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ASCA Executive Secretary's Report December 2023

Announcements

New Judges:

- Jim Helems (MA) - Regular Scent Detection
- Nancy Almann (NY) - Regular Scent Detection
- Judy Peterson (CA) - Provisional Scent Detection
- DiAnna Williams (FL) - Senior Breeder
- Gail Stone (ME) - Provisional Rally

New Affiliate Club: Puget Sound ASC (WA)
President: Megan Ericson, Representative: Dave Rodgers

Committee Appointments:

- Kristie Klein (region 5) - Scent Detection
- Carol Gerken (region 1) - Junior

2024 Nationals Committee Appointments:

- Susan Harris - Catalog Chair
- Liz Bernstein - Scent Detection Chair

The judges drawn for the 2025 Stockdog Finals, in random order, are:

1. Fiona Hibbard
2. Sandra Zilch
3. Rachel Vest
4. Marie Nagano
5. Brad Warren
6. Maxine Schvaneveldt
7. Rick Hardin

As of December 31, 2023, ASCA has successfully paid off the loan acquired from Guaranty Bank.

The Business Office has permanently updated its hours of operation to 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Central Time.

There will be a Scent Detection Trial at the 2024 ASCA Nationals, pending implementation of the program scheduled for June 1, 2024.

The Board is working on developing a priority list for Board activities at the Nationals and discussed the schedule for Board meetings at the 2024 Nationals.

The Treasurer's report for November 2023 is available in the member portal.

The Board adopted a new policy for handling director assignments.

The Board voted to accept and sign the contract with McLane to move and upgrade ASCA-SERVER1.

The Board issued refunds to two entrants of the 2023 Nationals who were unable to attend.

ASCA Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023

The meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, December 5, 2023, at 6:30 pm Central.

In attendance: President Susan Byrne, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Dawna Sims, Secretary Ann McCabe, Treasurer Jodie McLellan, Director David Clayton, Director Lynda Hardin, Director Jillian Ward, Director Jan Wesen, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Absent: None.

This meeting was held in Executive Session.

President Byrne called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Location of 2025 National Specialty

The meeting focused on the details of ASCA's agreement with the Winnemucca Event Complex to host the 2025 National Specialty. The necessity to resolve certain key issues before finalizing the contract was a unanimous point of agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm. (Motedioned by Clayton, Seconded by McCabe).

December 14, 2023

The meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm Central.

In attendance: President Susan Byrne, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Dawna Sims, Secretary Ann McCabe, Treasurer Jodie McLellan, Director David Clayton, Director Lynda Hardin, Director Jillian Ward, Director Jan Wesen, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Absent: None.

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

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

Rules of Open Session

This topic was held in Executive Session from 6:00 pm to 6:08 pm. Wesen initiated a conversation on appropriate conduct in open session discussions, advising against mentioning individuals by name and suggesting the use of positions instead, in light of session recordings being available to members. She also expressed confusion about the confidentiality of certain topics. Byrne proposed treating all matters as confidential until an official vote is released.

Removal of Inactive Junior Committee Members

This discussion was held in Executive Session from 6:08 pm to 6:13 pm. Liaison Wesen presented a list of inactive members of the Junior Committee proposed for removal.

BD.23.131 Removal of Inactive Junior Committee Members

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.

Motioned by Wesen to remove Bailey Crader, Alexi Staples, Avery Pruitt, Nivedita Mohan, and Shelby McDaniel from the ASCA Junior Committee due to lack of activity and involvement in the group's discussions and votes. Seconded by Sims.

Comments/Rationale: The changes in the committee are not a reflection of individual performance, but rather a strategic move to infuse fresh perspectives and energy into the program.

Affected: ASCA Junior Committee, Bailey Crader, Alexi Staples, Avery Pruitt, Nivedita Mohan, and Shelby McDaniel.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Scent Detection Program

This discussion was held in Executive Session from 6:13 pm to 6:37 pm. The Board discussed the Scent Detection Committee, the upcoming implementation of the Scent Detection program, and plans for a possible trial at the 2024 Nationals.

CA.23.20 2024 Nationals Committee Appointment – Liz Bernstein (Scent Detection)

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Liaison Ward to add Liz Bernstein as Scent Detection Chair to the 2024 ASCA National Committee upon approval of the Scent Detection Program.

Comments/Rationale: There is a need for a Scent Detection Chair for the 2024 National Committee with experience in scent detection.

Affected: 2024 ASCA National Committee, Nationals Advisory Committee, Liz Bernstein.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

November 2023 Treasurer's Report

These discussions were held in Executive Session from 6:37 pm to 7:00 pm.

Loan Repayment

Treasurer McLellan suggested using \$11k from the required balance held at Guaranty Bank and around \$51k from the Nationals account, which has a balance of \$83k, to pay off the outstanding loan, ensuring it's cleared from the books by year-end.

BD.23.132 Guaranty Bank Loan Repayment

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.

Motioned by McLellan that the required maintained balance amount held in ASCA's account with Guaranty Bank be applied to the outstanding loan and the remaining balance of the loan be drawn from the National Specialty account to pay off the loan by December 31, 2023. Seconded by Hardin.

Comments/Rationale: The Nationals account currently holds in excess of \$80,000. By allocating \$50,000 from this fund to settle the outstanding loan, we will still retain a balance of over \$30,000. This strategy enables us to clear the loan by year-end, freeing up resources for strategic reallocation within the organization.

Affected: ASCA Board, ASCA Business Office, ASCA membership, Guaranty Bank.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Loan Allocation Redistribution

Treasurer McClellan proposed reallocating the \$5700 monthly loan payment to the computer system and partially to salaries. This will require a motion and budget amendment.

Investment Accounts

Treasurer McLellan recommended opening three investment accounts for different purposes – savings, Additional Event Membership Dues, and the Foundation – highlighting their favorable rates. McLellan will gather detailed information for a future proposal.

Moved to Open Session at 7:00 pm. President Byrne welcomed the members listening, introduced those present, and explained the Board's meeting process.

November 2023 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer McLellan presented the financial summary for November 2023. She provided the current balances of ASCA's accounts at Chase:

- Checking: \$115,591
- Savings: \$25,802
- AEMD Savings: \$20,497
- Foundation: \$41,097

The first Profit & Loss reports produced by the new bookkeeper were discussed, noting a minor error in allocation between the Finals and AEMD sections being corrected. The transition to QuickBooks online has started, aiming for completion by January 1, 2024.

Based on feedback from last month's meeting, McLellan plans to motion for changing fiscal audits to a biennial schedule, with the next audit scheduled for 2025.

McLellan expressed concern over ASCA's growth, citing a comparison from 2021-2023 showing an 18% increase, with 10% attributed to reduced expenses. She suggested that typical growth rates are around 6-8% annually. She proposed reviewing and potentially increasing prices for certain services that haven't been updated in a decade, alongside efforts to enhance marketing and member benefits.

BD.23.133 November 2023 Treasurer's Report

Motion carried (8-0-1) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: McLellan. Absent: None.

Motioned by Clayton to approve the November 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Wesen.

System Liaison's Report

System Liaison Clayton briefed the Board on the progress of the computer system upgrade and broader technology projects. He discussed the ongoing work on scopes and noted the committee's efforts in addressing minor system issues and integrating a new filing program.

McLellan inquired about hiring additional programming assistance and Clayton mentioned a lack of movement on hiring someone who previously worked on the system. Ward expressed concern over the membership's frustration with the computer system's progress and emphasized the need for setting clear time expectations.

Clayton highlighted the challenges with the current funding level, emphasizing the need for substantial investment to address the system's numerous bugs. Ward sought clarity on the required funding to progress with hiring a programmer. Clayton explained the difficulty in estimating costs due to the complexity and interconnectivity of system issues.

Gann emphasized the importance of vetting potential programmers and shared his concerns about the current approach to hiring and contract structuring. Clayton acknowledged the need for detailed scopes of work and budget allocations for specific fixes.

Byrne mentioned that critical issues have been identified for the first scope of work. Wesen highlighted concerns about issues arising from staging and the potential benefits of having the previous developer assist.

Review of Office Hours Change

The Board revisited the change in Business Office hours, initially implemented on August 14, 2023, for a trial period until December 31, 2023. The hours were adjusted from 9 am-5 pm to 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Byrne reported that the staff appreciated the new hours and felt more productive. No adverse comments or concerns were raised regarding the change.

BD.23.134 Change to Business Office Hours

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.

Motioned by McCabe to continue the office hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Central for the ASCA Business Office until such a time when we are requested to adjust hours again. Seconded by Wesen.

Comments/Rationale: Effective August 14, 2023, the Business Office's operating hours were adjusted from 9 am-5 pm to 8:30 am-4:30 pm for a trial period ending December 31, 2023. This modification has proven to be beneficial for the office staff.

Affected: ASCA Business Office, people contacting the ASCA Business Office.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Priority List for Board at Nationals

Byrne and McCabe were tasked with creating a priority list for the Board's activities during Nationals. McCabe presented a draft list prioritizing emergency Board meetings, Finals award ceremonies, helping with Finals, scheduled Board meetings, and personal activities.

There was a consensus that face-to-face Board meetings are highly beneficial and should be given a higher priority. Suggestions included scheduling Board meetings before or after Nationals to avoid conflicts with Finals events. Several directors proposed meeting a day early for a full-day session to handle a significant portion of Board business.

There were discussions on how the Board could manage participation in multiple Finals events. Ward suggested evaluating each Finals time commitment and having Board representatives rotate to cover various events. Clayton emphasized the importance of being visible and active during Finals, despite the challenge of attending every event due to the number of Finals and Board responsibilities.

McCabe acknowledged the need to revise the priority list and address contradictions between the Director Handbook and Policy Book.

2024 Nationals Board Meetings

The Board discussed the schedule for Board meetings at the 2024 Nationals in Nebraska.

Ward emphasized the need for early scheduling of Board meetings for the 2024 Nationals in Nebraska, set for October 11-19. She proposed setting meeting times as soon as the Nationals schedule is available and

suggested meeting a day before the event for a full day. McCabe agreed with the early scheduling idea and suggested Thursday and Friday afternoons as possible meeting times.

Wesen mentioned that tracking events are all day Thursday off-site, posing a scheduling challenge for Board members involved in tracking.

McClellan and Clayton expressed concerns about the difficulty in taking extended time off work, especially if meetings are scheduled for earlier days.

Byrne acknowledged the challenges and the need to consider various factors in developing the meeting schedule. She proposed revisiting this topic during the 2024 Spring Meeting.

2024 Nationals Scent Detection Trial

Ward, on behalf of the 2024 Nationals Committee, proposed the Board support a Scent Detection trial for the 2024 Nationals, following the successful match hosted at the 2023 Nationals.

Clayton noted that a trial cannot be held until the Scent Detection program is officially approved. Byrne clarified that the program is anticipated to be approved by June 1, 2024, which underpins the motion for a 2024 trial. Sims suggested amending the motion to include a clause, "pending program approval," to account for any unforeseen issues in the program's approval process.

Wesen and McCabe expressed support for the trial, acknowledging the committee's efforts and progress in getting the program ready.

BD.23.135 2024 Nationals Scent Detection Trial

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Liaison Ward to add a Scent Detection Trial to the ASCA National Specialty in 2024, contingent upon the insemination of the program scheduled for June 1, 2024.

Comments/Rationale: There is a desire by the membership and the Nationals Committee to include a Scent Detection Trial for the National Specialty in 2024.

Affected: Scent Detection Committee, 2024 ASCA National Committee, Nationals Advisory Committee.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

2025 Stockdog Finals Judges

The drawing of judges for the Stockdog Finals is traditionally conducted during the ASCA Annual Membership Meeting, two years prior to the event. However, this year, we encountered a delay with the distribution of the necessary questionnaires. To address this, the Board agreed to an exception to the established procedure, postponing the judge selection draw for the 2025 Stockdog Finals to their December meeting.

The judges drawn, in random order, are:

1. Fiona Hibbard
2. Sandra Zilch
3. Rachel Vest
4. Marie Nagano
5. Brad Warren
6. Maxine Schvaneveldt
7. Rick Hardin

The list of qualified judges will be forwarded to the Course Director of the 2025 Stockdog Finals who will be responsible for selecting and hiring three judges for the event.

November 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.23.136 November 2023 Email Business

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None.

Motioned by McCabe to ratify all business conducted over email in November 2023. Seconded by Wesen.

President Byrne thanked all the Directors for their work this month and the members listening. She reminded everyone that the Board will be on break from December 20, 2023, through January 2, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. (Motioned by Wesen, Seconded by Sims; all approved).

ASCA Board Motions

Director Recommendations

BD.23.130 Board Assignment Handling Policy

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Byrne to approve the ASCA Board Assignment Handling Policy as submitted. Second by McLellan.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: Policy Book

New Section 8.1 Assignment Handling Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear and efficient process for handling issues and assignments that are brought to the attention of the ASCA Board of Directors.

8.1.1 Procedure

- A. Initial Receipt and Acknowledgement:
 1. Any issue should be initially sent to the Executive Secretary of ASCA.
 2. The Executive Secretary acknowledges receipt of the issue to the sender.
- B. Review by Executive Secretary: The Executive Secretary forwards the issue to the ASCA President for review.
- C. Assessment by ASCA President: The President evaluates whether the issue requires investigation by the Board or if it can be addressed by the Executive Secretary. This determination is based on the nature of the issue, such as rule exception requests, breeder-buyer disputes, or general inquiries.
- D. Assignment to Board Member: If the issue warrants further investigation, the Executive Secretary assigns it to a specific Board member. The chosen director is provided with all relevant information, including contact details of the involved parties.
- E. Investigation Process: The assigned Board member conducts a thorough investigation, which includes:

1. Identifying applicable ASCA policies and rules and describing how they should be applied to the specifics of the situation.
 2. Contacting all involved parties for firsthand accounts.
 3. Addressing and clarifying any questions related to the issue.
 4. Collecting all relevant correspondence.
 5. Developing a recommendation for resolution based on the gathered information.
 6. Compiling and forwarding all findings and recommendations to the Board for a final decision.
- F. Board Decision and Communication: The Executive Secretary drafts communication to the involved parties, relaying the Board's final decision.

8.1.2 Notes

- A. This policy aims to ensure a systematic and fair approach to addressing issues brought to the ASCA Board.
- B. Board members assigned to investigate issues must maintain impartiality and confidentiality throughout the investigation process.
- C. The final decision of the Board should reflect the best interests of the ASCA community and uphold the organization's values, rules, and standards.

Comments/Rationale: The proposed policy is meant to ensure a transparent and efficient process for addressing issues presented to the ASCA Board. It outlines a structured approach for assessment, investigation, and decision-making, promoting impartiality and accountability.

Affected: ASCA Board of Directors, ASCA Executive Secretary.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

EM.23.17 Emergency Motion to Approve QUOTE #009055 V3 from McLane

Motion carried (8-0) - Approved: Byrne, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: Clayton.

Motion by Wesen to accept and sign the contract with McLane (QUOTE #009055 V3) to move ASCA-SERVER1 to ASCA-ESX-01 and upgrade it to Server 2022. Second by Byrne.

Comments/Rationale: Upgrading and migrating ASCA-SERVER1 from Server 2008R2 to Server 2022 is essential for enhancing security, ensuring compatibility with modern technologies, and improving overall system performance and reliability. This move also aligns with the need to comply with current cybersecurity standards and to take advantage of the advanced features and support offered by the newer server version.

Affected: ASCA Business Office, McLane.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

AF.23.08 Application to Affiliate – Puget Sound ASC (Washington)

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Wesen to approve Puget Sound ASC as an ASCA Affiliate Club. Second by McCabe.

Location: Bellingham, WA
President: Megan Ericson
Representative: Dave Rodgers

Comments/Rationale: The affiliate club meets the requirements.

Affected: ASCA Business Office, Puget Sound ASC, ASCA exhibitors in Washington area.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Attachment: Puget Sound ASC Affiliate Application.pdf, Puget Sound ASC Affiliate Bylaws.pdf

CA.23.17 Scent Detection Committee Appointment – Kristie Klein

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen.
Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Liaison McCabe to appoint Kristie Klein to region 5 on the Scent Detection Committee.

Comments/Rationale: There is a need for new members to assist with the program's implementation.

Affected: ASCA Scent Detection Committee, Kristie Klein.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

CA.23.18 Junior Committee Appointment – Carol Gerken

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen.
Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Liaison Wesen to appoint Carol Gerken to region 1 on the Junior Committee.

Comments/Rationale: There is a need for new members on the Junior Committee with experience in performance programs.

Affected: ASCA Junior Committee, Carol Gerken.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

CA.23.19 2024 Nationals Committee Appointment – Susan Harris (Catalog)

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen.
Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Liaison Ward to change the Catalog Chair to Susan Harris for the 2024 ASCA National Committee.

Comments/Rationale: There is a need change the catalog Chair for the 2024 National Committee from DiAnna Williams to Susan Harris as DiAnna Williams is on the judging panel.

Affected: 2024 ASCA National Committee, Nationals Advisory Committee, DiAnna Williams, Susan Harris.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

JA.23.21 December Judge Applicants

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen.
Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by President Byrne to approve the following list of judge applicants.

Jim Helems (Massachusetts) - Regular Scent Detection Judge
Nancy Almann (New York) - Regular Scent Detection Judge
Judy Peterson (California) - Provisional Scent Detection Judge
DiAnna Williams (Florida) - Senior Breeder Judge

Gail Stone (Maine) - Provisional Rally Judge

Comments/Rationale: These judges have met the requirements of the program they are applying to judge for and have the recommendation of the program's committee, when appropriate. When called to a vote Directors may approve the entire list, may approve some and disapprove some, not vote, or abstain by so stating in a vote sent to the Executive Secretary. The "not vote" or "abstain" options can apply to the entire list or specified individuals.

Affected: The judge applicants, the ASCA Business Office, the ASCA Webmaster, ASCA Affiliates, and exhibitors in ASCA programs.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

Stockdog Committee

SD.23.06 Farm Trial Pen Work Clarification

Motion carried (8-1) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward. Disapproved: Wesen. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Dissent from Director Wesen: This is not helping the issues that affiliates were asking for less pens and defined.

Motion by Liaison Sims to approve the following recommendation from the Stockdog Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Farm Trial Pen Work Clarification
Motion by Melinda Gardner. Seconded by Devona Pierce.

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

Current Wording:

18.7.3 REQUIRED TASKS

The following are the minimum tasks required for an ASCA Farm Trial setup.

Pen Work: Minimum of four pens needed. A pen shall be big enough for a dog to safely work around the livestock but small enough that the sense of a pen is established. An arena, pasture, large round pen, large corral, or other area not giving the feel of a pen will not be accepted. The work may include, but is not limited to, moving the stock from one pen to another. The dog should work primarily on its own in the pens. The dog remaining stationary while the handler removes the stock from the pen will not fulfill the pen work requirement. Exhausting the stock at the end of the course will not count towards the required pens. Points will be divided between the pens with the club designating in the course description the point value of each individual pen.

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Proposed Wording:

18.7.3 REQUIRED TASKS

The following are the minimum tasks required for an ASCA Farm Trial setup.

Pen Work: Minimum of four pens works are needed required. "Pen work" shall be defined as the moving of stock out of a pen. A minimum of at least two physical pens are required. The pens may be freestanding or connected to other pens. A pen shall be big enough for a dog to safely work around the livestock but small enough that the sense of a pen is established. An arena, pasture, large round pen, large corral, or other area not giving the feel of a pen will not be accepted. The work may include, but is not limited to, moving the stock from one pen to another. The dog should work primarily on its own in the pens. The dog remaining stationary while the handler removes the stock from the pen will not fulfill the pen work requirement. Exhausting the stock

at the end of the course will not count towards the required pen work. Points will be divided between the pen work with the club designating ~~en~~ in the course description the point value of each individual pen work.

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Comments/Rationale: Many clubs are often unable to provide four separate pens for a Farm Trial, especially with fowl. This motion is to not only help smaller clubs put on a Farm Trial successfully, but also to define and clarify what Pen Work should consist of.

Affected: ASCA Business Office, Contestants, and Judges.

Effective Date: June 1, 2024.

SD.23.07 Farm Trial Hold Clarification

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Byrne, Clayton, Gann, Hardin, McCabe, McLellan, Sims, Ward, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Liaison Sims to approve the following recommendation from the Stockdog Committee.

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

Current Wording:

18.7.4 LOCATION SPECIFIC TASK(S)

Along with the four mandatory tasks, two other tasks that are specific to the course location are used. Each required task must be attempted during the course of the trial. However, depending on design of the course, there may be situations where the task must be completed in order to continue. These situations must be clearly described in the flyer for the trial. During any task, time will be called for overworking stock. A list of suggested tasks is listed below. These tasks have been approved by the Stockdog Committee to fulfill this requirement. Other tasks, which are not listed below, may be used with approval from the Stockdog Committee.

1. Footbath simulation
2. Loading into trailer
3. Barn work
4. Blind gather
5. Natural obstacles/bridge
6. Hold at designated area
7. Removal of halter/ribbon/collar
8. Field work (1 acre, but no larger than 5 acres)
9. Scale (weigh stock)
10. Drafting race
11. Drive
12. Simulated medical treatment (i.e., vaccines, oral drenching, hoof trimming, banding, tagging, marking sheep, etc.)

Proposed Wording:

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1. Footbath simulation
2. Loading into trailer
3. Barn work

4. Blind gather
5. Natural obstacles/bridge
6. Hold at designated area (the hold must be designated in a pasture or arena; the designated area may not be a pen or in a corner of an arena)
7. Removal of halter/ribbon/collar
8. Field work (1 acre, but no larger than 5 acres)
9. Scale (weigh stock)
10. Drafting race
11. Drive
12. Simulated medical treatment (i.e., vaccines, oral drenching, hoof trimming, banding, tagging, marking sheep, etc.)

Comments/Rationale: Language added to clarify that the hold at designated area in a Farm Trial not be in a corner of an arena or in a pen.

Affected: Business Office, Contestants, and Judges.

Effective Date: June 1, 2024.