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ASCA Executive Secretary's Report

March 2023

Announcements

The Board approved temporarily rescinding the requirement for affiliates to submit entry forms when trial/show results are sent to the Business Office for a trial period from June 1, 2023, to October 1, 2023. The Board will evaluate the results during the 2023 Nationals and determine whether to maintain or remove the requirement.

The Board is considering charging affiliates for judges' books and score sheets as a potential cost-saving measure. Feedback from affiliates is requested and the deadline to respond is May 1, 2023.

Beginning April 17, 2023, affiliates will be charged for the cost of shipping show/trial paperwork from the Business Office.

The Board approved the ASCA Annual Auditors Report to be posted to the Members Only section of the website.

The Board approved changes to Policy Book Section 9.4 to require a Monthly Accounts Payable Report.

The Board approved a recommendation from the Nationals Advisory Committee to revise the process for publishing the National Specialty Premium.

The Board approved a recommendation from the Scent Committee to change the name of the ASCA Scent Search Program to the ASCA Scent Detection Program.

Kathleen Wright was appointed to the Finance Advisory Panel.

The following judges were approved for the 2024 National Specialty & Finals:

- Junior Handling Finals – Corey Lambert
- Nationals Agility Trial – Christian Prein and Jackie Oricko
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- Nationals Tracking Trial – Roy Fair and Francis Keays

New ASCA Affiliate Club:

- New Horizon ASC (Alberta, Canada)

New Senior Breeder Judge:

- Linda Braun (New York)

New Provisional Breeder Judge:

- Myrjam Langen (Germany)

New Apprentice Stockdog Judge:

- Jacqueline Tinker (Texas)

ASCA Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via GoToMeeting on March 16, 2023.

In attendance: President Rick Gann, 1st Vice President Susan Byrne, 2nd Vice President Liz Busquets, Secretary Ann McCabe, Treasurer Jan Wesen (joined at 6:40 pm), Director Denise

Creelman, Director Carol Gerken (joined at 6:40 pm), Director Gina Larson, Director 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 Gann called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Request for Conflict Resolution

This discussion was held in **Executive Session**. Sims presented her findings on the investigation into the conflict resolution request filed by Mr. Ray Fryar, revealing a violation of Section 2.1.1 of the Stockdog Rule Book by New Hope Australian Shepherd Club and judges Carol Gerken and John Knepper. The Board agreed with Sims' recommendation to send a letter to the club and judges, notifying them of the rule violation and urging them to consult the rules before making similar decisions in the future.

BD.23.29 Resolution of Request for Conflict Resolution from Ray Fryar

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

Motioned by Sims to send a letter to John Knepper, Carol Gerken, Donna Fischer, and New Hope ASC to explain the rule that was broken and let them know to please check the rules in the future before making changes regarding a trial. Seconded by McCabe.

Comments/Rationale: The club made the change due to safety reasons.

Affected: Ray Fryar, John Knepper, Carol Gerken, Donna Fischer, and New Hope ASC.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Finance Advisory Panel Appointment

This discussion was held in **Executive Session**. Following the resignation of Jacqueline Tinker from the Finance Advisory Panel, the Board is tasked with appointing a new member to fill the vacant position. Treasurer Wesen put forth a recommendation for Kathleen Wright, citing her outstanding qualifications and pertinent skill set as strong indicators of her suitability for the role.

BD.23.30 Appoint Kathleen Wright to Finance Advisory Panel

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

Motioned by Liaison Wesen to appoint Kathleen Wright to the Finance Advisory Panel.

Moved to Open Session at 6:54 pm. President Gann welcomed the members listening, introduced those present, and explained the Board's meeting process.

February 2023 Email Business

Due to the requirements of Washington State Law, all legal business of ASCA must be conducted via face-to-face meetings or telephone conference call meetings. To meet this requirement and continue to conduct business via email, each face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting includes a motion to ratify all business conducted via email since the last face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting.

BD.23.31 February 2023 Email Business

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

Motioned by Creelman to ratify all business conducted over email in February 2023. Seconded by Sims.

February 2023 Treasurer's Report

The financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2023, 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.

Treasurer Wesen brought attention to the new information available in the shared Google Drive, which will also be disseminated to the membership. As of the present date, the only outstanding bill, aside from those owed to Inventive, pertains to the Jackson Group in relation to the Aussie Times. A review of Profit & Loss comparisons reveals that February has historically been a slower month. The account started with a balance of \$90,296.21 and ended with \$47,147.90. Wesen reported that as of March 9, 2023, ASCA owes Inventive \$95,000. Gann corrected this figure, stating that the balance due is now \$88,379 following a recent payment. Additionally, the shared Google Drive contains a list of fees that have remained unchanged for an extended period, which the Board should consider updating. Wesen emphasized the importance of ASCA devising a strategy to replenish its reserves by reducing expenses and identifying avenues to boost revenue.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the comprehensive reports provided by Ms. Sarah Jackson from the Business Office and extended their gratitude to Treasurer Wesen for presenting the information.

System Liaison's Report

System Liaison Wesen provided the Board with an update on the current progress of the computer system upgrade and overarching technology initiatives. She reported that all work conducted by Inventive on the portal has been temporarily halted. In the meantime, the Information Technology Committee is thoroughly reviewing all pertinent information and familiarizing themselves with the project.

Larson drew attention to the list submitted by Mr. Maarten Walter, which outlines items requiring closure in relation to code and documentation, as well as Amazon Web Services. Gann affirmed that addressing these items is a high priority for the IT Committee.

Requirement to Send Entry Forms to Business Office

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding the current requirement for affiliates to submit entry forms when trial/show results are sent to the Business Office. Members have expressed concerns that copying or scanning entry forms can be time-consuming and potentially impose unnecessary costs on affiliates, especially if they have to reproduce their own judges' books and score sheets. The Board considered the possibility of revoking this requirement.

Busquets noted that some members have proposed eliminating the requirement to send entry forms to the Business Office after an event. She acknowledged that the Office Manager and staff frequently rely on these forms to resolve conflicts and obtain information. However, some affiliates view the requirement as an additional burden and expense. Busquets proposed a six-month trial period without entry forms, starting June 1, 2023, with affiliates retaining all paperwork. The Board could then evaluate the results and determine whether to maintain or remove the requirement.

McCabe expressed surprise at the extent to which the Business Office relies on entry forms and suggested a trial period from June 1 to October 1, 2023, so the Board could discuss during the Nationals. Gerken, Sims, and Creelman concurred, but Creelman thought a six-month timeframe would allow the Board to better gauge the effects. Larson mentioned the availability of scanning apps, such as Genius Scan, that can be used on smartphones to facilitate scanning entry forms without the need for a dedicated scanner. Wesen also supported a trial period, highlighting that modern phones can easily scan to PDF format.

Byrne advocated for a four-month trial period to allow for data compilation and discussion at Nationals. She pointed out that the entry forms are not used for address changes, and trial secretaries should verify information before trials commence. Gann echoed these sentiments and emphasized the importance of not adding to the Business Office's workload.

Busquets observed that the Board had reached a consensus on implementing a trial period, with varying preferences for its duration. She suggested that by the time Nationals arrive, sufficient information should be available to determine whether the change can be made permanent. The responsibility would fall on show secretaries and coordinators to ensure legibility and accuracy in submitted reports. The potential benefits of this change include reducing the volume of stored paperwork from shows and easing the burden on affiliates, provided that secretaries maintain accuracy and responsiveness.

BD.23.32 Temporarily Rescind Requirement to Send Entry Forms to Business Office

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

Motioned by Busquets to temporarily rescind the requirement for affiliates to submit entry forms when trial/show results are sent to the Business Office for a trial period from June 1, 2023, to October 1, 2023. The Board will evaluate the results during the 2023 Nationals and determine whether to maintain or remove the requirement. Notice to affiliates will be coordinated by the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Creelman.

Charging Affiliates for Judges' Books and Scoresheets

The Board deliberated on a suggestion from members to charge affiliates for judges' books and score sheets as a potential cost-saving measure.

Busquets presented the cost breakdown for ASCA's judges' books and expressed her hesitation to place the financial burden on affiliates. She advocated for transitioning to a paperless system but acknowledged the need for time to adapt. McCabe highlighted the importance of considering the current inventory of judges' books and score sheets at the Business Office and the challenges of going paperless in shows/trials that are held outside away from easy access to electronics. Gerken and Sims agreed that affiliates should take responsibility for paperwork, but without imposing financial hardship. They also emphasized the need to use the existing inventory before implementing changes.

Creelman suggested a trial period for these changes and proposed a process for affiliates whereby exhibitors could receive electronic score sheets and request hard copies if desired. Larson and Wesen supported the idea of providing forms based on affiliate preferences. Byrne committed to evaluating the inventory at the Business Office and proposed offering affiliates a choice between handling paperwork themselves or paying the office for mailing required books. Gann expressed uncertainty about the readiness to implement such changes but supported the ongoing discussion.

Busquets appreciated the perspectives shared and emphasized the need for affiliates to consider cost-effective and time-efficient solutions. Gann concurred and encouraged feedback from affiliates to further explore the topic.

Notice to Affiliates re: Charging to Ship Event Paperwork

The Board discussed the issue of charging affiliate clubs for shipping show paperwork, as the notice to affiliates was not sent out as planned after the motion passed in January. Board members deliberated on the appropriate course of action for notification and establishing a new effective date.

Gann apologized to the affiliates affected by the change without warning and sought confirmation of the Board's readiness to implement the motion. McCabe emphasized the need to notify affiliates and receive their feedback before making the change effective. Gerken proposed sending a notice to all affiliates and setting an effective date of May 1 or June 1, 2023, allowing clubs time to make informed decisions. She also stressed the importance of an apology to clubs inadvertently affected by the lack of notice.

Sims, Creelman, and Larson concurred on setting a new effective date and apologized for the lack of communication. Gann suggested the Executive Secretary send the notice in collaboration with the Webmaster to ensure timely dissemination. Larson encouraged promoting a message of embracing change among the membership. Gann and Larson discussed the variation in entry fees among clubs and the potential for adjusting fees to accommodate shipping costs.

Busquets clarified that the fees in question were solely for shipping, not the actual paperwork. Byrne proposed an effective date of April 17, 2023, allowing 30 days for clubs to adapt. Byrne and McCabe noted the disparity between sanctioning fees and shipping costs for certain events, and that the sanctioning fee does not always offset the cost of shipping. McCabe suggested that accessing paperwork from the website could reduce expenses. The Board reached a consensus to implement an April 17, 2023, effective date.

2024 Nationals & Finals Judges

Liaison Larson presented most of the remaining judges for the 2024 Nationals and Finals to the Board for their consideration and approval.

BD.23.33 2024 Junior Finals Judge

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

Motioned by Liaison Larson to approve Corey Lambert as the 2024 Junior Handling Finals judge.

BD.23.34 2024 Nationals Judges

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

Motioned by Liaison Larson to approve the following slate of judges for the 2024 National Specialty.

Nationals Agility Trial – Christian Prein and Jackie Oricko.

Nationals Conformation Show – Janet Kelly (Intact Best of Breed), Heidi Mobley (Intact Dogs), Tina Burks (Intact Bitches), Kerry Kirtley (Altered, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Generations/Breeders Showcase), and DiAnna Williams (Non-Regular Puppies, Veterans, Brace, WTCH).

Nationals Dock Jumping Trial – TBD.

Nationals Junior Handling Show – Tammy Gaboury.

Nationals Most Versatile Aussie/Junior Evaluations – Renee Watson.

Nationals Obedience Trial – Heinz Guenter Geisel and Kristie Rasmussen.

Nationals Stockdog Trial – Cheryl Padgett (Cattle), John Knepper (Sheep), Devona Pierce (Ducks). Alternate Judge is Brad Warren.

Nationals Tracking Trial – Roy Fair and Francis Keays.

Note that the judges for the Nationals Rally Trial were approved during the Board's February meeting and they are Kathy Howse and Laurie Rubin.

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

Moved to Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

February 2023 Treasurer's Report

This discussion was held in **Executive Session**. The Board discussed the separation of accounting processes, potential fee increases, and the future of the Aussie Times. Board members expressed concern about the need for better financial management and the importance of making decisions that prioritize the organization's stability, even if they might be unpopular with the membership. The Board agreed to consider fee increases, reducing the number of Aussie Times issues per year, and exploring other options to save costs and

generate revenue. Additionally, they emphasized the need to treat ASCA as a business and not just a dog club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

ASCA Board Motions

Director Recommendations

BD.23.26 Post Annual Auditors Report on ASCA Website (Revised 3/8/2023)

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

Motion by McCabe to approve the upload and posting of the ASCA Annual Auditors Report to the Members Only section of the website. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

9.4 Financial Reporting

At the end of each financial quarter (January-March, April-June, July- September, October-December), the Business Office will furnish the Treasurer with the following financial reports from QuickBooks for analysis and distribution to the rest of the Board:

1. Quarterly Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison
2. Year-to-Date Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison
3. Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison

9.7 Disclosure of Tax Information

Pursuant to federal law, a copy of ASCA's federal income tax returns must be available for review by any member of the general public, including those who are not ASCA members, at the Business Office. Any member of the public may request a copy of such returns upon payment of a \$25 copying fee. Such returns are also available, however, on the internet at no cost.

19.2 Treasurer's Report

This document is compiled to present to the Treasurer and the Board ASCA's current fiscal condition and projections for the future. This report is a confidential document and will not be distributed electronically without alteration. It contains salary information as well as proprietary strategy. Using this as a planning tool and a template can assist the treasurer in presenting meaningful fiscal data to the Board. The report will be updated and distributed at each Board meeting. To minimize last minute effort and keep the Treasurer current on fiscal matters, the Treasurer's Report should receive periodic updates throughout the year. Any ASCA member, who makes a written request to the Business Office, can receive a copy of ASCA's 990 Tax Return and a copy of the CPA's compilation. A report prepared by the CPA will be available at the National Specialty

19.6 Quarterly Statements

The Treasurer will prepare written annual and quarterly financial statements documenting the net status of ASCA's finances. The quarters are January 1-March 31, April 1-June 30, July 1-September 30, October 1-December 31. The annual report is as of December 31 each year.

The Board may request additional reports as required. All financial reports will contain information comparing current status to budget status.

19.7 Yearly Audit

Starting with Fiscal Year 2013, ASCA will have a full audit of our finances done yearly by a licensed accounting firm/CPA. The audit will start no later than June of the following year. Bound copies of the audit, including the management letter, governance letter, and any addendums will be provided to each Board member at the completion of the audit or at the ASCA National Specialty. A copy of the audit will be brought to the National Specialty for members to review.

Proposed Wording:

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These documents, after being reviewed by the Board, will be published in the Members Only section of the ASCA website.

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Comments/Rationale: This was a request by a member, and it will increase the transparency of ASCA's financial records for the membership.

Affected: Webmaster will need to be provided with this document to be posted each year. The membership will have additional financial data to inspect.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval. Previous reports from the last 5 years will be posted in addition to the most recent report.

BD.23.28 Change to Monthly Financial Reporting (Revised 3/14/2023)

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 change Policy Book 9.4 to require the financial reporting to be done monthly rather than quarterly and for that report to include a list of all bills and invoices received over \$1000 the previous month. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

9.4 Financial Reporting

At the end of each financial quarter (January-March, April-June, July- September, October-December), the business office shall furnish the Treasurer with the following financial reports from QuickBooks for analysis and distribution to the rest of the Board:

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2. Year-to-Date Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison
3. Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison

Proposed Wording:

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1. ~~Quarterly~~ Monthly Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison
2. Year-to-Date Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison
3. Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison

~~4. List of all Invoices and Bills received and with amounts due of \$1000 or more the previous month. The list shall include Vendor, Invoice Number, Amount Due, Due Date, Date Paid.~~

4. Monthly Accounts Payable Report. The report shall include the date, the invoice number, the name of the vendor, amount paid, and balance.

Comments/Rationale: The Business Office already provides some of this information on a monthly basis. In some situations, a quarterly report is not always conducive to make timely decisions. The list of all payable bills will provide the Board with needed financial information in a timely manner and will allow the Board to make more accurate projections. The Business Office was consulted to determine the feasibility of pulling this report.

Affected: Business Office, Treasurer, Board of Directors.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

AF.23.03 Application to Affiliate – New Horizon ASC

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

Motion by Wesen to approve New Horizon ASC as a new ASCA Affiliate Club. Second by Gerken.

Affiliate Information:

New Horizon ASC - Fort Macleod, Alberta, Canada

President Shelby Masse

Affiliate Rep Terry Stickle

Comments/Rationale: The club meets the requirements as confirmed by the Business Office.

Affected: Business Office, Affiliate Club, and ASCA exhibitors in their area.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

JA.23.05 Senior Breeder Judge Applicant Linda Braun (New York)

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

Motion by President Gann to approve Linda Braun as an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge.

Comments/Rationale: Ms. Braun has met the requirements as confirmed by the Business Office.

Affected: Ms. Braun, the Business Office, exhibitors in the conformation program.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

JA.23.06 Provisional Breeder Judge Applicant Myrjam Langen (Germany)

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

Motion by President Gann to approve Myrjam Langen as an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge.

Comments/Rationale: Ms. Langen has met the requirements as confirmed by the Business Office.

Affected: Ms. Langen, the Business Office, exhibitors in the conformation program.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

JA.23.07 Apprentice Stockdog Judge Applicant Jacqueline Tinker (Texas)

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

Motion by President Gann to approve Jacqueline Tinker as an ASCA Apprentice Stockdog Judge.

Committee Recommendation: Motioned by Jamie Burns to accept Jacque Tinker's judge application. Seconded by Devona Pierce. Jacque has met all of the criteria to enter the stockdog judges apprentice program.

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

Comments/Rationale: Ms. Tinker has met the requirements as confirmed by the Business Office.

Affected: Ms. Tinker, the Business Office, exhibitors in the stockdog program.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

NA.23.02 Publication of Nationals Ad and Premium

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion to Revise Section 6.2 of the National Specialty Rule Book: Premium List in Aussie Times.

Motioned by Laura Gibson to revise the National Specialty Rule Book, Section 6.2, as worded below. Seconded by Rachel Vest.

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

Current Wording:

6 Premium List

6.2 Premium List in Aussie Times

A fifteen page Premium List, including entry forms, is printed in the March/April issue (for September/October Nationals) or the May/June issue (for November Nationals) of the Aussie Times at no expense to the Nationals Committee. Should the Nationals Committee require more than fifteen pages, the Nationals Committee must request Board approval for additional pages when submitting the first draft.

Proposed Wording:

6 Nationals Ad in Aussie Times

A four-page ad giving the basic information about the National Specialty will be printed in the March/April issue (for September/October Nationals) or the May/June issue (for November Nationals) of the Aussie Time. Information to be included: location, dates of competition, dates for entry opening and closing, Nationals Committee list, contact information for Nationals Chairperson, contact information for the Nationals Entry Clerk, Finals Judges slate, Nationals Judges slate, schedule and listing of all places premium will be published.

67 Premium List

67.2 Premium List ~~in Aussie Times~~ Publication

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The National Specialty premium list, including entry forms, will be published on March 1 of the National Specialty year on all ASCA electronic media, including the ASCA website, the ASCA Facebook page, the Nationals Facebook group, and the AussENews.

Comments/Rationale: Publishing the premium in the Aussie Times is for the most part obsolete. Publishing a four page informative ad would serve the same purpose to inform those whose only information source is the Aussie Times of the basic details of the Nationals Specialty with information on how to receive the full premium. This new wording would be Section 6, with subsequent sections would be renumbered.

Affected: All persons who attend the National Specialty and all of those who read the Aussie Times who plan to attend the National Specialty.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

SC.23.01 Change Program Name to Scent Detection

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

Comment from Director Byrne: Thank you all for this new designation.

Motion by Liaison McCabe to approve the following recommendation from the Scent Search Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motioned by Liz Bernstein that the current name ASCA Scent Search Program be changed to the ASCA Scent Detection Program and that the title abbreviations be changed to reflect the new name. Seconded by Noel Ritter.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 13. Disapproved: 2. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

3.2 Titling in Novice

3.2.1

Dog/handler team must have 3 q's from an individual element to earn the Novice element title.

3.2.2

Containers SSNc

3.2.3

Interiors SSNi

3.2.4

Exterior SSNe

3.2.5

Vehicles SSNv

3.2.6

ACQUIRE ALL NOVICE ELEMENT TITLES – SSN4. Separate element titles are dropped.

NOTE: The four at the end of the combination title designates how many elements are required for this title. If there is an increase in the number elements, then this number should increase. The dog with a title of "4" must then earn the next element(s) to earn the changed number or leave the number at four.

3.3 Titling in Open

3.3.1

Dog/handler team must have 3 Q's from an individual element to earn the Open element title.

3.3.2

Containers SSOc

3.3.3

Interiors SSOi

3.3.4

Exteriors SSOe

3.3.5

Vehicles SSOv

3.3.6

ACQUIRE ALL OPEN ELEMENT TITLES - SSO4 Separate element titles are dropped.

NOTE: The four at the end of the combination title designates how many elements are required for this title. If there is an increase in the number elements, then this number should increase. The dog with a title of "4" must then earn the next element(s) to earn the changed number or leave the number at four.

3.4 Titling in Advanced

3.4.1

Dog/handler team must have 3 q's from an individual element to earn the Advanced element title.

3.4.2

Containers SSAc

3.4.3

Interiors SSAi

3.4.4

Exteriors SSAe

3.4.5

Vehicles SSAv

3.4.6

ACQUIRE ALL ADVANCED ELEMENT TITLES - SSA4 Separate element titles are dropped.

NOTE: The four at the end of the combination title designates how many elements are required for this title. If there is an increase in the number elements, then this number should increase. The dog with a title of "4" must then earn the next element(s) to earn the changed number or leave the number at four.

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3.5.1

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3.5.2

Containers SSEc

3.5.3

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4 Novice Level and Elements

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5 Open Level and Elements

Open Level Chart

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6 Advanced Level and Elements

Advanced Level Chart

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7 Excellent Class Levels and Elements

Excellent Level Chart

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Proposed Wording:

3.2 Titling in Novice

3.2.1

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3.2.2

Containers ~~SSNe~~ SCNc

3.2.3

Interiors ~~SSNi~~ SCNi

3.2.4

Exterior ~~SSNe~~ SCNe

3.2.5

Vehicles ~~SSNv~~ SCNv

3.2.6

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3.3 Titling in Open

3.3.1

Dog/handler team must have 3 Q's from an individual element to earn the Open element title.

3.3.2

Containers ~~SSOe~~ SCOc

3.3.3

Interiors ~~SSOi~~ SCOi

3.3.4

Exteriors ~~SSOe~~ SC0e

3.2.5

Vehicles ~~SSOv~~ SC0v

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3.4.1

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3.4.2

Containers ~~SSAe~~ SCAC

3.4.3

Interiors ~~SSAi~~ SCAi

3.4.4

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3.4.5

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3.5.1

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3.5.2

Containers ~~SSEe~~ SCEc

3.5.3

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3.5.4

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Comments/Rationale: Because of issues brought up reference the original title abbreviations, the committee discussed and voted on a new name and title abbreviations for this program. We were very careful not to allude to any of the other current ASCA programs with the new title abbreviations. The cause and reason for this motion is to change the current name of the Scent

Search Program to Scent Detection per the committee's wishes and propose new title abbreviations for the program to reflect the name change.

Affected: This motion will affect the rule book which we will update internally upon approval. If approved, we will forward to the business office to get in line for updating it into the computer system along with the computer programming template. Until then, we as a committee will be prepared to manually update. The Webmaster will be affected as the name and description will need to be changed on the web page. All forms will be updated and will need to be added to the webpage.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.