

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Minutes from the September 9, 2007 meeting held at Denise & Jen Darlington's house in Ashburnham, MA.**

**Members Present:** Jean Janotta, Dottie Duclos, Pete Dolan, Gull Reidy, Brenda Dean, Kathie Chouinard, Susan Winters, Dianne Barrett, Sheila Dolan, Robin Goodman, Kelen Geiger, Fran Swanson, Jen Darlington, Denise Darlington, Mike Sheehan, John C. Yarmac III, Diane Johnson

**Guests present:** Joyce Gilbert

President Jean Janotta called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm with a thank you to the Darlings for inviting us to their gorgeous home and introductions.

### 1 Secretary's Report – Gull Reidy

- Minutes from the July meeting were accepted as printed in the New England Aussie Newsletter.

### 2 Treasurer's Report – Dottie Duclos - the treasurer's report was approved as follows:

We had one event since the last meeting.

Stock Trial NH 8/11&12 - entry fees \$2255.00, expenses \$2856.37 loss \$601.37

The loss from the June Stock Trial was 879.72, making a total loss of \$1481.09 for the two trials.

Matt said he learned that his entry fees were too low to cover expenses.

- 1) General Cash 9/9/07 - \$26206.22
- 2) Rescue Treasury - \$2740.54
- 3) Total - \$28946.76

### 3 Affiliate Report - Sheila Dolan

- There are new forms for tracking judges.
- The Conformation Committee passed a motion to allow clubs to throw people off the grounds for bad conduct.
- The purchase of surveillance equipment for the business office was approved.
- A motion was approved that only dogs owned by full ASCA members will be able to earn points for finals and merit
- There are new HOF Excellent rules - the requirements are quite tough.
- The Stock dog and Obedience budgets for the 2007 Nationals were approved.
- In Obedience a change of order for Open B was approved, as was if Utility is offered there must be A and B.
- Stock dog committee voted that you can not offer special entry fees or inducements (which means we can not offer reduced entry fees for Juniors).
- The Stock dog Working Description will be placed in appendix A in the Stock dog rule book.
- A motion was approved to pay Rock River's finals expenses for 2006 Finals.

### 4 ASCA Board of Directors Report - Linda Gray - representative not present

### 5 Committee Reports - representatives not present

- Jean had an email from Mary Ann Stoddart. There is a new Obedience rule book dated June 1, 2007.
- Clubs can now offer non-regular classes with limited entries.
- There is a non-regular Wildcard class.

### 6 Library Report - Cindy King - representative not present

### 7 Sunshine Report

- o A card was passed around to be sent to Ann Chase-Rapoza. Her husband, Reggie, had a hard attack in August, last report he was doing better.

### 8 Event Updates:

- 1) Stock trial - August 11 & 12 - Webster, NH - Matt Mason - the trial went well, Matt will probably have to increase entry fees to cover expenses.
- 2) August 18 & 19 - the ACT-Up hosted ASCA trial filled, had nice weather and will happen again next August at Canine Mastery.

- 3) Breed and Obedience - November 10 - 11 - Seekonk, MA - Sharon Ruppel - Dottie Duclos and Dianne Barrett are Show secretaries, a flier will be going to Robin for the website and Pete for the newsletter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **9 New Members:**

- The following were accepted as members: Steven Vieira, Lori Noel, Sheryl Wilkinson, Deirdre Ryan, Celeste Menard (junior).
- Kathie Turnquist's application is pending receipt of ASCA membership number.
- Heidi Babb withdrew her application, is putting application for ASCA membership on hold.

### **10 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.

### **11 2007 ASCA Nationals - Augusta, NJ - September 29 - October 6, 2007 - ASCAGOLDENJUBILEE.COM - Pete Dolan**

- 2 weeks from the day of the meeting we will be finishing day two of the Stock dog Finals and having the Agility Finals.
- All committee members should be very careful keeping track of receipts for reimbursement from ASCA. Peter Kontos will put together folders for the judges to keep track of their expenses, otherwise it's up to the committee chairs.
- Right now ASCA's pay back is in the area of \$10,000.
- Total revenues - \$174892.00 Expenses - \$30439.70 Cash available - \$144452.21 Start up monies - \$10255.25 Finals Sponsorships - \$20662.25 Pay-pal set up - \$.17 Cash - checking and on hand for deposit - \$175369.88
- The projected budget is coming out ok, if fact a little lower than projected.
- Most of the revenue has been generated, there will be some additional monies from merchandise sold, vendors and minor things.
- Some big expenses, such as ribbons, are still to be paid.
- RVs and stalls are lower than projected, the RV expenses will be proportionately lower.
- Entries are higher than projected.
- We need to be out of the stock area on the Friday as an Appaloosa Horse show will be coming in.
- Pete is getting a box truck, loading it and driving down the previous Tuesday.
- Renee Reschenthaler has been a tremendous help, as has Michelle Durkin and Kathy Glaes.
- The idea of a Thank You gift to a few non-members who have been of great help was discussed.
- A couple of bumps in the road included ASCA only approving 2 of the Finals budgets. All have been approved now. A new conformation judge had to be approved by ASCA. The office added more dogs to the Stock dog Finals because all the runs had not filled.
- The vendor building is full.
- Entries are completely sponsored.
- There are about 1100 entries.
- Karen Miller has done yeoman's work on entries.
- Karen Thurlow has done yeoman's work on the website.
- The website will remain up until it runs out in January. Attempts will be made to get results up daily during the Nationals.
- The RV, banquet and stall confirmations are on the website, they were left out of the confirmations mailed.
- There will be a DVD of Ernie Hartnagle's presentation for sale. Let Peter Kontos know if you are attending so he can give the caterers an idea.
- There are 309 reservations for the banquet.
- Volunteers are still appreciated. If there is a profit, then the proceeds will be split among the hosts clubs by percentage of volunteers.
- Even after the Nationals there will be much work still to do.

### **12 Honorary Membership Committee**

- Linda Gray, Brenda Dean, Dottie Duclos and Peter Kontos have agreed to be on the Honorary Membership Committee.
- Charter: nominating procedures, selection evaluation / criteria for consideration; when they

are awarded (currently seems to have been about every 5 years, the last was in 2003 at HMM); where they are awarded.

**13 Conformation ROM Rewrite Committee**

- Mary Ann Stoddart , Keli Gaunt , Brenda Dean, Kathie Chouinard, Heather Braddock and Kelly Dalke are the committee.

**14 ASCNE Election Year - Nominating Committee**

- Susan Winters, Fran Swanson and Brenda Dean from the Board are the nominating committee. All officer positions are open, please contact a committee member with nominations.

**15 Newsletter Editor**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**16 Membership Applications - Dennis Witham**

Applicant	Sponsors
Linda Butterworth 649 2nd NH Turnpike Unity, NH 03743 ASCA #124058	Kelen Geiger Robin Goodman

Jackie Poko 22 Collete Drive Holland, MA 01521 ASCA # 151575	Carrie Neri Donna Killam
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**17 Maine puppy mill bust - Sheila Dolan**

- There were a lot of Mini's involved, but also some Aussies.
- Sheila thought it would be a good use for some of our old Rescue money.
- It was agreed we may do something when we know more.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

The next meeting will be November 4, location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gull Reidy, Secretary

