

# American Sighthound Field Association

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*2021 Annual Convention of Delegates*



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*20 - 21 March 2021*

Minutes

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1 **Summary of Business**

Reference	Motion	Disposition
107	Approve Parliamentarian	Adopted
110	Approve Tellers	Adopted
116	Approve 2020 ACoD minutes	Adopted
118	Approve Minutes Review Committee	Adopted
134	Appointment of Committee to research ASFA recognized registries	
140	Appointment of Committee to research 501c3 status	
200	Approve 2021 Budget	Adopted
202	Approve Sergeant at Arms	Adopted
207	Approve referral of LCI renewal to CRC emergency session	Adopted
227	Approve having consistent club renewal fee	Adopted
264	Limit comments on constitution revisions	Adopted
267	Approve CRC proposal #1 regarding Article IX, Discipline	Failed
269	Approve CRC proposal #2 regarding Article IV, Conventions, Meetings, Delegates and Voting	Adopted
271	Approve CRC proposal #3 regarding Article VIII, Experimental Programs	Adopted
276	Limit comments on rule change proposals	Adopted
279	Reject REC proposal #1 regarding Chapter IV, Section 5. Course Plans. #3	Adopted

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282	Approve REC proposal #1A regarding Chapter IV, Section 5. Course Plans. #3	Adopted
285	Reject REC proposal #2 regarding Chapter V, Section 9. Conducting the Draw	Adopted
290	Reject REC proposal #3 regarding Chapter II, Section 4. Huntmaster	Adopted
293	Approve recess until the next morning	Adopted
401	Accept CRC's ruling regarding continuation of LCI program.	Adopted
405	Approve termination of Records Program surcharge	Failed
409	Approve addition of item to Chapter IV, Section 8. Required Contents of Premium Lists	Adopted
412	Approve referring Chapter IV, Running the Meet, Section #3 (h) – (j) to REC	Adopted
418	Approve referring Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 1 to REC	Adopted
421	Approve referring Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 5(d) to REC	Adopted
424	Approve referring Chapter V, Section 10, Running the Meet, to REC for removal	Adopted
428	Approve referring Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 12 to REC	Adopted
431	Approve referring Chapter VI, Records & Fees Forwarded to ASFA, Section 1 to REC	Adopted
437	Approve referring Chapter XIII, Lure Field Trial Glossary of Terms to REC	Adopted
441	Approve referring Chapter I, General Rules, Section 1 to REC	Adopted

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446	Approve replacement of Phrase "owner or agent"	Adopted
451	Approve referring Chapter IV, Section 8, #3(j) to REC	Adopted
455	Approve referring Chapter IV, Section 8, #3(c) to REC	Adopted
459	Approve referring Chapter II, Section 4, Huntmaster, #16 to REC	Adopted
472	Approve referring policies O-FEES01 & O-SCHED14 to include EFT method	Adopted
477	Approve referring Chapter V. Running the Meet, Section 9, Conducting the Draw, #5 to REC	Withdrawn
499	Approve referring to REC clarification for judges for a mixed stake and awarding of points	Adopted
493	Approve referring Article IV, Conventions, Meetings, Delegates and Voting to CRC	Failed
555	Approve by acclamation the Ad Hoc Committees of the ACoD	Adopted
559	Approve adjournment	Adopted

Reference

Motion

Disposition

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2 **Minutes**

3 The regular Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) of the American Sighthound Field  
4 Association (ASFA) was held on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 utilizing "Zoom Webinar"  
5 Teleconference with the President being the chair and the Recording Secretary being  
6 present.

7 **Saturday, 20 March 2021**

8 The President called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM (EDT).

9 Present were:

- 10 • American Whippet Club (AWC) - Member
- 11     ○ Claudia Miller
- 12 • Afghan Hound Club of America (AHCA) - Member
- 13     ○ Robert Jordan
- 14     ○ Eddie Kominek
- 15 • Basenji Club of America (BaCOA) - Member
- 16     ○ Russ Jacobs
- 17 • Borzoi Club of America (BCOA) - Member
- 18     ○ Sandra Moore-Doby
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- 33           ○ Gordon Cheung
- 34           ○ Nanette Lipinski
- 35       • Gazeounds of New England (GONE) - Member
- 36           ○ Jeff Trombetta
- 37       • Going Up North Coursing (GUNC) - Member
- 38           ○ Vicki Fagre-Stroetz
- 39       • Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club (GTCWC) - Member
- 40           ○ Christine Canard
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- 42           ○ Vickie Jacobs
- 43           ○ Dale Knowlton
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- 45           ○ Samantha Duryee
- 46       • Indiana Lure Coursing Club (ILCC) - Member
- 47           ○ Jay Parks
- 48       • International Silken Windhound Society (ISWS) - Member
- 49           ○ Lori Sylvestri
- 50       • Iowa Coursing Association (ICA) - Member
- 51           ○ Kelley Frary
- 52       • Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA) - Member
- 53           ○ David Berzins
- 54           ○ Donna Cassini
- 55       • Jersey Rag Racers Whippet Association (JRRWA) - Member
- 56           ○ Lois Obelcz
- 57       • Lake Country Lure Coursers (LCLC) - Member
- 58           ○ Helen Ferguson
- 59           ○ Lori Siddons
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- 63           ○ Chief Financial Officer Philip Fullam
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- 65           ○ Gayle Kytta
- 66       • Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club (MDIHC) - Member
- 67           ○ Director (Region 8) Kathy Sanders
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- 75           ○ Director (Region 5) Trisha Borland
- 76           ○ Marilyn Standerford
- 77       • Ohio Kentucky Indiana Gazehound Organization (OKIGO) - Member
- 78           ○ Corresponding Secretary Holly Hamilton
- 79       • Pharaoh Hound Club of America (PHCA) - Member
- 80           ○ Darci Kunard
- 81       • Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States (RRCUS) - Member
- 82           ○ Debra Bell
- 83       • Rocky Mountain Coursing Club (RMCC) - Member
- 84           ○ Heather Minnich
- 85       • Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA) - Member
- 86           ○ Mike Hussey
- 87       • Saluki Club of America (SCOA) - Member
- 88           ○ Second Vice President Thomas Cigolle Jr.
- 89           ○ Carol Fisher
- 90       • Southeastern Greyhound Club (SEGC) - Member
- 91           ○ John Parker
- 92       • St. Louis Area Sighthounds (SLASH) - Member
- 93           ○ Karen Frederick
- 94       • Tortoise and Hare Lure Coursers (THLC) - Member
- 95           ○ Sally MacDowell
- 96           ○ Pat Weiland
- 97       • Tri-State Sighthound Club (TSSC) - Member
- 98           ○ Recording Secretary Ping Pirrung
- 99       • Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC) - Member
- 100           ○ Audrey Silverstein
- 101           ○ President Dean Wright

102 Absent were:

- 103       • Irish Wolfhound Association of the West Coast (IWAWC)
- 104           ○ Mallery Aiken
- 105       • Silken Windhounds for Endurance, Performance & Training (SWEPT)
- 106           ○ Tammy Mills

107 Marilyn Standerford moved to appoint Russ Jacobs as Parliamentarian. **Motion**  
108 **adopted.**

109  
110 Tom Cigolle moved to appoint Kathy Sanders and Cathy Sanderson as tellers. **Motion**  
111 **adopted.**

112  
113 Ping Pirrung presented the report of the Recording Secretary. Please refer to the  
114 attachment page 23.

115



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116 Tom Cigolle moved to approve the minutes of the 2020 ACoD. **Motion adopted.**  
117  
118 Kathy Sanders moved to appoint Jennifer Gysler as chair and Tom Golcher, Steven Klein  
119 and Marilyn Standerford as members to the ACoD Minutes Review Committee. **Motion**  
120 **adopted.**  
121  
122 Dean Wright presented the report of the President. Please refer to the attachment page  
123 21.  
124  
125 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Please refer to the  
126 attachment page 21.  
127  
128 Tom Cigolle presented the report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Please refer to the  
129 attachment page 22.  
130  
131 Holly Hamilton presented the report of the Corresponding Secretary. Please refer to the  
132 attachment page 22.  
133  
134 Dean Wright appointed a committee consisting of Tom Cigolle, Holly Hamilton and Lori  
135 Silvestri to review the registries that ASFA recognizes.  
136  
137 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer. Please refer to the  
138 attachment page 23.  
139  
140 Dean Wright appointed a committee consisting of Phil Fullam, Jennifer Geysler and  
141 Steve Klein to check into the requirements of ASFA obtaining 501c3 status in order for  
142 the ASFA to be able to accept tax-exempt donations.  
143  
144 Trisha Borland presented the report of the Regional Directors. Please refer to the  
145 attachment on page 39.  
146  
147 Jayme Jones presented the report of Region 2. Please refer to the attachment page 39.  
148  
149 Tom Golcher presented the report of Region 3. Please refer to the attachment page 40.  
150  
151 Trisha Borland presented the report of Region 5. Please refer to the attachment page  
152 41.  
153  
154 Gayle Kytta presented the report of Region 6. Please refer to the attachment page 42.  
155  
156 Eddie Kominek presented the report of Region 7. Please refer to the attachment page  
157 42.  
158  
159 Kathy Sanders presented the report of Region 8. Please refer to the attachment page  
160 43.  
161  
162 Cathy Sanderson presented the report of Region 9. Please refer to the attachment page  
163 44.

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- 164  
165 Jennifer Gysler presented the report of Region 10. Please refer to the attachment page  
166 44.  
167  
168 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Records Committee. Please refer to the  
169 attachment page 37.  
170  
171 Lori Coulson presented the report of Records Coordinator. Please refer to separate  
172 attachment.  
173  
174 Dean Wright presented the report of Archives and Historical Committee. Please refer to  
175 the attachment page 24.  
176  
177 Mallery Aiken joined the meeting.  
178  
179 Vicki Fagre-Stroetz presented the report of the Communiqué. Please refer to the  
180 attachment page 25.  
181  
182 Dean Wright presented the report of the Awards Committee for Evelyn Jones. Please  
183 refer to the attachment page 24.  
184  
185 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Contracts Committee. Please refer to the  
186 attachment page 25.  
187  
188 Jayme Jones presented the report of the Excellent Performance Award. Please refer to  
189 the attachment page 24.  
190  
191 Dean Wright presented the report of the Executive Committee. Please refer to the  
192 attachment page 26.  
193  
194 Tom Cigolle presented the report of the Field Trial Improvement Committee. Please  
195 refer to the attachment page 29.  
196  
197 Phil Fullam and Sean McMichael presented the report of Finance and Budget Committee.  
198 Please refer to the attachment page 29.  
199  
200 Greg Breitbach moved to approve the budget for 2021. **Motion adopted.**

**ASFA Budget 2021**

**As approved 3-20-21**

Jan. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2021

Category	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Budget Diff
ACoD	\$2,340	\$500	\$1,840
Forms	\$1,500	\$2,000	-\$500
Per Capita	\$19,000		\$19,000

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Regionals	\$0		\$0
II	\$1,000		\$1,000
Trials	\$18,000		\$18,000
Lure Chasing	\$0		\$0
Membership	\$3,000	\$400	\$2,600
Committees	\$0	\$13,300	-\$13,300
Computer			\$0
Internet Initiative		\$500	-\$500
Web Maintenance		\$2,800	-\$2,800
Records upgrade		\$10,000	-\$10,000
Other		\$3,000	-\$3,000
II Trophy Refurb	\$200	\$200	\$0
Insurance		\$1,400	-\$1,400
Records		\$13,500	-\$13,500
Salary (Gross)		\$9,000	-\$9,000
Expenses		\$4,500	-\$4,500
Regional Directors		\$500	-\$500
Board Meetings		\$100	-\$100
Donations	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Miscellaneous	\$675	\$300	\$375
Totals	\$36,715	\$35,200	\$1,515

Projected Entries 2021

Number of trials 135  
Total entries 4,500

201  
202  
203  
204  
205  
206  
207  
208  
209  
210  
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213  
214

Kathy Sanders moved to appoint Tom Cigolle as Sergeant at Arms. **Motion adopted.**

Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Experimental Programs. Please refer to the attachment page 26.

Russ Jacobs moved to refer the issue of renewing the LCI experimental program until 2022 and continuing to run under the LCI current rules as posted on the ASFA website to an emergency session of CRC that will report back to the ACoD tomorrow morning. **Motion adopted.**

Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Forms Committee. Please refer to the attachment page 30.

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215 Cathy Sanderson presented the report of the IT Committee. Please refer to the  
216 attachment page 31.  
217  
218 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Judges and Judges Licensing Committee.  
219 Please refer attachment page 32.  
220  
221 Phil Fullam presented the report of Long Range Planning Committee. Please refer  
222 attachment page 32.  
223  
224 Ping Pirrung presented the report of the Membership Committee. Please refer  
225 attachment page 33.  
226  
227 Cathy Sanderson moved to make the membership fee be the same for clubs renewing  
228 online paying with PayPal as the clubs sending in a check, effective in 2022. **Motion**  
229 **adopted.**  
230  
231 Tom Golcher presented the report for Policy Compilation Committee. Please refer  
232 attachment page 33.  
233  
234 Trisha Borland presented the report of Public Outreach Committee. Please refer  
235 attachment page 35.  
236  
237 Audrey Silverstein presented the report of the Scheduling Committee. Please refer  
238 attachment page 38.  
239  
240 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Website/Internet Liaison Report. Please  
241 refer attachment page 38.  
242  
243 Cathy Sanderson presented the report of the Website Publication Committee. Please  
244 refer attachment page 39.  
245  
246 Vicki Jacobs presented the reports of ACoD Site Selection Committee (P.45) Convention  
247 Planner (P.45) and Animal Advisory Committee (P.46). Please refer attachments pages  
248 45 - 46.  
249  
250 Kathy Nelson presented the report of the Gary Forrester Award. The Gary Forrester  
251 award for 2021 goes to Katie Kaltenborn. Please refer attachment page 49.  
252  
253 Mike Hussey presented the report of the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame. Please refer  
254 attachment page 49.  
255  
256 Gary Roush was unanimously elected to the Hall of Fame.  
257  
258 "Summer" the Afghan, "Charlie" the Borzoi and "Oreo" the Whippet will be inducted into  
259 the ASFA Hall of Fame.  
260  
261 Ping Pirrung presented the report of the Constitution Revision Committee. Please refer  
262 attachment page 47.

263  
264 Russ Jacobs moved comments on constitutional revisions be limited to two minutes and  
265 to alternate between pro and con. **Motion adopted.**  
266  
267 Russ Jacobs moved to approve CRC proposal #1. **Motion adopted.**  
268  
269 Russ Jacobs moved to approve CRC proposal #2. After discussion, **motion adopted.**  
270  
271 Greg Breitbach moved to approve CRC Proposal #3. After discussion **motion adopted.**  
272  
273 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Rules Evaluation Committee. Please  
274 refer attachment page 35.  
275  
276 Ping Pirrung moved to limit the discussion on rule change proposals to two minutes and  
277 to alternate between pro and con, when possible. **Motion adopted.**  
278  
279 Russ Jacobs moved to reject REC Proposal #1. After discussion **motion adopted** by  
280 counted vote: 41 ayes / 4 noes / 1 abstention.  
281  
282 Tom Golcher moved to accept REC Proposal #1A. After discussion **motion adopted** by  
283 counted vote: 39 ayes / 1 no / 3 abstentions.  
284  
285 Russ Jacobs moved to reject REC Proposal #2. After discussion **motion adopted** by  
286 counted vote: 34 ayes / 7 noes / 2 abstentions.  
287  
288 Jay Parks left the meeting.  
289  
290 Tom Golcher moved to reject REC Proposal #3. After discussion **motion adopted** by  
291 counted vote: 32 ayes / 10 noes / 2 abstentions.  
292  
293 Russ Jacobs moved to recess the meeting until 10:00 AM EDT tomorrow. **Motion**  
294 **adopted.**  
295

296 **Sunday, 21 March 2021**

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- 397           ○ John Parker
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- 399           ○ Pat Weiland

400  
401 Tom Golcher moved to accept the CRC's ruling that the LCI program continue under the  
402 current rules published on the website. **Motion adopted.**  
403

404 **New Business**

405 Phil Fullam moved the ASFA terminate the \$15 Records Program surcharge effective for  
406 all trials after March 31, 2021. After discussion, **motion failed** by counted vote: 14 for  
407 and 28 against the motion.  
408

409 Marilyn Standerford moved to add to Chapter IV, Section 8. Required Contents of  
410 Premium Lists, an item (j) The Field Trial Secretary's e-mail address. **Motion adopted.**  
411

412 Marilyn Standerford moved Chapter IV, Section 8. Required Contents of Premium Lists,  
413 3. (h) through (j) be referred to the REC to reflect the rule changes that have occurred  
414 at the 2020 ACoD regarding how Provisional and Limited breeds are referred, removing  
415 all Limited Stakes references, defining stakes offered more specifically for the Premium,  
416 and including the Singles Stake. **Motion adopted.**  
417

418 Marilyn Standerford moved Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 1 be referred to the  
419 REC to reflect the removal of the Limited Stake. **Motion adopted.**  
420

421 Marilyn Standerford moved Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 5 (d) be referred to  
422 the REC to reflect the removal of the Limited Stake. **Motion adopted.**  
423

424 Marilyn Standerford moved Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 10. Limited Stake be  
425 removed, and subsequent sections 11-19 be renumbered accordingly. **Motion**  
426 **adopted.**  
427

428 Marilyn Standerford moved Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 12. Best in Field be  
429 referred to the REC to remove the reference to the Limited Stake. **Motion adopted.**  
430

431 Marilyn Standerford moved Chapter VI, Records & Fees Forwarded to ASFA, Section 1  
432 be referred to the REC to incorporate the reduction in paperwork changes approved by  
433 the 2020 ACoD. In addition, change the reference at the end of Section 1 from "For the



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434 penalty assessed for late receipt of records, see paragraph (h).” to reflect the paragraph  
435 reference correctly as (d). **Motion adopted.**

436

437 Marilyn Standerford moved Chapter XIII, Lure Field Trial Glossary of Terms be referred  
438 to the REC to remove the references to the Limited Stake and ensure the entries are  
439 consistent with the references in the Rulebook. **Motion adopted.**

440

441 Marilyn Standerford moved Chapter I, General Rules, Section 1 be referred to REC to  
442 include the United Kennel Club (UKC) as an ASFA Board approved registry. (And include  
443 the addition of UKC wherever else for appropriate reference in the ASFA Running Rules  
444 and forms.) **Motion adopted.**

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446 Marilyn Standerford moved the phrase “owner or agent” be replaced throughout the  
447 rulebook to be consistent with the changes made by 2020 ACoD to read “an owner or  
448 his duly-authorized agent”, be referred to the REC to make consistent throughout the  
449 ASFA Running Rules. **Motion adopted.**

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451 Marilyn Standerford moved Chapter IV, Section 8, #3(j) be referred to REC to include  
452 the veteran age of the Ibizan hound be changed to seven years of age as per Board  
453 action on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. **Motion adopted.**

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455 Marilyn Standerford moved Chapter V, Section 3, (c) be referred to REC to include the  
456 veteran age of the Ibizan hound be changed to seven years of age as per Board action  
457 on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. **Motion adopted.**

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459 Jayme Jones moved to send the following proposal to REC for review and appropriate  
460 editing.

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**Motion adopted.**

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Lori Coulson moved to ask the Policy Committee to consider re-writing policies O-FEES01  
& O-SCHED14 to include payment of fines with a Club-Owned EFT method, not to  
remove the ability to pay by club check, but to also include Club-Owned EFT mechanism  
for ease of payment. **Motion adopted.**

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Donna Cassini moved to send the following proposal to REC for review and appropriate  
editing.

Chapter V, Running the Meet. Section 9. Conducting the Draw, #5. If only one member  
of a breed is entered, that hound may be run with another breed if all exhibitors

481 ~~involved agree. The hounds would be scored separately, in a mixed breed stake as long~~  
482 ~~as there are judges available with the appropriate credentials to judge both hounds~~  
483 ~~running according to the individual hounds' running styles if all exhibitors-owners or~~  
484 ~~their duly-authorized agents agree. In no cases can a LCI dog be run in a mixed breed~~  
485 ~~stake. The hounds would be scored separately by the one or two judges listed in the~~  
486 ~~premium list for each breed and receive placements and points as if this stake was a~~  
487 ~~regular stake such as open, field champion or veteran. **Motion withdrawn.**~~  
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489 Tom Cigolle moved REC look at adding clarification into the appropriate sections of the  
490 rulebook as to what judges are used for a mixed breed stake with the purpose of having  
491 a mixed breed stake awarding points and placements. **Motion adopted.**  
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493 Donna Cassini moved to send the following proposal to CRC for review and appropriate  
494 editing.

#### Article IV

##### CONVENTIONS, MEETINGS, DELEGATES and VOTING

496 **New Section 3:** ~~Whenever possible, the ACoD should generally be held in a physical~~  
497 ~~location virtually, with all ACoD Delegates attending in person virtually. The Board must~~  
498 ~~have in place clear policies that determine how such a virtual ACoD shall be run,~~  
499 ~~including details about how voting will be conducted. However, should the The ASFA~~  
500 ~~Board determine that it is substantially impractical to host a physical ACoD, they may~~  
501 ~~choose to host a virtual or electronic an in person ACoD when doing so does not have a~~  
502 ~~significant negative impact on that year's budget. using such technology as seems best~~  
503 ~~at the time. When such a decision is made, all clubs will must be notified as soon as~~  
504 ~~possible, but in no event less than 60 days prior to the scheduled date of the ACoD,~~  
505 ~~along with an explanation of the reason for the shift to a virtual meeting, no later than 4~~  
506 ~~months (approximately 120 days) prior to the scheduled meeting date. Clubs may~~  
507 ~~override such a Board decision to meet virtually by an affirmative vote of 1/3 of the~~  
508 ~~member clubs. To do so, the clubs shall submit a petition to the Corresponding~~  
509 ~~Secretary within 30 days of publication of the Boards decision to move the ACoD to a~~  
510 ~~virtual meeting. Upon receipt of a petition to override signed by the club delegates of~~  
511 ~~one third of the member clubs in good standing the Corresponding Secretary shall~~  
512 ~~proceed with publication of the time and place of a physical ACoD. The petition shall~~  
513 ~~state the objection to the ASFA Board's vote to host the ACoD virtually. The Board's~~  
514 ~~decision to have an in-person meeting can be reversed with an affirmative vote of 51%~~  
515 ~~of the responding member clubs. To do so the Clubs must submit a petition to the~~  
516 ~~Corresponding Secretary within 3 months (approximately 90 days) of publication of the~~  
517 ~~Boards decision to support an in person ACoD or to stand against the Board's decision.~~  
518 ~~Within two months (approximately 60 days) of the proposed meeting date, the~~  
519 ~~Corresponding Secretary shall tally the responses and notify all Clubs as to how the~~  
520 ~~Clubs voted and how the ACOD will be held virtually or in person. The Board must have~~  
521 ~~in-place clear policies that determine when such a shift may take place, and how such a~~  
522 ~~virtual ACoD shall be run, including details about how voting will be conducted.~~  
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525 Renumbering of subsequent Sections.

526 (current) **Section 5. Board of Directors Meetings.**

527 (a) The Board of Directors shall meet ~~in person~~ virtually, at least once each fiscal year at  
528 such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. ~~Should the ASFA~~

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529 ~~Board determine that it is substantially impractical to host a physical Board Meeting,~~  
 530 ~~they. The ASFA Board may choose to host a virtual or electronic meeting, using such~~  
 531 ~~technology as seems best at the time an in person meeting. Notice of each such~~  
 532 ~~meeting shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary no later than 4 months~~  
 533 ~~(approximately 120 days) prior to the scheduled meeting date, at least thirty (30) days~~  
 534 ~~prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of~~  
 535 ~~the Board of Directors. The Board must have in place clear policies that determine when~~  
 536 ~~such a shift may take place, and how such a virtual Board Meeting shall be run,~~  
 537 ~~including details about how voting will be conducted.~~

538 (b) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct its affairs by mail.  
 539 Questions to be voted upon submitted by the President or by one-third of the members  
 540 of the Board shall be distributed to members of the Board by the Corresponding  
 541 Secretary within three (3) days of receipt. Each member of the Board shall have fifteen  
 542 (15) days from the date of mailing to send comments to the Corresponding Secretary.  
 543 The Corresponding Secretary shall distribute such comments and a ballot to the Board  
 544 members within three (3) days from the expiration of the period for comment. Each  
 545 member of the Board shall then have fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing to return  
 546 a marked ballot to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall tally  
 547 the ballots received and, if a majority of the members of the Board have responded,  
 548 shall record the vote on the question and distribute the results to the members of the  
 549 Board.

550 (c) The Board of Directors shall also have the authority to conduct its affairs via  
 551 electronic meetings. Meetings held in this manner shall follow the ASFA Electronic  
 552 Meetings Procedures, a Board policy found in the ASFA Administrative Policies.  
 553 After discussion **Motion failed** by counted vote: 10 ayes, 27 noes and 4 abstentions.

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 555 AD Hoc Committees of the Convention

Committee	Chair	Members
ACoD Site Selection Committee	Vickie Jacobs, Sean McMichael	Phil Fullam
ACoD Planning Committee	Vickie Jacobs	Sally MacDowell and Pat Weiland
Advisory Committee on Animal Issues	Vickie Jacobs	
Constitutional Revision Committee	Ping Pirrung	Jennifer Gysler, Scott Hurlburt, Russ Jacobs and Leigh Littleton
Gary Forrester Award Committee	Kathy Nelson	Dawn Gibas, Mike Hussey and Sean McMichael

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Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee	Mike Hussey	Trisha Borland, Ben Brodeur, Vickie Fagre-Stroetz, Pete Lowe, Kathy Sanders and Dean Wright
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557 Sandra Moore moved to accept by acclamation the Ad Hoc Committees remain the same  
558 for 2022. **Motion adopted.**

559 Marilyn Standerford moved to adjourn; **Motion adopted.**

560 Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM EDT.

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Ping Pirrung, Recording Secretary  
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Date of Approval

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562 **Attachments**

563 **Officer Reports**

564 **President's Report – March 2021**

565 *Dean Wright, President*

566 I want to wish everyone a 2021 with an end to COVID-19.

567 2020 was rough for all of us – marked with staying home, wearing masks, social  
568 distancing, and canceled field trials. I am hoping that we will get back to something like  
569 normal during 2021.

570 Financially, ASFA weathered 2020. Despite the many canceled trials, ASFA's earnings  
571 exceeded what we had expected and budgeted for.

572 We had to cancel the 2020 ACoD and go virtual. It seemed like a bad thing, but it  
573 opened up a whole new world of how to communicate with each other. ASFA has now  
574 subscribed to an online platform. We have used it for several board meetings and  
575 informal discussions. We have also made it available to clubs and several have  
576 contacted Cathy Sanderson, and with her help, have used it for a club meeting. We  
577 have increased communications on many levels with this new tool.

578 The ACoD is scheduled for March 20-21<sup>st</sup>. It will be virtual and the registration will only be  
579 \$45.00. I hope that all or most of the ASFA clubs will send two representatives. I am  
580 looking forward to getting together with everyone –even if only online.

581 The 2021 International Invitational has been approved for May 15-16<sup>th</sup> at Antique Acres in  
582 Cedar Falls, IA. It will be hosted by Region 5 clubs. Because of the unprecedented  
583 circumstances created by the pandemic, the Board has voted to reduce the number of  
584 points required to enter the II to 9 for the 2021 II only. Friday before the II will be a Special  
585 Event planned for Lure Coursing Instinct Dogs.

586 The IT committee is working with Eddie Kominek, the creator of LCSOFT, to create a web-  
587 based program that will handle ASFA Trial records in a much better way than what we  
588 have been using for years. LCSOFT is also the first computer program accepted by the  
589 board to allow random draws at a field trial.

590 With great sadness, our lure coursing community has lost some key people. This includes  
591 the recent passing of lure coursing author, judge, and longtime member of CLASS,  
592 Denise Como. We also said goodbye to Fred Lutz of Coursing Hounds of the Mid  
593 Potomac.

594 **First Vice President's Report – March 2021**

595 *Greg Breitbach, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

596 During this past year I have been working to implement the new rules regarding trial  
597 documentation as passed by the ACoD in 2020.

598 I have also been supporting the ASFA President in proposing changes to policies and  
599 rules governing the ASFA.

600 I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that if you have suggestions for  
601 improving the ASFA to please contact either your regional director or one of the officers  
602 of our great organization.

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604 **Second Vice-President's Report – March 2021**

605 *Tom Cigolle, Jr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

606 2020 was certainly a challenging year for the organization as we dealt with the  
607 pandemic. Trials had to be cancelled (including the 2020 ASFA International Invitational)  
608 or not scheduled at all based on each state's mandates. Not being able to interact like  
609 we use to has been stressful on everyone, especially for those that lost a loved one. Let's  
610 hope that 2021 will bring us back to where we were, although I feel that 2021 will be a  
611 transition year, at least to maybe come the fall when we can get back to our normal  
612 routines.

613 But the challenge and adversity allowed ASFA to step into the future! We had the first  
614 virtual ASFA ACOD in 2020 and are having our second virtual ASFA ACOD coming up. I  
615 can only hope that in 2022 we will be able to meet in person, although having virtual  
616 attendees is something ASFA should think about. That might be a way to increase  
617 attendance and participation.

618 The ASFA Board and committees have been meeting virtually as well, and the ASFA  
619 Board dealt with many issues and concerns over the last year (such as 2 year  
620 requirement on judges, priority dates, trial scheduling, etc). ASFA adapted to the  
621 situation, and with the foresight of approving a reduced budget at the 2020 ACOD,  
622 financially we ended up better than we thought we would.

623 My main disappointment has been our new records program and the software company  
624 Paragon. The IT Committee has been having several discussions as how we move  
625 forward and have a records program AND website that will serve us for years to come.  
626 This will be discussed more at the ACOD itself. The thing to know at this point is that we  
627 have a path, and we will not be making the same mistakes twice.

628 I think our main challenge for 2021 is to get the fancy's enthusiasm built up, and that  
629 ASFA trials are safe to attend. To 2021! And beyond!

630 **Corresponding Secretary's Report – March 2021**

631 *Holly Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary*

- 632 a. General Comments- Since ACOD, the ASFA Board has passed 17 motions  
633 b. Statements of Irregularity and Protests  
634 i. Statements of irregularity – one received as a question to the board  
635 without any specifics and did not go forward  
636 1. Inconsistencies  
637 ii. Protests with appeal – none received  
638 iii. Protests with no appeal – none received  
639 iv. Protests upheld – none received  
640 v. Protests received – none received  
641 c. Other Correspondence. I have received several inquiries from the ASFA  
642 website that have been answered or forwarded to appropriate parties for  
643 answer. Several inquiries have been regarding other "sighthound" breeds  
644 wishing recognition so that they may participate in ASFA. Breeds include  
645 Taigan hound and Phu Quoc Ridgeback  
646 d. Regional Director election ballots and tally  
647 e. ASFA II Trophy information  
648 f. Review of Suspended Individuals  
649 i. Erdman – effective 11/1/1992 for indefinite period  
650 ii. Wiseman – effective 4/4/2006 for 25 years

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651 g. ASFA Communiqué- Five issues have been sent to club members- April,  
652 May, September, November and February

653 **Recording Secretary's Report – March 2021**

654 *Ping Pirrung, Recording Secretary*

655 Thank you to the Minutes Review Committees for helping to finalize both the Board, Biz  
656 List and ACoD minutes. It is a tedious job and I appreciate your eagle eyes. Also, to  
657 Marilyn Standerford for noticing some further corrections.

658 The minutes for the March 2020 Board of Directors meeting were delivered to the Minutes  
659 Review Committee (MRC) the 7<sup>th</sup> of April. The MRC concluded their review towards the  
660 end of April, and the draft minutes were delivered to the full Board. The minutes were  
661 approved by the Board of Directors the beginning of May. The Board held an online  
662 meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. The minutes from that meeting were sent to the MRC on the  
663 11<sup>th</sup> of July and approved in August.

664 The minutes for the 2020 Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) were delivered to the  
665 2020 ACoD Minutes Review Committee (MRC) at the beginning of April and were  
666 approved by the 2020 ACoD MRC at the beginning of June.

667 The minutes for the on-line Board of Directors meeting that convened between the 2020  
668 ACoD and the 2021 ACoD will be delivered to the MRC shortly after the conclusion of  
669 business for approval by the Board of Directors at their March 2021 meeting.

670 It was certainly different taking minutes for the Board meeting and ACoD during an  
671 online meeting, however I did appreciate being able to utilize the larger screen on my  
672 computer at home. It's challenging to know who makes a motion and to be sure of a  
673 vote, however I think we made it work. It was impressive how everyone contributed to  
674 make the new format work, particularly with such a short time frame to prepare.

675 I do ask that the members of the Minutes Review Committee read the respective minutes  
676 as soon as possible while their memories are fresh so that the approved minutes can be  
677 distributed as soon as possible. I do advise the 2021 ACoD to appoint its ACoD Minutes  
678 Review Committee, with committee members from the body of delegates, to review and  
679 approve the minutes of the 20 21 ACoD within 90 days after the convention closes.

680 **Chief Financial Officer Report – March 2021**

681 *Phil Fullam, CFO*

682 A great thanks to Sean McMichael for all the time and effort he puts in for ASFA. While  
683 much of the work is straight forward, keeping on top of the bill payments and deposits  
684 can be time consuming, and requires full attention. ASFA would not be able to function  
685 without his efforts.

686 On a less positive note, the current structure of the CFO position is non-functional.  
687 Information on the financials is not readily available, there is no access to bank  
688 statements or detained transactions except through reports from the Treasurer. A once-  
689 a-year detailed review just before the ACoD of the financial activity in not adequate to  
690 maintaining adherence to a budget or adapting to changes in circumstances.  
691 Fortunately, the level of activity of the ASFA is fairly simple, and we can operate more or  
692 less on auto pilot.

693 I have to assume responsibility for the above and have not put forward a system for  
694 correcting these short comings. A priority for the coming year will be to institute  
695 constructive changes, in concert with Sean on how to improve the information flow to  
696 the office of the CFO.

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697 A significant amount of time was spent on the bequest from Jill Bryson. Unfortunately, the  
698 restrictions that were associated the land bequest made the transaction unworkable for  
699 the ASFA. The end result was the ASFA declined the land. Unknown to us during this  
700 discussion was that Jill had also bequeathed \$5,000 in cash, which has been deposited  
701 into the ASFA account.

702 Overall, the entries for the year exceeded our expectations from the budget we  
703 developed at last year's ACoD. As of this writing, financials for 2020 are not yet  
704 complete, so I cannot speak to our overall cash position.

## 705 **Committee Reports**

### 706 **Archives and Historical Committee Report – March 2021**

707 *Dean Wright, Chair*

708 We did not receive anything from anyone in 2020. That was the kind of year it was a great  
709 deal more to worry about with our health and family.

710 Goals for 2021:

- 711 1. Create a written inventory of all archived items. Post the inventory with  
712 photos on the web site. Put into a pamphlet format.
- 713 2. Include an ASFA History written by Gary Roush from the first Historical Book  
714 on the Web Site.
- 715 3. Complete the new website. Committee to start as soon as Records program  
716 is complete.
- 717 4. Update the history of each region with the help of the newly elected RD.
- 718 5. Separate II premiums and Regional premiums and catalog on the II access  
719 page.
- 720 6. Compile a history of II Perpetual trophies with winners, date donated and a  
721 photo of each trophy and have a list of all II winners by breed.
- 722 7. Investigate the possibility of ASFA publishing another Historical book in 2022  
723 for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

### 724 **Awards Committee Report – March 2021**

725 *Evelyn Jones, Chair*

726 Due to the COVID-19 virus many Regional Invitationals and the International Invitational  
727 were cancelled. There were only 5 regional invitationals held this year (Regions 3, 4, 5  
728 and 8).

729 The ACoD was cancelled so only the ASFA top 20 plaques went to the number one  
730 hound that ran against competition in each breed, the one for the highest scoring  
731 hound of all breeds and one plaque for the Greyhound National Specialty were sent out.

732 The awards inventory at the end of 2020 was:

733 0-B IE; 26-BOB; 275 - first; 250 - second; 277 - third; 208 - 4th; 57 -h NBQ; 3- High Scoring  
734 Singles; 53 - Kennel Stakes; 54 - Breeder Stakes; 43 – Bench Stakes; 0 - Gold Medallions; 31  
735 - Bronze Medallion; 235 – Pewter Medallions.

736 Please continue to keep up the good work in returning the unused rosettes and  
737 medallions to me in a timely fashion so I can recycle and not overstock them.

738 The Regional Director is responsible for placing the ribbon order and keeping a record of  
739 the number of entries and rosettes used each year. This record should be passed from  
740 Regional Director to Regional Director. This record will assist in the order being realistic



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741 when placing your order. Ordering more than you can use causes a shortage when  
742 others order at the same time.

743 If you should run short, call or email me immediately and I will get them in the mail to the  
744 intended person. Be sure to provide me the name and address of the intended recipient.

745 When placing your order, please use the awards order form provided to all Regional  
746 Directors.

747 All regions are requested to take pictures at the time the plaques are presented. These  
748 pictures are to be posted on the ASFA website. Be sure to provide them to the  
749 Webmaster along with the supporting information concerning the photo such as region,  
750 host club, presenter, recipient, and the hounds name (both registered and call name).

751 Thank you for your assistance in making my job easy.

### 752 **Communiqué Report – March 2021**

753 *Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Editor*

754 The online Communiqué is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year. It is a communication channel for keeping  
755 our readers informed about what is going on in ASFA. We track major events, activities,  
756 and organizational business - with the goal of keeping everyone up to date. The  
757 Communiqué is also peppered with ASFA history. And we love to publish action photos.

758 My primary goals for 2021 as editor of the Communiqué are to:

- 759 1. Move the Communiqué' toward becoming more useful, more relevant, and  
760 more interesting to its readers;
- 761 2. Develop a wider network of reporters;
- 762 3. Do a better job of giving credit to those who work on and contribute to the  
763 Communiqué'. Without them, every issue would be riddled with errors and  
764 would miss the main point; and
- 765 4. Streamline distribution.

### 766 **Contracts Committee Report – March 2021**

767 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

768 Two topics were heavily discussed this year under contracts. The Jill Bryson Estate  
769 question (see Long Range Planning) and The Paragon Records Program.

770 The Jill Bryson Estate situation was resolved by declining the gift of the Idaho property.

771 The Paragon Records contract is in active discussion and due to the sensitive nature, we  
772 cannot provide any additional information other that the Board of ASFA is actively  
773 involved, and there is movement.

### 774 **Excellence in Performance (EPA) Committee Report – March 2021**

775 *Jayme Jones, Chair*

776 Regional Directors had a tough choice this year for the Excellence in Performance  
777 Award. Ultimately, Elite Coursing Hounds of Ontario (ECHO), a new club in Canada, was  
778 chosen. ECHO overcame and persevered against unprecedented obstacles. Beyond  
779 the complications of the pandemic, the founding members of this club essentially had to  
780 start over from scratch with everything including equipment in May. Yet, they managed  
781 to successfully rebuild to be able to hold 5 trials in Canada in 2020 which by all reports  
782 were very well run. They actually hosted some of the larger ASFA trials this year despite  
783 the Canadian-US border being closed. Congratulations ECHO! We look forward to more  
784 great things from this club.

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785 The RDs would also like to give “honorably mention” to The Hanover Clubs – Chesapeake  
786 Bay Saluki Club, Tortoise & Hare Lure Coursers, and Mason-Dixon Ibizan Hound Club.  
787 These three clubs working together put on the first trials during the pandemic and  
788 established the safety guideline protocols for a safe trial in these unprecedented times.  
789 Their guidelines were the blueprint to make the trials that followed throughout ASFA safe  
790 for everyone. Thank you for your work.

791 **Executive Committee Report – March 2021**

792 *Dean Wright, Chair*

793 The Executive committee had very little subjects and questions in 2020.

794 Below is the original motion creating the Executive committee; I believe it should be a  
795 policy with the changes as noted below. I will add to the agenda to discuss this along  
796 with changes suggested and have the policy voted on and added to our policies.

797 **MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED:** that the Board authorize that a special committee be  
798 formed, comprised of the (6) elected officers plus (1) Representative of the Regional  
799 Directors **to be appointed by the Board** ~~elected by the Regional Directors Committee,~~  
800 ~~to conduct day-to-day business of the ASFA;~~ moreover that the Board authorize that  
801 a full Board Meeting convene once a year in person, in conjunction with the ACoD  
802 weekend ~~and hold a second full Board Meeting by electronic means;~~ and also that  
803 the Board authorize that that special committee formed and named the executive  
804 committee **may** meet once a year, in person or by conference calls or electronically,  
805 ~~in the Fall season.~~ In September.

806 **Experimental Program Report – March 2021**

807 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

808 Committee members: Dean Wright, Sally MacDowell, Phil Fullam and Vicki Fagre-Stroetz

809 After the last ACoD we finalized the running rules for the LCI program and presented it for  
810 approval by the board to forward to REC for finalization and formal approval at the next  
811 ACoD.

812 We have been working on an optional event we are calling “Team Coursing”. We are  
813 presenting the initial set of rules for this event at the Board meeting for approval as an  
814 experimental program to go into effect later this year. Attached are the proposed set of  
815 rules governing this program.

816 **Team Coursing**

817 The purpose of this event is to build camaraderie and partnerships between exhibitors at  
818 ASFA lure coursing events and **to demonstrate cooperative hunting skills which focus on**  
819 **how hounds work together as opposed to measuring individual coursing skills.**

820 This document provides where the rules for this program will eventually reside if adopted  
821 in the future.

822 Chapter V, Section 5

823 (e) Team Coursing is an event which will be run after BOB and may be run after Best in  
824 Field. Any ASFA recognized pure bred sighthound (referred to as hounds) at least one  
825 year of age and eligible for competition in regular, singles or Limited stakes, including  
826 hounds with breed disqualifications and competition disqualifications, shall be eligible for  
827 entry in this stake. Team stake entries from all breeds shall be combined into one mixed  
828 stake, with placements and Top Team points awarded across the teams. Each team of

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829 hounds shall run one course. No ASFA points or placements toward the Field  
830 Championship or Lure Courser of Merit titles will be awarded from this stake, and no  
831 points or other considerations toward an ASFA title of any sort will be awarded to  
832 individual hounds from the Team stake.

833 (Note: Reason that Dismissed, Disqualified and Singles hounds are eligible is because the  
834 owners/agents of the team will know if the hounds they are running are compatible prior  
835 to entering. Since no hounds other than the ones by the owners/agents will be on the  
836 field coursing, each owner/agent is responsible for the actions of the hounds.)

837 **(new) Section 7.** The following description applies to Team Coursing stake:

838 (a) Owners/agents may form teams of up to five (5) hounds. Hounds on a team do not  
839 have to belong to the same owner/agent or the same sighthound breed. Each team will  
840 have a name under which they will compete at each event. If owners/agents from  
841 different areas select the same name, the first entry of a name will remain and the  
842 records coordinator will notify the subsequent teams that they have to change their  
843 name prior to entering records. A hound may be on multiple teams but may only  
844 compete with one team at a trial. Teams with five hounds may change hounds only at  
845 the beginning of a new year (ex. a hound decides it no longer wants to run cannot be  
846 removed and replaced). A team with three hounds may add up to two additional  
847 hounds during the year.

848 (b) Three available hounds of the team will be selected by the owners/agents to  
849 compete in this stake. A completed entry form will be submitted to the Field Trial  
850 Secretary.

851 (c) The hounds of the selected team do not have to be entered in the regular trial.

852 (d) The order of teams running shall be by random draw. (See Ch. V, Sec. 7) Blanket  
853 colors will be:

854 1st Team .....Bright YELLOW

855 2nd Team .....Bright PINK

856 3rd Team .....Bright BLUE

857 Repeat for additional teams.

858 (e) Hounds shall be inspected prior to running in this stake. Lamé hounds or bitches in  
859 season will be barred from running and team may use one of the other available  
860 members. Teams with less than three hounds will be scratched and entry fee refunded.

861 (f) Teams will run once. After completion and posting of scores, all teams no longer  
862 required for further judging are excused. No substitution of hounds on a team after  
863 inspection.

864 (g) The top teams shall be determined by the highest score.

865 (h) Ties for the top four placements will be run-off or forfeited. If one team in a tie runoff is  
866 dismissed or disqualified, the team not dismissed or disqualified is considered to have  
867 won the runoff.

868 (i) Team points for Yearly Top 20 are awarded to each team based on their placements.

869 (j) There may be one or two judges. Max score per team per judge will be 100 pts.  
870 Judging will be based on:

871       • Team Effort                   25

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- 872           ○ This category is to evaluate how all three hounds are cooperating in the  
873           hunt. Are there changes in lead/position during the course or do all  
874           hounds maintain positions? Hounds should not be blocking the other team  
875           members but should allow opportunity for others. During the course, does  
876           the team attempt to pin/trap the lure.  
877           ○ Catching the lure in mid-course as a team is not negative in this event, but  
878           rather a positive.
- 879       • Team Follow           15
    - 880           ○ A team works the lure, trying to force a turn, with individuals in the team  
881           changing positions based on the behavior of the lure and their function at  
882           the time within the team
    - 883           ○ The center dog forces a turn, placing the lure into the path of one of the  
884           flanking dogs then one of the flanking dogs will pick up on it, becoming  
885           the center, and the other two will reposition themselves to flanking  
886           position
    - 887           ○ Another common behavior for a well-functioning team is to alternate  
888           positions, allowing a fresh dog to take the center position, adding pressure  
889           on the lure, and tiering it out. This also occurs when there are speed  
890           differences between the team members. Changes in position allow slower  
891           members to catch up, maintaining pressure on the prey.
    - 892           ○ The judge must look for the team working together, maintaining pressure  
893           on the prey, watching, anticipating, forcing the prey to turn. A key factor  
894           to look for is how well the team communicates with each other.
    - 895           ○ Is the course dominated by a single dog, with one or two other dogs  
896           along for the ride? If so, then that is not team follow. Are all three dogs  
897           sharing the Hunt?
  - 898       • Team Speed           20
    - 899           ○ Not all of the hounds on the team need the same speed, but how they  
900           use individual speed to enhance the team Not all need speed but speed  
901           that work together
    - 902           ○ Overall time to complete course. Not actually timing the course, but  
903           relative to other teams.
    - 904           ○ This is one time where if the machine speed can be heard, it may be used  
905           as a gauge
  - 906       • Team Agility           20
    - 907           ○ Is the team tripping over each other or are they transitioning smoothly  
908           through turns and terrain.
  - 909       • Team Endurance       20
    - 910           ○ If two hounds are running full out at the end and one member stops or  
911           significantly slows, the team gets only a maximum 2/3 of total score since  
912           not all members of the team are working effectively.
- 913 (k) Yearly Top 20 points will be awarded based on the following:
- 914       • The first-place team will earn 4 x number of teams entered
  - 915       • The second-place team will earn 3 x number of teams entered
  - 916       • The third-place team will earn 2 x number of teams entered
  - 917       • The fourth and lower place team(s) will earn 1 x number of teams entered
- 918 (l) Entry fees will be set by the host club and a per capita fee will be paid to ASFA as  
919 determined by the Board of Directors. \$\$/team (\$\$/hound)
- 920 Footnotes: questions to explore during experimental time:

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921 What if a hound is DQ'd during a course? If a hound is DQ'd during a course, the team  
922 loses for that day.  
923 Besides the team losing for that day, does the team loose opportunity for further  
924 competition that year? No  
925 Can the team remove offending hound and substitute another hound on the team for  
926 future events that year? The team should remove offending hound from future events,  
927 and they will not be able to replace it till the next year?  
928 Can the team remove offending hound but not be able to replace it till next year? Yes  
929 If a hound is DQ'd, would it carry over to regular trials? No because it was a team  
930 decision to include it and this is a non-regular event.  
931 How would a judge designate which hound on the team was the offender? ? In their  
932 notes so that they can inform the team which one was the offender. The score sheet will  
933 only indicate the team was DQ'd.  
934 What if a hound is injured and out for extended time, can the team replace the hound  
935 for the remainder of year, or only use four remaining hounds? Team changes can only  
936 occur at the start of the next year.  
937 Can team be changed at beginning of each year? Yes  
938 Does the team require maintaining at least two or three hounds from the previous year to  
939 be considered as the same team name? Yes

940 **Field Trial Improvement Committee Report – March 2021**

941 *Tom Cigolle, Chair*

942 The Field Trial Improvement committee does not have a lot to report. 2020 ended up  
943 being a quiet year for the committee. We will be looking at bringing on some new  
944 members to the committee and will be looking at some of the ideas that are coming  
945 from the regional information meetings that Dean Wright has held.

946 **Finance and Budget Committee Report – March 2021**

947 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

**ASFA Budget 2021**

**As approved 3-20-21**

Jan. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2021

Category	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Budget Diff
ACoD	\$2,340	\$500	\$1,840
Forms	\$1,500	\$2,000	-\$500
Per Capita	\$19,000		\$19,000
Regionals	\$0		\$0
II	\$1,000		\$1,000
Trials	\$18,000		\$18,000
Lure Chasing	\$0		\$0
Membership	\$3,000	\$400	\$2,600
Committees	\$0	\$13,300	-\$13,300
Computer			\$0

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Internet Initiative		\$500	-\$500
Web Maintenance		\$2,800	-\$2,800
Records upgrade		\$10,000	-\$10,000
Other		\$3,000	-\$3,000
IT Trophy Refurb	\$200	\$200	\$0
Insurance		\$1,400	-\$1,400
Records		\$13,500	-\$13,500
Salary (Gross)		\$9,000	-\$9,000
Expenses		\$4,500	-\$4,500
Regional Directors		\$500	-\$500
Board Meetings		\$100	-\$100
Donations	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Miscellaneous	\$675	\$300	\$375
Totals	\$36,715	\$35,200	\$1,515

Projected Entries 2021

Number of trials	135
Total entries	4,500

948 **Forms Creation and Distribution Committee Report – March 2021**

949 *Marilyn Standerford, Chair*

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

951 **Status of ASFA Store:** The ASFA store is still functional. Not a lot of activity. Due to IT  
952 budgetary constraints, there has been no updating of the ASFA Store site. Remember we  
953 still have patches for FCh, LCM, BIF, BOB, and the ASFA logo. In addition, you can buy  
954 external decals for your car that are in different colors, as well as white ASFA logo decal  
955 or clear ASFA logo decals. The decals are inexpensive and make great welcome bag  
956 stuffers! (Let me know if you want to purchase a quantity... we'll discuss a reasonable  
957 price.)

958 **Status of PayPal:** I'd say 99.5% of the sales of ASFA Store products are via PayPal and the  
959 other .5% is accredited to physical checks mailed to me from clubs.

960 Consider checking your forms inventory now and getting your order in for your next few  
961 trials or for the year.

962 **Publications:** The Rulebook, Constitution, Policies (Administrative and Operational), and  
963 ASFA forms have been updated as of January 1 (constitution was August 1) to reflect  
964 changes in ASFA business - Including contact chairmen, and REC/CRC changes.

965 **Reminder:** It is the responsibility of the Forms Chair to maintain the only official copy of the  
966 ASFA Forms and Publications. That means that if you need to have updates and changes  
967 made to the forms, publications, or any printed matter for which your committee is  
968 responsible, you may send the form with the updates indicated to [forms@asfa.org](mailto:forms@asfa.org), and I

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969 will make the changes for you. It is imperative that the official, most up-to-date versions  
970 are on file with the Forms Chair.

971 Updates to the following forms were required due to ACoD actions that went into effect  
972 January 1, 2021. All changes were made and posted to the website.

- 973 • Judges Sheet (remove Limited)
- 974 • Protest Form (due to the changes in Chapter IX)
- 975 • New FTS Report (due to Paperwork reduction project)
- 976 • Entry Form (remove Limited)
- 977 • Fun Trial Entry Form (remove Limited)
- 978 • Adding the BIF to Point System
- 979 • Trial Date Request paper form, and webpage to include LCI as an option for the  
980 trial.

981 **ASFA Packets:** All we send out in the ASFA packets are the Guidelines to Hound  
982 Certification and the Beginner's Guide to Lure Coursing. **Every club** is entitled to one set of  
983 25 of each of these publications each year. Honestly, if you are going to use them, I'll send  
984 more. These can be requested via e-mail to forms@asfa.org or fill out the on-line request  
985 at: <http://www.asfa.org/forms/pubs.htm>.

### 986 **Invitationals Committee Report – March 2021**

987 *Trisha Borland, Chair*

988 The Regional Directors have yet to vote on a new Invitationals chair, but Trisha Borland  
989 has been serving as liaison to the 2021 II committee as it is being hosted in Region 5. Dan  
990 Heidel, the outgoing Invitationals Chair worked on and submitted the updated policy for  
991 Invitationals, which was passed by the board. The 2021 II proposal was forwarded to the  
992 ASFA board and approved for May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Cedar Falls Iowa, hosted by Iowa  
993 Coursing Association. Lots of discussion has been happening about updating the II  
994 qualifications policy for 2021 only, due to the lack of trials and Covid restrictions in 2020 in  
995 much of the United States. We know a 2022 II Committee for the 50<sup>th</sup> ASFA Anniversary is  
996 meeting, but no proposal has been submitted to the committee as of writing this update.

### 997 **IT Committee Report – March 2021**

998 *Cathy Sanderson, Chair*

999 The IT Committee recently approved Eddie Kominek's LCSoft program to be allowed to  
1000 do random draws for ASFA field trials. We examined the structure and code set up. This is  
1001 the first program that the committee has approved, if you know of any other trial  
1002 software that we should take a look at, please let us know.

1003 It has become apparent that Paragon cannot complete the online database that they  
1004 were contracted for. They assumed they could complete the job, but Paragon did not  
1005 properly evaluate the document submitted by ASFA before signing the contract.

1006 In the meantime, we have approached Eddie Kominek to provide an online records  
1007 database linked to a re-designed ASFA website. We do not want one person responsible  
1008 for creation or maintenance of the new system, so if you have programming or database  
1009 experience, please contact Eddie or myself.

1010 We are in the early stages now, but things are moving forward quickly in the last few  
1011 months and I expect to have more information to add to this report at the ACoD.

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1013 **Judges Committee Report – March 2021**

1014 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

1015 Committee members: Leigh Littleton, Darci Kunard, Phil Fullam, Ben Brodeur

1016 During the year we forwarded to REC several changes to the running rules which clarify  
1017 the process for obtaining judges licenses. These proposals will be presented in the REC  
1018 report and discussion at the ACoD with approval voted on. When approved, several of  
1019 the running rule changes will lead to the deletion of several policies which have been in  
1020 place since the 1990's.

1021 We are discussing the probability of having all ASFA judges take a written test every three  
1022 years to verify that all judges are maintaining their knowledge of the latest running rules  
1023 and policies.

1024 **Judges Licensing Committee Report – March 2021**

1025 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

1026 During the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we suspended the two year  
1027 judging rule so that individuals could opt out of judging events and maintain their license  
1028 even if they were on the two-year non-judging list.

1029 There have been four individuals requesting additional breeds towards a regular license,  
1030 five new all-breed licensed individuals, two provisional and one apprentice individual  
1031 added to the judges list.

1032 I thank those who read the judges report and continue to keep me informed of any  
1033 changes in name, address and/or other contact information. Please note that contact  
1034 should be through [JudgesLic@asfa.org](mailto:JudgesLic@asfa.org).

1035 **Long Range Planning Committee Report – March 2021**

1036 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

1037 The President of ASFA has raised the question several times as to the overlap between  
1038 Field Trial Improvement Committee and Long Range Planning. My perspective is that  
1039 these committees are differentiated by the basic definition of Strategy and Tactics. Long  
1040 Range Planning should be asking questions and developing answers on what ASFA  
1041 should be in 5 to 10 years in the future. Questions such as: who will be the leaders for the  
1042 future, how do we recruit new blood, what long term affiliations make sense for the  
1043 organization need thoughtful review and plan development.

1044 Clearly one aspect of Long Range planning is how to insure financial stability that goes  
1045 beyond the current year. What assets does ASFA have that must be maintained forever  
1046 and how do we accomplish that?

1047 This year we had an opportunity dropped on us when Jill Bryson's estate offered ASFA a  
1048 70-acre property in Idaho. The discussions that occurred on this was enlightening and  
1049 pointed to several basic concerns. How would ASFA operate this facility, how much  
1050 would it cost to maintain it, could it be made to be self-sufficient, and who specifically  
1051 who would be responsible day to day locally.

1052 Unfortunately, we could not develop a plan that met both ASFA needs and the  
1053 restrictions placed on the property by the estate, so the gift was declined.

1054 It is recognized that we should provide some guidance to the fancy for future gifts,  
1055 explaining what is practical for ASFA to accept, and how restrictions on the use of real  
1056 property need to be constructed, so that the intent of the gift and the needs and  
1057 capabilities of ASFA can all be achieved.



1058 **Membership Committee Report – March 2021**

1059 *Ping Pirrung, Chair*

1060 First, I would like to thank the members of the Committee: Leah Hartlep, Vickie Jacobs  
1061 and Jayme Jones. All of them have been very helpful to me over the year with input on  
1062 the clubs we have been working with. I really appreciate how quickly they get back to  
1063 me.

1064 **Purpose:** The purpose of the membership committee is to not only collect the annual  
1065 dues from all clubs, but to assist and approve clubs that wish to become affiliated with  
1066 the ASFA.

1067 **Goals**

1068 **For 2020:**

- 1069 • To get the data on clubs in a working order  
1070 • To familiarize myself withal the process' of the committee.  
1071 • To communicate with delegates and help them when needed.

1072 **For 2021:**

- 1073 • To continue to organize the membership process and documents  
1074 • To make it easier for clubs to renew their membership

1075 I feel as though we are well on our way to completing the goals we set for 2020 and the  
1076 goals for 2021 will bring the committee more streamlined and efficient.

1077 Club renewals are coming in at an even pace with just a few stragglers here and there. I  
1078 find the reminders help clubs remember to renew. In 2020 74 clubs renewed their  
1079 membership and 4 clubs made the decision not to renew.

1080 This year Desert Fun Bunch (DFB), in Region 10, was approved as a fast-track affiliate after  
1081 their successful Fun Trials in the spring. This summer Cascadia Sighthound Association  
1082 (CSA), in Region 1, became a fast-track affiliate club. This autumn, Gazehounds of the  
1083 Smoky Mountains (GASM), in Region 7 was also approved as a fast-track affiliate club.  
1084 We wish these clubs success in hosting ASFA field trials and look forward to receiving their  
1085 applications for membership after they have completed the trials in the time frame to  
1086 apply. Congratulations to all three of these clubs and welcome to the ASFA.

1087 The Phu Quoc Ridgeback Association is beginning the process of applying for affiliate  
1088 status. We look forward to working with them as they complete the steps and can plan a  
1089 Fun trial.

1090 **Policy Compilation Report – March 2021**

1091 *Tom Golcher, Chair*

1092 **Policy Compilation Committee (PCC):** Tom Golcher Chair, Phil Fullam, Dan Heidel, Russ  
1093 Jacobs and Ping Pirrung

1094 Let me begin by saying I am very honored to be on a committee with such distinguished  
1095 ASFA members. Russ Jacobs and Ping Pirrung are probably the most knowledgeable folks  
1096 with firsthand recollection of the history and happenings of "the ASFA" that there are.  
1097 Dan and Phil are long-time trusted friends, who have, time after time, proved their  
1098 dedication to the ASFA and the sport of lure coursing. The five of us should be able to  
1099 accomplish those items that are placed on our plate.

1100 **Changes to existing policies:**

1101 **A-RULE10:**

1102 When a new or revised policy is presented to the Board, the Corresponding Secretary  
1103 shall send it to the Policy Compilation Committee (PCC) for review and comment,

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1104 before ~~being presented to the Board for seconds~~ ~~are called for~~. The committee will  
1105 respond within two weeks with their input regarding conflicts with Rules, the Constitution,  
1106 or existing Policies to both the original submitter and the Corresponding Secretary. The  
1107 Corresponding Secretary will then present the Policy (with incorporated changes as  
1108 made by the submitter based on the Policy Compilation Committee's  
1109 comments) ~~including the comments from the Policy Compilation Committee~~ to the  
1110 Board for Seconds. ~~The revised policy presented to the Board for seconds shall also~~  
1111 ~~include the comments from the Policy Compilation Committee~~. Should the Board pass  
1112 the motion, it would then be sent immediately, by the Corresponding Secretary, ~~to~~  
1113 ~~the Policy Compilation Committee Chair for inclusion or updating in the appropriate~~  
1114 ~~Policy Manual. The Policy Compilation Committee Chair will then forward it to~~  
1115 ~~the Internet Website~~ Liaison for posting on the ASFA website and take effect. (06/20)  
1116 The motion was passed on 7/9/2020 by the ASFA BoD, (10) yes, (4) four no, (2) two votes  
1117 not received

1118 The new Policy A-RUL10 shall read:

1119 **A-RUL10:** When a new or revised policy is presented to the Board, the Corresponding  
1120 Secretary shall send it to the Policy Compilation Committee (PCC) for review and  
1121 comment, before being presented to the Board for seconds. The committee will respond  
1122 within two weeks with their input regarding conflicts with Rules, the Constitution, or  
1123 existing Policies to both the original submitter and the Corresponding Secretary. The  
1124 Corresponding Secretary will then present the Policy (with incorporated changes as  
1125 made by the submitter based on the Policy Compilation Committee's comments) to the  
1126 Board for Seconds. The revised policy presented to the Board for seconds shall also  
1127 include the comments from the Policy Compilation Committee. Should the Board pass  
1128 the motion, it would then be sent immediately, by the Corresponding Secretary, to  
1129 the Policy Compilation Committee Chair for inclusion or updating in the appropriate  
1130 Policy Manual. The Policy Compilation Committee Chair will then forward it to  
1131 the Website Liaison for posting on the ASFA website and take effect. (06/20)  
1132 A-RUL10 has been published on the ASFA website.

1133 **O-TRIALS29:**

1134 The use of computerized random draw programs at any ASFA-sanctioned field trial is  
1135 prohibited. (04/98) 265

1136 Proposed change:

1137 O-TRIALS29 The use of computerized random draw programs at any ASFA-sanctioned  
1138 field trials is ~~prohibited~~. ~~must be a program approved by the IT committee and the ASFA~~  
1139 ~~Board~~.

1140 Rationale: This policy was put into effect over 20 years ago. The computer programs are  
1141 much better today and probably very much random. Each program should be  
1142 evaluated and approved by the IT committee and the board. There will be no cost to  
1143 ASFA.

1144 **The PCC finds that this policy change has no conflicts with existing rules or policies. The**  
1145 **PCC recommends that the following be added to the change, "and published on the**  
1146 **ASFA website."**

1147 The motion was passed on 10/12/2020 by the ASFA BoD (13) yes, (2) no votes.

1148 O-TRIALS29 shall read:

1149 O-TRIALS29 The use of computerized random draw programs at any ASFA-sanctioned  
1150 field trials must be a program approved by the IT committee, the ASFA Board, and  
1151 published on the ASFA website. (R10/20)

1152 O-TRIALS29 has been published on the ASFA website.

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- 1154 **Regional Invitational and International Invitational:**  
1155 Policy updates were submitted to the PCC, by Dan Heidel, then Chair of the Invitationals  
1156 Committee, for review. PCC made minor recommendations which were accepted by  
1157 the Invitationals Committee and sent to the ASFA BoD for approval.
- 1158 Both Regional and International Policy changes were approved by the ASFA BoD and  
1159 published on the ASFA website. See Attachment elsewhere in the minutes for the  
1160 updated Invitational policies.
- 1161 **From the 2020 ACOD:**  
1162 The Policy Compilation Committee will review the last six (6) years of policies to be sure  
1163 they are included in the policies that are published.
- 1164 **Policy Audit 2015-2020**  
1165 1. After going thru the minutes from 2015 thru 2020 PCC findings are as follows:  
1166 2. All policies approved by the ACOD and BoD minutes have been published,  
1167 except for the items listed below.  
1168 a) 2019 – The ACoD directed REC to incorporate O-Trials 34, 36, and 36 policies  
1169 into the Running Rules. This was forwarded to REC for action.
- 1170 **Public Outreach Committee Report – March 2021**  
1171 *Trisha Borland and Kathy Sanders, Co-Chairs*  
1172 Not much to report outside Facebook “world” We have seen an upswing in visitors to the  
1173 Facebook page. It is currently followed by over 2100 people, up over 300 people from  
1174 2020. We try to post important information to Facebook from ASFA as well as some fun  
1175 photos and information from the past. We welcome more historical photos and past  
1176 articles to post. You can send them to Trisha or private message them to the ASFA  
1177 Facebook page. We occasionally have private message questions to the page, which  
1178 we try to answer within a few hours.
- 1179 American Sighthound Field Association has a Twitter account with not much use,  
1180 consider tagging ASFA in your coursing photos on Twitter and Facebook.
- 1181 It has been discussed to try to put ASFA advertisements in Sighthound National specialty  
1182 catalogs. We will be looking into that in 2021.
- 1183 As always if you have ideas for the public outreach committee, we would love to hear  
1184 them.
- 1185 **Rules Evaluation Committee Report – March 2021**  
1186 *Marilyn Standerford, Chair*  
1187 **RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE**  
1188 **Rules Change Proposals for the 2021 ACoD**  
1189  
1190 The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to  
1191 the 2021 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is underlined;  
1192 deleted wording is ~~struck out~~. Explanations for the proposal are included,  
1193 along with REC recommendations. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY; those that  
1194 receive a favorable vote will be considered a change in the *Running Rules*  
1195 *and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*. Such proposals will be published on  
1196 the ASFA website after the 2021 ACoD and will go into effect on August 1,  
1197 2021.  
1198 --Marilyn Standerford, Chair, REC

1199            *REC Members: Russ Jacobs and Ping Pirrung, and alternates—Elaine*  
1200            *McMichael and Kathy Sanders*

1201  
1202    **Proposal #1 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**  
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1204    To delete the following from Chapter IV, Section 5. Course Plans. 3.  
1205    3. ~~When using a continuous-loop system, mid-course reversals are~~  
1206        ~~permissible so long as they are clearly stated in the premium list and~~  
1207        ~~provided that the place and duration of the reversal is the same, or~~  
1208        ~~approximately the same, for each and every course.~~

1209    **EFFECT:** To delete this section of the rule.

1210    *The REC recommends this proposal be rejected and offers the alternative*  
1211    *Proposal #1 (A) below.*

1212    **REASON:** *The REC is not allowed to delete rules, but only allowed to amend*  
1213    *them. This rule is still potentially viable.*

1214    **COST TO THE ASFA:** *Nothing*

1215  
1216    **Proposal #1 (A)**

1217    3. When using a continuous-loop system, mid-course reversals  
1218        are not permissible so long as they are clearly stated in the premium  
1219        list and provided that the place and duration of the reversal is the same,  
1220        or approximately the same, for each and every course

1221    **EFFECT:** To specify that for continuous-loop courses, it is not permissible to  
1222    do any mid-course reversals.

1223    *The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.*

1224    **REASON:** *The REC feels this amendment to the Proposal #1 achieves the*  
1225    *same purpose, without deleting the rule.*

1226    **COST TO THE ASFA:** *Nothing*

1227    **Proposal #2 comes from the 2020 ACoD through the Board of**  
1228    **Directors**

1229  
1230    The motion below was presented and rejected last year but sent back to  
1231    rework—specifically adding the BOLD, UNDERLINED text below.

1232  
1233    **Chapter 5, Section 9. Conducting the Draw**

1234    5. If only one member of a breed is entered, that hound may be run with  
1235    another breed in a mixed breed stake with the same scheduled judges if  
1236    all exhibitors owners or their duly-authorized agents agree. The hounds

1237 would be scored separately by the one or two judges listed in the premium  
1238 list for each breed and receive placements and points as if this stake was a  
1239 regular stake such as open, field champion or veteran.

1240  
1241 **Effect:** *This would give points and placements for running with competition*  
1242 *when the hounds are of different breeds yet running together.*

1243 **Cost to the ASFA:** *major changes to the records program to allow multiple*  
1244 *breeds to run against each other and get points and placements*  
1245 *toward ASFA titles.*

1246  
1247 *The REC recommends this proposal be rejected.*

1248  
1249 **RATIONALE:** Who would judge this mixed breed stake? Each breed in the  
1250 stake must be judged by the judges listed in the premium. This could  
1251 potentially have six judges for a single course. It is against the ASFA  
1252 Running Rules to have more than two judges on the field judging at  
1253 the same time. The mixed breed could be Open against FCh, or any  
1254 combination of stakes.

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1257 **Proposal #3 comes from the 2020 ACoD through the Board of**  
1258 **Directors**

1259 The following proposal was submitted to the 2020 ACoD and rejected. It was  
1260 the vote of the ACoD to return this motion to the REC for rework. The REC is  
1261 not able to propose alternative wording.

1262 **Chapter II, Section 4. Huntmaster**

1263 16. Will cause the lure to be stopped upon a ~~pre-slip and restart provided no~~  
1264 ~~tally ho has been sounded~~ hound being tangled in its slip lead or other safety  
1265 concerns. A pre-slip in and of itself is not a cause for stopping the course.

1266 **Effect:** *This prohibits the huntmaster from stopping the course in the*  
1267 *case of a pre-slip.*

1268 **Cost to the ASFA:** *there is no cost to the ASFA*

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1270 *The REC recommends this proposal be rejected*

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1272 **Rationale:** If a pre-slip of one hound is flagrant, the huntmaster should  
1273 have the ability to stop the course.

1274 **Records Committee Report – March 2021**

1275 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

1276 The primary question on Records is the Paragon Records program. Much discussion has  
1277 taken place, and there is anticipation that a resolution will soon be announced.

1278 **Records Coordinator Report – March 2021**

1279 *Lori Coulson, Coordinator*

1280 The report is attached separately.

1281 **Scheduling Report – March 2021**

1282 *Audrey Silverstein, Chair*

1283 2020 was a challenging year. Several clubs canceled their trials because they lost their  
1284 fields due to the Covid-19 restrictions which were beyond their control. Some clubs  
1285 canceled because they were just afraid to be around each other!

1286 Down in Region 8, specifically in Littlestown, PA, they surpassed the previous year!! They  
1287 had issues with the PA governor but once he lifted the restrictions for Memorial Day  
1288 weekend, ASFA Lure Coursing thrived!!! The Hanover clubs came up with their own  
1289 waivers for everyone to sign in order to enter their trials, masks were required, and even  
1290 specific protocols were in place to enter their field trials which have been adopted  
1291 around the county.

1292 They even allowed a NJ club (JRRWA) to rent their field. This club had the largest entry  
1293 they have had in the past several years!!!

1294 Another thing the Hanover clubs adopted is contact tracing to every entrant, 2 weeks  
1295 after their events (AKC included), everyone is emailed and asked if they have any Covid-  
1296 19 like symptoms. As a member of these clubs, I am proud to say we have held safe  
1297 trials!!! NO COVID!

1298 Another topic I would like to discuss is the success of the LCI stakes! More clubs this year  
1299 are adding the LCI's which is great to acknowledge! The II will also offer them on Friday,  
1300 before the big event!!

1301 Covid-19 is REAL, BUT it does not have to cancel our outdoor events and the Hanover  
1302 Clubs (MDIHC, THLC& UCBSC) have proved to the ASFA budget we are still alive and well  
1303 in 2021!!!

1304 **Treasurer's Report – March 2021**

1305 *Sean McMichael, Treasurer*

1306 This is a very abbreviated report. I suffered two hard drive meltdowns last year and lost  
1307 most of my data. We started out the year with \$19,486.80 and ended with a balance of  
1308 \$24,446.14. We had a donation of \$5,000 that accounts for us showing a profit this year.  
1309 Other than it, we spent about as much as we took in. I'll let Lori address entries in her  
1310 report. Next year, we'll be back to the standard report. I'm backing up my data to the  
1311 cloud now.

1312 **Website Liaison Report – March 2021**

1313 *Marilyn Standerford, Chair*

1314 The responsibilities of the Internet Liaison are to ensure that the ACoD updates are made  
1315 to the website, such as Hall of Fame, Gary Forrester, Incentive Program, required news, EPA  
1316 award as soon after the ACoD as the information and pictures are made available.

1317 I maintain the website from the standpoint of getting the updates to the webmaster for  
1318 publication in a timely manner.

1319 All inquiries submitted through the website come to me. If they are website related, I  
1320 answer the questions, if they are of any other matter, I forward them to the Corresponding  
1321 Secretary. This past year, we had about 33 inquiries. The majority were requesting hounds'  
1322 points, and I have a PDF of instructions to submit the request from the website to Records.  
1323 So, I just send them that.

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1325 **Website Publication Report – March 2021**

1326 *Cathy Sanderson, Chair*

1327 In conjunction with the online database project, the ASFA website will be updated to  
1328 improve useability and friendliness. As mentioned last year the new website will have  
1329 several important upgrades;

- 1330 • Newbie friendly
- 1331 • A separate easy to use section for the new LCI owners (remember many are  
1332 coming from other dog sports)
- 1333 • Online entry system for individual clubs to use (see more below)
- 1334 • Updated ASFA store
- 1335 • System to allow owners to look up their dogs' results and breed standings in a  
1336 timely manner.
- 1337 • A system to allow committee chairs to log in and update information (for  
1338 example Judges licensing can publish judges lists)
- 1339 • Searchable rules and policies
- 1340 • The whole website needs to be mobile friendly

1341 The online database needs to be linked to the website to create this functionality and  
1342 therefore the database is the foundation.

1343 A lot of "moving parts" are happening and I will update this report at the live ACoD  
1344 event.

1345 **Regional Director Reports**

1346 **RD Committee Report – March 2021**

1347 *Trisha Borland, Chair*

1348 For the first time in almost a year we have all 10 Regional Director spots filled. We had five  
1349 new RD's join us in January and we look forward to the new ideas from those just joining  
1350 the board. The last six month the Regional Directors have been busy updating Regional &  
1351 National Invitational Policies headed by the outgoing Region 3 RD, Dan Heidel. The new  
1352 policy has been updated and should be available on the ASFA Website.

1353 **Region 1 Report – March 2021**

1354 *Karen Sanders, Director*

1355 Predictably with Covid and the pandemic restrictions, the year 2020 had its ups and  
1356 downs for Region 1 clubs. We have had less clubs having trials, but we did have a new  
1357 club started in 2020, CSA (Cascadia Sighthound Association).

1358 2020 showed Region 1 having 10 trials with 360 entries. Silken Windhounds showed  
1359 amazing number of entries of all the regions of 107 entries in Region 1.

1360 Azawakh, Anubi, tied for #1 for 2020

1361 Italian Greyhound, Coco was #1 for 2020

1362 Silken Windhound, Sienna, was #1 for 2020 but also places 1 through 8 for Silken

1363 Windhounds were all from Region 1

1364 Region 1 is looking forward to a more promising 2021.

1365 **Region 2 Report – March 2021**

1366 *Jayne Jones, Director*

1367 2019 was a rough year for Region 2 and we had hoped that 2020 would be a come-  
1368 back year as our local clubs were making headway on regaining access and/or finding  
1369 new fields. However, with another record fire season and the pandemic, 2020 was  
1370 devastating for our region. For most of the year, California, especially counties in

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1371 Northern California, were completely shut out from using fields (used as staging areas,  
1372 unhealthy air quality, otherwise made unavailable for rent) or shut down from putting on  
1373 events at all by local and State governments (pandemic restrictions). The IWAWC was  
1374 our only club that didn't have to cancel their trial – and it ended up the only trial for our  
1375 region before the pandemic ended all events for the rest of the year and into 2021.  
1376 Despite the ongoing challenges for our clubs to put on trials, we remain hopeful as  
1377 California begins to open back up with the roll out of vaccines, etc. Good news on the  
1378 horizon, SSIH was able to get County Parks to make one of our better fields available to  
1379 us to rent.

1380 **Region 3 Report – March 2021**

1381 *Tom Golcher, Director*

1382 **Region 3 Boundaries:**

1383 Region 3 Includes the states of WY, UT, CO, and NM. 360,654 square miles of beautiful  
1384 Western USA.

1385 **Region 3 Clubs and current Club Contact(s):**

1386 Regional Clubs

1387 Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA)	Delegate Dan Heidel
1388 President Darci Kunard	
1389 Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA)	Delegate Mike Hussey
1390 President Connie Smalley	
1391 Lobo Lure Coursing Club (LLCC)	Delegate Leonore Abordo
1392 President Phil Fullam	
1393 Utah Sighthound Racing and Coursing Club (USRCC)	Delegate Faith Burnham
1394 President Melissa Egbert	
1395 Rocky Mountain Coursing Club (RMCC)	Delegate Heather Minnich
1396 President Karen Akerman	

1397 National Clubs with Delegates in Region 3

1398 American Whippet Club (AWC)	Delegate Claudia Miller
1399 President Guinevere Borstel	
1400 Pharaoh Hound Club of America (PHCA)	Delegate Darci Kunard
1401 President Mary Severino	

1402 2020 – The year of COVID

1403 There was not a single ASFA club, or ASFA Club Member, in the country that was not  
1404 affected adversely by the COVID pandemic. Region 3 was no exception. Instead of  
1405 focusing on how much Region 3 was down from the prior year, I will focus on the positive.  
1406 We had 2 clubs, CLCA and RMIWA, that were able to hold trials in 2020. CLCA was able  
1407 to hold 11 ASFA trials hosting 281 hounds before COVID shut down most of Colorado.  
1408 RMIWA got off 1 trial hosting 7 hounds. LLCC held a 1-day fun run, with 1 Cert run  
1409 completed and a handful of sighthound puppies getting a nice start, and 3 new LCI  
1410 dogs trying out the lure. USRCC and RMCC were pretty much shut down for the year due  
1411 to COVID. PHCA was unable to hold a single specialty, so was unable to hold an ASFA  
1412 trial, usually associated with the specialty, in 2020.

1413 There is a lot of optimism for 2021.

1414 CLCA is planning trials as early as February 27 and a total of 18 trials planned for 2021.

1415 LLCC is planning 4 trials for 2021, with the Regional possibly being hosted by them.

1416 RMIWA is planning 1 specialty and 1 all-breed trial for 2021.

1417 USRCC is planning 2 trials for 2021.

1418 RMCC is planning 1 trial in 2021 with it already on the books for September 25.



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1419 PHCA plans to hold an ASFA specialty trial at their National Specialty September 16th in  
1420 Greys Summit, MO.  
1421 Also, PHCA is proposing holding an ASFA specialty trial at their Western Specialty  
1422 sometime during October 7-10 in Northern California  
1423 AWC is planning their specialty, also in October, in Santa Fe, NM. AWC has an ASFA trial  
1424 planned.

1425 CONGRATULATIONS to CLCA.  
1426 CLCA had the greatest number of trials, 11 trials, in Region 3, and this put them at  
1427 number 3 Nationally. CLCA also ran the most dogs in Region 3, 281 hounds, which was  
1428 the 2<sup>nd</sup> most dogs run Nationally.

1429 **Region 4 Report – March 2021**

1430 *Terry Sayre, Director*

1431 I'd like to thank the Tulsa sighthound Association for nominating me for Region 4 director  
1432 and any votes from within the region.

1433 Region 4 is going to be a very hard sale, to get new clubs to participate or become  
1434 member clubs, and to bring back some of the old member clubs back into the fold. I  
1435 believe there's still a lot of animosity with the old guard after the whippet boycott. I am  
1436 not sure how many active clubs in Region 4 there were prior to 2009 I know we've lost at  
1437 least one maybe two over the years.

1438 I have made an effort to reach out to the active region clubs and pick their brains for  
1439 anything that might help rekindle ASFA in the region but have yet to receive any  
1440 communication from Gaze Hounds in Texas, and the Lone Star Borzoi Club is in transition  
1441 with their delegate. My plans are to start reaching out to other clubs and get a feel for if  
1442 they are open to receive an ASFA venue.

1443 Region 4 is hard-pressed for weekends to lure course because of our limited time to be  
1444 able to run due to the type of weather we have, January to May, September to  
1445 December and September is sometimes pushing it. The American Kennel Club has  
1446 become deeply rooted in Region 4 and I don't believe that some of the clubs will  
1447 relinquish dates to put on an ASFA trial. New dates are almost impossible to secure.

1448 And we also have the problem with participation there may be a half a dozen hardcore  
1449 lure coursers that run ASFA and AKC and only one in the region that I know of that runs  
1450 ASFA only. A 20 dog trial wouldn't even cover judges expenses even throwing in the LCI  
1451 program which I would believe be very limited participation, when the exhibitors can  
1452 show up to a coursing ability test at the end of a trial maybe wait an hour for their turn,  
1453 run their dog (pass or fail) receive a ribbon and be on their way.

1454 Not wanting to be negative but that's my read-on Region 4. When clubs can make  
1455 \$14,000.00 for 6 events in 3 days, that beats just staying afloat.

1456 **Region 5 Report – March 2021**

1457 *Trisha Borland, Director*

1458 Well as most of the rest of the country Covid-19 has made for a very untraditional year. In  
1459 2019 Region 5 hosted 29 days of trials and in 2020 only hosted 14 days. All trials in the  
1460 spring and summer of 2020 were cancelled in Region 5.

1461 The region 5 Regional Invitational was hosted by Nebraska Coursing Association on  
1462 October 31, 2020, with 37 dogs in attendance. NCA members did their best to make it a  
1463 fun event only very trimmed down from their normal trials. No food was served, but the  
1464 welcome bags made up for it with tasty homemade snacks and other items to keep

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1465 exhibitors safe with Covid. The 2020 Region 5 Best in Event went to Hazel ( Aeolus Secret  
1466 Potion, FCH) owned by Kevin & Dawn Carlson. It was a hard fought BIE run with a saluki  
1467 named "Priah", owned by Marisa Wagenaar who tied 2 times with the whippet. The 2021  
1468 Region 5 Invitational is currently scheduled for the weekend of October 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021,  
1469 hosted by Heartland Coursing Association.

1470 With all the safety precautions Purina farms closed to the public, due to that St. Louis  
1471 Area Sighthound Association lost their opportunity to run any trials there in 2020. I would  
1472 like to commend the board and membership of SLASH and Philip and Karla Dean for  
1473 opening up their property (Isen Farms) and getting a field ready for SLASH to have their  
1474 2020 fall trial and possible future trials. I was unable to attend their fall trial, but I heard  
1475 nothing but great things about their new field. I hope I and many others can join them for  
1476 their planned trial on March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 .

1477 As many of you know, the 2021 ASFA International Invitational was originally slated to be  
1478 hosted in Minnesota. Due to multiple conflicts and changes of sighthound national  
1479 specialty dates to the fall, that was unable to occur. I would like to thank Kathy Nelson,  
1480 Scott Hurlbert, Kay Nierengarten, and all the members of Minnesota Coursing  
1481 Association, Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club, and Going Up North Club for trying  
1482 everything they could to make it happen. Thankfully to the idea of the 2021 II Co-Chairs  
1483 approaching Iowa Coursing Association, The II is back on track. The II committee and  
1484 ICA are hard at work to make this a fantastic II on a very short timeline. We hope you can  
1485 join us in Region 5 on May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the 43<sup>rd</sup> ASFA International Invitational.

1486 I say it every year, but if you haven't joined us in Region 5 for a trial, I encourage you to  
1487 put it on your travel list. We have some beautiful fields, great lure operators, and  
1488 wonderful hospitality. Join the Region 5 Facebook page for updated trial information  
1489 from our local clubs. Stay safe and healthy everyone, enjoy lure coursing with your dogs,  
1490 but please follow CDC guidelines for the safety of all exhibitors.

#### 1491 **Region 6 Report – March 2021**

1492 *Gayle Kytta, Director & Paul Kytta, former Director*

1493 Things were pretty quiet this year in Region 6. Most all trials were cancelled except for  
1494 four weekends, or a total of eight trials. This did include our Regional weekend that was  
1495 hosted by MGA at Lake Erie Metropark in Gibraltar, MI at the end of October. We had a  
1496 nice entry of sixty-six dogs for the regional and sixty-nine dogs on Sunday. Thanks to those  
1497 Region 6 clubs (MWCC, ILCC, & MGA) that held trials under less-than-ideal  
1498 circumstances. They all did a fantastic job of running efficient and safe trials.

1499 Our region is now down to nine clubs, of which only six or seven are likely to be active in  
1500 2021. We are lucky to have a good amount of judges in our region, twenty-three in total.

1501 Some of our clubs run at county parks and are continuing to experience issues in renting  
1502 a venue for the first half of 2021. Because of this, I anticipate Region 6 will not be back to  
1503 a full schedule in 2021. Perhaps things will ease up a bit, but only time will tell.

#### 1504 **Region 7 Report – March 2021**

1505 *Eddie Kominek, Director*

1506 Region 7 consists of North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama,  
1507 Mississippi, and Tennessee.

1508 In 2020, there were 8 trials and 1 fun trial with 174 regular entries and 16 fun trial entries.  
1509 Compared to recent years, 2019 saw 20 trials with 470 entries and 2018 had 24 trials and

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1510 742 dogs running. There was no regional invitational held in Region 7 in 2019 due to no  
1511 host volunteering.

1512 While ACC dissolved in 2019, GASM applied for Fast Track affiliate status and held their  
1513 fun trial in November in Limestone, TN and now have 4 trials on the calendar for 2021.

1514 The following is a list of clubs holding trials and number of dogs attending:

- 1515 • Afghan Hound Club of America 0 trials - 0
- 1516 • Carolina Lure Coursing Society 0 trials - 0
- 1517 • Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure Coursing Association 6 trials - 128
- 1518 • Greyhound Association of Northern Georgia 1 trials - 40
- 1519 • South Eastern Greyhound Club 1 trials - 6

1520 The following Fun Trials were held in the region as well:

- 1521 • Gazehound Association of the Smoky Mountains 1 fun trial - 16

1522 COVID was easily the single greatest detriment to our numbers in the region last year.  
1523 2021 should have the event numbers coming back up to "normal," though still depressed  
1524 considering competition against AKC trials in the region along with other performance  
1525 and companion events. We look forward to GASM holding regular trials in the region and  
1526 I have spoken to two people, one in Memphis and the other in Florida, about forming  
1527 new clubs and applying for affiliate status so they can host ASFA field trials.

## 1528 **Region 8 Report – 2021**

1529 *Kathy Sanders, Regional Director*

1530 Region 8 consists of 12 member clubs (2 of which are Parent clubs) and 3 affiliate clubs.  
1531 As we all are aware, COVID-19 basically shut-down the country as we know it forcing  
1532 dog shows, field trials, and many other events to be cancelled. As we await the full  
1533 rollout of the vaccine, 2021 has started off on the same track.

1534 While I am proud of the clubs in Region 8, I would like to acknowledge the clubs that  
1535 pushed through continuing to hold trials with the safety of COVID in the forefront of  
1536 planning. In 2020, Region 8 clubs held 24 trials, while in 2019 they held 39. The total entry  
1537 for 2020 was 1286 compared to 2019 which had total entry of 1653 hounds. With that  
1538 said, the club that finished 2020 as the #1 Club based on entries, for the 4th year in a row,  
1539 comes from Region 8. That club is the Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC) which  
1540 held 16 trials which is up from 11 in 2019 and hosted a total entry of 861. Our 2-day  
1541 Regional was held over Thanksgiving Weekend (11/28 & 11/29) by Upper Chesapeake  
1542 Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC) with a total entry of 93 dogs. (43 & 50 each day respectively).

1543 Although all dogs competing in ASFA are special in my mind, Region 8 was home to  
1544 several of the 2020 #1 Dogs. They are as follows:

- 1545 • #1 Basenji – "Chilly" GSW, GCh, DC, Can Ch Borassus Hot.Cool.Yours. LCM9, SC,  
1546 MC, LCX, CAA, RATN – Owned by Kathy Sanders
- 1547 • #1 Galgo (Limited) – "Rosa" - Rosa Slightly Bearded Seniorita TCP – Owned by  
1548 Krista Shreet & Ted Koch
- 1549 • #1 LCI Sighthound Mix – "Bruce" – Bearded Bruce The Moose, LCC, LCI – Owned  
1550 by Krista Shreet & Ted Koch
- 1551 • #1 LCI Small - "Scamp" - Mr. Scamp LCI, LCC, LCA - Owned by L.A. Congdon
- 1552 • #1 Single – Whippet "Rishi" – T'Daz Rishi Vortex Traveler TCP – Owned by M.  
1553 Pomano & Bethann Haner

1554 Congratulations to all the exhibitors and their top winning hounds as well as all that have  
1555 competed in 2020. Best wishes to a successful 2021.

1556 **Region 9 Report – March 2021**

1557 *Cathy Sanderson, Director*

1558 Considering what was going on around us and the limitations faced by everyone in 2020,  
1559 Region 9 did well. Our entry numbers were down as expected. (773 entries in 2019, to 333  
1560 entries in 2020)

1561 Region 9 faced the additional problem of the Canada-US border being closed. This  
1562 effectively split the region into 2 parts and they could not enter or help with each other's  
1563 trials.

1564 Three clubs held trials on 8 days. CLASS had 94 entries, ECHO had 220 entries and NAA  
1565 had 19 entries.

1566 Especially noteworthy, the NEW club in Region 9, ECHO (Elite Coursing Hounds of Ontario)  
1567 had the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of entries in all of ASFA last year. I think this might be a historic  
1568 accomplishment for a new club in ASFA. This amazing group of people overcame  
1569 unbelievable & unique obstacles to be able to operate their lure coursing club and  
1570 follow their passion.

1571 The LCI program was popular in Region 9.

1572 On a personal note, I am starting my second term as Region 9 director and the first term  
1573 proved to be unusual, challenging and full of surprises. I hope that the difficulties and  
1574 challenges are over now, and that we can move ASFA forward without distractions. I see  
1575 some amazing improvements on the horizon for us, thanks to the hard-working people on  
1576 the ASFA board.

1577 **Region 10 Report – February 2021**

1578 *Jennifer Gysler, Regional Director*

1579 [Region 10 covers the state of California south from the northern boundaries of San Luis  
1580 Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, Arizona, Hawaii, and Nevada south of  
1581 Highway 6.]

1582 2020 was one for the books, that's for sure. I was so impressed with how folks found a way  
1583 to start running their dogs, whilst navigating the pandemic and accompanying  
1584 complications. With Covid-19 precautions in place, we started out with a few small  
1585 events until we were comfortable with the ability and willingness of our exhibitors to  
1586 honor the protocols and have safe trials.

1587 **Our Clubs:** We have four clubs in Region 10 now. Two are member all breed clubs,  
1588 California Coursing Association "CCA" based in southern California and Central Coast  
1589 Association of Sighthounds "CCASH" based in Paso Robles, Calif. The third club is a  
1590 National breed club (International Silken Windhound Society "ISWS") which has a  
1591 specialty every year in different regions. Our newest club is Desert Fun Bunch, based in  
1592 the Phoenix area of Arizona. They were able to get their second fun trial done in February  
1593 2020 before everything shutdown and were subsequently approved for fast track affiliate  
1594 status. We had hoped to add a local breed club as well but the inability to hold trials has  
1595 delayed that. Hopefully this year we will be able to welcome another club into Region  
1596 10.

1597 **Our Trials:** In reviewing the stats for last year, we expected a significant downturn due to  
1598 the difficulties we had, as did many regions, in hosting events, finding locations and  
1599 being safe. Region 10 normally lacks in ASFA trials compared to other areas of the  
1600 country. The LCI program has been helpful to us in increasing interest in ASFA. In 2020,

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1601 Region 10 hosted 16 trials, consisting of 243 entries. Just two entries shy of what we did in  
1602 2019.

1603 **The positives:** One club was added in 2020. We have another local club ready to apply  
1604 for fast track status this year. We are also working to help more local folks become  
1605 approved ASFA judges. We congratulate Linda D'Antonio for obtaining her all breed  
1606 ASFA license most recently. As before, we are emphasizing the positives of ASFA to our  
1607 local exhibitors, both with sighthounds and non-sighthound breeds. Hawaii is still on our  
1608 radar. The plan was to travel last summer to help a local group trying to garner interest  
1609 and host a trial. Hawaii has very stringent public health restrictions, so those plans have  
1610 been delayed. However, we have been in touch with the Hawaii group again and  
1611 hopefully some of our CCA members will be able to travel to the Big Island and host an  
1612 ASFA trial for the locals while garnering interest so they can eventually have their own  
1613 trials.

1614 **New clubs:** As noted in last year's report, Desert Fun Bunch applied and received fast  
1615 track affiliate status.

1616 **LCI:** Interest continues to grow in this program and we are hoping to have even more  
1617 participants in 2021. Thanks to the LCI program, we have gained a fabulous new club  
1618 member who is always willing to lend a helping hand with set up and clerking.

1619 **The future:** By continuing to foster relationships with exhibitors and clubs, along with  
1620 sharing the positives that ASFA has to offer, I am hopeful we will be able to host more  
1621 trials in 2021!

## 1622 **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

### 1623 **ACoD Site Selection Committee Report – March 2021**

1624 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

1625 **Purpose:** The purpose of the ACoD Site Selection Committee is to select locations for the  
1626 Annual Convention of Delegates. The convention will rotate from the East Coast, Central,  
1627 and West Coast each year.

#### 1628 **Goals:**

- 1629 • To select sites starting at two years out from the current convention date.
- 1630 • To contact club representatives and board members for suggestions of  
1631 cities. Possibly suggestions for local hotels.
- 1632 • Inform the Convention Planner of the site selection.

1633 2020 was to be held in the Central States, in one of the states covered by regions 4, 5 or  
1634 6. I had one club interested in hosting the ACoD; it was located in Tulsa, OK. The River  
1635 Spirit Casino Resort won hands down for the convention and board meeting.  
1636 Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 the convention had to be changed to a virtual  
1637 convention.

1638 2021 was to be held in the East. Once again, the COVID-19 has forced us to have  
1639 another virtual meeting. It will be on March 20-21st. The board will be held the two days  
1640 before.

1641 2022 is the 50th Anniversary of ASFA. Hopefully the convention will be held on the East  
1642 Coast. We are scheduled to be held at the Hyatt House Sterling Dulles, March 18-19,  
1643 2022.

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1645 **Animal Advisory Committee Report – March 2021**

1646 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

1647 **Legislative: AKC GR (Government Relations) tracked some 4,211 bills in 2020:** This is an  
1648 83% increase over the 2,300 bills tracked in 2019. The largest category of new bills we  
1649 tracked (716 total) were COVID-19 bills that could impact dog owners and ownership,  
1650 dog services (such as pet food retailers or groomers), the sport, or AKC generally.  
1651 Discounting for COVID- related bills, legislation on key issues such as cruelty, breeder  
1652 regulation, pet sales, working dogs, animal control, etc. also increased by 51% over 2019  
1653 to 3,495 bills tracked.

1654 **COVID- related** – In addition to the record amount of legislation tracked, GR provided  
1655 advocacy and reporting on a number of areas that impact AKC interests including  
1656 business closures, requirements for gatherings, financial relief for non-political not for profit  
1657 organizations, and limits on legal liability for transmission of COVID at events held in  
1658 compliance with CDC and local health requirements. AKC GR established two  
1659 webpages, updated daily to help track COVID impacts on canine policy. COVID-19  
1660 resources provide information on advocating for dogs and events during the pandemic,  
1661 pet related business closures, and a variety of other resources. The COVID-19 Liability  
1662 Limitations page provides information on AKC advocacy to protect clubs and dog  
1663 events from liability during the pandemic.

1664 **New Key Issues Resources:** AKC GR created 7 new one-stop policy based key issues  
1665 pages on the following topics COVID-19 Resources, COVID-19 Civil Liability Limit  
1666 Legislation, Service Dogs, Pet Imports: Protecting Pet & Public Health, Detection Dogs,  
1667 Dogs in Vehicles: Avoiding Unintended Consequences, Pet Choice/Pet Store Restrictions.

1668 **New Series of Comprehensive Policy Briefs:** GR began development of a series of new,  
1669 in-depth comprehensive public policy guides on canine issues. These guides are in  
1670 keeping with maintaining and advancing AKC's place as preeminent thought leader in  
1671 canine policy. The guides are designed to provide lawmakers, advocates, and the  
1672 public with in-depth analysis, case studies, statistics, and model legislative language. The  
1673 first of this series, Why Breed-Specific Legislation Doesn't Work: An Analysis of Dangerous  
1674 Dog Policy was introduced in late May. A second, on Consumer Protection / Puppy  
1675 Lemon Laws was released in December. Unlike legislation that seeks to limit the sources  
1676 of pets, this multi-pronged consumer protection approach establishes public policy and  
1677 laws that protect the public health, encourage consumer choice, promote consumer  
1678 protections, and best ensure that available pets are healthy and represented accurately  
1679 to consumers. The packets will be provided to legislators as a proactive alternative to  
1680 commonly introduced, overly prescriptive breeder regulation and bans. The new  
1681 resource is available to the public online in the AKC GR legislative action center.

1682 **AKC Anti-Breeder Harassment Taskforce launched,** with a webinar, a new website with  
1683 resources to help breeders prevent and respond to potential harassment or retaliation  
1684 and tracking and notification of harassment "hot spots".

1685 **Convention Planner Report – March 2021**

1686 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

1687 As the ASFA Convention Planner I am assigned to find a location to hold the Annual  
1688 Convention of Delegates and Board Meeting once a year. Every year the Site Selection  
1689 Committee picks a city for me to set up the meetings. These cities are decided by one of  
1690 three areas in the United States. East Coast, Central States, and the West Coast.

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1691 As the Convention Planner I look at the locations that are based on availability of good  
1692 airline connections and reasonable price hotels. Last year and this year the ASFA has  
1693 had to go virtual due to the Covid-19. You will not have to travel to this convention.

1694 If you are the ones interested in the welfare of ASFA there are a number of CRC  
1695 changes, REC changes and Policies. You are the ones who care about ASFA so you all  
1696 need to participate and represent your Member clubs. For a mere \$45 you can represent  
1697 your club.

1698 2022 will be ASFA's 50th Anniversary. We were scheduled to be on the West Coast. We  
1699 received no bids for the West Coast so we will have the convention on the East Coast.  
1700 The hotel will be the Hyatt House Sterling, Dulles. The dates will be March 18th and 19th,  
1701 2022 The room rate will be \$94 for the rooms. Free airport shuttle from the airport.

1702 For your information the first 5 Annual Convention of Delegates were held on the West  
1703 Coast. This is where ASFA held their first trials and Conventions.

1704 Every year there are a few people who were confused about the Annual Convention of  
1705 Delegates. If you go to Article IV, Section 9 and 10 of the ASFA Constitution there is an  
1706 explanation of Club delegates and ACoD delegates. In short you have to pay a  
1707 registration fee if you want to attend the Convention. Whether you are a voting  
1708 delegate, alternate or observer you have to have a club to represent. This year being  
1709 virtual the person who registered will receive a convention packet with all issues to be  
1710 discussed and voted on. Only those who are registered for a Member Club can vote.

### 1711 **Constitutional Revision Committee Report – March 2021**

1712 *Ping Pirrung, Chair*

1713 The following Amendments to the Constitution will be submitted for approval to the 2021  
1714 Annual Convention of Delegates. THIS IS A PROPOSAL ONLY.

1715 Per Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution, amendments require a two-thirds vote of the  
1716 convention delegates present and voting at the ACoD. Those proposals receiving a  
1717 favorable vote will be considered an Amendment to the ASFA Constitution and By-Laws.  
1718 Such Amendments will be published on the ASFA website following the 2021 ACoD, and  
1719 will go into effect on 1 August 2021.

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1721 *CRC Committee: Ping Pirrung, Chair; Jennifer Gysler, Scott Hurlburt, Russ Jacobs, and*  
1722 *Leigh Littleton*

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#### 1724 **PROPOSAL #1:**

1725 Article IX  
1726 DISCIPLINE

1727 **Section 2:** ~~Should~~ The charges may be sustained by a simple majority vote of those  
1728 present, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and  
1729 defendant, ~~the~~ then, by a two-thirds majority vote of those present, suspend  
1730 the defendant from all privileges of the ASFA for a finite period of time following the date  
1731 of the hearing or, by a majority vote of those present, issue a reprimand, which shall  
1732 detail the misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the ASFA. ~~In such case~~ The  
1733 suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before the ensuing Annual  
1734 Convention of Delegates. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its  
1735 findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The  
1736 Corresponding Secretary in turn shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision  
1737 and penalty, if any. Any sustained charges or penalties will be published in the official  
1738 ASFA publications.

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1740 **PROPOSAL #2:**

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Article IV

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CONVENTIONS, MEETINGS, DELEGATES and VOTING

1743 **New Section 3:** Whenever possible, the ACoD should be held in a physical location, with  
1744 all ACoD Delegates attending in person. However, should the ASFA Board determine that  
1745 it is substantially impractical to host a physical ACoD, they may choose to host a virtual or  
1746 electronic ACoD, using such technology as seems best at the time. When such a  
1747 decision is made, all clubs will be notified as soon as possible, but in no event less than 60  
1748 days prior to the scheduled date of the ACoD, along with an explanation of the reason  
1749 for the shift to a virtual meeting. Clubs may override such a Board decision to meet  
1750 virtually by an affirmative vote of 1/3 of the member clubs. To do so, the clubs shall  
1751 submit a petition to the Corresponding Secretary within 30 days of publication of the  
1752 Board's decision to move the ACoD to a virtual meeting. Upon receipt of a petition to  
1753 override signed by the club delegates of one-third of the member clubs in good  
1754 standing the Corresponding Secretary shall proceed with publication of the time and  
1755 place of a physical ACoD. The petition shall state the objection to the ASFA Board's vote  
1756 to host the ACoD virtually. The Board must have in place clear policies that determine  
1757 when such a shift may take place, and how such a virtual ACoD shall be run, including  
1758 details about how voting will be conducted.

1759 Renumbering of subsequent Sections.

1760 (current) **Section 5. Board of Directors Meetings.**

1761 (a) The Board of Directors shall meet in person, at least once each fiscal year at such  
1762 time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Should the ASFA Board  
1763 determine that it is substantially impractical to host a physical Board Meeting, they may  
1764 choose to host a virtual or electronic meeting, using such technology as seems best at  
1765 the time. Notice of each such meeting shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary at  
1766 least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting  
1767 shall be a majority of the Board of Directors. The Board must have in place clear policies  
1768 that determine when such a shift may take place, and how such a virtual Board Meeting  
1769 shall be run, including details about how voting will be conducted.

1770 (b) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct its affairs by mail.  
1771 Questions to be voted upon submitted by the President or by one-third of the members  
1772 of the Board shall be distributed to members of the Board by the Corresponding  
1773 Secretary within three (3) days of receipt. Each member of the Board shall have fifteen  
1774 (15) days from the date of mailing to send comments to the Corresponding Secretary.  
1775 The Corresponding Secretary shall distribute such comments and a ballot to the Board  
1776 members within three (3) days from the expiration of the period for comment. Each  
1777 member of the Board shall then have fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing to return  
1778 a marked ballot to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall tally  
1779 the ballots received and, if a majority of the members of the Board have responded,  
1780 shall record the vote on the question and distribute the results to the members of the  
1781 Board.

1782 (c) The Board of Directors shall also have the authority to conduct its affairs via  
1783 electronic meetings. Meetings held in this manner shall follow the ASFA Electronic  
1784 Meetings Procedures, a Board policy found in the ASFA Administrative Policies.



1785 **PROPOSAL #3:**

1786 **Article VIII**  
1787 **EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS**

1788 The Board of Directors may, after notification to the clubs, implement experimental  
1789 programs on a trial basis, without revising the running rules. Such programs shall,  
1790 whenever possible, be parallel and supplementary to established programs, and shall be  
1791 reversible in any circumstances where hound records may be affected. Under no  
1792 circumstances shall experimental programs be implemented in conflict with the  
1793 Constitution. After one year, the results of the program must be posted on the ASFA  
1794 website, published in the ASFA Communiqué and sent to each club delegate. After the  
1795 Board of Directors presents a complete report on the results of the Experimental Program  
1796 to the ASFA clubs, the experimental program may continue until the ACoD when the  
1797 vote is conducted. After reporting, the subsequent ACoD must vote to approve or  
1798 disapprove the establishment of a permanent program based on the experimental  
1799 program. Upon ACoD approval, the experimental program shall continue until the  
1800 running rules change(s) ~~is/are approved~~ go into effect.

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1802 If the experimental period requires substantive changes in the program, the Board of  
1803 Directors may approve an additional implementation period as a trial for those changes,  
1804 not to exceed a total of two years from initial implementation to an ACoD vote.

1805 **Gary Forrester Award Report – March 2021**

1806 *Kathryn Nelson, Chair*

1807 Gary Forrester was a founding member of the American Sighthound Field Association. He  
1808 was known for his Afghan Hounds including "Bandit", number one Sighthound 1976, 1977  
1809 and 1978 as well as "Piper" LCM XII number one Afghan 1984-1987.

1810 Gary served as President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Immediate Past  
1811 President as well as serving on several internal committees. He was a leader on and off  
1812 the field and an example for all.

1813 The Gary Forrester Award was established in 1992 to honor his memory and to recognize  
1814 the many who follow his path.

1815 Each year members of ASFA are asked to recognize a member of their club and submit  
1816 in writing, why that member should be considered for the Gary Forrester Award. We  
1817 know there are countless people who deserve to be nominated. This year our committee  
1818 received 4 nominations. After careful consideration we chose one person for this award.  
1819 That person will be announced at the ACoD.

1820 We thank the members of ASFA for the honor of serving on this committee. I thank Dawn  
1821 Gibas, Sean McMichael and Michael Hussey for sharing in this decision.

1822 **Hall of Fame Committee Report – March 2021**

1823 *Michael Hussey, Chair*

1824 Thank you to the HOF committee members - Trisha Borland, Ben Brodeur, Pete Lowe,  
1825 Kathy Sanders, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, and Dean Wright – for their contributions to the  
1826 committee's work. Also, thank you to the people and clubs who put together and  
1827 submitted this year's nominations. This year we have six hound nominations and one  
1828 person nomination. See separate Hall of Fame Report for information on the nominees.

1829 Person nominated this year: Gary Roush

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1830 The hound nominations this year are:  
1831 Afghan Hound – “Summer”  
1832 Basenji – “Gigi”  
1833 Borzoi – “Charlie”  
1834 Ibizan Hound – “Wings” (a hold-over from 2020)  
1835 Sloughi – “O’Dah”  
1836 Whippet – “Oreo”

1837 Hall of Fame Committee 2021 (and beyond) Goals:  
1838 • To identify those hounds who are not in the HOF but are in top five of their breed's  
1839 Top twenty Lifetime, nominated for HOF induction consideration at the 2022  
1840 ACoD.

Unapproved