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ASCA Executive Secretary's Report

December 2022

Announcements	
New Committee Members - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nive Mohan - Junior Committee• Kathi Schwengel - Stockdog Committee• Sue Kelly - Stockdog Committee	A new IT Committee was formed and will be seated during the Board's January meeting.
New Judges - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utility Obedience Judge Francis Keays (Idaho)• Non-Regular Conformation Breeder Judge Cassie Parker (Texas)• Non-Regular Conformation Breeder Judge Elke Philippy (Germany)• Approved Conformation Breeder Judge Lori Anglemeyer (Michigan)• Approved Conformation Breeder Judge Beth Anglemeyer (Michigan)	There is now a \$50 fee for changes to litter registrations after 30 days. There is now a \$50 fee and a required form to request reinstatement of a disqualified dog. New procedures were adopted for program committees, the Business Office, and the Board for when new titles or changes to existing program titles are being considered. The 2023 Nationals Premium was approved and will be published in the March/April issue of the Aussie Times.

ASCA Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via GoToMeeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

In attendance: President Rick Gann, 1st Vice President Susan Byrne, 2nd Vice President Liz Busquets, Secretary Ann McCabe, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Director Denise Creelman, Director Carol Gerken (joined at 6:18 pm), Director Gina Larson (joined at 6:50 pm), Director Dawna Sims, Counsel David Schleicher (until 6:36 pm), and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Absent: None.

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

President Gann called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Computer Upgrade

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:02 pm to 6:36 pm. The Board discussed the status of the work on the user/admin portal for ASCA's new system. The project was divided into two parts – rebuilding ADMS and the user/admin portal. The ADMS portion is completed, and the teams have been working hard on the development and testing of the portal. We hope to roll out the portal as soon as possible.

November 2022 Treasurer's Report

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:36 pm to 6:46 pm. The financial reports for the period ending November 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-only section of ASCA's website.

BD.22.153 November 2022 Treasurer's Report

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

Motioned by Byrne to approve the Treasurer's report from November 2022 as presented. Seconded by Gerken.

Agility Committee

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:46 pm to 7:13 pm. There has been some discord on the Agility Committee and the Board discussed the situation. They were concerned about the functioning of the committee if the members can't work together. After much consideration, the Board voted to remove member Chet Katwyk from the committee.

Moved to Open Session at 7:13 pm. President Gann welcomed the members listening, introduced those present, and explained the Board's meeting process.

November 2022 Email Business

Started at 7:13 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.22.155 November 2022 Email Business

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

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

Unfortunately, the Board must rescind one of the motions passed over email in November due to an oversight in the proper procedure for publishing and approving a judge. Susan Winters applied to become a Senior Breeder Judge, but she was not published for the required 45-day comment period. Her name will be published immediately following this meeting for 45 days and will be voted on as an emergency motion in February. The Board thanked Ms. Winters for her understanding.

BD.22.156 Publication of Senior Breeder Judge Applicant Susan Winters

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

Motioned by McCabe to rescind the approval of Susan Winters as an ASCA Conformation Senior Breeder Judge due to not being published in the AussENews according to the rules. Seconded by Wesen.

System Liaison's Report

Started at 7:17 pm. System Liaison Larson reported on the status of the WARP-1 database migration/system upgrade project ongoing with Inventive since 6/15/2021. Larson did not have much to report since the last meeting. Inventive is working on payment processes in the portal and will be presenting a demo tomorrow. The Board wants to go live with the portal next week, but the ASCA team is not sure that is possible. If any members would like to help with testing the portal, please send an email to Larson at ginalarson.asca@gmail.com. She cautioned that when the portal goes live it will not be a complete product. There are four critical fast followers for the user side and six for the admin side. The work to rebuild ADMS is completed and that is where most of our money went; this is a different part of the project.

Busquets asked if moving the pictures needs to be done by Inventive or if a qualified individual could do it instead. Larson said that Maarten Walter may be working on it, but they were waiting on an answer from Inventive regarding storage space and the location in the Azure cloud.

2023 Nationals Premium

Started at 7:20 pm. Liaison Sims presented the final draft of the 2023 Nationals premium over email. Board approval is due by December 15. The camera-ready copy is then due to the Executive Secretary on January 1, for publication in the March/April issue of the Aussie Times.

BD.22.157 2023 Nationals Premium

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

Motioned by Sims to approve the 2023 Nationals premium as presented. Seconded by Gerken.

Litter Date of Birth Corrections

Started at 7:22 pm. The Board received requests to change the date of birth of four registered litters. According to the Registry Rules, these types of requests require Board approval. These cases all have proper documentation, and it was agreed over email to approve them as one blanket motion.

There was some question about the litter registration number for litter 108021 being incorrect, but the Executive Secretary provided a screenshot of the registration from ASCA's Registrar in the Board's Google Drive to confirm it was correct.

BD.22.158 Litter Date of Birth Corrections

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

Motioned by Byrne to approve the requested change to the date of birth for the following litters:

Christine Knoop for litter 114095 - Correct DOB is 5/21/2022.

Caroline Heil for litter 114436 - Correct DOB is 3/8/2021.

Leida Jones for litter 108021 - Correct DOB is 9/6/2022.

Lori Fausett for litter 112477 - Correct DOB is 9/4/2021.

Seconded by Wesen.

Increase in Rule Book Fee

Started at 7:29 pm. The Business Office currently does not charge for rule books/governing documents sent to affiliates and judges and the Board is considering changing that.

Busquets noted that the fee to get a rule book from the Business Office was already increased during the Nationals meeting. If the Board is going to start charging judges and affiliates for copies, we need to be sure that any rules requiring a physical copy of the rules on the show grounds are changed as well.

McCabe said that we would need to look at each program's rules to see what is required. However, she thought that having a copy of the rules available on a tablet or phone ringside would still meet that requirement, so we may not need to change anything.

Gann thought that was a good point if the rules don't say a "printed" copy. We can conduct further research and table this until we have the details. We could also send a poll to the affiliates to see how this would impact them.

Byrne thought a poll to the affiliates would be a good idea. She did not want it to appear that we are putting an undue burden on our affiliate clubs with this.

Larson noted that affiliates can always print the rules themselves if they want a printed copy.

President Gann thanked all the Directors for their work this month and the members listening.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm. (Motioned by Byrne, Seconded by McCabe).

ASCA Board Motions

Director Recommendations

BD.22.140 Requested Litter Amendments (Revised 12/13)

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

Motion by Busquets to modify Section 1.3.4 of the Registry Rules. Second by McCabe.

Current Wording:

1.3.4 Requested Amendments

Requested amendments to a registered litter by the primary litter owner, (i.e., sex, quantity, etc.) must be supported by pertinent documents to the Registrar within a thirty-day period from the date of litter registration for approval without DNA testing and verified parentage through ASCA's official laboratory. Requests for change of quantity require testing after thirty days; change of sex requires testing at sixty days; request for change of color at six months. No amendments to litter ownership will be permitted after the litter is registered. Other requests will be presented to the Board of Directors for review and final decision within thirty days.

Proposed Wording:

1.3.4 Requested Litter Amendments

Litter Owners providing the litter data submitted to ASCA should carefully review all information prior to submission to confirm that all proper litter owners/lessees are listed, along with the correct sire, dam, whelping date and puppy listing. ASCA will not provide refunds due to incorrect information submitted on Litter Registration Applications. Requested amendments to a registered litter must be made by the primary litter owner, ~~(i.e., sex, quantity, etc.) must be supported by pertinent documents to the Registrar~~ under the following guidelines and accompanied by the required fee ~~within a thirty (30) day period from date of litter registration for approval without DNA testing and verified parentage through ASCA's official laboratory.~~

A. ~~Requests for~~ Change of quantity will require DNA parentage testing of all puppies added or removed if request is not made within ~~after~~ thirty (30) days of the litter registration date.

B. Change of sex will require DNA parentage testing of the puppy in question if request is not made within ~~after~~ sixty (60) days of the litter registration date ~~request for change of color at six (6) months.~~

C. Color change requests for solid to merle or merle to solid will require M-Locus (merle gene) testing and other main body color changes will require DNA parentage testing if the request is not made within six (6) months after the litter registration date.

D. Amendments to the whelping date must be sent to the Board of Directors for review with supporting documentation if request is not made within thirty (30) days of the litter registration date. ~~All amendments requested after thirty (30) days of the original litter registration date will require a fee, as listed in ASCA's fee schedule.~~

E. No amendments to litter ownership will be permitted after the litter is registered.

F. Other requests, including amendments to the sire and/or dam, ~~will~~ must be presented to the ASCA Board of Directors for review and a final decision will be made within thirty (30) days of request.

Comments/Rationale: There has been an increase of this type of request, thereby increasing the workload for the Business staff. A fee will help to cover office expenses related to such changes.

Affected: Business Office, ASCA Members, and breeders.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.22.141 ASCA Information Technology Committee

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

Comment from Larson: I was not able to ask my questions during the discussion period.

Motion by Gann that the ASCA Board of Directors form an information technology (IT) committee of 3-5 qualified ASCA members to oversee ASCA's IT needs moving forward. This committee will be responsible for reviewing all IT software, hardware, contracts, vendors, and anything else related to ASCA's IT projects. Second by Busquets.

Qualifications - Must have over 15 years of experience in the IT software industry or project management experience. Senior software engineers are preferred.

ASCA's Board of Directors will have final approval before committee recommendations are approved.

ASCA's IT committee must handle all ASCA business on Groups IO.

ASCA will post for interested members upon ASCA approval.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: This motion will provide experienced and professional IT members from the ASCA membership to give the ASCA directors technical guidance for all IT-related projects.

Affected: All ASCA members.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.22.142 Revision of Section 16.2.1 of Conformation Rules (Revised 12/14)

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

Motion by Busquets to modify Section 16.2.1 of the Conformation Rules to add a specific fee of \$50 and Request for Reinstatement Form for Dogs Disqualified for Breed Discrepancies. Second by Creelman.

Current Wording:

16.2.1 Documentation Required for Reinstatement

To initiate the reinstatement procedure, the owner of the dog in question must request in writing for reinstatement. The letter must include a copy of the disqualified dog's ASCA registration certificate, the ASCA Disqualified or Excused Dog form, and a non-refundable fee as determined by the ASCA Board of Directors, to the ASCA Business Office at the following address: ASCA Business Office, 6091 E. State Highway 21, Bryan, TX 77808.

The ASCA Business Office will forward the Explanation for Disqualified or Excused Dogs form, request for reinstatement letter, entry forms from the event in question, and any other applicable information but not limited to photographs, witness statements, veterinary reports, all including contact information, to the ASCA Board of Directors within two weeks of receipt of all information.

Upon receipt of the aforementioned documents, the ASCA Board of Directors will review all evidence. The ASCA Board of Directors could require additional information from all parties. In a timely manner, the ASCA Board of Directors will provide the owner of the dog with its decision to either continue with the procedure, or to deny the application. The ASCA Board of Directors will notify the owner of the dog of its decision whether to proceed with the reinstatement process or to deny the reinstatement.

Proposed Wording:

16.2.1 Documentation Required for Reinstatement

To initiate the reinstatement procedure, the owner of the dog in question must request in writing for reinstatement. The request must include the Request for Reinstatement Form, the ~~non-refundable~~ fee as stated in the form, and any other pertinent information, to the ASCA Business Office at the following address: ASCA Business Office, 6091 E. State Highway 21, Bryan, TX 77808.

The ASCA Business Office will forward the Request for Reinstatement Form, the Explanation for Disqualified or Excused Dogs Form, entry forms from the event in question, and any other applicable information but not limited to photographs, witness statements, veterinary reports, all including contact information, to the ASCA Board of Directors within two weeks of receipt of all information.

Upon receipt of the aforementioned documents, the ASCA Board of Directors will review all evidence. The ASCA Board of Directors could require additional information from all parties. In a timely manner, the ASCA Board of Directors will provide the owner of the dog with its decision to either continue with the procedure or deny the application. In the event that, following examination by three breeder judges, the Board decides to reinstate the dog, the fee will be refunded.

Comments/Rationale: This change specifies a fee rather than having a fee be determined by the ASCA Board of Directors for each request. This will provide consistency and the owner(s) requesting the reinstatement will know what the fee will be from the beginning. Also, rather than having a letter sent by the owner, the form will make it easier for the Business Office to look at the information for the dog and event in question.

Affected: Business Office staff and conformation competitors.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Link to Form: <https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/DQ-Reinstatement-Form-1.pdf>

BD.22.143 Notification to Disqualifying Judge

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

Motion by Busquets to require a notification be sent to the judge who originally disqualified a dog due to Breed Standard discrepancies in the event the dog is reinstated by the ASCA Board of Directors. Second by Creelman.

Current Wording:

16.2.4 Completion of Examination and Notification

After all required materials, evidence, and forms have been reviewed; the ASCA Board of Directors will notify the owner of the dog in writing about the final determination of the dog's eligibility. The ASCA Board of Directors has final approval or disapproval on the reinstatement of the dog in question.

Proposed Wording:

16.2.4 Completion of Examination and Notification

After all required materials, evidence, and forms have been reviewed the ASCA Board of Directors will notify the owner of the dog in writing about the final determination of the dog's eligibility. The ASCA Board of Directors has final approval or disapproval on the reinstatement

of the dog in question. In the event the ASCA Board of Directors decides that the dog should be reinstated, a notification shall be sent to the Judge who originally disqualified the dog.

Comments/Rationale: This addition to the conformation rules requires a notification be sent to a judge who has disqualified a dog due to breed standard discrepancies when that dog has been reinstated. Under the existing rules, when a dog gets reinstated after being examined by three breeder judges, the disqualifying judge is not notified and therefore, not provided with any education about the mistake. This notification would encourage the judge to re-examine the breed standard and minimize future errors.

Affected: Business Office and Conformation Judges.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.22.144 New Committee Procedures for Titles or Changes to Existing Titles that Require Programming into ASCA's Computer System (Revised 12/13)

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

Motion by Busquets to add the below section to Section 6.5 of the Committee Procedures. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

Section 6.5.3 Motions that Require Programming into ASCA's Computer System

Program Committees shall follow the procedure below when motions for new titles or changes to existing program titles are being considered:

A. When the Committee determines that a new title or a change to an existing title would enhance their program and benefit ASCA, the Committee shall request that the Liaison ask the Office Manager if the new title or change will require programming into the ASCA system.

B. If the Office Manager determines that the new title or change does not require programming, the Liaison shall inform the Committee and the motion can continue as already stated in the Committee Procedures.

C. If the Office Manager determines that the new title or change will require programming, the Liaison shall inform the Committee and direct the Committee to complete the Program Rules Template and return it to the Office Manager through the Liaison. After consulting with the ASCA Board of Directors and the IT Committee and with their agreement, the Office Manager will then request a quote from the programming contractor to add the new title/change to the ASCA system. The Office Manager will forward the quote to the Committee via the Liaison once it is received.

D. If the Committee determines that the benefit to ASCA still outweighs the cost, the Committee can go forward with a motion to add the title or change.

E. Any motion sent to the Board that adds a new title or changes an existing title shall include the Program Rules Template, the quote provided by the contractor, and a rationale explaining how the new title or change enhances the program and benefits ASCA.

Comments/Rationale: This new process will prevent the addition of titles or changes to ASCA programs without considering the cost. This will prevent future burdens on ASCA finances.

Affected: Program Committees and the Office Manager.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.22.145 Office Manager Cost Determination of New Titles or Changes to Existing Titles

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

Motion by Busquets to add Section 9.1.1 to the Policy Book, outlining the procedure taken by the Business Manager when a committee wishes to add new titles. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

Section 9.1.1 Office Manager's Procedure for Committee Inquiries Involving New Titles or Changes to Existing Titles

When the Office Manager receives Committee inquiries about adding a new title or changes to existing titles, the Office Manager will determine if the new title requires programming into the ASCA computer system. If the new title or change requires programming, the Office Manager will require that the Committee sends a Program Rules Template through the Committee Liaison. After receipt of the Program Rules Template, the Office Manager will consult with the ASCA Board of Directors and ASCA's IT/System Committee or Computer System Team prior to requesting a quote. The Office Manager will request a quote to program the new title only after the ASCA Board of Directors' consent. After receipt of the quote, the Office Manager will then provide it to the Committee via the Liaison.

Comments/Rationale: This addition to the Policy Book will prevent the approval of new titles or changes to existing programs without determining the cost. In this manner, the cost for programming will be integrated into the process for approval of program changes or new titles, preventing future burdens on ASCA finances.

Affected: Program Committees and Office Manager.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.22.146 Board of Directors Procedure for New Titles/Programs Requiring Programming

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

Motion by Busquets to add the below section, Section 8.17, to the Policy Book to require a programming quote and benefit/cost analysis before the Board approves any new titles or program changes. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

Section 8.17 Motions Involving the Addition of New Titles/Programs

The ASCA Board of Directors will consider motions sent by Program Committees which involve the addition of new titles or program changes only when the process outlined in Committee Procedures Section 6.5.3 and Policy Book Section 9.1.1 has been completed. This procedure requires a cost/benefit analysis for all changes requiring programming into ASCA's computer system.

Comments/Rationale: This will prevent the addition of new titles or program changes that could entail future burdens on ASCA finances.

Affected: ASCA Board of Directors, Business Office, and Program Committees.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.22.147 Add a Registration Change Fee

Motion carried (5-4) - Approved: Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: Busquets, Creelman, Larson, McCabe. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Dissent from Busquets: This motion needs to be revised. It's not specific to the type of change and it should state that there's no fee for changes due to office errors.

Dissent from Creelman: There will be a fee for changes made by the applicant(s). There will not be a fee if changes are due to an error by the business office.

Dissent from Larson: This motion needs to be revised per comments previously provided.

Dissent from McCabe: This motion contradicts existing registration rules. It needs to be specific to breeder/owner mistakes and changes.

Motion by Wesen that we add a Registration Change to the ASCA fee Schedule. Any amendments or changes after 30 days would be a \$50 fee for correction this would be non-refundable and each registration would be charged. This will be added to the Fee Schedule. Second by Sims.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: We have received many registrations and litters changes by members.

Affected: ASCA members.

Effective Date: January 1, 2023.

Committee Recommendations

DOCK JUMPING

DJ.22.04 Description of a Launch – Intentional Jump

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motioned by Taylor Justice that the following wording is changed for the description of a Launch. This is located under 3.1 General Descriptions and Appendix A: Definitions. Seconded by Lesli Hill.

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

Current Wording:

A. Launch - This is the competition measuring the distance of a dog's jump. The dog's distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface. A

launch has a series of two rounds (cycles) of distance jumping competition. The longer jump for each dog will become its official score. The dog has a total time of 4 minutes on the dock.

Proposed Wording:

A. Launch - This is the competition measuring the distance of a dog's jump. The dog's distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface. A launch has a series of two rounds (cycles) of distance jumping competition. The longer jump for each dog will become its official score. The jump must be an intentional jump by the dog and handler. A jump is defined as the handler intending for the dog to go into the pool. If a dog jumps into the pool without the intention of the handler, the dog may be reset for an intentional jump. The jump must be called as not intentional PRIOR to the jump distance being read or recorded. The reset can only happen one time per launch. The dog has a total time of 4 minutes on the dock.

Comments/Rationale: We have had clubs ask about this scenario and we needed to clarify it in the rules.

Affected: Judges, exhibitors in the dock jumping program.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

DJ.22.05 Description of a Launch – Time to Complete Jumps

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motioned by Lesli Hill that the following wording is changed for the description of a Launch. This is located under 3.1 General Descriptions and Appendix A: Definitions. Seconded by Heidi Mobley.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 11. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 1.

Current Wording:

A. Launch - This is the competition measuring the distance of a dog's jump. The dog's distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface. A launch has a series of two rounds (cycles) of distance jumping competition. The longer jump for each dog will become its official score. The dog has a total time of 4 minutes on the dock.

Proposed Wording:

A. Launch - This is the competition measuring the distance of a dog's jump. The dog's distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface. A launch has a series of two rounds (cycles) of distance jumping competition. The longer jump for each dog will become its official score. The dog has a total time of 4 minutes on the dock to complete both jumps that equal to the launch.

Comments/Rationale: We have had clubs ask about this rule and needed more clarity if this was per jump or for the full launch sequence.

Affected: Judges, exhibitors in the dock jumping program.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

DJ.22.06 Required Jumps for Novice Fetch-it Title

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motioned by Heidi Mobley that the following wording is changed in the Dock Jumping Rule book under 3.3.1 Novice Level. Seconded by Kristina Churchill.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 11. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 1.

Current Wording:

3.3.1 Novice Level

To earn this title a dog must jump in the same division five times at an ASCA-licensed dock jumping event. No points will be calculated during the Novice title achievement.

Proposed Wording:

3.3.1 Novice Level

To earn this title a dog must jump in the same division **three** times at an ASCA-licensed dock jumping event. No points will be calculated during the Novice title achievement.

Comments/Rationale: The program has been active for 5+ years and we currently don't have any Fetch-it titles due to the lack of Fetch-it opportunities, so we are decreasing the number of jumps to get the first title.

Affected: Judges, exhibitors in the dock jumping program.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

HISTORY

HS.22.01 Nomination Form for ASCA Lifetime Achievement Award

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

Motion by Liaison McCabe to approve the attached nomination form for the ASCA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Cindy King to accept this as a nomination application for members to submit names for the ASCA lifetime achievement award.

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

Comments/Rationale: This will make it easier for members to nominate people for the award.

Affected: ASCA members.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Link to Form: <https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/LAawardnominationform.pdf>

Respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.