



AUSTRALIAN
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AMERICA, INC.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

August 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 Crisis Judges:

Rally Emergency Crisis Judge **Andrea Hoffmann** (TN)

New Committee Members:

Obedience Committee - **Nita Gandara** (region 3),
Beth MacLehose (region 4), **Joyce Charron** (region 4)
History Committee - **Dorien Vogelaar** (region 7)

Junior Handlers **Ava Fischer** and **Emily Jossi** are the first recipients of the Libby Long Memorial Obedience Award from the ASCA Foundation, in memory of Donna Long and Libby, her Aussie.

Laura Gibson was selected to be Chair of the 2023 ASCA National Specialty to be held in Bryan, Texas. If you are interested in assisting on the National Specialty Committee, please send your resume to the Nationals Advisory Committee.

The show/trial sanctioning deadline will increase to 60-days on November 1. It is currently 45-days. **Any affiliates in areas still affected by COVID-19 related restrictions may contact the Board for special consideration when sanctioning an event.**

The Board agreed to allow refunds beyond the August 31 deadline to European and Canadian exhibitors that cannot attend Nationals due to their borders being closed. Decisions regarding refunds for exhibitors located in the US but affected by COVID-related restrictions, will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Board, provided they have proof.

Shelly Hollen was selected to create drawings for the Conformation Committee's educational project of an Illustrated Breed Standard.

ASCA Board Meeting Minutes

President Busquets called the meeting to order on Thursday, August 12, at 6:04 pm via online meeting service GoToMeeting and it was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

In attendance: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Gina Larson, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Judy Boone, Director Susan Byrne, Director Denise Creelman, Director Carol Gerken, Director Jean Roberts, Director-elect Ann McCabe, Counsel David Schleicher (6:03 pm to 6:19 pm), and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

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

Website Portal

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** with Counsel present. The Board authorized Counsel to seek payment from a prior vendor for expenses incurred by a subsequent vendor's having to repair the original work.

Foreign Registry

This discussion was held in **Executive Session**. The Foreign Registry registration of two dogs was revoked.

Financial Report

This discussion was held in **Executive Session**. The financial reports for period ending July 31, 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.

Litter Registration

This discussion was held in **Executive Session**. The registration of a litter was revoked.

2023 Nationals Chairperson

This discussion was held in **Executive Session**. Laura Gibson from Texas was selected to be Chair of the 2023 ASCA National Specialty. If you are interested in assisting on the National Specialty Committee, please send your resume to the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Libby Long Award

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July 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.21.83 July 2021 Email Business

Motion by Larson to ratify all business conducted over email in July 2021. Second by Wesen.

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

System Upgrade Report

Liaison Larson reported on the status of the database migration/system upgrade project ongoing with Inventive since 6/15/2021. The project has been named WARP-1 (Web ASCA Rebuild Project). It is estimated that eighty-five percent of Business Office processes are manual and the ASCA and Inventive teams have had great discussions about ways to increase automation. The first phase is nearing completion, which includes developing the cloud environment and initial design. The ASCA team is mainly focused on identifying and documenting the Business Office processes, both manual and those already automated via the web portal.

Refunds for 2021 Nationals Exhibitors

The Board considered whether ASCA will refund entries beyond the August 31 deadline for any European and Canadian exhibitors prevented from attending Nationals due to COVID-19 related border closures. Directors agreed that a refund for these exhibitors would be warranted because their crossing to/from the United States would be stopped due to a national mandate and they would not have a choice.

The Board also considered whether refunds would be given beyond the deadline for exhibitors in the United States that choose not to attend Nationals for any COVID-19 related reason. Requests for refunds in these instances will be handled on a case-by-case basis and must be verified.

Bitches in Season at 2021 Nationals Agility Pre-Trials

In July, the Board approved a recommendation from the Agility Committee to allow bitches in season (BIS) to compete at the Nationals Agility pre/post-trials. The hosts of the pre-trials at the 2021 Nationals have asked for permission to amend their premiums to reflect this change, and the Board agreed to allow this.

Announcements

President Busquets took a moment to officially welcome Ann McCabe as a newly elected director and to thank Judy Boone as an outgoing director.

Motion by Creelman to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm until September 9, 2021. Second by Larson.

Motions via Email

Director Recommendations

BD.21.74 Correction to Policy Book Section 19.10 Disbursing Additional Event Membership Dues

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

Motion by Roberts to approve the following changes to the policy book which eliminates the reference to the Nationals Host Club(s) as ASCA is now hosting Nationals and updates the Additional Membership dues approved in BOD Motion BD.20.130. Second by Creelman.

Current Wording:

Section 19.10 Disbursing Additional Event Membership Dues

Effective June 1, 2013, the Board of Directors put in place Additional Event Membership Dues in the amount of \$.25 per entry/run for all ASCA programs. The funds generated by this charge are designated solely to defray the cost of all ASCA Finals. Funds collected during a show year but not disbursed for that year's Finals shall carry forward to support Finals in following years.

The amount furnished to the Host Club each year shall be determined as follows:

- A. Using the Board of Directors approved budget submitted by the Host Club, determine the difference between total budget income and total budget expenses for all the Finals.
- B. If income exceeds expenses no disbursing of funds is needed.
- C. If expenses exceed income calculate 90% of that difference to generate the amount forwarded to the Host Club.

The Business Office shall forward a check in the amount determined in c. above along with all Finals entry fees to the Host Club after entries close and all entrants are confirmed.

Proposed Wording:

Section 19.10 Disbursing Additional Event Membership Dues

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Comments/Rationale: There is no longer a Nationals Host Club and the additional event membership dues were increased in October 2020.

Affected: Trial secretaries will be informed about the additional event membership dues and the membership will know how these funds are used.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.21.75 Remove Finals Prize & Rosette Cost Tables from Program Rule Books

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

Motion by Roberts to approve the removal of the Finals prize and rosette cost tables from the individual rule books and replace them with the reference and link to the cost tables in the National Specialty rule book. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

Obedience Rule Book: Section 13.11 Awards and Ribbons

| <u>Award</u> | <u>Rosette</u> | <u>Prize - Level/Cost</u> |
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Agility Rule Book: Section 12.6.2 Finals Prizes and Rosettes

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Conformation Rule Book: Section 15.6 Trophies and Rosettes/Ribbons

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Rally Rule Book: Section 13.5 Finals Prizes and Rosettes

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Stockdog Rule Book: Section 24.5 Awards

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Juniors Rule Book: Section 8.6.2

Awards

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Obedience Rule Book: Section 13.11 Awards and Ribbons

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Rally Rule Book: Section 13.5 Finals Prizes and Rosettes

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| D | \$12 | 6-inch head, 5 streamers, 14-inch streamers |
| E | \$1 | 2-layered, 10-inch flat ribbon |
| Name Streamers | | \$5 – \$7.50 each, depending on length of name |

All Finals Exhibitors who have sent in their entry forms AND paid their entry fee will receive a rosette labeled "Finalist," with the qualifying dog's ASCA registered name and ASCA titles entered on a side streamer. Non-ASCA titles will not be included. The name streamer will be placed on the Finals participation rosette, not on the placement rosette. All rosettes will have the date and location of the Finals. Any qualifying team that is unable to participate in the Finals is responsible for the cost of shipping their Finals rosette or requesting that the rosette be entrusted to someone else for delivery. The host club is not responsible for the cost of shipping rosettes. Placements will be awarded 1st-10th place.

Juniors: 8.6.2 Awards

See Section 24.1 in the National Specialty Rule Book (<https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/nationalspecialtyrules.pdf>).

| Award | Rosette | Prize Level/Cost |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Champion | A | Level 1 \$250 |
| Reserve Champion | A.5 | Level 2 \$150 |
| 3rd – 10th | B | Level 3 \$75 |
| Finalist Participants | B | None |
| Level | Cost Per Rosette | Rosette Descriptions |
| A | \$21 | 8.5-inch head, 7 streamers, 24-inch streamers |
| A.5 | \$20 | 8-inch head, 7 streamers, 22-inch streamers |
| B | \$18 | 7.5-inch head, 7 streamers, 18-inch streamers |
| D | \$12 | 6-inch head, 5 streamers, 14-inch streamers |
| E | \$1 | 2-layered, 10-inch flat ribbon |
| Name Streamers | | \$5 – \$7.50 each, depending on length of name |

Comments/Rationale: Streamlining the procedures for Nationals by putting all pertinent information into one rulebook.

Affected: Nationals Committee Members.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

AGILITY COMMITTEE

AG.21.11 Remove Weaves/Teeter Placement Restrictions in Novice Gamblers

Motion *fails* (4-4) - Approve: Gann, Gerken, Larson, Wesen. Disapprove: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Roberts. Abstain: None. Non-voting: Boone.

- **Comment from Busquets:** One of the main issues that I have with this motion is that it should not be made effective immediately upon approval but should be effective on June 1st, 2022. The other concern that I have is that the committee has not sought sufficient feedback from agility competitors and affiliates before making this change. I'm not sure that nesting the course is such a big problem with the obstacles as they currently are.
- **Comment from Byrne:** I disagree with the effective date and have concerns about the possible path the novice dog is being asked to take.
- **Comment from Creelman:** The weaves may be too far even at 5 feet and the teeter would not be safe at a distance for a novice dog.
- **Comment from Roberts:** Midyear changes shouldn't be occurring in our programs unless they are emergencies. This isn't the case here.

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion 16-2021 No longer limit weaves or teeter to first obstacle in Novice Gamblers. Motion by Sherry Butler to allow the weaves and teeter to be any gamble obstacle in Novice Gamblers with the stipulation that the maximum distance from the gamble line remains 5 feet or less. Second by Sandra Katzen.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 12. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

7.3.2 Course Obstacles Allowed in the Gamble Sequence

The following list indicates the gamble obstacles which are acceptable for the different levels:

<Current table in Rulebook>

*See distance and placement restrictions for use of Teeter-Totter and Weave Poles in Novice.

Proposed Wording:

7.3.2 Course Obstacles Allowed in the Gamble Sequence

The following list indicates the gamble obstacles which are acceptable for the different levels:

<Current table in Rulebook>

*See distance and placement restrictions for use of Teeter-Totter and Weave Poles in Novice.

Current Wording:

7.4.2 The Gamble Course Design

A. Novice: The Novice gamble (obstacles 1 through 4) must include a distance test, and MAY include one other test; either a discrimination OR directional test.

1. Distance Test: At the Novice level, the distance test will be two or more of the four gamble obstacles where the dog is 10 feet or more from the handler. The maximum distance for the placement of the handler line shall be no more than 12 feet from the dog's logical path of performance of the distance challenge obstacles. If the teeter or weave poles are used in the Novice gamble, they must be used as the first obstacle in the gamble closing sequence with the gamble line placed less than 5 feet away and the handler line for subsequent obstacles shall be placed so they gradually increase in distance.

Proposed Wording:

7.4.2 The Gamble Course Design

A. Novice: The Novice gamble (obstacles 1 through 4) must include a distance test, and MAY include one other test; either a discrimination OR directional test.

1. Distance Test: At the Novice level, the distance test will be two or more of the four gamble obstacles where the dog is 10 feet or more from the handler. The maximum distance for the placement of the handler line ~~shall~~ **must** be no more than 12 feet from the dog's logical path of performance of the distance challenge obstacles. If the teeter or weave poles are used in the Novice gamble, ~~they must be used as the first obstacle in the gamble closing sequence with~~ the gamble line must be placed 5 feet or less ~~than 5 feet~~ away and the ~~handler~~ gamble line for ~~subsequent~~ obstacles before and/or after the weaves or teeter ~~shall~~ **must** be placed so they gradually increase in distance.

Comments/Rationale: Not limiting the weaves and teeter to be the first gamble obstacle will make nesting the courses easier. The same distance requirement for the gamble line to be 5 feet or less will ensure that the handler can continue to be close to the dog for those obstacles.

Affected: Judges, Course Reviewers, and competitors in Novice Gamblers.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

CONFORMATION COMMITTEE

CO.21.03 Artist for Illustrated Breed Standard

Motion *carries* (8-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: Boone.

Motion by Liaison Boone to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: The Conformation Committee has passed a motion to use Shelly Hollen as the artist to create drawings for the educational project of an Illustrated Breed Standard. As outlined in Ms. Hollen's bid she offers both a by item pricing as well as a flat fee for up to 100 drawings.

The committee agrees that the flat fee offer of 100 drawings with up to four revisions per item for \$3,700 presents a financially sound offer for both sides.

The committee therefore would like to ask the ASCA Board of Directors to support this important project for members and judges and approve said offer by Ms. Hollen and, after approval, enter negotiations with Ms. Hollen about a copyright license agreement between ASCA and Ms. Hollen.

Motion by Mary Hellmeister to approve the bid proposal by Shelly Hollen to be contracted as the artist to provide drawings for the Education Project-Illustrated Standard. Second by Joyce Charron.

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

Comments/Rationale: The committee contacted two artists directly and additionally sent out a note to invite artists through the ASCMembers group on groups.io to enter their own bid proposals.

Mrs. Hollen is an accomplished artist and has the knowledge needed for this project since she is also an ASCA Senior Breeder judge. The work will be performed in close conjunction with conformation committee member Gail Karamalegos as the liaison between Mrs. Hollen and the committee. Committee member approval of the artwork is required before publication.

The committee recommends that ASCA starts negotiations with Mrs. Hollen about a copyright agreement immediately after Board approval to move this project forward in a timely manner.

Affected: ASCA, Mrs. Shelly Hollen.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

RALLY COMMITTEE

RA.21.08 Revise Exercise 316 Sign Description

Motion *carries* (8-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: Boone.

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

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 21.12: Revision to the sign description wording for Exercise #316.

Subject: Revising the description for exercise #316 to clarify performance and judging of the exercise.

Motion by Karen Black to revise the sign description for Exercise #316 in order to clarify the performance allowed for the Jump exercise. Second by Ann McCabe

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 12. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

Send Over Jump: While heeling, Team approaches jump, and without hesitation, **dog jumps over jump** and returns to heel position before next sign, without crossing handler's path.

Proposed Wording:

Send Over Jump: While heeling, Team approaches jump, and without hesitation, **dog jumps over jump** and returns to heel position before next sign, without crossing handler's path. **Handler may adjust their pace as needed for their dog to properly and safely execute the jump.**

Comments/Rationale: The addition of the last sentence in the sign description will make it clear to all judges and all exhibitors that they can move at whatever pace make the performance of the jump exercise safe for their dogs and they will not be penalized for using any pace for the performance of this exercise.

Affected: Judges will be affected as they will have a clear understanding of acceptable performance for this exercise. Exhibitors will be affected as they will have a clear understanding of acceptable performance for this exercise. The Business Office and Webmaster are not affected by this motion.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

RA.21.09 Move Timing of Rally Judges Education

Motion *carries* (8-1) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: Boone. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

- **Dissent from Boone:** While I understand the reason, this puts an undue burden on the office. The office is compiling statistics and getting Finals invitations ready at that time.

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

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 21.11: Moving Rally Judges Education to coincide with the June Rulebook release.

Subject: Moving Rally Judges Education to coincide with the Rulebook release in odd numbered years.

Motion by Karen Black to make Rally Judges Education coincide with the June Rulebook release in odd numbered years. Second by Corinne Shanks

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 12. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

16.6.2 ASCA Rally Judges Education

All ASCA Rally Judges will be required to complete the ASCA Rally Judges Education, available free online, at least every two years. A notice will be sent by the ASCA Business Office to all ASCA Rally Judges during the first week of January in odd-numbered years (i.e., 2021, 2023, etc.). All sections must be completed and sections with questions requiring a response must be answered correctly to receive credit. The Judges Education must be completed by March 31st of the test year. In mid-February of odd numbered years, the ASCA Business Office will contact any Judge who has not yet completed the Judges Education to assure the January notice was received. Judges not completing the Judges Education by March 31st will be removed from the approved ASCA Judges Directory and will need to reapply if they choose to judge ASCA Rally again in the future. New ASCA Rally Judges who completed their application process in the last quarter of an even-numbered year (i.e., 2020, 2022, etc.) will receive credit for completing their 2-year continuing education during their application process.

Proposed Wording:

16.6.2 ASCA Rally Judges Education

All ASCA Rally Judges will be required to complete the ASCA Rally Judges Education, available free online, at least every two years. A notice will be sent by the ASCA Business Office to all ASCA Rally Judges during the first week of ~~January~~ June in odd-numbered years (i.e., ~~2021~~, 2023, ~~2025~~, 2027 etc.). All sections must be completed and sections with questions requiring a response must be answered ~~correctly~~ to receive credit. The Judges Education must be completed by ~~March~~ August 31st of the test year. In ~~mid-February~~ mid-July of odd numbered years, the ASCA Business Office will contact any Judge who has not yet completed the Judges Education to assure the ~~January~~ June notice was received. Judges not completing the Judges Education by ~~March~~ August 31st will be removed from the approved ASCA Judges Directory and will need to reapply if they choose to judge ASCA Rally again in the future. New ASCA Rally Judges who completed their application process in the last quarter of an even-numbered year (i.e., ~~2020~~, 2022, ~~2024~~, 2026 etc.) will receive credit for completing their 2-year continuing education during their application process.

Comments/Rationale: The purpose of Judges Education is to help ensure judges are knowledgeable about the current set of rules. Moving Judges education to June when the new rulebook is released will help make sure that goal is reached.

Affected: Judges will be affected as they will be completing the judge's education at a different time of year. The Business Office will be affected as they have to send out the initial notice and a follow-up notice to judges (Notified: 6/25/2021). Potentially the Webmaster could be affected if the education involves the webmaster's help in publishing the education on an ASCA owned platform (Notified: 6/25/2021).

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

STOCKDOG COMMITTEE

SD.21.09 Require Stockdog Judges to Maintain ASCA Membership

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

- **Comment from Busquets:** Personally, I think all judges that go through ASCA's approval should retain membership. Therefore, I agree with the premise that stockdog judges should be members. However, I'm not sure that it is a good idea to require only stockdog judges to retain membership while other programs have no such requirement.
- **Comment from Gerken:** I believe that as a judge, supporting the program(s) that one judges and being a member should be a requirement. That being said, I voted no because I believe that it should be a requirement of all judges in all programs, not just the Stock program.
- **Comment from Roberts:** Requiring judges to be ASCA members once they become regular judges, does not improve their judging ability. ASCA does not require this of any other program judges. It's not broken, doesn't need fixing.
- **Comment from Wesen:** I believe it should be across the board to ALL judges and that is not realistic for NON ASCA judges. Good thought but consider that on judge selection.

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Jacqueline Tinker to change 26.1.4 Membership to require judges to maintain ASCA membership status. Second by Andrea Hoffmann.

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

Current Wording:

26.1.4 Membership

Judges are encouraged to become ASCA members.

Proposed Wording:

26.1.4 Membership

Judges are required to maintain ASCA membership.

Comments/Rationale: Judge applicants are required to be members of ASCA for 5 continuous years prior to becoming a judge. It seems inconsistent that we drop that requirement the minute we approve them to be judges. If it is so important to be a member before becoming a judge, it should be that important to be a member

while being a judge. Additionally, individuals who are members submit themselves to the code of conduct that ASCA demands. Finally, Judges should be some of the biggest supporters of the organization.

Affected: Business Office. "The office has no problem with this motion."

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by

Kalla E. Jaco

Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.