a minimum of 4’ by 4’ and a maximum of 6’ by 6’.

Proposed Wording:

c. Free-Standing Pen:

1. Ducks/Geese: The free-standing pen must be made up of panels at least 2’ high, be a minimum of 4’ by 4’ and a maximum of 6’ by 6’, and with a gate of at least 4’.
2. Sheep/Goats and Cattle: The free-standing pen must be made up of panels at least 4’ high, be a minimum of 12’ by 12’ and a maximum of 16’ by 16’, and with a gate of at least 12’.

Comments/Rationale: The actual minimum and maximum size for the free-standing pen when using Sheep/Goats and Cattle is not clearly stated in the rule book. The size is implied, but not clearly defined. The question has been asked twice within the past two months if the free-standing pen could be 20’ by 20’ or 24’ by 24’. The addition of this statement will eliminate confusion without changing the intent of the existing rule.

Affected: Course Directors, Judges, and Contestants will be affected by clearly stating the minimum and maximum allowable size of the free-standing pen.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9; Disapprove: None; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: 1

**SD.20.03 Increase Number of Alternates Invited to 2020 ASCA Stockdog Finals**

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 Gann

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

Committee Recommendation:

For Georgia 2020 only, allow the Business Office to increase the number of alternates invited to help fill each class of stock for the ASCA Stockdog Finals.

Motion by Jacqueline Tinker

Second by James Bergert

I make a motion to allow the Business Office to increase the number of alternates invited to the ASCA Stockdog Finals in Georgia 2020. An invitation may be sent to all dogs listed on the ASCA website who have qualified for Georgia 2020 Finals. Each dog invited must have earned the minimum required 4 points in the class of stock

they are selected to enter as described in 24.2.5 of the ASCA Stockdog Rule Book. Invitations may go beyond the 40-dog limit currently in place. The dogs selected to enter each Finals Class of stock will be selected in the order they are listed on the ASCA website. This exception to the current rule is due to the shortened trial season caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and will apply only to the Georgia 2020 ASCA Finals. This is an attempt to fill the event and help offset expenses.

#### Current Wording:

##### 24.3.3 Number of Alternates Allowed

- a. When more than 30 dogs qualify in any class of stock, notification will be sent out to the first ten alternates per class of stock. Notifications will be sent out at the same time qualifiers are notified. Only the first ten alternates, or top 40 dogs, will be eligible to compete in finals. 40 dogs are eligible, but only 30 will compete. Alternates must verify their intent to compete at the National Finals by filling out an official entry blank and sending it to the Business Office by the due date. Alternates will pay when they become eligible. Alternates will become eligible if a qualifier fails to verify his/her intent to attend the Finals by the due date or withdraws from the event at any time.
- b. The maximum number of dogs eligible to compete in the Finals Trial is 40 dogs per class of stock. In the event there are two or more dogs with the same number of points in the 40th position, ties will be broken as follows:
  1. Average the top three scores for that Stockdog Finals year
  2. Average the top two scores for that Stockdog Finals year
  3. Highest individual score
  4. Draw

#### Proposed Wording:

No change.

Comments/Rationale: In order to cover expenses and make sure that finals has a strong showing in Georgia, we are suggesting this rule to the board.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval, with no extension for future years at this time

#### Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 10; Disapprove: None; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: None

*Comment from Committee Member Jamie Burns:* I feel it is very important to make our Stockdog finals cover expenses. COVID-19 has interrupted a lot of folks' lives. Time to move forward.

*Comment from Committee Member Dennis Witham:* COVID-19 has interrupted so many events. This will allow finals to cover expenses.

## **Tracking Committee**

### **TR.20.01 Change to Tracking Rules - Allow Tracking Test Secretaries to Enter Tests**

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 Wesen

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

Committee Recommendation:

Tracking Secretary to be able to Enter a Test

Motion by Jacqueline Tinker

Second by Lisa Klein

I move that we allow Tracking Test Secretaries to enter tests where they are serving as the Tracking Secretary.

Current Wording:

1.7 Tracking Test Chairperson and Tracking Test Committee

An Affiliate Club holding a Sanctioned Tracking Trial must appoint: a Tracking Test Chairperson, a Tracking Test Secretary who shall be a full member of ASCA in good standing (who may also act as Chairperson), and a Tracking Test Committee.

Whenever a Tracking Trial is announced in the premium of an Affiliate Club's Show or Obedience Trial, the Affiliate Club shall appoint a Tracking Test Secretary, Chairperson, and a Tracking Committee of the Tracking Rules and Regulations. This Tracking Committee shall appoint one person to receive all the entries for the Tracking Trial other than the person designated to receive the Show or Obedience Trial entries.

The Tracking Test Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members of the Host Affiliate Club, which may include the Tracking Test Chairperson and Tracking Test Secretary. A Tracking Test Committee shall consist of the Tracking Test Secretary and Club's Officers present at the Tracking Test unless otherwise stated in the premium.

Tracking Test Committees shall be held responsible for the enforcement of all rules and regulations relating to Tracking Trials and the exhibiting of dogs and must provide themselves with a copy of the ASCA Tracking Rules and Regulations and a copy of the Show Rules. The Tracking Test Committee will be held responsible for the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions throughout the precincts of the judging area during all hours when dogs are permitted to be present.

The Tracking Test Committee may decline any entries or may remove any dog or person from its show for cause, but in each such instance shall file good and sufficient reasons for doing so with ASCA Office, within seven (7) days of the close of the Tracking Trial. This Tracking Test Committee shall exercise all authority vested in a Show Committee and shall have sole jurisdiction over all matters that may properly come before it.

The Tracking Test Committee shall investigate any reports of abuse of dogs on the grounds or premises of any Tracking Test.

The Tracking Test Committee shall deal with any person who conducts himself in such manner or in any other matter prejudicial to the best interest of the sport. The offender shall be dealt with promptly during the Tracking Trial, if possible, after he/she has been notified of the specific charges against him/her and has been given an opportunity to be heard in his/ her own defense, in accordance with the Dispute Rules.

The Tracking Test Committee shall be responsible for compliance of Chapter 1, Section 15 (Risk) of these Show Regulations and the ASCA Conflict Resolution Protocol.

At least three (3) members of the Tracking Test Committee shall be present throughout the Tracking Trial. The Tracking Test Secretary must be on the Tracking Trial Grounds for the entire Tracking Test.

Tracking Test Secretaries and Tracking Test Chairpersons shall not be eligible to judge or to enter any Tracking Test at which they act in these official capacities. Any person acting in the capacity of a Tracking Test Secretary,

or persons responsible for contacting and/or hiring Judges, shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler at the Tracking Trial. However, dogs owned wholly, or in part, by the above may be exhibited at the Tracking Trial. Any person acting in the capacity of Judge at a Tracking Test shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler at the Tracking Trial.

Proposed Wording:

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Tracking Trial. If entered in the Test as a handler, the Tracking Test Secretaries and Tracking Test shall notify the judges and track layers and cross-track layers and any other person participating in mapping or laying of tracks that they are entered as a handler. If entered in the Test, Tracking Test Secretaries and Tracking Test Chairpersons must remove themselves immediately from any discussions of plotting or track laying on both the plotting day and test day or during the planning of the test.

Any person acting in the capacity of Judge at a Tracking Test Chairpersons shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler at the Tracking Trial.

Comments/Rationale: There are so few ASCA tracking tests, and small numbers of active tracking members, it makes sense to allow as many people as possible to enter the tests. We will encourage active trackers to participate in putting on tests by loosening restrictions on test volunteers.

Affected: Tracking test participants will be able to volunteer to help put on tracking tests. Affiliate clubs will be able to put on Tracking Tests with fewer volunteers.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 8; Disapprove: None; Abstain: None; 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 THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 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 cancelled due to COVID-19.

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

**Also Present:** Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, Office Manager Ray Fryar (until 7:50 pm), and Counsel David Schleicher (until 8:32 pm).

**Directors Absent:** None.

### CALL TO ORDER

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 6:00 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>

## **Meeting with Office Manager**

### ***Blood Samples Stored at Therion***

ASCA is currently attempting to determine the quality of blood samples stored with our current lab for parentage verification, Therion. We are doing this by randomly pulling 10 samples and sending them to our new lab, Paw Print Genetics, for quality testing. If the samples are still viable, the Board must decide how to ship the samples from Therion to the ASCA Business Office. The blood cards that were stored with Therion have already been shipped to the Business Office.

The Executive Secretary will continue gaining permission from the sample owners.

### ***Sanctioning Considerations Related to COVID-19***

Office Manager Fryar reported that most Affiliate Clubs have communicated with the Business Office to reschedule, postpone indefinitely, or cancel their sanctioned shows. The Business Office staff are doing all they can to accommodate. Now that some states have re-opened, however, some Affiliate Clubs are requesting to sanction new shows less than 60 days out. Mr. Fryar worries this may create a situation where shows are only advertised to a small circle of attendees since there will not be enough time to get the word out.

The Business Office can sanction new shows on a minimum 30-day timeline, so long as the required information is submitted correctly the first time. Affiliate Clubs must check their submissions for accuracy. Any mistakes could result in the show not being sanctioned.

Liaisons will check with their committees to ensure those with course review requirements can be completed within a 30-day sanctioning timeline and report back for the June 11 teleconference meeting.

### ***New Office Building***

Office Manager Fryar reported that planning for a new office building has been halted due to COVID-19 related setbacks.

### ***Farm/Ranch Trial Sanctioning***

Office Manager Fryar explained the process for sanctioning a farm or ranch trial, which takes longer than for regular stockdog trials due to the course review requirement. Affiliate Clubs are encouraged to submit separate flyers for their regular trials and farm/ranch trials, so the regular trial is not held up.

### ***Quality of Paper Used in the Business Office***

As has been discussed previously, some members have raised concerns about the quality of paper used in the Business Office for certain title/achievement certificates and purchasable pedigrees. Changing certificate size would require a programming change, but they can still be printed on thicker paper. The Office Manager will submit several different types of paper for the Board to choose from.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board was in Executive Session from 7:25 pm - 8:32 pm to discuss the below topics.

## **Meeting with Office Manager, Continued**

### ***Business Office Staff Reviews***

Office Manager Fryar shared his staff reviews with the Board.

The Board recognizes all the hard work of ASCA's Business Office staff this past year and are especially grateful they were able to update their position's procedure manuals. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 there will be no raises for staff this year.

### ***Deadline for Therion DNA Kits***

August 11, 2020 is the last day for samples to arrive at Therion to be processed by September 1, 2020, which is the date Paw Print Genetics takes over parentage verification for ASCA. The ASCA Business Office will not process orders for kits after July 30, 2020, and any kits ordered late in July may need expedited shipping. There will be no refunds for kits that have already been purchased but will not be used by September 1, 2020.

### **General Legal Discussion**

Counsel David Schleicher reported that there are currently no pending legal issues involving ASCA.

Mr. Schleicher has been in discussion with an ASCA Member regarding the line about indemnification in the new waiver on entry forms. The line is there to protect ASCA in case someone names ASCA in a lawsuit over something someone else has done.

The Board and Mr. Schleicher discussed the reasoning behind removing the language about liability for killed or injured livestock from the entry form waiver.

Mr. Schleicher assisted with an addendum to ASCA's contract with the Georgia International Horse Park to host the 2020 ASCA National Specialty regarding facility payment in case of cancellation due to COVID-19.

If an ASCA Member contacts the Board with a complaint that is also a criminal matter, such as a forgery, they are encouraged to contact law enforcement while ASCA inquires separately with the parties involved. A court order must be provided in these instances for ASCA to act.

### **OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session from 8:32 pm - 8:58 pm to discuss the below items.

#### **Communicable Disease Refund Policy**

The Board considered creating a policy to handle refunds for members who find themselves unable to attend the National Specialty due to ASCA's communicable disease rules. Directors were all in favor of offering refunds and hope it will encourage people to stay at home if their dog is sick or has been exposed to a sick dog. The Nationals Committees and Affiliate Clubs involved in Nationals will be required to provide refunds under these circumstances. Proof of disease from a veterinarian on official stationery will be required before a refund is given. Directors Wesen, Vest, and Creelman will create a motion for June email voting.

#### **Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant**

At the beginning of April, the Board voted to apply for the Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act. 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 Affiliate Clubs have been forced to cancel or postpone events in accordance with local shelter in place ordinances.

ASCA is eligible for a loan of up to \$150,000 at 2.75% interest for 30 years. Payments would be approximately \$600 per month, with payments deferred for the first twelve months. Treasurer Evans recommends borrowing as much as we can at that rate. All other Directors agreed.



### **BD.20.63 Move Forward with Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant**

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

Motion by Evans

Second by Roberts

*I move that ASCA try to move forward with the Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant offered through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act for \$150,000 at 2.75% for 30 years.*

## **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 Monthly Teleconference Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020, via online meeting service GoToMeeting. This meeting included some of the business normally handled at the face-to-face Spring Meeting in Bryan, Texas, which was cancelled due to COVID-19.

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

**Also Present:** Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco (absent from 6:55 pm - 7:05 pm during employee discussion) and Auditor Richard Webb (until 6:25 pm).

**Directors Absent:** None.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 6:04 pm - 7:02 pm to discuss the below topics.

### **Audit**

The Board met with ASCA's auditor, Richard Webb, from Ingram, Wallis, & Co., P.C., to discuss the most recently conducted audit through December 2018. He issued an unqualified opinion, which is the best one can receive. He noted that all significant transactions were recognized in the financial statements in the proper period; the financial statement disclosures were neutral, consistent, and clear; and they encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing the audit.

Treasurer Evans will work with Mr. Webb to facilitate the 2019 audit.

### **BD.20.64 Audit through December 31, 2018**

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

Motion by Evans

Second by Larson

*I move to accept the audit through December 31, 2018 as presented, including the comments in the management letter.*

### **Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant**

The Board continued discussion of the Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act. ASCA is eligible for up to \$150,000 at 2.75% interest rate. To receive the loan, it appears ASCA must provide all our assets as collateral. We are not likely to be able to negotiate these terms. The loan may be pre-paid in part or in full at any time without penalty.

Treasurer Evans will compare the cost/benefit of getting the loan and pre-paying after three years and the Board can continue discussion during the June 18 meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The financial reports for period ending May 31, 2020, were presented to the Board by Treasurer Evans. Ending balance is \$121,777.81.

Mr. Evans reported that assets are going down as more money is being spent than brought in. The P&L shows registry services and membership dues have not slowed, but program income is down significantly.

The Office Manager recently moved \$50,000 from ASCA's savings account to checking to ensure ASCA did not bounce any checks. Mr. Evans is currently working with the Office Manager to be added to ASCA's bank accounts.

The board briefly discussed controls around cash collections and disbursements including the policy of having two employees present when opening mail.

### **BD.20.65 Treasurer's Report through May 31, 2020**

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 Treasurer's Report as presented.*

### **Registration Request**

The Board voted to make a one-time exception to the co-breeder signature requirement for individual registration of puppies from a litter since the co-breeder has refused the co-breeder's and ASCA's requests to sign.

Counsel is working on a policy regarding non-response to inquiries from ASCA.

### **BD.20.66 Allow Registration of Puppies without Co-Breeder Signature**

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Larson, Vest, Wesen; Disapprove: None; Abstain: Roberts; Absent: None; Motion is **adopted** (8-0-1).

### **Employee Reviews**

The Board commends the Office staff for understanding and accepting our current reality, and the lack of raises this year due to no fault of their own. ASCA's Office staff are so appreciated!

President Busquets presented the Office Manager's review.

1st Vice-President Gann presented the Executive Secretary's review.

## OPEN SESSION

The Board was in Open Session from 7:02 pm - 7:50 pm to discuss the below items. A recording of this part of the meeting may be listened to on ASCA's:

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

### Email Business from May 2020

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.20.67 May 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 Roberts

Second by Creelman

*I move to ratify all business conducted over email in May 2020.*

### System Upgrade

Director Vest, as Liaison to the System Liaison, reported on the ongoing progress of the computer system upgrade and gave an update on overall technology plans. The Office Manager is currently working with Inventive to provide an all-encompassing plan for the remaining system upgrade work - due by June 30th.

### Follow-up on Sanctioning Considerations Related to COVID-19

Last week, Liaisons were asked to check with their committees to ensure those with course review requirements can be completed within a 30-day sanctioning timeline. All committees were agreeable, so long as there are no issues that require repeated correspondence.

#### BD.20.68 Temporary 30-Day Sanctioning Protocol

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

Motion by Gann

Second by Creelman

*Due to COVID-19, I move to temporarily allow a 30-day sanctioning protocol, in effect until further notice.*

This means that Affiliate Clubs will be able to sanction shows/trials just 30 day in advance of the event date. This is a temporary measure to assist Affiliates that have been affected by state or local orders regarding gatherings and "stay in place" restrictions.

Affiliates must review the premium, courses, and paperwork very carefully before sending them to the Business Office. If there are errors, it may not be possible for the Office to accommodate the sanctioning within this shorter period.

Affiliates should include contact persons who will be prompt in responding to inquiries from the Business Office or course reviewers. Any delays in responding to such queries may also impact the Office's ability to turn around the paperwork and sanctioning within this shorter period of 30 days.

### **2020 Program Finals Budgets**

Due to restrictions related to COVID-19, the Host Consortium for the 2020 ASCA National Specialty has had to make changes to the way they planned to run the event. They have been working on revisions to the Finals budgets which reflect these changes but have not had a chance to submit yet.

### **Nationals & Finals Judge Letters**

The Board considered a suggestion from Director Boone to send all the Nationals and Finals Judge letters electronically instead of by mail, which includes a postage paid return envelope. Directors agreed that ASCA should attempt to do as much as possible electronically. Accommodations will still be made for those who do not have the necessary technology.

The method for choosing Nationals and Finals Judges is the responsibility of the program committees, but the method of notification should be up to the Business Office.

Director Roberts will research the impact of changing the rules to allow for electronic notification and have a recommendation ready for next year's selection.

### **Board Meeting Schedule at 2020 National Specialty**

The Board plans to meet for a partial day on Saturday, October 24, 2020; full day on Wednesday, October 28; full day on Thursday, October 29; and a partial day on Friday, October 30, if needed.

Executive Secretary Jaco will send out an early agenda and more details regarding the meeting dates can be planned over email.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 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, JUNE 18, 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 cancelled due to COVID-19.

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

**Also Present:** Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, 2021 National Specialty Chair Laura Gibson (until 6:30 pm), 2021 National Specialty Co-Chairs Cameron Leopold (until 6:30 pm) and Cathy Kenny (until 6:30 pm), and 2021 National Specialty Bookkeeper Susan Byrne (until 6:30 pm).

**Directors Absent:** None.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 6:04 pm - 7:15 pm to discuss the below topics.

### 2021 National Specialty Financials

The Board met with Laura Gibson, member of the Nationals Advisory Committee and Chair of the 2021 Nationals, and 2021 Nationals Committee members Cameron Leopold, Cathy Kenny, and Susan Byrne to discuss the way financials will be handled during the 2021 National Specialty.

Ms. Gibson answered questions regarding the committee's proposed financial policies (below).

- I. A bank account opened by the ASCA Office Manager shall be the sole operating account for the 2021 ASCA National Specialty, hereafter referred to as "the event." This account shall be maintained at Chase Bank and be titled Australian Shepherd Club of America Nationals Account to designate it is the Nationals account. Signers on this account will be the Nationals Chair, the ASCA Business Office Manager, the ASCA Board President, and the ASCA Board Treasurer. Electronic access to this account will be made available to the Nationals Chair, the Nationals Co-Chair, the Nationals Bookkeeper, and the ASCA Business Office Manager, as well as the members of ASCA's Board of Directors. Statements for this account should be mailed to the ASCA Business Office at 6091 E. State Hwy 21, Bryan, Texas 77802.
- II. All deposits for this event will be held at this bank. Deposit information will be shared with those pertinent to making deposits, i.e. Nationals Entry Clerk. Checks will be ordered specific to said account and credit cards will be associated with the account to be utilized by the Nationals Chair and designee(s).
- III. The account will be opened with \$1500, per National Specialty rules.
- IV. An electronic financial ledger indicating income and expenses for a particular Nationals event will be maintained by that event's Nationals Bookkeeper in order for all incomes and expenses to be recorded appropriately and to establish a tool for reconciliation. This ledger will be accessible to all members of that particular Nationals Committee and the ASCA Board of Directors. Key personnel involved with incomes and expenses will have access to spreadsheet in order to record any transactions conducted (i.e.: Nationals Entry Clerk, Nationals Travel Chair, etc.).
- V. All transactions will require a receipt for payment. In the event a receipt is not available, a Missing Receipt document shall be completed and signed by the individual requesting payment. (Attachment A)
- VI. All transactions will be managed from a budgeted category. The budget will be approved by the ASCA Board of Directors. The Nationals Chair will have authority to spend money according to the approved budget. The ONLY exception will be unforeseen urgent circumstances which have the potential to arise. In the event of urgent circumstances, the following procedures will be followed:
  - a. The Nationals Chair, with the additional consent of the Nationals Bookkeeper, a Nationals Co-Chair or another Nationals Committee Chair, will have the authority to approve a non-budgeted expense of up to \$1,000 per transaction. The total amount of these non-budgeted/discretionary spending transactions shall not exceed \$5000 for the entirety of the event without approval from the ASCA President and the ASCA Treasurer.
  - b. Non-budgeted expenses between One Thousand and One Dollars (\$1,001.00) and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) must be approved by the ASCA President and the ASCA Treasurer and the rest of the Board of Directors should be notified of the approval.
  - c. In case of emergency, the President or the Vice President can make approvals without consent of the Board of Directors. All purchases must be followed up in writing and sent to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the Board of Directors.
- VII. Handling of Cash

- a. All payments will be made via check or credit card.
- b. Cash collected at the event must be counted and verified by two separate people. A deposit for each day's cash and checks will be prepared each day and deposited as soon as possible. Cash and checks will be kept in a secure manner.
- c. Cash received will be receipted with a duplicate receipt book.
- d. Cash boxes of \$100 will be provided to the Nationals Office Manager and the Nationals Merchandise Chairman for the purpose of making change for purchases made at the merchandise booth and at the Nationals office. At the beginning of each day, the person receiving the box will verify the \$100 in the box. At the end of each day, the cash in these boxes will be readied for deposit, retaining the original \$100 in the box for the next day's business. The boxes will be kept in a secure location overnight.

VIII. Subsequent Nationals - One ASCA Nationals account will be opened and the funds for subsequent Nationals will be separated through accounting by ASCA's bookkeeper, but all funds will be flowing through the same account.

The committee assured the Board that the 2021 National Specialty will be tightly budgeted and accounted for financially. There will be no cash payouts.

There was some discussion about what could happen if the 2020 National Specialty must be cancelled and questions about whether there will be any carryover from 2020 to 2021 if that happens. As far as the Board is concerned, the committee for the 2021 National Specialty has already been set and will go forward as planned regardless of what happens with the 2020 event.

Executive Secretary Jaco will setup a groups.io discussion list for the 2021 Nationals Committee, so that conversations can be documented/archived for future reference.

### **2020 National Specialty & Finals**

The Board discussed the possibility of cancelling the 2020 ASCA Finals. They considered the financial strain on ASCA and current public health concerns.

July 15 is the deadline for Finals entries to be received by the Business Office. August 1 is the deadline to cancel our reservation with the Georgia International Horse Park without further penalty.

The decision to hold the 2020 ASCA Nationals is up to the Host Consortium since they are hosting the event. However, ASCA is financially responsible for the site.

The Board also spent some time discussing the suitability of the Georgia site and recovering the cost of stock panels, the condition of the Finals budgets submitted by the consortium, and the potential difficulty of enforcing COVID-19 related regulations at a large event like Nationals/Finals. They agreed that no money will be sent to the consortium until a decision about holding the Finals has been made.

### **OPEN SESSION**

The Board was in Open Session from 7:15 pm - 7:53 pm to discuss the below items. A recording of this part of the meeting may be listened to on ASCA's:

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## Revisit Norms

A “norm” is a principle of right action binding upon the members of a group and serving to guide, control, or regulate proper and acceptable behavior. As is usually done during their face-to-face meetings, the Board reviewed their agreed upon norms and renewed commitment to upholding them.

## Strategic Plan

Each spring the Board adopts the new Strategic Plan, which incorporates feedback from the Board and committees. The updated Strategic Plan was presented by 2nd Vice President Vest. No pressure is being put on committees this year due to the moratorium on program changes and current world events.

Liaisons will attempt to get feedback from their committees and the Board will revisit during their July 9 teleconference meeting.

## Appointment of Next Board Liaison to the System Liaison

Since Liaison Vest will be leaving the Board in November the position of Board Liaison to the System Liaison must be filled. This is usually done during the Board’s meeting at the National Specialty, but Liaison Vest would like to help the next director transition into the position. Ms. Vest nominated Director Evans to serve and he accepted.

### **BD.20.69 New Board Liaison to the System Liaison - Evans**

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen; Disapprove: None; Abstain: Evans; Absent: None; Motion is **adopted** (8-0-1).

Motion by Vest

Second by Wesen

*I move to appoint Director Warren Evans to take over as Board Liaison to the System Liaison.*

## Additional Alternates for 2020 Rally Finals

Liaison Gann presented a recommendation from the Rally Committee to allow 10 additional alternates to compete in the 2020 Rally Finals.

### **RA.20.07 Increase Number of Alternates Invited to 2020 ASCA Rally Finals**

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

Motion by Liaison Gann

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

### Committee Recommendation:

Emergency Ballot - RC 20.12 - Allowing additional alternates to enter 2020 Finals

This is an emergency vote to allow 10 additional alternates to compete in Rally Finals.

The intention of Rally Finals is to showcase the best rally dogs. It is not to find the dog that happens to be having one good day after a less than stellar year with low scores throughout the year. Adding 10 dogs with lower total scores totally degrades the value of winning Finals. It is making Finals just another trial like any other. And for what purpose? It is not improving the program, or even sustaining the program, it is diluting the ASCA Rally program.

Due to the unusual circumstances of the qualifying year ending 3 months early, for 2020 Georgia Nationals only, the Rally Committee will agree to lowering the requirements to enter Finals. We now invite the top 20; for 2020, alternates can come from dogs ranked 21-40 (previously 21-30).

The alternate entries must be accepted based on the dog's ranking on the merit list.

The Business Office must supply the Finals secretary with the alternate list in merit ranking order so that someone can step in if the regular exhibitors do not show up. Rally has a history of people entering, often with multiple dogs, but having no intention of showing, their only objective is to get the ribbon. This happens every year and is not fair to the alternates that would have gone had they known they would have been able to show.

#### Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 2; Not voting: 1

### **Follow-up on Loan Application**

ASCA applied for the Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant offered through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act and is eligible for a loan of \$150,000 - 30 years, at 2.75%, \$641.00 monthly payment starting one year after closing.

Due to the unreasonable amount of collateral required for the loan, however, Treasurer Evans recommended ASCA not take the loan. ASCA's income has taken a hit due to COVID-19, but we will be able to manage without the loan.

### **BD.20.70 Terminate Application for EEID Loan**

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

Motion by Evans

Second by Larson

*Given the constraints involved with the Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant offered through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act, I move to either terminate the application process or allow it to lapse.*

### **2020 Program Finals Budgets**

The 2020 National Specialty Host Consortium has submitted their revised proposed budgets for the ASCA Finals. Liaison Busquets. However, due to last-minute, COVID-19 related changes, there was not enough time for the Board to review the budgets prior to this meeting.

The Board will revisit during their July 9 teleconference meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 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, JUNE 30, 2020, via online meeting service GoToMeeting. This meeting was held to discuss holding the 2020 ASCA Finals.



**Directors Present:** President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Secretary Jan Wesen, Treasurer Warren Evans, Judy Boone, 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 Executive Session at 6:00 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.

After holding discussion, the Board move into Open Session from 7:04 pm - 7:15 pm to vote on the below motion.

A recording of this part of the meeting may be listened to on ASCA's:

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## 2020 ASCA Finals

The Board continued discussing the possibility of cancelling the 2020 ASCA Finals.

They reviewed budget information provided by Treasurer Evans and considered the increased and overwhelming financial concerns surrounding this year's Finals.

Directors shared their worries about many issues, such as:

- The situation with COVID-19 remains uncertain, and competitors must make the decision to enter Finals in the next two weeks and Nationals in the next two months. Things may not improve enough by then for people to feel comfortable planning a trip.
- Is it responsible for ASCA to hold a social event during a pandemic?
- How will ASCA and the Host Consortium ensure Georgia's COVID-19 related requirements are adhered to? The logistics of holding the event may be too much to manage.
- Attendees may be affected by travel restrictions and quarantine orders that differ from state to state.
- If the event is not cancelled now and the situation with COVID-19 worsens, the Georgia International Horse Park (site of the 2020 Nationals/Finals) may close and force ASCA's hand. Cancellation near the event date would be detrimental to all involved.
- The deadline for ordering ribbons is quickly approaching. This is a large expense to take on if the event may end up being cancelled abruptly.
- Several clubs have cancelled their scheduled pre-shows/trials at the Nationals.
- Three of the clubs which make up the Host Consortium have withdrawn, leaving only the Greater Atlanta ASC to host the Nationals.
- The Nationals/Finals Course Director does not believe it is worth the cost or labor involved to run cattle at the Nationals/Finals. His suggestion is to only run sheep and ducks.

Director Vest requested that Counsel review the Host Consortium's contract with the sheep provider to determine if there will be any penalty for cancelling the event.

In place of participation ribbons for Finals entrants, Director Wesen suggested offering high quality certificates to commemorate Finals qualifiers' accomplishments during the 2020 show year.

### **BD.20.71 Cancellation of 2020 ASCA Finals**

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 Vest

*I move to cancel the 2020 ASCA Finals.*

The Board is profoundly disappointed that ASCA is unable to hold this event but felt this was the best way to proceed during such an unprecedented global situation.

The Board plans to meet with the 2020 Nationals Host Consortium to discuss cancellation of the Nationals.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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## YARDAGE & COURSE TIMES RECORD

Judges are required to provide the course yardage and one SCT and submit the data the Trial Secretary/Chairperson to enter into the scoring program and be included with the results from the trial. Times should be calculated to the 1/100th second per guidelines in the current rule book.

ASCA Host Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Trial Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For scorekeeper SCT verification, please calculate and enter ONE of the Championship height options below.

### REGULAR

(YPS: Vets/JH/ACE Std +10%, ACE Sr Dog=ACE Std+ 10%)

ELITE (Lg=3.45, Med=3.15, Sm=2.85) OPEN (Lg=3.00, Med=2.75, Sm=2.50) NOVICE (Lg=2.60, Med=2.40, Sm=2.20)

*Circle one for SCT*

<b>Elite Regular Round 1</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Elite Regular Round 2</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Open Regular Round 1</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Open Regular Round 2</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Novice Regular Round 1</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Novice Regular Round 2</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small

### JUMPERS

(YPS: Vets/JH/ACE Std +10%, ACE Sr Dog=ACE Std+ 10%)

ELITE (Lg=4.15, Med=3.80, Sm=3.45) OPEN (Lg=3.60, Med=3.30, Sm=3.00) NOVICE (Lg=3.00, Med=2.75, Sm=2.50)

*Circle one for SCT*

<b>Elite Jumpers Round 1</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Elite Jumpers Round 2</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Open Jumpers Round 1</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Open Jumpers Round 2</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Novice Jumpers Round 1</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Novice Jumpers Round 2</b>	Yardage: _____	SCT: _____	Large	Medium	Small

### GAMBLERS

Gamble Times 30 seconds plus time given (16" is 20"+2 sec, 12"/8"/4" is 20"+4 sec)

#### Elite Gamblers Round 1

20"/24": \_\_\_\_\_ 16": \_\_\_\_\_ 12"/8"/4": \_\_\_\_\_

#### Open Gamblers Round 1

20"/24": \_\_\_\_\_ 16": \_\_\_\_\_ 12"/8"/4": \_\_\_\_\_

#### Novice Gamblers Round 1

20"/24": \_\_\_\_\_ 16": \_\_\_\_\_ 12"/8"/4": \_\_\_\_\_

#### Elite Gamblers Round 2

20"/24": \_\_\_\_\_ 16": \_\_\_\_\_ 12"/8"/4": \_\_\_\_\_

#### Open Gamblers Round 2

20"/24": \_\_\_\_\_ 16": \_\_\_\_\_ 12"/8"/4": \_\_\_\_\_

#### Novice Gamblers Round 2

20"/24": \_\_\_\_\_ 16": \_\_\_\_\_ 12"/8"/4": \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Trial Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_