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August 2020 Executive Secretary's Report

This report details the day-to-day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors (the Board). It includes results of motions voted on via email, meeting minutes, and any other non-confidential issues brought before the Board.

Announcements

New Judges / Move-ups:

Provisional Rally Judge - Melissa Borde (Wisconsin)
Junior Handling Judge - Lesley Box (Texas)

A \$500 grant was disbursed from the ASCA Foundation to Western Australian Shepherd Rescue for their work rescuing Australian Shepherds.

The board made the difficult decision to discard the blood samples currently stored by Therion (ASCA's previous partner for parentage verification) instead of shipping them to the Business Office. (Pages 15-16)

Changes were made to the registry rules related to ASCA's transition to Paw Print Genetics for parentage verification. (Pages 1-8)

The board accepted a recommendation from the obedience committee to add statements to the obedience rules to not allow bitches in season to use any warmup rings at trials where they are not allowed or at ASCA Obedience Finals. (Pages 10-12)

The board accepted a recommendation from the rally committee to clarify the restrictions for use of a conformation ring. (Pages 12-14)

A directive was sent to the stockdog committee to research, explore, discuss, and present a plan to reduce ASCA Stockdog Finals costs and/or increase income.

The Aussie Rescue & Placement Helpline is ASCA's official rescue partner and we are proud to promote the 2021 ARPH Calendar! Visit their website for more information: <https://www.aussierescue.org/2021calendar>

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 National Specialty and Finals, new cover themes for the 2021 Aussie Times issues were chosen. (Pages 8-9)

The board and program committees are currently considering how best to accommodate the 2020 Finalists during the 2021 Finals. A decision is set to be made during the board's October 8 meeting.

ASCA's President was given the go-ahead to sign the contract with Brazos County Expo to be the site of the 2022 and 2023 ASCA National Specialties.

Remaining 2021 ASCA Finals Judges were approved. Here is the full list:

Agility - Roger Coor. **Conformation** - Kym Burch-Ryan, David Clayton, Ken Silveira. **Junior Handling** - Bryn Elliott. **Obedience** - Kristie Rasmussen, Melvin Stanley. **Rally** - Heinz Guenter Geisel, Rose O'Hara. **Stockdog** - Rick Hardin, Andrea Hoffmann, Cheryl Padgett, Marti Parrish, Jan Wesen, Betty Williams.

Information about future ASCA Nationals & Finals will be hosted on asca.org and archived for later reference.

Motions Considered via Email

Director Recommendations

BD.20.87 Change to Registry Rules - 1.3.2 Multiple Sired Litters

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Larson to replace the following wording in the Registry Rules. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording:

1.3.2 Multiple Sired Litters

Litters sired by more than one stud dog (whether by design or by accident) are permissible, provided the following criteria are met:

- A. The breeder(s) must DNA profile the dam, sires and every pup produced from this multiple-sire breeding; this profiling is to be at the expense of the breeder(s)/owner(s); this profiling is to be done by ASCA's approved DNA lab; and the results of the profiling must be on file with ASCA before litter registration can proceed. Proper records must be maintained (photos, video, written description, etc.) so the sample from each individual, adult and pup, can be positively matched to each animal.
- B. It is strongly recommended in the case of intentional or known multiple sires, the breeder consider the use of the extended marker set at the initiation of the DNA verification process. Because of the potential problems associated with sampling a very young animal (pup), the method of sample collection will be determined in consultation with ASCA's approved DNA lab. Kits for multiple sired or potentially multiple sired litters must be ordered, by phone, from the ASCA Business Office.
- C. The extended marker set is required to be utilized, at the initiation of DNA verification, if the sires are of close relation, i.e. father/son, siblings, or uncles. This is due to the high probability of corresponding genetic markers between possible sires. Because of the potential problems associated with sampling a very young animal (pup), the method of sample collection will be determined in consultation with ASCA's approved DNA lab. Kits for multiple sired or potentially multiple sired litters must be ordered, by phone, from the ASCA Business Office.
- D. In cases where the standard set of markers used cannot exclude a sire(s) for a pup(s), thereby verifying parentage to only one sire, the registrar will mark the registration papers for the pup(s) as NFB (Not for Breeding) and issue the registration papers as such. All pups in the litter who have been verified to their parents may be registered with full breeding rights if the breeder so chooses. If the breeder or subsequent owner, of the pup(s) registered as NFB due to lack of parentage verification, chooses to retest the pup(s) and parent(s) in question using the extended marker set in order to narrow parentage to one sire, there will be additional fees charged per animal. Note: In the case of accidental multiple sired litters, OR ANY LITTER WHOSE COLORATION MAY RAISE CONCERN WITH THE REGISTRAR, each potential sire will need to be profiled, including any recently neutered males, if applicable. During the interim time between actual castration and total absence of sperm, conception is possible per the American Veterinary Medical Association (i.e. a male can continue to reproduce 14 days after castration). Coat color alone cannot be used reliably for parentage verification. The reasons range from the simple dominant/recessive type of coat color inheritance to the less common incidence of phantom merle individuals. The former might be a red factored black. The latter dogs are genetically merle but phenotypically solid or almost solid in color. These incidences include dogs with a single inconspicuous merle spot, merle patch on tail before docking, etc.

Proposed Wording:

1.3.2 Multiple Sired Litters

Litters sired by more than one stud dog (whether by design or by accident) are permissible, provided the following criteria are met:

- A. The breeder(s) must DNA profile the dam, sires and every pup produced from this multiple-sire breeding; this profiling is to be at the expense of the breeder(s)/owner(s); this profiling is to be done by ASCA's approved DNA lab; and the results of the profiling must be on file with ASCA before litter registration can proceed. Proper records must be maintained (photos, video, written description, etc.) so the sample from each individual, adult and pup, can be positively matched to each animal.
- B. In cases where the DNA submitted cannot exclude a sire(s) for a pup(s), thereby verifying parentage to only one sire, the registrar will mark the registration papers for the pup(s) as NFB (Not for Breeding) and issue the registration papers as such. All pups in the litter who have been verified to their parents may be registered with full breeding rights if the breeder so chooses. If the breeder or subsequent owner, of the pup(s) registered as NFB due to lack of parentage verification, chooses to retest the pup(s) and parent(s) in question in order to narrow parentage to one sire, there will be additional fees charged per animal.
- C. A litter registration fee must be submitted for each sire. If an additional sire is indicated by DNA testing, the fee must be submitted before the individual Registration Application(s) will be processed. Note: In the case of accidental multiple sired litters, OR ANY LITTER WHOSE COLORATION MAY RAISE CONCERN WITH THE REGISTRAR,

each potential sire will need to be profiled, including any recently neutered males, if applicable. During the interim time between actual castration and total absence of sperm, conception is possible per the American Veterinary Medical Association (i.e. a male can continue to reproduce 14 days after castration). Coat color alone cannot be used reliably for parentage verification. The reasons range from the simple dominant/recessive type of coat color inheritance to the less common incidence of phantom merle individuals. The former might be a red factored black. The latter dogs are genetically merle but phenotypically solid or almost solid in color. These incidences include dogs with a single inconspicuous merle spot, merle patch on tail before docking, etc.

Comments/Rationale: The registry rules need updating due to a different lab processing ASCA's DNA samples.

Affected: Membership, Registry Rules.

Effective Date: September 1, 2020.

BD.20.88 Change to Registry Rules - 2.2.1 Alternate Use of Stored DNA Sample

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Larson to remove the following section in the Registry Rules. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording:

2.2.1 Alternate Use of Stored DNA Sample

The DNA samples which are stored by and are in the legal custody of ASCA's approved DNA laboratory are in the stewardship of ASCA for the purpose of providing genetic identity and parentage verification. A portion of the archival sample will be provided for any other use provided that 1) written permission of the owner(s) of the dog is obtained by written request through ASCA, and 2) ASCA's approved DNA laboratory determines that enough genetic material will remain available for subsequent genetic purposes. Upon written request, ASCA would request that ASCA's approved DNA laboratory transfer the DNA sample material to the individual or laboratory indicated in the request. Any use of the sample by ASCA for purposes of research or for contribution to a genetic study, must be with the written authorization of all the registered owner(s) of the dog. All costs for transfer of sample material resulting from a transfer request whether initiated by the dog owner(s) or by ASCA will be borne by the requesting party(s). In any case, the written permission of the owner(s) must be obtained prior to sample transfer. In cases of multiple owners, all owners must provide written documentation as to their concurrence (or denial) of the request.

Proposed Wording:

Remove this section and renumber the following sections accordingly.

Comments/Rationale: The new lab will not be storing blood or samples. The registry rules need updating.

Affected: Membership, Registry Rules.

Effective Date: September 1, 2020.

BD.20.89 Change to Registry Rules - 2.2.2 Determination of Deceased Parent

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Larson to replace the following wording in the Registry Rules. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording:

2.2.2 Determination of Deceased Parent

The following procedure for determining the genotype of a deceased dog (or otherwise unavailable) as regards parentage verification will be used. (Note: dog denotes either sex) In consultation with ASCA's approved laboratories, through ASCA's DNA Committee/Board Liaison/, eight (8) offspring of the unavailable dog and the mate or mates of the unavailable dog that allegedly produced these offspring must be DNA profiled. If these criteria cannot be met, the party responsible for the unavailable dog must inform ASCA and must also consult with ASCA's approved DNA laboratory through ASCA's DNA Committee/Board Liaison/, so a POSSIBLE alternative plan might be devised. Any alternative plan will have to meet the 90% probability rule. [Note: The 90% percent rule means by producing eight (8) offspring, there is a 90% probability all the alleles of the unavailable dog, for each marker used for PV, will be present in the offspring and have been recorded.]

Proposed Wording:

2.2.2 Determination of Deceased Parent

In the case of a deceased (and unavailable) parent, the owner of the litter/offspring will work in conjunction with the ASCA approved lab and ASCA to identify the parent.

Comments/Rationale: The registry rules need updating due to a change in the laboratory processing ASCA's DNA samples. In speaking with PPG, it was decided that since each case is unique and there is no standard method of identifying a deceased parent, that the parties affected will work closely with the lab and ASCA to resolve the situation.

Affected: Membership, Registry Rules.

Effective Date: September 1, 2020.

BD.20.90 Change to Registry Rules - 2.2.4 Blood Card Sample Collection Instructions

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Larson to remove the following section in the Registry Rules. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording:

2.2.4 Blood Card Sample Collection Instructions

Be sure you have filled out the ASCA DNA form included with your card(s).

1. Do not open the card until ready to use it. Do only one kit at a time. Finish one card and move it out of the area before starting another.
2. When ready, open the card so you know what to look for when you are ready to place the blood on the card, being careful not to contaminate the purple area.
3. Label the card with your dog's ASCA registration number and name.
4. Label the small plastic envelope the card will be put in when done with the same information.
5. Have a qualified person (Vet, Tech, Dr., Nurse) draw blood.
6. DO NOT touch the needle to the card.
7. DO NOT saturate the card. Drop 4 drops of blood onto the purple area of the card.
8. DO NOT blow on card to dry it. DO NOT touch the blood area.
9. DO NOT reuse needle and syringe, dispose of it properly.
10. Make a tent out of the card (to allow the blood to dry) and place it on the corresponding envelope (in another area from where you are drawing blood if you are doing more than one profile) and let dry for at least 30 minutes, one hour is even better.
11. When the card is dry, place it in the corresponding envelope and seal.
12. If you have more dogs to profile, begin at step 1 above. Note: Cards do not need to be refrigerated and can be mailed in the regular mail and should be send as soon after collection as possible with the ASCA DNA form.

MAIL TO: Therion International, LLC; 109 Caroline St.; Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Proposed Wording:

Remove this section and renumber the following sections accordingly.

Comments/Rationale: Updating the registry rules due to the new laboratory processing ASCA's DNA samples not using blood or blood cards.

Affected: Membership, Registry Rules.

Effective Date: September 1, 2020.

BD.20.91 Change to Registry Rules - 2.2.5 ASCA DNA Corrective Measures Rule

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Larson to replace the following wording in the Registry Rules. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording:

2.2.5 ASCA DNA Corrective Measures Rule

2.2.5.1 Voluntary DNA Corrective Measures

Discovery of incorrectly registered genetic relationships through voluntary initiation of investigative procedures. Rule: ASCA will not impose fines, and/or other punitive damages (which may include loss of club membership status or standing) for parental discrepancies discovered through the voluntary DNA process.

Proposed Wording:

(New section numbers)

2.2.4 ASCA DNA Corrective Measures Rule

DEFINITIONS: Voluntary - "Voluntary" DNA testing refers to any DNA testing, which is initiated by the Owner or Owners of the dog. Involuntary: "Involuntary" refers to any DNA investigative procedure which is initiated by any party (ASCA or any ASCA Club member or non-member in good standing with ASCA) for the purpose of determining the actual and true relationships of dogs owned by a party other than those initiating the complaint, and whose dogs are recorded within the Official ASCA Registry

2.2.4.1 Voluntary DNA Corrective Measures

Discovery of incorrectly registered genetic relationships through voluntary initiation of investigative procedures or through DNA testing for litter registrations. Rule: ASCA will not impose fines, and/or other punitive damages (which may include loss of club membership status or standing) for parental discrepancies discovered through the voluntary DNA process.

Comments/Rationale: Registry rules need updating due to a different lab processing ASCA's DNA samples. Definition of voluntary and involuntary fit better at the beginning of the section.

Affected: Membership, Registry Rules.

Effective Date: September 1, 2020.

BD.20.92 Change to Registry Rules - 2.2.5.2 Involuntary DNA Corrective Measures

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Larson to replace the following wording in the Registry Rules. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording:

2.2.5.2 Involuntary DNA Corrective Measures

Discovery of incorrectly registered genetic relationships through involuntary investigative procedures.

Rule: For any DNA investigation procedure initiated by any means other than ASCA's Voluntary DNA Program the following will apply: Should it be determined as a result of an involuntary DNA investigative procedure, that dog(s) have been incorrectly registered within the official ASCA Registry, the following criteria and associated actions will apply to the individual(s) responsible for the registry error:

1. If as a result of one or more cumulative investigation processes, a single litter has been determined to have been registered incorrectly by a Breeder of Record, Stud Owner and/or other responsible individual within a 5-year period, the following shall apply:
 - a. The Breeder of Record, Stud Owner, and/or other responsible individual will be required to DNA Profile all current breeding stock (including progeny produced from breeding between dogs owned by themselves or resulting from breeding between their dogs and dogs owned by others) which are owned, co-owned, leased, or in any other way in the legal custody of said person and/or associated in any other way with breeding of such dogs. Profiling of dogs must be performed within 6 months of custodial care and/or production of stock, whether custodial care and/or production of progeny resulted from purchase or other means of custody, control or other means of influence, including but not limited to collaboration, collusion, coercion, conspiracy, verbal agreement, and intent to falsify or defraud.
 - b. All costs incurred by any party to discover the correct relationships of such dog(s) will be paid for by the individual(s) responsible for such errors as determined through the investigative process. Failure to cover such costs will result in immediate revocation of all ASCA privileges until and unless such obligations are met.
2. If, as a result of one or more cumulative investigative processes, two litters have been determined to have been registered incorrectly by a Breeder of Record, Stud Owner and/or other responsible individual within a 5-year period, the following shall apply:

- a. The responsible individual(s) will be required to DNA Profile all current AND future breeding stock for a period of 5 years (including progeny produced from breeding between dogs owned by themselves or resulting from breeding between their dogs and dogs owned by others) which are owned, co-owned, leased, or in any other way in the legal custody of said person and/or associated in any other way with breeding of such dogs. Profiling of dogs must be performed within 6 months of custodial care and/or production of stock, whether custodial care and/or production of progeny resulted from purchase or other means of custody, control or other means of influence, including but not limited to collaboration, collusion, coercion, conspiracy, verbal agreement, and intent to falsify or defraud.
 - b. The individual(s) responsible for such registration errors will be subject to a \$250 fine and 3 months' suspension from all ASCA privileges.
 - c. The individual(s) will pay for ALL costs incurred by any party to discover the correct relationships of such dog(s) responsible for such errors as determined through the investigative process. Failure to cover such costs will result in immediate revocation of all ASCA privileges until and unless such obligations are met.
3. If as a result of one or more cumulative investigation processes, three or more litters have been determined to have been registered incorrectly by a Breeder of Record, Stud Owner, and/or other responsible individual within a 5-year period, the following shall apply:
- a. The responsible individual(s) will be required to DNA Profile all current AND future breeding stock for a period of 10 years (including progeny produced from breeding between dogs owned by themselves or resulting from breeding between their dogs and dogs owned by others) which are owned, co-owned, leased, or in any other way in the legal custody of said person and/or associated in any other way with breeding of such dogs. Profiling of dogs must be performed within 6 months of custodial care and/or production of stock, whether custodial care and/or production of progeny resulted from purchase or other means of custody, control or other means of influence, including but not limited to collaboration, collusion, coercion, conspiracy, verbal agreement, and intent to falsify or defraud.
 - b. The individual(s) responsible for such registration errors will be subject to a \$500 fine and 6 months' suspension from all ASCA privileges.
 - c. The individual(s) will pay for ALL costs incurred by any party to discover the correct Relationships of such dog(s) responsible for such errors as determined through the investigative process. Failure to cover such costs will result in immediate revocation of all ASCA privileges until and unless such obligations are met.

DEFINITIONS: Voluntary: "Voluntary" DNA testing refers to any DNA testing, which is initiated by the Owner or Owners of the dog. 13 Involuntary: "Involuntary" refers to any DNA investigative procedure which is initiated by any party (ASCA or any ASCA Club member or non-member in good standing with ASCA) for the purpose of determining the actual and true relationships of dogs owned by a party other than those initiating the complaint, and whose dogs are recorded within the Official ASCA Registry

Proposed Wording:

(New section number)

2.2.4.2 Involuntary DNA Corrective Measures

Discovery of incorrectly registered genetic relationships through involuntary investigative procedures.

Rule: For any DNA investigation procedure initiated by any means other than ASCA's Voluntary DNA Program the following will apply: Should it be determined as a result of an involuntary DNA investigative procedure, that dog(s) have been incorrectly registered within the official ASCA Registry, the following criteria and associated actions will apply to the individual(s) responsible for the registry error:

1. If as a result of one or more cumulative investigation processes, a single litter has been determined to have been registered incorrectly by a Breeder of Record, Stud Owner and/or other responsible individual within a 5-year period, the following shall apply:
 - a. The Breeder of Record, Stud Owner, and/or other responsible individual will be required to DNA Profile all current breeding stock (including progeny produced from breeding between dogs owned by themselves or resulting from breeding between their dogs and dogs owned by others) which are owned, co-owned, leased, or in any other way in the legal custody of said person and/or associated in any other way with breeding of such dogs. Profiling of dogs must be performed within 6 months of custodial care and/or production of stock, whether custodial care and/or production of progeny resulted from purchase

or other means of custody, control or other means of influence, including but not limited to collaboration, collusion, coercion, conspiracy, verbal agreement, and intent to falsify or defraud.

- b. All costs incurred by any party to discover the correct relationships of such dog(s) will be paid for by the individual(s) responsible for such errors as determined through the investigative process. Failure to cover such costs will result in immediate revocation of all ASCA privileges until and unless such obligations are met.
2. If, as a result of one or more cumulative investigative processes, two litters have been determined to have been registered incorrectly by a Breeder of Record, Stud Owner and/or other responsible individual within a 5-year period, the following shall apply:
 - a. The responsible individual(s) will be required to DNA Profile all current AND future breeding stock for a period of 5 years (including progeny produced from breeding between dogs owned by themselves or resulting from breeding between their dogs and dogs owned by others) which are owned, co-owned, leased, or in any other way in the legal custody of said person and/or associated in any other way with breeding of such dogs. Profiling of dogs must be performed within 6 months of custodial care and/or production of stock, whether custodial care and/or production of progeny resulted from purchase or other means of custody, control or other means of influence, including but not limited to collaboration, collusion, coercion, conspiracy, verbal agreement, and intent to falsify or defraud.
 - b. The individual(s) responsible for such registration errors will be subject to a fine set by the ASCA Board and 3 months suspension from all ASCA privileges.
 - c. The individual(s) will pay for ALL costs incurred by any party to discover the correct relationships of such dog(s) responsible for such errors as determined through the investigative process. Failure to cover such costs will result in immediate revocation of all ASCA privileges until and unless such obligations are met.
 3. If as a result of one or more cumulative investigation processes, three or more litters have been determined to have been registered incorrectly by a Breeder of Record, Stud Owner, and/or other responsible individual within a 5-year period, the following shall apply:
 - a. The responsible individual(s) will be required to DNA Profile all current AND future breeding stock for a period of 10 years (including progeny produced from breeding between dogs owned by themselves or resulting from breeding between their dogs and dogs owned by others) which are owned, co-owned, leased, or in any other way in the legal custody of said person and/or associated in any other way with breeding of such dogs. Profiling of dogs must be performed within 6 months of custodial care and/or production of stock, whether custodial care and/or production of progeny resulted from purchase or other means of custody, control or other means of influence, including but not limited to collaboration, collusion, coercion, conspiracy, verbal agreement, and intent to falsify or defraud.
 - b. The individual(s) responsible for such registration errors will be subject to a fine set by the ASCA Board and 6 months suspension from all ASCA privileges.
 - c. The individual(s) will pay for ALL costs incurred by any party to discover the correct Relationships of such dog(s) responsible for such errors as determined through the investigative process. Failure to cover such costs will result in immediate revocation of all ASCA privileges until and unless such obligations are met.

(Moved definitions to beginning of section)

Comments/Rationale: Updating registry rules due to a change in ASCA's DNA process. Removal of the dollar amount for fines brings this rulebook in line with ASCA's other documents.

Affected: Membership, Registry Rules.

Effective Date: September 1, 2020.

BD.20.93 Change to Registry Rules - 2.2.5.2 Involuntary DNA Corrective Measures - Notes

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Larson to replace the following wording in the Registry Rules. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording:

2.2.5.2 Involuntary DNA Corrective Measures

NOTES:

1. This rule does not in any way prevent the ASCA Board of Directors from taking action which will result in improving the breeding practices and/or registry requirements of certain parties so long as these actions assist in maintaining the confidence that ASCA and its Club members have in the integrity of the breed registry. Furthermore, this rule does not prevent the ASCA Board of Directors or other governing or supporting ASCA bodies from drafting and/or implementing subsequent policies or rules governing DNA testing should such amendments be in the best interest of the Club and Its members.
2. In cases where multiple-sired litters are believed to have occurred, Part 1: Voluntary DNA Corrective Measures will apply if the Breeder of Record and/or stud owner corrects the registration papers by voluntarily DNA testing sire/dam and all progeny prior to the one year anniversary of the litter, AND prior to successful production of offspring of any progeny.
3. Breeders of Record and/or Stud Owners who are informed of an error in registration may choose not to pursue identification of the correct parentage; however, the following actions will result from this decision:
 - a. Pedigrees of those dogs involved will be placed on permanent Not-For-Breeding status.
 - b. No other litters that were whelped, or sired by dogs owned, co-owned, or otherwise in the legal custody of said breeder/stud owner will be registered by ASCA until and unless satisfactory attempts have been made to comply with the ASCA DNA Complaint Resolution Rule as provided below.
 - c. Refusal will result in a fine of \$1000 and indefinite suspension from all ASCA privileges, such suspension not to be revoked until and unless satisfactory attempts have been made by the individual(s) suspended to comply with the ASCA DNA Resolution Rule.

Proposed Wording:

NOTES:

1. This rule does not in any way prevent the ASCA Board of Directors from taking action which will result in improving the breeding practices and/or registry requirements of certain parties so long as these actions assist in maintaining the confidence that ASCA and its Club members have in the integrity of the breed registry. Furthermore, this rule does not prevent the ASCA Board of Directors or other governing or supporting ASCA bodies from drafting and/or implementing subsequent policies or rules governing DNA testing should such amendments be in the best interest of the Club and Its members.
2. In cases where multiple-sired litters are believed to have occurred, Part 1: Voluntary DNA Corrective Measures will apply if the Breeder of Record and/or stud owner corrects the registration papers by voluntarily DNA testing sire/dam and all progeny prior to the one year anniversary of the litter, AND prior to successful production of offspring of any progeny.
3. Breeders of Record and/or Stud Owners who are informed of an error in registration may choose not to pursue identification of the correct parentage; however, the following actions will result from this decision:
 - a. Pedigrees of those dogs involved will be placed on permanent Not-For-Breeding status.
 - b. No other litters that were whelped, or sired by dogs owned, co-owned, or otherwise in the legal custody of said breeder/stud owner will be registered by ASCA until and unless satisfactory attempts have been made to comply with the ASCA DNA Complaint Resolution Rule as provided below.
 - c. Refusal will result in a fine in an amount determined by the ASCA Board of Directors and indefinite suspension from all ASCA privileges, such suspension not to be revoked until and unless satisfactory attempts have been made by the individual(s) suspended to comply with the ASCA DNA Resolution Rule.

Comments/Rationale: Updating registry rules to bring them in line with other ASCA documents.

Affected: Membership, Registry Rules.

Effective Date: September 1, 2020.

BD.20.94 Change to Policy Book - May/June Aussie Times Cover

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Roberts to replace the following wording in the Policy Book. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

6.19.1 Cover Theme

c. MAY/JUNE theme shall be Obedience. The cover shall be the Super Dog Finals Winner with the remaining three Obedience Finals winners each given a color full page inside the issue.

Proposed Wording:

c. MAY/JUNE theme shall be Obedience. The cover shall be the Superdog Finals winner with the remaining four Obedience Finals winners each given a color full page inside the issue.

Comments/Rationale: This section was not updated when ODX was added to the Obedience Finals.

Affected: Competitors, AT Editor.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.20.95 Aussie Times Covers for 2021

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Roberts to make the following alternate selections for front and back cover themes of the Aussie Times for 2021. Second by Larson.

The front cover themes of the Aussie Times for 2021 will be as follows:

1. January/February theme shall be Junior and Merit Results. The cover shall be the 500 club Junior with the most Junior handling points for show year 2019-2020. A color full page inside the magazine will be given to the other two (2) 500 club juniors for show year 2019-2020.
2. March/April theme will be Rally. The cover will be the number 1 dog on the Rally Finals Standings list for show year 2019-2020.
3. May/June theme will be Obedience. The cover will be the number 1 dog on the Superdog Finals list for show year 2019-2020. The number 1 dog on each of the remaining four (4) Finals lists will get a color full page inside the issue.
4. July/August theme will be Stockdog. The cover will be the number 1 dog on the Cattle Finals list for show year 2019-2020. The number 1 dog on the Finals list for the remaining two (2) classes of stock will receive a color full page inside the issue.
5. Sept/Oct theme will be Agility. The cover will be the number 1 dog on the Standard Division Agility Finals list for show year 2019-2020. The number 1 dog on the finals list for Veterans and for Juniors shall receive a full color page inside the issue.
6. Nov/Dec theme remains as outlined in the ASCA policy book, section 6.19.1.

The back cover themes for 2021 are as follows:

1. July/August will remain as outlined in the ASCA policy book section 6.19.2
2. May/June will be sold for advertising (currently it is for the Rally Finals winner, who is now the cover of March/April.)

Comments/Rationale: With no Finals held in 2020, alternate selections for the cover had to be made.

Affected: Aussie Times Editor, ASCA Office, Competitors.

The AT Editor and Office Manager were contacted, and both agree with the proposal.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.20.96 Advertisement for Aussie Rescue & Placement Helpline Calendar

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Motion by Vest to place an ad on ASCA's social media sites and in the Aussie Times to support the sale of calendars for ASCA's rescue partner - Aussie Rescue and Placement Helpline (ARPH). Second by Larson.

Comments/Rationale: To assist ARPH with sale of their calendars which supports their financial efforts to rescue and rehome Australian Shepherds. The ad will be prominently placed on the front page of the website and with a picture display on the FB page. The AT ad will be one half page with ARPH choosing the verbiage/pictures (to be approved by the ARPH BOD Liaison prior to posting in the AT) to accompany the ad. This ad will run in the next three issues of the Aussie Times and will remain on the website and on social media until Dec 31, 2020.

Affected: Webmaster, ARPH Liaison, and the Aussie Times Editor.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.20.98 Accommodations for 2020 & 2021 Finals Contestants at 2021 Finals

Motion is **adopted** (8-1) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen. Disapprove: Gann.

- a. **Dissent from Gann:** In my opinion there should only be (1) plan regarding finals and that plan should be decided by the board. There needs to be consistency, by allowing each committee to come up with their own plan, there will be inconsistency, and someone will think it's unfair.

Motion by Vest to request a plan from all Performance Committees that offer a Finals to detail how the 2020 and 2021 Contestants will be accommodated at the 2021 Finals. Second by Larson.

Comments/Rationale: We are almost 3 months into the 2021 show year and there have been no plans presented to the Membership from the Performance Committees regarding the 2020 Finals Contestants and if they will be allowed to compete in 2021. If the 2020 Contestants are allowed to compete, the details of how that will be handled must be provided to the Membership as soon as possible.

The 2021 Chair has stated that there is not budget or time for duplicate Finals for each program. Therefore, each Performance Committee must determine how or if the 2020 and 2021 Finals Contestants can be combined.

The timeline to present this plan to the BOD is Sept 30, 20.

Affected: Performance Committees and 2020/21 Finals contestants.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

OB.20.10 Change to Obedience Rules - Bitches in Season Restrictions

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

- a. **Comment from Creelman:** At Nationals, there should be a designated ring for OBIS warmup.

Motion by Liaison Roberts to approve the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee.

Committee Recommendation: 2020 Obedience Rule Book: Changes to OBIS rules to align with rally rules - Motion by Ann McCabe to add statements to the rule book to not allow bitches in season to use any warm up rings at trials where they are not allowed or at obedience finals. Second by Betsy Coleman.

Current Wording:

Section 1.13 Disturbances

(Last paragraph)

Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen) at least 50' away from the obedience rings prior to and during the competition, except when competing. Bitches in season must wear pants. Handlers must notify the Show/Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes before the start of the trial if they plan to compete with a bitch in season.

Proposed Wording:

Section 1.13 Disturbances

(Last paragraph)

Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen) at least 50' away from the obedience rings and any designated warm up rings at all times prior to and during the competition, except when competing. Bitches in season may not use any designated warm up rings within 50' of any obedience rings and/or when any warm up rings are being shared with Rally. Bitches in season must wear pants at all times in or within 50' of any obedience rings. When it is time for the bitch(es) in season to compete, the team(s) will be allowed to warm up in proximity to the obedience ring(s) for a reasonable amount of time. Handlers must notify the Show/Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes before the start of the trial if they plan to compete with a bitch in season.

Current Wording:

Section 13.12.2 Bitches in Season

- Bitches in season will compete last after all judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day, including sits and downs which shall be held separately.
- A bitch could be competing back to back in both rings.
- Bitches in season must be crated, not placed in an X-pen, away from the obedience rings before and during the competition except when competing.
- Bitches in season must wear pants.

Proposed Wording:

Section 13.12.2 Bitches in Season

- Bitches in season will compete last after all judging is finished with the exception of run-offs each day, including sits and downs which shall be held separately.
- A bitch could be competing back to back in both rings.
- Bitches in season must be crated, not placed in an X-pen, 50' away from the obedience rings and any designated warm up rings at all times before and during the competition except when competing.
- Bitches in season may not use any designated warm up rings at any time when those rings are shared with Rally.
- Bitches in season must wear pants at all times in or within 50' of any obedience rings.
- When it is time for the bitch(es) in season to compete, the team(s) will be allowed to warm up in proximity to the obedience ring(s) for a reasonable amount of time.

Comments/Rationale from Committee: The purpose of this motion is to align the obedience rules with the rally rules since warm up rings are usually shared between the two and the rally rules prohibit bitches in season from using warm up rings.

Affected: Exhibitors of bitches in season will need to warm up in another area not near the trial rings or the designated warm up rings. Trial coordinators and/or secretaries will need to enforce the rule.

Business Office notified: 7/22/2020

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 7. Disapprove: 1. Abstain: 2. Non-Voting: None.

- Dissent from Committee Member Beth MacLehose:** I feel strongly that everyone who has worked hard to get to finals should have an equal chance to shine. By letting every other dog use a warm up ring except for the bitch in season, it is putting a bitch in season at a disadvantage. If it creates a problem with rally, that problem should be addressed in a way that does not impact the obedience finals competitors. As far as impacting other finals exhibitors, in most parts of the country (although I have been made strongly aware it is not in all parts of the country) obedience shows are held in conjunction with conformation shows and dogs have worked in conditions with bitches in season present. The OBIS runs last (other than run-offs) and would need to wear panties in the warm up ring as she would in the regular ring.
- Comment from Committee Member Marilyn Cherry:** Obedience Bitches in Season (OBIS) have been allowed to compete in ASCA Obedience Finals and Nationals for many years. A few years ago, a new rule allowing OBIS to compete in obedience trials held throughout the year, if listed in the premium, was implemented. The Obedience Committee wanted to assess the OBIS program to date. In January 2020, the ASCA general obedience handler group list was polled on OBIS participating in trials not held during Nationals / Finals week (polls and results are attached). To the best of our knowledge, affiliate clubs are choosing not to allow OBIS in obedience trials. The committee concluded that it would be neither beneficial nor detrimental to the ASCA obedience program to alter the OBIS rules at this time, as no OBIS are trialing in regular trials. However, we are aware of recent conflicts during at least 2 recent Nationals / Finals involving OBIS training in the obedience / rally building. There have been complaints made to both the committee and to the host clubs. Obedience and rally usually share the same building during the National Specialty / Finals. Space being an issue, obedience and rally almost always share a designated warm-up ring. Rally rules prohibit the use of the designated warm-up ring by bitches that are in season (Rally Rules & Regulations Sect. 1.14.1). Therefore, all OBIS, including those entered in obedience pre-trials, Finals, and Nationals, are already not allowed into the designated warm-up ring if it is shared by rally and obedience. The purpose of the current obedience motion is to clarify rules regarding use of the designated warm-up ring, and to prevent further conflicts; our proposed motion would prevent any OBIS from using a designated warm-up ring that is shared with rally, and/or that is within 50' of any trial ring. OBIS will be allowed to warm up in proximity to the ring before they trial. We very much want to allow all dogs to shine during the National Specialty, including those that are affected by a bitch in season, and to allow all handlers to enjoy their experience. OBIS make up a small percentage of all dogs competing in obedience Finals and Nationals (one or 2 bitches in season at most in any year). We hope that in future, we might be able to arrange for alternate warm-up spaces that OBIS, as well as others, may use. For example, a separate ring used for MVA could allow OBIS to train when that ring is not in use for MVA. Alternately, a second warm-up ring could be set up for practice outside the building, for use as a separate warm-up ring in addition to the designated ring, where all dogs including OBIS would be welcome.

- c. **Comment from Committee Member Laurie Rubin:** I abstained from this vote. The reason I did not vote no was because I appreciate that a sentence was added to require OBIS be given warm up time in proximity to the ring in response to my concerns. Overall, I believe this rule hurts ASCA Obedience. It creates additional, inequitable hardships for owners of OBIS. Just as OBIS are allowed to enter the competition rings under strict guidelines, I believe OBIS should have limited access to the warm up ring at a specified time after all other dogs have completed competition each day. Since dogs will compete a day or two later in the competition rings used by OBIS, it makes sense to me that they could practice in a practice ring used a day or two before by an OBIS. OBIS have made a tremendous contribution to ASCA Obedience. Two bitches who competed as OBIS at previous ASCA Nationals produced this year's #1 Super Dog Merit, #1 Utility Merit, and #3 CDX Merit dog and this year's #1 ODX Merit dog. I totally support cooperating with ASCA's awesome Rally program, but I do not believe it is in the best interest of either Obedience or Rally for the Obedience Committee to change its rules for the primary purpose of making them the same as the Rally rules.

RALLY COMMITTEE

RA.20.10 Change to Rally Rules - Rally in Conformation Ring

Motion is **adopted** (5-4) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Larson, Roberts, Vest. Disapprove: Creelman, Evans, Gann, Wesen.

- a. **Dissent from Creelman:** This motion needs to have the process, contents and wording consistent within the rules. Some committee members mentioned this at their vote.
- b. **Dissent from Wesen:** I believe a better definition of "thoroughly cleaned" needs to be defined and what is an "emergency." These two should be separate motions.

Motion by Liaison Gann to approve the following recommendation from the Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation: MOTION RC 20.18 REQUIREMENTS FOR RALLY IN CONFORMATION RING - Motion by Anne Shope that Section 1.31.4 in the Rally Rule & Regulations be replaced with the proposed wording below. Second by Joan Skinner.

Current Wording:

1.31.4 RALLY IN CONFORMATION RING

At no time shall a Rally trial be run in the same ring following a conformation show occurring within the same day. If used the next day, following a Conformation show, the ring must be swept clean of any debris prior to the start of the trial.

Proposed Wording:

1.31.4 RALLY IN CONFORMATION RING

A Rally Trial shall always precede a conformation show when sanctioning a trial, or trials, if the same ring is used for both disciplines on the same day. No trial, or trials, for Rally will be sanctioned that do not follow this directive. There will be no special exceptions for sanctioning.

If used the next day following a Conformation show, the ring must be **thoroughly cleaned** of any debris, odors, and residue prior to the start of the trial.

Same day usage is allowed at an already sanctioned trial ONLY in an emergency situation (see Glossary of Terms). This emergency usage of the conformation ring must be approved by the Show Committee. Upon approval by the Show Committee the ring must be cleaned thoroughly of any odors, residues, and bait. The ring must be aired at least one hour before being used. The Rally Trial Secretary will notify each exhibitor a minimum of one hour prior to the rally trial starting that the conformation ring will be re-used for rally. If Exhibitors choose to withdraw their entry(ies) due to re-usage of the conformation ring, a full refund of their entry fee(s) will be applicable. The Rally Trial Secretary will inform the Rally Judge that the ring was previously used for Conformation, and the Rally Judge shall inspect and then approve the ring for usage. When turning in the trial results, the Rally Trial Secretary shall note the emergency usage of the conformation ring for rally, that the Show Committee's approval was obtained, what constituted the emergency use of the conformation ring for rally and, if applicable, what member of the Rally Committee was contacted if it was felt by the Show Committee that emergency usage needed to be clarified for the Club to be in compliance. This information should be forwarded to the Rally Committee Chair by the ASCA Office.

To be added to GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

Emergency Situation: An emergency is a situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property, or environment. Most emergencies require urgent intervention to prevent a worsening of the situation.

Comments/Rationale from Committee: 1) I noted that Obedience has a ruling stating “Rule 1.27 Obedience at Dog Shows: ... The ring must be thoroughly cleaned before the obedience judging starts if it has previously been used for breed judging” The Obedience Rulebook doesn’t state if it is the same day or the next days that follow but does state “thoroughly cleaned.” The Rally rule at present states a conformation ring *the next day* (emphasis mine) may be used for Rally but only requires that ring be swept (that’s not thoroughly cleaning so is insufficient).

2) Emergencies at dog shows happen, and sometimes the conformation ring must be used if it is available either the same day or even the days that follow. One such emergency occurred for me following cancer surgery on my face – the Doctor told me absolutely no sun (nose bandaged from top to bottom on one side and part of my cheek as well – only my cheek was to be done the day before this rally trial but alas more was necessary pursuant to the Doctor than I had anticipated and I didn’t want to cancel on this club at the last minute as I was still capable of judging conformation and rally) – the Club sought permission from the Rally Chair to move the Rally trial inside (we sent the Chair of the Committee a picture of my face); the conformation ring was thoroughly cleaned, and no exhibitors pulled their entries or had a problem with usage of the conformation ring. To describe every emergency could end up being egregious so these are not defined in the proposed rule. However, having quick access to this emergency usage could prove invaluable to Clubs. Had we not been able to reach the Rally Chair to obtain timely permission for the emergency usage, we would have had to use a substitute judge and that judge who may have traveled with every intention of competing would not have been able to do so, plus some exhibitors who traveled to exhibit to me for their qualifying legs might have pulled their entry if they already had earned qualifying legs under the substitute judge.

3) Some on the Committee felt the rule would be abused by clubs and that emergency reasoning could be loosely interpreted and abused. My faith is in the Clubs that this rule would be used applicably.

Affected: Clubs, Judges, Exhibitors. Business notifications: Rally Coordinator for the ASCA Office. Updating Rulebook by Executive Secretary. Aussie Times Editor for publication.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 6. Disapprove: 3. Abstain: 1. Non-Voting: 2.

- a. **Dissent from Committee Member Karen Black:** In 10 years of this program, we have needed to allow an affiliate to move rally to following the conformation ring once maybe twice, but the situation given as an example here is the only one I personally remember. The club called the Rally Chair and of course permission was immediately granted. While I think it is a good idea to have language in the rulebook to address an emergency need to change rings, I believe there are some issues with this motion that need to be addressed and clarified prior to language can be approved for the rulebook. I think the phrasing in paragraph 2 and 3 addressing what has to be cleaned in the ring should match. The motion does not include the date the Business Office Manager was notified of this motion and if he had any comments about it or if he was okay with it. Since it requires an employee under his direction to add to their tasks, I would like to know that he approves this motion. The new proposed wording says the Rally Trial Secretary will “note the emergency usage...” but no form is included with the motion or any approval from the business office that one of the forms already in use can be updated to include a section to provide the required information if this circumstance arises and none of the forms currently sent with trial paperwork to the Trial Secretary have a place where notification for an emergency ring change can be made. Is it clear that notice needs to be sent to the Rally Committee Chair or is there room for interpretation that it doesn’t have to be sent to the Rally Chair? It’s good to include a definition for emergency situation in the glossary, but what the affiliates deserve is a few examples of what type of situations would be considered an emergency to help them determine if their situation rises to that level, similar to how the Board of Directors is given an example in order to arrive at a decision how to vote on this motion. If it is believed important to give the BOD context, then the affiliates should have that benefit as well. While it certainly isn’t possible to list every possible type of emergency, a simple list of a few things followed by “and the like” or “and similar situations” or lead with “For example.” The motion lists parties affected but doesn’t state how they are affected as required in the Committee Procedures. While that is being picky, there is a reason we are asked to state how specific parties are affected because not everyone reading the motion is familiar with all aspects of every program to always understand how these parties are affected. It makes the motion complete and removes room for assumptions that may be incorrect. The motion lists “Business notifications” which is not language from the committee procedures. I can guess that this is supposed to be the area that 6.3 in the Committee Procedures address? But two of the business areas in this motion are not listed in that section of the Committee Procedures so I’m not sure what this added section is. If notice is required to the AT and Executive Secretary, I think that should be noted in the Committee Procedures so all motions from all committees will have them included. Further I don’t think the “rally coordinator for the ASCA Office” is the Business Office person who is supposed to be approached for comments, but if that desk is where draft motions are supposed to go for approval/comments from the Business Office’s perspective, it isn’t clear here when that person was contacted and what comments they had. I do not believe affiliates will abuse the allowance to following conformation with rally as long as the language in the rulebook gives them the information

needed to make a good decision about whether their particular situation meets the requirements for being an emergency. It will not hurt anything at all to add two or three examples with language that makes it clear it is not an exhaustive list. As I mentioned earlier, I am not against adding language in the rulebook allowing for the emergency use of a conformation ring. I just want to make sure the language is complete, correct, gives the affiliates what they need to use this rule when they need it and has the approval of the Business Office who will need to do another task when processing results. As a frequent Trial Secretary, when I read the part of this motion that, if passed, will go in the rulebook, my first concerns are 1) not being sure what they really mean by an emergency and 2) where am I supposed to note that we implemented this rule. More work needs to be done on this motion to be complete and ready to publish. Please send this back to committee for further work. I don't believe this motion was processed correctly and needs more work.

- b. **Dissent from Committee Member Corinne Shanks:** 1. Adding something to the rules for clubs to follow in an emergency situation is needed. However, this motion needs some revisions. 2. Clubs need an example of what constitutes a true emergency so that the rule is not abused. And, there should be a definition of "thoroughly cleaned". 3. A form is needed on which the club can detail the situation and how it was addressed. The current motion provides no guidance to the clubs on how to report, and no guidance for the business office. This motion should be returned to the Rally Committee for additional work.

Minutes of the Board Meetings via GoToMeeting

Tuesday, August 4

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and it was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

In attendance were: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Treasurer Warren Evans, Secretary Jan Wesen, Director Judy Boone, Director Denise Creelman, Director Gina Larson, Director Jean Roberts, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco. Also in attendance were Agility Committee Chair Jan Niblock and committee members: Sherry Butler, Mauricio Britva, Andrea Hoffmann, Michael Kurdzo, Jo Nall, Lee Prager, and Wendy Richmond.

Topics Discussed/Acted On:

The board met with members of the agility committee regarding a virtual agility program.

1. **Virtual Program for ASCA Agility** - There has been some confusion on the agility committee about what the board would like to see in a virtual program for ASCA agility. The committee members that were present and the directors shared their thoughts.

- a. Currently, our computer system restricts much of what we can do with virtual titles.
- b. The board is okay with the committee creating whatever program we can support.

Thursday, August 13

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and it was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

In attendance were: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Treasurer Warren Evans, Secretary Jan Wesen, Director Judy Boone, Director Denise Creelman, Director Gina Larson, Director Jean Roberts, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Topics Discussed/Acted On:

The meeting began with unanimous agreement to add two emergency items to the agenda.

2. **Financial Update** (Executive Session 6:02 pm - 6:09 pm) - The financial reports for period ending July 31, 2020, were presented by Treasurer Evans. Mr. Evans updated the Board regarding ASCA's current fiscal condition and projections for the future.

- a. July ended with a small surplus of \$17k, which lowers our loss year to date to \$60k. July benefited from a bit of a bounce back on registrations. Membership dues (including Aussie Times) remains strong. Program income, however, is a concern for July and year to date.
- b. Looking ahead, a loss of \$100-\$150k for 2020 can be expected. Our Balance Sheet would end with \$300k - \$400k of available cash plus \$200k of liquid investments.
- c. For 2021 Finals, we have the advantage that we can use the fees paid in for 2020, which totaled \$28k.

3. **Contract with Brazos County Expo** (Executive Session 6:09 pm - 6:11 pm) - President Busquets reported that the contract with Brazos County Expo to host the 2022 and 2023 ASCA National Specialties is ready to be signed. Revisions from Counsel were included with no issue.

- a. **BD.20.101 Contract with Brazos County Expo 2022-2023** - Motion by Busquets to approve the contract with Brazos County Expo for the 2022 and 2023 ASCA National Specialties. Second by Roberts.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
4. **Request to Apprentice Judge Stockdog Trial** (Executive Session 6:11 pm - 6:16 pm) - The Board considered a request to be allowed to apprentice at an upcoming ASCA Stockdog Trial.
 - a. The Business Office acted appropriately in denying the request per the rules. However, the purpose of the request form is to give the office time to arrange with the affiliate, and those arrangements have already been made in this case.
 - b. **BD.20.102 Allow Jim McKay to Apprentice Judge** - Motion by Larson to waive the 30-day rule to send the form to the Business Office to allow Jim McKay to apprentice judge at the Black Sheep Stockdog Trial in Washington on Labor Day weekend. Second by Roberts.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Discussion of the following topics was recorded and 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>

5. **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 email, each face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting includes a motion to ratify all business conducted via email since the last face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting.
 - a. **BD.20.103 July 2020 Email Business** - Motion by Roberts to ratify all business conducted over email in July 2020. Second by Larson.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
6. **Computer System/Technology Update** - Director Evans, as Board System Liaison, reported on the ongoing progress of the computer system upgrade and gave an update on overall technology plans.
 - a. Inventive provided a 5-phase plan rebuild ASCA's computer system, including a total rewrite of internal systems and how members interface with it. Cost is quoted at \$315,672, with each phase projected to last 4-6 weeks.
 - i. Evans wrote to Inventive to thank them for the proposal and to let them know ASCA is not moving forward at this time due to current financial considerations. Evans recommends this project starts up as soon as possible.
7. **Remaining 2021 Finals Judges** - Liaison Gann presented the remaining 2021 Finals Judges for Board approval.
 - a. **BD.20.104 2021 Agility Finals Judge** - Motion by Liaison Gann to approve Roger Coor as the 2021 Agility Finals Judge.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
 - b. **BD.20.105 2021 Junior Finals Judge** - Motion by Liaison Gann to approve Bryn Elliott as the 2021 Junior Finals Judge.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
8. **Blood Samples Stored at Therion** - Starting in September, ASCA's new partner for parentage verification will be Paw Print Genetics. ASCA currently has thousands of blood samples stored in EDTA tubes at Therion, and, since PPG does not store samples this way, the Board must decide what to do with them. Blood cards have already been shipped by Therion and received at the Business Office.
 - a. It will be very costly to ship the samples to Texas and to store them at the BO. Therion will also charge \$50/hour for labor.
 - b. Some of the samples are extremely old and their quality is uncertain. A random selection of samples was sent to PPG for quality/viability testing and results are pending. Concerns were also raised about how well samples will hold up during shipment.
 - c. Since all the stored samples are from dogs that have already had parentage certified/verified, some Directors saw no reason to retain the samples. Over the years there have been few samples that have needed to be pulled and re-tested.
 - d. Director Boone questioned whether the samples belong to ASCA or the owner of the dog the sample is from. Director Busquets did not have an answer. ASCA has been paying for storage of the samples.

- e. **BD.20.106 Discard Blood Samples Stored at Therion** - Motion by Vest to discard the blood samples currently stored at Therion instead of shipping them back to the Business Office. Second by Larson. Comments/Rationale: Refer to comments from the Board regarding viability of samples, care given to the samples while in Therion's possession, drawbacks to shipping the samples, and associated costs.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

9. **ASCA Nationals Website** - Liaison Gann shared the opinion of the 2021 Nationals Chair regarding where information for ASCA Nationals should be hosted online. Since this is ASCA's event, she believes the information should be available on asca.org instead of a separate URL.

- a. The idea is to have a page for ASCA Nationals with links to pages for each year's event. The information will remain after the event is over for archival purposes.
- b. The domain name ascanationals.com was purchased by ASCA earlier this year, but this should only be used to redirect to the current Nationals information since the year is not included in the URL.
- c. Concerns were raised about adding more work for the Webmaster, but she has reported it will not be an issue as she is not near her weekly work limit. She will only be inputting information, not creating it. If it becomes an issue, the Webmaster will let her liaison know.
- d. **BD.20.107 ASCA Nationals Website** - Motion by Gann that all 2021 National Specialty materials/information will be hosted on the asca.org website. Second by Vest.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

10. **Recognition of 2020 Finalists During 2021 Finals** - The 2021 Nationals Committee feels strongly that the 2020 Finalists should be recognized during the 2021 Finals. They are seeking direction on how best to accomplish this.

- a. The Board previously agreed to send high-quality certificates to all 2020 Finalists.
- b. Last month, the Board approved an offer from Susan Byrne to coordinate ordering, payment, and shipment of ribbons for those 2020 Finalists who wish to make an order.
- c. Some ideas for recognition were shared, such as: slideshow with images of all 2020 Finalists to be shown at Welcome Reception/Finals Receptions/Banquet, poster board listing all 2020 Finalists on display, etc. Directors expressed support for whatever the Nationals Committee proposes, as long as the BO can accommodate.
- d. Regarding qualifying points for the 2021 Finals - ASCA's Office Manager recommends, if anything is done, that points from 2020 and 2021 be combined for the 2021 Finals. This is simple for the Office to accomplish. However, concerns were raised about fairness to dogs that are only able to compete for one year. Program committees have been tasked with providing their input on how best to handle.

11. **Accounting for 2021 Nationals** - Because this is the first year ASCA is hosting the National Specialty, many of the accounting details need to be worked out.

- a. Treasurer Warren expressed concerns about the proposed accounting methods and ASCA's money being accessed by anyone other than the Business Office and approved Board Officers. The Board spent time discussing these deficiencies and how best to mitigate.
- b. Treasurer Warren will consult with the 2021 Nationals Chair and Bookkeeper to ensure all necessary financial information is documented and best practices are followed in doing so. The financial procedures outlined in the National Specialty rules also need to be reviewed to ensure they are appropriate for ASCA's needs.
- c. **BD.20.108 2021 Nationals Checking Account** - Motion by Gann to instruct the Office Manager to open a new checking account for the 2021 Nationals. Second by Larson.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
- d. **BD.20.109 Bonding of 2021 Nationals Chair and Bookkeeper** - Motion by Gann to instruct the Office Manager to initiate the bonding process for Laura Gibson, 2021 Nationals Chair, and Susan Byrne, 2021 Nationals Bookkeeper. Amount not to exceed \$300k. Second by Larson.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
- e. The Board agreed to have the Office Manager work with the 2021 Nationals Sponsorship Contact, Heidi Mobley, to accept sponsorship payments via credit card. Due to credit card fees, the price for sponsorships paid for by credit card will be a few dollars more than those paid by cash/debit card.
- f. There was a brief discussion regarding the method of taking money for 2021 Nationals, which possibly referred to accepting payments via PayPal and ensuring the process works for non-US members.

12. **Directive to Stockdog Committee** - Motion BD.20.97 Change to Stockdog Rules - 24.8.3 Number of Times Stock May Be Used, which was to reduce the number of livestock required for the Stockdog Finals, has been changed by the motion maker into a directive to the Stockdog Committee. Directors shared their thoughts.

- a. **BD.20.97 (Revised) Directive to Stockdog Committee - Number of Times Stock May Be Used** - Motion by Vest to send a directive to the Stockdog Committee to reduce the number of livestock required for the Stockdog Finals. A response to this directive is due to the BOD by September 4, 2020. Second by Wesen. Comments/Rationale: ASCA show and trial income has shown a decrease, and this may continue for the foreseeable future due to the dramatic decline in shows and trials as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic and resulting quarantines. The most current financial statement from June 2020 shows a Profit & Loss YTD Comparison of Net Income at -\$66,286.91 for June 20 as compared to \$8,557.50 for June 2019. The Additional Event Membership Dues have covered the majority of all Finals during the time that it has been in effect, to include the SD Finals. The decrease of shows and trials will result in a reduction of the Event Membership dues which will leave the financial burden for all Finals to ASCA. Taking this loss into consideration and the fact that the Stock Dog Finals cost to ASCA ranges from \$28k to \$42k, it is incumbent upon the BOD to determine how to decrease this cost. SD Finals cost is inflated due to SD Rule 24.8.3 which requires that stock can only be used once for the first go-around in each class of stock. Removing this requirement will result in instant decrease of SD Finals cost, thereby reducing Finals cost to ASCA. Regarding the gate sorting and re-use of livestock, there is no proof that this methodology results in less of a chance of success for dogs and handlers than using the stock one time only for the first go-round. The gate sorting process will require a stock person that understands livestock to sort the stock into different groups due to the propensity of the same stock to offer themselves up first during the sorting process. This position will be chosen by the Finals Course Director.

Affected: Stock Dog Committee & Stock Dog Finals Contestants.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

- i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Friday, August 21

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and it was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

In attendance were: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Treasurer Warren Evans, Secretary Jan Wesen, Director Judy Boone, Director Denise Creelman, Director Gina Larson, Director Jean Roberts, Incoming Director Carol Gerken, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Discussion of the following topics was recorded and 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>

Topics Discussed/Acted On:

1. **Directive to Stockdog Committee** - Two motions were proposed over email regarding the current directive to the Stockdog Committee to reduce the number of stock required for the Stockdog Finals.

- a. **BD.20.110 Rescind BD.20.97 (Revised)** - Motion by Larson to rescind BD.20.97 (Revised) directive to the Stockdog Committee to reduce the number of stock used during the Stockdog Finals. Second by Roberts. Comments/Rationale: The Stockdog Committee needs more time to work on a directive. In addition, the committee would like to explore other options of reducing ASCA Stockdog Finals costs.

Affected: Stockdog Committee, Stockdog Finals contestants and judges.

- i. Motion is **adopted** (5-4) - Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Larson, Roberts. Disapprove: Boone, Evans, Vest, Wesen. Abstain: None.
- ii. Those in favor thought rescinding the directive and issuing a more flexible one would help foster a better relationship between the board and the committee. More time to creatively develop may result in better long-term solutions.
- iii. Those opposed preferred extending the deadline to rescinding the directive and did not think the directive prohibited the committee from bringing forward proposals in addition to the one requested. Evans didn't want to rescind the directive until a replacement had been agreed to.

- b. **BD.20.111 Directive to Stockdog Committee** - Motion by Larson to direct the Stockdog Committee to research, explore, discuss, and present a plan to the board to reduce Stockdog Finals costs and/or increase income. This is including, but not limited to, reduction in number of livestock on hand. A complete report and comparison of these options is due by October 15, 2020. Second by Roberts.

Comments/Rationale: The cost of finals has been a concern for quite some time. Even though ASCA has taken over nationals, we all have a fiduciary responsibility to control costs. The Stockdog Committee is particularly equipped to do this research and assess how the number of livestock affect care for the animals and fair competition. It is also well equipped to research other avenues to help ASCA control costs related to stockdog finals.

Affected: Stockdog Committee, ASCA Stockdog Finals competitors and judges, Stockdog Rules.

- i. Motion is **adopted** (8-1) - Approve: 8. Oppose: Boone. Abstain: None.
- ii. Director Boone opposes giving the committee 55 days to work on this and thinks 30 days would be sufficient.
- iii. The Board hopes the committee will take this opportunity to work hard on the project.

Respectfully submitted by Kalla E. Jaco, Executive Secretary.

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