

# **ASCNE Meeting – September 8, 2013 at Bill King's in Pomfret Center, CT**

- **Meeting was called to order at 12:45pm by President Jean Janotta**
- **Attendance**
  - BOD – Jean Janotta, Gull Gullicksen, Pauli Haggis, Pete Dolan, Kathy Buckley
  - Members – Dianne Barrett, Michael Kurdzo, Ann Hubbard, Bill Pechka-King, Art Landry, Carol Landry, Cindy King, Bill Haggis, Kathie Chouinard, Diane Menard
- **Secretary's Report – Karen Miller**
  - Motion approved to accept 7JUL13 meeting minutes as published in the newsletter
- **Treasurer's Report – Pete Dolan**
  - Account balance as of 07/07/13 \$12,223.63 (includes \$140.54 Rescue Fund)

		Income	Expenses	Profit / (Loss)
Colors of Summer	June 8 – 9, 2013	\$12,385	\$12,939	(\$554)
June Stockdog Trial	June 15 – 16, 2013	\$3,990	\$3,617	\$374
July Stockdog Trial	Jul 12, 13, and 14	\$4,615	\$4,843	(\$228)
August Obedience Trial	August 3 – 4	\$2,335	\$2,482	(\$147)
August Stockdog Trial	August 10 – 11	\$4,050	\$3,702	\$348
Marti Parrish Stockdog Clinic	August 12, 13, 14	\$3,300	\$2,553	\$747
Harvest Moon Mania	October 18, 19, 20	\$525	\$4,335	
November Agility Trial	November 16 – 17		\$1,100	
Donation to ARPH	August 20		\$1,095	

- Account balance as of 09/08/13 \$8,459.91 (includes \$140.54 Rescue Fund)
- **Affiliate Report – Anne St. Pierre**
  - Anne not present
- **Library Report – Carolyn MacDonald Rancourt**
  - Carolyn wanted to know if ASCNE loaded to non-ASCNE people – consensus was no
  - Selected items from the library will be brought to HMM
- **ASCA BOD Report – Linda Gray**
  - Linda not present
- **Sunshine Report**
  - Lyn Scribner's husband passed way in August
  - Kathy Peloquin's husband has been ill with meningitis
- **Event Updates:**
  - July 12&13&14 – Stock Arena/Farm Trial – Prospect, ME – Diane Menard
    - Nice trial, wonderful location, good time
  - August 3&4 – Obedience & Rally – Seekonk, MA – Kathy Buckley
    - Rocked, nice turnout; Pete commented about the ASCNE decision to carry obedience 5-6 years ago in order to build the program and how it has paid off; Dianne said a local obedience club does help with non-Aussie entries
  - August 10-14 - Stock Arena/Farm Trial and Stock Clinic with Marti Parrish – Webster/Salisbury, NH – Matt Mason
    - Matt said he was happy he'd cut back on the size of the trial and thought all went well – trials and clinic; Jean commented Matt had put a lot of thought into stock rotation for the farm trial
  - August 17&18 – Agility Trial – N. Smithfield, RI – hosted by ActUp Agility – sanctioned by ASCNE
    - Trial was very well attended; all loved the indoor site
  - October 18&19&20 – Harvest Moon Mania – Westfield, MA – Peter Kontos
    - Hotel change (hotel in premium was for 2012) - The Quality Inn, 1150 Riverdale Rd, West Springfield; Exit 13B off I-91; rate is 69.95 plus a one time pet fee of only \$15
  - November 3 – meeting –
    - Location change to Robin Goodman's home in Milford, NH
  - 2014 April Stock Clinic with Jim Hartnagle – cancelled
  - 2014 April Intro to Herding in CT – date set for April 27<sup>th</sup>

- 2014 July Stock Trial in Maine – cancelled
  - See New Business below for new event

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **New Members:**
  - The following were accepted as new members:
    - Diane Marshal sponsored by Kathie Chouinard and Gull Gullicksen
- **2016 Nationals - Email Inquiry from Cherie Soule (PENN-NY ASC) – May 28 - Jean**
  - Cherie got back saying the NY clubs decided to not submit a proposal for hosting the 2016 ASCA National event
- **ASCNE Election Year - Jean**
  - Nominating committee established
    - Gull Gullicksen - gullr210@juno.com
    - Joey Mason - joeymason@comcast.net
    - Kathie Chouinard - [katesaussies@comcast.net](mailto:katesaussies@comcast.net)
  - The nominating committee will propose a slate of nominees for election to the ASCNE Board by 1OCT
  - At the November meeting (or earlier by mail) additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. All additional nominees must consent to nomination on or before 15NOV.
  - As discussed at the last meeting
    - At a minimum, the following board positions are open for 2014: President, Treasurer, and Affiliate Rep
    - If you are interested in running for a position, feel free to check the ASCNE bylaws (on the Members page of the website) or ask an existing Board member about the position.
    - Terms are two years.
    - Keep in mind all the events on the 2014 calendar – the Club needs to exist to sanction these events and for the Club to exist, it needs a Board!!
- **Volunteer Positions Opening Up for 2014 – Jean**
  - Stock dog coordinator – no longer needed - Pete will retain position
  - Newsletter editor
  - No one has indicated any interest in these positions – not a good sign – we need some people to come forward

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Membership Applications – Dottie Duclos**

Applicant	Sponsors
Linda Barden 111 Federal St. Belchertown, MA 01007 ASCA # 132297	Emmy Adasiewicz Francine Guerra
- **May 2014 Stockdog Trial Proposal – Diane Menard**
  - Diane has proposed a farm trial / arena trial May 2,3,4 2014
  - Board had some questions on the budget originally proposed
  - Diane going to review and resubmit the proposed budget
  - This trial will replace the July stock trial that was on the proposed 2014 calendar
- **COS 2014 Budget Request – Jean**
  - Karen – draft letter for budget request
  - Based on the final 2013 COS numbers the Board will be sending Keli a request to submit a proposed budget for the 2014 conformation show. If the budget is not submitted or not approved as submitted, a new conformation chair will be solicited from the membership.
    - Income: \$12,384
    - Expenses: \$12,939
    - Loss: \$555
    - Agility: +\$1,821
    - Conformation: -\$2,627
    - Obedience: +\$251
- **Increase Agility Participation – Mike Kurdzo**
  - Mike asked if ASCA is doing anything to attract new people, and if ASCA is not, should

ASCNE do something.

- Lots of discussion – no decisions or action items
- Pete Dolan replied with ASCA is not doing anything
- Cindy King asked what the factors are when deciding which shows to enter, e.g., venue, economics, friends attending, judge, site. Reply was any and all of the above, just like any other venue. Cindy also asked what was drawing Aussie people to do other venues instead of ASCA trials and why don't they know about ASCA. Ideas tossed out were limited variety of classes, limited variety of judges.
- Indoor venues are turning into a huge draw – discussion around indoor vs. outdoor, costs, different calendars between different venues makes sites unavailable for some years; date conflicts with WASCUNY and other ASCNE shows make it difficult to swap weekends when needed
- Over the course of the last 15 years, agility has grown exponentially and there are typically agility events for at least 2 different venues almost every weekend
- Hooks to get people to try ASCNE: ½ price for pre-novice, free run for first trial, recordkeeping book for first ASCA trial
- Anne Hubbard mentioned as an instructor is there a way to encourage newbies at trials – thinks agility as a whole is not encouraging new entries; perhaps include a checkbox on the entry form to identify first ASCA trial and have a welcoming committee. Jean Janotta mentioned that was a great idea, but who was going to volunteer for the welcoming committee as she wasn't willing to take on any more from a show organization perspective – ideas are always forthcoming but the bodies to implement and do are not.
- How to attract younger people?
- Comments on the pre-novice class:
  - from a perception perspective, it was felt the judge of record should judge pre-novice (even though the rules do not require it)
  - class orders are being changed day of at some shows and this class seems to be moved a lot, in some instances causing entrants to just leave before their run; changing the order of classes day of should not be allowed

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm

Respectfully submitted by Gull Gullicksen and Jean Janotta

### **ASCNE 2013 Calendar of Events**

- January 6 – meeting – Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA
- January 12&13 – Agility Trial – Hamden, CT – Wendy Richmond
- February 2 –Obedience – Seekonk, MA
- February 3 – Breed – Seekonk, MA – Karen Miller
- March 3 – ROM banquet, Log Cabin, Holyoke, MA – Lecia Whitlock
- March 16&17 – Rescue Show – Breed – Silver City Canine Training Center - Taunton, MA
- March 30&31 – Agility Trial – Manchester, NH – Kathy Fretz
- April 6&7 – Cattle clinic with Cindi Hayden - Webster, NH – Matt Mason
- April 21 – Intro to Herding – Lebanon, CT – Tenley Dexter
- April 20&21 – Obedience & Rally – Seekonk, MA – Kathy Buckley
- April 27&28 – Stock clinic – Webster, NH – Matt Mason
- May 5 – Obedience & Rally – Goshen, CT – Claudia Reed
- May 11&12 – Agility Trial – Seekonk, MA – hosted by ActUp Agility – sanctioned by ASCNE
- May 25&26 – Agility Trial – Contoocook, NH – Jean Janotta
- June 8&9 – Agility & Breed – Westfield, MA – Keli Gaunt
- June 15&16 – Stock Trial – Portland, CT – Linc Keiser
- July 7 – Meeting – Raymond, NH – Jean Janotta's
- July 19&20&21 – Stock Arena/Farm Trial – Prospect, ME – Diane Menard
- August 3&4 – Obedience & Rally – Seekonk, MA – Kathy Buckley
- August 10&11 - Stock Arena/Farm Trial – Webster/Salisbury, NH – Matt Mason
- August 12&13&14 – Stock Clinic with Marti Parrish – Webster/Salisbury, NH – Matt Mason
- August 17&18 – Agility Trial – N. Smithfield, RI – hosted by ActUp Agility – sanctioned by ASCNE
- September 8 – meeting – Pomfret Center, CT – Bill King's
- October 18&19&20 – Harvest Moon Mania – Westfield, MA – Peter Kontos
- November 3 – meeting – Canterbury, NH – The Landry's
- November 9 –Obedience/Rally show – Seekonk, MA
- November 10 – Breed show – Seekonk, MA
- November 16&17 – Agility Trial – Westborough, MA – Joey Mason