

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Minutes from the July 8, 2007 meeting held at the Silver City Canine Training Center in Taunton, MA.**

**Members Present:** Jean Janotta, Dottie Duclos, Pete Dolan, Gull Reidy, Brenda Dean, Kathie Chouinard, Susan Winters, Dennis Witham, Dianne Barrett, Pauli Haggis, Bill Haggis, Linda Gray, Paula Andrus, Joey Mason

**Guests present:** Lori Noel

President Jean Janotta called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm with introductions.

- **Secretary's Report – Gull Reidy**
  - Minutes from the March meeting were accepted as printed in the New England Aussie Newsletter.
- **Treasurer's Report – Dottie Duclos –**
  - the treasurer's report was approved as follows:
    - Feb/March combined show - entries \$3025.50, expenses \$1900.99, profit \$1124.51 - Rescue donations \$736.00, Cotton Silverman (obedience judge) donation \$40.00, total donations to ARPH \$776.00
    - Cindi Hayden Clinic 3/31-4/1 - fees \$1925.00, expenses \$1889.14, profit \$35.86
    - Intro to Herding 4/21 - fees \$705.00, expenses \$696.04, profit \$8.96
    - Jim Hartnagle Clinic 4/28-29 - fees \$2630.00, expenses \$2393.21, profit \$236.79 (Jim Hartnagle donated \$50 to the Nationals)
    - Stock Trial CT 5/19-20 - entry fees \$6135.00, expenses \$6024.79, profit \$110.21
    - Agility Trial NH 5/26-27 - entry fees, camping, etc \$9408.00, expenses \$7903.65, profit \$1504.35
    - Bob Vest Clinics 5/31-6/2, 6/8-9, 6/10-12 - fees \$7720.00, expenses \$6622.19, profit \$1097.81
    - Summer Colors of Harvest Moon 6/8-10 - entry fees \$4486.50, expenses \$4031.70, profit \$454.80
    - Stock Trial NH 6/23-24 - entry fees \$2310.00, expenses \$3189.72, loss \$879.72
  - General Cash 7/8/07 - \$28714.71
  - Rescue Treasury - \$2740.54
  - Total - \$31455.25
- **2007 Nationals Treasurer's Report - Dottie Duclos**
  - Receipts –
    - start-up monies \$10255.25;
    - sponsors, vendors, pre-national shows, etc \$36759.00;
    - entries, camping, banquet, catalogs, etc \$87588.00;
    - total \$134602.25
  - Expenses - \$21226.91
  - Balance - \$113375.34
- **Affiliate Report - Sheila Dolan**
  - Pete read the highlights of the report Sheila sent with him. The full Affiliate Report follows the minutes.
- **ASCA Board of Directors Report - Linda Gray**
  - Linda said everything can be found on the website.
- **Committee Reports - representatives not present**
- **Library Report - Cindy King - representative not present**
- **Sunshine Report**
  - Fran Swanson's mother passed away in June, the club sent a card.
  - A card was sent to Sheila Polk on the death of her husband, Jim Polk. Both had judged for ASCNE last year.
  - A card was sent to Joan Carrillo on the death of her father, Bob Carrillo.
  - Susan Winters received a note of thanks from Glenda Stephenson, a judge from the

Summer Colors of Harvest Moon.

- **Event Updates:**
  - Stock trial - August 11 & 12 - Webster, NH - Matt Mason - 3 or 4 runs available on Saturday, Sunday is full with a waiting list
  - August 18 & 19 - ACT-Up is hosting an ASCA agility trial at Canine Mastery in Seekonk, MA – there are 60-70 runs available over the weekend
  - The September meeting will be at Denise & Jen Darlington's home in Ashburnham, MA
  - Breed and Obedience - November 10 - 11 - Seekonk, MA - Sharon Ruppel - according to Sue Winters things are moving along nicely

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **New Members:**
  - The following were accepted as members: Jessica Davis, Christine Smith, Frank Way and Morgan Campbell (junior). Celeste Menard, a junior, still needs an ASCA number. Dennis will followup.
- **Submission of Show Expenses**
  - Submission of show expenses for an event are due to Dottie no later than 30 days after the event, or you will not be reimbursed.
- **2007 ASCA Nationals - Augusta, NJ - September 29 - October 6, 2007 - ASCAGOLDENJUBILEE.COM - Pete Dolan**
  - There is one more week for entries, as of the third week in **June the number of entries were between Georgia and Wisconsin.**
  - Sponsorship has been fairly nice. Altered Conformation is the only area of the Nationals that is not totally sponsored (14 Altered Premiers are available). In the Finals, Obedience and Agility-Juniors are not filled (but there were no Junior Agility Finalists)
  - Next Sunday (7/15/07) is the last onsite meeting to try and finish up things that need to be onsite to be decided.
  - Karen Miller has survived entry taking so far. There were a few hiccups starting up in the program, but things are going smoothly now.
  - There is a full page color ad on the back cover of the Aussie Times thanks to the AT editor.
  - The next thing to do is put together assistants for parking RVs so there is not a long line waiting.
  - Examples of the ribbons were on display.
  - T-shirts and bumper stickers are on sale across the country.
  - Pete will do another status report on the yahoo group when entries have closed.
- **Honorary Membership Committee**
  - Linda Gray and Peter Kontos have agreed to be on the Honorary Membership Committee. Brenda Dean and Dottie Duclos also volunteered. The purpose of the committee is to define the rules of who is eligible for honorary membership, not to pick candidates. Peter says he has something that was written before.
  - It was asked if ASCNE had a life-time membership. At this time, no.
- **Conformation ROM Rewrite Committee**
  - Mary Ann Stoddart and Keli Gaunt are interested. Brenda Dean and Kathie Chouinard are also interested. Jean will check with Kelly Dalke and Heather Braddock to see if they are still interested.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **ASCA Election Ballot**
  - Every affiliate club has one ballot for elections.
  - Voting slips were passed out for members present to vote for Board members, as well as to keep the Hardship Registry open or close it.
  - The final vote for ASCA Board members was Christine Davenport 5, Rick Gann 4, Jerry Axford 1. Hardship Registry open 1, closed 11.
- **ASCNE Election Year - Nominating Committee - Jean Janotta**

- Jean will be looking for volunteers for a nominating committee to come up with a slate of club officers to be presented. The committee should consist of one board member and 2 club members. It looks like all the officer positions will be open. Anyone interested in being on the Nominating Committee please contact Jean.
- **2008 Planning**
  - The following preliminary calendar was set for 2008.
    - January 6 – meeting
    - February 16 & 17 - Agility trial, American K9 Country, Amherst, NH
    - March 3 - ROM banquet
    - March 14 - 16 - Combined Winter and Rescue breed and obedience show
    - March 29 - 30 - Matt Mason wants to do a cattle clinic with Cindi Hayden in NH
    - April 26 & 27 - Stock clinic with Jim Hartnagle in NH
    - April - Tenley still plans to do the Intro to Herding
    - April - Celeste is up in the air about a Tracking clinic
    - May - Tenley may do a one day ASCA stock trial in CT
    - May 24 & 25 - Agility trial, NH
    - June 13, 14, 15 - Keli Gaunt proposed moving the June show to the Goshen, CT fairgrounds and asked about adding an ASCA agility trial
    - June - Bob Vest sheep and cattle clinics in CT
    - June 29 - move the July meeting because of the holiday, Silver City Canine Training Center, Taunton
    - July - Moose-a-Mania should be back (possible 7/25 - 27) and ASCA agility will be added
    - August 8 - Matt Mason is looking for feedback on having a "farm chore" style clinic with Roger Stevens
    - August 9 & 10 - Stock trial – NH - Roger Stevens judging
    - September 7 – meeting
    - October 10 - 12 - Harvest Moon Mania
    - October - Tracking test
    - November 2 – meeting
    - November 8 & 9 - Breed and Obedience show - anyone interested in hosting
- **Junior Handler Entry Fees**
  - In January 2004, ASCNE voted that entry fees for Junior Handlers for all performance events should not exceed 50% of the published entry fee. In order to be eligible for the Junior entry fee rate, the Junior had to own or co-own the dog being entered
  - Currently ASCA Obedience rules prohibit special fees.
  - Linda Gray indicated the stock rules were also being clarified to prohibit special fees.
  - Going forward, at ASCNE events, juniors will pay 1/2 price entry fees for everything except obedience. A junior must own or co-own the dog to be eligible for the 1/2 price.
  - Stock entry fees for juniors will be reviewed when the clarifying motion is received from ASCA.
- **Electronic Newsletter**
  - It has been mentioned before about doing an electronic newsletter. This would greatly reduce the cost of the newsletter. Right now we pay roughly \$200 postage, \$15 for envelopes, the printing has been free - but this will no longer be.
  - Different questions and concerns were raised:
    - Could it be sent on ASCNE-I and emailed to ASCNE members not on ASCNE-I.
    - Could it be put on the website. We have newsletter only members and it would not be fair to pay for something that anyone can view.
    - Can there be a "members only" section of the website.
    - If it was emailed, then email addresses would need to be verified and servers may shut you down for too many emails if they think you are sending spam.
    - Is there a requirement in the by-laws that says we have to put out a newsletter.
  - It was decided that it should be brought up at the March meeting for a larger member input.
- **Membership Applications - Dennis Witham**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
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Steven Vieira  
385 Noyes Farm Rd  
Hyde Park VT 05655

Pamela Gagnon  
Bruce Lovelette

Lori Noel  
865 Rocky Woods St  
Taunton MA 02780  
Juniors Annalee and Trent

Dottie Duclos  
Brenda Dean

Sheryl Wilkinson  
26 Dave Snow Rd  
New Gloucester ME 04260

Mary Tripp  
Lois Hoyt

Deirdre Ryan  
994 Loudon Ridge Rd  
Loudon NH 03307

Sue Schroeder  
Robin Goodman

Kathie Turnquist,  
20 Schaefer Circle  
Hudson NH 03051

Robin Prouty  
Robin Goodman

(application pending receipt of ASCA membership number)

- **Newsletter Editor – Pete Dolan**

- We need a new newsletter editor. If anyone is interested, please contact Jean

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

The next meeting will be September 9 at noon at the home of Denise and Jen Darlington at 2 Lane Ln in Ashburnham, MA

Respectfully submitted,  
Gull Reidy, Secretary