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ASCA Executive Secretary's Report

August 2022

Announcements	
<p>Ava Fischer received the 2022 Libby Long Memorial Obedience Award.</p> <p>New Judges -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved Breeder Judge Maren Smith (New York)• Approved Breeder Judge Lisa Ott (Wisconsin)• Approved Breeder Judge Suzette Pendo (California) <p>New Affiliate Club -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agility & Rally for Fun ASC (Ohio) <p>New Committee Members -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nicole Fischer (Junior - Region 1)• Shelby McDaniel (Junior - Region 5)	<p>Juniors entering non-titling events at Nationals will no longer be charged an entry fee (BD.22.95).</p> <p>The Business Office will be getting nine new computers for the staff.</p> <p>Denise Creelman will Chair the 2024 ASCA National Specialty in Grand Island, Nebraska.</p> <p>Committee Recommendations -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NA.22.07 from the Nationals Advisory Committee was approved• OB.22.09 from the Obedience Committee was approved• RA.22.09 & RA.22.10 from the Rally Committee were approved

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, Director-elect Dawna Sims, 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 in Executive Session at 6:06 pm.

Chair for 2024 ASCA Nationals

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:06 pm to 6:14 pm. The Board selected Denise Creelman to chair the 2024 ASCA National Specialty in Grand Island, Nebraska.

BD.22.98 Chair for 2024 ASCA Nationals

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

Motioned by Gann to appoint Denise Creelman as the Chair of the 2024 ASCA National Specialty to be held in Grand Island, Nebraska. Seconded by Larson.

Libby Long Memorial Obedience Award

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:14 pm to 6:18 pm. This award rewards junior handler participation in the ASCA obedience program with an annual year-end award of \$500. The Board selected Ava Fischer to receive this year's award, based on the recommendation from the selection committee.

BD.22.99 Libby Long Award Recipient for 2022

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

Motioned by Roberts to award the Libby Long Memorial Obedience Award for 2022 to Ava Fischer.

July 2022 Treasurer's Report

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:18 pm to 6:37 pm. The financial reports for the period ending July 31, 2022, were presented by Treasurer Wesen. The reports were received just before the meeting, so Wesen did not have the opportunity to review the documents fully and was not prepared to make any statements. She asked directors to email their questions and she will get them answered.

Business Office

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:37 pm to 6:41. Busquets asked that directors send her the topics they want to be covered in the reports from the Business Office before the next voting cycle.

Judge Application

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:41 pm to 6:43 pm. The Board approved Maren Smith's application to move up to Approved Breeder Judge.

JA.22.25 Approved Breeder Judge Application from Maren Smith (New York)

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

Motion by President Busquets to approve Maren Smith as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

Comments/Rationale: The applicant has met the requirements. Ms. Smith was published in the May AussiENews to move up as a judge and should have been voted on in July.

Affected: The applicant and exhibitors in the conformation program.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

The Board moved to Open Session at 6:43 pm. President Busquets explained the meeting procedures, introduced the directors present and welcomed Director-elect Dawna Sims to her first meeting.

Last Month's Email Business

Started at 6:43 pm. 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.22.100 July 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 Larson to ratify all business conducted over email in July 2022. Seconded by Creelman.

System Liaison's Report

Started at 6:45 pm. System Liaison Larson reported on the status of the WARP-1 database migration/system upgrade project ongoing with Inventive since 6/15/2021.

This morning our teams did a huge release to production for the Business Office including all their edit and search tools. Inventive is currently working on additional information for conformation, search for sire and dam, fixing show times, fixing issues their QA found, and some other feedback we've given them as a team. Hopefully, we have one more release and then one clean-up. We are winding down and expecting to retire ADMS in the next few weeks. Our teams are also nailing down all the requirements for the member portal update. We should have a roadmap and timeline in the next week and will bring ASCA members on board for testing. The ASCA team and members will be doing the unit testing, then we will do an end-to-end testing workflow from the portal to the Business Office.

Concurrently, our Webmaster Heidi Mobley and Website Programmer Frank Butera have been working on the new website and hope to release it in the next few weeks. One thing we expect the membership will like is the new calendar – Affiliates can add their show dates for the year and the calendar will show them as "pending", then when their show is sanctioned the Business Office can upload their flyer and the show's status will change to "approved".

Larson reminded the membership that the Business Office has been very busy lately with testing the new system, in addition to their day-to-day ASCA work. Please understand how overloaded the staff are and say thank you if you have the opportunity.

Gann asked if the Board would see the website before it goes live. Larson responded that she can get the Board a link in the next week or so.

New Computers for Business Office

Started at 6:49 pm. President Busquets presented quotes for new computers at the Business Office and the Office Manager's recommendation. They need eight computers and one laptop.

Gann asked for the reason they need new computers to be stated for the membership.

The computers they are currently using are operating Windows 7 which is no longer supported by Microsoft. This is because the legacy system would not work on anything more recent. Now that the system upgrade is nearing completion, we are finally able to upgrade their computers.

Byrne commented that the age of the computers currently in the office is decreasing the efficiency of the office staff's work. She thought that ASCA had budgeted for computer replacements every few years so we didn't find ourselves in this situation and would like to be sure that continues.

BD.22.101 New Computers for Business Office

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

Motioned by Wesen to purchase eight desktop computers and one laptop computer per the quotes from Southern Computer Warehouse. Seconded by Byrne.

Quotes and Recommendations from Business Office Manager:

Desktops - 8 stations

Lenovo - Lenovo ThinkStation P340 30DK
Southern Computer Warehouse - \$1075.00
SHI computer - \$1049.00
McLane - \$1099.00

Laptop - 1 station

Lenovo ThinkBook 15 G4 IAP 21DJ
Southern Computer Warehouse - \$985.00
SHI computer - \$925.00
McLane - \$999.00

Comments/Rationale: The Office Manager recommended going with Southern Computer Warehouse for both sets because the specs are a little better and service with them in the past has been great.

Affected: The Business Office staff.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

President Busquets thanked those members listening to the recording. She also thanked the directors and Director-elect Sims for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm. (Motioned by Larson, Seconded by Creelman).

ASCA Board Motions

Director Recommendations

BD.22.95 Junior Entry Fees at Nationals

Motion carried (8-1) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: Larson. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Dissent from Director Larson: This motion needs to be reworked. It is poorly written. In addition, the Junior Committee does not support this motion. This should be given to the Junior Committee to work on.

Comment from Director Roberts: Although the effective date is stated incorrectly, I approve.

Motion by Wesen to add a new section 6.8 to the National Specialty Rules. Second by Gerken.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

New 6.8

There will be no entry fees for Juniors in non-titling events. Examples: Working Junior Handler, Most Versatile Junior, and all Finals.

Comments/Rationale: Junior Showmanship and Junior Finals are currently at no fee for nationals we need to include all non-titling events. Juniors are ASCA's future and allowing them to enter the non-titling events at no cost would support their ability to work their dogs in multiple venues. ASCA's support of Juniors should be a priority!

Affected: ASCA Juniors.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval. This would be approved for the 2023 Nationals.

BD.22.96 Titling Entries for Juniors at ASCA National Specialty

Motion failed (2-7) - Approved: Gerken, Wesen. Disapproved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Larson, McCabe, Roberts. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Dissent from Director Busquets: This motion needs further revision, and my thoughts are more in line with the changes proposed by the Junior Committee.

Dissent from Director Byrne: Motion needs revision to clarify.

Dissent from Director Creelman: This motion was voted down by the Junior Committee. It is not well written and excludes the conformation program. There are no limitations as to how many entries can be made, no stipulation that the Junior must handle the dog and there is no way to verify or enforce it at ringside. The Junior committee needs to bring this topic to the Board of Directors if and when they feel that it would be beneficial to the Junior program.

Dissent from Director Larson: This motion needs to be reworked. It is poorly written. In addition, the Junior Committee does not support this motion. This should be given to the Junior Committee to work on.

Dissent from Director Roberts: This motion is so poorly worded that it is a struggle to understand it, even when one knows the intent. The Board cannot put such a poorly constructed paragraph in a rulebook. Even the effective date contradicts itself.

The first sentence is very poorly constructed.

"All Juniors competing at the National Specialty in performance events their entry fees in performance events will be charged half price." – This discount excludes all conformation events. Why is conformation excluded? If a junior is showing a dog, a junior is showing a dog. I thought Juniors were ASCA's future, so why would they be penalized for showing in conformation?

"This does not exclude any juniors at regular price." – What? Did you mean to state that a junior who does not meet the requirements for the discount could still compete at Nationals?

"The Junior competitor must exhibit their own dog in all events entered for this discount to be used." – Our Junior rules already have ownership requirements that are defined in the rulebook. Why wouldn't you just say the Junior ownership rules apply? But again, why wouldn't any junior showing any dog get a discount?

The rationale about the judges books is not correct, junior handlers are marked on all judges' books regardless of program.

Lastly, it is effective Nationals 2023, not immediately.

I voiced my concerns on the Board conference call. I wrote suggestions directly afterwards.

Members suggested improved wording, also. Lastly, the Junior committee does not support this motion. So, I am voting against it.

Motion by Wesen to add a new section 6.9 to the National Specialty Rules. Second by Gerken.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

New 6.9

All Juniors competing at the National Specialty in performance events their entry fees in performance events will be charged half price. This discount excludes all Conformation events. This does not exclude any juniors at regular price. The Junior competitor must exhibit their own dog in all events entered for this discount to be used.

Comments/Rationale: To encourage Juniors to participate in ASCA performance programs at the National Specialty. Juniors are the future of ASCA. Juniors are currently receiving discounts at local trials and this should become a policy for ASCA's National Specialty. Conformation is excluded because the judges for conformation do not check in Handlers they check in dog and adult could handle in regular class. In the Performance classes there is interaction with the Judge and noting a Junior Handler would be listed in the Judges books. We are a community that needs to support our youth!

Affected: ASCA Juniors.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval. This would be approved for the 2023 Nationals.

BD.22.97 Program Rule Template for Software Changes

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

Motion by Larson to add the attached template to the Committee Procedures Handbook. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording:

Chapter 5 Motion Template

All motions from Committees will contain the following:

A. Subject: Title of motion. This can be related to a specific section and/or chapter of a change to rules.

B. Motion by: Committee member

C. Second by: Another Committee member

D. Motion statement: I move to approve ...

E. Body of the motion: Place the bulk of the motion here. For rule book changes, please state the CURRENT WORDING first, followed by the PROPOSED CHANGES. Highlight in gray any changes in wording to make it easier to spot the change.

F. Comments/Rationale: Why is this motion needed? What caused it to be needed? Use this section to 'sell' your motion to the Board.

G. If applicable, party(s) affected by the motion and how it will affect them.

H. If this motion affects the Webmaster, Business Office, or Program Software Vendor, see 6.3.

I. Effective date: Example: This motion will go into effect at the next printing of the applicable Rule Book. (In order to be effective for a June rulebook printing, the motion must be submitted for Board consideration by February of the same year.

J. For a rule book change: Has the applicable rule book been reviewed for all other rules that will need to be changed due to this motion? If yes, please include all change motions at the same time.

K. Results of the committee vote: Include names of all who votes, not just a number tally. Approve; Disapprove; Abstain; Non-voting.

Chapter 6 Voting Procedure Section

6.1 Issues for Discussion

Any Committee Member may raise issues for discussion. All issues received from the General Membership, Judges, Non-Members, Directors or Committee Members must be sent to the Chairperson who will distribute issue(s) to the Committee Members and Board Liaison and be assigned a priority. The Committees are encouraged to discuss ideas presented before making a motion.

Section 6.3 Webmaster, Business Office, or Program Software Vendors

6.3.1 Webmaster or Business Office

For motions affecting the Web Master or Business office the committee will take the following steps:

- A. The committee will send a draft copy of the proposed motion to the office it affects and advise this office it has five (5) working days to comment.
- B. If there are no comments, the affected office will so state.
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Proposed Wording:

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J. For a rule book change: Has the applicable rule book been reviewed for all other rules that will need to be changed due to this motion? If yes, please include all change motions at the same time.

K. For changes and/or additions to program rules, titles, and awards that will result in software changes, the Program Rules Template must be submitted to the Business Office. The Business Office will secure a quote from the software company. The quote must be included, along with Business Office approval, before the proposed changes/additions are submitted to the Board for approval.

L. Results of the committee vote: Include names of all who votes, not just a number tally. Approve; Disapprove; Abstain; Non-voting.

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C. If there are no comments, the affected office will so state.

D. At this point the committee will either abandon the motion or put the motion into final form, incorporating the office comments, and present it for voting.

Comments/Rationale: Before new titles and/or programs are approved by the Board we need to have approval from the business office and a quote from the software company. This will ensure that the new titles/programs are cost-effective and written in a logical manner so software companies can easily understand and program them.

Affected: Program committees.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

AF.22.03 Application to Affiliate from Agility & Rally for Fun ASC (Ohio)

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

Motion by Roberts to approve Agility & Rally for Fun ASC as a new ASCA Affiliate Club. Second by McCabe.

Affiliate Info:

Agility & Rally for Fun ASC (ARFASC)

Location – Ohio

Club Website – arfagility.com

President – Maura "Mary Kate" Waitkus

Representative – Cynthia Hokes

Comments/Rationale: The affiliate has met the application requirements.

Affected: The affiliate and ASCA exhibitors in the Ohio area.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Attachment: Agility & Rally For Fun ASC Affiliate Application.pdf

CA.22.26 Junior Committee Application from Nicole Fischer (Region 1)

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

Motion by Liaison McCabe to appoint Nicole Fischer to represent region 1 of the Junior Committee.

Affected: The applicant and the Junior Committee.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Attachment: Nicole Fischer Junior Application.pdf

CA.22.27 Junior Committee Application from Shelby McDaniel (Region 5)

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

Motion by Liaison McCabe to appoint Shelby McDaniel to represent region 5 of the Junior Committee.

Affected: The applicant and the Junior Committee.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Attachment: Shelby McDaniel Junior Committee.pdf

JA.22.23 Approved Breeder Judge Application from Lisa Ott (Wisconsin)

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

Motion by President Busquets to approve Lisa Ott as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

Comments/Rationale: The applicant has met the requirements.

Affected: The applicant and exhibitors in the conformation program.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Attachment: Lisa Ott Approved Breeder Judge Application.pdf

JA.22.24 Approved Breeder Judge Application from Suzette Pendo (California)

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

Motion by President Busquets to approve Suzette Pendo as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

Comments/Rationale: The applicant has met the requirements.

Affected: The applicant and exhibitors in the conformation program.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Attachment: Suzette Pendo Approved Breeder Judge Application.pdf

Committee Recommendations

NATIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NA.22.07 Bonding for Additional 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: Adding Bonding for the Nationals Sponsorship Chair and the Nationals Merchandise Chair to the National Specialty Rule Book

Motioned by Terri Morgan that ASCA bonds the Nationals Sponsorship Chair and the Nationals Merchandise Chair. Seconded by Renee Watson.

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

Current Wording:

National Specialty Rule Book

5.3 Bonding of Chair and Entry Clerk

The Nationals Chair and the Nationals entry clerk will be bonded by ASCA for \$300,000, or an amount determined by the ASCA Board.

Proposed Wording:

National Specialty Rule Book

5.3 Bonding of Nationals Chair, Nationals Sponsorship Chair, Nationals Merchandise Chair, and Nationals Entry Clerk

The Nationals Chair, the Nationals Sponsorship Chair, the Nationals Merchandise Chair, and the Nationals Entry Clerk will be bonded by ASCA for \$300,000, or an amount determined by the ASCA Board.

Comments/Rationale: The Nationals Sponsorship Chair and the Nationals Merchandise Chair handle cash transactions for ASCA in the course of their job duties and therefore should be covered with bonds.

Affected: The persons who serve as Nationals Sponsorship Chair and the Nationals Merchandise Chair will have to participate in the bonding process through the Business Office.

If this motion affects the Webmaster, Business Office, or Program Software Vendor: Ray Fryar was consulted about the bonding process.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval and as soon as the Board can arrange with the Business Office.

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

OB.22.09 Novice C Class Eligibility

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: Novice C Class Eligibility

Motion by Beth MacLehose to revise Sections 3.3 to allow dogs to compete in both Novice C and any other class for which they are eligible at the same trial. Second by Joyce Charon.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 10. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

Section 3.3 Novice C Class

The Novice C class shall be for dogs not less than six (6) month of age that have earned the CD title. The Novice C class will be run after the Novice B and A classes and stay groups can be combined with the B and A classes. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person. A person may handle more than one (1) dog in this class, but each dog must have a separate handler for the group exercises when judged in the same group. No dog may enter Novice C and any other Regular or Optional Titling class at any one (1) trial. Dogs in Novice C are not eligible for HIT, High Scoring Junior, Novice Merit awards or Novice Finals. Dogs may show in Novice C indefinitely. No titles are earned from Novice C.

Proposed Wording:

Section 3.3 Novice C Class

The Novice C class shall be for dogs not less than six (6) months of age that have earned the CD title. The Novice C class will be run after the Novice B and A classes and stay groups can be combined with the B and A classes. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person. A person may handle more than one (1) dog in this class, but each dog must have a separate handler for the group exercises when judged in the same group. Dogs may be shown in any other Regular, Optional Titling, or Non-regular class for which they are eligible at the same trial. ~~No dog may enter Novice C and any other Regular or Optional Titling class at~~

~~any one (1) trial.~~ Dogs in Novice C are not eligible for HIT, High Scoring Junior, Novice Merit awards, or Novice Finals. Dogs may show in Novice C indefinitely. No titles are earned from Novice C.

Comments/Rationale: The motion would allow for dogs entered in Novice C to enter any other class in the same trial for which they are eligible. Novice C allows teams to remain at the Novice level indefinitely. Novice C gives teams a place to practice their Novice skills, including heeling, no matter how advanced they might be. This class allows newer teams who are not yet ready for Open to continue gaining ring experience. It also lets older dogs continue to play, even if jumping or retrieving is not something they can still comfortably do. When the computer system can handle it the committee hopes to include titles linked to participation in Novice C.

Affected: Handlers. The Webmaster, Business Office, or Program Software Vendors are not affected.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

RALLY COMMITTEE

RA.22.09 Additional Pre-Trial Course Reviewers - Debora Donahue (NC) and Deb St Jacques (NY)

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 Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation: RC MOTION 22.08 - Adding two pre-trial course reviewers - Debora Donahue (NC) and Deb St Jacques (NY).

Motioned by Karen Black to recommend Debora Donahue and Deb St. Jacques as Course Reviewers for the ASCA Rally program. Seconded by Corinne Shanks.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 11. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: The purpose of this motion is to add 2 more qualified reviewers to the program. This will help ensure reviewers are not overloaded when 1 or 2 reviews are on vacation, out-of-pocket judging, or busy trialing.

Debora Donahue has been a course reviewer for ASCA Rally in the past and as an exhibitor and well-respected judge has experience and skills that will benefit the ASCA course review process. Deb St. Jacques is ASCA through and through; is an experienced ASCA Rally competitor as well as a seasoned and well-respected judge. The addition of these two ladies will greatly benefit the pre-trial review process.

Affected: The Business Office and Webmaster will be affected if the motion carries as the Business Office will need to add to the current rotation of reviewers and the website will need to be updated with new reviewer names. Judges will be affected as there will be additional reviewers in the rotation.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

RA.22.10 Updating Sections 19.2.2 and 19.2.3 of the Course Design Chapter

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 Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 22.09 Updating Sections 19.2.2 and 19.2.3 of the Course Design chapter.

Motioned by Karen Black to update 19.2.2 Map Basics #5, 19.2.3 Jump Icons and Distraction Icons letters B and C to remove the need to describe the jump type and distraction type on the exercise list. Seconded by Corinne Shanks.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 11. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

19.2.2 Map Basics

The following are required on all maps:

- L. List that includes:
- 5. Name of Jump to match icon shown on course.

19.2.3 Jump Icons and Distraction Icons

- B. Jump types must be identified on the course maps and must be identified (high, bar, or broad) on the exercise list and must match the icon on the map.
- C. Toy or food icons for distraction exercises must be shown on course maps and must be identified (toy and/or food) on the exercise list.

Proposed Wording:

19.2.2 Map Basics

The following are required on all maps:

- L. List that includes:
- ~~5. Name of Jump to match icon shown on course.~~

Note: #6 and subsequent numbers would be renumbered to be in sequential order.

19.2.3 Jump Icons and Distraction Icons

- B. Jump types must be **identified** represented on the course maps ~~and must be identified~~ by the appropriate ASCA icon for a (high, bar, or broad) jump ~~on the exercise list and must match the icon on the map.~~
- C. Toy or food icons for distraction exercises must be shown on course maps ~~and must be identified (toy and/or food) on the exercise list.~~

Comments/Rationale: During several pre-trial course reviews judges have mentioned that the requirement to include the name of the jump and the name of the distraction on the exercise list in addition to having their icons on the actual map is redundant and should not be a requirement. The committee has taken these thoughts under advisement and is making this motion to alleviate the redundancy.

Affected: Judges will be affected as they will no longer need to make the identification on the Exercise List.

Course Setters will be affected as they will have to rely on the map to be correct for the jump and distraction types.

Course Reviewers will be affected as they will no longer have to review for the words describing the type of jumps and distractions to be added to the exercise list.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.