

General Membership Meeting Minutes of Sunday, November 2nd
Dr. Matt Mason Household – Carol Landry (stepping in for Karen Miller, secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM. Board members present: Arthur Landry, Gull Gullicksen, Kathie Chouinard, and Mike Kurdzo. Members present: Carol Landry, Karen Souza, Matt Mason, Alexis Reidy, Lyn Scribner, Kate Viles, Jean Janotta, Lee Prager, Linda Prager, Cindy King, William King, and Linda Heath.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lee Prager and seconded by Jean Janotta to waive the reading of the minutes from September 7th. Motion passed. Motion to accept was made by Lee Prager and seconded by Karen Souza. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kathie Chouinard presented the Treasurer's Report:

Balance last meeting - \$10,378.15

Changes in balance –

September Stock Dog Trial – Profit of **\$159.11** (\$15.00 bank charge – Canadian check)

Harvest Moon Mania:

Obedience/Rally 1244.85

Stock 4687.46

Conformation -488.79

Agility 1899.61

MVA -238.35

TOTAL PROFIT 7104.78 ** has not been reviewed yet, can change.

****SOME ITEMS WERE PREPAID**

Fall Fling Agility Trial

Sanctioning/rental 1309.52 Expense

Witches – Lynn Scribner 55.91 Expense

Checkbook Balance - \$22,565.01 **(not balanced with current bank statement)

The motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Lee Prager, seconded by Kate Viles. Motion passed.

Affiliate Report: Pauli Haggis presented the Affiliate Report:

I apologize that this meeting's report is incomplete. For the past 3 weeks I have been trying to access the Current and Past motions of the various program committees on the ASCA website. The site won't open, so I was not able to retrieve the most recent activities of the ASCA BOD. I asked a few other club members try to open the files and they were also unsuccessful.

Of particular interest to the ASCNE members, are the outcomes of

1: The agility committee's motion to discontinue offering a Veteran Handler Division; which was voted down.

2: The Rally committee sent the BOD a motion to allow praise at the end of each task at the Masters Level. This motion was passed.

The only program information I could access was from the stockdog committee.

Motions from the stockdog committee and passed by the ASCA BOD include:

1: No competing dogs may enter the trial arena or holding pens except during their run. A non-competing dog may be used in the pens to move stock at the discretion of the judge and/or Course Director. A trial is considered to have concluded when awards/scoresheets have been presented. At the conclusion of a trial the trial arena can be used for other stock events such as jackpots, clinics, lessons, and demonstrations with the approval of the judge, course director, and stock owner.

2: Open and Advanced Farm Trial competitors need a minimum score of 70% of the total points offered to qualify (90 of 130 points). They also must at least make an attempt at each element of each task to qualify, regardless of total points earned. Tasks must include 6 categories: gather, sort, pen work, chute and 2 location specific tasks. Tasks that are divided into separate segments would require an attempt at each segment to achieve a qualifying score.

3: Since many clubs have trouble finding sufficient workers, trials are no longer required to have 2 timekeepers per arena. There will now be a minimum of 1 scorekeeper/timer who will be responsible for tallying points on the scoresheet and operating 2 stop watches.

4: The stock dog committee is clarifying judges duties and developing a guideline in table format describing general offenses, infractions, and reinstatement policies.

Library Report: No report.

Newsletter Report: Art Landry stated that submission deadline for the next newsletter is November 15th.

BOD Report: ASCA Board member Cindy King was present. She announced that Matt Mason is the new Stockdog Committee member representing our area. She also shared that the DNA contract has been renewed for five years, but there will be an increase of \$1 in the price of a kit. Lastly, there have been issues associated with non ASCA agility clubs holding ASCA events. These issues will need to be addressed or this program will be discontinued.

Sunshine Report: Cards to be sent to Bill Haggis and Sue Vitro.

Event Updates:

- November 2 – ASCNE Meeting – Webster, NH – Matt Mason'S
- November 8 & 9 – Cranberry Classic Obed & Rally – Kathy Buckley
- Nov 15 & 16 – Agility – Westborough, MA – Joey Mason
 - Budget submitted and accepted
 - Judge hired
 - Overfilled!!!

A motion was made by Lee Prager and seconded by Kathie Chouinard to accept all the Reports. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Member applications pending:

Janice Raphael, 1062 Westgate St., New Bedford, MA 02745, ASCA #535763 sponsored by Kathy Buckley and Dottie Duclos

Anne Marie & Keith Hopkins, 259 Plymouth St., Halifax, MA 02338, ASCA #209758 sponsored by Kathie Chouinard and Dottie Duclos

The 30 day waiting period ends November 18th. The BOD will vote on the applications at that time.

Still looking to fill positions of ROM banquet and meeting coordinator (Jean Janotta will mentor and provide info, and has contracted for the facility) and 2015 Course Director for HMM stock trials.

Kelly Sweeney has stepped forward to Show Chair for COS 2015. Kathie Chouinard is helping her with info.

Harvest Moon Mania 2015: After much discussion of possible other dates to hold it since it's current date conflicts with the Nationals in Tennessee, the majority of the members present were in favor of not having it at all. Agility may look into holding a 3 day agility trial with NY in September at Westfield, MA or Washington County, NY.

Nationals conformation pre-show: Members felt they needed more info and to get a sense of how many volunteers they would need/could get.

2015 Calendar: A motion was made by Art Landry and seconded by Karen Souza to allow Rally and Obedience to take over the February 7th & 8th date from conformation. Motion passed.

Conformation ROM: A committee of five has formed to address the award duplication: Karen Souza, Gull Gullicksen, Kathy Chouinard, Sue Winters and Nancy Gagnon.

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New Business:

No new membership applications.

A member questioned if the ACE classes would count toward our ROM special awards. They will not count this year.

Skype meetings for BOD: In order to hold meetings via Skype, a change would have to be made in the ASCNE bylaws, and that change would have to be approved by ASCA.

Art Landry made the following motion:

"I make a motion to ask the general membership to approve adding the following section C to the ASCNE bylaws as indicated below:

Add section 4.2.2. C to the following

4.2.2. The Board shall meet not less than six times yearly to conduct business of the Club. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President at any time, with 15 days' notice to the members of the Board.

A. A quorum shall consist of 4 Directors. The presence of a quorum is necessary for all voting. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, any matter may be passed by the Board of Directors by a simple majority of those Directors present to vote.

B. All meetings of the Board of Directors may be attended by the general membership except when it is considering matters of discipline. When considering matters of discipline, only members of the Board and the person whose conduct is in question may be present.

C. Board meetings may be held in person or by audio, video or audio-video conferences either by phone or by internet means at the discretion of the Board so long as sections 4.2.2.A and B are followed."

I further move to change

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A suggestion was made to change "or in person" at the end of section 5.4 to read "and/or in person" to allow for votes to be taken both in person and electronically at the same meeting. This suggestion was passed as an amendment and the motion as amended was passed.

Carol Landry was appointed the new Stockdog Coordinator.

Next Meeting will be a General Membership Meeting January 4th at Canine Mastery, Seekonk.

Cindy King would like to hold an event for juniors in the spring. She was encouraged to explore the possibilities.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Chouinard and seconded by Karen Souza. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Landry (in place of Karen Miller)