

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE

The following Amendments to the Constitution will be submitted for approval to the 2020 Annual Convention of Delegates. THIS IS A PROPOSAL ONLY.

Per Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution, amendments require a two-thirds vote of the convention delegates present and voting at the ACoD. Those proposals receiving a favorable vote will be considered an Amendment to the ASFA Constitution and By-Laws. Such Amendments will be published on the ASFA website following the 2020 ACoD, and will go into effect on 1 August, 2020.

CRC Committee: Ping Pirrung, Chair; Dan Heidel, Russ Jacobs, Leigh Littleton and Rick Wolpin

PROPOSAL #1:

Article VI THE ASSOCIATION YEAR, NOMINATIONS, and ELECTIONS

Section 4. Regional Director Nominations. Candidates for Regional Directors shall be nominated by the club delegates from member clubs located in each respective region during the month of October of each even numbered year. The Corresponding Secretary will notify each member club delegate of the nomination process for Regional Director for the region in which they reside. Such nominations, in either a completed nomination form or electronic message, shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary and shall be accompanied by written or electronic message acceptance of the nominee. No person may be nominated or accept a nomination as Regional Director who has been elected to the position of Regional Director in each of the preceding two regularly-scheduled elections, or who has, within the preceding year, accepted a fee over and above expenses for handling a hound at a sanctioned lure field trial, or for performing or assisting in the performance of the duties of the officials of a sanctioned lure field trial. No club delegate may nominate more than one candidate for Regional Director. If no eligible person has been nominated by November 1st of the respective year in a Region, the President may extend the nomination period up to 30 days. If, after the extension, no nominations are received, the Board of Directors shall appoint an Interim Director for that Region, to serve until an eligible person has been nominated and elected. Such Interim Director shall take office on January 15th, and need not reside within the Region ~~he~~ they represents. Interim Regional Directors would not affect the eligibility of any person to serve as Regional Director. Appointed Regional Directors may be currently serving as a Regional Director. The appointment shall not affect their eligibility to be nominated for the subsequent term.

Every April and October, the Corresponding Secretary shall send to each member club delegate within the region of an appointed interim Regional Director, a request for nominations for Regional Director. If no nominations are received, the interim regional director will continue. If a nomination is received, the normal election process will be implemented. The newly elected director will not lose eligibility to run for a second complete term.

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PROPOSAL #2:

Article VI THE ASSOCIATION YEAR, NOMINATIONS, and ELECTIONS

Section 5. Regional Director Elections.

- (a) The Corresponding Secretary shall send each member club delegate a an electronic ballot including all nominees by November 15 of each even numbered year. Each member club delegate shall then have until January 1 to return a marked ballot to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall tally the ballots received by January 8 which were emailed or posted on or before January 1 and record the vote. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast in each region shall be declared elected and take office on January 15. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, only the two candidates (more only if required by a tie) receiving the highest number of votes will be included on the re-ballot....

PROPOSAL #3: *There are two proposals regarding Article VIII. ACoD delegates will vote first on 3(a), if that passes, there will be no need to vote on 3(b). If 3(a) fails, then delegates will vote on 3(b).*

CRC was asked by the Board to write a change to Article VIII to eliminate the gap between the conclusion of an experimental program and the implementation of a permanent program; and we did – Proposal 3(a). The Board felt it didn't go far enough so they wrote another one – Proposal 3(b). CRC feels as though proposal 3(a) covers the request of the Board to eliminate this possible gap. The requirement of an experimental program to begin at the conclusion of the ACoD not only has a new program start at the beginning of the coursing season, it also ensures that more clubs will have reliable information on the new program.

PROPOSAL #3(a): *from CRC*

Article VIII EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS

The Board of Directors may, after notification to the clubs, implement experimental programs on a trial basis, without revising the running rules. The trial period shall not exceed one year in duration and shall commence at the conclusion of the ACoD. Such programs shall, whenever possible, be parallel and supplementary to established programs, and shall be reversible in any circumstances where hound records may be affected. Under no circumstances shall experimental programs be implemented in conflict with the Constitution. The results of the program must be posted on the ASFA website, published in the ASFA Communiqué, sent to each club delegate at the end of the year trial period ~~and/or before an experimental program is proposed as a running rules change~~, and reported to the ACoD immediately following the conclusion of the Program. That subsequent ACoD must vote whether or not to approve the

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establishment of a permanent program based on the experimental program. If the experimental period suggests substantive changes in the program, the ACoD may approve an additional year as a trial for those changes. If the ACoD approves a permanent program, the experimental program may, on a positive vote by the ACoD, continue until the permanent program is established.

PROPOSAL #3(b): *from the Board*

Article VIII

EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS

The Board of Directors may, after notification to the clubs, implement experimental programs on a trial basis, without revising the running rules. ~~The trial period shall not exceed one year in duration.~~ Such programs shall, whenever possible, be parallel and supplementary to established programs, and shall be reversible in any circumstances where hound records may be affected. Under no circumstances shall experimental programs be implemented in conflict with the Constitution. After one year, the results of the program must be posted on the ASFA website, published in the ASFA Communiqué and sent to each club delegate at the end of the year trial period and/or before an experimental program is proposed as a running rules change. After reporting, the subsequent ACoD must vote to approve or disapprove the establishment of a permanent program based on the experimental program. Upon ACoD approval, the experimental program shall continue until the running rules change(s) is/are approved.

If the experimental period requires substantive changes in the program, the Board of Directors may approve an additional implementation period as a trial for those changes, not to exceed a total of two years.

PROPOSAL #4:

Article X

RECOGNITION OF ADDITIONAL SIGHTHOUND BREEDS

The procedure for recognizing an additional breed as eligible to enter ASFA sanctioned lure field trials is given herein, in chronological order.

Section 1. There are two paths for a breed ~~in order~~ to be considered by ASFA for eligibility.

Path A: Applicant organization must officially represent a breed designated as a sighthound by the national parent club, or the parent club from the country of origin. In addition, the applicant breed must also be recognized with an accredited association that maintains a registry for purebred dogs. A formal application will be sent to the Corresponding Secretary by such organization along with an application fee of \$100. If the proposal is not accepted by the Board, the application fee will be refunded.

Path B: After a petition from at least ten owners of a breed, residing in at least three ASFA Regions, along with a petition fee of \$100, is sent to the Corresponding Secretary, a Committee appointed by the ASFA Board of Directors shall review the

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application and determine if the breed is a sighthound. In addition, the applicant breed must also be recognized with an association that maintains a registry for purebred dogs. If the Committee determines that the breed is a sighthound, the petition will be sent to the ASFA Board of Directors with a recommendation to the Board to consider it for recognition. If the proposal is not accepted by the Board, the petition fee will be refunded.

PROPOSAL #5:

Article X RECOGNITION OF ADDITIONAL SIGHTHOUND BREEDS

Section 2. **Proposing an Additional Eligible Breed.** Subsequent to receipt by the ASFA Corresponding Secretary of a request for recognition from a major national breed organization or a Board appointed Committee, that breed may be proposed for ~~Limited Provisional~~ status approval ~~by a two-thirds majority vote of~~ to the Board of Directors. A two-thirds majority vote of all Board members is required for approval. If the request for recognition is not approved, the proposal lapses. Recognition in Provisional status will be posted on the ASFA website, published in the ASFA Communiqué and sent to each club delegate and will begin the first of the month following approval by the Board of Directors.

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Section 5 3. **Provisional Status.** During the Provisional status period, the breed shall be eligible to be entered in ASFA-sanctioned lure field trials. Trial results for the classes shall be recorded and published in the same manner as for fully recognized breeds. However, during this period, no ASFA title or certificate shall be awarded to any member of the breed. When the breed obtains full recognition, all points and placements earned during the Provisional status period will be applied towards the current recognized ASFA titles.

Section 6 4. **Convention Voting for Recognizing New Breeds.** After one year of Provisional status, the member clubs may vote and after two years of Provisional status the member clubs shall vote on whether to accord the breed full recognition. If the national parent club or a board appointed committee wishes full recognition after one year, a letter requesting such status must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary by January 1st of the year following at least one full calendar year of Provisional status. After two full calendar years of Provisional status, the Board of Directors shall present the breed for full recognition, However, if provided the breed has not kept a minimum of 45 10 hounds actively coursing with entries totaling 45- 30 per calendar year. Otherwise, they will be kept in the Provisional status without coming up for vote. Member club delegates present at the Annual Convention of Delegates at which a breed has come up for recognition will vote with each member club allowed one vote.

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However, a member club not in attendance at the ACoD may send in one absentee ballot to be received not less than two weeks before the ACoD in which a breed has come up for recognition. A two-thirds majority of clubs voting shall be required for full approval. Results of such voting shall be announced at the Annual Convention of Delegates. When a breed is fully recognized, it shall assume the same status as any previously recognized breed, and any appropriate titles and certificates, or points toward such titles and certificates, shall then be awarded to the members of the breed based on sanctioned lure field trial results from the Provisional period. If a breed does not achieve full recognition, the breed will stay within the Provisional status as long as hound and entry limits are met. Such a breed may re-apply for recognition every two years. The new fully recognized breed will be eligible the first of the month after approval at the Annual Convention of Delegates.