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December 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

Congratulations to new **ASCA Provisional Stockdog Judge Jim McKay** from Montana.

Welcome to new ASCA Affiliate: **Beartooth Australian Shepherd Club** in Montana.

Member **Terri Rein** was appointed to represent region 5 on the ASCA Rally Committee.

Member **Bailey Crader** was appointed to represent region 2 on the ASCA Junior Committee.

Aussie Rescue SoCal was awarded a grant from the ASCA Foundation for their work rescuing Australian Shepherds.

Changes to the Affiliate Bylaws of **Western Europe Working Australian Shepherd Club** were approved.

The Board would like to thank Susan Byrne for volunteering to manage the purchase and distribution of ribbons for 2020 Finals qualifiers who wish to order a Finals ribbon. If you are a 2020 Finals qualifier, please keep an eye out for your certificate and ribbon order instructions in the mail.

The Board approved recommendations from the Agility, Obedience, Rally, Stockdog, and Tracking Program Committees to address the use of event crisis judges during this time of COVID-19 when ASCA Affiliates are having a difficult time hiring judges.

Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, the Board approved recommendations from the Nationals Advisory Committee to bring the rules up to date.

Motions Considered via Email

Director Recommendations

BD.20.136 Ribbons for 2020 Finalists (Revised)

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

Motion by Evans to approve the proposal submitted by Susan Byrne for mailing ribbons to the 2020 finalists. Second by Wesen.

Comments/Rationale: Susan Byrne has volunteered to manage the purchase and distribution of ribbons for 2020 Finals qualifiers who wish to order a Finals ribbon. Ms. Byrne will oversee the receipt of funds, recordkeeping, and preparation of ribbons for mailing. The proposed sale price of \$40-\$45 will cover the cost of the ribbons, postage, and shipping.

Affected: 2020 finalists, Business Office.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.20.137 Cost of Ribbons for 2020 Junior Finalists (Revised)

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

Motion by Evans that any ribbons related to 2020 Finals that are earned by Juniors be paid for (including cost of ribbons, shipping or postage, and handling) by ASCA. This includes any ribbon earned by Junior Handling Finalists, as well as those Juniors who are Finalists in other ASCA programs for which a ribbon was earned. Second by Wesen.

Comments/Rationale: One of the purposes of the ASCA Junior Program is to instill in Juniors a good work ethic: to learn that hard work pays off. In this extraordinary year, we need to provide well-earned recognition for these important members of ASCA.

Affected: 2020 Junior Finalists, Business Office.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

AGILITY COMMITTEE

AG.20.08 Change to Agility Rules - Emergency Judges for Canada & Europe

Motion is **adopted** (7-2) - Approve: Boone, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Wesen. Disapprove: Busquets, Roberts. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

- a. *Dissent from Busquets:* The motion looks good to me but needs to have a statement that a crisis must be determined by the ASCA Board of Directors and will remain in place until the ASCA Board of Directors officially announces that the crisis is over.
- b. *Dissent from Roberts:* This motion should not limit emergency judges to Canada and Europe, it should be for all places negatively impacted by a crisis.

Motion by Liaison Wesen to accept the following recommendation from the Agility Committee.

Committee Recommendation: The use of emergency judges for European and Canadian agility trials during travel restriction times.

Motion by Jan Niblock to approve this motion because when travel restrictions are put in place during global emergency, there needs to be a way to accommodate clubs in Europe and Canada where there are a very limited number of judges available and while they are still trying to have trials. Second by Natascha Wagenaar-Herbergs.

Current Wording: 11.3 Emergency Judge

In the event of an emergency where a judge cannot fulfill their assignment, the Trial Chairman along with the Trial Committee/ASCA affiliate, may choose an Emergency Judge with the following qualifications in order of priority (i.e. all eligible candidates in Item 1 must be attempted before Item 2 is considered, etc.):

1. Contact/hire another ASCA approved Judge not entered in the trial.
2. Contact/hire an ASCA approved judge entered in the trial.
3. Contact/hire an ASCA Apprentice Judge not entered in the trial.
4. Contact/hire ASCA Apprentice judge entered in the trial.
5. Contact/hire a judge from another approved agility venue (AKC, CPE, NADAC, and USDAA).
6. Contact/hire a person entered in the trial with the most experience in the ASCA Agility program (completed the most ATCH titles).

The original judge must forward the approved set of trial courses to the Emergency Judge if time and circumstances allow, otherwise the courses must be sent to the Trial Chairman and/or Trial Secretary for use at the trial by the Emergency Judge.

The Emergency Judge will abide by the restrictions listed in Section 1.3.5 and Section 11.4 as well as the rules in the ASCA Agility Rulebook.

The Trial Committee/ASCA Affiliate and Emergency Judge will contract fees and expenses to be paid for the assignment prior to judging first run of the trial.

Proposed Wording: 11.3 Emergency Judge

In the event of an emergency where a judge cannot fulfill their assignment, the Trial Chairman along with the Trial Committee/ASCA affiliate, may choose an Emergency Judge with the following qualifications in order of priority (i.e., all eligible candidates in Item 1 must be attempted before Item 2 is considered, etc.):

1. Contact/hire another ASCA approved Judge not entered in the trial.
2. Contact/hire an ASCA approved judge entered in the trial.
3. Contact/hire an ASCA Apprentice Judge not entered in the trial.
4. Contact/hire ASCA Apprentice judge entered in the trial.
5. Contact/hire a judge from another approved agility venue (AKC, CPE, NADAC, and USDAA).
6. Contact/hire a person entered in the trial with the most experience in the ASCA Agility program (completed the most ATCH titles).

The original judge must forward the approved set of trial courses to the Emergency Judge if time and circumstances allow, otherwise the courses must be sent to the Trial Chairman and/or Trial Secretary for use at the trial by the Emergency Judge.

In the event of a global or local travel restrictions for European and Canadian ASCA Affiliate Club agility trials for where finding a Local Judge is not possible due to judging for that club too many times or actually wanting to show their own dogs and the regular Emergency Judge rules will not work, the Trial Chairman along with the Trial Committee/ASCA affiliate, may choose an Emergency Judge with the following qualifications in order of priority (i.e. all eligible candidates in Item 1 must be attempted before Item 2 is considered, etc.):

1. Contact/hire an ASCA Apprentice Judge not entered in the trial.
2. Contact/hire ASCA Apprentice judge entered in the trial.
3. Contact/hire a person who has taken the apprentice test and passed it.
4. Contact/hire a person entered in the trial with the most experience in the ASCA Agility program and (completed the most ATCH titles or has competed in ASCA agility for the most years or with the most Elite titles).
5. Contact/hire a person not entered in the trial with the most experience in the ASCA Agility program (completed the most ATCH titles or has competed in ASCA agility for the most years or with the most Elite titles).

If using option #3 and they want to become an ASCA judge, they can design the courses and send them in for review. If using options #4 or #5, the club needs to hire an approved ASCA judge to design the courses and pay them a design fee (to be worked out between the judge and the club). Or they can contact the Course Reviewers to see if there are courses from trials that could be used and that have already been reviewed. Also, if there is an approved ASCA agility Judge at the trial competing they can assist the person if that person needs help with setting the course or with a call, as long as it is not a member of the Judge's family or the Judge's dog.

It will be required of the club to list in the premium, which Judge has designed the courses and who will be the person overseeing and judging the runs.

The Emergency Judge will abide by the restrictions listed in Section 1.3.5 and Section 11.4 as well as the rules in the ASCA Agility Rulebook.

The Trial Committee/ASCA Affiliate and Emergency Judge will contract fees and expenses to be paid for the assignment prior to judging first run of the trial.

Comments/Rationale: This motion is needed because with the COVID-19 pandemic, Europe and Canada have not been able to have trials because they do not have enough judges. Also, the few judges that they have would also like to show their own dogs and if they judge every trial, they will not be able to do so. Also, having only the 1 or 2 judges judging all the trials do not give any variety to the courses that the exhibitors will see. Since this pandemic has brought this to light and there is no way to know when it will be over, there is nothing to say that another major event could happen in the future. This way there will be a rule that will cover any future global travel restriction events.

Affected: Judges and exhibitors, see the rationale. It will affect the club because they will have to list who the judge is that is designing the courses and who will be the judge that will be judging the dogs. That should be listed in the premium. It does not affect the Webmaster, Business Office, or Program Software Vendor.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 5. Disapprove: 3. Abstain: 1. Non-Voting: None.

- a. *Dissent from Committee Member Lee Prager:* I believe we can be more creative in helping Europe and Canada without establishing a precedent for different rules in different regions.

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

EM.20.04 OB.20.12 Emergency Change to Obedience Rules - Event Crisis Judge

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Boone.

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

This is an emergency motion so it can be handled before the Board's winter break and in the same timeframe as other similar recommendations from ASCA's agility, rally, stockdog, and tracking committees.

Committee Recommendation: EMERGENCY OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE Motion - Event Crisis Judge

Below is an emergency motion to address the use of event crisis judges during this time of COVID-19 when affiliates are having a difficult time hiring judges due to many reasons including shortage of judges in some regions, flight restrictions, travel restrictions, etc. This originally was requested for Europe and Canada, but some areas of the U.S. are also facing the same dilemmas. Judges from many states can't travel to another state unless they quarantine for 14 days when they return and similar situations. This is written to cover not just what is happening now, but similar circumstances that could happen in the future. This motion does not replace or delete Section 1.32 Emergency Judge.

The guidelines for being recommended as an Event Crisis Judge focus on the ECJ's specific experience in ASCA. In emergency situations, having someone who has trained and trialed in ASCA obedience is important as there likely will not be time for someone who has never shown in ASCA to absorb all that is needed to understand and judge ASCA obedience.

Motion by Betsy Coleman to recommend the addition of Chapter/Section 1.33 for Event Crisis Judge to the Obedience Rulebook. Second by Ann McCabe.

Discussed December 3-15 at the request of European affiliates, Canadian affiliates and the ASCA Board of Directors.

The Event Crisis Judge Application Form is at the end of this motion and will be attached as a separate document as well.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: This section does not currently exist in the rulebook and will be added if approved as numbered below.

1.33 Event Crisis Judge

A. Selection of Event Crisis Judges - If a temporary shortage of Judges occurs due to any type of natural disaster, war, disease, travel restrictions, etc., temporary Event Crisis Judge(s) may be used when holding ASCA obedience Trials. A crisis must be determined by the ASCA Board of Directors and will remain in place until the ASCA Board of Directors announces to the membership and Obedience Committee that the crisis is over. Once the crisis is over, any person approved to be an Event Crisis Judge will return to the status held prior to the crisis and will not have an altered path to becoming a Regular Judge.

An ASCA affiliate must submit the Event Crisis Judge (ECJ) Application to the ASCA Obedience Committee Chair in order to use an Event Crisis Judge (ECJ). The ASCA affiliate's request must be submitted before the sanctioning request for that trial is sent to the ASCA Business Office and must be completed by both the ECJ applicant and the ASCA Affiliate. Once the ASCA Obedience Committee approves or denies the ECJ Application, it will be forwarded to the ASCA Business Office. The ASCA Obedience Committee will not be responsible for any late sanctioning as a result of the ECJ approval process.

If an affiliate determines it is necessary for them to request the use of an Event Crisis Judge, each trial or group of trials in a cluster of one or more consecutive days can be requested at the same time. However, each "cluster" will require a new request. For example, a request for a particular person to judge a trial(s) in a cluster of shows held in January will not give that person a blanket approval to be an ECJ for the remainder of the crisis time. If the affiliate wants to request the same person to be an ECJ six months later, a new request will have to be made and credentials within the request updated. If a second request is made, a previously approved ECJ will not be required to complete steps a. and b.

outlined below in B. 1. unless it has been more than 1 year from the previous completion of those steps.

Approval of an ECJ will be chosen in the following order of priority:

1. A person who is already in the process of becoming an ASCA Obedience Judge.
 2. A person who has fulfilled the requirements of becoming an ASCA Obedience Judge but has not yet applied to become a judge.
 3. A person who has completed a title in the level in which they are applying on at least one dog.
- Once the Obedience Committee recommends approval of an Event Crisis Judge, their name will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval and the Business Office will be notified.

B. Event Crisis Judge Requirements and Restrictions - The Event Crisis Judge shall not judge any dog that he/she owns or co-owns or that a member of his/her immediate household or immediate family owns or is currently handling. The Event Crisis Judge's immediate family includes spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, or any person residing with that individual. Immediate family members of an officiating Event Crisis Judge may show under another officiating Judge at the same trial.

1. Requirements for approval as an Event Crisis Judge are listed below:
 - a. All Event Crisis Judges will be required to take and pass the most recent Judges' test before moving to step "b" below.
 - b. All Event Crisis Judges will be required to complete the current online ASCA Obedience Judges Education.
2. Restrictions for Event Crisis Judges
 - a. A person working as an Event Crisis Judge will not permanently hold the position of an ASCA Obedience Judge in any form. However, if the Event Crisis Judge is qualified under items A. 1. or 2. above, they may be allowed to use this experience as a Provisional Judging Assignment if they choose to apply to become an ASCA Obedience Judge when the crisis is over.

Comments/Rationale: Purpose of this motion is to offer flexibility to affiliates for being able to sanction ASCA Obedience events in temporary times of natural disaster, war, disease, travel restrictions, etc. The use of an Event Crisis Judge is only available for affiliates during a crisis specifically identified by the ASCA Board of Directors.

Affected: Affiliates trying to host events during a board designated time of crisis will have more flexibility in hiring judges for their events and will need to submit the Event Crisis Judge Application to the Obedience Committee with ample time for the judge to complete the requirements before sanctioning is due. The Business Office will forward the approved application to the BOD for approval and process the results. The Webmaster is not affected. Exhibitors are affected as this may offer opportunities for trials to proceed during times of designated crisis. The Obedience Committee is affected as they will have to consider all requests from affiliates in an expedited manner. The ASCA BOD is also affected as they will have to determine if a crisis exists and will need to consider recommendations from the Obedience Committee in an expedited fashion.

Business Office notified on December 15, 2020 and the motion was edited based on timeline concerns.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

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

RALLY COMMITTEE

RA.20.12 Change to Rally Rules - Event Crisis Judge

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

- a. *Dissent from Boone:* I do not agree with this motion being for all ASCA affiliates. USA affiliates have access to judges, European and Canadians do not. Also, the requirements are too restrictive to help people become ECJ.

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

Committee Recommendation: EMERGENCY RC Motion 20.28 - Event Crisis Judge

Below is an emergency motion that has passed committee and is being sent to the BOD to address the use of event crisis judges during this time of COVID-19 when affiliates are having a difficult time hiring judges due to many reasons including shortage of judges in some regions, flight restrictions, travel restrictions, etc. This originally was requested for Europe and Canada, but some areas of the U.S. are also facing the same dilemmas. Judges from this state can't travel to another state unless they quarantine for 14 days when they return and similar situations. This is written to cover not just what is happening now, but similar circumstances that could happen in the future.

The guidelines for being recommended as an Event Crisis Judge focus on the EVJ's specific experience in ASCA. In emergency situations, having someone who has trained and trialed in ASCA Rally is important as there likely will not be time for someone who has never shown in ASCA to absorb all that is needed to understand and judge ASCA Rally. Motion by Karen Black to recommend the addition of Chapter/Section 15.9 for Event Crisis Judge to the Rally Rulebook. Second by Leah Swatko.

Discussed in November at the request of European affiliates, Canadian affiliates and the ASCA Board of Directors.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: This chapter does not currently exist in the rulebook and will be added if approved as numbered below.

15.9 Event Crisis Judge

15.9.1 Selection of Event Crisis Judges

If a temporary shortage of Judges occurs due to any type of natural disaster, war, disease, travel restrictions, etc., temporary Event Crisis Judge(s) may be used when holding ASCA Rally Trials. A crisis must be determined by the ASCA Board of Directors and will remain in place until the ASCA Board of Directors announces to the membership and Rally Committee that the crisis is over. Once the crisis is over, any person approved to be an Event Crisis Judge will return to the status held prior to the crisis and will not have an altered path to becoming a Provisional Judge, Regular Judge, Nationals Judge or Senior Judge.

An ASCA affiliate must submit a written request to the ASCA Rally Committee Chair to use an Event Crisis Judge (ECJ) and will submit written consent from the suggested ECJ that they are willing to perform the duties of an ASCA Rally Judge for the affiliate's trial. The ASCA affiliate's request to use an ECJ must include the qualifications of the suggested ECJ. The ASCA Rally Committee Chair will present the request to the committee for consideration.

If an affiliate determines it is necessary for them to request the use of an Event Crisis Judge, each trial or group of trials in a cluster of one or more consecutive days can be requested at the same time. However, each "cluster" will require a new request. For example, a request for John Smith to judge a trial(s) in a cluster of shows held in January will not give John Smith a blanket approval to be an ECJ for the remainder of the crisis time. If the affiliate wants to request John Smith to be an ECJ six months later, a new request will have to be made and credentials within the request updated. If a second request is made, a previously approved ECJ will not be required to complete steps A, B and C outlined below in 15.9.2.1 unless it has been more than 1 year from the previous completion of those steps.

Approval of an ECJ will be chosen in the following order of priority:

1. A person who is already in the process of becoming an ASCA Rally Judge.
2. A person who has fulfilled the requirements of becoming an ASCA Rally Judge but has not yet applied to become a judge.
3. A person who has completed a RTCH on at least one dog.
4. A person who has completed base titles in all levels of ASCA Rally (Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Masters) on at least one dog.
5. A person who is currently competing in Masters classes with at least one dog.

In no circumstance will an ECJ judge be approved if they have not shown in all levels of ASCA Rally. Once the Rally Committee recommends approval of an Event Crisis Judge, their name will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval and the Business Office will be notified.

15.9.2 Event Crisis Judge Requirements and Restrictions

The Event Crisis Judge shall not judge any dog that he/she owns or co-owns or that a member of his/her immediate household or immediate family owns or is currently handling. The Event Crisis Judge's immediate family includes spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, or any person residing with that individual. Immediate family members of an officiating Event Crisis Judge may show under another officiating Judge at the same trial.

1. Requirements for approval as an Event Crisis Judge are listed below:

- A. All Event Crisis Judges will be required to take and pass the most recent Judges' test before moving to step "b" below.
- B. All Event Crisis Judges will be required to complete the current online ASCA Rally Judges Education.
- C. All Event Crisis Judges will be required to submit a complete set of courses for each trial they will be judging at least 30 days prior to any event they will be judging. In the event there is not acceptable time to get courses approved, the

ECJ may request to use approved emergency courses. Emergency courses are available through the Business Office or the Rally Committee Chair.

2. Restrictions for Event Crisis Judges

A. A person working as an Event Crisis Judge will not permanently hold the position of ASCA Rally Judge in any form, nor will they be allowed to use this experience to bypass the existing requirements for becoming an ASCA Rally Judge when the crisis is over.

B. The work done, both positive and negative, by the Event Crisis Judge will be considered when entering the ASCA Rally judging application process. Any formal complaints, letters, or documentation of disciplinary action, along with letters of recommendation, reviews, and letters of appreciation that are associated with their work as an Event Crisis Judge will be considered in the application process to become an approved ASCA Rally Judge.

Comments/Rationale: Purpose of this motion is to offer flexibility to affiliates for being able to sanction ASCA Rally events in temporary times of natural disaster, war, disease, travel restrictions, etc. The use of an Event Crisis Judge is only available for affiliates during a crisis specifically identified by the ASCA Board of Directors.

Affected: Affiliates trying to host events during a board designated time of crisis will have more flexibility in hiring judges for their events. The Business Office will be affected if the ECJ is approved by the committee and the BOD for sanctioning and processing of results. The Webmaster is not affected. Exhibitors are affected as this may offer opportunities for trials to proceed during times of designated crisis. The Rally Committee is affected as they will have to consider all requests from affiliates in an expedited manner and may have to provide emergency course sets for use by the ECJ. ASCA Rally Course reviewers will be affected as the time to review courses may have to be shortened to accommodate an upcoming trial. The ASCA BOD is also affected as they will have to determine if a crisis exists and will need to consider recommendations from the Rally Committee in an expedited fashion.

Business Office notified: 12/03/2020; Web Master Notified: 12/03/2020; Liaison Notified: 12/03/2020

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 10. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 1.

- b. *Comment from Committee Member Ann McCabe:* I am voting yes on this motion because I support and empathize with affiliates and exhibitors around the world with the current travel restrictions that are in place. However, I do not feel that this motion will solve anything. It will not hurt anything either, which is why I am voting yes. The requirements for becoming an Event Crisis Judge (ECJ) are basically the same as becoming a Rally judge normally. If there are people who qualify or apply to become an ECJ, why have they not applied to be a judge already? I feel there are too many requirements and this will not increase the number of judges that can be hired for trials in the impacted areas.

STOCKDOG COMMITTEE

SD.20.04 Change to Stockdog Rules - Temporary Crisis Judge

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

- a. *Dissent from Boone:* I do not agree with this motion being for all ASCA affiliates. USA affiliates have access to judges, European and Canadians do not. It isn't realistic to have a 30-day declaration to use an Emergency judge, as emergencies rarely happen on a thirty-day schedule.

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation and attachment from the Stockdog Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Creation of a Temporary Crisis Judge Position

Motion by Terri Jones. Second by James Bergert.

The Event Crisis Judge Application Form can be found on the ASCA Website when available.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: 26.7 Temporary Crisis Judge

26.7.1 Acceptance as a Temporary Crisis Judge

Temporary Crisis Judge Applications are available from the Business Office.

If a temporary shortage of Judges occurs due to any type of natural disaster, war, disease, travel restrictions, etc., a Temporary Crisis Judge(s) may be used when holding ASCA StockDog Trials. A crisis must be determined by the ASCA Board of Directors and will remain in place until the ASCA Board of Directors officially announces that the crisis is over. The Temporary Crisis Judge will adhere to, abide by, and understand the rules found in 29.2.1.

26.7.2 Selection of Temporary Crisis Judges

A Temporary Crisis Judge must be nominated by TWO ASCA Stockdog Judges and ONE individual who has worked as a course Director for more than two separate ASCA trials over the past three years. Those nominating the Temporary Crisis Judge must have personal knowledge of the nominee.

The names and qualifications of each nominee will be sent to the ASCA Business Office. The Business Office will provide the nominee with the most recent Judges' test to complete and pass according to the rules found in 26.1.5.

Both the Temporary Crisis Judge and the ASCA approved Judge will be allowed to trial under the other Judge during the mentoring phase and through the course of that trial. Neither the Temporary Crisis judge, nor emergency judge shall judge any dog that he/she or a member of his/her immediate household or immediate family owns or is currently handling.

1. All Temporary Crisis Judges will be required to take and pass the most recent Judges' test before beginning 26.7.3.c.
2. All Temporary Crisis Judge applicants must agree in writing to abide by all ASCA codes, rules, decisions, procedures, the Statement of Purpose in the ASCA bylaws, and the Judges' Code of Ethics.
3. All Temporary Crisis Judges will be required to sit and judge a minimum of 10 runs on each class of stock with an ASCA approved Judge.
4. Once the Temporary Crisis Judge has met all of the requirements, the Temporary Crisis Judge will be permitted to judge ASCA sanctioned trials without an ASCA approved Judge on site.
5. There may be two Temporary Crisis Judges working with an approved ASCA Judge at the same trial.

EXCEPTION: If travel restrictions have been imposed by any government and these restrictions will cause a hardship to a Judge, a Temporary Crisis Judge, or a nominee, the Emergency Judge rules found in 26.6 may be applied. The Emergency Judge must be named at the time of sanctioning and all applicable forms must be filed with the Business Office. The Emergency Judge will only be eligible to judge the indicated sanctioned trial.

26.7.3 Temporary Crisis Judges Restrictions

1. The work done, both positive and negative, by the Temporary Crisis Judge will be considered when entering each level of the ASCA Judging Programs. Any formal complaints, letters, or documentation of disciplinary action, along with letters of recommendation, reviews, and letters of appreciation that are associated with their work as a Temporary Crisis Judge will be reviewed throughout each level of the application process.
2. A person working as a Temporary Crisis Judge will not permanently hold the position of ASCA Stockdog Judge in any form, nor will they be allowed to use this experience to bypass the existing requirements for becoming an ASCA Judge when the crisis is over. They must apply and meet the requirements for becoming a judge as described in Chapter 29 in the ASCA Stockdog rule book.

Comments/Rationale: To meet the emergency need of affiliate clubs during the Covid-19 crisis or any future crisis that restricts the affiliates ability to acquire judges from outside their borders.

Affected: Business Office (Letter from the Business Office will be attached when sending results of the vote to the ASCA Board of Directors).

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: Unanimous. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

TRACKING COMMITTEE

TR.20.02 Change to Tracking Rules - Temporary Crisis Judge

Motion is **adopted** (7-2) - Approve: Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: Boone, Busquets. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

- a. *Dissent from Boone:* I do not agree with the committee deciding what constitutes a crisis. This motion does not help in situations where the judge has been hired but cannot attend, as this motion says the Temporary Crisis Judge application must be submitted with the sanctioning.

- b. Dissent from Busquets: The motion looks good to me but needs to have a statement that a crisis must be determined by the ASCA Board of Directors and will remain in place until the ASCA Board of Directors officially announces that the crisis is over.

Motion by Liaison Wesen to accept the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Temporary Crisis Judge Rule

Motion by Beth MacLehose to approve the addition of a rule to allow for a club to apply for a person to be approved as a temporary judge in a crisis situation where it is not feasible to find a certified judge. Second by Sandy Hawkins. The Event Crisis Judge Application Form can be found on the ASCA Website when available.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: 1.22.1 Temporary Crisis Judge

1.22.1 Acceptance as a Temporary Crisis Judge

If a temporary shortage of Judges occurs due to any type of natural disaster, war, disease, travel restrictions, etc., a Temporary Crisis Judge(s) may be used when holding ASCA Tracking Tests. A description of the crisis must be submitted to the ASCA Tracking Committee when submitting the sanctioning paperwork.

If the local Tracking Committee cannot hire ASCA approved tracking judge(s) due to crisis situations, they may then ask to have a person approved as a Temporary Crisis Judge(s) for their tests. The Temporary Crisis Judge must fill out an application (see appendix TBD)

The ASCA Tracking Committee may approve a temporary crisis judge (TCJ) based on their experience in tracking, titles earned, experience laying tracks and working at tests. Tracking Committees may request to host a test with only 1 (one) judge if circumstances prevent them from hiring a second judge (this includes TDX and UTDX tests).

The local tracking Secretary will submit the Temporary Crisis Judge (TCJ) application with sanctioning paperwork.

Temporary crisis judges must carry a copy of the current rule book with them to their assignment. The rules may be electronic (downloaded to a phone or tablet) or paper copy. The rules may not be on the internet (cloud based) since often tracking tests are held in areas with poor internet connectivity.

Comments/Rationale: In this time of a global pandemic and closed borders it has become clear a system needs to be in place to enable clubs to be able to ask for a competent person to be granted a temporary judging license to encourage the continuation of showing.

Affected: Tracking Committee would need to approve judges and then the Business Office would need to issue a temporary judge's number.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 6. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 1.

NATIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NA.20.03 Change to Nationals Rules - 1.2.2.B Nationals Advisory Committee Duties

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen.

Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

- a. *Comment from Larson:* I voted to approve but I would like 1.2.2 A. to also read in conjunction with the Nationals Chair.

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Laura Gibson to approve the changes to the National Specialty Rule Book, 1.2.2.B Nationals Advisory Committee Duties, listed below. Second by Renee Watson.

Current Wording: 1.2.2 Nationals Advisory Committee Duties

The Nationals Advisory Committee's duties are as follows:

A. To assemble the Nationals Committee for each year. This committee will be appointed and approved by the Board at least two years, and preferably three years, ahead of the event.

B. To solicit, recommend and prepare the contracts for Board approval for pre-trials/post-trials and pre-shows/post-shows for Nationals. These will be awarded two years in advance of the event. (See Section 1.4 below.)

Proposed Wording: 1.2.2 Nationals Advisory Committee Duties

The Nationals Advisory Committee's duties are as follows:

A. To assemble the Nationals Committee for each year. This committee will be appointed and approved by the Board at least two years, and preferably three years, ahead of the event.

B. To solicit, recommend, and prepare the contracts for Board approval for pre-trials/post-trials and pre-shows/post-shows for Nationals, in conjunction with the Nationals Chairperson. These will be awarded two years in advance of the event. (See Section 1.4 below.)

Comments/Rationale from Committee: This addition corrects the verbiage in 1.2.2.B to include the Nationals Chairperson in the process for securing Affiliates to host post/pre-shows/trials at the National Specialty.

Affected: Persons serving on the Nationals Committee, persons attending the ASCA National Specialty, members of the Board, Affiliates hosting pre/post-shows/trials at the National Specialty.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 4. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

NA.20.04 Change to Nationals Rules - 1.4.A Pre/Post-Shows/Trials

Motion is **adopted** (7-2) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Wesen. Disapprove: Larson, Roberts. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

- a. *Dissent from Larson:* Even though it is doubtful that an Affiliate would host a specialty preshow/trial, I see no reason to remove specialty from this rule.
- b. *Dissent from Roberts:* Pre and post shows, while associated with a specialty are not specialties themselves. The entry for performance programs could be opened to all breeds, with an early entry date for ASCA registered Australian Shepherds. This would guarantee pre/post shows/trials would fill and allow our members with other breeds an opportunity to show/trial.

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Laura Gibson to approve the changes to the National Specialty Rule Book, 1.4.a Pre/Post-Shows/Trials, listed below. Second by Renee Watson.

Current Wording: 1.4 Pre/Post-Shows/Trials

a. Pre/post-shows/trials held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty may either be Sanctioned as Member Shows or Specialties. In either case, entries for pre/post-shows/trials shall be limited to ASCA Registered Australian Shepherds.

Proposed Wording: 1.4 Pre/Post-Shows/Trials

a. Pre/post-shows/trials held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty may ~~either~~ be Sanctioned as Member Shows ~~or Specialties~~. In either case, eEntries for pre/post-shows/trials shall be limited to ASCA Registered Australian Shepherds.

Comments/Rationale from Committee: Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, much of the current National Specialty Rule Book is outdated. The following motions eliminate outdated verbiage and bring the National Specialty Rule Book up to date with ASCA's current mode of hosting Nationals.

Affected: Persons serving on the Nationals Committee, persons attending the ASCA National Specialty, members of the Board, Affiliates hosting pre/post-shows/trials at the National Specialty.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 4. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

NA.20.05 Change to Nationals Rules - 1.6.A Site

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Laura Gibson to approve the changes to the National Specialty Rule Book, 1.6.A Site, listed below. Second by Renee Watson.

Current Wording: 1.6 Site

- A. The site of the ASCA National Specialty will rotate on a yearly basis, based on the following rotation and continuing for ten years: 2020 – Georgia International Horse Park, 2021 – Brazos Expo Center, 2022 – Island Grove Park, 2023 – Deschutes County Fairgrounds, 2024 – Georgia International Horse Park, 2025 – Brazos Expo Center, etc.
- B. The ASCA Board will contract with the facility and will be financially responsible for the facility.

Proposed Wording: 1.6 Site

- ~~A. The site of the ASCA National Specialty will rotate on a yearly basis, based on the following rotation and continuing for ten years: 2020 – Georgia International Horse Park, 2021 – Brazos Expo Center, 2022 – Island Grove Park, 2023 – Deschutes County Fairgrounds, 2024 – Georgia International Horse Park, 2025 – Brazos Expo Center, etc.~~ The Board will announce the site for the National Specialty at least three years in advance of the event.
- ~~B.~~ The ASCA Board will contract with the facility and will be financially responsible for the facility.

Comments/Rationale from Committee: Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, much of the current National Specialty Rule Book is outdated. The following motion eliminates outdated verbiage and brings the National Specialty Rule Book up to date with ASCA's current mode of hosting Nationals.

Affected: Persons serving on the Nationals Committee, persons attending the ASCA National Specialty, members of the Board.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 4. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

NA.20.06 Change to Nationals Rules - 1.7 Nationals Committee and 8 Show Committee

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

- a. *Comment from Larson:* Again, I would like to have this rule read in conjunction with the Nationals Chair.

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Laura Gibson to approve the changes to the National Specialty Rule Book, Section 1.7 Nationals Committee and Section 8 Show Committee, listed below. Second by Renee Watson.

Current Wording: 1.7 Nationals Committee

The Nationals Advisory Committee will assemble a Nationals Committee for each year, filling the following positions:

- Nationals Chairperson
- Nationals and Finals Stockdog Course Director (may be two separate people)
- Nationals and Finals Conformation Secretary (may be two separate people)
- Nationals and Finals Obedience Secretary (may be two separate people)
- Nationals and Finals Rally Secretary (may be two separate people)
- Nationals and Finals Juniors Secretary
- Nationals and Finals Agility Secretary (may be two separate people)
- Tracking Secretary

- MVA/MVJ Secretary
- Awards and Rosettes Chairperson
- Sponsorship Chairperson
- Vendors Chairperson
- Hotels and Travel Chairperson
- Banquets/Receptions/Nightly Dinners Chairperson
- Merchandise Chairperson (may be two people co-chairing)
- RV/Camping/Golf Carts Chairperson
- Grooming Spaces/Stalls Chairperson
- Hospitality Chairperson
- Parades Chairperson (if offered)
- Decorations Chairperson
- Signage Chairperson
- Dock Jumping Chairperson
- Bookkeeper
- Website, Facebook, Slideshows Chairperson
- Catalog Chairperson
- Education/Seminars/Health Clinics Chairperson
- Nationals Office Manager
- Welcome Bags/ Judges Gifts ASHGI Raffle/Auction Chairperson
- Local Liaison
- Other chairpersons as the Board approves The Nationals Committee slate will be submitted to the Board for approval.

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8 Show Committee

8.1 National Specialty Show Committee

The National Specialty Show Committee will organize and implement the various events described in these Rules and any others applicable to an ASCA National Specialty.

8.2 Nationals Chairperson

The Board shall approve the Nationals Chairperson.

8.3 Nationals Board Liaison(s)

The National Chairperson will select a Board Director(s) to act as their Liaison between the National Specialty Show Committee and the Board. All changes in personnel, schedule or other plans should be shared with the Board Liaison.

8.4 Required Members

The following people are REQUIRED on the ASCA National Specialty Show Committee. Persons filling these positions shall not be paid a salary or hourly wage to perform these duties.

- A. National Chairperson
- B. Agility Secretary
- C. Conformation Secretary
- D. Obedience Secretary
- E. Rally Secretary
- F. Stockdog Trial Course Director
- G. Tracking Secretary

8.5 National Chairperson

The National Chairperson oversees all Secretaries and Course Director, acts as the ultimate authority over all programs, acts as liaison between the Nationals Committee and the ASCA Board.

Proposed Wording: 1.7 Nationals Committee

The Nationals Advisory Committee will assemble a Nationals Committee for each year, filling the following positions:

- Nationals Chairperson
- Nationals and Finals Stockdog Course Director (may be two separate people)
- Nationals and Finals Conformation Secretary (~~may be two separate people~~)
- Nationals and Finals Obedience Secretary (~~may be two separate people~~)
- Nationals and Finals Rally Secretary (~~may be two separate people~~)
- Nationals and Finals Juniors Secretary
- Nationals and Finals Agility Secretary (~~may be two separate people~~)
- Tracking Secretary
- MVA/MVJ Secretary
- Awards and Rosettes Chairperson
- Sponsorship Chairperson
- ~~• Vendors Chairperson~~
- Vendors/Grooming Spaces/Stalls Chairperson
- Hotels and Travel Chairperson
- Banquets/Receptions/Nightly Dinners Chairperson
- Merchandise Chairperson (may be two people co-chairing)
- ~~• RV/Camping/Golf Carts Chairperson~~
- ~~• Grooming Spaces/Stalls Chairperson~~
- RV/Camping/Golf Carts Chairperson
- Hospitality Chairperson
- Parades Chairperson (if offered)
- ~~• Decorations Chairperson~~
- ~~• Signage Chairperson~~
- Decorations & Signage Chairperson
- Dock Jumping Chairperson (if offered)
- ~~• Bookkeeper~~
- ~~• Website, Facebook, Slideshows Chairperson~~
- Nationals Accounting Chairperson
- Facebook & Slideshows Chairperson
- Catalog Chairperson
- Education/Seminars/Health Clinics Chairperson
- Nationals Office Manager
- ~~• Welcome Bags/Judges Gifts~~
- ~~• ASHGI Raffle/Auction Chairperson~~
- Welcome Bags/Junior Bags/Judges Gifts Chairperson
- Local Liaison
- Other chairpersons as the Board approves

The Nationals Committee slate will be submitted to the Board for approval.

~~8 Show Committee~~

~~8.1 National Specialty Show Committee~~

~~The National Specialty Show Committee will organize and implement the various events described in these Rules and any others applicable to an ASCA National Specialty.~~

~~8.2 Nationals Chairperson~~

~~The Board shall approve the Nationals Chairperson.~~

~~8.3~~ 1.7.4 Nationals Board Liaison(s)

The National Chairperson will select a Board Director(s) to act as their Liaison between the National Specialty Show Committee and the Board. All changes in personnel, schedule, or other plans should be shared with the Board Liaison.

8.4 Required Members

The following people are REQUIRED on the ASCA National Specialty Show Committee. Persons filling these positions shall not be paid a salary or hourly wage to perform these duties.

A. National Chairperson

B. Agility Secretary

C. Conformation Secretary

D. Obedience Secretary

E. Rally Secretary

F. Stockdog Trial Course Director

G. Tracking Secretary

8.5 1.7.3 National Chairperson

The Board shall approve the Nationals Chairperson. The National Chairperson oversees all Secretaries, and Course Directors, and Nationals Committee Chairpersons. The Nationals Chairperson acts as the ultimate authority over all programs, and acts as liaison between the Nationals Committee and the ASCA Board the point of contact between the Nationals Committee and the ASCA Board, through the selected Board Liaison.

Comments/Rationale from Committee: Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, much of the current National Specialty Rule Book is outdated. The following motion eliminates outdated verbiage and brings the National Specialty Rule Book up to date with ASCA's current mode of hosting Nationals. There are numerous typos in the current Rule Book which caused positions to be incorrectly combined. The changes below correct that and adjust the list to reflect the Committee changes the Board has already approved for the Nationals Committee, beginning with the 2022 Committee. Affected: Persons serving on the Nationals Committee, persons attending the ASCA National Specialty, members of the Board.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 4. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

NA.20.07 Change to Nationals Rules - 1.7.1 Accommodations for Nationals Chairperson

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen.

Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Laura Gibson to approve the changes to the National Specialty Rule Book, 1.7.1 Accommodations for Nationals Chairperson, listed below. Second by Renee Watson.

Current Wording: 1.7.1 Accommodations for Nationals Chairpersons

These Nationals Committee Chairpersons will have their transportation, room and board paid for Nationals, but they will not be paid any cash.

Proposed Wording: 1.7.1 Accommodations for Nationals Committee Chairpersons

These Nationals Committee Chairpersons will have their transportation, to and from Nationals (at a Board-approved rate or round trip airfare, whichever is less) and their room and board (at the Board-approved rate) paid for the days they are working Nationals, but they will not be paid any cash.

Comments/Rationale from Committee: This motion corrects a typo in the current rule book and more precisely describes what the Board is expected to cover for Nationals Committee members. Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, much of the current National Specialty Rule Book is outdated. The following motion eliminates outdated verbiage and brings the National Specialty Rule Book up to date with ASCA's current mode of hosting Nationals.

Affected: Persons serving on the Nationals Committee, persons attending the ASCA National Specialty, members of the Board.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 4. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

NA.20.08 Change to Nationals Rules - Delete 1.8, 1.8.2, 1.8.3

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Laura Gibson to approve the deletion of Sections 1.8, 1.8.2, 1.8.3 from the National Specialty Rule Book, as they are no longer applicable and renumber 1.8.1 as 1.8. Second by Renee Watson.

Current Wording: 1.8 Financial Arrangement for Nationals Not Hosted by ASCA (2020 – Conyers, Georgia)

Upon approval of the premium list, an advance of \$5000 will be sent to the Consortium. The Nationals Chairperson shall have control of the Nationals bank account. After paying for the facility and the Nationals Entry Clerk and after subtracting out the \$5000 advance, the Board will forward all money collected from Nationals entries to the Consortium. The consortium will have the right to collect sponsorship money and to sell Nationals merchandise. The entry fees for all ASCA Program Finals will be forwarded to the Consortium after entries close and all entrants are confirmed. Entries for the ASCA National Specialty will be processed by the Nationals Entry Clerk. The ASCA Board will hire, bond and pay the Nationals Entry Clerk to take the entries for the Nationals Specialty.

1.8.1 Bank Account for Deposits

ASCA shall open a separate bank account for the purpose of depositing the Nationals entry fees and reservation fees. The bank needs to be a nationally available bank so that the entry clerk is able to deposit the money collected easily.

1.8.2 Amount for Payment of Facility

The amount that ASCA keeps for payment of the facility will be the facility amount stated in the contract plus estimated fees for RV spaces for the entirety of the event plus the estimated fees for stalls or grooming spaces, if applicable, plus an estimated amount for other fees per the facility contract (chair fees, table fees, grounds preparation fees, vendor fees, etc.). If the amount owed the facility at the close of the event exceeds what has been kept back by ASCA, the Consortium will have to pay the difference. If the amount kept by ASCA is in excess of what is owed at the close of the event, ASCA will pay the excess amount to the Consortium. Only after subtracting the estimated amount owed to the facility and paying the Nationals Entry Clerk will ASCA forward the remaining amount collected from entry fees and reservations to the consortium.

1.8.3 Refunds

Refunds to be paid per the premium will be paid by the Consortium.

Proposed Wording: ~~1.8 Financial Arrangement for Nationals Not Hosted by ASCA (2020 – Conyers, Georgia)~~

~~Upon approval of the premium list, an advance of \$5000 will be sent to the Consortium. The Nationals Chairperson shall have control of the Nationals bank account. After paying for the facility and the Nationals Entry Clerk and after subtracting out the \$5000 advance, the Board will forward all money collected from Nationals entries to the Consortium. The consortium will have the right to collect sponsorship money and to sell Nationals merchandise. The entry fees for all ASCA Program Finals will be forwarded to the Consortium after entries close and all entrants are confirmed. Entries for the ASCA National Specialty will be processed by the Nationals Entry Clerk. The ASCA Board will hire, bond and pay the Nationals Entry Clerk to take the entries for the Nationals Specialty.~~

~~1.8.1 Bank Account for Deposits~~

~~ASCA shall open a separate bank account for the purpose of depositing the Nationals entry fees and reservation fees. The bank needs to be a nationally available bank so that the entry clerk is able to deposit the money collected easily.~~

1.8.2 Amount for Payment of Facility

The amount that ASCA keeps for payment of the facility will be the facility amount stated in the contract plus estimated fees for RV spaces for the entirety of the event plus the estimated fees for stalls or grooming spaces, if applicable, plus an estimated amount for other fees per the facility contract (chair fees, table fees, grounds preparation fees, vendor fees, etc.). If the amount owed the facility at the close of the event exceeds what has been kept back by ASCA, the Consortium will have to pay the difference. If the amount kept by ASCA is in excess of what is owed at the close of the event, ASCA will pay the excess amount to the Consortium. Only after subtracting the estimated amount owed to the facility and paying the Nationals Entry Clerk will ASCA forward the remaining amount collected from entry fees and reservations to the consortium.

1.8.3 Refunds

~~Refunds to be paid per the premium will be paid by the Consortium.~~

Comments/Rationale from Committee: Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, much of the current National Specialty Rule Book is outdated. The following motion deletes verbiage to bring the National Specialty Rule Book up to date with ASCA's current mode of hosting Nationals.

Affected: Persons serving on the Nationals Committee, persons attending the ASCA National Specialty, members of the Board.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 4. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

NA.20.09 Change to Nationals Rules - Delete 3.B Agreement

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen.

Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Laura Gibson to approve the deletion of 3.B Agreement of the National Specialty Rule Book, listed below. Second by Renee Watson.

Current Wording: 3 Agreement

A. By acceptance of this privilege, the members of the Nationals Committee will agree to comply with and enforce all ASCA Rules, Regulations and directives of the ASCA Board of Directors.

B. The Affiliates selected to be part of the Consortium will each provide \$500 seed money and sign a consortium agreement, outlining their mutual expectations and obligations. (Effective for 2020 ASCA National Specialty.)

Proposed Wording: 3 Agreement

A. By acceptance of this privilege, the members of the Nationals Committee will agree to comply with and enforce all ASCA Rules, Regulations, and directives of the ASCA Board of Directors.

~~B. The Affiliates selected to be part of the Consortium will each provide \$500 seed money and sign a consortium agreement, outlining their mutual expectations and obligations. (Effective for 2020 ASCA National Specialty.)~~

Comments/Rationale from Committee: Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, much of the current National Specialty Rule Book is outdated. The following motion deletes verbiage to bring the National Specialty Rule Book up to date with ASCA's current mode of hosting Nationals.

Affected: Persons serving on the Nationals Committee, persons attending the ASCA National Specialty, members of the Board.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 4. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

NA.20.10 Change to Nationals Rules - 5.2 Ledger and 5.5 Nationals Financial Policies

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Laura Gibson to approve the addition to the National Specialty Rule Book, 5.5 Nationals Financial Policies for the ASCA National Specialty, listed below. Second by Renee Watson.

Current Wording: 5.2 Ledger

The Nationals Bookkeeper and the Nationals Chairperson will maintain a ledger, documenting all deposits and expenditures. The ASCA Treasurer, members of the Nationals Advisory Committee, and any other interested ASCA Director will be able to view the ledger.

Proposed Wording: 5.2 Ledger

The Nationals ~~Bookkeeper~~ Accounting Chairperson and the Nationals Chairperson will maintain a ledger, documenting all deposits and expenditures. The ASCA Treasurer, members of the Nationals Advisory Committee, and any other interested ASCA Director will be able to view the ledger.

5.5 Nationals Financial Policies for the ASCA National Specialty - Beginning With 2021

The National Specialty will be run per the Nationals Financial Policies found in an appendix of this rule book.

Comments/Rationale from Committee: Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, much of the current National Specialty Rule Book is outdated. The following motion adds verbiage to bring the National Specialty Rule Book up to date with ASCA's current mode of hosting Nationals.

Affected: Persons serving on the Nationals Committee, persons attending the ASCA National Specialty, members of the Board.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 4. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

NA.20.11 Change to Nationals Rules - 9.10 Standard Finals Judge Contract

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Laura Gibson to approve the addition to the National Specialty Rule Book, 5.5 Nationals Financial Policies for the ASCA National Specialty, listed below. Second by Renee Watson.

Current Wording: 9.10 Standard Finals Judge Contract

As part of the hiring process for Finals Judges the Nationals Committee shall employ the Standard Finals Judge Contract. The Nationals Committee is encouraged to use the standard contract when hiring all National Specialty Judges.

Proposed Wording: 9.10 Standard Finals Judge Contract Board-Approved Judge Contracts

As part of the hiring process for all Finals and Nationals Judges, the Nationals Committee shall ~~employ~~ utilize the Standard Finals Board-Approved Judge Contracts. ~~The Nationals Committee is encouraged to use the standard contract when hiring all National Specialty Judges.~~

Comments/Rationale from Committee: Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, much of the current National Specialty Rule Book is outdated. The following motion adds verbiage to bring the National Specialty Rule Book up to date with ASCA's current mode of hosting Nationals.

Affected: Persons serving on the Nationals Committee, persons attending the ASCA National Specialty, members of the Board, Judges participating in the National Specialty.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 4. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

NA.20.12 Change to Nationals Rules - Delete 22.2 Program Finals Reimbursement Request and 22.3 Show Results

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen.

Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Motion by Liaison Gann to accept the following recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Laura Gibson to approve the Deletion of 22.2 Program Finals Reimbursement Request and Revision of 22.3 Show Results, as listed below. Second by Renee Watson.

Current Wording: 22.2 Program Finals Reimbursement Request

The Nationals Committee shall submit a detailed reimbursement request to the ASCA Executive Secretary, who will distribute it to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will evaluate, process, and recommend approval/rejection to the Board. This request shall cover all ASCA Program Finals and be submitted within ninety (90) days of the last day of the National Specialty. The reimbursement request must include a complete set of all receipts documenting incurred expenses including but not limited to judges' expenses, ribbons/trophies, equipment, facilities, etc. and a listing of all income including entry fees, additional event membership dues, donations, and sponsorships. The complete package may be submitted electronically or via mail. It is important to match the reimbursement request to the Board-approved Program Finals budget. If there are questions about what information to include in the reimbursement request, contact the ASCA Treasurer.

22.3 Show Results

Each Nationals Committee is to provide Show Results to the ASCA Business Office and the Aussie Times Editor in the form of a marked catalog or computer disk file within 60-days post event. A set of properly labeled Nationals pictures for higher award winners, at the Nationals Committee's expense, shall be sent to the Aussie Times Editor within 60-days post event. After the Aussie Times Editor is finished with the photos, they shall be forwarded to the Business Office for historical records and inclusion in future ASCA Yearbooks.

Proposed Wording: 22.2 Program Finals Reimbursement Request

~~The Nationals Committee shall submit a detailed reimbursement request to the ASCA Executive Secretary, who will distribute it to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will evaluate, process, and recommend approval/rejection to the Board. This request shall cover all ASCA Program Finals and be submitted within ninety (90) days of the last day of the National Specialty. The reimbursement request must include a complete set of all receipts documenting incurred expenses including but not limited to judges' expenses, ribbons/trophies, equipment, facilities, etc. and a listing of all income including entry fees, additional event membership dues, donations, and sponsorships. The complete package may be submitted electronically or via mail. It is important to match the reimbursement request to the Board-approved Program Finals budget. If there are questions about what information to include in the reimbursement request, contact the ASCA Treasurer.~~

22.3 Show Results

~~Each Nationals Committee is to provide Show Results to the ASCA Business Office and the Aussie Times Editor in the form of a marked catalog or computer disk file within 60-days post event. A set of properly labeled Nationals pictures for higher award winners, at the Nationals Committee's expense, shall be sent to the Aussie Times Editor within 60-days post event. After the Aussie Times Editor is finished with the photos, they shall be forwarded to the Business Office for historical records and inclusion in future ASCA Yearbooks.~~

Comments/Rationale from Committee: Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, much of the current National Specialty Rule Book is outdated. The following motion changes verbiage to bring the National Specialty Rule Book up to date with ASCA's current mode of hosting Nationals.

Affected: Persons serving on the Nationals Committee, persons attending the ASCA National Specialty, members of the Board.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 4. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Minutes of the Board Meetings via GoToMeeting

Thursday, December 10

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm CST and it was adjourned at 8:25 pm CST.

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

Meeting Notes:

1. **Financial Update** - Executive session from 6:05 pm - 6:07 pm. The financial reports for period ending November 30, 2020, were presented by Treasurer Evans. Members can find the Treasurer's report and analysis from Mr. Evans in the member's only section of ASCA's website.
 - a. **BD.20.138 November 2020 Treasurer's Report** - Motion by Creelman to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Wesen.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
2. **2022 National Specialty Committee** - Executive session from 6:07 pm - 6:42 pm. Executive Secretary Jaco left the meeting and Secretary Wesen took notes. The Board discussed the slate of 2022 Nationals Committee members and the selection procedure. The Board would like to meet with the 2022 Nationals Chair before approval of the slate.
3. **Translation of Conformation Breeder Judge Test** - Executive session from 6:42 pm - 7:16 pm. The Board discussed bids to translate the qualification test to become an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge. Questions and concerns were raised about the cost and commitment of translating the test and/or additional documents, such as rule books. Most directors were not in favor of translating the test at this time.
 - a. Director Creelman suggested the Conformation Committee allow test-takers to reach out to others to find help translating questions on the judge tests, if needed.
4. **Member Request** - Executive session from 7:16 pm - 7:31 pm. The Board voted to deny a member request.
5. **Junior Scoring Issues** - Executive session from 7:31 pm - 7:57 pm. Director Creelman updated the Board on her investigation into reported junior scoring issues and her efforts to get the issues corrected with the Business Office.

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>

6. **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.20.140 November 2020 Email Business** - Motion by Creelman to ratify all business conducted over email in November 2020. Second by Wesen.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
7. **Computer System/Technology Update** - Director Evans updated the Board on efforts to fill the System Upgrade Committee. We are currently trying to get a team together to support development, testing, and implementation of future system upgrade projects.
 - a. The following roles have been proposed for the project:

- i. Product Owner - Person responsible for matching priorities with budget. This person determines how to allocate budget to projects. They also give approval to pay after verification that current requirements have been met.
 1. President Busquets brought up concerns about this position being advertised to a member as is. Because of the way expenses are approved, this person would need to be on the Board (System Liaison).
- ii. Project Manager - Person responsible for making sure current requirements are on track for being delivered. This person has daily role to sync with Inventive developers and ASCA testers to give regular feedback on how requirements are being met. For example, if the developers ask for more clarification on a new feature, the project manager will be responsible to get more details. The project manager will also give frequent progress reports to the Board.
- iii. Testers - Various ASCA people with expertise within each area being tested. For example, if a new agility rule is implemented, a member of the agility committee can use the QA system to validate the functionality meets ASCA's requirements.
- iv. Technical Advisors - Various people in ASCA that have specific information about infrastructure decisions on the project. This is more of an ad hoc as needed role. It will be needed to guide the initial infrastructure decisions during project creation. Examples include: Database, UI, Cloud provider: Azure or AWS (depending which cloud provider we choose).

8. **2021 National Specialty Premium** - Board approval of the 2021 National Specialty Premium is due by December 15, with the camera-ready copy due by January 1, 2021. It is published in the March/April *Aussie Times*.

- a. There are several issues to be addressed: Misspelling of Carol Gerken's name, Board meeting schedule, and the scheduled agility judge seminar.
- b. Director Creelman questioned how the chair for the ASHGI raffle at Nationals is compensated. For 2021, the chair will have their transportation, room, and board (for days they are working) paid for. For 2022, this position is not part of the Nationals Committee and will not be compensated.
- c. **BD.20.141 2021 National Specialty Premium** - Motion by Gann to approve the 2021 ASCA National Specialty Premium as presented, pending updated information from the Nationals Committee. Second by Larson.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

9. **Judges for Canadian & European Affiliates** - The Board recently received letters from Canadian and European Affiliate Clubs regarding the difficulty in hiring judges due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. There are recommendations from the agility, obedience, stockdog, and tracking committees. The conformation and obedience committees are still working on solutions for their programs. ASCA recognizes the importance of our affiliates and members outside the United States and are committed to helping ease the hardships related to COVID-19 as much as possible.