



The Australian Cattle Dog Club Of America, Inc.

Meeting will be called to order on or about 1930 hours on 4 October 2006 at the Holiday Inn South, Rochester MN.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Minutes of the last meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Secretary
- V. Report of the Treasurer
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. Report of the Regional Directors
- VIII. Report of the Committee Coordinator (Vice-President)
- IX. Election of Officers and Board of Directors
- X. Selection of the annual meeting of the Club date, time and place
- XI. Election of New Members
- XII. Unfinished Business
- XIII. New Business
 - 1 From Alison Deilke: On behalf of the Herding Committee, I move that the National Herding Champion be awarded as an annual award presented by the ACDCA at each National Specialty. Sponsorship for the Award will be offered and in years that no sponsor is available a plaque will be awarded The motion will also be made by the Herding Committee at the next AGM for membership vote for addition to the into the ACDCA Standing Rules.
 - 2 From Louanne Brooks: I move that the National Specialty Committee have the option to require a mandatory registration fee as a part of their registration offering; the fee should be less for ACDCA members than for non-members and more for household/families than singles. In addition, I move the fee ranges are as follows:
 - Individual member: \$10 - \$25
 - Individual, non-member: \$15-\$30
 - Household, member: \$15-\$30
 - Household, non-member: \$20-\$40See attachment A for the full submission
 - 3 From Diana Cagney: I move that the attached revisions to the ROM Guidelines be accepted, in whole or in part, for implementation immediately.

See Attachment D for full submission.

- 4 From Guy Lawrence: I move that we abolish the practice of assigning membership numbers to members, this includes all existing and future numbers.
- 5 From Payla Mayes: I hereby move that the attached proposal for changes to the ACDCA, Inc. Standing Rules be presented for discussion and vote at the 2006 General Membership Meeting.

See Attachment B for full submission.

- 6 From Paula Mayes: I hereby move that the attached proposal for changes necessary to the ACDCA Inc. Awards Information be presented for discussion and vote.

See Attachment C for full submission.

XIV. Adjournment

Attachment A.

To: Guy Lawrence, Secretary, ACDCA
Cc: Joyce Rowland, ACDCA President
From: Louanne Brooks

8/11/06

RE: Registration Fee for National Specialty

This submission pertains to the 2006 ACDCA, Inc. Annual Meeting agenda.

I would like to add a discussion topic to the annual meeting in regards to a Registration Fee for the National Specialty. **I move that the National Specialty Committee have the option to require a mandatory registration fee as a part of their registration offering; the fee should be less for ACDCA members than for non-members and more for household/families than singles. In addition, I move the fee ranges are as follows:**

- **Individual member: \$10 - \$25**
- **Individual, non-member: \$15-\$30**
- **Household, member: \$15-\$30**
- **Household, non-member: \$20-\$40**

Rational

The cost of hosting a National Specialty should be recouped by Specialty registrations. Some Specialty venues bring in profit; some break even and some do not. The Specialty hosting committee is required to hold a number of venues, regardless of their financial soundness, with no authority to set fees for those venues. In addition, there are a number of fixed costs to hosting a Specialty that are not venue-specific. A Specialty Registration Fee, as proposed, will help distribute these costs across those attending, instead of over-burdening some venues to make enough profit to make up for others which do not.

Every convention I attend except the ACDCA National has a registration fee: it is customary and expected. Many organizations use their National Meeting as a means to help fund their organizations operating expenses. I am not advocating that, but there are mailing, banking and printing costs for registration packages, schedules, signs, name badges and so forth associated with the Specialty with no direct means to recoup those costs.

Consider the need to keep Specialty AKC entry fees in line with all breed show entry fees. All breed clubs are not trying to cover the cost of international judges, educational seminars, name badges, welcome bags, etc. And yet the ACDCA is, and also wants a "profit" from the Specialty to help with normal club operating expenses.

If the Specialty hosting committee has the option to charge a mandatory Registration Fee, the costs for fixed expenses can be recouped from those attending, and help assure a financially sound undertaking.

Attachment B

Proposed amendments for ACDCA Standing Rules

(summary of changes in parentheses)

Section 1. (add Rally & Junior Showmanship to the list of data sets to be purchased from AKC)

f . The Club shall buy data sets from AKC (at 90.00 each) once a year for the performance venues of Herding, Obedience, Agility and Rally and for Junior Showmanship for the purposes of calculating the year-end awards for the National Specialty Awards Banquet

Section 2. (replace paragraph "p" with "A Versatility competition shall be offered at each National Specialty"

Insert what was "p" as "q", realign "r" correcting existing sequencing error)

p. A Versatility competition shall be offered at each National Specialty.

q. The Board shall have discretion to advance National Specialty Convention expenses as required and requested by the hosts. All incoming checks shall be payable to the ACDCA.

r. The Specialty premium list shall carry a notice that permission for any professional video taping activity at any Specialty event must have the permission of the Convention Coordinator, and that a copy of any such tape will be donated to the ACDCA and sent to the Historian for archiving. For purposes of this rule, "professional" refers to the intention to sell or the act of selling originals or copies of the tapes. (Enacted 1991/2 RB)

Section 6. (add Rally to publicity points, eliminate repetitive and conflicting detail information covered specifically in Awards Information)

a. The ACDCA shall award publicity points in Conformation (points will be awarded for Best of Breed and Group placements), Obedience, Agility, Rally, Herding, ROM, and Junior Showmanship. These points will be tabulated from January 1 through December 31 each year. High point earners for the preceding year shall be recognized and awarded at the National Specialty Convention Awards Banquet.

Attachment C

Proposed amendments for ACDCA Awards Information (summary of changes in parentheses)

(Note: no changes to Good Sportsmanship or Hero Dog awards)

Publicity Awards (defined point earning method, added Rally, separated ROM dog and bitch)

The ACDCA Awards/Performance Committee shall annually award publicity points. Points awarded for Conformation, Herding, Obedience, Agility, Rally and Junior Showmanship shall be based on the number of entries beaten in competition as determined by results published in *AKC Awards*, or obtained electronically from AKC. ROM points shall be tabulated by the ROM Committee in accordance with the ROM guidelines. The top standings in each category shall be published in the *ACDCA Newsletter*, and the top place in each category shall be awarded at the ACDCA National Specialty Convention. To be eligible, the dog must be recognized by the American Kennel Club as an Australian Cattle Dog and the owner or one of the co-owners must be a member in good standing of the ACDCA for the entire award year.

Award Categories:

1. High Point Best of Breed
2. High Point Group Placements
3. High Point Obedience
4. High Point Herding
5. High Point Agility
6. High Point Rally
7. High Point Junior Showmanship
8. High Point ROM (Register of Merit) Dog
9. High Point ROM Bitch
10. Sire, Dam and Breeder of most:
 - a. CH title earners
 - b. Obedience title earners
 - c. Herding (Started or above) title earners
 - d. Agility title earners
 - e. Rally title earners

(NOTE: Although Rally and Tracking were added to the awards categories by vote at the 2005 membership meeting, Tracking is deliberately not included in this list. No High Point Tracking can be calculated as Tracking titles are earned on a pass/fail basis.)

Breeder Awards (deleted Most Agility Titleholders which was in this category in error, specified Cattle trials, deleted duplicated "at the National Specialty" wording)

The ACDCA annually gives an award to the breeder of Best of Breed, Obedience High in Trial, Combined (STD & JWW) Agility High in Trial, Herding Cattle High in Trials I and II at the National Specialty. These awards shall be presented at the ACDCA National Specialty Convention Awards Banquet.

Title Certificates (delete entire "Title Certificates" section, as it is redundant for ACDCA to issue certificates for AKC titles and rest of information in that section is covered in Versatility Titles section.)

Versatility Titles (Replace existing section with "ACDCA Versatility Titles" section following. Primary points of change are changing Obedience qualifier to Obedience OR

Rally(RA or higher), updating responsibilities to coincide with current committees and correct wording on dog eligibility to not conflict with current practice of allowing ILP dogs to participate.)

ACDCA Versatility Titles

- I. The following Australian Cattle Dog Club of America Versatility Titles shall be recognized:
 - Qualified Worker (QW)
 - Versatile Qualified Worker (VQW)
 - Versatile Qualified Worker Excellent (VQWX)
 - Versatility Champion (VCh)
- II. To be eligible for an ACDCA Versatility Title, the dog must be recognized by the American Kennel Club as an Australian Cattle Dog and the owner or a co-owner must be a member in good standing of the Australian Cattle Dog Club of America for the award year in which the Versatility Title is earned.
- III. The Awards/Performance Committee is responsible for verification of qualifying titles earned (see requirements below) and owner membership requirements prior to compiling a list of all dogs earning QW, VQW, VQWX, and VCh titles during the award year. This list shall be the sole verification for all awards related to ACDCA titles.
- IV. The ACDCA award year shall be from January 1st through December 31st.
- V. For qualifying titles earned, the *American Kennel Club Awards* publication and/or electronic reports supplied by the American Kennel Club shall be sole verification. It shall be the owner's responsibility to ensure that all errors are corrected and published by the American Kennel Club.
- VI. The Awards/Performance Committee shall provide certificates to dogs meeting title requirements.

ACDCA Versatility Title Requirements

Versatility Titles recognize a dog's versatility as evidenced by completion of AKC titles in different venues. All dogs meeting the requirements and receiving ACDCA Versatility Titles will be recognized at the National Specialty Awards Banquet each year for the prior award year's achievements.

AKC Venues and Titles Qualifying for ACDCA Versatility Titles

1. Conformation (CH)
2. Obedience or Rally (CD or RA or higher)
3. Herding (HT or higher)
4. Agility (NA/NAP/NAJ/NJP or higher)
5. Tracking (TD or higher)

Qualified Worker (QW)

Awarded to a dog that earns a combination of two titles from two different venues from the above list. The QW title will appear after the dog's registered name.

Versatile Qualified Worker (VQW)

Awarded to a dog that earns a combination of three titles from three different venues from the above list. The VQW title supersedes the QW title and will appear after the dog's registered name.

Versatile Qualified Worker Excellent (VQWX)

Awarded to a dog that earns a combination of four titles from four different venues from the above list. At least one of the titles MUST be an Open or Intermediate level title, (CDX, HI, OA, OAP, OAJ, OJP, TDX, VST) or Rally Excellent (RE). The VQWX title supersedes the VQW title and will appear after the dog's registered name.

Versatility Champion (VCh)

Awarded to a dog that earns a combination of four titles from four different venues from the above list. One of these titles MUST be an advanced level title (UD, HX, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, CT, RAE) This title supersedes the VQWX and will appear before the dog's registered name.

Attachment D

To: ACDCA Membership

From: Diana L. Cagney

RE: Proposed revisions to the ROM guidelines

Date: 9/19/2006

Dear ACDCA Members,

The attached document is the result of many conversations with other ACDCA members, as well as letters, e-mails, and phone calls from other members. The overall goal is to make some improvements and corrections to the current ROM guidelines, while still ensuring that those guidelines match the original intent of the program (to recognize versatility, to reward all areas of achievement, and to encourage breeders to test and title their ACDCA's). I realize that, ideally, these recommendations should be coming from the ROM Committee. But since multiple people have spent the past couple of years contacting me with their concerns, I just finally decided to work up a proposal for the Annual Meeting to address the majority of the issues that have been identified.

Specific changes have been proposed in order to correct errors that were made to the guidelines in the past (such as those related to the changeover from our own herding program to the AKC herding program). Other changes are proposed in order to include new concepts and programs (prcd testing and Rally, for example) and to provide additional reward to those dogs that have substantial achievements in other areas besides just herding, while still emphasizing that we are a herding breed. Some of the other proposed changes are intended to deal with confusion regarding documentation requirements and to take care of general housekeeping issues. I have outlined each of the changes in the list on the following page. I have also included a revised version of the full guidelines document (showing how the guidelines would look if the proposed changes are approved), along with a revised application form.

The membership clearly has the option of voting on this proposal as a package or voting on items individually or in groups. Regardless of how the actual voting is done, however, I sincerely hope that the membership will take this issue seriously. Since the ROM program is a "shining star" of the ACDCA, it is very important that our ROM guidelines be clear, easy to apply and apply fairly, and matched to the intent and goals of the program. The ROM program should, ideally, be a summary of the values and dreams we have for our breed. So it must be a living document, to reflect changes in the dog world; and it must be as free as possible from oversights, mishaps, or confusion. I have tried to do what I could to make that the case. Now I look forward to seeing what you, the ACDCA membership, will do the ideas.

I wish I could be there in Rochester with you to explain ideas or answer questions. But regretfully I can't be. So, if anyone wishes to talk to me about this proposal prior to the Annual Meeting, please feel free to call (270-765-4442 or 270-401-1302) or e-mail (diana@patcagney.com) and I will be happy to discuss it with you.

Diana

PROPOSED REVISIONS, SHOWN AS CHANGES IN THE ATTACHED ROM GUIDELINES

- 1) Remove the notion of getting ROM points for QWs and VQWs earned after the existence of the AKC Herding Titles, since they are essentially “redundant” to points already earned unless they were a herding title “way back when.” Example: A QW earned before 1995 was earned at the National and was our club’s herding title (prior to the AKC herding program) so it should receive points as a herding title. On the other hand, a QW earned since then is simply a way to recognize/honor a dog who has earned two titles in different performance areas. If the two titles were a CH and a CD, the dog already got 10 points for the CH and 10 points for the CD. So awarding more points for the QW recognition/honor is redundant.
- 2) Remove the notion of getting 100 points for a DC, since again that title is redundant to the CH and the HC for which points have already been awarded. All other points in the ROM program are based on a new accomplishment, title, testing, achievement, etc. In this case, the dog has already been given 10 points for the CH and 100 points for the HC. To award 100 more points for the DC is redundant, since the dog didn’t “do” anything additional to get the DC beyond the two titles for which it already got points. Although the DC is a great honor, again a title for recognition/honor purposes only shouldn’t receive double points when points were already awarded for the original qualifying titles.
- 3) Include Rally by granting 10 points for each Rally title, consistent with the points awarded for Agility.
- 4) Expand the idea of service dog to not be limited to only Police Dog and Search and Rescue, in keeping with what is actually being done and has been done in the past.
- 5) Add prcd-DNA testing as a health test for which points are awarded, such that any result is awarded 10 points, not just an A or a B (currently prcd testing isn’t addressed in the rules at all, but points have been being given for either A only or for A&B only). In the case of prcd-DNA testing, having tested a dog and knowing that it is a C is more valuable to our overall breeding strategies than not testing at all. So testing itself should be rewarded.
- 6) Include those QWs earned prior to AKC Herding Titles (i.e. 1995) as a herding title for which 15 points is granted. VQW is currently listed there, but not QW. Since the herding portion of the two was exactly the same, they should be treated equally.
- 7) Add AHBA HTAD titles, since this is a new set of courses/titles that was not reflected in the point schedule.
- 8) Add Section II.C. in order to better reflect the merit of high-level achievements in venues other than herding.
- 9) Clarify the verification requirements to make it more clear that there are multiple options for documenting titles.
- 10) Modify Item I.D. so that it refers to item I.C. instead of restating the options on herding titles that count. Makes the document less cumbersome/confusing and avoids the need to make two changes in the future if that criterion is ever changed again.
- 11) Modify Section IV and Section VI so they no longer have second person references and so that they mention the verification requirements and mention Section VII.
- 12) Include the acceptance of printouts or screen prints from the AKC, OFA, OptiGen, or CERF websites as title/certificate verification.
- 13) Modify the application form slightly a) to make it more clear that there are multiple options for providing verification of titles and b) to make some of the fields flow better.

ACDCA REGISTER OF MERIT

Program Guidelines and Application Form

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR ROM TITLE:

In order to be considered for a ROM award the applicant dog or bitch must have:

- A. Earned an AKC Breed Conformation Championship
- B. Earned an AKC Obedience Title of Companion Dog or higher.
- C. Earned one of the following herding titles:
After September 1, 1995, all applicant dogs must have earned an AKC Herding Started Title or higher. Applicant dogs earning the following herding titles prior to September 1, 1995 are exempt from the AKC Started Title requirement: ACDCA QW or VQW, AKC Pre Trial Tested Title or higher or ASCA Started Leg or higher on cattle.
- D. Produced offspring with an AKC Championship, AKC CD or higher, and one of the herding titles shown in item C. above. Qualifying offspring titles may be earned by one or more offspring.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR ROM POINTS:

- A. ROM dogs and bitches can accumulate 10 points for each title earned by the ROM dog/bitch or by any of their offspring as follows:
 - 1. AKC: CH, CD or higher, TD or higher, NA or higher, RN or higher, or an HT.
 - 2. CKC: CH, CD or higher.
 - 3. Australian: CH, CD or higher.
 - 4. Mexican: CH, PC or higher.
 - 5. Sch I or higher.
 - 6. OFA, PennHip, BAER, ERG, or CERF certification.
 - 7. Results of prcd-DNA testing (regardless of result).
 - 8. Police Service Dog, Search and Rescue certification, Therapy Dog certification, or other service dog work or certification.
 - 9. Any progeny earning a ROM title.
 - 10. An AHBA HCT title.

- B. ROM dogs and bitches can accumulate ROM points according to the following schedule for each herding title earned by the ROM dog/bitch or any of their offspring, minus the points from any previously earned lower titles, if applicable.
 - 1. 15 points for an ACDCA QW or VQW earned prior to AKC Herding Trial titles.
 - 2. 20 points for an AKC Pre-Trial title, AHBA JHD, or ASCA Started Trial Dog title on any stock.
 - 3. 30 points for an AKC Herding Started title, AHBA HTDI, HRDI, or HTADI, or ASCA Open Trial Dog title on any stock.
 - 4. 40 points for an AKC Herding Intermediate title, AHBA HTDII, HRDII, or HTADII, or ASCA Advanced title on any stock.
 - 5. 50 points for an AKC Herding Excellent title, AHBA HTDIII, HRDIII, or HTADIII, or ASCA Post-Advanced title on any stock.
 - 6. 75 points for AKC Herding Champion title, AHBA Herding Trial Champion, or ASCA Working Trial Champion.

- C. ROM dogs and bitches can accumulate ROM points according to the following schedule for each of the accomplishments below that are achieved by the ROM dog/bitch or any of their offspring:
 - 1. 15 points for Herding Group placement in an AKC all-breed show (15

points maximum per ROM dog/bitch or offspring, regardless of the placement or the number of placements).

2. 30 points for an all-breed Best in Show (30 points maximum per ROM dog/bitch or offspring, regardless of the number of BIS wins).

3. 50 points for a Specialty Best in Show (50 points maximum per ROM dog/bitch or offspring, regardless of number of BISS wins).

4. 40 points for an AKC UDX (in addition to previous obedience points earned).

5. 40 points for an AKC OTCH (in addition to previous obedience points earned).

6. 40 points for an AKC MACH (in addition to previous agility points earned).

7. 30 points for an AKC RAE (in addition to previous rally points earned).

III. This award is applied for, so it is the ROM owner's responsibility to keep the committee informed of any point increases or any new ROM applicant dogs. The owner of the ROM dog/bitch must be a member in good standing of the ACDCA to apply. Once the ROM award is attained, it is considered permanent and non-conditional on membership of the owner(s). However, unless the owner or one of the co-owners is a member in good standing, additional ROM points for the ROM point standings will not be considered.

IV. One application for ROM points must be submitted for each dog/bitch applying for ROM status, then one application form for each of the offspring being used to satisfy the progeny requirements (AKC Champion, Companion Dog and Herding Started title). Also a form should be submitted for each dog/ bitch that is being used to accumulate additional ROM points for a sire or dam. These forms should be accompanied by the necessary documents or publication information shown in Section VII. The ROM owner should keep a duplicate copy of everything being sent for their future reference. All information should be typed or neatly printed, making sure the dog's or bitch's name is correct as this is how the name will appear on the award.

V. Applicant dogs/bitches that are co-owned will be considered as belonging to the owner that is listed first. Duplicate plaques or certificates may be obtained from the Awards Committee for a fee.

VI. As the ROM dog/bitch or offspring obtain additional titles, the application for ROM points form should be submitted for each animal, along with the necessary verification documents or publication information shown in Section VII. Verified points will be added to the records and the updated ROM standings will be published in the ACDCA Newsletter and/or Quarterly.

VII. Verification provided for each title must include one or more of the following:

- A. a photocopy of the Title Certificate, Certification, or test results OR
- B. a photocopy of the page containing the publication of the title from a source such as the "AKC Awards", the Awards section of "Dogs in Canada", or the Official Kennel Publication for any organization offering recognized and listed ROM-eligible titles OR
- C. the Volume, Date, and page number of the "AKC Awards" where the AKC title is published OR
- D. any official signed original document from AKC Event Records substantiating any eligible title OR
- E. a printout or screen print from the database/reports features of the AKC, OFA, or CERF websites.

