

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Minutes from the November 4, 2007 meeting held at Robin Goodman & Hollis McGuire's in Milford, NH.**

**Members Present:** Jean Janotta, Dottie Duclos, Gull Reidy, Brenda Dean, Kathie Chouinard, Dianne Barrett, Robin Goodman, Diane Johnson, Andy Johnson, Lyn Scribner, Matt Mason, Deidre Ryan

**Guests present:** Hollis McGuire

President Jean Janotta called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm.

- **Secretary's Report – Gull Reidy**
  - Minutes from the September meeting were accepted as printed in the New England Aussie Newsletter.
  
- **Treasurer's Report – Dottie Duclos –**
  - the treasurer's ASCNE report was approved as follows:
    - General Cash 11/4/07 - \$25,502.67
    - Rescue Treasury - \$2,740.54
    - Total - \$28,243.21
  - The only event held since the last meeting was the 2007 ASCA Nationals and Finals. There will still be some adjustments to these figures, but this is where we stand now.
    - Nationals balance - \$33264.08
    - Outstanding bills - \$13172.18 (of which \$5255.25 is the amount ASCNE put in up front) and the fairgrounds electric bills have yet to be received.
    - The initial contribution of \$1000 from each of the consortium clubs has been repaid (except for the above mentioned extra amount from ASCNE). All were in agreement that if there is a profit, ASCNE should be refunded the \$5255 prior to the distribution of profits amongst the clubs.
    - It appears a profit will be made. This will be split among the consortium clubs. (If you worked at the Nationals, be sure to contact the chair of the venue and let them know. The profit will be divided according to number of volunteers from each club.)
  
- **Affiliate Report - Sheila Dolan**
  - Jean read a report from Sheila. The report in its entirety is included at the end of the minutes.
  - There are quite a few changes to Agility rules. The biggest being opening gamble times have been cut from 40 to 30 seconds, and point accumulation has also been reduced - novice 15, open 18, elite 21.
  - In stock, rules will be modified to allow discounts for working junior and novice handlers.
  
- **Library Report - Cindy King - representative not present**
  
- **Sunshine Report**
  - A correction to the last report, Ann's husband Reggie had a **heart** attack. He is reported to be doing better.
  - Linc Keiser had a heart attack before Nationals and he is doing well.
  
- **Event Updates:**
  - Nationals –
    - two items left to do are submission of results and photographs to the Aussie Times and submission of the Finals reimbursement to ASCA.
    - Pete Dolan received a nice note from Howard Worts, the manager of the fairgrounds. "Everyone here at the fairgrounds enjoyed working with you and your staff. It was a monumental undertaking to say the least. Without all your cooperation this could have been a nightmare. The horse people were pleased and once again this could not have happened without all your help. THANKS!!!! Howard Worts, Manager"
    - Pam Parker says all pre-orders have been taken care of and the jackets and windbreakers are being held to do all at once
  - Breed and Obedience - November 10 - 11 - Seekonk, MA - Sharon Ruppel - obedience

- confirmations are being emailed. There have been judge changes - Saturday obedience is David Welsh, conformation is Donna Blews-Pappas, Sunday obedience is Donna Blews-Pappas, conformation is Terri Altergott
- Agility - February 16-17 - American K9 Country, Amherst, NH – Jean Janotta - judge is John Raymond. Going to try Saturday 2 regular, 2 gamblers, 1 jumpers and Sunday 2 regular, 1 gamblers, 2 jumpers again and see if the reduced gamble time helps shorten the day.
  - The ROM Banquet is March 2, not March 3.
  - Combined Winter and Rescue show - March 14 - 16, Silver City Canine Training Center, Taunton, MA - Brenda Dean & Sue Winters - conformation on Friday night, 2 conformation shows on Saturday, conformation Sunday am and obedience Sunday afternoon. Sub-novice will be offered. Rescue parade will be Sunday.
  - Cattle clinic with Cindi Hayden - March 29-30 – Webster, NH - Matt Mason
  - Jim Hartnagle Stock Clinic – April 26-27 – Webster, NH – Matt Mason
  - Intro to herding - April 19 - Tenley Dexter
  - April tracking clinic is still to be decided
  - Agility - May 24-25 - Jean Janotta - Jean is waiting to hear from fairgrounds about site commitment. May also check out Deerfield fairgrounds.
  - Colors of Summer - June 13-15 - Keli Gaunt - Looking at moving to Goshen fairgrounds in CT and adding ASCA agility; Keli is meeting with the fairgrounds people this weekend
  - Moose-a-mania - Dates and sites are being looked at. Choices include Windsor Fairgrounds and Topsham, ME. WASCUNY requested we move the dates back to August as they feel two weekends in a row is hurting their entries. People who had been to the WASCUNY trial felt there were a number of factors that affected entries, including the heat. Also it was noted that there are just a lot of shows now and you will continue to have back to back weekends. The dates for MAM have fluctuated between the end of July and beginning of August over the years.
  - Tentative 'farm chore' clinic with Roger Stevens – will not be held
  - Stock trial - August 9-10 - Matt Mason - Matt is looking into all aspects to see if it's feasible to have two trials each day.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **New Members – Jean Janotta**
  - The following were accepted as new members: Linda Butterworth and Jackie Proko.
- **Submission of Show Expenses – Jean Janotta**
  - Submission of show expenses for an event are due to the Treasurer no later than 30 days after the event, or you will be thanked for your donation to the club.
- **Honorary Membership Committee**
  - Linda Gray, Brenda Dean, Dottie Duclos and Peter Kontos
  - They are starting to work out details
- **Conformation ROM Rewrite Committee**
  - Mary Ann Stoddart, Keli Gaunt, Brenda Dean, Kathie Chouinard, Heather Braddock, Terri Altergott and Kelly Dalke
  - There will be a meeting November 17.
  - Brenda asked opinions about only using New England shows or allowing outside/larger shows to count towards ASCNE conformation ROM. It was asked if there could be a way to tally points by winning without counting dogs beat. All at the meeting were in agreement that non-New England shows should be included but it would be better to develop a method for balancing points earned – e.g., 1 point for 20 dogs beat, 2 points for 40 dogs beat, or something – not to just count the dogs beat.
- **ASCNE Election Year - Nominating Committee**
  - Susan Winters, Fran Swanson and Brenda Dean
  - A slate of officers will be submitted to Jean. Watch ASCNE-L for updates.
- **Newsletter Editor**
  - We need a new newsletter editor. If anyone is interested, please contact Jean. Pete is the temporary editor and needs someone to replace him.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Membership Applications - Dennis Witham**

Applicant

Michelle Force and Jesse Suter  
41 Manseau St  
Winooski, VT 05404  
ASCA # 124529

Sponsors

Jessica Davis, Kate Viles

Christine Carlson  
61 Clinton Ave  
Budd Lake, NJ 07828  
ASCA # 115524

Robin Goodman, Jean Janotta

Sabrina Lanz  
146 Leoleis Dr  
Marlborough, MA 01752  
ASCA # Pending

Pam Parker, Dennis Witham

- **Meeting Attendance From a Distance – Pam Parker**

- Pam Parker suggested a speakerphone for those who could not make meetings. She said she would look into it.

- **2007 New Title Bowls – Karen Miller**

- Karen Miller will order bowls for dogs who earned new titles in 2007. These will be handed out at the ROM banquet.
- E-mail her with your name and your dog's name with ASCA titles.

- **Membership Secretary – Dennis Witham**

- Please remember that Dennis Witham is now doing memberships, all info and forms should go to him.

- **Website – Robin Goodman**

- Robin has had requests to put the current ROM rules on the website. She asked about Obedience and Agility. The rules for these will remain as currently written. Versatility has already been re-written.
- Please get show and clinic fliers/premiums to her for the website
- She is also soliciting information from other clubs about their trials to put on the ASCNE website calendar.
- It was asked if Robin should send the show information to the ASCA calendar when she got it, but it was decided that should be up to each show chair. Matt said the Stockdog Committee talked at Nationals about having the Business Office add the info when they received the sanctioning paperwork, but it was pointed out that many shows were advertised as "sanctioning pending".

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

The next meeting will be January 6, 2008, Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gull Reidy, Secretary

## **ASCNE 2008 Calendar of Events**

- January 6 – meeting – Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA
- February 16 & 17 – Agility Trial – Amherst, NH – Jean Janotta
- March 2 – ROM banquet, Log Cabin, Holyoke, MA – Mary Ann and Joe Stoddart
- March 14 - 16 – Combined Winter and Rescue breed and obedience show - Show – Silver City Canine Training Center - Taunton, MA – Brenda Dean / Sue Winters
- March 29 - 30 – Cattle clinic with Cindi Hayden - Webster, NH – Matt Mason
- April 19 – Intro to Herding – Lebanon, CT – Tenley Dexter
- April 26 & 27 – Stock clinic with Jim Hartnagle – Webster, NH – Matt Mason
- April – Tracking clinic TBD – Celeste Kelly
- May - Tenley may do a one day ASCA stock trial in CT
- May 24 & 25 – Agility Trial – Contoocook, NH – Jean Janotta
- Early June - Bob Vest sheep and cattle clinics in CT
- June 13, 14, 15 – Breed, Obedience and possibly Agility – Goshen, CT – Keli Gaunt
- June 29 – Meeting - Silver City Canine Training Center, Taunton, MA
- July - Moose-a-Mania should be back possibly with ASCA agility – Dennis Witham / Pam Parker
- August 9 & 10 - Stock trial – Webster, NH – Matt Mason
- August 16 & 17 – Agility Trial – Seekonk, MA – hosted by ActUp Agility – sanctioned by ASCNE
- September 7 – meeting – location TBD
- October 10 - 12 - Harvest Moon Mania
- October – Tracking test – Celeste Kelly
- November 2 – meeting – location TBD
- November 8 & 9 – tentative Breed and Obedience show - anyone interested in hosting