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ASCA Executive Secretary's Report

September 2022

Announcements	
<p>Cee Hambo Scholarship Recipients -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rylee Carlon• Amanda Swanson	<p>New Judge -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved Breeder Judge Michael McGuire (California)
<p>Ernest Hartnagle Award Recipients -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Shope family (Anne, Steve, and Stephanie)• South Eastern Michigan Australian Shepherd Association (SEMASA)• Cheryl Padgett• Susan Moorehead• The Sims (Dawna Sims and Megan Sims-Kennedy)	<p>Committees -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three recommendations from the Rally Committee were approved (RA.22.11, RA.22.13, RA.22.14) and one was withdrawn (RA.22.12)• The sixty-day move-up rule for the Stockdog Farm Trial program was updated
<p>2023 Nationals -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geri Scheidt will replace Gail Karamalegos as Conformation Chair• The first group of Nationals judges were approved	<p>The Business Office/Office Manager will begin providing the Board of Directors with a monthly report.</p> <p>The Board voted to redeem the funds currently in the Raymond James account for transfer into the ASCA savings account.</p>

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.

Absent: None.

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

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Cee Hambo Scholarship

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:04 pm to 6:06 pm. This award provides scholarship funds to individuals with a background in Australian Shepherds seeking to extend their education beyond high school (this applies to college or trade/craft school). The selection

committee recommended Rylee Carlon and Amanda Swanson to receive scholarships. The amount of a scholarship is \$500.

FD.22.01 Cee Hambo Scholarship for Rylee Carlon

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 award \$500 from the ASCA Foundation to Rylee Carlon for the 2022 Cee Hambo Educational Scholarship, based on the selection committee's recommendation.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Karen Wimbush to award the 2022 Cee Hambo Scholarship to Rylee Carlon. Second by Sandra Hawkins.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 3. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Affected: The applicant.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

FD.22.02 Cee Hambo Scholarship for Amanda Swanson

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 award \$500 from the ASCA Foundation to Amanda Swanson for the 2022 Cee Hambo Educational Scholarship, based on the selection committee's recommendation.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Karen Wimbush to award the 2022 Cee Hambo Scholarship to Amanda Swanson. Second by Sandra Hawkins.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 3. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Affected: The applicant.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Ernest Hartnagle Memorial Icon Award

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:06 pm to 6:09 pm. This award recognizes individuals, clubs, or other entities that exemplify efforts toward preserving the Australian Shepherd. The selection committee recommended this year's award go to the Shope family (Anne, Steve, and Stephanie), South Eastern Michigan Australian Shepherd Association (SEMASA), Cheryl Padgett, Susan Moorehead, and the Sims (Dawna Sims and Megan Sims-Kennedy).

FD.22.03 Ernest Hartnagle Award Recipients for 2023

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

Motion by Liaison Larson to accept the following recommendation from the Ernest Hartnagle Memorial Icon Award selection committee.

Committee Recommendation: Recipients for the 2022 Ernest Hartnagle Memorial Icon Award going to the ASCA Board for approval.

Motioned by Ann DeChant to approve the following recipients for the 2022 Ernest Hartnagle Memorial Icon Award: The Shope family (Anne, Steve, and Stephanie), South Eastern Michigan Australian Shepherd Association (SEMASA), Cheryl Padgett, Susan Moorehead, and the Sims (Dawna Sims and Megan Sims-Kennedy). Seconded by Lynn Hamon.

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

Comments/Rationale: This Committee is responsible for the creation of this Award and for selecting those to receive this Award from nominees submitted to the Committee through the ASCA Executive Secretary.

Affected: The recipients.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval. There will be an award presentation during the 2022 Nationals Banquet.

2023 Nationals Committee Member Change

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:09 pm to 6:11 pm. Geri Scheidt has volunteered to replace Gail Karamalegos as the Conformation Chair for the 2023 ASCA Nationals. This is necessary because Ms. Karamalegos took over the position of Conformation Chair for the 2022 Nationals, and that would be three years in a row if she continues in the position in 2023. Ms. Karamalegos thought it would be best to get someone new in the position. Ms. Scheidt will also continue in her position of Travel Coordinator for the 2023 Nationals.

BD.22.103 New Conformation Chair for 2023 Nationals

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 Geri Scheidt as the replacement for Gail Karamalegos as the Conformation Chair for the 2023 ASCA Nationals.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Treasurer's Reports

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:11 pm to 7:08 pm. The financial reports for the periods ending July 30, 2022, and August 31, 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 members only section of ASCA's website.

BD.22.104 July 2022 Treasurer's Report

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

**Motioned by Wesen to approve the Treasurer's report for July 2022 as presented.
Seconded by Larson.**

BD.22.105 August 2022 Treasurer's Report

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

**Motioned by Wesen to approve the Treasurer's report for August 2022 as presented.
Seconded by Larson.**

Nationals Refund Request

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 7:08 pm to 7:15 pm. The Board considered a request from a member to have their Nationals entries refunded due to personal hardships preventing them from attending.

BD.22.106 Nationals Refund for Member

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

Motioned by Gann to provide a refund to the member for their 2022 Nationals Dock Jumping entries, totaling \$216.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Finals Entry Request

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 7:15 pm to 7:32 pm. The Board considered a request from a member to be allowed to enter the 2022 Conformation Finals due to confusion surrounding the submission of their entries to the Business Office.

BD.22.107 Finals Entry from Member

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

**Motioned by Gann to allow the member's request to enter the 2022 Conformation Finals.
Seconded by Creelman.**

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Moved to Open Session at 7:32 pm. President Busquets welcomed members listening, introduced those present, and explained the Board's meeting process.

Last Month's Email Business

Started at 7:33 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.22.108 August 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 August 2022.

Seconded by Creelman.

System Liaison's Report

Started at 7:33 pm. System Liaison Larson reported on the status of the WARP-1 database migration/system upgrade project ongoing with Inventive since 6/15/2021. The ASCA and Inventive teams met this morning and were hoping to push the last pieces of the ADMS rewrite to production, but it was postponed until Tuesday (we do not do releases on Fridays). We are also planning to have another push to production at the end of the week, which would mean that ADMS will be officially retired, and the Business Office will be completely cut over to the new system. Inventive is currently working on the portal workflows and coding the first group of tickets. Once those tickets are completed, they will be moved to staging and the ASCA team will begin testing while Inventive works on the next group of tickets.

Gann asked what kind of training the Business Office staff will get for the new system. Larson responded that training won't be necessary since the staff was involved in testing the pieces as they were cut over and are already familiar with how to navigate them. However, there will be tutorial videos about the new portal that our Webmaster is putting together for the membership.

Creelman thanked Director Larson and the ASCA team for all their hard work on this project.

2023 Nationals Judges

Started at 7:39 pm. Liaison Gann presented the first group of judges for the 2023 ASCA National Specialty in Bryan, Texas, for the Board's approval.

BD.22.109 Judges for 2023 Nationals

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

Motion by Gann to approve the following slate of judges for the 2023 ASCA Nationals.

National Agility Trial – Roger Coor and Chuck Klein

National Conformation Show – Joni Monney-McKeown (Intact Best of Breed), Kristina Churchill (Intact Dogs), Sheila Polk (Intact Bitches), Laura Diebold (Altered), and Glenda Stephenson (Non-Regular)

National Junior Handling Show – Alexi Staples

National Obedience Trial – Janet Kelly (Utility A, Open CDX A & B, Graduate Novice, Novice A, Beginner Novice A & B, Team) and Bonnie Lee (Utility B, Open ODX A & B, Novice B, Sub-Novice, Team)

National Rally Trial – Corinne Shanks (Masters A/B/C, Novice A/B/C, All Fast classes) and Barbara Arine (Excellent A/B/C, Advanced A/B/C, Pairs (A/N), Team Relay Rally)

National Tracking Test – Thomas Hacholski and Carol Ruthenberg

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

The judges for the National Stockdog Trial, the National Dock Jumping Trial, and the MVA/MVJ Evaluations are yet to be determined.

President Busquets thanked all the Directors for their work this month and the members listening. We hope to see you all next month for the Nationals!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm. (Motioned by Larson, Seconded by Roberts).

ASCA Board Motions

Director Recommendations

BD.22.102 Update Policy 9.14 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 Gann to update Section 9.14 in the Policy Book. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording:

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.

Proposed Wording:

9.14 Reporting of Business Office Statistics

The Business Office/Office Manager will provide the ASCA Board of Directors with a monthly report, which will include the following:

1. Number of registrations processed, sanctioning requests processed, and event results processed per program.
2. Approximate processing and turnover time for sanction requests and for sanctioning currently in the office per program (backlog).
3. Processing time for registry items currently in the office, including LEP and Foreign registrations.
4. Information on any unusual occurrences or situations that have occurred during the reporting month.

This report is due to the Executive Secretary no later than 12:00 pm Central Time on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Comments/Rationale: The Board needs this information to stay informed and be able to answer questions from the membership.

Affected: The Business Office.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

EM.22.06 Emergency Motion – Funds in Raymond James Account

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

Motion by Wesen to redeem the funds currently in the Raymond James account for transfer into the ASCA savings account. Seconded by Busquets.

Comments/Rationale: These funds are needed to cover budgeted amounts for Nationals 2022 and invoices from Inventive.

Affected: The Office Manager will need to transfer the funds.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

RALLY COMMITTEE

RA.22.11 Definition of Flow

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

Dissent from Director Creelman: I agree with some committee members that this seems to micro-manage the judges. The term “flow” is self-explanatory.

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

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 22.10 Adding a definition for "Flow" to the Glossary of Terms.

Motioned by Sue Graham to move to add a definition for "Flow" to the Glossary of Terms.
Seconded by Leah Swatko.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 10. Disapproved: 1. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Dissent from Committee Member Cynthia Hokes: This seems like it's an addition for the sake of adding something to the rulebook. It doesn't affect anyone aside from judges who design courses. Agility uses flow many times in their rulebook, but they have not needed to define it specifically because its implied meaning is based on the definition of the word flow itself.

Current Wording: There is no definition for "Flow" in the ASCA Rally Rulebook. Flow is mentioned in several locations in the rulebook but is not defined in the rulebook.

Proposed Wording: To be numbered and inserted in alphabetical order in the Glossary of Terms. Terms following the definition for "Flow" will be renumbered to maintain alphabetical order for the entire Glossary.

Flow - a feeling of continuity where stations smoothly follow each other and are easily visible to the handler. Sequences (of signs) shall contain varying types of behaviors and skills without repeating too many of the same behaviors and/or skills.

The word "flow" is used in several places in the rulebook, but having the definition in the glossary will have it apply in all those instances makes for more consistency in the rulebook as opposed to writing the definition every time the word appears.

Comments/Rationale: The word "flow" is frequently used in the description of Rally and appears in the rulebook as being required for ASCA Rally courses. As the rulebook reads now, the definition is open to each individual's interpretation. This definition will allow judges, exhibitors, and course reviewers to have a clear picture of what is meant for "flow" as it pertains to ASCA Rally.

Affected: Judges and Course Reviewers will all be affected as they will have a definition for "flow" and can ensure courses meet the definition. Exhibitors will be affected as they will have a better understanding of what is meant by "flow" when they encounter the word in the rulebook and when they experience courses that flow at trials. The Business Office and Webmaster are not affected.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

RA.22.12 Limiting Number of Stationary Exercises in a Row

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

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 22.11 Course Design - Limiting the number of stationary exercises in a row to two.

Motioned by Corinne Shanks to specify that there can be no more than two (2) stationary exercises in a row on ASCA Rally Courses. Seconded by Karen Black.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 7. Disapproved: 4. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Dissent from Committee Member Cynthia Hokes: While I don't personally like multiple stationary exercises on a course, there are times a judge could develop a course that would not be a problem. By limiting it to two stations we are limiting the judge's ability to design courses. We also have course review in which the judge and reviewer could discuss if there is a problem with the course design.

Dissent from Committee Member Joan Skinner: While anything more than two stationary signs in a row can make a course less than flowing, I have seen three stationary stations in a row, not harm the flow. I also think that the rally judges are beginning to think that they are beginning to be micro-managed. This would go too far.

Comment from Committee Member Karen Black: Based on the current guidelines for the number of stationary exercises, the judges and reviewers do not have a solid rule to follow. What is currently in the rulebook is completely subjective. Limiting stationary exercises to two still could require exhibitors to have 8 sits in a row or 8 changes of positions of some sort in a short amount of space. This motion does not change the total number of stationary exercises allowed on a course. Those numbers remain the same.

Current Wording:

19.3.3 Stationary Exercises

A. The chart below shows the allowed number of stationary exercises allowed on a course for each level. (Chart appears here)

B. A stationary exercise is any exercise where the handler and dog come to a complete stop at any point in the performance of the exercise.

C. Stationary exercises are marked with an “S” in the Stationary column in Chapter 19 Signs and Descriptions.

D. The Sit Stay and Down Stay exercises do not count in the total number of stationary exercises on a course.

19.4.2 Stationary Exercises

A. Care should be taken to avoid any disruption of course flow caused by too many consecutive stationary exercises. Things to consider when determining if there are too many in a row are how many sits, downs, and stands there are in that sequence and on the complete course. The analysis of this really depends on the exercises chosen. For instance, on a Masters level course if station numbers 310 (Halt, Call Front, Finish Right, Halt), 7 (Call Dog Front, 1-2-3 Backwards) and 405 (Halt, Pivot Right, Halt, x3) are used in sequence, there are 11 sits required within a short distance which can really destroy flow and interest on a course, and it feels like too many stationary exercises in a row. If on the other hand, stations 313 (Moving down, Walk Around Dog), 402 (Sidestep, Forward Step, Halt) and 408 (Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Heel) are used, there is 1 down, 1 stand and 2 sits with the handler moving to different positions in the stations which gives 3 stationary exercises in a row a totally different feel. In the second example, 3 stationary exercises do not destroy the flow and interest of the course.

B. The use of stationary exercises on a course should demonstrate the ability of teams to perform a variety of stationary positions.

Proposed Wording:

19.3.3 Stationary Exercises

A. The chart below shows the allowed number of stationary exercises allowed on a course for each level. (Chart appears here)

B. A stationary exercise is any exercise where the handler and dog come to a complete stop at any point in the performance of the exercise.

C. ~~There shall be no more than two stationary exercises in a row on all courses.~~

~~C.~~ D. Stationary exercises are marked with an “S” in the Stationary column in Chapter 19 Signs and Descriptions.

~~D.~~ E. The Sit Stay and Down Stay exercises do not count in the total number of stationary exercises on a course.

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~~positions in the stations which gives 3 stationary exercises in a row a totally different feel. In the second example, 3 stationary exercises do not destroy the flow and interest of the course.~~

B. The use of stationary exercises on a course should demonstrate the ability of teams to perform a variety of stationary positions.

Comments/Rationale: This motion provides specifics for the number of stationary exercises that can be consecutive on a rally course. It does not change the number of stationary exercises allowed on a course at any given level; it simply requires that no more than two stationary exercises in a row can appear on courses. The current rule is too subjective when it says, "not too many stationaries in a row" and goes on to offer examples of when three stationaries in a row are too many and when it isn't too many depending on which three exercises are selected. Having no more than two stationary exercises appear in a row on courses will improve the flow of courses and will contribute to the use of a wider variety of exercise being used.

Affected: Judges and Course Reviewers will all be affected as they will have specific guidelines for the number of stationary exercises that can be in a row on rally courses. The Business Office and Webmaster are not affected.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

RA.22.13 Judge Selection for Nationals & Finals

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 22.12 Judge Selection for Rally Finals and the National Rally Trial.

Motioned by Karen Black to change the requirements to be eligible to judge Rally Finals and the National Rally Trial. Seconded by Diana Curl.

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

Current Wording:

Section 15.1 Eligibility to Judge

A. To be eligible to judge Rally Finals, the Judge must be an ASCA Senior Rally Judge and be in good standing with ASCA.

B. To be eligible to judge the Nationals Rally Trial, the Judge must be an ASCA Senior or National Rally Judge and be in good standing with ASCA.

C. Judge shall not have judged the previous three (3) Rally Finals or Nationals trials.

Proposed Wording:

Section 15.1 Eligibility to Judge

A. To be eligible to judge Rally Finals, the Judge must be an ASCA Senior Rally Judge and be in good standing with ASCA.

B. To be eligible to judge the Nationals Rally Trial, the Judge must be an ASCA Senior or National Rally Judge and be in good standing with ASCA.

C. Judge shall not have judged the previous ~~three (3)~~ two Rally Finals or Nationals trials.

Comments/Rationale: When ASCA started sponsoring the week of competition at ASCA Nationals instead of clubs or consortiums, the Board of Directors mandated that the event committees would be responsible for selecting judges for Finals and the National Trial. At that time Rally decided to follow in the footsteps of stock and draw names from the hat to determine the judges. For the last two years, the ASCA Business Office has sent letters to all eligible judges and those who were available and interested in judging Finals or Nationals returned their letters and their names went in the hat.

Unfortunately, the number of judges returning letters of interest is not as high as the committee would like to see. In 2021 the number of needed judges, after several cancellations, exceeded the number of judges who returned letters of interest so emergency action had to be taken to fill the assignments. When that happened, we added provisions in the rulebook to allow the emergency judge replacement rule to be used should that happen again.

In addition to allowing for the emergency replacement policy to be used, we need to address the small number of judges returning letters interested in judging Finals or the National trial. Changing the requirement of eligibility from not judging in the past three Finals or Nationals to the last two will increase the number of judges eligible and as a result, should increase the number of judges returning their letters of interest.

We currently have 30 senior or national-level judges. When 12 of them are not eligible to return a letter, as the current rule stipulates, we are not starting from a very strong position. Changing the requirements to two years will benefit ASCA, the judges, and the exhibitors.

Affected: Judges will be affected as they will only have to sit out for two years before submitting a letter to judge again. The Business Office will be affected as more letters will be sent (Ray responded this is fine.).

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

RA.22.14 Updating Non-Regular Fast Class

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 22.14 Updating the Non-regular Fast class rules to include all non-stationary exercises.

Motioned by Corinne Shanks to update the Non-regular Fast class rules to include all non-stationary exercises. Seconded by Diana Curl.

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

Current Wording:

Section 11.4 Rally Fast Classes

Rally Fast Classes will have no stationary exercises, no sit, downs, stays or stops. The course should be free flowing to showcase the team's heeling, precision, and speed. Class will be divided into Masters, Excellent, Advanced, and Novice levels.

Proposed Wording:

Section 11.4 Rally Fast Classes

Rally Fast Classes will have no stationary exercises, ~~no sit, downs, stays or stops~~. The course should be free flowing to showcase the team's heeling, precision, and speed. The class will be divided into Masters, Excellent, Advanced, and Novice levels.

Comments/Rationale: In 2018, two signs were added to excellent that involve a down or stand by the dog, but the handler never stops moving so these signs are not stationary. The definition of the Rally Fast Classes needs to be updated to reflect the currently available non-stationary exercises. This change will also be valid for any future non-stationary signs that may be added to ASCA Rally.

Affected: Judges will be affected as it will be clear when they are designing Fast class courses, they are free to use any non-stationary exercise allowed for the class level they are designing. The Business Office and Webmaster are not affected.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

STOCKDOG COMMITTEE

SD.22.17 Farm Trial Move-Ups

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 Stockdog Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motioned by Matteo Campedelli. Seconded by Jamie Burns.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 10. Disapproved: 1. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 1.

Dissent from Committee Member Cathy Lowe: I do not agree with the prizes and placement part of this.

Comment from Committee Member Donna Marsh: While I agree with the Motion generally, I think clubs should be given the opportunity to decide whether prizes are awarded to those who remain in lower divisions after earning the right to advance. However, I believe it is important for this rule to mirror the arena trial rule. At this time, the arena trial rule allows dogs that remain in lower divisions to compete for prizes.

Comment from Committee Member Tanya Wheeler: I am in agreement with applying the same rule to Farm Trials.

Current Wording:

18.5.2 Moving Up

After receiving two qualifying scores in a division, regardless of whether the certificate has or has not been received from the Business Office, the dog may continue to compete in that division for up to 60 days OR may move up immediately to the next division in the same class of stock.

Proposed Wording:

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After receiving two qualifying scores in a division, regardless of whether the certificate has or has not been received from the Business Office, the dog may ~~continue to compete in that division for up to 60 days OR~~ move up immediately to the next division in the same class of

stock. If the owner does not feel ready or does not believe their dog is ready for the next division level, they may remain at the level in which they are comfortable for as long as necessary. Prizes and placements are still awarded to these dogs while competing in the division and class entered.

Comments/Rationale: The 60-day rule was changed for the arena trials this year. The Stockdog Committee noticed the farm trial move-ups were not changed and wanted to make the same change in the farm trials.

Affected: This change will affect those in our program that wish to remain at a lower level until they are comfortable with competing at a higher level. This will eliminate “policing” by clubs and/or the Business Office to make sure someone moves up at the correct time.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.