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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

July 2021



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. Please contact asca.execsec@gmail.com with any feedback.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New ASCA Judges:

Senior Breeder Judge - **Diane Keedy** (Florida)
Provisional Breeder Judge - **Jennifer Williams** (Georgia)

New ASCA Crisis Judges:

Conformation Crisis Judge - **Julia Glauber** (Germany)
Conformation Crisis Judge - **Inka Schumacher** (Germany)
Conformation Crisis Judge - **Nicole Reintges** (Germany)

Jayne Lips was reinstated as an ASCA Rally Judge.

Susan Byrne was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors - to serve until the 2022 Nationals.

As of this publication, the ASCA Website portal is available again for members to use. There may still be some bugs - if you encounter any issues, please report them to manager@asca.org immediately.

ASCA will provide 12-inch, single streamer qualifying rosettes instead of flat ribbons for all programs at the 2021 Nationals.

ASCA will begin offering a Tracking Championship (TCH) title on June 1, 2022.

The show/trial sanctioning deadline increased to 45-days on June 1. **Any affiliates in areas still affected by COVID-19 related restrictions may contact the Board for special consideration.**

The Board voted to sign the agreement with Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority in Grand Island, Nebraska, to host the 2024 and 2025 Nationals. *We hope to see you there!*

Upcoming National Specialty Locations/Dates:

Bryan, Texas - October 29-November 6, 2021
Bryan, Texas - October 28-November 5, 2022
Bryan, Texas - October 27-November 4, 2023
Grand Island, Nebraska - October 10-19, 2024
Grand Island, Nebraska - October 9-18, 2025

2022 Rally Finals Judge Change

Pat Pierce was approved to replace Jan Wesen as judge for the 2022 Rally Finals.

Bitches in Heat may now compete at Nationals agility pre-/post-trials, under the same rules as they are permitted to run in the Agility Finals and National Agility Trial.

ASCA Board Meeting Minutes

President Busquets called the meeting to order on Thursday, July 9, at 7:15 pm CDT via online meeting service GoToMeeting and it was adjourned at 9:42 pm CDT.

In attendance: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Gina Larson, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Judy Boone, Director Denise Creelman, Director Carol Gerken (joined at 8:38 pm), Director Jean Roberts, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Discussions of Open Session topics were recorded and may be listened to on ASCA's [Website](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).

Financial Report

This discussion was held in **Executive Session**. The financial reports for period ending June 30, 2021, were presented by Treasurer Wesen and she updated the Board regarding ASCA's current fiscal condition and

projections for the future. Members can find the Treasurer's report and analysis in the member's only section of ASCA's website.

Board of Directors Vacancy

This discussion was held in **Executive Session**. Members had from May 18 to June 18 to submit their intent to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, following the resignation of Warren Evans. After much consideration, the Board voted to appoint Susan Byrne to serve the remainder of the vacant term - until the 2022 Nationals. Our most sincere thanks to those who put forward their intent to serve.

June 2021 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.

BD.21.70 June 2021 Email Business

Motion *carries* (7-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Gerken.

Motion by Creelman to ratify all business conducted over email in June 2021. Second by Larson.

System Upgrade Report

Liaison Larson reported on the status of the database migration/system upgrade project ongoing with Inventive since 6/15/2021. During the kick-off work, Inventive found some security problems with the website portal and have been working on patches. These patches will go through testing and confirmation from the Business Office before going live. Once the portal is back up and running there may still be issues, which should all be reported to the Office when encountered. The Inventive team has also started some design work for the system upgrade and categorizing data to prepare for the migration.

Junior Committee Recommendations

Liaison Creelman presented two recommendations from the Junior Committee regarding junior qualifiers for the 2021 Finals. The first was to allow the "aged out" juniors who missed their last year in the 2020 Junior Finals to be invited to the 2021 Junior Finals (6 total - add them to the group of 2021 qualifiers).

Although everyone on the Board sympathizes with the affected juniors, this recommendation is not in line with what was done for other programs' 2020 finalists. Following discussion, Creelman withdrew the motion (JR.21.07) due to lack of support from the Board.

The second recommendation was to allow all juniors who competed in at least one (1) open level handling class during the 2020 - 2021 merit year and earned at least one (1) point against competition from the open classes to be invited to the 2021 Junior Finals.

Feedback from Business Office was not included with this recommendation, which is required since they are affected. It is also past the date letters have been sent to 2021 finalists. Some directors were not in favor of making an exception since none has been made for the other programs.

JR.21.08 2021 Junior Finals Qualifiers

Motion *fails* (3-5) - Approve: Creelman, Gerken, Wesen. Disapprove: Boone, Busquets, Gann, Larson, Roberts. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Junior Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Bayley Williams, seconded by Shelby Shank, that Junior Handlers must meet the following qualifications to compete in the 2021 Junior Handling Finals:

All Junior Handlers who competed in at least 1 Open level Junior Handling class during the 2020-2021 Merit Year and earned at least 1 point against competition from the Open classes.

This change in Junior Finals eligibility is for the 2021 Junior Finals. All future Junior Finals eligibility will be determined based on the Junior Rules and Regulations book.

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

Comments/Rationale: The Juniors Committee acknowledges the ongoing pandemic has resulted in a reduced number of opportunities to qualify for Junior Finals. We recognize the need for uniformity across programs during this confusing time; we also recognize other program's finals eligibility is different. The other Merit Finals programs invite the Top 30 qualified dogs regardless of the merit points earned, whereas the Junior Handling Finals have a mandatory minimum point qualification. This minimum point qualification directly affects the number of Junior Handling Finals qualifiers resulting from the reduced number of shows. The loss of opportunities to compete for merit points is out of the Junior Handler's control. Therefore, the Juniors Committee makes these motions to change the 2021 Junior Handling Finals eligibility requirements.

Nebraska 2024 & 2025 Nationals Agreement

The Board discussed the proposed agreement with the Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority in Grand Island, Nebraska, to host the 2024 and 2025 ASCA Nationals. Counsel reviewed an earlier draft, and his changes were incorporated into the revised agreement.

- Wesen asked about rabies vaccination certificates. ¶44.D states: "As to the ¶118 health requirements, dogs brought by attendees to the event alternatively may have on the dog or in the attendee's possession a certification of current rabies and Bordetella vaccinations from a U.S.-licensed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. For other animals (e.g., ducks, cattle) used in the dog competitions, a single verification of meeting any Nebraska vaccination requirements may be used for the flock/herd."
- Wesen does not think the contract is detailed enough when it comes to specifications for mats and dirt arena set-up/tear-down. Schedule A, item 4.D states: "Stage, Round Tables, Chairs & Rubber Mats - Included". Boone noted that during their site visit the Grand Island representatives were clear about what they needed to do for the dirt arenas. Creelman agreed to ask Grand Island to detail the dirt arena provisions in a revised agreement.
- Gann raised an issue with ¶44.G which states: "The reference to the \$45,000 grant in ¶43 is an annual amount, so individually applicable to the overall fee in 2024 and again in 2025. In the event the grant is not awarded, then for that denied year Lessee may cancel the Sublease, without penalty or forfeiture." He believed this to provide Grand Island with an "out", however, that section was added at the request of ASCA's Counsel to protect ASCA. The grant does not come from the GILCA, it comes from the Grand Island/Hall County Convention & Visitors Bureau. The agreement is for 2024 and 2025 and states: "[GILCA] has represented to [ASCA] that to encourage [ASCA] to host the Event at Fonner Park, [ASCA] will receive a grant from the Grand Island/Hall County Convention & Visitors Bureau in the approximate amount of \$45,000. [GILCA] agrees to use reasonable efforts to assist [ASCA] in obtaining this grant." Creelman promised to re-send the letter from the Visitors Bureau confirming the grant.

BD.21.71 Agreement with Grand Island for 2024 & 2025 Nationals

Motion *carries* (5-3) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Larson, Roberts. Disapprove: Gann, Gerken, Wesen. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Creelman to approve the agreement with the Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority in Grand Island, Nebraska, for the 2024 and 2025 Nationals. Second by Larson.

Follow-up 7/9/2021: A revised agreement was sent by Grand Island on 7/9/2021 which included in Schedule A, item 4.N: "Set up, tear down, janitorial, dirt work - Included". Also included is Schedule C, which is the letter from Brad Mellema, Executive Director of the Visitors Bureau, detailing the "\$45,000 cash incentive to use towards approved event expenses for each of the 2024 and 2025 events (two-year total of \$90,000)".

2021 Budget Increase Requests

Currently, the total approved budgeted expenses for the 2021 Nationals equal \$367,814 and the total approved budgeted income equals \$367,485. Liaison Gann presented several requests from the 2021 Nationals Committee to increase the budgeted expenses.

Qualifying Ribbons

The first request was for \$660 to provide 12-inch, single streamer qualifying rosettes instead of flat ribbons for all Nationals programs. Centaur can make these for Q and QX for \$1.55 (x 1200 = \$600).

- Boone and Roberts did not support an exception to the rosette matrix which will create a budget deficit.

BD.21.72 2021 Nationals Budget Increase - Qualifying Rosettes

Motion *carries* (5-2-1) - Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gerken, Larson, Wesen. Disapprove: Boone, Roberts. Abstain: Gann. Absent: None.

Motion by Gann to approve the \$660 expenditure expense for upgrading Nationals qualifying flats to a qualifying ribbon with a rosette head on a flat. Second by Gerken.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

The second request is to increase the mileage reimbursement for Nationals judges and committee members. The budget provides for \$0.14 per mile, which is the IRS non-profit rate. However, some did not think this would accurately cover their expenses. Raising the allowance would cost ASCA \$750.00 per \$0.1 increase if all judges drive (this does not include committee members). There are several alternatives, but the Chair thinks that perhaps ASCA should reimburse for the amount on actual receipts, and people who do not provide receipts would receive \$0.14 per mile.

For Directors, ground travel expense to meetings is reimbursed per the IRS Standard Mileage Rate or the equivalent of the most economical airfare, whichever is lower. The Board supports similar language for Nationals judges and committee members. Gann will discuss with the 2021 Nationals Committee, and this can be revisited.

2022 Nationals Chair's Expenses

The Nationals Advisory Committee Chair thinks that the 2022 Nationals Chair, Betty Jaco, would benefit from shadowing the 2021 Nationals Committee and is requesting the Board consider reimbursing her expenses, which would include travel, lodging, and meals. The Board supports paying expenses so long as the 2022 Chair is prepared to attend in an official capacity for ASCA. Gann will direct the Nationals Advisory Committee to follow-up with the 2022 Chair, and this can be revisited.

Replacement 2022 Rally Finals Judge

Liaison Larson presented a judge change for the 2022 Rally Finals. Jan Wesen has withdrawn and has been replaced by Pat Pierce.

BD.21.73 Replacement Judge for 2022 ASCA Rally Finals

Motion *carries* (7-0-1) - Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: Boone. Absent: None.

Motion by Larson to approve Pat Pierce as judge for the 2022 ASCA Rally Finals. Second by Roberts.

Motions via Email

Committee Recommendations

AGILITY COMMITTEE

AG.21.10 Allow Bitches in Heat at Nationals Agility Pre/Post-Trials

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Nicole Watts to allow Bitches in Heat to compete at agility trials held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty (agility “pretrials” or “post trials”), under the same rules as Bitches in Heat are permitted to run in the Agility Finals and National Agility Trial. Second by Sandra Katzen.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 11. Disapprove: 1. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

1.3.2 Bitches in Heat

Bitches in heat (except as specified in Section 12.2.8 and Section 13.3), lame, or blind dogs are ineligible for entry.

13.3 Bitches in Heat

Bitches in heat will be allowed to run at the National Specialty Agility Trial. They will run at the end of each class. Bitches in heat will not be brought within 50 feet of the Agility ring prior to their run and must be wearing panties. Bitches in heat using any practice jump or weave poles (for warm-up) must wear panties. Owners of any Bitch in heat must ‘potty’ their Bitches in heat in an area 100 feet away from the agility area. A rug (to be provided by the owner) will be brought out to the start line and the dog will be placed on the rug to begin her run. Bitches in heat will also wear panties (to be provided by exhibitor) during their runs. Bitches in heat must be crated (not in an ex-pen) prior to and during the competition, except when competing, away from the agility ring, at a minimum distance of 150 feet, or in a location to be determined by the host club. All qualifying scores will count toward the trial, as will placements. Failure to comply with the above rule will result in dismissal from all agility trials held in conjunction with the ASCA Agility National Specialty.

Proposed Wording:

1.3.2 Bitches in Heat

Bitches in heat (except as specified in Section 12.2.8 and Section 13.3 and at trials held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty “pretrials” or “post trials”), lame, or blind dogs are ineligible for entry.

13.3 Bitches in Heat

Bitches in heat will be allowed to run at the National Specialty Agility Trial and at agility trials held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty (“pretrials” or “post trials”). They will run at the end of each class. Bitches in

heat will not be brought within 50 feet of the Agility ring prior to their run and must be wearing panties. Bitches in heat using any practice jump or weave poles (for warm-up) must wear panties. Owners of any Bitch in heat must 'potty' their Bitches in heat in an area 100 feet away from the agility area. A rug (to be provided by the owner) will be brought out to the start line and the dog will be placed on the rug to begin her run. Bitches in heat will also wear panties (to be provided by exhibitor) during their runs. Bitches in heat must be crated (not in an ex-pen) prior to and during the competition, except when competing, away from the agility ring, at a minimum distance of 150 feet, or in a location to be determined by the host club. All qualifying scores will count toward the trial, as will placements. Failure to comply with the above rule will result in dismissal from all agility trials held in conjunction with the ASCA Agility National Specialty.

Comments/Rationale: 1. Bitches in Heat are allowed to compete in the Agility Finals and the National Agility Trial. Though locally hosted, National Pretrials and Post trials effectively become part of the national event and part of the incentive for people to attend Nationals. Allowing BIH to compete in the Agility Pre- and post-trials is consistent with the logic allowing them to compete in the Finals and National Agility Trial.

2. Most competitors making the journey to the ASCA National Specialty (Nationals) travel a long way to compete, at considerable expense. Shifting the Nationals primarily to Texas (and/or Colorado) adds an additional burden of time and resources on competitors from other parts of the country. For many agility competitors, the allure of three pretrials plus the national events helps them decide the effort and money is worth it. However, if their intact bitches may come into heat during Nationals, this reduces the incentive to attend, especially if they only have one or two dogs (which is the case for many agility competitors). For competitors with an intact bitch it is also stressful not knowing if their dog might come into heat prior to or during Nationals and thus not be able to compete in the pretrials. Allowing BIH to compete in all the agility events at Nationals will facilitate their involvement and encourage attendance at Nationals and increase entries in pretrials and any post trials.

3. ASCA wants to encourage the promotion of the best of the breed. Banning bitches in heat from three days of competition (three days of pretrial/posttrial) runs contrary to the idea of promoting "the best of the breed."

Affected: Competitors with intact males. However, there are many other times at Nationals when intact males are potentially exposed to a BIH. Entries to the pretrials may increase slightly.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

STOCKDOG COMMITTEE

SD.21.05 Stockdog Judge Discipline and Procedure for Reinstatement

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

- Dissent from Gerken: I believe that the extreme penalty of no reinstatement option being tied to a generic reason of deleterious actions is very vague. Actions should be more defined to warrant the harshest of penalties.
- Dissent from Roberts: There are several issues with verbiage in this motion. The first section talks about a judge receiving a letter of reprimand. Is this any letter of reprimand? Or one while involved in a stock trial? Second section says a judge who has their membership suspended has their judging privileges suspended. That is incorrect. A person not in good standing with ASCA cannot be a judge, so the privilege is revoked. As for becoming a judge again, why not just say that the person must go through the judge application process again (5-year membership, apprentice, etc.). The last paragraph looks as though it should be part of the rationale. Why the Judge lost their membership is unnecessary.

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Jacqueline Tinker to add new rule 26.16 Stockdog Judge Discipline and Procedure for Reinstatement to rulebook. Second by Dan Sanderson.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 9. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 2.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

26.16 Stockdog Judge Discipline and Procedure for Reinstatement

A Judge who receives a letter of reprimand from the ASCA Board of Directors will be returned to provisional status. Once provisional status is complete, the committee may recommend to the ASCA Board of Directors that the judge continues to regular judge status.

A Judge whose ASCA membership is suspended by the Board of Directors will have their judging privileges suspended. When the membership suspension is lifted, there will be a 5-year waiting period starting from the first day of the end of the suspension for the judge to reapply to be a stockdog judge. The judge will need to meet all ASCA judging requirements of a new judge applicant and will need to re-apply to be a stockdog judge. If approved by ASCA Board of Directors, the former judge will be required to go through all phases of judge application from apprentice through provisional status.

There is no reinstatement option for Judges whose stockdog judging privileges have been revoked by the ASCA Board of Directors due to deleterious behavior(s) or actions.

Comments/Rationale: The Stockdog Judge Discipline and Procedure for Reinstatement should not be in the appendix. It needs to be moved to the actual rulebook and it needs to be more clearly written and explained. There were many confusing elements in the Appendix version. We have written the elements of Appendix 6 in rule format.

Affected: Business Office.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

SD.21.06 Remove Appendix 6 from Stockdog Rules

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Jacqueline Tinker to Remove Appendix 6 from the Stockdog Rule Book. Second by Jamie Burns.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 9. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 2.

Current Wording: See following page.

Appendix 6: Stockdog Judge Discipline and Procedure for Reinstatement

Action	Disciplinary Response	Reinstatement
Failure to take/pass the Stockdog Test.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name removed from Judges' list. 2. Judging privileges suspended. 	<p>Automatic reinstatement after taking/passing Stockdog Test</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact Stockdog Committee with letter requesting reinstatement with brief explanation of absence. 2. Stockdog Committee may require additional information depending on time absent and stockdog activity. 3. Satisfy the Provisional requirements.
Failure to take/pass Stockdog Test for more than 5 years.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name removed from Judges' list. 2. Judging privileges suspended. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Return to minimum 1-year provisional status. 2. May continue to judge Regular Stockdog Trials, but ineligible to judge Stockdog Finals. <p>Stockdog Committee vote to recommend reinstatement after provisional status requirements have been satisfied.</p>
Behavior or act resulting in Letter of Reprimand from the ASCA Board of Directors.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stockdog judging privilege suspension concurrent with membership suspension. 2. Minimum 5 year wait after membership suspension is lifted before request to Stockdog Committee for reinstatement. 	<p>Stockdog Committee vote to recommend reinstatement after provisional status requirements have been satisfied.</p>
Behavior or act resulting in ASCA membership suspension due to ASCA rule violation involving any Stockdog Program activity.	<p>Minimum 5 year wait after membership suspension is lifted before request to Stockdog Committee for reinstatement.</p>	<p>Stockdog Committee vote to recommend reinstatement after provisional status requirements have been satisfied.</p>
Behavior or act resulting in non-member having Stockdog judging privileges suspended.	<p>Lifetime suspension from ASCA Stockdog judging privileges.</p>	<p>None.</p>

Proposed Wording: See above to be removed.

Comments/Rationale: The Stockdog Committee has recommended moving the contents of Appendix 6 to the actual rulebook; therefore, it is no longer necessary in the Appendix.

Affected: None.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022, following approval of related motions.

SD.21.07 Update Stockdog Rules Section 26.15 Judge's Test

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

- Comment from Roberts: I think the wording is a bit unwieldy, but I understand what it is trying to say.

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Jacqueline Tinker to update section 26.15 Judge's Test in the Stockdog Rule Book. Second by Jamie Burns.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 9. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 2.

Current Wording:

26.15 Judge's Test

All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be required to take an open book test, written and prepared by the Stockdog Committee, every two years. In order to retain judging privileges, the test may be taken as many times as necessary until all questions are answered correctly. The Judges' test will be issued July 15th of each even numbered year, along with an updated rule book, and must be returned to the Business Office no later than September 15th of the same year. When the test is returned with all questions answered correctly, all judging privileges and responsibilities will be reinstated. If the test is not returned and passed by September 15th of that year, all judging privileges and responsibilities will be suspended.

Proposed Wording:

26.15 Judge's Test

All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be required to take an open book test, written, and prepared by the Stockdog Committee, every two years. In order to retain judging privileges, the test may be taken as many times as necessary until all questions are answered correctly. The Judges' test will be issued July 15th of each even numbered year, along with an updated rule book, and must be returned to the Business Office no later than September 15th of the same year.

If the test is not returned and passed by September 15th of that year, all judging privileges and responsibilities will be suspended. The Judge's name will be removed from the Judges' list. The Judge will not be allowed to judge at any sanctioned events, even if the Judge had committed to judge an event prior to the deadline. Judging privileges will be reinstated when the test is returned with all questions answered correctly, provided it is passed before the next test is issued.

To be reinstated after failing to take and pass a second consecutive test, the Judge must send a letter to the Stockdog Committee requesting reinstatement and explain the reason for their failure to take and pass the previous two tests. The stockdog Committee may request additional information to make a recommendation. If recommended to return to judging by the committee, and approved by the ASCA Board of Directors, the Judge will be reinstated as a Provisional Judge. Once the Judge has fulfilled the Provisional Judge requirements and submitted the necessary paperwork to the Business Office, the committee may recommend to the ASCA Board of Directors that the Judge move to Regular Judge status.

To be reinstated after failing to take three consecutive tests or an absence of 4 years or more, the individual must pass the current Judge's test and will then return to the Judging Program as an Apprentice Judge. Once they have satisfied the Apprentice requirements and the necessary paperwork has been sent to the Business

Office, the Stockdog Committee may recommend to the ASCA Board of Directors that the applicant move to the Provisional Judge Program. Once all of the requirements of a Provisional Judge have been met and the necessary paperwork has been sent to the Business Office, the Stockdog Committee may recommend to the ASCA Board of Directors that the Judge move to Regular Judge status.

Comments/Rationale: The Stockdog Judge Discipline and Procedure for Reinstatement should not be in the appendix. It needs to be moved to the actual rulebook and it needs to be more clearly written and explained. There were many confusing elements in the Appendix version.

Affected: Business Office.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

SD.21.08 Revise Stockdog Rules 24.9.1 Selection of Judges for Each Class of Stock

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Dan Sanderson to correct the wording found in 24.9.1 of the Stockdog Rule Book and bring it in line with the rule changes that resulted from the Directive from the ASCA Board of Directors. Second by Terri Jones.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 9. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 2.

Current Wording:

Section 24.9 Procedures for Finals Judges

24.9.1 Selection of Judges for Each Class of Stock

The Business Office will use a random draw to assign the six Judges to a class of stock. Two Judges will be assigned to judge each class of stock for the first Elimination go-round. The Judges will randomly rotate to a different class of stock for the second Elimination go-round. The same two judges may not judge together more than once in the first two elimination rounds. All six Judges will be used for the Final go-round.

Proposed Wording:

Section 24.9 Procedure for Finals Judges

24.9.1 Selection of Judges for Each Class of Stock

The Business Office will use a random draw to assign the **three** Judges to a class of stock. **One Judge** will be assigned to judge each class of stock for the first elimination go-round. The Judges will randomly rotate to a different class of stock for the second elimination go-round. All **three** Judges will be used for the final go-round.

Comments/Rationale: This brings the rule in compliance with directive issued by the ASCA Board of Directors' decision to limit the number of Judges used for stock Finals to three.

Affected: The contestants, the Course Director, and the Judges.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

TRACKING COMMITTEE

TR.21.02 New Tracking Champion (TCH) Program (Revised)

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

- Comment from Wesen: This is a small group, and the competitors can submit form to office. Computer programing isn't required. Tracking doesn't currently have a championship.

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Lisa Klein to add a Tracking Championship (TCH) title to the Tracking Program. Second by Beth MacLehose.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 8. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

Chapter 11 The Tracking Championship (TCH)

ASCA will issue the title of Tracking Championship (TCH) to:

- ASCA registered Australian Shepherds.
- Australian Shepherds with an ASCA LEP number.
- Any other dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number and will permit use of the letters "TCH" before the name of each dog eligible for the title.

The title of Tracking Championship (TCH) will be awarded to dogs who have earned a higher level of achievement in tracking by passing a variety of Tracking Tests at ASCA sanctioned Tracking Trials.

Section 11.1 Eligibility

To be eligible for the title Tracking Championship (TCH) a dog must successfully pass all levels of Tracking tests, TD, TDU, TDX and UTDX. ASCA will issue a Tracking Championship certificate and will permit the use of the letters TCH preceding the name of each dog that has earned this title.

*In order to receive the TCH Tracking Championship title, dog owners must fill out the form called "Tracking Championship Verification Form" and submit it to the Business Office - email to stockdog@asca.org.

Comments/Rationale: The tracking program currently does not currently have a Championship title. This title includes and promotes the training for the newer Tracking tests and titles and honors dogs who have earned all Tracking Titles in our current program.

Affected: ASCA Tracking exhibitors.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by
Kalla E. Jacob
ASCA Executive Secretary