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ASCA Executive Secretary's Report May 2022

Announcements	
<p>New Committee Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taylor Justice (Dock Jumping - region 5)• Alexi Staples (Junior - region 2)• Avery Pruitt (Junior - region 2) <p>New Judges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apprentice Agility Judge Sara Gerlach (Georgia)• Regular Agility Judge Roland Hofeneder (Austria)• Provisional Stockdog Judge Susanne Schwarzmann (Germany)• Regular Stockdog Judge Carol Gerken (Idaho)• Dock Jumping Judge Scott Mobley (Texas) <p>Business Office -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A new phone system is being installed which will resolve some of the recent issues with outages.• A quarterly report will now be provided to the ASCA Board.	<p>Conformation Program - Once an event has been sanctioned by the ASCA Business Office, additional classes may no longer be added to the event.</p> <p>Obedience Program - Premiums must clearly state whether Novice Group Exercises will be held before or after the Novice Individual Exercises, or at the beginning of the trial.</p> <p>Nationals -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New procedures were adopted for the removal of Nationals Committee members.• Centaur will be the ribbon/rosette provider for the 2022 and 2023 Nationals.• There will be new formatting for the 2022 Nationals catalog.• Fee schedule for the 2023 Nationals pre/post-events: Agility \$2,000; Conformation \$1,500; Rally and Obedience \$500; Stockdog \$2,000.

ASCA Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via GoToMeeting.

In attendance: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Gina Larson, 2nd Vice President Rick Gann, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Ann McCabe, Director Susan Byrne, Director Denise Creelman, Director Carol Gerken, Director Jean Roberts, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

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

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Reimbursement of 2021 Nationals Entry Clerk

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:05 pm to 6:25 pm. Liaison Gann presented a request from the Nationals Advisory Committee for ASCA to reimburse the 2021 Nationals Entry Clerk Terri Morgan for her travel and lodging expenses beyond what was covered in her contract.

This discussion and the discussion regarding proposed changes to the entry clerk contracts were postponed until the Board can get input from ASCA's Counsel and clarification from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Dog Bite Incident

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:25 pm to 6:29 pm. Director Wesen investigated a dog bite incident and presented her findings to the Board.

BD.22.74 Disqualification of E187332

Motion carried 9-0. *Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.*

Motion by Wesen to uphold the disqualification of A-CH Kaweahs Tatanka Red E187332. Seconded by Roberts.

Complaints Against Member

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:29 pm to 6:43 pm. The Board received complaints regarding a post on a public ASCA discussion list. Directors agreed to send letters to everyone involved.

Request for Conflict Resolution Appeal

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:43 pm to 7:42 pm. The Board received an appeal of a request for conflict resolution handled at the affiliate level.

BD.22.75 Letter of Reprimand to Robyn Johnson-Garrett

Motion carried 7-0-2. *Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: Gann, McCabe. Absent: None.*

Motion by Byrne that a strong letter of reprimand is sent to Robyn Johnson-Garrett. Seconded by Larson.

BD.22.76 Letter of Instruction to Wasatch Working ASC

Motion carried 8-0-1. *Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: McCabe. Absent: None.*

Motion by Byrne that a letter of instruction is sent to Wasatch Working ASC. Seconded by Gerken.

BD.22.77 Letter of Reprimand to Betsy Coleman

Motion failed (4-4-1). *Approved: Busquets, Gann, Gerken, Wesen. Disapproved: Byrne, Creelman, Larson, Roberts. Abstained: McCabe. Absent: None.*

Motion by Byrne that a stronger letter of reprimand is sent to Betsy Coleman for violation of rule 2.26 of the obedience rules. Seconded by Gerken.

Comment from Larson: I wanted a reminder letter for Coleman, not a reprimand.

Comment from Creelman: I voted no because Coleman has already received a letter of instruction from the affiliate club.

April 2022 Treasurer's Report

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 7:42 pm to 7:46 pm. The financial reports for the period ending April 30, 2022, 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.

BD.22.78 April 2022 Treasurer's Report

Motion carried 8-0-1. Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts. Disapproved: None. Abstained: Wesen. Absent: None.

Motion by Roberts to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Creelman.

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.

BD.22.79 April 2022 Email Business

Motion carried 9-0. Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.

Motioned by Creelman to ratify all business conducted over email in April 2022. Seconded by Larson.

System Liaison's Report

System Liaison Larson reported on the status of the database migration/system upgrade project ongoing with Inventive since 6/15/2021. The WARP-1 project to rebuild and migrate ASCA's legacy computer system and website portal is nearing completion. The ASCA team completed a detailed analysis of the required legacy portal functionality and prioritized the remaining work. Inventive supplied an updated remaining work estimate and will produce a Change Order to manage the remainder of the project. ADMS functionality is approximately four weeks away from being completed and the remaining work should take about five to seven weeks - there may be overlap between the two efforts.

There have been many obstacles encountered along the way, due to the age of the system and the complexity of the issues. Many of the workarounds and manual steps that were introduced over time needed to be reverse-engineered and efficient processes developed to replace them. For example, to implement a new way to handle the title certificates for ASCA programs, the ASCA team had to extensively document how each program's titles progressed and the related rules. From this research, a template was created to document new titles and programs to the standards required for programming them into the computer system. Whenever a committee has a new title in mind, they will complete the documentation and provide it to the Office Manager to obtain a quote for the work, which would then need to be approved by the Board before work begins. Thank you to all the volunteers within each of ASCA's program committees for helping with this effort.

Among the issues with the legacy system was how personal information was handled and secured. In the new portal, user data is secured as it should be. Please note that it will be necessary for every member to have a unique username, email address, and phone number in the system - these identifiers cannot be shared between members. This will allow us to better protect and validate members' information. Be on the lookout for reminders about this as the system rolls out.

The original estimate was for the WARP-1 project to take about twelve months from start to completion. Development began in June 2021 and the rollout is expected to be completed by July 2022. Thank you to the membership for the patience and support shown by all of you in giving us the time to do this project correctly.

Gann asked about getting an updated price structure from Inventive for the remaining work. Larson will present the Board with the Change Order as soon as it is provided by Inventive. He asked if Larson had any idea what to expect and what the total cost of the WARP-1 project will be. She will not know until the Change Order is provided. Each week Larson sends out a chart of what ASCA is being billed and what is over the original contracted amount, so Directors should be looking at those to continually be aware of what is being spent. The project went over budget around a month ago due to the size and unexpected complexity of the issues encountered throughout the project.

Larson requested approval to spend \$440.00 plus postage to purchase vests with the ASCA logo on them for the four core WARP team members (all ASCA members) - Maarten Walter, Maureen Loughney, Gina Larson, and Ray Fryar.

BD.22.80 Vests for WARP Team Members

Motion carried 9-0. Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Larson to order four vests from Patswork - logo on back and name of team member / WARP-1 on the front at the cost of \$440 plus postage (\$13 each or \$30 for bulk shipment). Seconded by Roberts. All approved. Motion carried.

Ribbon Provider for Nationals

Liaison Gann presented a request from the Nationals Advisory Committee to continue using Centaur Awards to provide the ribbons for the 2022 and 2023 Nationals. The Committee researched several companies and found that Centaur still offers the best deal for ASCA. They have provided high-quality ribbons for many Nationals. Gann noted, however, that there have been some embarrassing issues over the last couple of years such as missing ribbons and incomplete orders. He assured the Board that the Committee is trying to produce a protocol that will alleviate this from ever happening again.

BD.22.81 Ribbon/Rosette Provider for 2022 and 2023 Nationals

Motion carried 9-0. Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.

Motioned by Gann to select Centaur as the ribbon/rosette provider for the 2022 and 2023 Nationals with the understanding that new ordering protocols will be put into place to ensure order accuracy. Seconded by Creelman.

Creelman commented that her affiliate, Central Valley ASC, has used Centaur Awards since 1992 and used them for the Nationals in 2002, 2012, and 2019. They did a wonderful job, and she is happy with the decision.

Nationals Catalog Formatting

Liaison Gann presented a request from the Nationals Advisory Committee and the 2022 Nationals Catalog Chair to use new formatting for the 2022 Nationals Catalog. This proposal should reduce the number of pages necessary in the catalog. There would be one tab (index) in the back that would list all dogs by armband number and give all rule book-required information on each dog. Class listings would be abbreviated.

All Dogs Entered in Nationals by Armband Listing:

111 Dog's Registered Name

Date of Birth: 01/01/2020 Reg # E000001 Call Name: Dog

Registered Name of Dog's Sire x Registered Name of Dog's Dam

Handler: Name of Handler

Breeder: Name of Breeder(s)

Owner: Name of Owner(s)

Conformation Listing:

111 Dog's Registered Name. Breeder: Name of Breeder. Owners: Name of Owner(s).

Performance Listing:

111 Dog. Name of Owner(s).

McCabe thanked the Nationals Advisory Committee for their proactive approach to getting the Nationals catalog under control and for being open to suggestions.

BD.22.82 Formatting of 2022 Nationals Catalog

Motion carried 9-0. Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Gann to approve the formatting of the 2022 Nationals catalog as presented.
Seconded by Byrne.

Nationals Pre-Event Fees

During the Board's Spring Meeting last April, they discussed increasing the fees charged to affiliates that host pre/post-events during the week of Nationals. They are currently charged \$2,000 for agility, \$1,500 for conformation, \$500 for rally and obedience, and \$2,000 for stockdog. The Nationals Advisory Committee reached out to past pre/post-event host affiliates to see what kind of expenses they had and the profit they made. Compared to the amount of work done to host a Nationals pre/post-event, the Committee considers the affiliate's profit to be minimal and does not recommend the Board increase the fees at this time. The Committee thinks that it is more important to provide an incentive for hosting Nationals pre/post-events and not to make the fee an obstacle.

McCabe thought it was fair to keep the fees the same for 2023 based on the work it takes to host a pre/post-event.

Gerken supported the National Advisory Committee's recommendation.

Creelman thought it was a good idea to keep the fees the same for 2023 to encourage affiliates to host a pre/post-event and make some money for their club.

Larson wanted to see the financials from affiliates that hosted pre/post-events before deciding to keep the fees the same. The cost of the Nationals site increased for 2023. It is good for affiliates to make money, but ASCA cannot lose money. She requested more time to consider and review the data.

Wesen thanked the Nationals Advisory Committee for their work and supported their recommendation.

Roberts agreed with Larson that the Board should have the financials in front of them before deciding on the fees. It is not ASCA's responsibility to subsidize affiliates. ASCA cannot lose money on this event so the affiliates get to make money. It is a lot of work, but the affiliates knew that going in. It should not be required to have pre/post-events at Nationals, either. It is not about saving money; it is about not incurring extra expenses by having the events. We do not know if that is the case or not because we do not have any data to consider.

Byrne also wanted to see a breakdown of the pre/post-event financials from the affiliates that were contacted. She was concerned about how affiliates might be spending the money if they are not making much profit, as these events can bring in upwards of five to nine thousand dollars. Some clubs might not be making as much profit because they are spending a lot on prizes, for example.

Busquets thought it was okay to leave the fees as they are for 2023 but to look carefully at increasing the fees in the future. She was concerned about how much higher Nationals expenses have gotten and that they seem to be continually trending more expensive.

BD.22.83 2023 Nationals Pre-Event Fees

Motion carried 6-3. *Approved: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, McCabe, Wesen. Disapproved: Byrne, Larson, Roberts. Abstained: None. Absent: None.*

Motioned by Gann to approve the 2023 Nationals pre/post-event fee schedule as presented. Agility \$2,000; Conformation \$1,500; Rally and Obedience \$500; Stockdog \$2,000. Seconded by Gerken.

Dissent from Roberts: I voted no because we do not have the numbers and are making an uneducated decision.

Dissent from Larson: I voted no for the same reason as Roberts. I need to see the numbers.

Dissent from Byrne: I voted no for the same reason as Roberts.

In response to the comments of dissent, Gann remarked that the Board made an educated guess on upgrading our computer system. He said it did not make sense to him how the Board could do that then but cannot do that now. Roberts responded that the Board had numbers when making the decision regarding the computer system. Gann claimed those numbers were incorrect. Busquets reminded everyone that the motion carried, and the Board is all in agreement we need further information and discussion on this.

[With no further agenda topics, Busquets thanked the members listening to the audio recording of this meeting and all the Directors for being in attendance.](#)

[The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm \(Motioned by Larson, Seconded by Creelman\).](#)

ASCA Board Motions

Director Recommendations

BD.22.71 New Phone System for Business Office

Motion carried (9-0) - *Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.*

Motion by Busquets to approve the purchase of a new phone system for the ASCA Business Office from Brazos Valley Phone (bid \$3650). Seconded by Creelman.

Comments/Rationale: The phone system in the ASCA Business Office is very old and goes out of service often, negatively impacting customer service and the efficiency of the office. The Business Office Manager recommended going with the Brazos Valley Phone bid.

Affected: Business Office, ASCA membership.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.22.72 Reporting of Business Office Statistics

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Busquets to add the following section to the Policy Book Section 9: Business Office. Seconded by Creelman.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

Section 9.14 Reporting of Business Office Statistics

The Business Office will provide the ASCA Board of Directors with a quarterly report, which includes statistics such as sanctioning requests processed, event results processed, approximate processing and turnover time for results and sanctioning requests, and the number of events per program.

Comments/Rationale: Rather than asking for these statistics when directors think of it, it will be best to have a quarterly report by the Business Office. These statistics are important to assess productivity and the overall program and financial health of the organization. It will also be easier to note changes and trends.

Affected: Business Office, Board of Directors.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

CONFORMATION

CO.22.02 Classes Cannot Be Added After Sanctioning is Approved

Motion carried (6-3) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts. Disapproved: Creelman, Gann, Wesen. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Dissent from Creelman: On the sanctioning form there is a box to check that says "other" that can be checked that will cover non-regular classes, BUT, if a club finds that there is a reason to add a class to help a new non-regular judge get entries for an assignment, I don't see any reason not to be able to. It is only a piece of paper with the club information, armband numbers, and the judge's signature/date. This is not a sanctioned class but verified needed numbers for a new judge, so the office isn't inconvenienced.

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Mary Hellmeister to add the following sentence to Section 3.2 Sanctioning Application, 1st paragraph: Once an event has been sanctioned by the ASCA Business Office, additional classes may not be added to the event. Seconded by Gail Karamalegos.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 9. Disapproved: 5. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Dissent from Shawna Sakal: I feel that with this new rule, there will be many non-regular judges that will not meet the numbers needed if a club cannot add a non-regular class day of show. I think there needs to be more direction for the affiliate on selecting all classes when sanctioning to prevent them from not being able to add a non-regular class if needed.

Dissent from Elizabeth Stibley: I think that adding this language has the potential to hinder the advancement of non-regular judges. Unfortunately, sometimes adding these additional classes needs to be a “game-day” decision. I guess, I don’t really see how adding a non-regular class adds a significant amount of processing time for the business office. This rule can harm future judges more than it saves the business office time. IMO.

Comment from Brandy Greenhagen: I have voted yes for this motion in support of the business office, who has asked for this addition to the sanctioning rules. I understand that it may be more difficult for non-regular judges, but have already spoken with Ray Fryar on immediate measures we can take to make the sanctioning form easier to navigate and make it more clear to show secretaries that they need to add all non-regular classes when they sanction a show with a non-regular judge.

Current Wording:

Section 3.2 Sanctioning Application

ASCA Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA and wish to hold a Conformation Dog Show, at which Championship points may be awarded, must make application to ASCA on the form provided for permission to hold such show. The Sanctioning form shall list date, location, Show Secretary/Chairman’s name, address and phone number, all classes offered, judges names and addresses and assignments, unless as otherwise provided in Sections 4.13 and 5.2.H.

Proposed Wording:

Section 3.2 Sanctioning Application

ASCA Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA and wish to hold a Conformation Dog Show, at which Championship points may be awarded, must make application to ASCA on the form provided for permission to hold such show. The Sanctioning form shall list date, location, Show Secretary/Chairman’s name, address and phone number, all classes offered, judges names and addresses and assignments, unless as otherwise provided in Sections 4.13 and 5.2.H. Once an event has been sanctioned by the ASCA Business Office, additional classes may not be added to the event.

Comments/Rationale: This motion is made to clarify the rules and support the office in its efforts to maintain a streamlined process of sanctioning.

Affected: Business Office. The activities coordinator is supporting this addition.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

NATIONALS ADVISORY

NA.22.06 Cause/Procedure for Removal of Nationals Committee Members

Motion carried (9-0) - *Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.*

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

Committee Recommendation: Addition to Nationals Rulebook - Cause for Removal and Procedure.

Motion by Denise Creelman, at the request of the ASCA Board of Directors, to add the following verbiage to the National Specialty Rule Book, adding Section 1.7.4 and re-numbering "Nationals Board Liaison" as 1.7.5 and renumbering all subsequent sections. Seconded by Renee Watson.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 4. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

Section 1.7.4 Cause for Removal and Procedure for Removal of Nationals Committee Members

A. **Nationals Chairperson** - The Nationals Chairperson must be able to effectively communicate with the Nationals Committee, the NAC, and the Board, and must be able to perform all the duties as outlined in the job description. In the event the Nationals Chairperson fails to meet established objectives or goals, the NAC shall counsel the Nationals Chairperson and document all instances in writing. The NAC shall also conduct a follow-up evaluation of the Nationals Chairperson's performance no later than 30 days after counseling and keep both the ASCA Board and the Nationals Advisory Committee Board Liaison apprised of the situation.

1. If the NAC concludes that the National Specialty planning may be negatively impacted, and counseling has not resulted in improvement, the NAC may send a request to the ASCA Board of Directors through the National Advisory Committee Board Liaison with a recommendation for removal. Such a request must include all documentation pertaining to instances in which the Nationals Chairperson failed to meet established objectives or goals after counseling was provided.

2. Upon receipt of a recommendation for removal of the Nationals Chairperson by the NAC, the Board will inform the National Chairperson via the Executive Secretary of the recommendation for removal and shall give the Nationals Chairperson an opportunity to respond within seven days of receipt of communication from the Board. Once the Nationals Chairperson has had an opportunity to respond, the ASCA Board of Directors will determine if they need additional information before deciding whether the Nationals Chairperson will be removed from the position via a motion.

B. **Nationals Committee Members** – Nationals Committee Members must be able to effectively communicate with the Nationals Chairperson and the rest of the Nationals Committee and must be able to make all necessary arrangements for the events, stay within budget, and adhere to required deadlines. In the event a Nationals Committee Member fails to meet established objectives or goals, the Nationals Chairperson shall counsel the Nationals Committee Member and document all instances in writing. The Nationals Chairperson shall also conduct a follow-up evaluation of the Nationals Committee Member's performance after counseling. The Chairperson shall also keep the Nationals Board Liaison apprised of the situation.

1. If the Nationals Chairperson concludes that the National Specialty planning may be negatively impacted, and/or counseling has not resulted in improvement, the Chairperson will consult with the NAC for assistance. If the situation does not improve with the advice and counseling of the NAC, the Nationals Chairperson may send a request to the ASCA Board of Directors through the Nationals Board Liaison with a recommendation for removal. Such a request must include all documentation pertaining to instances where the Nationals Committee Member failed to meet established objectives or goals after counseling has been provided.

2. Upon receipt of the Nationals Chairperson's recommendation for removal of a Nationals Committee Member, the Board will inform the Nationals Committee Member via the Executive Secretary of the recommendation for removal and shall give the member an opportunity to respond within seven days of receiving the communication from the Board. Once the Nationals Committee Member has had an opportunity to respond, the ASCA Board of Directors will determine if they need additional information before deciding whether the Nationals Committee Member will be removed from the position via a motion.

Comments/Rationale: Although the ASCA Committee Procedures cover removal of ASCA Standing Committee Members, the Board asked the Nationals Advisory Committee to include a specific procedure to the National Specialty Rule Book to cover the removal of the Nationals Chairperson and members of the Nationals Committee. The Nationals Advisory Committee agrees that the National Specialty Rule Book should address these situations and is moving that this verbiage is added.

Affected: Members of a Board-approved Nationals Committee; the Webmaster, Business Office, and Program Software Vendors are not affected.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

OBEDIENCE

OB.22.06 Clarify Notification of Novice Group Exercises Timing

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

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

Committee Recommendation: Clarify notification of Novice Group Exercises timing.

Motion by Betsy Coleman to clarify that the timing of when Group Stays are held must be stated in the trial premium. Seconded by Marilyn Cherry.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 9. Disapproved: 1. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

Section 1.2.2 Group Exercises

Group Exercises may be held either before or after the Individual Exercises. If the Premium fails to state how Group Exercises will be held, Group Exercises will follow the Individual Exercises pursuant to the group quantity and spacing set forth below. If the club elects to hold the Group Exercises before the Individual Exercises, it must state this preference in the Premium. When Group Exercises are to be held before the Individual Exercises, the Premium should clarify if they are to be held at the beginning of the trial before all classes, or before the Novice classes. If the Premium fails to state when they will be held if scheduled prior to the Individual Exercises, then Group Exercises shall be held prior to all classes (including Utility and Open).

Section 1.1.3 Premium

The Premium shall at a minimum indicate:

K. When group exercises shall be held and in what order.

Proposed Wording:

Section 1.2.2 Group Exercises

Novice Group Exercises may be held either before or after the Novice Individual Exercises, or at the beginning of the trial before all classes. Premiums must clearly state whether Novice Group Exercises will be held before or after the Novice Individual Exercises, or at the beginning of the trial. Non-Regular class Group Exercises will be held after Regular and Optional Titling classes are completed, immediately after each class's Individual Exercises. ~~If the Premium fails to state how Group Exercises will be held, Group Exercises will follow the Individual Exercises pursuant to the group quantity and spacing set forth below. If the club elects to hold the Group Exercises before the Individual Exercises, it must state this preference in the Premium. When Group Exercises are to be held before the Individual Exercises, the Premium should clarify if they are to be held at the beginning of the trial before all classes, or before the Novice classes. If the Premium fails to state when they will be held if scheduled prior to the Individual Exercises, then Group Exercises shall be held prior to all classes (including Utility and Open).~~

Section 1.1.3 Premium

The Premium shall at a minimum indicate:

K. When Novice gGroup eExercises shall be held ~~and in what order.~~

Comments/Rationale: Premiums are already required to state when Group Exercises will be held as per Section 1.1.3 Premium Subsection K, which states that premiums must indicate when Group Exercises will be held. Premiums without this information have been posted, making it difficult for handlers to know when their class will be held and when they are expected to be in the ring. This motion brings Section 1.2.2 in line with Section 1.1.3, as these two sections are currently contradictory regarding premium requirements.

Affected: Clubs, handlers. Clarification for trial sanctioning and premium approval by the Business Office.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.