

American Sighthound Field Association

2018 Annual Convention of Delegates



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Chantilly Virginia*

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1 **Summary of Business**

Reference	Motion	Disposition
118	Appoint the ACoD Minutes Review Committee.	Adopted
147	Accept the financial report and 2018 budget.	Adopted
225	Appoint the ACoD Site Selection Committee.	Adopted
228	Appoint the ACoD Planning Committee.	Adopted
231	Appoint the Advisory Committee on Animal Issues.	Adopted
235	Appoint the Gary Forrester Award Committee.	Adopted
240	Elect Janet Lotz to the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame.	Adopted
242	Add first V-FCh and V-LCM for each breed and first TPC and CPX for Singles to the Hall of Fame.	Adopted
246	Add first FCh, LCM, V-FCh, V-LCM, etc. for each new breed to the Hall of Fame.	Adopted
252	Appoint the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee.	Adopted
260	Amend Article I, Section 2.	Adopted
268	Appoint the Constitution Revision Committee.	Adopted
273	Accept option 2 to amend <i>Chapter V, Section 7</i> .	Adopted
304	Amend <i>Chapter VI, Section 1, item (e)</i> .	Adopted
314	Amend the motion previously adopted to state <i>item (g)</i> .	Adopted
316	Amend <i>Chapter IV, Scheduling the Meet, Section 7, Hound Certification Form</i> .	Adopted

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Reference	Motion	Disposition
322	Reject amendment to <i>Chapter V, Section 12, item (e)</i> .	Lost
331	Amend <i>Chapter V, Section 12, item (e)</i> .	Lost
339	Amend <i>Chapter V, Section 5</i> .	Adopted
360	Amend Chapter III, Judging.	Adopted
373	Amend Chapter XIII, Glossary.	Adopted
378	Refer to REC the amendment to Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges.	Adopted
402	Direct CRC to define a quorum for ACoD.	Lost
405	Direct CRC and REC to fully recognize the breeds in the Limited Stake.	Adopted
409	Direct REC to amend <i>Chapter V, Section 12, item (e)</i> to award first place points for winning Best in Field.	Adopted
414	Direct REC to add "dirty looks" to list of conditions that do not constitute grounds for dismissal.	Lost
418	Direct Board to establish a Veterinary Medical Committee of the Board.	Adopted

3 **Minutes**

4 The regular Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) of the American
5 Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) was held on Saturday, March 24, 2018
6 at the Holiday Inn, Chantilly, Virginia, with the President being in the chair
7 and the Recording Secretary being present.

8 **Saturday, March 24, 2018**

9 The President called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

10 Present were 57 delegates and 0 observers from 36 member clubs:

- 11 • Afghan Hound Club of America (AHCA)
 - 12 ○ Robert Jordan
 - 13 ○ Ruth Reynolds
- 14 • American Whippet Club (AWC)
 - 15 ○ Claudia Miller
- 16 • Apalachee Coursing Club (ACC)
 - 17 ○ Sean McMichael
- 18 • Basenji Club of America (BaCOA)
 - 19 ○ Kathy Sanders
- 20 • California Coursing Association (CCA)
 - 21 ○ John Arvin
 - 22 ○ Sabrina Wright
- 23 • Central Leatherstocking Area Sighthound Society (CLASS)
 - 24 ○ Denise Como
 - 25 ○ Rich Whritenour
- 26 • Central Ohio Area Coursing Hounds (COACH)
 - 27 ○ President Jeff Lipps
- 28 • Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA)
 - 29 ○ Director (Region 3) Dan Heidel
- 30 • Coursing Hounds of the Mid-Potomac (CHAMP)
 - 31 ○ Janet Sampson
 - 32 ○ Theresa Thoden
- 33 • Gazeounds of New England (GONE)
 - 34 ○ Director (Region 9) Ben Brodeur
 - 35 ○ John Plugis
- 36 • Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure Coursing Association (GOGLC)
 - 37 ○ Thomas Christ
- 38 • Greyhound Association of North Georgia (GANG)
 - 39 ○ Jerome Slattery
- 40 • Heartland Coursing Association (HCA)
 - 41 ○ Nancy Ewing

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- 42 ○ Vickie Jacobs
- 43 • Ibizan Hound Club of the United States (IHCUS)
- 44 ○ Lori Coulson
- 45 ○ Holly Hamilton
- 46 • International Silken Windhound Society (ISWS)
- 47 ○ Mike Leach
- 48 ○ Gary Runyan
- 49 • Iowa Coursing Association (ICA)
- 50 ○ Samantha Duryee
- 51 ○ Leah Petesch
- 52 • Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA)
- 53 ○ Christie Beetz
- 54 • Jersey Rag Racers Whippet Association (JRRWA)
- 55 ○ Carol Fisher
- 56 ○ Beth Ann Haner
- 57 • Lake Country Lure Coursers (LCLC)
- 58 ○ Clay Leslie
- 59 ○ Cathy Sanderson
- 60 • Lobo Lure Coursing Club (LLCC)
- 61 ○ First Vice President Philip Fullam
- 62 ○ Sean Wright
- 63 • Lorain Area Racing Klub (LARK)
- 64 ○ Barb Dieckman
- 65 ○ Gayle Kytta
- 66 • Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club (MDIHC)
- 67 ○ Francis Byrne
- 68 ○ Lee Warden
- 69 • Michigan Gazehound Association (MGA)
- 70 ○ Recording Secretary Joe Shoemaker
- 71 • Midwest Coursing Club (MWCC)
- 72 ○ Director (Region 6) Greg Breitbach
- 73 • Minnesota Coursing Association (MCA)
- 74 ○ Vicki Fagre-Stroetz
- 75 ○ Kathleen Nelson
- 76 • Nebraska Coursing Association (NCA)
- 77 ○ Director (Region 5) Kent Standerford
- 78 ○ Marilyn Standerford
- 79 • Ohio Kentucky Indiana Gazehound Organization (OKIGO)
- 80 ○ Charlie Denslow
- 81 • Pharaoh Hound Club of America
- 82 ○ Meredith Wille
- 83 • Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States (RRCUS)

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- 84 ○ Debbie Bell
- 85 • Saluki Club of America (SCA)
- 86 ○ Thomas Cigolle Jr.
- 87 • Scottish Deerhound Club of America (SDCA)
- 88 ○ Diane Murray
- 89 ○ Debbie Narwold
- 90 • Sight Hound Organization of Tidewater (SHOT)
- 91 ○ Frank Erdman
- 92 ○ Chief Financial Officer Gary Roush
- 93 • St. Louis Area Sighthounds (SLASH)
- 94 ○ Karen Frederick
- 95 • Tortoise and Hare Lure Coursers (THLC)
- 96 ○ Corresponding Secretary Sally MacDowell
- 97 ○ Pat Wieland
- 98 • Tri-State Sighthound Club (TSSC)
- 99 ○ Evelyn Jones
- 100 ○ Ping Pirrung
- 101 • Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC)
- 102 ○ Audrey Silverstein
- 103 ○ Director (Region 8) Dean Wright

104 Absent were:

- 105 • Borzoi Club of America (BCOA)
- 106 ○ Director (Region 7) Sandra Moore
- 107 • District Area Sighthound Association (DASH)
- 108 ○ Linda Jordan
- 109 ○ Ann Nicholson
- 110 • Potomac Afghan Hound Club (PAHC)
- 111 ○ Kitty Davis
- 112 ○ George Johnson

113 Marilyn Standerford moved that Joe Shoemaker be appointed
114 Parliamentarian; motion adopted. Marilyn Standerford moved that Robert
115 Jordan and Sean McMichael be appointed Sergeants at Arms; motion adopted.
116 Marilyn Standerford moved that Karen Frederick and Vickie Jacobs be
117 appointed Tellers; motion adopted.

118 Dan Heidel moved to appoint Jeff Lipps, chair, and members Ping Pirrung,
119 Gary Roush, Kathy Sanders, and Marilyn Standerford to the ACoD Minutes
120 Review Committee. **Motion adopted.**

121 Jeff Lipps presented the report of the President.

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122 The delegate, Ann Nicholson from the District Area Sighthound Association
123 (DASH), and the delegate, George Johnson from the Potomac Afghan Hound
124 Club (PAHC), joined the assembly during the report of the President, bringing
125 the counts of those present to 59 delegates and 0 observers from 38
126 member clubs.

127 The delegate, Sandra Moore from the Borzoi Club of American (BCOA), joined
128 the assembly during comments after the report of the President, bringing the
129 count of those present to 60 delegates and 0 observers from 39 member
130 clubs.

131 Phil Fullam presented the report of the First Vice President. Please refer to
132 the attachment.

133 Joe Shoemaker presented the report of the Recording Secretary. Please
134 refer to the attachment.

135 Sally MacDowell presented the report of the Corresponding Secretary. Please
136 refer to the attachment.

137 Gary Roush presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer. The following
138 charts were distributed.

139 Gary Roush presented the reports of the Chief Financial Officer and Finance
140 and Budget Committee. The following charts were provided.

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**American Sighthound Field Association
1 January - 31 December 2017
Annual Financial Report**

Category	Income	Expense	Difference	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Budgeted Diff
ACoD	\$4,280.00	\$4,457.58	-\$177.58	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Forms	\$2,370.90	\$72.55	\$2,298.35	\$1,400.00	\$500.00	\$900.00
Per Capita	\$33,728.00	\$3,530.08	\$30,197.92	\$39,200.00	\$1,400.00	\$37,800.00
Invitationals	\$3,977.00	\$3,530.08	\$446.92	\$4,200.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,800.00
Trials	\$29,751.00	\$0.00	\$29,751.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
Membership	\$4,952.03	\$418.47	\$4,533.56	\$5,400.00	\$200.00	\$5,200.00
Committees	\$0.00	\$7,699.44	-\$7,699.44	\$2,650.00	\$5,300.00	-\$2,650.00
Computer	\$0.00	\$1,270.00	-\$1,270.00	\$2,650.00	\$0.00	\$2,650.00
Internet Initiative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	-\$1,300.00
Web Maintenance*	\$0.00	\$4,633.13	-\$4,633.13	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	-\$4,000.00
Other	\$0.00	\$1,796.31	-\$1,796.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
II Trophy Refurb	\$50.00	\$311.24	-\$261.24	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,345.00	-\$2,345.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Records	\$600.00	\$71,348.07	-\$70,748.07	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	-\$55,000.00
Salary (Gross)	\$0.00	\$25,330.80	-\$25,330.80	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	-\$25,000.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$5,524.77	-\$5,524.77	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Records Replacement	\$600.00	\$40,492.50	-\$39,892.50	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	-\$25,000.00
Regional Directors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Board Meetings	\$0.00	\$5,718.45	-\$5,718.45	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	-\$9,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$672.81	\$304.00	\$368.81	\$2,700.00	\$200.00	\$2,500.00
Totals	\$46,653.74	\$96,204.88	-\$49,551.14	\$56,350.00	\$81,600.00	-\$25,250.00

*Web Maintenance=Updates to website, annual hosting fees, and other costs associated with upkeep.

Starting Balance 1 January 2017

Checking \$68,938.62

Ending Balance 31 December 2017

\$19,387.48 **Difference = -\$49,551.14**

Projected for 2017 Year

Income \$56,350

Expense \$81,600

Actual

1 Jan - 31 Dec 2017= \$46,653.74

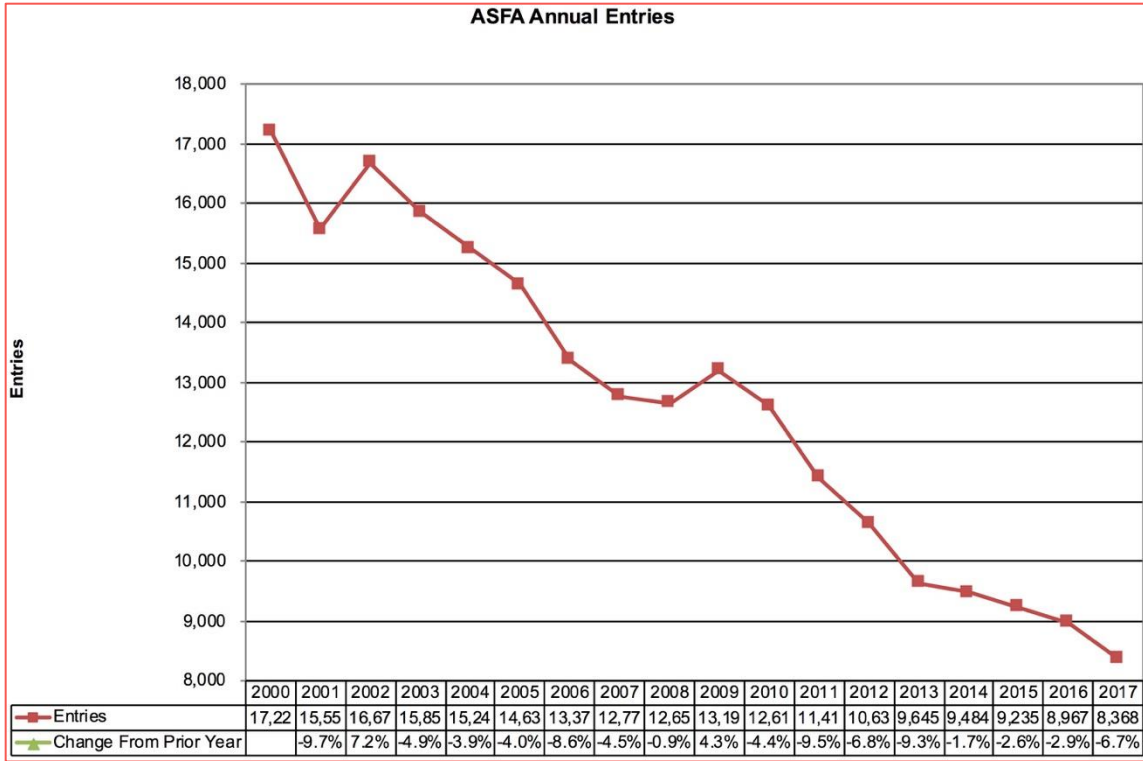
1 Jan - 31 Dec 2017= \$96,204.88

Net **-\$25,250**

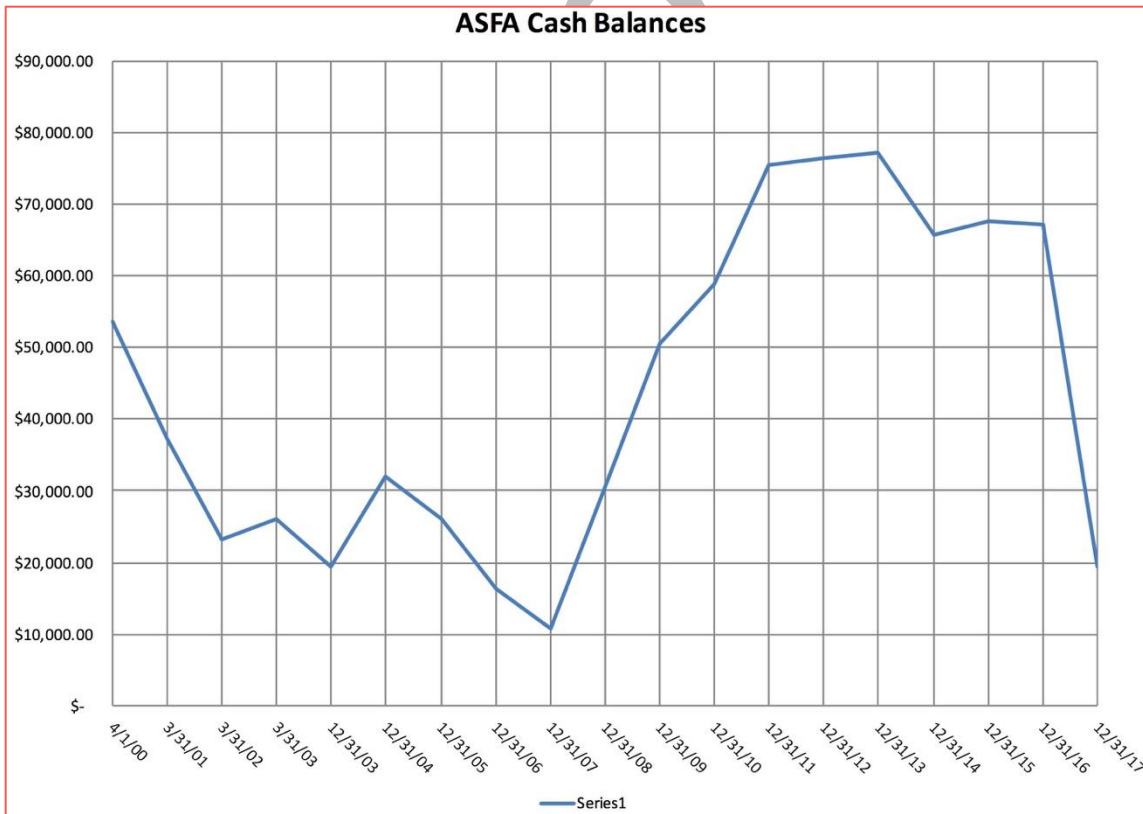
\$-49,551.14

This is our financial status as of 31 December 2017. We have one employee, Lori Coulson, Records Coordinator, and one contractor, Jean Hampton, Webmaster.

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144 Gary Roush presented the report of the Finance and Budget Committee. The
145 proposed budget for 2018 was distributed.

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ASFA 2018 Budget			
	Revenue	Expense	Net
ACoD	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Forms	2,000.00	200.00	1,800.00
Per capita	32,900.00	-	32,900.00
Invitationals	2,900.00		2,900.00
Trials	30,000.00		30,000.00
Membership	5,000.00	400.00	4,600.00
Committees	3,000.00	10,800.00	(7,800.00)
Computer	-	1,300.00	(1,300.00)
Web Maintenance		4,500.00	(4,500.00)
Records upgrade	3,000.00	5,000.00	(2,000.00)
II Trophy ref.	-	400.00	(400.00)
Insurance	-	2,300.00	(2,300.00)
Records	-	30,000.00	(30,000.00)
Salary		25,000.00	(25,000.00)
Expenses		5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Regional Directors		1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Board meetings		7,500.00	(7,500.00)
Miscellaneous	675.00	300.00	375.00
Total	\$ 48,575.00	\$ 58,400.00	\$ (9,825.00)

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147 Marilyn Standerford moved to accept the financial report and the 2018
148 budget as presented. **Motion adopted.**

149 Sandra Moore presented the report of the Regional Directors.

150 The delegate, Linda Jordan from the District Area Sighthound Association
151 (DASH), and the delegate, Kitty Davis from the Potomac Afghan Hound Club
152 (PAHC), joined the assembly during the report of the Regional Directors,
153 bringing the counts of those present to 62 delegates and 0 observers from 39
154 member clubs.

155 Dan Heidel presented the report for Region 3. Please refer to the attachment.

156 Gary Runyan presented the report for Region 4. Please refer to the
157 attachment.

158 Kent Standerford presented the report for Region 5.

159 Greg Breitbach presented the report for Region 6. Please refer to the
160 attachment.

161 Sandra Moore presented the report for Region 7. Please refer to the
162 attachment.

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- 163 Dean Wright presented the report for Region 8. Please refer to the
164 attachment.
- 165 Ben Brodeur presented the report for Region 9. Please refer to the
166 attachment.
- 167 For the report for Region 10, please refer to the attachment.
- 168 Dean Wright presented the report of the Invitationals Committee. Please
169 refer to the attachment.
- 170 Evelyn Jones presented the report of the Rosettes and Medallions Committee.
171 Please refer to the attachment.
- 172 Jeff Lipps presented awards for number one hounds.
- 173 During the presentations, the delegate, Ann Nicholson from the District Area
174 Sighthound Association (DASH), was replaced by David Hall. The counts of
175 those present remains at 62 delegates and 0 observers from 39 member
176 clubs.
- 177 Phil Fullam presented the Excellence in Performance Award (EPA) to the
178 Indiana Lure Coursing Club (ILCC).
- 179 Performance certificates were awarded for entries and trials.
- 180 Dean Wright presented the report of the Guidelines Committee. Please refer
181 to the attachment.
- 182 Jeff Lipps presented the report of the Contract Committee.
- 183 Dean Wright presented the report of the Ways and Means Committee. Please
184 refer to the attachment.
- 185 Rich Whritenour presented the report of the Membership Committee.
- 186 Audrey Silverstein presented the report of the Scheduling Committee. Please
187 refer to the attachment.
- 188 Lori Coulson presented the report of the Records Coordinator. Please refer to
189 the attachment.
- 190 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Records Coordination Committee.
191 Please refer to the attachment.
- 192 Sean McMichael presented the report of the Information Technology
193 Committee.

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- 194 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Website Committee. Please
195 refer to the attachment.
- 196 Kent Standerford presented the report of the Website Publication Committee.
- 197 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Forms Creation and
198 Distribution Committee. Please refer to the attachment.
- 199 For the report of the Public Relations Committee, please refer to the
200 attachment.
- 201 On behalf of the Archives and Historical Committee, Dean Wright introduced
202 Ruth Reynolds, who read an account of the first lure coursing trial.
- 203 Gary Roush presented the report of the Policy Compilation Committee.
204 Please refer to the attachment.
- 205 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Judges Committee. Please refer
206 to the attachment.
- 207 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Judges Licensing Committee.
208 Please refer to the attachment. The top 10 judges for 2017 were announced
209 with the Leigh Littleton award going to Dean Wright.
- 210 Sean McMichael introduced Bill Smith, Paragon Consulting Services, who
211 presented the new ASFA records program.
- 212 Dean Wright presented the report of the Archives and Historical Committee.
213 Please refer to the attachment.
- 214 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Field Trial Improvement
215 Committee. Please refer to the attachment.
- 216 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Long Range Planning Committee.
217 Please refer to the attachment.
- 218 Vickie Jacobs presented the reports of the ACoD Site Selection Committee.
219 Please refer to the attachment.
- 220 Vickie Jacobs presented the report of the ACoD Planning Committee. Please
221 refer to the attachment.
- 222 Vickie Jacobs presented the report of the Advisory Committee on Animal
223 Issues. Please refer to the attachment.

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- 224 Tom Cigolle moved to appoint Vickie Jacobs and Sean McMichael, chairs, and
225 member Phil Fullam to the ACoD Site Selection Committee. **Motion**
226 **adopted.**
- 227 Tom Cigolle moved to appoint Vickie Jacobs, chair, and members Mike
228 Hussey and Gary Runyan to the ACoD Planning Committee. **Motion**
229 **adopted.**
- 230 Tom Cigolle moved to appoint Vickie Jacobs, chair, and member Jeff Lipps to
231 the Advisory Committee on Animal Issues. **Motion adopted.**
- 232 Gary Roush presented the report of the Gary Forrester Award Committee.
233 The Gary Forrester Award was presented to Robert Jordan.
- 234 Tom Cigolle moved to appoint Gary Roush, chair, and members Dawn Gibas,
235 Beth Levine, Kathy Nelson, and Sean McMichael to the Gary Forrester Award
236 Committee. **Motion adopted.**
- 237 Dean Wright presented the report of the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame
238 Committee. Please refer to the attachment.
- 239 Gary Roush moved that Janet Lotz be elected to the Lure Coursing Hall of
240 Fame. **Motion adopted.**
- 241 Jeff Lipps made a motion with respect to veteran titles in the Lure Coursing
242 Hall of Fame. After debate and amendment, the motion *to approve adding to*
243 *the Hall of Fame Policies the induction, for each breed, the first V-FCh and*
244 *the first V-LCM and for Singles the first TCP and the first CPX* was **adopted.**
- 245 Rich Whritenour moved that the 2018 ACoD approve adding to the Hall of
246 Fame policies the following policy, *"As breeds are accepted by ASFA, the first*
247 *FCh, the first LCM, the first V-FCh, the first V-LCM, and the first AKC Breed*
248 *Champion that is also an ASFA FCh, will be inducted into the ASFA Hall of*
249 *Fame at the first ACoD after the hound earns the title."* After debate,
250 **motion adopted.**
- 251 Tom Cigolle moved to appoint Dean Wright, chair, and members Trisha
252 Borland, Ben Brodeur, Mike Hussey, Kathy Nelson, Kathy Sanders, and Vern
253 Staack to the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee. **Motion adopted.**
- 254 Dean Wright announced that hounds Maddie (Greyhound), Mickii (Basenji),
255 and Storm (Rhodesian Ridgeback) were elected to the Lure Coursing Hall of
256 Fame.
- 257 Ping Pirrung presented the report of the Constitutional Revision Committee.
258 Please refer to the attachment.

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259 Rich Whritenour moved to amend the *Constitution and By-Laws, Article I,*
260 *Section 2*, by adding as shown:

261 **(e)** to engage in such additional activities, consistent with the
262 expertise and interests of our clubs, which are likely to support
263 objectives (a)-(c) through public education, fundraising or other
264 activities deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors and approved
265 by the Annual Convention of Delegates.

266 After debate, **motion adopted.**

267 Sandra Moore moved to appoint Ping Pirrung, chair, and members Dan
268 Heidel, Russ Jacobs, Leigh Littleton, Joe Shoemaker, and Rick Wolpin to the
269 Constitutional Revision Committee. **Motion adopted.**

270 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Rules Evaluation Committee.
271 Please refer to the attachment.

272 Jeff Lipps moved to amend the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure*
273 *Field Trials, Chapter V, Section 7*, as shown:

274 Best of Breed competition must be resolved in one course. The winner
275 of this run or the single hound remaining after all other competitors
276 forfeit or withdraw shall be declared that breed's Best of Breed. First
277 placing hounds in all regular stakes of each breed shall run-off or
278 withdraw from Best of Breed competition. Unless all ties for first place
279 and Best of Breed can be resolved in one course, all ties must be
280 broken before running Best of Breed. ~~Best of Breed competition must~~
281 ~~be resolved in one course.~~ In the case of multiple flights, an overall
282 winner in the Open stake, an overall winner in the Field Champion
283 stake, and an overall winner in the Veteran stake must be determined
284 by runoff or forfeiture ~~unless~~ until the Best of Breed can be run in one
285 course. Determination of this each overall stake winner shall be
286 determined in the same manner as tie-breaking: namely, all hounds in
287 contention shall be randomly drawn in as many courses as are
288 necessary, and after a single run of each course the high-scoring
289 hound will be considered the overall winner (ties must be forfeited or
290 run-off) and eligible to run for best of breed. The winner of this run or
291 the single hound remaining after all other competitors forfeit or
292 withdraw shall be declared that breed's Best of Breed. Only hounds
293 winning a Best of Breed run shall be awarded points equal to the
294 points awarded the highest-placing hound in that breed which it
295 defeated. In the event of a single entry in any breed, or all hounds in a
296 breed entered in one stake, the Best of Breed winner shall be

297 determined solely by the highest combined scores of the preliminary
298 and final courses. A hound must earn a qualifying score in the run-off
299 in order to win Best of Breed. A hound who wins a Best of Breed run,
300 and who is a single entry in a stake, shall be awarded a first placement
301 with competition.

302 After debate, **motion adopted.**

303 Rich Whritenour moved to amend the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for*
304 *Lure Field Trials, Chapter VI, Section 1, item (e)*, as shown:

305 ~~A~~Per capita fees are as set by the Board of Directors (see schedule of
306 fees on the ASFA website) for each hound which was a paid entry in a
307 regular stake ~~(excepting those whose entry fee was refunded)~~ and for
308 each paid entry in non-regular stakes (Kennel, Breeder, and Bench
309 Stakes). No per capita fee is due for any entry, regular or non-regular,
310 that was fully refunded to the exhibitor. All per capita fees shall be
311 paid through...

312 **Motion adopted.**

313 Rich Whritenour moved to amend the motion previously adopted to clarify
314 that item (g) is being modified and not item (e). **Motion adopted.**

315 Rich Whritenour moved to amend the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for*
316 *Lure Field Trials, Chapter IV, Scheduling the Meet, Section 7, Hound*
317 *Certification Form*, as shown:

318 A current Hound Certification form is to be included in the premium, if
319 hound certification runs will be offered.

320 After debate, **motion adopted.**

321 Rich Whritenour moved to reject an amendment to the *Running Rules and*
322 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter V, Section 12, item (e)*, as
323 shown:

324 ~~No~~ ASFA championship points will be awarded to the Best in Field
325 winner based on the highest points awarded to any individual hound
326 that ran in Best in Field. This will not exceed 40 points. however, The
327 hound that wins Best in Field will be credited with a first placement in
328 a stake.

329 After debate, **motion lost** by counted vote, 31 ayes and 29 noes.

330 Gary Roush moved to amend the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for*
331 *Lure Field Trials, Chapter V, Section 12, item (e)*, as shown:

332 ~~No~~ ASFA championship points will be awarded to the Best in Field
333 winner based on the highest points awarded to any individual hound
334 that ran in Best in Field. This will not exceed 40 points. ~~however,~~ The
335 hound that wins Best in Field will be credited with a first placement in
336 a stake.

337 **Motion lost** by counted vote, 30 ayes and 31 noes.

338 Gary Roush moved to amend the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for*
339 *Lure Field Trials, Chapter V, Section 5, item (a) Open Stake*, as shown:

340 Each stake shall consist of entries of only one breed, dogs and bitches;
341 ASFA Field Champions of record of that breed may not be entered. A
342 photocopy of acceptable registry must be submitted with a hound's
343 first ASFA field trial entry. This requirement will be waived for hounds
344 registered with the National Greyhound Association. To be eligible to
345 enter the open stake, a hound must have been certified by a licensed
346 judge within the year preceding the closing date for the entry, hound's
347 first competition, or have previously competed in the Open stake. Such
348 certification must indicate that the hound completed one course of at
349 least 500 yards, running continuously with another hound of the same
350 breed (or another breed with a similar running style), and showed no
351 inclination to interfere with the other hound, or to course the other
352 hound rather than the lure. A hound must be at least eleven (11)
353 months old to run in a certification course. The preceding eligibility
354 requirement will be waived for a hound that has earned a lure coursing
355 or racing title from another recognized organization, if such title
356 requires competition, and if a waiver for such title has been approved
357 by the ASFA.

358 After debate, **motion adopted** with 42 ayes.

359 Rich Whritenour moved to amend the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for*
360 *Lure Field Trials, Chapter III, Judging, Section 1*, as shown:

361 Clubs may, at their discretion, use either one or two judges for any
362 given breed or breeds at ASFA lure field trials. If only one judge is
363 used, he or she must be regularly licensed for each breed so judged
364 with the exception of field trials held in conjunction with a given
365 breed's national specialty, ~~Regional Invitationals~~, and the ASFA
366 International Invitational, which must use two judges for each stake.

367 Clubs hosting an ASFA Regional Invitational should use two judges for
368 each stake. A hosting club in a Region which routinely has low entries
369 may, with the approval of their Regional Director, have the option of
370 using one judge in stakes to reduce the financial burden on the club.

371 After debate, **motion adopted** with 44 ayes.

372 Jeff Lipps moved to amend the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure*
373 *Field Trials, Chapter XIII, Glossary*, as shown:

374 **Non-regular stakes:** Consists of Bench, Breeder and Kennel stakes
375 within each individual breed or Singles stake. No points are awarded.

376 **Motion adopted.**

377 Dean Wright moved to refer to the Rules Evaluation Committee an
378 amendment to the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials,*
379 *Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges*, as shown:

380 **Section 4. Provisional Status (seeking regular license)**

381 (d) The Board, upon recommendation of the chair, and in no less than
382 30 days after publication, shall determine, if the applicant shall be
383 granted a license for the breed or breeds for which the license is
384 sought.

385
386 **Section 5. Licensing for Additional Breeds.** Any judge regularly
387 licensed in at least three breeds may seek an additional breed by
388 meeting the following requirements; so long as those requirements are
389 met, Singles stake shall also count as an additional breed.

390
391 (c) The Board, upon recommendation of the chair, and in no less than
392 30 days after the applicant's name has been published, shall
393 determine whether the applicant shall be granted a license to judge
394 the breed(s) for which the license is sought.

395
396 **Section 11.** Upon receipt of a written request from a judge licensed
397 for eight breeds, the Chair ~~may~~ shall grant a license for all breeds.
398 The judge will be licensed for all breeds in no less than 30 days after
399 publication.

400 After debate, **motion adopted.**

401 Tom Cigolle moved to direct the Constitutional Revision Committee to
402 establish a quorum level for the Annual Convention of Delegates. After
403 debate, **motion lost.**

404 Tom Cigolle made a motion on the breeds in the Limited Stake. After debate
405 and amendment, the motion to direct the Constitutional Revision Committee
406 and Rules Evaluation Committee to change the process to fully recognize the
407 breeds in the Limited Stake was **adopted** with 42 ayes.

408 Vickie Jacobs moved to direct the Rules Evaluation Committee to amend
409 Chapter V, Section 12, item (e). After debate and amendment, the motion to
410 allow a hound that wins Best in Field to earn points as though that run were
411 a separate stake (but no more than 40 total points at a trial for that hound)
412 was **adopted** with 43 ayes.

413 Clay Leslie made a motion on dismissals. After debate and amendment, the
414 motion to direct the Rules Evaluation Committee to amend Chapter III,
415 Section 14, and Chapter VIII, Section 1, to include "dirty looks" to the list of
416 conditions that do not constitute grounds for dismissal was **lost**.

417 To create a source of communication on current veterinary issues,
418 recommendations, and education, Meredith Wille moved that the Board of
419 Directors establish a Veterinary Medical Committee. **Motion adopted.**

420 Elections were conducted for officers. Tom Cigolle moved to close
421 nominations for the office of President. **Motion adopted.**

422 Speaking for the Lure Coursing Judges Association, Tom Cigolle announced
423 that Joe Shoemaker was named the Lure Operator of the Year.

424 Dean Wright again introduced Ruth Reynolds, who performed another
425 reading.

426 By ballot, Dean Wright was elected to the office of President.

427 Tom Cigolle moved to close the nominations for the office of First Vice
428 President. Motion adopted. Gary Roush moved to elect Phil Fullam to the
429 office of First Vice President by acclamation. **Motion adopted.**

430 Tom Cigolle moved to close the nominations for the office of Second Vice
431 President. Motion adopted. Gary Roush moved to elect Greg Breitbach to
432 the office of Second Vice President by acclamation. **Motion adopted.**

433 Tom Cigolle moved to close the nominations for the office of Chief Financial
434 Officer. Motion adopted. Tom Cigolle moved to elect Gary Roush to the
435 office of Chief Financial Officer by acclamation. **Motion adopted.**

436 Marilyn Standerford moved to close the nominations for the office of
437 Recording Secretary. **Motion adopted.** Marilyn Standerford moved to elect

- 438 Ping Pirrung to the office of Recording Secretary by acclamation. **Motion**
439 **adopted.**
- 440 Tom Cigolle moved to close the nominations for the office of Corresponding
441 Secretary. Motion adopted. Tom Cigolle moved to elect Holly Hamilton to
442 the office of Corresponding Secretary by acclamation. **Motion adopted.**
- 443 Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Joseph A. Shoemaker, Recording Secretary
American Sighthound Field Association

Date of Approval

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Approved

445 **Attachments**

446 **Officer Reports**

447 **Report from the First Vice President**

448 *Phil Fullam, First Vice President*

449 This year was filled with far too many work hours and distractions from ASFA
450 business and dogs in general. From the spring to the fall I was involved in
451 employment related tasks that consumed on average 75 hours a week,
452 limiting both time and energy for other tasks.

453 As is reported in the Chairperson, Records Coordinator report, I was also
454 involved in the significant problems that befell the Records Program.
455 Thankfully we were eventually able to recover. Additionally, I was involved
456 with developing a report as Chairperson, Long Range Planning Committee,
457 for consideration by the Constitution Review Committee relating to new
458 activities and the limitations of our current constitution and by-laws.

459 I have viewed the position of 1ST VP as a sort of Ombudsman for member
460 clubs and individuals. As I have travelled around the country this year,
461 judging and lure operating, I have made a point to listen to the conversations
462 about the ASFA. I have tried to hear both the positives and negatives that
463 individuals expressed. Frequently I engaged in conversations without
464 reference to my position in the ASFA, talking just as an individual. As the
465 discussions progressed, and I felt I was understanding the positions and
466 opinions being presented, I would then explain my role with the ASFA.

467 Several themes came up frequently in the discussions. Probably the most
468 aggravating aspect to most individuals is the perceived slowness and
469 indifference of the Board of the ASFA. This was supported by a view that
470 there is little or no communication from the Board on important issues.
471 Many of the conversations were less than comfortable as we talked about the
472 colipase of the Records System, and the really poor job that was done letting
473 the fancy know what was going on and when it would be fixed.

474 Not all the feedback I have received has been negative. Many people still
475 prefer ASFA over AKC. There is a concern that the training of judges licensed
476 by AKC is lacking. Some of the preference for ASFA is emotional, reflecting a
477 general dislike or disdain for AKC. There is also a historic loyalty toward
478 ASFA, as the founding organization for Lure Coursing, and all the work that
479 was put into creating the organization.

480 While it may be true that the Board is like the duck swimming in the pond,
481 almost motionless above the surface but paddling like mad below, we have
482 not done an acceptable job of informing the member clubs what is going on,
483 what the priorities are, and where we have made progress. As a Board of
484 Directors, we are not perceived as a group that is here to improve the ASFA.
485 Our makeup as a board is often times referred to as the same old group.

486 Goals for the coming year are to continue to listen to member clubs and
487 individuals and provide feedback to the Board in general on the state of the
488 lure coursing community. I hope to increase my effectiveness on the
489 committees I serve on, as I am now retired and may have a few more hours
490 available for ASFA activities.

491 **Report from the Recording Secretary**

492 *Joe Shoemaker, Recording Secretary*

493 The minutes for the March 2017 Board of Directors meeting were delivered to
494 the president on 24 March 2017 shortly after the conclusion of the meeting
495 and to the rest of the Minutes Review Committee (MRC) the next day. The
496 MRC concluded their review on 6 April 2017, and the draft minutes were
497 delivered to the full Board the next day. The minutes were approved by the
498 Board of Directors on 19 April 2017.

499 The minutes for the 2017 Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) were
500 delivered to the 2017 ACoD Minutes Review Committee (MRC) on 25 March
501 2017 and were approved by the 2017 ACoD MRC on 24 April 2017.

502 The minutes for the on-line Board of Directors meeting that convened
503 between the 2017 ACoD and the 2018 ACoD will be delivered to the MRC
504 within a day of conclusion of business; hopefully, that will be in time for
505 approval by the Board of Directors at their March 2018 meeting.

506 For enabling me to complete the draft minutes on the day that a meeting
507 concludes, I am grateful to both the Board of Directors and the 2017 ACoD
508 for ensuring that I had the motions correctly in writing prior to a vote. I urge
509 the Board of Directors and 2018 ACoD to afford me the same courtesy this
510 year.

511 I attribute the fact that both sets of minutes last year were approved within
512 one month due to the naming of the minutes review committees, for both the
513 Board and the ACoD, prior to the start of other business. While that may not
514 be possible for the Board during this election year, I do advise the 2018
515 ACoD to appoint its ACoD Minutes Review Committee, to be chaired by the
516 current president, who will select committee members from the body of

517 delegates, to review and approve the minutes of the 2018 ACoD within 90
518 days after the convention closes. I further advise the 2018 ACoD to take that
519 action at its earliest convenience so that the members of that committee are
520 fully aware of their responsibilities for the duration of the convention.

521 **Report from the Corresponding Secretary**

522 *Sally MacDowell, Corresponding Secretary*

523 Prelims and Finals are done, and we are in run offs. This is a great course.
524 There are long straights for the simple joy of running, and the turns have
525 been cleverly designed to keep me from cutting. Now you might think that I
526 am running as a single. Not true, I am a Borzoi after all. The whole field
527 committee has been my hunting team. Thank you one and all.

528 **Statements of Irregularity and Protests**

529 No Statements of Irregularity were received.

530 Three Protests were received, one was upheld. Note: in the table of motions,
531 I showed only those motions which passed, except for one of the protest
532 motions.

533 **Other Correspondence**

534 I received one notable question from the website. The writer wanted to know
535 whether or not a mixed breed dog could run at our trials. I answered that we
536 would welcome them at practices, and that Coursing Ability Tests are
537 available for all dogs.

538 **Review of Suspended Individuals**

539 The list of people suspended has not changed this year, they are:

- 540
- *Richard Erdmann, effective November 1, 1992 for an indefinite period due to outstanding debts to ASFA*
- 541
- *Robbin Wiseman, effective April 1, 2006 for a period of 25 years for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the ASFA and all breeds of sighthounds.*
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545 **Motions in Online Meetings**

546 Fifteen Motions were passed by the Board of Directors in the time between
547 ACoD 2017 and the Distribution of the Delegates' Information Packet for
548 2018.

Date

Motion Content

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Date	Motion Content
3-25-2017	Appoint the Minutes Review Committee
4-7-2017	Approve Online Board Meeting Minutes
4-8-2017	Approve Central Coast Association of Sighthounds Membership
4-18-2017	Approve 2017 Board Minutes
4-19-2017	Approve Nominations to ASFA Committees for 2017
4-29-2017	Approve Changes to Questions on Judges' Test
5-16-2017	Approve Ad Hoc Committee to Open Communications with AKC
5-25-2017	Reject Request for Appeal from Thomas Christ
7-6-2017	Approve SEGC Request to Hold 2017 Greyhound Specialty Trial
8-25-2017	Approve Request for More Information About Judging Decision at UCBSC Trial
9-25-2017	Deny Protest, Uphold Judging Decision
11-15-2017	Approve Training Provisional Judges for BIF
11-24-2017	<i>(Failed)</i> Uphold Protest Against Judges' Decision
12-5-2017	Uphold a Protest and Overturn Judging Decision To Run a Lone Dog for BOB
12-15-2017	Refer to REC, Allowing Single Judge for Regionals Under Limited Conditions
2-1-2018	Approve Potomac Afghan Hound Club Membership

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550 Perhaps you will be interested to know that each of these motions is a 12-
551 day process, in four parts. Those are the motion/seconding, discussion,
552 balloting, and announcing the result of the ballots. The stages must be kept

553 separate; the dates must be calculated; and each of the stages must be
554 posted to correspond with the time frame for each. There are up to three
555 days allowed for seconding. Discussion and Balloting are each exactly five
556 days.

557 I appreciate the honor of serving as one of ASFA's officers, and I will miss it.
558 If the opportunity arises in the future, I will be happy to consider it.

559 Thank you, Tally Ho, and run safely.

560 **Regional Director Reports**

561 **Report from Region 3**

562 *Dan Heidel, Director*

563 Region 3 covers the four amazing states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and
564 Wyoming. There are 5 clubs in Region 3: Rocky Mountain Coursing Club
565 (RMCC) in Wyoming; Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA)
566 in Colorado; Utah Sighthound Racing & Coursing Club (USRCC) in Utah; Lobo
567 Lure Coursing Club (LLCC) in New Mexico and Colorado Lure Coursing
568 Association (CLCA) in Colorado.

569 In 2017, Region 3 held 30 trials with only one cancellation due to weather,
570 and ran 725 dogs, going up over 80 dogs compared to 2016. This includes
571 an Irish Wolfhound Specialty, a Greyhound Specialty, and a Cirneco Specialty.
572 The American Whippet Club held their National Specialty in Colorado and had
573 an entry of 50 dogs running (Not included in the previous trials and counts).

574 The following is a listing of Region 3 trials by clubs:

Date	Club	#Entries	Type
4/15/17	AWC	50	Whippet Specialty
AWC Total		50	
01/01/17	CLCA	25	All Breed
02/25/17	CLCA	22	All Breed
02/26/17	CLCA	24	All Breed

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Date	Club	#Entries	Type
03/18/17	CLCA	35	All Breed
03/19/17	CLCA	36	All Breed
05/20/17	CLCA	13	All Breed
05/21/17	CLCA	12	All Breed
07/14/17	CLCA	26	All Breed
07/15/17	CLCA	24	All Breed
07/16/17	CLCA	19	All Breed
09/15/17	CLCA	31	43 rd Grand National
09/16/17	CLCA	19	43 rd Grand National
09/18/17	CLCA	40	43 rd Grand National
10/07/17	CLCA	30	All Breed
10/08/17	CLCA	37	Region 3 Invitational
12/16/17	CLCA	34	All Breed
12/17/17	CLCA	34	All Breed
12/30/17	CLCA	38	All Breed
12/31/17	CLCA	Cancelled	
CLCA Total		499	
04/01/17	LLCC	24	All Breed

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Date	Club	#Entries	Type
04/02/17	LLCC	25	All Breed
11/18/17	LLCC	15	All Breed
11/19/17	LLCC	19	All Breed
LLCC Total		83	
09/30/17	RMCC	27	All Breed
RMCC Total		27	
09/02/17	RMIWA	8	IW Specialty
11/18/17	RMIWA	12	All Breed
11/19/17	RMIWA	12	All Breed
RMIWA Total		32	
05/29/17	USRCC	34	All Breed
09/02/17	USRCC	16	Grey Specialty
09/03/17	USRCC	6	Cirneco Specialty
09/04/17	USRCC	28	All Breed
USRCC Total		84	
Grand Total		775	

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576 The Region 3 Invitational was held on October 8th by the Colorado Lure
577 Coursing Association and had 37 great running hounds!

578 In an effort to “showcase” the growth of the Utah Club and hopefully get
579 them to run more ASFA Trials, I invited Utah to join CLCA in working on a
580 proposal for a future International Invitational. A proposal was initially
581 submitted to host the II in October of 2018. Unfortunately, it had to be
582 withdrawn as Utah felt they could not commit to an October 2018. We have
583 discussed developing a proposal for June of 2019 but are waiting for the
584 outcome of the discussion on the 2018 II.

585 It appears that the same number of ASFA trials will be held in Region 3 in
586 2019. It has been challenging for clubs to find available dates with the
587 increased number of non-coursing clubs running other types of coursing
588 events (AKC CAT and FastCAT).

589 **Report from Region 4**

590 *Gary Runyan, Director*

591 Trial evaluations were performed by the regional director. All clubs
592 presented a quality trial event and most clubs has a good knowledge of the
593 system. Planning is ongoing with several clubs to host the 2018 ASFA R.I.
594 The time is projected—during the Thanksgiving weekend—to host the event
595 near Dallas, TX. Clubs within the region are not willing to lose money putting
596 on ASFA trials. Most have expressed they would not host ASFA events. No
597 new ASFA growth in the region. On the upside, during the events
598 evaluations, the R.D. asked for and received nominations for the ASFA Hall of
599 Fame.

600 **Report from Region 6**

601 *Greg Breitbach, Director*

602 Like ASFA, Region 6 is having difficulty competing with all the additional
603 events hosted within the region. There were six fewer trials hosted in 2017
604 compared to 2016. At least four of the lost trials were due to weather related
605 issues and two were changes to AKC events. A club from Region 7 hosted an
606 ASFA trial and AKC trials and CAT in Lexington on Labor Day weekend in
607 conjunction with AKC conformation shows which drew entries away from the
608 Region 6 club which has priority that weekend. That club is now looking to
609 move their trial dates as entries for that club has been going down for
610 several years.

611 The total number of hounds entered dropped from a high in 2013 of 2,084 to
612 a new low of 1,026. Part of the 2013 high was that national specialties were
613 held within the region. Recently SCOA has moved from Lexington to Purina
614 Farms for their national. 2018 will see the PHCA national in Lexington.

615 There was a decline of average entries for the hosting clubs in the region
616 from 31 dogs per trial to 29 dogs per trial, a drop of 3.

617 The Region 6 invitational for 2017 was hosted by Indiana Lure Coursing Club
618 at the Model Airplane site. They drew 69 entries representing 11 breeds. BIF
619 went to RR Zayin.

620 We are currently looking for a club to host the 2018 regional.

621 In recent years, several clubs have dropped BIF from their offering. Some
622 clubs have moved to providing a special run on Sunday for all BOB winners in
623 recognition of special people from the past. Most common reason is that BIF
624 entries have been decreasing due to it not having any meaning except for
625 low entry breeds which can gain a competitive entry by winning BIF. Even
626 though the BIE do not carry any competitive gain, entries are higher than for
627 BIF's.

628 The common complaint at the Regional was from FTS's and the amount of
629 paperwork required from ASFA compared to AKC. It is becoming harder to
630 find FTS's because of this. ASFA needs to reduce the amount of paperwork
631 expected from clubs.

632 **Report from Region 7**

633 *Sandra Moore, Director*

634 Region 7 is comprised of North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia,
635 Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

636 In 2017, Region 7 held 36 trials including the II in Bainbridge GA.

637 The Region 7 Invitational was held on September 17th by the Carolina Lure
638 Coursing Association and had 37 hounds!

639 Following is a breakdown of how many hounds were run at the Region &
640 clubs. GANG had one additional trial in KY with an entry of 37 which I did
641 not include because it was not run in Region 7.

642 Carolina Lure Coursing Society 4 trials including the regional 154

643 Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure Coursing Association 8 trials 289

644 Sunshine State Rhodesian Ridgeback Club 2 trials 65

645 Appalachia Coursing Club 4 trials 104

646 Gulf Coast Hound Club 2 trials 27

- 647 Greyhound Association of Northern Georgia 10 trials 430
- 648 Ibizan Hound Club of America Specialty 1 trial 13
- 649 Afghan Hound Club of America 4 trials 123
- 650 SouthEastern Greyhound Club 1 specialty trial 6
- 651 Total 1208 entries at regular trials plus 259 II entries for a total of 1467 dogs
652 run in Region 7 ASFA trials.
- 653 ASFA continues to struggle for open weekends in region 7 with AKC events of
654 all kinds, also UKC events. The II was pitted against a Whippet show
655 specialty weekend of longstanding in Atlanta GA which probably affected the
656 entries.
- 657 **Report from Region 8**
658 *Dean Wright, Director*
- 659 Region 8 is alive and well.
- 660 Continuing to Rock N Roll in 2018
661 I would like to thank the region 8 clubs for their dedication to ASFA in 2017.
662 Region 8 consists of 14 clubs, 11 member clubs, 3 affiliate, 1 FT affiliate and
663 2 parent clubs. We held forty-one ASFA trials with a total entry of 1706
664 hounds, which were up from 1493 in 2016. Our 2 day regional was held in
665 October by the efforts of LVCC. The number 1 club in the country for entries
666 came from Region 8, Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club with a total entry of
667 547.
- 668 The Number 1 and number 2 Afghans in the country came from Region 8
669 #1, "Zephyr" owned by E. Klosson and #2 "Sansa" owned by B. and L.
670 Jordan
- 671 Region 8 had a total of 4 Afghans in the ASFA Top Ten
- 672 6 basenjis #1 "Chilly" owned by K. Sanders and A. Silverstein
673 9 Borzoi
674 2 Galgo Espanol #1 "Gunner" owned by D. Murray
675 1 Greyhound
676 3 Italian Greyhounds "Ammo" number 2 owned by C. Mulcrone
677 1 Irish Wolfhounds
678 4 Pharaoh Hounds
679 7 Rhodesian Ridgebacks # 1 "Vera"
680 4 Saluki

681 3 Scottish Deerhounds
682 3 Singles #2 "Fariq" owned by S Meier
683 4 Whippets

684 For a Grand total of 51 Region 8 hounds in the ASFA Top Twenty.

685 On January 27th we held our 41st annual Regional meeting with 14 in
686 attendance representing 11 of our 14 clubs, not a shabby turn out.

687 Please check out our website at www.asfaregion8.com. It has historical
688 photos the history of our region a brag section and much, much more.

689 My goals for Region 8 in 2018 are:

- 690 • *Have an entry of 80 each day at our 2017 Regional Invitational.*
691 *The 2018 Regional Invitational will be Co-Hosted by DASH and*
692 *PAHC (Region 8's newest member club).*
- 693 • *Advertise our Region 8 Long Running Trials, CHAMP CUP< GRANDE*
694 *PRIX CHALLENGE CUP, Final week end of trials in Hanover, The*
695 *ALLEGHENY DERBY.*
- 696 • *Use the Special events on the ASFA Website to advertise our long*
697 *running trials.*
- 698 • *Have more brag photos on the Region 8 website.*
- 699 • *Have an increase of 10% in entries in 2018 we had an increase of*
700 *14% in 2017*
- 701 • *Have each club with 4 trials last year do 1 more weekend in 2018*
702 *and qualify for the Silver award to be presented at the 2019 ACOD.*

703 The clubs that need to do 1 more weekend are:

704 MDIHC
705 CHAMP
706 LVCC
707 JRRWA
708 THLCA
709 SHOT
710 TRI-STATE

711 On a very sad note 2018 saw the loss of Judy Brader, a great competitor with
712 her Basenjis. Judy has several Basenjis in the LifeTime Top 20. She has
713 worked at our trials as long as I can remember. Judy will be missed by
714 everyone in Region 8.

715 **Report from Region 9**

716 *Ben Brodeur, Director*

717 Region 9 includes New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhodes Island,
718 New Hampshire, Vermont & Maine with 4 active clubs consisting of 3 member
719 clubs CLASS, GONE, LCLC and 1 FT Applied Northern Azawakh Association
720 Club (NAA) as an extension of Region 9 into Eastern Ontario Canada.

721 The NAA Club held their ASFA Inaugural Trial on May 27 & 28th 2017. This
722 has allowed our Canadian friends North of the Border to participate in a sport
723 they enjoy doing with their beautiful hounds without having to cross borders.
724 NAA held 4 trials in 2017 with an entry of 112 hounds which is pretty darn
725 good for a new club and April 28th 2018 will complete their 1st year.

726 Needless to say, that triggered some disapproval from some Canadians who
727 believed that we were overstepping our bounds which escalated to receiving
728 a communique from CKC. I forwarded these to ASFA President Jeff Lipps who
729 reviewed them and basically informed our Canadian friends that the reason
730 ASFA allowed this was the fact that CKC does not recognize certain breeds
731 and that it was in no means to harm CKC.

732 On another note, CLASS had to cancel their trials in 2017 due to family
733 health issues and lack of member support.

734 I was invited to L.O. at the ASFA II so, Moe and I made the trek to
735 Bainbridge GA and had a great time. It was nice spending time with some old
736 friends and acquaintances.

737 GONE held this year's annual meeting on January 27th and we discussed
738 hosting the 2018 ASFA Region 9 Invitational but felt that it would be nice to
739 have it once again in the most Western part of Region 9. So, on Monday I
740 contacted Jeanie Martin to see if LCLC would be willing to host it. They
741 graciously accepted to.

742 In 2017, Region 9 held 16 trials with 3 clubs participating for a total entry of
743 606 (10 less than in 2016) or 7.2% of ASFA's total 2017 entry of 8368. Trials
744 held per club: CLASS 0 trials, GONE 7 trials (322), LCLC 4 trials (144), NAA 4
745 trials (112) and IWCA 1 trial (9). I am so proud of NAA and want to wish
746 them continued success as the 1st Canadian Club to host ASFA.

747 Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2018 ACoD.

748 **Report from Region 10**

749 *Lori Silvestri, Director*

750 Region 10 covers the state of California south from the northern boundaries
751 of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, Arizona, Hawaii, and
752 Nevada south of Highway 6.

753 Region 10 saw a decrease in entries in 2017, following a significant increase
754 in 2016, after a couple of years of steady decline. Region 10 is currently
755 facing a number of challenges, with a greatly decreased number of ASFA
756 clubs (most of whom chose to host only AKC trials from a few years ago
757 forward), a loss of available fields due to changes in regulations, drought,
758 flooding, and other challenges. Finding new fields seems at times nearly
759 impossible, as most fields come with exorbitant rental rates. The cost of
760 bringing in judges added to renting fields makes holding more than a couple
761 of ASFA trials per year financially unsound in most parts of the region. It is
762 encouraging to see both new faces and long-time, dedicated enthusiasts in
763 spite of these challenges.

764 Region 10 currently has 3 Member clubs, one of which is a National Breed
765 club, and 1 Affiliate club. Our most active club in Region 10 has long been
766 California Coursing Association CCA, a club that has for many years been a
767 source of training and support for new clubs and lure coursing enthusiasts,
768 providing equipment and mentoring for anyone seriously interested in
769 learning various aspects of the sport. In 2017, CCA had a total of 109
770 entries and hosted 16 trials. Central Coast Association of Sighthounds,
771 CCASH, Region 10's newest Member club, hosted two trials in 2017 with a
772 total of 44 entries. The International Silken Windhound Society, ISWS, had
773 their National Specialty in Chino Hills, CA, supported by CCA, with 34 entries.

774 Region 10's season is already under way. By this publication, CCA has
775 already held their first 4 trials of the year with more this weekend. CCASH
776 has two trials scheduled so far this year, and we are looking for a club to
777 host the 2018 Region 10 Regional.

778 We have two new All-breed judges, Justin Dannenbring and Jennifer Gysler,
779 in Region 10 as of 2017. Justin has been the driving force for California
780 Coursing Association for many years and has been responsible for training
781 and mentoring countless new lure coursing participants, lure operators,
782 huntmasters, trial secretaries, clerks and chairs. As a result of Justin's
783 efforts, CCA has provided a framework for new clubs to get started in the
784 region over the years. Jennifer has been working enthusiastically and
785 tirelessly at ASFA trials for years, filling many roles such as trial secretary,
786 chair, huntmaster, field clerk and now judge, and we are fortunate to have
787 her in our Region 10 family. ASFA is very lucky to have both of these new
788 All-breed judges, as are we in region 10.

789 **Committee Reports**

790 **Report from the Archives and Historical Committee**

791 *Dean Wright, Chair*

792 Would first like to thank the other committee members for their contributions
793 to the committees work Ben Brodeur, Kent Standerford, Russ Jacobs and
794 Kathy Sanders.

795 Would also like to thank Nancy Ewing for her work as the curator for the
796 ASFA Museum at 6851 York Rd in Hanover, PA.

797 2017 UPDATES:

798 *1. I have a complete list of all of the BOB winners by breed since the first*
799 *II in Carbondale, IL.*

800 *2. I received two old lure machines from Rick Wolpin that someone gave*
801 *to him in California.*

802 Following were our Goals for 2018

803 **HISTORICAL COMMITTEE GOALS**

804 A written inventory of all items. Inventory is completed—needs to be put into
805 a booklet form. Kathy Sanders on the committee volunteered. The written
806 inventory with photos on the web site (for next year, 2018). I now have
807 photos of everything in the museum. Now need to put them into some sort of
808 format.

809 *3. ASFA History written by Gary Roush from the first Historical Book on*
810 *the Web Site. (Request has been sent to Website Committee for a*
811 *section for ASFA History. Has been promised several years ago Still*
812 *waiting for spot on website.)*

813 *4. Received several very old lure machines and pulleys donated by Mr.*
814 *Huff from California. These were used in the beginning of ASFA. They*
815 *are on display at the ASFA Museum in Hanover PA. (Still need photos*
816 *of them.)*

817 *5. Working on photos of all of the II perpetual trophies to be added to the*
818 *website. Have photos of about half.*



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820 **Report from the Executive Committee**

821 *Jeff Lipps, Chair*

822 The Executive Committee infrequently met online during the past year,
823 mostly to refer business to the appropriate body. The only other action
824 taken by the Committee was to acknowledge to the American Whippet Club
825 (AWC) that clubs can accept electronic entries, so long as the requirements
826 within the running rules are fulfilled, including signatures and printed copies
827 with the submission of the trial records.

828 **Report from the Field Trial Improvement Committee**

829 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

830 The Field Trial Improvement Committee has been working on updating the
831 "Hosting A Field Trial Handbook" this year. We are in the final stages and
832 almost ready to submit for publication. During the review, we had people
833 with experience in each capacity to review and recommend changes. We
834 contacted others to verify current practices which will be included in this
835 handbook.

836 We have started reviewing changes to the "Huntmaster Handbook".

837 **Report from the Forms Creation and Distribution Committee**

838 *Marilyn Standerford, Chair*

839 Thank you to the members of the Committee—Debb Meyer & Karen Sanders

840 **Status of ASFA Store**

841 Still functional. Not a lot of activity. We are actively working on the "New
842 Store site".

843 **Status of PayPal**

844 I'd say 99.5% of the sales of ASFA Store products are via PayPal; .5% is "in
845 person" sales—ACoD, trials, II; and physical checks mailed to me from clubs.

846 Please be aware that just because you don't have a PayPal account **DOES**
847 **NOT** mean you cannot check out as a guest using PayPal. You do **NOT** have
848 to have an account.

849 If you are purchasing forms—for a rapidly approaching trial—please also send
850 an e-mail to me letting me know when the trial dates are. I have become the
851 "villain" in the poor planning on the clubs' part for ordering forms. Truly—not
852 my fault. Consider checking your forms inventory now and getting your order
853 in for your next few trials—or for the year.

854 **Publications**

855 Guideline to Hosting a Lure Field Trial—This publication has been updated by
856 the Field Trial Improvement Committee. It will be posted to the ASFA website
857 soon

858 The Rulebook, Constitution, Policies (Administrative and Operational), and
859 ASFA forms have been updated as of January 1 to reflect changes in ASFA
860 business—including contact chairmen, and REC/CRC changes.

861 NOTE: As of January 1, the emergency contact information was added to the
862 Official Entry Form. If any of you want to have a new entry form created for
863 your hound(s), please e-mail me the data, and I will be happy to customize
864 the forms for your hound(s).

865 **REMINDER**

866 It is the responsibility of the Forms Chair to maintain the official copy of the
867 ASFA Forms and Publications. That means that if you need to have updates
868 and changes made to the forms, publications, or any printed matter for
869 which your committee is responsible, you may send the updates to
870 forms@asfa.org, and I will make the changes for you.

871 It is imperative that the official, most up-to-date versions are on file with the
872 Forms Chair. Go to the website and download the forms for which your
873 committee is responsible. You may mark it up in any way you need to and
874 either scan it in and e-mail it to me, or just mail it to me. You may clearly
875 reference sections in an e-mail. I can follow edits pretty clearly, if you
876 identify them. I do not provide the Word version of the forms. It is too
877 difficult to maintain the "official" form at that point.

878 When the edits by your committee have been completed, and I have updated
879 the forms, I will return them to the Committee Chair for final approval. Upon

880 the final approval, I submit it to webmaster and liaison for inclusion on the
881 website, if appropriate. If there are substantial changes and not updates,
882 they will have to go to the Board for approval—in the ASFA format.

883 **ASFA PACKETS**

884 All we send out in the ASFA packets are the Guidelines to Hound Certification
885 and the Beginner's Guide to Lure Coursing. **Every club** is entitled to one set
886 of 25 of each of these publications each year. Honestly, if you are going to
887 use them, I'll send more. These can be requested via e-mail to
888 forms@asfa.org or fill out the on-line request at
889 <http://www.asfa.org/forms/pubs.htm>.

890 **Report from the Guidelines Committee**

891 *Dean Wright, Chair*

892 I would like to thank Ping Pirrung and Lori Silvestri for their help on the
893 committee and everyone for taking the time to update the guidelines for your
894 office or position. It was really nice when we replaced several committee
895 chairs to be able to give the new chairs and newly elected officers the
896 guidelines for the position that they were elected to.

897 Goals for 2018:

- 898 6. *Complete few remaining guidelines. Still some outstanding.*
- 899 a. *The committees and officers that I do not have guidelines*
900 *for are:*
- 901 i. *Website*
- 902 ii. *Contract Committee*
- 903 iii. *Finance committee*
- 904 b. *Still needed I have never asked for:*
- 905 i. *Forms*
- 906 ii. *Treasurer*
- 907 iii. *Web Master*
- 908 7. *Requested each committee to look at their guidelines and reflect on*
909 *how these guidelines have worked over the last 12 months and make*
910 *any changes they feel are needed. Most are updated for 2018.*

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- 911 8. *Guidelines for hosting an International Invitational.* This is not
912 complete, Joe Shoemaker, Thomas Christ and Ping and The
913 Invitationals committee, will be completed in 2018.
- 914 9. *Guidelines for upkeep on International Invitational Trophies.*
915 Completed by Ping and Thomas will be added to the Invitational
916 policies as guidelines.
- 917 10. *Guidelines for committees making changes to the Web Site.* Not done.
- 918 11. *My goal is to have all guidelines completed by ACOD 2019* (Real Close)
- 919 12. 2019 Would like to be able to disband this committee and have them
920 on the website and turn them over to the Recording Secretary.

921 **Report from the Invitationals Committee**

922 *Dean Wright, Chair*

923 Would like to thank the members of this committee for their hard work in
924 their Region and for each person's contributions to this committee: Sandra
925 Moore, Lori Silvestri, Ben Brodeur, Kent Standerford, Dan Heidel, Greg
926 Breitbach, Gary Runyan and Karen Sanders.

927 The 2017 International Invitational (II) was held in Region 7, in Bainbridge
928 Georgia, with a two day entry of 259.

929 We have received a proposal for the 2018 II to be held in Muncie, Indiana. It
930 will be discussed and voted on at the Board Meeting on 03/22/2018. Muncie
931 is a great venue with huge fields and no boundaries.

932 2019 hopefully will be in Colorado.

933 2020 is open for a proposal from the East section of the country.

934 Two regions did not host a Regional. Region 2 and Region 10.

935 REGIONALS HELD IN 2017 Were

Region	Date	Entry	Best in Event
#1	10/07	34	WH "Hairy Etta", Aumbreleye I Believe in Magic, Fch,SP, D&S Cassell
#3	10/08	37	WH "Loki" Artistry's Go Forth Young Man, S&W

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Region	Date	Entry	Best in Event
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#4	01/01	23	SA "Mr Tibbs" GCH, DC Tamrick's Heat of The Night, FCh, SC E Case & R Brown
#5	10/14	77	Af "TANGO" FC Debamar's Surrender to the Dance ,Fch,SC,SOR,ORC, V Fagre-Stroetz
#6	11/11	69	RR "Zaryin" Venus" Zayin Lucky Seven By Zoli, J & C Slattery
#7	09/16	39	SA "Nevi" FC Hawkview's Zoomin' Out of Nevada, FCh, SC, , V.R. Olive & S. Olive
#8	09/23-24	65, 50	BO "Zephyr", Kirov Wind Glider at High Point, A & W Ford
#9	10/14	53	RR "Luella", Luella P. Faust

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937 **INVITATIONAL CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS**

938 In red are the changes to the Regional Invitational Policies that we would
939 recommend for the Regional. This would correct a problem that we
940 discovered with nothing to instruct anyone, donor or ASFA, how to donate a
941 perpetual trophy for a Regional.

942 **Rosettes and Trophies.**

943 ASFA provides rosettes for all placements, ASFA medallions for each
944 Best of Breed winner and for the High Scoring Single (if offered). The
945 host club must request these from the Regional Director at least 25
946 days before the trial. The host club may offer additional trophies at the
947 club's own expense or through donations.

948 The Best of Breed rosettes shall be 15 inches in length. All unused
949 ribbons and medallions will be returned to the Awards Chair within 14
950 days after the trial.

951 The purpose of perpetual trophies donated for the ASFA Regional
952 Invitational is to honor those hounds that have achieved outstanding

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953 records in the field. This fosters the continued remembrance of
954 remarkable individual coursing hounds.

955 Trophies may also be donated for individuals who have donated a
956 great part of their life to improve and promote the sport of lure
957 coursing in the region. Only one trophy per category per breed will be
958 accepted. All trophy donations must be in writing and approved by the
959 Regional Director or The Regional meeting.

960 Only Perpetual Regional Trophies will be donated in this manner. All
961 other trophies will be donated for one year and will be accepted by the
962 host club for that year.

963 Below in red are the changes that we would recommend for the II Policies.

964 **Club(s) Proposal.** The club(s) submits a proposal to the ASFA
965 Corresponding Secretary. This proposal should include at a minimum:

- 966 • Name of the Club(s)
- 967 • Proposed date including appropriate weather and daylight statistics
- 968 • Approximate location of trial and description of the grounds
- 969 • Entry fee
- 970 • Additional activities (if any)
- 971 • Proposed budget
- 972 • Financial terms of the co-host arrangement

973 When a proposal is submitted to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary, the
974 Corresponding Secretary shall forward the proposal to the Invitationals
975 Committee Chair (who will share with the other committee members) and the
976 CFO. The CFO will be responsible for reviewing the overall economics of the
977 proposal and, as appropriate, discuss alternative terms with the proposing
978 club(s). When the financial terms are agreed to by the CFO. The CFO will
979 submit the proposal to the Invitationals Committee for their approval prior to
980 their submission of the proposal to the Board.

981 The co-host club(s) will be approved by the Board of Directors, The
982 Corresponding Secretary shall notify the club of the approval.

983 The Scheduling Chairman, Records Coordinator, Membership Chairman and
984 the respective Regional Director shall (may) be asked for comments regarding
985 the potential co-host club(s) and field committee members before a final
986 decision is reached. The co-host club(s) will be approved by the

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987 Board of Directors, following the order of preference stated above, no later
988 than December 1st, two calendar years before the event in question, if
989 possible, and each of the club(s) submitting a proposal shall be advised of the
990 decision.

991 The winning exhibitors each year will be responsible for adding their winning
992 hound's name to the trophy and for the return of the trophy in good condition
993 at the next year's II. *If the winner elects to not take the trophy home there*
994 *will be a \$30.00 charge payable to ASFA for the transportation and engraving*
995 *of the trophy.*

996 *When engraving the name plate on the trophy the following format should be*
997 *followed:*

998 TOP LINE: YEAR

999 SECOND LINE: CALL NAME with Quotation marks, along with REGISTERED NAME OF

1000 THIRD LINE: OWNERS NAME

1001 The Invitational committee will discuss some additional changes at the
1002 regional Invitationals Committee meeting on 03/23/18 and report back to the
1003 board on 03/24/18.

1004 **Report from the Judges Committee**

1005 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

1006 This year the judges committee discussed several issues, approved some and
1007 left others remain as is.

1008 We discussed but did not move adding an extra requirement to the Leigh
1009 Littleton award. It will remain going to the person judging the most dogs the
1010 previous year.

1011 We discussed and moved to the Board a change to Policy O-TRIALS46
1012 regarding judging BIF. The Board approved the changes recommended. With
1013 the new policy, Provisional Judges can officiate a BIF in conjunction with a
1014 License Judge. The intent of this change is to provide a provisionally licensed
1015 judge the opportunity to evaluate with a licensed judge courses with different
1016 breeds, judging each dog as to the running style of that breed where dogs
1017 are judged on how well they represent their breed when combined with other
1018 breeds. The committee included obtaining a signed judging form(s) which will
1019 be submitted with the request for an All-Breed License so that the committee
1020 can have a record of how this policy is being implemented.

1021 The committee also moved to the board and it was approved changes to O-
1022 JUDG13 - There shall be 25 questions on the Judge's test **randomly**

1023 **selected from a list of at least 35 questions covering judging rules**
1024 **and policies**, which must be passed prior to granting Provisional status.

1025 The committee is in the final stage of changes to the "Susan Weinkein Judges
1026 Handbook". It is being updated to include rule changes and adding
1027 information on breeds currently not covered. Currently there is a section on
1028 running styles in both the Lure Operators Handbook and Judges Handbook.
1029 We are combining them to be the same in both handbooks in the future.

1030 It is the opinion of the committee that these handbooks should be published
1031 on the web site for all to see and use.

1032 There have been protests of judge's decisions at trials throughout this past
1033 year. The committee has looked at the protests after the board ruled on
1034 them. The committee feels that better communication between the judges
1035 and participant would have gone far to lessen the submittal of the protest.
1036 The committee recommends that participants discuss their concerns with the
1037 judge and that judges make themselves available to participants when not
1038 performing in an official capacity. Judges are supposed to be knowledgeable
1039 of all the current rules and policies of ASFA governing field trials.

1040 **Report form the Judges Licensing Committee**

1041 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

1042 Judges reports have been submitted monthly and posted on the ASFA web
1043 site.

1044 Approvals of additional breeds have occurred within a maximum of 90 days
1045 from submittal. The number of days depends on when the request is received
1046 relative to the submittal of monthly reports.

1047 I have received and approved the apprentice license for two new applicants
1048 after they passed the written test.

1049 Judges are encouraged to verify their contact information contained in the
1050 judges list and submit any changes to the licensing chair. Do not assume that
1051 sending changes to some people will automatically be forwarded to the chair.

1052 Judges missing assignments have been prompt in notifying me regarding
1053 reason for the missed assignment. Reasons are usually for personal, family
1054 or dog emergency related situations.

1055 **Report from the Long Range Planning Committee**

1056 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

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1057 This year was notable as there was significant activity and discussion of the
1058 committee. I am grateful to the members for their input, ideas and
1059 participation in developing a report that was submitted to the Executive
1060 committee in late November.

1061 The discussion focused on how to increase participation, introduce new and
1062 younger people to member clubs, offer increased value of becoming a
1063 Member Club within The ASFA, and improve the sustainability of the
1064 organization as a whole.

1065 Offering events that are directly competitive with those held by other
1066 organizations appears to have marginal value. Simply put why would a club
1067 (if they are already an AKC club) put on a CAT or FAST CAT equivalent event
1068 under the ASFA banner rather than AKC? There needs to be some extra
1069 value for holding an ASFA event rather than an AKC event.

1070 Offering new events (products) is critical to the future of ASFA. Events that
1071 involve dog to dog competition increase the interest and level of participation.
1072 While just running the course is fun, generating a score (subjective as our
1073 current system or objective such as a time) that is compared to their dogs
1074 running the same course adds interest. Opening up our events, and in
1075 particular new events to breeds other than sighthounds is a key component
1076 to increasing participation.

1077 We also discussed the concept of establishing an endowment to insure the
1078 long-term stability of ASFA. By developing a strong long term stable financial
1079 base, that would support critical aspects of the ASFA operations, would
1080 provide a clear sign of the long-term viability of the organization.

1081 Some brief discussions looked at increasing the use of commercial
1082 sponsorships, particularly at the II and Regional Invitationals, so that the
1083 sponsoring organizations would be assured of not having operating deficit.

1084 I feel confident that further progress can be made in the coming year with
1085 tangible results as a result of Long Range Planning.

1086 For information the summary of the report submitted to the Executive
1087 Committee follows:

1088 *In summary:*

1089 13.The constitution/bylaws should be updated to be less restrictive on
1090 which breeds can participate in the ASFA events. While we should
1091 keep our focus on sighthounds, we need to broaden our scope to allow
1092 all other breeds to become actively involved in various coursing events.

- 1093 14.The framework for non-sighthound entries for events such as CAT and
1094 timed straight runs exists, and should be developed to the point that
1095 these events can be implemented.
- 1096 15.A survey should be conducted of all ASFA clubs to determine the
1097 response to opening up our events to Long dogs and Lurchers.
- 1098 16.The constitution and bylaws, plus our IRS status should be reviewed to
1099 determine the best vehicle for establishing an endowment.
1100 Additionally, we need to determine if our current status offers any
1101 benefit to commercial organizations who might support an event
- 1102 17.A committee should be established to oversee the establishment of the
1103 endowment, establish guidelines for donations, and set realistic goals.
1104 This needs to be a committee whose members have the time,
1105 experience and resources to move this forward rapidly.

1106 **Report from the Policy Compilation Committee**

1107 *Gary Roush and Rich Whritenour, Co-Chairs; Dan Heidel, Russ Jacobs, Ping*
1108 *Pirrung, and Gary Runyan*

1109 During 2017, the Board modified the following policies:

- 1110 1. Operational Policy O-TRIAL46: ~~Best in Field Judges must be regularly~~
1111 ~~licensed Judges. (03/04) 286~~

1112 **To judge Best in Field as a single judge, the person must be an**
1113 **all-breed licensed Judge. Provisional judges are allowed to and**
1114 **are urged to judge Best in Field ("BIF") along with an all-breed**
1115 **licensed judge. The provisional judge shall present the all-**
1116 **breed licensed judge with a form as approved by the ASFA. The**
1117 **form shall be marked indicating which breeds ran for BIF that**
1118 **day. The all-breed licensed judge shall complete, sign, and**
1119 **return the form to the provisional judge for mailing to the Chair**
1120 **of the Judges Licensing Committee when he/she applies for all-**
1121 **breed status. (11/17)**

1122 *Current policy restricts BIF judging to all-breed licensed judges only.*
1123 *The intent of this policy change is to provide a provisionally licensed*
1124 *judge the opportunity to evaluate courses with different breeds,*
1125 *judging each dog as to the running style of that breed. Dogs running*
1126 *BIF are judged on how well they represent their breed when combined*
1127 *with other breeds. The change will provide provisional judges the*
1128 *opportunity to judge BIF with an experienced all-breed licensed judge*
1129 *able to provide feedback on the fine points of BIF judging. Filling out*

1130 *the provisional judge's form will allow the Judges Committee and the*
1131 *Chair of the Judges Licensing Committee to obtain data on the*
1132 *progress in training judges for BIF the same as for a regular breed*
1133 *license.*

1134 *The struck through words is removed and replaced with the new*
1135 *bolded wording.*

1136 2. Operational Policy O-JUDG13: There shall be 25 questions on the
1137 Judge's test **randomly selected from a list of at least 35**
1138 **questions covering judging rules and policies**, which must be
1139 passed prior to granting provisional status. ~~(10/95)~~ **(R-05/17)** 231

1140 *This will provide a method to test a person's knowledge of the rules*
1141 *and policies more fully. Currently, limiting to a list of 25 questions*
1142 *does not provide enough coverage of the material required of an*
1143 *applicant. Also, random selection will provide different tests to each*
1144 *applicant.*

1145 *The bolded wording is added to the policy and the date is updated.*

1146 During 2017, the Board deleted the following policies:

1147 1. Administrative Policy A-RCD07: When publishing a hound in trial
1148 results, the suffix titles listed shall be limited to those recognized for
1149 the dual certificate. (11/94) A146

1150 *The program supports listing all suffix titles provided. (3/17)*

1151 **Report from the Public Relations Committee**

1152 *Rick Wolpin, Chair*

1153 The initial goals for Public Relations Committee for 2017 were:

1154 **Monitor the Facebook page.**

1155 The page currently has 1,310 "likes" and is still increasing. We had been
1156 averaging between 10 and 35 visits per week. The trend has been going up
1157 and down with no real changes to the trending to report.

1158 **Increase photo activity on the Facebook page.**

1159 Ben Brodeur is the only one who has sent me pictures of trials to post on the
1160 Facebook page this year. If you would like me to post your pictures, you will
1161 need to send them to me and I can put them on the ASFA timeline.

1162 **Continue with the incentive awards for the trials and hounds entered.**

1163 We will present these awards again at this year's ACoD

1164 **New Items**

1165 We have a great many of the congratulations cards that Dean Wright was
1166 going to send out to all of the BOB and Field Secretaries left over. It has
1167 been proposed that we mail one to each of the number 1 and number 2
1168 hounds of each breed for the year of 2017. Dean has volunteered the time
1169 and postage to handle it. They will be signed on behalf of the ASFA Board by
1170 Dean Wright and will read "Congratulations for (name of hound) being the
1171 number one (Breed of hound) of its breed in the year of 2017". They will be
1172 hand written and addressed to the Owner followed by the hound's name. I
1173 believe the board should approve the sending out of these cards as we did
1174 previously.

1175 In January, I moved to Portland area of Oregon and started a new job. As a
1176 result, I will be unable to continue on the ASFA board due to time constraints.
1177 I will not be at the ACoD in March. I do want to pass on my appreciation to
1178 all that have helped me during my tenure on the board and wish you and
1179 ASFA the best of luck in the future. I will continue to stay active and have
1180 already agreed to help Jeff Faulkner as a lure operator in Washington (Region
1181 1) in April.

1182 The Public Relations Committee is supposed to be populated by the Regional
1183 Directors, but there has been very little activity and less communication. This
1184 is partially my fault. However, this committee can be used to help promote
1185 our organization and our sport. Whomever replaces me as chair, should be
1186 utilized by the President to help promote our sport to the fancy and the
1187 general public. I had submitted ways to do this 3-4 years ago when I took
1188 over the committee. I suggested press releases with some examples of how
1189 they should read, along with opportunities to get our name out to local
1190 kennel clubs, vets, and boarding facilities. To my knowledge, none of these
1191 ideas or information was utilized. In order to help ASFA thrive and grow, we
1192 will need to do a better job in getting our name out and trying to entice a
1193 younger group of participants. This happens in the community on the local
1194 level with support from the board. It can't be done by the clubs alone or by
1195 the board alone. This should be the main focus of this committee as we move
1196 into 2018.

1197 **Report from the Records Coordination Committee**

1198 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

1199 As you all know, this has been a really tough year for the records function.
1200 Starting in the spring when the computer suffered a catastrophic failure, and
1201 throughout the summer as Lori struggled to get the system back on line, the

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1202 timeliness of the reports has been marginal. This was not because of lack of
1203 effort, but due to multiple problems relating to the old records software.

1204 Finally, in November, we were able to bring in someone who was able to
1205 identify one of the major problems and bring the system back up. This did
1206 allow for closing out the year and issuing title certificates.

1207 The data set still has some problems, and the program was not able to fully
1208 generate the Annual Stats, but with some small help from Paragon, Lori was
1209 able to finally complete the report. This is a concern, as moving the data to
1210 the new program with errors is not what we want to do.

1211 Lori did have a preliminary run on the new program, identifying some hiccups.
1212 Apparently during her testing there was a hardware problem on Paragon's
1213 system, and that limited the testing. She has been assured that they are
1214 correcting the problems and should be ready for another test session in the
1215 near future.

1216 Parallel to Paragon's efforts, we will be reviewing the data set to try to locate
1217 and fix the corrupted data items. It is important that the final data that is
1218 moved into the new program be correct and free of defects. What was found
1219 in the fall was that apparently when the system crashed last spring, some
1220 individual hounds had their date of births altered (corrupted) to invalid dates.
1221 This then caused the program to eliminate those hounds runs when
1222 computing placements and points. While obvious once it was known what to
1223 look for, the initial effort to identify the cause was the proverbial looking for
1224 the needle in the haystack.

1225 While we suspect that there may still be some corrupt data elements in the
1226 file, finding them is not trivial. We do have a high level of confidence that
1227 this can be accomplished, with minimal financial impact to the ASFA, or delay
1228 in the implementation of the new records program.

1229 Year end results have been processed through a combination of the old
1230 program and manual adjustments. A delay in issuing Certificates can be
1231 attributed to the problems with the old program, but at this point all should
1232 have been completed and mailed out. Naturally we are hopeful that if errors
1233 are noticed or certificates not received the fancy will let Lori know, and
1234 corrective action will be taken.

1235 Testing of the new software program has started, and as is often the case
1236 the initial runs were less than successful. This is not a bad thing, as finding
1237 bugs early is best. Progress has been slow, and the delivery is obviously

1238 behind schedule. After the first test run in January no further runs have
1239 occurred as of the date of this report (mid-February).

1240 **Report from the Records Coordinator**

1241 *Lori Coulson, Records Coordinator*

1242 *Provided as a separate document.*

1243 **Report from the Rosettes and Medallions Committee**

1244 *Evelyn Jones, Chair*

1245 The first Regional Invitational for 2017 was held on January 1, 2017 by
1246 Region 4. In all, eight Regional Invitations were held during the year. Only
1247 Regions 2 & 10 did not host a Regional Invitational.

1248 The International Invitational was hosted by Regions 7 & 8 in Georgia. The
1249 new medallions arrived just in time to make their debut at the II. They are in
1250 three different colors: gold for BIE at the II; Bronze for the Gillette Stake at
1251 the II; and Pewter for BOB and Single Stake at the II. A total of 34
1252 medallions was given out.

1253 At the 2017 ACoD, a total of 44 plaques were disturbed.

1254 Seventeen plaques were awarded for the #1 hound, who ran against
1255 competition in each breed and one for the highest scoring hound of all breeds.

1256 Thirteen plaques were handed out to the Parent Club's delegate for the #1
1257 member hound.

1258 Twelve plaques were handed out for the BOB to the Parent Clubs holding an
1259 ASFA trial at their Specialty.

1260 One plaque will be sent to the Greyhound National Specialty.

1261 Last year, as directed by the BOD, I removed from awards inventory all
1262 single strand rosettes and replace them with three strand rosettes. I was
1263 authorized to have new medallions made. I had 600 medallions (five year
1264 supply) made in three different colors: Gold for BIE at the II (5); Bronze for
1265 the Gillette Stake at the II and BIE at the RI (55); Pewter for BOB at both
1266 the II, RI, and High Score Single Stake (540).

1267 New rosettes were ordered and consisted of:

- 1268 • 8 – BIE in red, white, and blue and two additional white center
1269 strands;
- 1270 • 100 – 1st Place in blue;

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- 1271 • 100 – 2nd Place in red;
- 1272 • 100 – 3rd Place in yellow;
- 1273 • 50 – 4th Place in white;
- 1274 • 100 – NBQ in green;
- 1275 • 50 – Breeder Stake.

1276 The awards inventory at the end of 2017 is:

- 1277 • 2 – BIE;
- 1278 • 49 – BOB;
- 1279 • 132 – 1st;
- 1280 • 123 – 2nd;
- 1281 • 94 – 3rd;
- 1282 • 94 – 4th;
- 1283 • 99 – NBQ;
- 1284 • 15 – Single Stake;
- 1285 • 37 – Bench Stake;
- 1286 • 37 – Kennel Stake;
- 1287 • 25 – Breeder Stake;
- 1288 • 4 – gold medallions;
- 1289 • 51 bronze medallions;
- 1290 • 540 pewter medallions.

1291 Please continue to keep up the good work by returning the unused rosettes
1292 and medallions to me in a timely fashion, so I can recycle them and not
1293 overstock them. Also, please be realistic when placing your orders. Over
1294 ordering them can cause a shortage when others order around the same time
1295 as you. A good rule of thumb is look at the previous year's number of entries.
1296 You should have a copy of your records. If you do run short call or email
1297 immediately and I will get them in mail to the intended person. At worst,
1298 they will receive the award within the week.

1299 Last year ALL regions and Parent Clubs were asked to take picture at time
1300 the plaques are presented. These pictures are to be posted on the ASFA web
1301 site. Be sure to provide the information concerning the photo, such as,

1302 Region and host club, presenter, receiver, and hound's name (both register
1303 and call) to me. I will see that they get to the web master.

1304 Thank you for your assistance making my job easy.

1305 **Report from the Rules Evaluation Committee**

1306 *Russ Jacobs and Marilyn Standerford, Co-Chairs*

1307 The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the
1308 2018 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is underlined; deleted
1309 wording is struck out. Explanations for the proposal are included, along with
1310 REC recommendations. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY; those that receive a
1311 favorable vote will be considered a change in the Running Rules and Field
1312 Procedures for Lure Field Trials. Such proposals will be published on the ASFA
1313 website after the 2018 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1, 2019.

1314 **Rule Change Proposals for the 2018 ACoD**

1315 **(1) Chapter V, Section 7**

1316 *The Board of Directors has asked us to clarify Ch. V, Sec.7, and they*
1317 *suggested improved wording, Option 1 below. After much discussion*
1318 *and repeated re-writing, the REC agrees that clarification is needed,*
1319 *but believes that Option 2 below does a better job. The ACoD will be*
1320 *offered a choice between these two options; the REC recommends that*
1321 *they approve Option 2.*

1322 **Option 1: Ch. V., Sec 7:** First placing hounds in all regular stakes of
1323 each breed shall run-off or withdraw from Best of Breed competition.
1324 Unless all ties for first place and Best of Breed can be resolved in one
1325 course, all ties must be broken before running Best of Breed. Best of
1326 Breed competition must be resolved in one course. In the case of
1327 multiple flights, an overall winner in the Open stake, an overall winner
1328 in the Field Champion stake, and an overall winner in the Veteran
1329 stake must be determined by runoff or forfeiture unless the Best of
1330 Breed can be run in one course. The winner of this run or the
1331 remaining hound shall be declared that breed's Best of Breed.
1332 Determination of this overall winner shall be determined in the same
1333 manner as tie-breaking: namely, all hounds in contention shall be
1334 randomly drawn in as many courses as are necessary, and after a
1335 single run of each course the high-scoring hound will be considered the
1336 overall winner (ties must be forfeited or run-off). ~~The winner of this~~
1337 ~~run or the remaining hound shall be declared that breed's Best of~~
1338 ~~Breed.~~ Only hounds winning a Best of Breed run shall be awarded

1339 points equal to the points awarded the highest-placing hound in that
1340 breed which it defeated.

1341 *Option 2: Ch V, Section 7: Best of Breed competition must be*
1342 *resolved in one course. The winner of this run or the single hound*
1343 *remaining after all other competitors forfeit or withdraw shall be*
1344 *declared that breed's Best of Breed.* First placing hounds in all regular
1345 stakes of each breed shall run-off or withdraw from Best of Breed
1346 competition. Unless all ties for first place and Best of Breed can be
1347 resolved in one course, all ties must be broken before running Best of
1348 Breed. ~~Best of Breed competition must be resolved in one course.~~ In
1349 the case of multiple flights, an overall winner in the Open stake, an
1350 overall winner in the Field Champion stake, and an overall winner in
1351 the Veteran stake must be determined by runoff or forfeiture ~~unless~~
1352 until the Best of Breed can be run in one course. Determination of ~~this~~
1353 each overall stake winner shall be determined in the same manner as
1354 tie-breaking: namely, all hounds in contention shall be randomly
1355 drawn in as many courses as are necessary, and after a single run of
1356 each course the high-scoring hound will be considered the overall
1357 winner (ties must be forfeited or run-off) and eligible to run for best of
1358 breed. The winner of this run or the single hound remaining after all
1359 other competitors forfeit or withdraw shall be declared that breed's
1360 Best of Breed. Only hounds winning a Best of Breed run shall be
1361 awarded points equal to the points awarded the highest-placing hound
1362 in that breed which it defeated. In the event of a single entry in any
1363 breed, or all hounds in a breed entered in one stake, the Best of Breed
1364 winner shall be determined solely by the highest combined scores of
1365 the preliminary and final courses. A hound must earn a qualifying
1366 score in the run-off in order to win Best of Breed. A hound who wins a
1367 Best of Breed run, and who is a single entry in a stake, shall be
1368 awarded a first placement with competition.

1369 **Effect:** To clarify Best of Breed run-off procedures.

1370 **Rationale:** The current wording is often confusing, and interpreted in
1371 different ways by different people.

1372 *The REC recommends that Option 2 be approved.*

1373 (2) Chapter VI, Section 1, (e)

1374 **Ch VI, Section 1, (e):**—~~A p~~Per capita fees are as set by the Board of
1375 Directors (see schedule of fees on the ASFA website) for each hound
1376 which was a paid entry in a regular stake (excepting those whose
1377 entry fee was refunded) and for each paid entry in non-regular stakes

1378 (Kennel, Breeder, and Bench Stakes). No per capita fee is due for any
1379 entry, regular or non-regular, that was fully refunded to the
1380 exhibitor. All per capita fees shall be paid through...

1381 **Effect:** To clarify when per capita fees are owed to the ASFA.

1382 **Rationale:** Currently it is not clear that per capita fees are due on
1383 non-regular stakes.

1384 *The REC recommends that this proposal be approved.*

1385 (3) Chapter IV, SCHEDULING THE MEET, Section 7, Hound Certification Form
1386 **Section 7. Hound Certification Form.** A current Hound Certification
1387 form is to be included in the premium, if hound certification runs will
1388 be offered.

1389 **Effect:** Completes the sentence so that it makes sense.

1390 **Rationale:** It is not complete in the current rulebook.

1391 *The REC recommends that this proposal be approved.*

1392 (4) Chapter V, Section 12, (e)

1393 No ASFA championship points will be awarded to the Best in Field
1394 winner based on the highest points awarded to any individual hound
1395 that ran in Best in Field. This will not exceed 40 points. ~~however,~~ The
1396 hound that wins Best in Field will be credited with a first placement in
1397 a stake.

1398 **Effect:** To award championship points to the winner of Best in Field.

1399 **Rationale:** Hounds with little breed competition may find it difficult to
1400 earn enough points to finish.

1401 *The REC recommends that this proposal be rejected.*

1402 **Explanation:** Versions of this proposal have been made in the past,
1403 and the arguments for and against have been thoroughly explored.
1404 The REC continues to believe that this would represent a devaluing of
1405 ASFA titles.

1406 (5) Chapter V, Section 5

1407 *Referred from the Board*

1408 **Ch V, Section 5:** Regular stakes are described as follows:

1409 (a) OPEN STAKE: Each stake shall consist of entries of only one breed,
1410 dogs and bitches; ASFA Field Champions of record of that breed may
1411 not be entered. A photocopy of acceptable registry must be submitted
1412 with a hound's first ASFA field trial entry. This requirement will be
1413 waived for hounds registered with the National Greyhound Association.
1414 To be eligible to enter the open stake, a hound must have been
1415 certified by a licensed judge within the year preceding the closing date
1416 for the entry, hound's first competition, or have previously competed
1417 in the Open stake. Such certification must indicate that the hound
1418 completed one course of at least 500 yards, running continuously with
1419 another hound of the same breed (or another breed with a similar
1420 running style), and showed no inclination to interfere with the other
1421 hound, or to course the other hound rather than the lure. A hound
1422 must be at least eleven (11) months old to run in a certification course.
1423 The preceding eligibility requirement will be waived for a hound that
1424 has earned a lure coursing ~~or racing~~ title from another recognized
1425 organization, if such title requires competition, and if a waiver for such
1426 title has been approved by the ASFA.

1427 **Effect:** To eliminate racing titles from the list of eligible waiver titles.

1428 **Rationale:** Racing titles are earned under sufficiently different
1429 conditions than are common in lure coursing, and earning a racing title
1430 may be a poor indicator of a hound's propensity to course cleanly.

1431 *The REC Recommends that this proposal be accepted.*

1432 (6) Chapter III - JUDGING

1433 *Referred from the Board*

1434 In addition to those rules and procedures set forth in Chapter II, as
1435 they relate to judges, the following shall apply:

1436 **Section 1.** Clubs may, at their discretion, use either one or two judges
1437 for any given breed or breeds at ASFA lure field trials. If only one
1438 judge is used, he or she must be regularly licensed for each breed so
1439 judged with the exception of field trials held in conjunction with a
1440 given breed's national specialty, ~~Regional Invitationals~~, and the ASFA
1441 International Invitational, which must use two judges for each stake.
1442 Clubs hosting an ASFA Regional Invitational should use two judges for
1443 each stake. A hosting club in a Region which routinely has low entries
1444 may, with the approval of their Regional Director, have the option of
1445 using one judge in stakes to reduce the financial burden on the club.

1446 **Rationale** (provided by the Board): Hosting an ASFA Regional
1447 Invitational is a special event and two judges should be used for each
1448 stake, but if a region routinely has low entries which would cause a
1449 financial burden on said hosting clubs, the host club will have the
1450 option of using one judge on some stakes when approved by the
1451 Regional Director.

1452 *The REC makes no recommendation on this proposal.*

1453 (7) Chapter XIII, Glossary

1454 **Non-regular stakes:** Consists of Bench, Breeder and Kennel stakes
1455 within each individual breed or Singles stake. No points are awarded.

1456 **Effect:** To explicitly add bench stakes to the Glossary as a non-regular
1457 stake.

1458 **Rationale:** Bench stakes are currently left off the list of non-regular
1459 stakes in the Glossary.

1460 *The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.*

1461 (8) Chapter XI, LICENSING OF JUDGES

1462 *Referred from Region 8*

1463 **Section 4. Provisional Status (seeking regular license)**

1464 (d) The Board, upon recommendation of the chair, and in no less than
1465 30 days after publication, shall determine, if the applicant shall be
1466 granted a license for the breed or breeds for which the license is
1467 sought.

1468 **Section 5. Licensing for Additional Breeds.** Any judge regularly
1469 licensed in at least three breeds may seek an additional breed by
1470 meeting the following requirements; so long as those requirements are
1471 met, Singles stake shall also count as an additional breed.

1472 (c) The Board, upon recommendation of the chair, and in no less than
1473 30 days after the applicant's name has been published, shall
1474 determine whether the applicant shall be granted a license to judge
1475 the breed(s) for which the license is sought.

1476 **Section 11.** Upon receipt of a written request from a judge licensed
1477 for eight breeds, the Chair ~~may~~ shall grant a license for all breeds.
1478 The judge will be licensed for all breeds in no less than 30 days after
1479 publication.

1480 **Effect:** This would impose a 30-day waiting period before licensing.

1481 **Rationale:** (Provided by Region 8:) this would add uniformity and
1482 consistency to the process of licensing ASFA judges. At the present
1483 time it has a different statement for each waiting period: To make
1484 everything consistent we should add a waiting period after the
1485 applicant judge has filed for an upgrade of his/her their license.

1486 *The REC recommends that this proposal be rejected.*

1487 **Explanation:** Although the REC is certainly in favor of consistency, it
1488 believes that there should be two publications on the website before
1489 full licensure—60 days rather than 30 days—and that the chair should
1490 have discretion over granting an all-breed license. REC would like to
1491 see this proposal sent to REC for further revision.

1492 **Report from the Scheduling Committee**

1493 *Audrey Silverstein, Chair*

1494 It seems trials were down. I have had a few instances where clubs have
1495 complained about having to make corrections to their premiums. I have even
1496 made corrections for a few clubs only to be harassed for finding errors...

1497 I have also had clubs thank me for helping them, so there you go, Can't
1498 please everyone!

1499 Here is to hoping the ASFA improves in 2018!!!!

1500 **Report from the Ways and Means Committee**

1501 *Dean Wright, Chair*

1502 Would like to thank all of the members of the Ways and Means Committee
1503 for serving on this committee: Jim Anthony, Linda Davis, Evelyn Jones,
1504 Kathy Lipps, Sharon Webb and Rick Wolpin.

1505 Sorry we did not have more to do this year.

1506 The 2017 ACOD adopted motion for the Ways and Means Committee to carry
1507 on with the direction that we were moving in the CAT Test Task.

1508 There were three new additions to the committee each with experience with
1509 CAT tests.

1510 The CAT Test task was moved to the Long Range Planning Committee.

1511 The Ways and Means committee will conduct the third "Las Vegas Coursing"
1512 at the Hospitality Party on Friday night. Be sure to come and join in.

- 1513 The first Las Vegas Coursing Best in Field was Ben Brodeur's Pharaoh Hound
1514 "Luxor."
1515 The second Las Vegas Coursing Best in Field was Bob Jordan's Afghan Hound
1516 "Dracula."
1517 MAYBE YOUR HOUND WILL WIN THIS YEAR.

HOSPITALITY NIGHT AT THE ACoD

MARCH 23, 2018

DO NOT MISS THE 2018 LAS VEGAS LURE COURSING
HOSTED BY
DEAN WRIGHT, AUDREY SILVERSTIEN, KATHY SANDERS,
and THE WAYS and MEANS COMMITTEE
50/50 SPLIT

LAS VEGAS LURE COURSING - HOW IT WORKS:

YOU MAY ENTER ANY SIGHTHOUND YOU OWN OR HAVE OWNED, PAST, PRESENT, OR AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE.

- ENTRY FEE
 - 1 DOG - \$4.00
 - 3 DOGS - \$10.00
 - 7 DOGS - \$20.00
 - ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED BETWEEN 6:30 AND 7:30 P.M.
 - INDIVIDUAL BREEDS RUN IN ONE STAKE (FLIGHTS ARE NOT SPLIT)
 - EACH JUDGE STARTS WITH AN AVERAGE SCORE OF 70 POINTS
 - USING A STANDARD DECK OF CARDS, THE FIRST TWO CARDS ARE DRAWN. THIS BECOMES YOUR PRELIM SCORE FROM EACH JUDGE. THEN YOU WILL DRAW TWO MORE CARDS FOR YOUR FINALS SCORE. THESE SCORES WILL BE TALLIED AND BOB WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED. ANY TIES WILL BE DETERMINED BY A DRAW-OFF.
 - ALL BOB WINNERS WILL THEN DRAW 2 CARDS FOR BIF. BIF WINNER TAKES 50% OF THE PROCEEDS AND ASFA GETS 50% FOR THE COMPUTER FUND.
 - SCORING WORKS AS FOLLOWS: 1st CARD DRAWN IS ADDED TO JUDGE #1'S 70 POINTS, 2nd CARD IS ADDED TO JUDGE 2'S 70 POINTS.
 - ACE TO TEN ARE WORTH FACE VALUE (1-10),
 - JACKS – 11, QUEENS – 12, KINGS – 13.
- FOR EXAMPLE, DRAWING A 7 AND A KING WOULD EQUATE TO A 77 AND 83.
- DRAW A JOKER AND YOUR DOG IS EXCUSED FROM THE TRIAL.

HAVE FUN WHILE SUPPORTING ASFA AND TRY THIS AT YOUR OWN TRIALS FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR YOUR CLUB.

- 1518 GOOD LUCK & TALLY HO!!

1519 **Report from the Website Committee**

1520 *Marilyn Standerford, Chair*

1521 **Titles**

1522 All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt
1523 from Records. We are working on the minimal requirement for reformatting.

1524 **Trial Schedules**

1525 All reports are formatted and submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner
1526 within receipt from Scheduling.

1527 **Membership**

1528 All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt
1529 from Membership. I do not re-format these.

1530 **Judges Licensing**

1531 All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt
1532 from Judges Licensing Chair.

1533 **Rulebook**

1534 I have updated the rulebook with current REC and CRC changes provided by
1535 the respective committee chairs, as were effective January 1, 2018.

1536 **Forms, Pages, Links**

1537 I try to go through the website to fix any typos, outdated information, at
1538 least once a year. If you find any corrections/questions, please let me know.

1539 **Contact Us**

1540 There were 44 e-mails to the Webmaster via the website. (This is about the
1541 average number of e-mails.) These were answered in a timely manner. As
1542 has been customary, I forward any e-mails that come to the webmaster that
1543 are not website-related to the Corresponding Secretary for an "official"
1544 response.

1545 **Ad Hoc Committee of the 2017 ACoD Reports**

1546 **Report from the ACoD Planning Committee**

1547 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

1548 As the ASFA Convention Planner I am assigned to find a location to hold the
1549 Annual Convention of Delegates and Board Meeting once a year. Every year
1550 the Site Selection Committee picks a city for me to set up the meetings.
1551 These cities are decided by one of three areas in the United States. East
1552 Coast, Central States, and the West Coast.

1553 As the Convention Planner I look at the locations that is based on availability
1554 of good airline connections and reasonable price hotels. Two years out I need
1555 to decide how many delegates will attend and how many rooms will be
1556 rented. For many years as I have been the convention planner I have always
1557 based my numbers on 50 people and 40 rooms. In the past years we have
1558 around 45 delegates and 35 rooms rented. Attendance is lower these past
1559 years and so are people who stay at the hotel. Last year I had registration
1560 income of \$4,280 and expenses of \$3,900.

1561 This year we are at the Holiday Inn in Chantilly at the Dulles Expo I would
1562 like to thank you for coming and I hope you have a great time. This is a hotel
1563 that will provide us with great hospitality and a great location to walk around
1564 the Expo and a number of restaurants.

1565 2019 will be on the West Coast again; after researching a lot of hotels on the
1566 west coast I have decided on Colorado Springs. With the help of Mike Hussey
1567 we found a great hotel for the convention. We will be at the Hotel Elegante
1568 Conference and Event Center. The guest rooms will be \$92.00 per night
1569 Single/Double Occupancy and will include a complimentary Breakfast. There
1570 will be free Wi-Fi in the guest rooms and meeting rooms. You will be flying
1571 into the Colorado Springs airport and take a free shuttle of 6.5 miles to the
1572 hotel. If you want to fly into Denver there will be a fee to take a shuttle.

1573 In 2020 we will be in the central area again. I have under consideration the
1574 River Spirit Casino Resort in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. The convention would
1575 be March 21st and 22nd, 2020. Rooms would be \$99 a night, free airport
1576 shuttle from the Tulsa Airport. More information when we get closer to the
1577 year.

1578 Every year there are a few people who were confused about the Annual
1579 Convention of Delegates. If you go to Article IV Section 9 and 10 of the ASFA
1580 Constitution, there is an explanation of Club delegates and ACoD delegates.
1581 In short you have to pay a registration fee if you want to attend the
1582 Convention. Whether you are a voting delegate, alternate or observer you
1583 have to have a club to represent, the form signed by an officer other than a
1584 spouse and the registration fee.

1585 **Report from the ACoD Site Selection Committee**

1586 *Vickie Jacobs and Sean McMichael, Co-Chairs*

1587 **Purpose:** The purpose of the ACOD Site Selection Committee is to select
1588 locations for the Annual Convention of Delegates. The convention will rotate
1589 from the East Coast, Central, and West Coast each year.

1590 **Goals:**

- 1591 • *To select sites starting at two years out from the current*
1592 *convention date.*
- 1593 • *To contact club representatives and board members for suggestions*
1594 *of cities. Possibly suggestions for local hotels.*
- 1595 • *Inform the Convention Planner of the sites selected.*

1596 For the East Coast for 2018. As you know we will be staying at the Holiday
1597 Inn Dulles Expo. I want to thank my local contacts that checked out the hotel
1598 and the restaurants.

1599 2019 is to be held in Colorado Springs Airport area. The ASFA Board still
1600 needs approved my hotel recommendations. The Hospitality Room will be
1601 provided by Region 1 and 2. I would like to thank my local contact, Mike
1602 Hussey who found some great hotels and local restaurants.

1603 2020 will be held in the Central States, in one of the states covered by
1604 regions 4, 5 or 6. Clubs in those regions should contact me if they know of a
1605 suitable location. I have had one club interested in hosting the ACoD; a great
1606 proposal has been found by Gary Runyan in the Tulsa, Ok. area. Proposals
1607 are in the works.

1608 2021 will be held in the East. Clubs in those regions should contact me if
1609 they know of a suitable location.

1610 **Report from the Advisory Committee on Animal Issues**

1611 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

1612 Purpose: To keep the members of the American Sighthound Field Association
1613 informed of Animal Legislation that pertains to the sport of lure coursing and
1614 the care of their canines.

1615 **Goals**

- 1616 • *To maintain a relationship with the American Kennel Club Animal*
1617 *Legislation Committee.*
- 1618 • *To notify the ASFA Regional Directors of pending Legislation that*
1619 *might affect their club members.*
- 1620 • *To report to the members attending the Annual Meeting - of action*
1621 *taken for Animal and members rights.*

- 1622 • *This year, with the members help, a number of legislations have*
1623 *been defeated and the members have shown that all dog breeders*
1624 *are aware of people trying to pass legislation against a pet breeder.*
- 1625 • *Breeders need to be aware that state and federal laws in cities*
1626 *across the country are constantly trying to make laws that affect*
1627 *us; we need to be kept aware of these proposals and act on them.*

1628 As always Animal Legislation is ongoing.

1629 These type of bills are presented all over the United States.

1630 As I said in my goals. All of the information about bills are sent to the RD's
1631 and they notify the clubs. They are also reported on the ASFA website if
1632 there is time to act on the legislation. When you hear about a bill that
1633 concerns you - write that letter-send an e-mail - contact the people listed
1634 who are on our side to help fight for our rights.

1635 **Report from the Constitutional Revision Committee**

1636 *Ping Pirrung, Chair; Dan Heidel, Russ Jacobs, Jeff Lipps, Leigh Littleton, and*
1637 *Rick Wolpin*

1638 At the Board Meeting in March, 2017, CRC was directed to prepare a
1639 proposed amendment to the Constitution that would add the objectives of
1640 the organization to include lure coursing and lure instinct activities for non-
1641 sighthounds.

1642 The following Amendment to the Constitution will be submitted for approval
1643 to the 2018 Annual Convention of Delegates. THIS IS A PROPOSAL ONLY. Per
1644 Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution, amendments require a two- thirds
1645 vote of the convention delegates present and voting at the ACoD. Those
1646 proposals receiving a favorable vote will be considered an Amendment to the
1647 ASFA Constitution and By-Laws. Such Amendments will be published on the
1648 ASFA website following the 2018 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1,
1649 2019.

1650 **PROPOSAL #1**

1651 Article I, Section 2. Objectives

1652 **New subsection (e):** to engage in such additional activities,
1653 consistent with the expertise and interests of our clubs, which are
1654 likely to support objectives (a)-(c) through public education,
1655 fundraising or other activities deemed appropriate by the Board of
1656 Directors and approved by the Annual Convention of Delegates.

1657 **Rationale:** This would give the ASFA Board of Directors the ability to
1658 develop experimental programs which could include non sighthounds.
1659 If deemed successful they would be brought before the ACoD for
1660 approval.

1661 *The Committee recommends that the ACoD approve the proposal.*

1662 CRC found there was no need for a quorum at the ACoD.

1663 **Report from the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee**

1664 *Dean Wright, Chair*

1665 Would like to thank all of the committee members for their contributions to
1666 the committee's work: Leigh Littleton, Kathy Sanders, Trisha Borland and
1667 Mike Hussey.

1668 Person nominated: Janet Lotz

1669 **Six Hounds nominated**

1670 The new nominations from this year are...

- 1671 • **Irish Wolfhound**, "Bayreen" Chhh Kellcastle's Sumpin Sweet, CGC,
1672 LCM II
- 1673 • **Rhodesian Ridgeback**, "Storm" DC Aslan's Nor 'Easter of Tophat,
1674 LCM7, LCX 6

1675 The nominations returning from the 2017 ACOD...

- 1676 • **Borzoi**, "Spritzer" Del Sol Spritzer, LCM VIII, VLCM
- 1677 • **Basenji**, "Mickie" DC Zuri's Tri-Tanza Wazi Ajabu LCM 6
- 1678 • **Greyhound**, "Maddie" DC, GRCH, Can CH, Lakilani Love her Madly,
1679 LCM7, VFC, JOR, FCHX3, CD, RE
- 1680 • **Saluki**, "Khaslah" MBIF. DC, Shafiq Samaam Khaslah

1681 **Hall of Fame 2018 Goals**

- 1682 • *Have photos of past hounds on Website the same as the people are*
1683 *now (2017 Still a work in process)*
- 1684 • *Have a condensed write up for each person on the Website.*
1685 *(Marilyn has started with Wes Shainline, She also added last year*
1686 *for Pete and Camille Mendicino is working on others.)*
- 1687 • *" THANK YOU MARILYN"*

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- We will assign different breeds to Committee Members to come up with reserve hounds for each of the breeds incase the committee needs to fill in any year.
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- We are going to ask the ACOD to approve inducting the first VLCM and VFCh of each breed.
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- We are going to ask the ACOD to approve inducting the first FCh, LCM, AKC Breed Champion that is also an ASFA FCh , VLCM and VFCh of each new breed that is accepted by the ASFA.

Approved