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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Well, winter has arrived in New England WAY too early! I wasn't ready for temps in the teens but at least the mosquitos were killed by this cold. And as soon as the temps return to a more comfortable fall feel, I can finish raking leaves – as I'm sure many of us will be doing.

The club is winding down our busy year of activities – we had successful rally trials last weekend (Cranberry Classic) and this weekend we held our last 2019 activity (Fall Fling agility trial). Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard over the past year to make our activities so successful. And...thank you to all the exhibitors who entered and enjoyed competing with your Aussie(s).

We still have important work to do before the end of the year. The election process for the new Board is underway. The Nominating Committee has worked hard to present a slate of nominations to the club. See inside this Newsletter for an update on their work. When the information about each candidate is posted on our club website, please take the time to read it. And.....when the ballot comes in your mail, please take the time to vote and return your ballot.

The Board has discussed the need to update our website. This is a big undertaking and the Board has decided to hire someone to undertake this redesign in consultation with Robin Goodman (our "webmaster") and the Board. In order to help Robin and the Board with this undertaking, I would like to ask members to let me know what would be important for the updated web to include. If you have any suggestions, please email me. Next, we would like to have a short-term ad hoc committee work with Robin to develop a statement of the specific tasks the consultant should do in redesigning our website. If you have interest and/or skills in this area and could help Robin and the Board develop the task for the consultant, please let me know.

And finally, I would like to wish all club members a joyous and healthy holiday season, filled with family, friends and food (non-caloric of course!). And especially filled with adventures with our Aussies.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president for the past two years. Thank you to all who have made my life easier over these years – especially the Board of Directors. A special thanks to all of you who have chaired club events, coordinated programs and ROM awards, and volunteered at club events. Our club is a strong one because of the countless hours you have spent on behalf of our Aussies and the club.

Anne

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ROM BANQUET:

ROM BANQUET – Mark your calendars!!!

The 2020 ROM Banquet and meeting will be held on March 1, 2020 at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Holyoke, MA. Lindsey Serafini will be coordinator.

Hello all!

Happy Fall! I'm already hoping for some snow to play in, especially since it's unseasonably cold! I hope that you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

If you are looking to do some year end charitable giving, ARPH has some fundraisers that I have included on the next page. ARPH and ASHGI accept monetary donations as well.

Thank you to our current Board Members for your service. And, thank you to everyone who has volunteered this year in some way!

Please send news, brags, updates, announcements about upcoming events; and event results to me at ariane.m.bailey@gmail.com. I'm especially grateful for photographs to be included with the above (please tell me who is in the photo).

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit something for this issue! I truly appreciate it!

Ariane

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

January 15, 2020

Remainder of 2020 TBD

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be January 5, 2020:

Canine Mastery
102 Pond St, Seekonk, MA
508 399-5867

Directions:

From Rte 95 South of Attleboro, MA:

Take Exit 2A (Newport Ave) to the first light. Take that left onto Cottage St. Follow along 1 mile and turn right on Read St. to 2nd right onto Pond St. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on right (3/10 mile). Turn into park, second building on left.

From Rte 95 North of Attleboro, MA:

Take Exit 3B/Rte 123. After fire station take left onto Read St. Follow to stop sign, turn right and immediate left onto Read St. (There are signs for the animal shelter) Take 2nd right onto Pond St. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on right (3/10 mile). Turn into park, second building on left.

From Rte 195 East or West:

Take Massachusetts Exit 1. Follow 114A North. In approximately one mile you will reach a fork in the road, bear right (Grist Mill restaurant is on your left). This is Arcade St. You will come to intersection of Rte 44. Go straight across and continue on Arcade to the end. This is junction of Rte 152. Take a right onto 152 North / Newman Ave. Follow for about 5 miles to intersection of Central Ave (after Rojacks). Go 1/2 mile and take left onto Pond St. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on left. Turn into park, second building on left.

ARPH FUNDRAISERS:

ARPH currently has some wonderful fundraisers underway. Please help support ARPH so we can save more Aussies.

2020 Calendar <http://www.aussierescue.org/2020calendar>

Aussie Shirt Fundraiser <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/arph-clothing-fundraiser>

Lynch Creek Farm <https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/f/1165121>

NEWS, BRAGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



From Anne Hubbard:

Gilli earned a Merit Year End award:

#5 Open Trial Dog – Sheep (OTDs)

ATCH Laconia Buff Cap Carmel Black Gilliflower OTDs STDc
OFTDs AFTDm GS-E-SP

Owned by
Anne M Hubbard
Brent Kindred








From Alicia Campbell:


What a great weekend at Harvest Moon Mania with awesome people and GREAT dogs and perfect weather!! Morgan and I were very excited to debut our puppies this weekend and they did fantastic at their first show!!

Saturday AM - AKC CH Moonstone Terra-Blue crank it up "Colt"  went winners dog under breeder judge Andrea Blizard for a 3 point major.

Saturday PM - Moonstone Terra- Blue the patriot "Gibson"  was best of breed puppy under SBJ Kimberly Golden.

Sunday AM- Morgan's princess; Moonstone Terra- Blue American Honey "Honey"   was best of breed puppy under SBJ Lori Fausett

Sunday PM- "Gibson"  was best of breed puppy and "Honey"   was best opposite sex puppy! And

then to finish the day Mr "Colt"  was winners dog and best of winners for a 5 point major making him a NEW ASCA

 CHAMPION!!! Thank you AKC judge Rick Blanchard. Colt finished with all majors.

Thank you all for your support.
Alicia and Morgan Campbell
Moonstone Australian Shepherds



From Nancy Gagnon:

"BERO" ASCA CH Buff Cap Fire On The Mountain (see above)

Bero went to Penn-NY shows in September and Harvest Moon in October. Katherine Menches finished his Championship and Mackenzi Anderson and Dan Thomsen put two BOS on him! Owned by Buff Cap/Nancy Gagnon.

"KINDLE" ASCA CH Buff Cap Just Like Fire (see below)

Kindle went to Harvest Moon and Erie Shores. In back to back weekends, Kindle won three BOB's, three BOS's and a Best In Circuit Intact. She was shown by Katherine Menches and Dan Thomsen! Owned by Buff Cap/Nancy Gagnon.

Thanks for all that you guys do for me!!!!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Renewal forms can be found on ASCNE's website (copy of form on next page:

http://www.ascne.org/forms/ASCNE_membership_renewal_form2018.pdf



Australian Shepherd Club of New England

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Renewals are due by January 1.

Membership dues not paid by 31 January will be considered lapsed. New membership applications accepted and approved after Sept 1st will be considered paid for the following year.

ASCNE offers the following membership types:

- o Single Membership - \$15.00
- o Family Membership - \$22.50
- o Persons under 18 and not living with an ASCNE member - \$7.50.
- o Newsletter only (non-voting, non participating do not require ASCNE sponsors nor can they sponsor new members) - \$12.00

Fill out the following information and send with payment made out to ASCNE to:

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P.O. Box 896
Assonet, MA 02702
774-644-0693
woodchip@meganet.net

Date _____ **ASCA Membership #** _____

Name _____

Kennel Name _____ Web Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Membership Type * Single _____ Family _____ Junior _____ Newsletter Only _____

In order to better communicate with our members, please check below.

_____ I am on the ASCNE members Facebook page.

_____ I am on ASCNE-L.

_____ I am not on either and prefer to be emailed announcements.

NOTE: Dues must be paid to be eligible for the following:

- o ROM program
- o Voting privileges
- o Access to ASCNE-L

MEETING MINUTES:

November 3, 2019 ASCNE BOD and Membership meeting combined

Good Mojo University 308 Elm St. Milford NH

BOD Present: Anne, Jen, Alicia, Matt, Gull and Pauli

The meeting was called to order by Anne

1. Secretaries Report was accepted as published in the last newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report : \$27,280.86 in the account presently but still waiting on HMM checks and bills to be submitted. Rough numbers presently show approximately \$3,000 income from Agility, Obedience likely broke even or a profit, Stock may be at a loss, and Conformation may have ended around \$2,000 to the positive.
All chairs are reminded to send in checks and expenses within 2 weeks to the ASCNE Treasurer.
3. Affiliate Report: a.ASCA Rally has new classes listed that are not for titling yet including Pairs which includes 2 dogs and 2 handlers, Brace is 2 dogs and 1 handler and Team which is 4 dogs and 4 handlers.
 - b. The ASCA Scent program will be introduced at Nationals in CA
 - c. ASGHI- wants to clarify that Heart Diseases are hereditary
 - d. Obedience changes have been made to the program and will be effective June 2020 which include changes to Novice sit/stay and long sit/stay for one minute on leash
4. Nominating Committee: Matt read the present nominations for ASCNE BOD as updated at the meeting

President: Matt Mason or Lee Prager

Vice President : Wendy Richmond

Treasurer: Steven Phillips

Secretary: Kathy Peloquin

Affiliate Rep: Cindy King

Members at large: Gull Gullicksen and Alicia Campbell

Nominations can be accepted until November 15th per the By-Laws and all nominees are encouraged/invited to send a letter to the committee to be published and posted on ASCNE-L, ASCNE FB, in the newsletter and on the website. Ballots will be mailed by November 20th and will be counted on December 15th per the ASCNE By-Laws.

Old Business:

1. Credit Card update. It was approved by Citizens Bank, however the documents to be signed do not apply to a non-profit organization/business. Anne is continuing to forge ahead to resolve this issue with the bank.
2. HMM updates: Thank you for the efforts put into the 25th Celebration. Membership present felt that it was a good effort and appreciated by attendees. Items were sold out

early, \$675 worth of orders. The raffle for pre-entries went well as did the Potluck Dinner on Saturday night. Obedience went well on Friday afternoon and Barbara Barreiro questioned if they would be the only ones competing on Fridays in the future. They had great participation but the other events did not happen until Saturday. Brief discussion explained that 2021 plan will have to wait until later in 2020, but Friday shows have been difficult to set up and attend secondary to the smaller size of the club and participant levels being lower than years past.

3. Cranberry Classic update: It is happening and it will be a Rally competition to the best of the knowledge of those in attendance at the meeting.
4. Fall Fling: low number of entries at present time.
5. 2020 Calendar: a. The COS show weekend needs an over all Chair as well as an Agility Chair. Lee Prager is willing to mentor someone for the agility chair. Barbara Barreiro is willing to Chair the Ob/Rally portion
b. March and May Agility sites need to be confirmed still per Jean Janotta

New Business:

1. Update of Website- BOD is looking for an advisory committee to work with Robin Goodman to establish what the membership would like to see on an updated website so that the BOD can look for a designer to build it.

2. Possible Cattle Farm Trial site in Hopkinton NH, donated by Mike St. Laurent, but an ASCNE member needs to be the CD. Matt is willing to mentor.

3. Matt will be talking to Jim Hartnagle about a clinic in June after COS while he is in New England

4. ASC of ME Stock trials will be July 16-20, in 2020

5. Tufts Veterinary Nutritionist, Dr. Deborah Linder, is willing to do a talk for ASCNE in February or April. An April date was preferred by the membership present to avoid bad weather. Event may be held at Good Mojo University if a date can be secured.

6. Open discussion about recruiting new volunteers and members to ASCNE thru various events and activities, but it will be difficult secondary to the large volume of canine events available these days.

7. The members present liked the Good Mojo University facility and will try to use it for future events when possible.

8. Next meeting scheduled for January 5, 2020-Canine Mastery in Seekonk, MA

9. Meeting was adjourned

Presenter: Laura Allen gave an informative talk and powerpoint presentation on her involvement with SAR work and training her Aussies to do the work. The membership enjoyed Laura's talk and watched while her older Aussie, Casey, located Jean hiding in an area of the room. Talented dog/handler team.

UPDATES FOR 2020 EVENTS:

Under New Business at the November 3rd meeting, a few announcements were made and since that time, more definitive plans are underway.

1. Denise Bonyun from VT is willing to be the CD for Cattle Farm Trials to be held at Mike St. Laurent's "Bitter End Farm" in Hopkinton NH. Matt Mason is assisting Denise with the process and a judge is being sought. If possible, a stockdog clinic will occur after the trial weekend. At this point in time, the Farm Trials may occur one of the weekends in late September. Stay tuned for more information to come.
2. The Farm Trials with NH Sheep and Wool Festival will be May 9 and 10, 2020. At this time, it looks like Jim Hartnagle from CO will come out to judge the trials and then do a 2-3 day clinic in NH after the trial weekend rather than doing one in June when numerous other herding events are typically scheduled in NE.
3. The Canine Nutrition talk being presented by Dr. Deborah Linder from Tufts Veterinary School has been scheduled to be held on Saturday April 11, 2020 at Good Mojo University in Milford NH. The room has been reserved from 10-2 to allow for set up and clean up as well as time for her presentation and questions. More information will be provided as it gets closer. Potential topics to be covered are how to choose a dog food, updates on nutritional cardiomyopathy, home cooked dog foods, balancing nutrition and raw diets. If you have any other suggestions to help her develop her presentation, please send them along to Matt at masonpr@tds.net. The plan is to have this event free to ASCNE members and a fee for non-members. It will be advertised and promoted with a request for RSVP so that enough space will be available for attendees.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE STATEMENTS:

Letters were submitted to the Nominating Committee by two candidates: Matt Mason and Lee Prager. They are presented below in alphabetical order, by last name.

From Matt Mason:

November 13, 2019

I am Matt Mason and I am volunteering to run for President of ASCNE. I have been an active member of ASCNE for over 20 years and have owned, trained and competed with many Aussies over the past 28 years having purchased my first one during Veterinary School, Propwash Marco Polo. I never could have imagined back then how important these dogs would become in my life, but he and many others taught me to appreciate this breed with their many talents and the diversity of the people that enjoy them.

When I joined ASCNE, I was one of the “young ones” and the club became a great source of friendship and a hobby that provided new experiences and opportunities to work with and learn about the various aspects of the breed. I attended a lot of Conformation shows and watched Obedience matches in awe of handlers while I did my best to develop obedient companion Aussies thru a local obedience organization. A lot of my early volunteer time to ASCNE was with the rescue program that was maintained by the club. As a veterinarian, I was able to provide surgical and medical care for Aussies in need of a second chance while also fostering many of them. Unfortunately not all were adoptable but the ASCNE Rescue volunteers did their best for many adoptable Aussies that needed a chance. It was not easy, but it was rewarding to work with the talents and resources of various club members to help these dogs as well as educate the humans that adopted them into their lives.

As I became more involved with ASCNE, I was introduced to the stockdog program and I admit that I was bitten by the bug. The program in New England was in its infancy and a lot of help was recruited to pull off events, and I joined the efforts without regrets so that I could learn more and eventually be able to compete. I have been the CD for many arena trial weekends as well as more recent farm trial programs. I have hosted numerous herding clinics over the years for ASCNE as well as club meetings and “try it” days. Livestock availability for stockdog trials was always an issue to pull off events and I decided to help the cause by raising sheep and ducks and eventually cattle and goats to be used for events to further promote ASCA and ASCNE events. In spite of volunteering for ASCNE in my “time off” from a busy veterinary practice, I managed to compete well in stockdog events and succeeded in completing 11 WTCH titles, with two dogs qualifying for the Finals in 2009 in all three livestock.

Volunteering and involvement in ASCNE has introduced me to many people and activities over the years and I would not trade those experiences for anything. The club developed from people that stepped forward over the years to selflessly organize and run events for the benefit of everyone because if they did not volunteer, then events would not have happened and ASCNE would not have developed. I would like to provide similar opportunities to future generations based upon volunteerism from everyone and appreciation of successful events for many to enjoy. I have been an active member of the ASCNE BOD as the Secretary for the past two years and I am willing to volunteer my time for another two years to help promote ASCNE thru competitive and educational events for many dog owners while continuing to be fiscally responsible for the future of ASCNE.

From Lee Prager:

- **Why are you a member of ASCNE?**
- **What would you like to see improved and in which programs?**
- **Are you willing to volunteer to help the club improve?**

If these questions interest you, then please read on:

I was recently asked why I was running for President of ASCNE. My answer is: "I want to take action to improve the overall experience of our members, not stand on the side and wish things were different."

I believe the strength of ASCNE is in its diversity – the ability to organize events for all programs. However, I have heard members ask, "what do members get by joining ASCNE", i.e. "what's in it for me?" I would like to see the club move in a direction where that question gets answered. As president I would focus on 3 main tasks:

1. Organize the ASCNE board to have a leader responsible for each program (Agility, Conformation, Herding, and Obedience/Rally).
2. Ask the membership what improvements they would like to see in each program. This would take the approximate form of the questions above.
3. Have each responsible leader publish a 2-year plan to accomplish the improvements needed for their program and communicate their plan's progress in each publication of the newsletter.

As president my job would be to create a closer bond between the leaders of each program, utilizing each other's strengths to enhance where others may be weaker, thus creating a community culture. This would allow us to identify a mission and vision statement that overlaps each discipline and identifies the root motivation of membership.

What skills do I bring to the job?

I have had a successful career managing a world-wide planning group that designed premium, branded audio systems into new vehicles. This included multiple communication points and negotiations with the major automotive companies across the globe. This also involved working across various cultures within my group, combining different strengths to institutionalize ideas and best practices into a common global team.

Linda and I have been ASCNE members for over 15 years and I was treasurer for the 2016/17 term. We chair multiple agility trials a year and have been overall chair for Colors of Summer and Harvest Moon Mania.

I am presently a member of the ASCA agility committee and was responsible for implementing the motion to allow toys in the ring for training. I now have a motion in front of the ASCA board to clarify many of the Agility rules.

As president, I would look to you, the club members, to set the direction as well as volunteer to help achieve the outcomes that will make ASCNE a club folks want to be part of.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lee Prager

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Reimbursement - Expenses Incurred on Behalf of ASCNE

Requests for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the club (whether for a trial, show, clinic, seminar, or whatever) must be submitted within 30 days of the event. Exceptions will be handled on an individual basis but the Treasurer must be notified before the 30-day limit is reached, effective March 2006. (From the ASCNE Policy and Procedures Manual, available on the ASCNE's web site)