

# American Sighthound Field Association

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*2016 Annual Convention of Delegates*



*19-20 March 2016*

*Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center*

*Renton Washington*

Minutes

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1 **Summary of Business**

Reference	Motion	Disposition
123	That the minutes of the 2015 Annual Convention of Delegates be approved as written.	Adopted
136	To accept the financial report.	Adopted
178	To accept the 2016 budget as presented.	Adopted
213	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter I, General Rules, Section 3 (a)</i> .	Adopted
222	To reject the modifications to <i>Chapter II, Officials, Section 1</i> .	Lost
223	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter II, Officials, Section 1</i> .	Adopted
228	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter II, Officials, Section 1 #6</i> .	Adopted
239	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter II, Officials, Section 3 #3</i> .	Adopted
247	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter II, Officials, Section 7, The Field Committee, #1</i> .	Adopted
256	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter IV, Scheduling the Meet, Section 1 #1</i> .	Adopted
267	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter IV, Scheduling the Meet, Section 3</i> .	Adopted
275	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter IV, Scheduling the Meet, Section 8, 3(t), 4(e), and 5(e)</i> .	Adopted
292	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 2</i> .	Adopted
305	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 13 (c)</i> .	Adopted

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Reference	Motion	Disposition
315	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter VI, Records &amp; Fees Forwarded to the ASFA, Section 1 (b)</i> .	Adopted
321	To accept the modifications to <i>Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges, Licensing for Additional Breeds, Sections 5 and 10</i> .	Adopted
338	To accept the modifications to <i>Appendix, Revising the Running Rules, Section 9</i> .	Lost
349	To accept the modifications to reference both Field Trial Secretary and Singles stake consistently.	Adopted
384	Elect Nancy King Aiken to the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame.	Adopted
386	To update the <b>Eligibility</b> section of the Regional Invitational Policy.	Adopted
397	Direct the Policy Compilation Committee to craft a policy that will close the loop hole that allows the gaming of the running rules, whereby one handler holds a hound after the command tally-ho, allowing the other hound to run solo.	Adopted
402	Rescind the modifications to policy O-MEM01.	Lost
410	That each ACoD establish, from its delegates, a Minutes Review Committee to review and approve the ACoD minutes within 90 days after that ACoD.	Adopted
415	Direct the Rules Evaluation Committee to allow hounds entered in the Singles stake to enter Singles non-regular stakes.	Adopted
419	Direct the Field Trial Improvement Committee to look into expanding ASFA trials and clubs to Canada.	Adopted
422	Direct the Field Trial Improvement Committee to examine a mentorship program in which clubs accept and publish volunteer members who can mentor identified amateurs at trials by either having them shadow activities or help release approved hounds.	Adopted
427	Rescind policy O-MEM01.	Lost

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Reference	Motion	Disposition
434	Establish the ACoD Minutes Review Committee.	Adopted
437	Establish the ACoD Site Selection Committee.	Adopted
440	Establish the ACoD Planning Committee.	Adopted
443	Establish the Constitutional Review Committee.	Adopted
446	Establish the Gary Forrester Award Committee.	Adopted
449	Establish the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee.	Adopted

3 **Minutes**

4 The regular Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) of the American  
5 Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) was held on Saturday, March 19, 2016  
6 and Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center,  
7 Renton, Washington, with the President being in the chair and the Recording  
8 Secretary being present.

9 **Saturday, March 19, 2016**

10 The President called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

11 Present were 59 delegates from 43 member clubs:

- 12 • Afghan Hound Club of America
- 13     ◦ Bob Jordan
- 14 • American Whippet Club
- 15     ◦ Claudia Miller
- 16 • Basenji Club of America
- 17     ◦ Russ Jacobs
- 18 • Central Leatherstocking Area Sighthound Society
- 19     ◦ Christi Beetz
- 20     ◦ First Vice President Richard Whritenour
- 21 • Central Ohio Area Coursing Hounds
- 22     ◦ Judy Lowther
- 23     ◦ Valerie Oostebaen-Sewalt
- 24 • Cirneco dell'Etna Club of America
- 25     ◦ Denny Baker
- 26     ◦ Gene Frasco
- 27 • Colorado Lure Coursing Association
- 28     ◦ Director (Region 3) Tom Golcher
- 29 • Coursing Hounds of the Mid-Potomac
- 30     ◦ Paul Bowlus-Root
- 31 • District Area Sighthound Association
- 32     ◦ Director (Region 4) Gary Runyan
- 33 • Evergreen Basenji Club
- 34     ◦ Bill Bowlus-Root
- 35     ◦ Judy Lange
- 36 • Gazehounds of New England
- 37     ◦ Director (Region 9) Ben Brodeur
- 38     ◦ John Plugis
- 39 • Greyhound Association of North Georgia
- 40     ◦ Erika Parton
- 41     ◦ Chief Financial Officer Jeff Lipps

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- Heartland Coursing Association
  - Scott Hurlbert
  - Vickie Jacobs
- Inland Gazehound Association
  - Elaine Staack
  - Vernon Staack
- International Silken Windhound Society
  - Hillary Tregillus
  - Tammy Mills
- Iowa Coursing Association
  - Sean McMichael
- Irish Wolfhound Association of the West Coast
  - Jill Bryson
- Irish Wolfhound Club of America
  - Michael Demeter
- Lobo Lure Coursing Club
  - Phil Fullam
- Lorain Area Racing Klub
  - Brittany Parton
  - Kathy Lipps
- Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club
  - Kathy Sanders
  - Lori Coulson
- Michigan Gazehound Association
  - Recording Secretary Joe Shoemaker
- Midwest Borzoi Club
  - Stephani Norris
- Midwest Coursing Club
  - Director (Region 6) Greg Breitbach
- Nebraska Coursing Association
  - Director (Region 5) Kent Standerford
  - Marilyn Standerford
- Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
  - Jeff Falkner
  - Kathy Thompson
- O.K.I. Gazehound Organization
  - Holly Hamilton
- Pharaoh Hound Club of America
  - Thom Haig
- Pharaoh Hound Owners of the Northeast
  - Deborah Satterfield
- Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States



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- 84           ○ Jerome Slattery
- 85       • Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association
- 86           ○ Michael Hussey
- 87       • Saluki Club of America
- 88           ○ Thomas Cigolle Jr.
- 89       • Scottish Deerhound Club of America
- 90           ○ Denny Smail
- 91       • Sight Hound Organization of Tidewater
- 92           ○ Second Vice President Gary Roush
- 93       • Silken Windhounds of California
- 94           ○ Director (Region 2) Rick Wolpin
- 95       • Southern Idaho Sighthound Field Association
- 96           ○ Lori Walker
- 97       • Southern Oregon Racing and Coursing Association
- 98           ○ Ann Chamberlain
- 99       • St. Louis Area Sighthounds
- 100           ○ Karen Frederick
- 101       • Tortoise and Hare Lure Coursers
- 102           ○ Director (Region 8) Dean Wright
- 103           ○ Sally MacDowell
- 104       • Tri-State Sighthound Club
- 105           ○ President Ping Pirrung
- 106       • Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club
- 107           ○ Audrey Silverstein
- 108           ○ Carmen Day
- 109       • Western Washington Whippet Association
- 110           ○ Jeanette Dorsey
- 111           ○ LaDonna Lundgren
- 112       • Windchasers Lure Coursing Club
- 113           ○ Kathy Jones

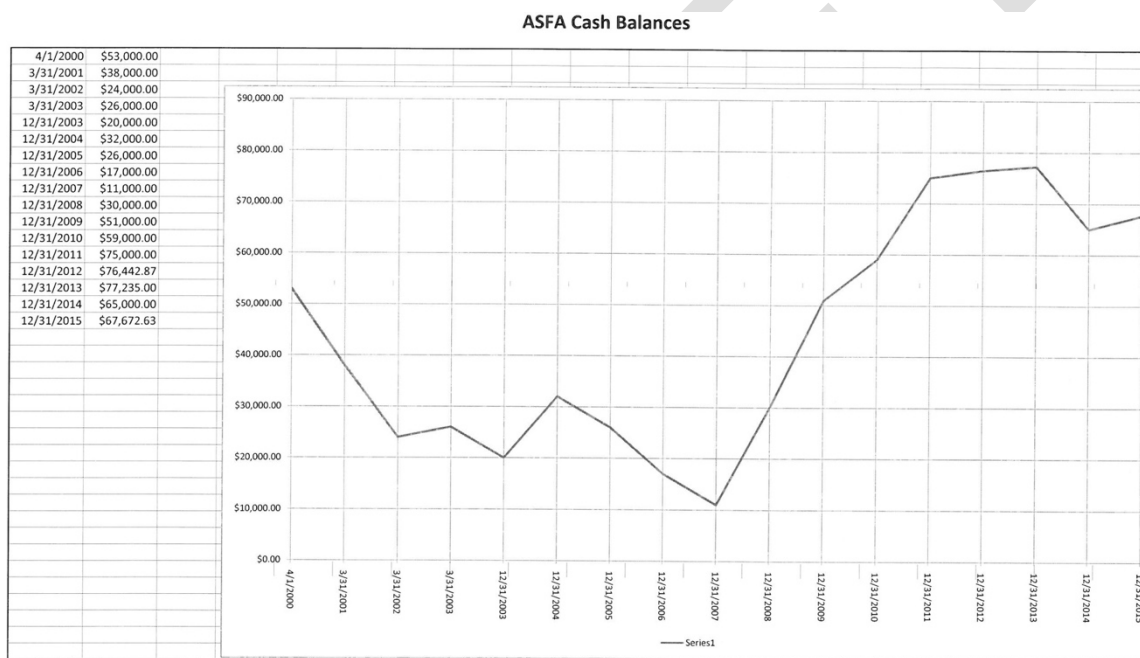
114 Absent were:

- 115       • Goin' Up North Coursing Club
- 116           ○ Laura Studer
- 117       • O.K.I. Gazehound Organization
- 118           ○ Carol Chittum

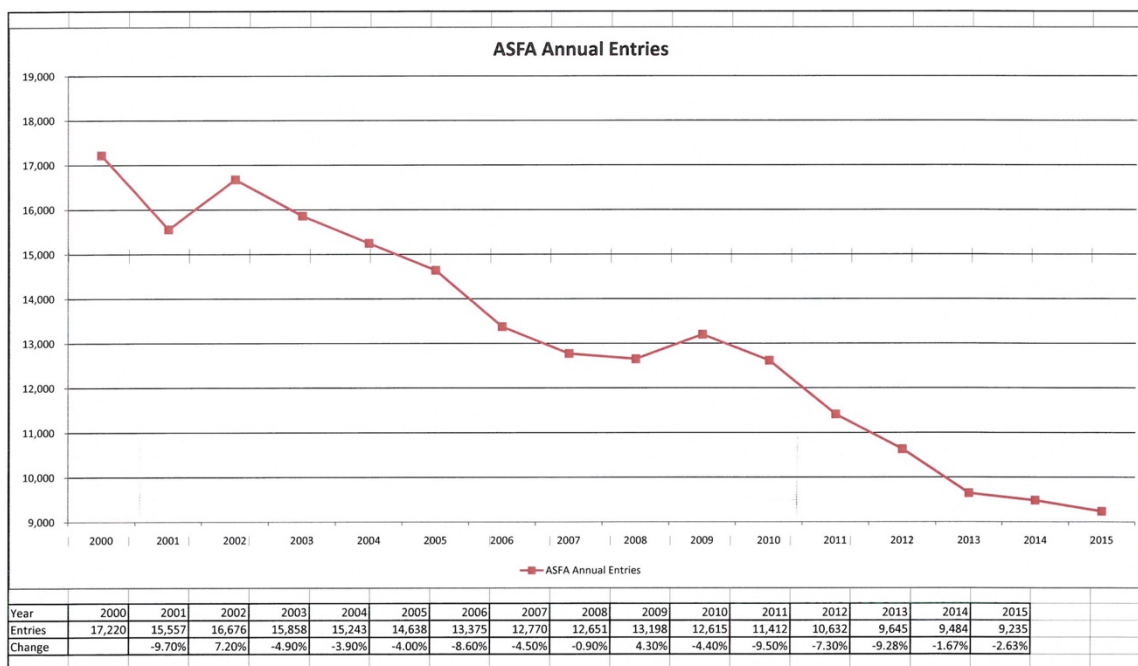
119 Bill Bowlus-Root moved that Russ Jacobs be appointed Parliamentarian;  
120 motion adopted. Tom Cigolle moved that Sean McMichael and Bob Jordan be  
121 appointed Sergeants at Arms; motion adopted. Tom Cigolle moved that  
122 Vickie Jacobs and Marilyn Standerford be appointed Tellers; motion adopted.

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- 123 Greg Breitbach moved that the minutes of the 2015 Annual Convention of  
124 Delegates be approved as written. **Motion adopted.**
- 125 Ping Pirrung presented the report of the President. Please refer to the  
126 attachment.
- 127 Rich Whritenour presented the report of the First Vice President. Please refer  
128 to the attachment.
- 129 Gary Roush presented the report of the Second Vice President.
- 130 Joe Shoemaker presented the report of the Recording Secretary. Please  
131 refer to the attachment.
- 132 Jeff Lipps presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer. The following  
133 charts were distributed.



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136 Rich Whritenour moved to accept the financial report. **Motion adopted.**

137 Ping Pirrung presented the report of the Corresponding Secretary.

138 Rick Wolpin presented the report for Region 2. Please refer to the  
139 attachment.

140 Tom Golcher presented the report for Region 3. Please refer to the  
141 attachment.

142 Gary Runyan presented the report for Region 4. Please refer to the  
143 attachment.

144 Kent Standerford presented the report for Region 5. Please refer to the  
145 attachment.

146 Greg Breitbach presented the report for Region 6. Please refer to the  
147 attachment.

148 For the report on Region 7, please refer to the attachment.

149 Dean Wright presented the report for Region 8. Please refer to the  
150 attachment.

151 Ben Brodeur presented the report for Region 9. Please refer to the  
152 attachment.

153 For the report on Region 10, please refer to the attachment.

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154 Dean Wright presented the report of the Invitationals Committee. Please  
155 refer to the attachment. Kent Standerford provided information on the 2016  
156 International Invitational. Jeff Falkner recapped the 2015 International  
157 Invitational. Ping Pirrung commented on the 2017 International Invitational.

158 Audrey Silverstein presented the report of the Scheduling Committee. Please  
159 refer to the attachment.

160 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Judges Committee. Please refer  
161 to the attachment.

162 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Judges Licensing Committee.  
163 Please refer to the attachment. The Top 25 Judges for 2015 were  
164 announced.

165 Lori Coulson presented the report of the Records Coordination Committee.  
166 Please refer to the separate attachment.

167 Dean Wright presented the report of the Ways and Means Committee. Please  
168 refer to the attachment.

169 Vickie Jacobs presented the report of the Membership Committee. Please  
170 refer to the attachment.

171 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Forms Creation and  
172 Distribution Committee. Please refer to the attachment.

173 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Field Trial Improvement  
174 Committee. Please refer to the attachment.

175 Jeff Lipps presented the report of the Finance and Budget Committee. The  
176 proposed budget for 2016 was distributed.

**American Sighthound Field Association  
Budget  
Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>
ACoD	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Forms	2,500	2,000
Per Capita	33,000	
Invitationals:		
International	3,200	
Regionals	3,000	
Membership	5,700	
Miscellaneous	1,500	750
Web Site Redesign		2,000
Insurance		1,700
Board Meetings		9,000
Regional Directors		1,500
Records		30,000
Committees		5,000
II Trophy Refurbishment		1,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 54,900</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 59,450</u></b>
Recap:		
Income	\$ 54,900	
Expense	<u>(59,450)</u>	
Net	<u>\$ (4,550)</u>	

(Cash on hand at end of year was \$67,672.63 and at end of February was \$68,612.38)

Tom Cigolle moved to accept the 2016 budget as presented. **Motion adopted.**

Dean Wright presented the report of the Archives and Historical Committee. Please refer to the attachment.

Sean McMichael presented the report of the IT Committee.

Gary Roush presented the report of the Policy Compilation Committee. Please refer to the attachment. The following policy was subsequently modified by the Board of Directors.

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186       *Operational Policy O-MEM01: In addition to Article II, Section 1 and*  
187       *Appendix, requirements for membership status are as follows: 1)*  
188       *affiliated with the ASFA for a minimum of 2 years (24 months); 2) ten*  
189       *households, 15 individual members; 3) must normally have 2*  
190       *acceptable trials at least 30 days apart in each of the 2 preceding*  
191       *years (12 month periods) In exceptional cases, where the Board*  
192       *and/or the Membership Committee finds that the club has exhibited a*  
193       *pattern of acceptable trials that meets the goals set forth in*  
194       *requirement 3 above, membership status may be granted so long as*  
195       *all constitutional requirements have been met.*

196       Dean Wright presented the report of the Guidelines Committee.

197       Rick Wolpin presented the report of the Public Relations Committee. Please  
198       refer to the attachment. Performance certificates were awarded for entries  
199       and trials. The Excellence in Performance Award (EPA) was presented to  
200       Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure Coursing Association.

201       Kent Standerford presented the report of the Website Publication Committee.  
202       Please refer to the attachment. The latest design of the website was  
203       demonstrated.

204       Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Website Committee. Please  
205       refer to the attachment.

206       Gary Roush presented awards for number one hounds.

207       Ping Pirrung presented the report of the Constitutional Revision Committee.  
208       Please refer to the attachment.

209       Russ Jacobs presented the report of the Rules Evaluation Committee. Please  
210       refer to the attachment. Gary Roush moved to limit each speaker in debate  
211       to no more than 2 minutes and to alternate speakers on each side as best as  
212       possible; motion adopted.

213       Jeff Lipps moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter I, General Rules,*  
214       *Section 3 (a),* as shown:

215       **Section 3. (a)** Hounds determined to have a breed disqualification at  
216       the time of roll call shall be barred from regular competition and be  
217       given the option of entering the Singles stake. Should they choose not  
218       to enter the Singles stake, their entry fees shall be refunded. Spayed,  
219       monorchid, cryptorchid, and neutered hounds without breed  
220       disqualifications may be entered in regular competition.

221       **Motion adopted.**

Richard Whritenour moved to reject modifications to *Chapter II, Officials, Section 1*. After debate, **motion lost**. The **motion** to accept the modifications to *Chapter II, Officials, Section 1*, as shown...

**Section 1. Field Trial Secretary** (~~must~~ should be a member of the host club)  
...was **adopted** by unanimous consent.

Rich Whritenour moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter II, Officials, Section 1 #6*, as shown:

**Section 1. #6** The Field Trial Secretary may decline any entries for cause for a period limited to 12 months from the first refusal of entry for cause, but in each instance the Field Trial Secretary shall file good and sufficient reasons for so doing, along with the current mailing address and e-mail address of the affected owner, with the Corresponding Secretary of the ASFA. The Corresponding Secretary will forward a copy of the letter to the affected individual by e-mail and by certified mail.

After debate, **motion adopted**.

Tom Cigolle moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter II, Officials, Section 3 #3*, as shown:

**Section 3. #3.** It is strongly recommended that, whenever possible, a field clerk be placed on the field to collect paperwork. The prompt collection after each course allows the field clerk to check for the judge's signature, ~~correct additions~~ verify that the judge's scores are added correctly, and promotes a smoother flow of paperwork.

**Motion adopted.**

Gary Roush moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter II, Officials, Section 7, The Field Committee, #1*, as shown:

**Section 7, The Field Committee. #1** The field committee will make every attempt to conduct the trial in accordance with what is published in the premium list. Changes may only be made out of necessity, not convenience. This includes the field committee and their assignments, judges, lure operators, and course plan. Such changes shall be posted at the trial site.

**Motion adopted.**

Tom Cigolle moved to accept to the modifications to *Chapter IV, Scheduling the Meet, Section 1 #1*, as shown:

**Section 1. #1.** An approved date must be obtained for a lure field trial. The requesting club must be sanctioned by the American Sighthound Field Association. Applications for dates must be submitted



261 ~~in writing~~ to the Scheduling Committee either by use of the date  
262 request form or the on-line date request at [www.asfa.org](http://www.asfa.org); such  
263 applications must be submitted by the Field Trial Secretary or an  
264 authorized member of the host club at least 45 days prior to the date  
265 requested.

266 After debate, **motion adopted.**

267 Tom Cigolle moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter IV, Scheduling the*  
268 *Meet, Section 3*, as shown:

269 **Section 3.** ~~Two~~ One sample ~~copies~~ copy of the premium list and entry  
270 form must be sent to the Scheduling Committee Chair no less than 45  
271 days prior to the approved date. A Field Trial Secretary may not ~~mail~~  
272 ~~out~~ publish or distribute the premium list until such time as it has been  
273 approved ~~for mailing~~ by the Scheduling Committee Chair.

274 **Motion adopted.**

275 Tom Cigolle moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter IV, Scheduling the*  
276 *Meet, Section 8, 3(t), 4(e), and 5(e)*, as shown:

277 3. The following items must appear within the premium list, in  
278 approximately the order indicated (only minor deviations from the  
279 indicated order will be approved):

280 ~~(t) Return address and directions to the site.~~ Address to which entries  
281 should be mailed.

282 (u) Directions to the trial site.

283 4. It is highly recommended that the following information be included  
284 in the premium list mailing.

285 ~~(e) Return address and/or directions to the trial site.~~

286 5. Optional information may be included in premium lists, so long as it  
287 is consistent with these running rules and is pertinent to the trial(s).  
288 The following items are specifically allowed:

289 ~~(e) Return address and/or directions to the trial site.~~

290 ~~(f)~~ (e) Reasonable health restrictions.

291 After debate, **motion adopted.**

292 Rich Whritenour moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter V, Running*  
293 *the Meet, Section 2*, as shown:

294 **Section 2.** Except for national breed specialties, any entry limits shall  
295 be restricted to limitations in overall number of hound entries accepted



at a trial. National breed clubs may choose, in addition, to require that any hound entered in a national breed specialty must have earned 20 ASFA points, or equivalent points in its country of residence, or must be a Field Champion of Record. If a national breed club chooses to impose such a requirement, proof of non-ASFA title and non-ASFA points for hounds should be in the form of a photocopy of the certificate, or page of formal ~~printing~~ publication and included with the entry.

**Motion adopted.**

Rich Whritenour moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 13 (c)*, as shown:

(c) Bench stake: for hounds of any individual breed; an entry shall consist of a single hound with proof on file with the ASFA of a conformation champion title from the AKC, CKC or both or a conformation grand champion title from the UKC.

In all non-regular stakes there will be only one winner per breed with no championship points awarded. Hounds entered in the Singles stake are not eligible to enter non-regular stakes.

After debate, **motion adopted.**

Rich Whritenour moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter VI, Records & Fees Forwarded to the ASFA, Section 1 (b)*, as shown:

**Section 1 (b).** ~~Names and complete addresses of all judges and their city and state of residence and the complete mailing address of the~~ Field Trial Secretary.

After debate, **motion adopted.**

Rich Whritenour moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges, Licensing for Additional Breeds, Sections 5 and 10*, as shown:

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

(a) Judge provisionally the breed or Singles stake for which the license is sought at no less than three trials with three different licensed judges. (Judging five hounds per breed is a requirement for the first three breeds only and does not apply to any breeds thereafter, or to Singles stake.)

332       **Section 10.** Provisional judges may judge ~~Singles and~~ Limited stake  
333       stakes, however, the assignments shall not count toward fulfilling their  
334       licensing requirements.

335       During debate, the delegate for O.K.I. Gazehound Organization, Carol  
336       Chittum, arrived at the meeting. After debate, **motion adopted** by counted  
337       vote, 37 ayes and 22 noes.

338       Gary Roush moved to accept the modifications to *Appendix, Revising the*  
339       *Running Rules, Section 9*, as shown:

340       **Section 9.** A proposal that has received a favorable vote at the Annual  
341       Convention of Delegates shall be considered a change to the Running  
342       Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials. Such proposals shall  
343       be posted on the ASFA website, and any other method of publication  
344       as approved by the Board of Directors and shall go into effect ~~January~~  
345       ± on October 1 following the ACoD ratification.

346       After debate, **motion lost.**

347       Tom Cigolle moved to combine the proposals 14 and 15 from the Rules  
348       Evaluation Committee; motion adopted.

349       Tom Cigolle moved to accept the modifications proposed as shown:

350       The phrase Field Secretary appears in many places in the Running  
351       Rules, rather than the more appropriate Field Trial Secretary. REC is  
352       requesting permission to do a global search of the Running Rules, and  
353       replace Field Secretary or field trial secretary with Field Trial Secretary  
354       wherever it appears.

355       The phrasing or wording for Singles stake appears several different  
356       ways; Singles, Singles Stakes and Singles Stake. Capitalization of this  
357       phrase also varies. REC is requesting to do a global search of the  
358       Running Rules, and replace the varying phrases with Singles stake  
359       wherever it appears.

360       **Motion adopted.**

361       Elections were conducted for officers.

362       By ballot, Jeff Lipps was elected to the office of President.

363       By ballot, Phil Fullam was elected to the office of First Vice President.

364       The delegate from the Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club, Kathy Sanders,  
365       nominated Rick Wolpin for the office of Second Vice President, and Rick  
366       Wolpin accepted the nomination.

367       By ballot, Rick Wolpin was elected to the office of Second Vice President.

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- 368 Tom Cigolle moved that the remaining officers be elected by acclamation.  
369 Motion adopted. Consequently, Joe Shoemaker was elected to the office of  
370 Recording Secretary; Sally MacDowell was elected to the office of  
371 Corresponding Secretary; and Gary Roush was elected to the office of Chief  
372 Financial Officer.
- 373 Vickie Jacobs presented the reports of the ACoD Site Selection Committee  
374 and. Please refer to the attachment.
- 375 Vickie Jacobs presented the report of the ACoD Planning Committee. Please  
376 refer to the attachment.
- 377 Vickie Jacobs presented the report of the Advisory Committee on Animal  
378 Issues. Please refer to the attachment.
- 379 Gary Roush presented the Gary Forrester Award to Tom Cigolle.
- 380 Dean Wright presented the report of the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame  
381 Committee. Please refer to the attachment.
- 382 The delegate from the Southern Oregon Racing and Coursing Association,  
383 Ann Chamberlain, nominated Nancy King Aiken for the Lure Coursing Hall of  
384 Fame. Gary Roush moved that Nancy King Aiken be elected to the Lure  
385 Coursing Hall of Fame. **Motion adopted.**
- 386 Rich Whritenour moved to update the **Eligibility** section of the Regional  
387 Invitational Policy by modifying the first sentence and adding a second  
388 sentence to read:  
389 *Any sighthound that is ASFA pointed, or is pointed in its country of*  
390 *residence, or is AKC pointed in lure coursing is eligible to enter a*  
391 *Regional Invitational in an appropriate stake, including Single Stake, if*  
392 *offered. Proof of non-ASFA points for hounds should be in the form of*  
393 *a photocopy of the certificate, or a page of formal printing, included*  
394 *with the entry.*  
395 After debate, **motion adopted.**
- 396 Bob Jordan made a motion to instruct the Policy Compilation Committee.  
397 After amendment and debate, the **motion** *that the Board of Directors direct*  
398 *the Policy Compilation Committee to craft a policy that will close the loop*  
399 *hole that allows the gaming of the running rules, whereby one handler holds*  
400 *a hound after the command tally-ho, allowing the other hound to run solo*  
401 *was adopted.*
- 402 Bob Jordan moved that the Board of Directors rescind the modifications to  
403 policy O-MEM01 so that it reads:

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404        *In addition to Article II, Section 1 and Appendix, requirements for*  
405        *membership status are as follows: 1) affiliated with the ASFA for a*  
406        *minimum of 2 years (24 months); 2) ten households, 15 individual*  
407        *members; 3) must have 2 acceptable trials at least 30 days apart in*  
408        *each of the 2 preceding years (12 month periods).*

409    After debate, **motion lost.**

410    Russ Jacobs made a motion on the ACoD minutes. After amendment and  
411    debate the **motion** *that each ACoD establish, from its delegates, a Minutes*  
412    *Review Committee to review and approve the ACoD minutes within 90 days*  
413    *after that ACoD was* **adopted.**

414    Kathy Lipps made a motion regarding Singles stake and non-regular stakes.  
415    After amendment and debate, the **motion** *that the Board of Directors direct*  
416    *the Rules Evaluation Committee to allow hounds entered in the Singles stake*  
417    *to enter Singles non-regular stakes was* **adopted.**

418    Dean Wright made a motion on expanding to Canada. After amendment and  
419    debate, the **motion** *that the ACoD direct the Field Trial Improvement*  
420    *Committee to look into expanding ASFA trials and clubs to Canada and report*  
421    *back to the ACoD was* **adopted.**

422    Brittany Parton moved that the ACoD direct the Field Trial Improvement  
423    Committee to examine a mentorship program in which clubs accept and  
424    publish volunteer members who can mentor identified amateurs at trials by  
425    either having them shadow activities or help release approved hounds. After  
426    debate, **motion adopted.**

427    Tom Golcher moved to rescind policy O-MEM01, effectively removing the 30  
428    days apart and going with the constitutional requirements. After debate,  
429    **motion lost** by counted vote, 17 ayes and 32 noes.

430    Denny Baker restated that Cirneco dell'Etna have a height disqualification.

431    Dean Wright announced that by ballot, Whippet "Cayman", Irish Wolfhound  
432    "Eleanor", and Borzoi "Scarlett" were elected to the Lure Coursing Hall of  
433    Fame.

434    Jeff Lipps moved to establish the ACoD Minutes Review Committee with chair  
435    Ping Pirrung and members Ann Chamberlain, Jeanette Dorsey, LaDonna  
436    Lundgren, and Marilyn Standerford. **Motion adopted.**

437    Rich Whritenour moved to establish the ACoD Site Selection Committee with  
438    co-chairs Vickie Jacobs and Sean McMichael and members Kathy Sanders and  
439    Pat Wieland. **Motion adopted.**

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440 Rich Whritenour moved to establish the ACoD Planning Committee with chair  
441 Vickie Jacobs and members Josie Haumont and Marilyn Standerford. **Motion**  
442 **adopted.**

443 Rich Whritenour moved to establish the Constitutional Review Committee  
444 with chair Ping Pirrung and members Russ Jacobs, Jeff Lipps, Leigh Littleton,  
445 and Rick Wolpin. **Motion adopted.**

446 Rich Whritenour moved to establish the Gary Forrester Award Committee  
447 with chair Gary Roush and members Dawn Gibas, Sean McMichael, Kathy  
448 Nelson, and Rick Wolpin. **Motion adopted.**

449 Rich Whritenour moved to establish the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame  
450 Committee with chair Dean Wright and members Trisha Borland, Mike  
451 Hussey, Leigh Littleton, and Kathy Sanders. **Motion adopted.**

452 Speaking for the Lure Coursing Judges Association, Tom Cigolle announced  
453 that Scott Hurlbert was named the Lure Operator of the Year.

454 Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

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Joseph A. Shoemaker, Recording Secretary  
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Date of Approval

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## **Attachments**

## **Officer Reports**

### **Report from the President**

*Ping Pirrung, President*

Welcome to Seattle. I was out here last May for ASFA's II and now I am back again for the Board Meeting and ACoD. Thank you Region 1 for hosting two big ASFA events within a year.

This year has been productive in some areas and not so much in other areas. Thank you to all committee chairs and committee members for taking time out of your busy lives to work on making the ASFA better and to move us forward.

My goals for 2015 were:

#### 1. Communication

- a. To continue improving the Communiqué
  - i. Possible input from Committees, RDs, members of the fancy
- b. To work more closely with the Regions and RDs
- c. To continue improving two-way communication with all of the fancy and the Board

#### 2. Committees

- a. To improve the structure of committees
- b. To have all the committees have written goals and objectives with timelines by the end of April
- c. To have interim reports received by mid-September
- d. To work more closely with the committees of ASFA

This past year the Communiqué was not issued very often. It seemed as though the better delivery system of Board business was through the notification from the Corresponding Secretary to club delegates, postings on individual Regional Lists and posts on Social Media. In a way that was quicker as we didn't have to wait for compilation and formatting.

Audrey Silverstein became ASFA's new Scheduling Chair and has assumed the duties seamlessly. It's a demanding job and I am thankful she has done such an efficient job.

As you will see from the reports given at the ACoD most committees have worked hard on different aspects of the ASFA. This keeps us in a forward

491 motion towards growth. There has been quite a bit of behind the scenes work  
492 on our records program so Lori has better functionality. We are not there  
493 yet, but there is a plan from which we can move forward.

494 You are all aware that I feel committees are the backbone of progress in  
495 ASFA. The ASFA Board of Directors is elected to not only maintain the  
496 functions of the ASFA but to also grow the organization. This growth  
497 happens with the work of the committees. Membership in a committee is  
498 open to all persons of the fancy therefore if you have a willingness to help  
499 out, please volunteer to be on a committee. We have "guidelines" for each  
500 committee to give you a better idea of what each committee does so you can  
501 see which committees fit best with your ideas and expertise and volunteer to  
502 work there.

503 The Board meetings and ACoD have been likened to church revivals where  
504 everyone is rejuvenated and enthused. Unfortunately, this enthusiasm  
505 seems to drop off rapidly with each passing day following the Board meeting  
506 and ACoD. My hope is that we can try to maintain a better portion of that  
507 enthusiasm throughout the following year.

508 We are all volunteers with families, dogs and jobs and are not able to focus  
509 on ASFA as much as we would like. Every little bit helps and with that the  
510 ASFA can continue to not only function, but to grow as well. Each Board  
511 member and member of the fancy has contributed in his or her own way.

512 I have been honored to have been President of ASFA for the past four years.  
513 There have been some amazing moments of collaboration and success. I  
514 appreciate everyone that has contributed to these times. When we all work  
515 towards the overall, unified goal of keeping the ASFA as the premiere lure  
516 coursing organization, everyone and all hounds coursing at ASFA trials  
517 benefit. I am very proud to be the President of the ASFA and am also proud  
518 of the Board members that are working with me.

519 **Report from the First Vice President**

520 *Rich Whritenour, First Vice President*

521 There is not much to report.

522 Outside of being involved in Board business, I have been involved heavily in  
523 my own region and available to those seeking answers or advice on issues  
524 concerning them, which hopefully addressed them.

525 **Report from the Recording Secretary**

526 *Joe Shoemaker, Recording Secretary*



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527 Per guideline A-MIN02, the minutes for the March 2015 Board of Directors  
528 meeting were due to the Minutes Review Committee (MRC) on 19 April 2015,  
529 and the minutes for the 2015 Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) were  
530 due to the MRC on 21 May 2015. Both were delivered significantly late, the  
531 former being first delivered on 14 July 2015 and the latter being first  
532 delivered on 16 July 2015. The minutes for the on-line Board of Directors  
533 meeting that convened between the 2015 ACoD and the 2016 ACoD were  
534 first delivered to the MRC on 17 March 2016. The following table  
535 summarizes the business that was transacted by the Board of Directors since  
536 the 2015 ACoD.

14-Apr-2015	Accept the Sunshine State Rhodesian Ridgeback Club's application for Full Membership status.	Adopted
18-May-2015	Send a letter of apology for having sent a letter of reprimand to Justin Dannenbring and CCA, without first contacting the appropriate people and obtaining the relevant facts.	Lost
26-May-2015	Approve the remaining ASFA committee assignments for 2015 as listed in the attached document.	Adopted
7-Jun-2015	Change the name of the awards committee from "Rosettes and Medallions Committee" back to "Awards Committee".	Lost
11-Jun-2015	Approve the Southeastern Greyhound Club (SEGC) to host the 2015 ASFA National Greyhound Specialty on Saturday, November 7, 2015.	Adopted
24-Jun-2015	Select the Red Lion Hotel in Renton WA, as the site for the 2016 Board of Directors Meeting, to be held on March 17th and 18th, 2016, and the Annual Convention of Delegates, to be held on March 19th and 20th, 2016.	Adopted
2-Jul-2015	Approve the proposal by the Nebraska Coursing Association to hold the 2016 International Invitational on October 15 and 16, 2016, at the National Balloon Classic Field in Indianola, Iowa.	Adopted
18-Jul-2015	Approve the appointment of Audrey Silverstein as chair of the Scheduling Committee.	Adopted
4-Aug-2015	Change the dates for the 2016 International Invitational, to be held at the National Balloon Classic Field in Indianola, Iowa, to October 22nd and 23rd, 2016.	Adopted
10-Aug-2015	Approve a new Administrative Policy that states: <i>Unless specifically requested not to do so by the hosting club, the Scheduling Chair will forward a PDF copy of each approved premium list to the Webmaster for posting in the Trial Schedule section on the ASFA website.</i>	Adopted
18-Aug-2015	Accept the Tulsa Sighthound Association's application for Full Membership status.	Adopted



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22-Aug-2015	Each motion made in the Board's electronic meeting be accompanied by a statement of the financial impact that the motion, if approved, would have on the revenues and/or expenses of ASFA.	Adopted
27-Oct-2015	Direct REC to make additions to Chapter IV, SCHEDULING THE MEET.	Lost
28-Oct-2015	Direct REC to make additions to Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges, Section 5, Licensing for Additional Breeds, paragraph (a).	Adopted
25-Nov-2015	Direct REC to propose a rule change to impose a penalty for late receipt of premium lists.	Adopted
6-Dec-2015	Select the Hyatt Regency in Omaha NE for the 2017 Board of Directors meeting and ACoD.	Adopted
9-Dec-2015	Change the Location and Grounds section of the Regional Invitational policy.	Lost
13-Dec-2015	Change the eligibility for the Regional Invitational policy.	Adopted
3-Jan-2016	Change the eligibility for the International Invitational policy.	Adopted
22-Jan-2016	Accept the Cirneco dell'Etna Club of America's application for Full Membership status.	Adopted
2-Mar-2016	Change policy O-MEM01 to allow a pattern of acceptable trials as an alternative.	Adopted
17-Mar-2016	Accept the Central Ohio Area Coursing Hounds application for Full Membership status.	Adopted

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538 My belief is that the poor performance was due to a lack of preparation,  
539 exacerbated by a busy slate of spring events. Having been through the  
540 process and given time to prepare, I expect to meet the deadlines this year,  
541 which are 17 April 2016 and 19 May 2016. Both the Board of Directors and  
542 the ACoD can assist with that by affording me the courtesy of ensuring that I  
543 have the motions correctly in writing prior to a vote. Regardless of the  
544 outcome of this year's elections, I plan to update the guidelines for the  
545 Recording Secretary after completing both of those minutes.

546 Our parliamentary authority is the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order,  
547 Newly Revised, which recommends that an organization's executive board or  
548 a committee appointed for the purpose should be authorized to approve the  
549 minutes when the next regular business session will not be held within a  
550 quarterly time interval or in an organization in which there will be change or  
551 replacement of a portion of the membership (refer to RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), p. 474  
552 II. 31-35 and p. 475, II. 1-7). The intent is that minutes should not languish  
553 unapproved for a long period of time, particularly when the approving body

(e.g., the 2017 ACoD) could be substantially different in its membership (i.e., delegates) from the body that conducted the business (e.g., the 2016 ACoD). Consequently, I would suggest that each ACoD appoint a committee for the purpose of approving the minutes of that ACoD after those minutes have been recommended for approval by the MRC.

Similarly, I hope that the Board of Directors will reconsider their current custom and allow the minutes of the regular Board of Directors meeting to be submitted to the on-line meeting for approval, after those minutes have been recommended for approval by the MRC.

## Regional Director Reports

### Report from the Regional Directors and Invitationals Committee

*Dean Wright, Chair*

I would like to thank the members of this committee for their hard work in their Region and for each person's contributions to this committee: Jim Anthony, Lori Silvestri, Ben Brodeur, Kent Standerford, Rick Wolpin, Tom Golcher, Greg Breitbach, Gary Runyan and our newest addition Karen Sanders. We had several conference calls with an average 80% attendance, accomplishing a great deal in those meetings.

2015 saw an RD resign and a replacement elected. Three regions did not host a Regional, which we hope to change in 2016. We continued refining the II and the Regional Invitational policies. We also worked on individual items brought to us by Regional Directors. There were only three items brought to the executive committee. We completed the items that were assigned to us by the board and the ACOD. Please see below.

1. Motion for the Awards person and the Regional Directors to revisit the Breed Plaques.

*We decided to leave as is after conversations with Evelyn and Ping and Regional Directors.*

2. Look into ownership of the regional social media lists.

*Have a list of each region and what they do for lists. Is not consistent.*

3. Procedure to get not picked up or taken Perpetual II Trophies to the next II

*This is in the II guidelines to be voted on at the board meeting.*

Below were our goals and how we have done on them.

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1. Trophy for II for Saturday for Pharaohs. Completed Trophy awarded in 2015 in Seattle.
2. II trophy for Saturday for Ibizan Hounds donation by Region 8. Completed will be presented in 2016 II in Iowa.
3. Updating the II policies which have not been updated since 2008. Completed and were updated in March of 2015.
4. Updating the Regional Invitational policies which have not been updated since 2008. Completed and were updated in March of 2015.
5. Take a serious look at the RD guidelines and make changes. The 4 policies that govern us were voted on at the 2015 Board Meeting and we are waiting for them to be published on the web site so that we can move forward on the remaining changes. We hope to put forward the complete Regional director guidelines by the ACOD 2017.
6. Update the guidelines for hosting an II. Step by step guide for a club doing it. With timelines for each step. This is being done by a separate committee and we already have the guidelines completed for the II Trophy Chair.

*We will have a great deal to discuss at our RD meeting in conjunction with the Board Meeting.*

#### **Regional Director Chairperson Guidelines**

*Updated from RD conference call on 01/12/15*

1. Set up and have an agenda for the RD's meeting on the first or second day of the board meeting and minutes taken at this meeting.
2. Contact all Regional Directors within 1 month of the RD meeting, send minutes from the meeting
3. With the help of committee members set goals for the upcoming year
4. Develop a plan to accomplish goals and assign tasks to committee members
5. Develop a schedule for the Regional Invitationals so that Regionals do not overlap in adjacent regions.
6. Handle anything that comes up during the year pertaining to RD responsibilities
7. Work through any other committees that may be able to help with related projects
8. Send an interim committee report to the Corresponding Secretary by September 1 of that year.
9. Continue working on goals
10. 3 months prior to the ACOD start looking at RD guidelines, any changes approved by the committee should be presented at that Board Meeting

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11. Regional Invitational Policies should be addressed by each RD immediately after their Regional invitational looking for improvements or items that do not work so well. These changes as approved by this committee should be presented at the next Board meeting supplying the entire document with strike outs on deletions and changes in red.
12. International Invitational policies should be addressed by the Field Trial Chair, Field Trial Secretary and RD for that Region immediately after the International Invitational has concluded for comments on problems and suggestions.
13. Send a final committee report to the Corresponding Secretary by March 1 of each year.

**Regional Director Liaison to the Executive Committee Guidelines**

*01/15/15*

1. To serve, discuss and vote on any items referred to the executive committee.
2. To keep the Regional Directors informed and receive feedback from Regional Directors on the items referred to the executive committee.

**Invitational Committee Chair Guidelines**

1. Solicit and keep everyone up to date on Regional Invitationals scheduled so as to not duplicate dates in two adjacent regions.
2. Handle any items assigned to us by the ASFA Board of Directors or the ACOD within three months after the ACOD and Board Meeting.
3. Discuss any items referred by RDs after their Regional or the II and make recommendations for changes to the policies or guidelines to correct.

**Proposed Changes to the Regional Invitational Policy**

Regional Invitational Policy (Operational Policy O-INVIT03)

(As approved by the Board of Directors, March 2015) *updated with board changes, January 2016 and March 2016*

The chair of the Invitationals Committee shall submit a copy of this current Regional Invitational Policy to the Internet Liaison for publication on the ASFA website.

Each year the ASFA will sanction a series of lure field trials, the purpose of which shall be to promote and further test those hounds that have attained a certain number of points toward their ASFA Field Championship, and those hounds that are ASFA Field Champions or Lure Coursers of Merit of record.

664 These lure field trials consist of a series of Regional Invitationals, held in the  
665 various ASFA regions.

666 **Requesting permission.** The club submits a request to its Regional Director  
667 at least 4 months prior to the proposed date. This request should include:

- 668 • Name of the club
- 669 • Proposed date or dates
- 670 • Location of trial and description of grounds
- 671 • Entry fee
- 672 • Additional activities (if any)

673 **Date or Dates.** A date that has already been approved by the Scheduling  
674 Chairman for a trial in that region, or is a priority date in effect for a club,  
675 cannot be used unless the club holding the date notifies Scheduling, in  
676 writing, that it will relinquish the date for the Regional Invitational. The club  
677 relinquishing the date would retain priority for the following year. After a  
678 date has been approved for the Regional Invitational, no other trial shall be  
679 held in the region on the same date.

680 A Regional Invitational may be held any time from January to December, but  
681 there shall be only one weekend each year in each region. On that weekend,  
682 the club may host either a one-day or a two-day Regional Invitational, upon  
683 the approval of the RD.

684 **Entry limits.** There shall be no entry limits without prior approval from the  
685 Regional Director.

686 **Location and grounds.** The trial must be held within the regional  
687 boundaries. The grounds must be adequate to accommodate a large trial for  
688 the region. Course lengths must be within rule specifications (500 yards or  
689 more), but a length in excess of 750 yards is recommended. The grass must  
690 be a length that allows the lure operator clear visibility of the lure.  
691 Consideration should also be given to accessibility, lodging, refreshments and  
692 restroom facilities.

693 **Entry fees.** Will be set by the host club and may have a higher fee for late  
694 entries.

695 **Additional Activities.** Activities such as banquets, seminars, dog shows,  
696 awards, etc., (if offered) should be listed in the premium.

697 **Eligibility.** Any hound that is ASFA pointed, or is pointed in its country of  
698 residence, or is AKC pointed is eligible to enter a Regional Invitational in an  
699 appropriate stake, including Single Stake, if offered. Proof of non-ASFA  
700 points for hounds should be in the form of a photocopy of the certificate, or a

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page of formal printing, included with the entry. For a Limited breed to be eligible, the entry must have one first placement, or two second placements, with competition in the Limited Stake. For a Limited or Provisional breed to be eligible, the hound must have received a placement with competition. All points or placements must be earned by the closing date of the event. An eligible hound may be entered in any number of Regional Invitationals. Hounds entered in the Single Stake are not eligible to be entered in Breeder, Kennel, or Bench stakes.

*Rational: This will make the eligibility for the Regional Invitational consistent with the eligibility for the International Invitational. The regional will be pointed but the International Invitational says equivalent points or an AKC Field Champion.*

**ASFA Website.** One page will be available on the ASFA website for announcing and providing the premium for each Regional Invitational, provided the host club(s) submits ad copy to the Internet Liaison ([webmaster@asfa.org](mailto:webmaster@asfa.org)). The date of the "current" Regional Invitational can be announced on this page as soon as the date is approved by Scheduling for the next year. The page will remain available after the trial to post results and pictures. Again these must be provided by the host club(s) to the Internet Liaison. The article and photos of each Best of Breed and Best in Regional Invitational should be submitted as soon as possible after the trial. There is no charge to the host club(s) for this page. All reported content added to this page will be submitted to [webmaster@asfa.org](mailto:webmaster@asfa.org) by a single representative of the Regional Invitational Field Committee.

The host club(s) may also circulate the premium list (upon scheduling's approval) by submitting a copy of the premium list to [asfa.premiums@gmail.com](mailto:asfa.premiums@gmail.com) within the deadlines to ensure timely distribution.

**Per capita fees to ASFA.** The Regional per capita fee is published on the ASFA website. This fee will be forwarded to the Records Coordinator with the trial results. The per capita fee for each Bench, Breeder/Kennel stake entry, if offered, will be forwarded to the Records Coordinator with the trial results. Copies of the Bench stake, Breeder stake and/or Kennel stake entry, if offered, will accompany the records.

**Rosettes and Trophies.** ASFA provides rosettes for all placements and ASFA medallions for the High Scoring Single and each Best of Breed winner. The host club must request these from the Regional Director at least 25 days before the trial. The host club may offer additional trophies at the club's own expense or through donations. The Best of Breed rosettes shall be 15 inches in length. The winners of the Bench, Breeder, and Kennel stakes, if offered,



shall receive rosettes. All unused ribbons and medallions will be returned to the Awards Chair within 14 days after the trial.

**General.** The premium list shall include both the host club's and ASFA's Officers and Board Members. Judges must be regularly licensed for the breeds that they judge. Equipment provided by the host club should be adequate to handle a large entry for the region. A veterinarian should be on call or at the trial site.

Each year, the Regional Director will review all proposals received from clubs requesting to host a Regional Invitational. Once a decision is made, the Regional Director shall notify, in writing, the Scheduling Chairman and each club that submitted a proposal.

All additional requirements and exceptions to the ASFA rulebook relating to Regional Invitationals are noted; all ASFA rules and policies shall apply to Regional Invitationals.

The ASFA Board of Directors must approve exceptions to any of these invitational policies. Consult the ASFA Corresponding Secretary or your Regional Director for more information.

**Regional Invitationals Policies Review.** The Invitationals Committee shall review the Regional Invitational Policies on an annual basis. The review is **not** intended to be a re-write of the policies, but rather a time to address issues that may have come up during the most recent Regional Invitationals, and edit appropriately for Policy and Rulebook changes.

1. The timing of the annual reviews:

- a. Regional Invitational review shall begin no later than 90 days after the running of the first Regional of the current year's Regional Invitationals.

2. The process that should be followed:

- a. Issues that cause concern or problems are given to the Invitational Committee Chairman by clubs, exhibitors, or anyone with first-hand knowledge of the issues.
- b. The chair shall present the issues to the committee members and will establish a timetable and process for discussion and formulation of a resolution. Modifications or changes must be approved by a simple majority vote of committee members.
- c. At the completion, the resolution will be made into a motion and submitted to the ASFA Board of Directors at its next face to face Board meeting in accord with standard Board of Directors procedures. Unless the Invitationals committee deems it necessary to move it forward on the electronic meeting forum.

779 d. If the Board of Directors passes the motion, the results will be  
780 disseminated through normal ASFA channels.

781 **Report from Region 2**

782 *Rick Wolpin, Director*

783 There were 7 trials held in 2015 for Region 2. We did not have a Regional  
784 Invitational again this past year. My home club (SWC) has been in disarray  
785 for the past few years but would like to put on a regional event this year. We  
786 will have to see if we can get the support from within the club.

787 There are quite a number of challenges facing us in 2016.

788 AKC events have been gaining in popularity in Northern California. One of the  
789 main reasons is monetary. For example, one of the clubs in our region that  
790 always holds ASFA trials in February is now doing only AKC. In my  
791 communication with them, they indicated that they earn around \$400.00 for  
792 an ASFA trial, while earning over \$1,000.00 for an AKC trial. These are  
793 difficult numbers to overcome.

794 One of the other challenges has been the ongoing drought in California. Many  
795 of the fields that we are accustomed to using, have either fallen upon  
796 disrepair, or no longer allow canine events. The drought is forcing many  
797 municipalities to reduce or even eliminate watering the grass at public parks  
798 and schools. I have been visiting schools, parks, and open space areas to see  
799 if any of the fields will meet our needs. When I do find a location that may  
800 work, the Owners (School Districts, Park Districts, or Municipalities) tend to  
801 not allow a canine event. And those that will allow us to run, want too much  
802 money for the weekend to allow a trial to break even, let alone make a  
803 profit. We have received a significant amount of rain this winter due to the El  
804 Niño, but more than likely it is not going to end the drought.

805 Many of our clubs have stopped running trials due to age issues (both human  
806 & canine). One of the Principals of the Pharaoh Club had several hounds that  
807 were strong runners. One of them passed away while the other is over 12  
808 years old. Although he has younger pups, they have not taken to coursing as  
809 of yet. The same is true with my own hounds.

810 It is my goal to try and increase the number of trials scheduled for 2016 and  
811 to hold a Regional Invitational. If I can find a decent field to run on, I am  
812 confident I can make it happen. The demand for coursing is still here, and  
813 many of the members will be anxious to attend the ones that are held.

814 **Report from Region 3**

815 *Tom Golcher, Director*



**Region 3 Boundaries:**

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

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

Regional Clubs

Colorado Lure Coursing Association	Tom Golcher
Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Assn.	Shelly Hood
Lobo Lure Coursing Club	Phil Fullam
Utah Sighthound Racing & Coursing Club	Melissa Egbert,
Faith Burnham	
Rocky Mountain Coursing Club	Karen Ackerman, Heather
Minnich	
National Clubs with Delegates in Region 3	
American Whippet Club	Claudia Miller

Some data collected thanks to information provided by Lori Coulson:

- **CLCA**
  - Held 17 trials in 2015, the most of all clubs.
  - Ran the 4th highest total of dogs in the country. 432 hounds
  - Held the 41st annual Grand National, the longest running annual National Lure Coursing event in the country.
  - Planning for 23 trials in 2016
- **LLCC (Name Change)**
  - Held 4 trials in 2015.
  - AWFA plans 4 trials for 2016.
- **RMIWA**
  - Held 3 trials in 2015.
  - RMIWA plans 3 trials for 2016.
- **USRCC**
  - Held 3 trial in 2015.
  - USRRC plans 3 trials for 2016.
- **RMCC**
  - Held 1 trials in 2015.
  - RMCC plans 1 trials for 2016.

**Region 3 Notes:**

Region 3 held 29 trials in 2015 with 637 total entries. This was up close to 100 entries from the previous year.

The Region 3 Invitational has not been decided for 2016.

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854 As the RD, I have made an attempt at communicating more with each club in  
855 the region thru direct emails and "list" announcements.

856 The largest challenge for our region is the loss of good, safe fields.

857 The Irish Wolfhound Club of America held their 2015 National Specialty in  
858 Denver. Although the entries (10) were small, the quality of runs were  
859 spectacular.

860 **Report from Region 4**

861 *Gary Runyan, Director*

862 Reg4 TX, OK, AR, LA

863 Good morning,

864 We hope you are enjoying the local culture on this small planet!

865 Thank for everyone that has stepped up to keep this sport alive.

866 Last year our region increased by 40 entries and gained new clubs to ASFA  
867 ranks.

868 We managed to hold the regional for 2015 in central Texas and plans are  
869 moving forward to our 2016 event.

870 To add to the choices of places to gain the last points of the year, the CDECA  
871 invites everyone to Waller, TX. End of year old School trial. Gary Newton is  
872 providing a field breakfast.

873 In closing thanks for your time.

874 **Report from Region 5**

875 *Kent Standerford, Director*

876 Another year of ASFA coursing has passed in Region 5 with not a lot of  
877 changes this past year. As with everywhere else in the country, we're  
878 having challenges keeping our entries coming in at the levels we'd like to  
879 see. I am happy to say that one of our longstanding clubs has seen a  
880 resurgence in membership and are enthusiastically working toward an active  
881 year after hosting our Regional Invitational in September last fall. Iowa  
882 Coursing Association held a wonderful trial of around 50 hounds with the  
883 whippet Relish, Tadita N Tru-Luv's Enjoying The Ride, FCh winning Best in  
884 Field on a very challenging course.

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885 This year's Regional Invitational will be hosted by Heartland Coursing  
886 Association over Memorial Day weekend in Lawrence, KS. We'd love to  
887 welcome all of you at the wonderful fields at Clinton Lake State Park.

888 This year is truly a full one for our region. Nebraska Coursing Association will  
889 be host for the 2016 International Invitational to be held at the National  
890 Balloon Classic Fields again for the first time in 12 years. If you haven't had  
891 the good fortune to have coursed on those fields, try to make time to come  
892 to Indianola, IA October 22 & 23 for three courses in the rolling hills of Iowa.

893 From Duluth, MN in July to Missouri and Kansas in the spring and fall, folks  
894 from across the country are welcome to course with us in Region 5.

895 **Report from Region 6**  
896 *Greg Breitbach, Director*

897 The clubs of Region VI held their own last year. There was not any  
898 noticeable dip in entries. Our total entry was assisted by the Whippet  
899 National being held in Wisconsin.

900 COACH hosted the Region VI Invitational. They had 54 entries. Ridgeback  
901 Zoli won BIF.

902 LARK will be hosting the Region VI Invitational this year on September 24 in  
903 Ohio.

904 For Region VI, there were a total of 10 clubs hosting 40 trials, up from 32  
905 trials the previous year with a total entry of 1,913 participants up from 1,863  
906 the previous year.

907 We have 12 member clubs and 1 affiliate in the region. We lost Bluegrass  
908 due to lack of paying dues, and in 2016 will lose Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound  
909 Club due to lack of interest by members and lack of entries from other areas.  
910 We have a group of people in Kentucky starting a new club to replace  
911 Bluegrass.

912 Most clubs host two weekends of trials so there is no shortage of trials during  
913 spring, summer, and fall. There are a few clubs with limited membership and  
914 are starting to share weekends to maintain active status. Some clubs also  
915 provide AKC trials or have moved to hosting AKC trials only.

916 I find that the clubs in this region are all well organized and efficient with  
917 paperwork and running the trial in efficient manners. There were no rules  
918 violations and no one had complaints. Most clubs have enough volunteers to

919 run the events and provide lunch for judges and workers. The trials are  
920 relaxed and fun to attend.

921 The item of note from the region is that the trial workers and entrants are  
922 consistent. This indicates a lack of influx of new people into the sport.

923 The biggest problem for the region is lack of really good coursing fields.  
924 Some clubs have been at the same locations and use the same course plans  
925 where experienced dogs are no longer coursing but guessing which plan is  
926 being used. Need some way for clubs to get out of comfort zones and look  
927 for new fields.

928 **Report from Region 7**

929 *Jim Anthony, Director*

930 2015 was a great year for region 7. 14 clubs held 46 trials and ran 1618  
931 dogs. An affiliate club moved up to be a member club (SSRRC). GCHC in  
932 Mobile, Alabama come on board as a new club—now we have coursing in  
933 Alabama. We ran many seminars and have seen a rise in help for the clubs  
934 (Judging, Lure Ops, Field trial secretaries, Huntmaster and Roll call).

935 In 2016, I plan to run more training seminars and increase entries by good  
936 communications. Our regional is all set for the end of March and region 7 has  
937 run 10 trials so far this year.

938 **Report from Region 8**

939 *Dean Wright, Director*

940 Region 8 is alive and well.

941 Continuing to Rock N Roll in 2016.

942 I would like to thank the region 8 clubs for their dedication to ASFA in 2015.  
943 Region 8 consists of 14 clubs, 11 member clubs, 3 affiliate, and 2 parent  
944 clubs. We held forty-two ASFA trials with a total entry of 1547 hounds, which  
945 were down from 1837 in 2014. Our very successful 2-day regional was held  
946 in October by the joint efforts of CHAMP and DASH. The number 3 club in the  
947 country for entries came from Region 8, Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club  
948 with a total entry of 445. Region 8 had 5 basenjies in the TOP 5 of ASFA with  
949 8 of the top 10 Basenjies coming from Region 8. 19 Region 8 hounds were in  
950 the Top 10 of ASFA and 36 Region 8 hounds were in the ASFA top 20. A  
951 whippet from region 8 received Top honors in heavy competition going down  
952 to the end of the year.

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953 On January 31st we held our 38<sup>th</sup> annual Regional meeting with 19 in  
954 attendance representing 10 clubs.

955 Please check out our website at [www.asfaregion8.com](http://www.asfaregion8.com). It has historical  
956 photos, the history of our region, a brag section and much, much more.

957 My goals for Region 8 in 2016 are:

- 958 • *Have and entry of 80 at our Regional Invitational.*
- 959 • *Have an increase of 10% in entries in 2016.*

960 **Report from Region 9**

961 *Ben Brodeur, Director*

962 Region 9 includes, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhodes Island,  
963 New Hampshire, Vermont & Maine with 5 member and 1 affiliate clubs  
964 bordering Region 6 & 8.

965 At the 2015 ACoD, I was appointed for a 2-year term as the ASFA Region 9  
966 Director. During the 2015 coursing season I contacted Cathy Sanderson and  
967 Jeanie Martin of LCLC in Western NY and asked them if they would consider  
968 hosting the 2015 Region 9 Invitational. They brought it up to their  
969 membership and agreed to host a two-day Regional in September which was  
970 quite successful in spite of the monsoon rains. GONE also held an additional  
971 trial in November and are hoping to continue doing so. As an RD, I  
972 participated in conference calls initiated by RD Chair Dean Wright etc.

973 During the coursing season, I made it a point to attend at least 1 scheduled  
974 trial per club and mentioned that I'm willing to assist them in any way  
975 possible. Unfortunately, one of the most difficult challenges for 2015 was that  
976 2 of the Region 9 Clubs were having leadership problems (with one of them  
977 not being satisfied with the lack of a response in a timely manner concerning  
978 the last minute 2014 West Coast ASFA Trial Breed Specialty scheduling  
979 inquiry which left them with a sour note) and so they did not hold any ASFA  
980 trials. After an extended discussion with Rich & Denise we decided to cancel  
981 CLASS's September trial due to the lack of helpers. As I mentioned at last  
982 year's ACoD one major concern is the lack of participants getting involved at  
983 trials and it seems that no matter which trial you attend it's the same story /  
984 worker bees which led to contacting Club Presidents to ask their membership  
985 for suggestions as to how we can improve ASFA.

986 As to my goals for 2016, last October I contacted Denise Como and Rich  
987 Whritenour and they agreed with CLASS hosting the 2016 ASFA Regional 9 at  
988 their September Trial which has already been approved by the Scheduling

989 Chair. I will continue to work with my Region 9 Clubs with the hope of  
990 bringing the 2 clubs in question back into the fold. Club members always  
991 bring up the fact that they would like to have new judges, but unfortunately  
992 most of the time it's cost prohibitive for a club to do so, which leads to, is  
993 there a way that ASFA can assist in defraying such cost?

994 In 2015, Region 9 held 15 trials with 3 clubs participating for a total entry of  
995 616 (2014 entries / 4 clubs were 527) or 6% of ASFA's total entry of 9235.  
996 Trials held per club: CLASS 4 trials / 1 canceled, GONE added a weekend for  
997 a total of 7, LCLC 4 trials including their 1<sup>st</sup> Regional, NERRC & PHONE none.

998 Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2016 ACoD.

999 **Report from Region 10**

1000 *Lori Silvestri, Director*

1001 Region 10 covers the state of California south from the northern boundaries  
1002 of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, Arizona, Hawaii, and  
1003 Nevada south of Highway 6.

1004 2015 was a tough year for ASFA Region 10, starting in mid-January with a  
1005 letter of complaint from a club in another region being poorly handled by the  
1006 ASFA executive board who chose to not contact anyone who could provide  
1007 relevant facts, including me as the Regional Director, the club in question or  
1008 any individuals who participated in the trial written about. This lack of  
1009 communication resulted in a misguided letter of reprimand being sent to a  
1010 hard-working, productive and ethical minded club and individual in Region  
1011 10, making allegations which documentation proved to be false. As the  
1012 subject of this poorly handled political issue was a well-liked, motivational  
1013 and core worker who has helped most if not all of the clubs in this region in a  
1014 variety of ways for many years, the end result was understandably and  
1015 regrettably the loss of a couple more ASFA clubs in region 10 who lost faith  
1016 in the ASFA and chose to host AKC trials instead. Last year, I worked with a  
1017 couple of members of the ASFA Board to draft a proposed policy that if  
1018 approved should help us as an organization to avoid this type of mistake in  
1019 the future, in any region.

1020 Region 10 is currently facing a number of challenges, including not only a  
1021 large decline in number of ASFA clubs (who have mostly chosen to only host  
1022 AKC clubs from now on), but also a loss of available fields due to drought and  
1023 other challenges.

1024 Region 10 currently has 1 all-breed member club, 1 National Breed Club, and  
1025 2 Affiliate clubs. Central Coast Association of Sighthounds (CCASH) in Paso

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1026 Robles, CA, completed the one year 'Fast Track' Affiliation and became an  
1027 Affiliated club on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The Central Coast generally has mild  
1028 weather all year, and is at the northernmost boundary of region 10, thus  
1029 supporting entries from both region 10 and region 2 where there have not  
1030 been many recent trials.

1031 Region 10's season is already under way. By this publication, CCA has  
1032 already held their first 4 trials of the year. CCA hosted 22 trials in 2015;  
1033 their entries per trial, however, were small due to only hosting Specialty  
1034 trials in the past few years. CCA's impact on ASFA is actually greater than  
1035 would be predicted by their numbers, since they actively train trial officials  
1036 and support other clubs as needed. Region 10's newest club, CCASH, hosted  
1037 their first three trials in 2015 with a total of 85 entries.

1038 This year, I will continue working to improve communication in the region  
1039 and to encourage individuals and clubs to embrace and/or rekindle their  
1040 enthusiasm for the sport of lure coursing. I will be working with each club in  
1041 the region to address their unique challenges. I believe greater  
1042 communication will get us far in achieving our common goals.

1043 **Report from the Rosettes and Medallions Committee**

1044 *Evelyn Jones, Chair*

1045 The 2015 Regional Invitations began early with Region 3 holding the first one  
1046 of the year in March. Regions 4 & 7 holding the last ones after Thanksgiving.  
1047 There were two Regions that did not hold any Regional Invitational, Region  
1048 1 and 2.

1049 Region 1 did host the International Invitational. A total of 26 medallions were  
1050 sent to be given out to the BOB winners.

1051 At the 2015 ACoD, a total of forty-four plaques were distributed.

1052 Eighteen plaques were handed out for the #1 hound, that ran against  
1053 competition, in each breed.

1054 One plaque was handed out to the highest scoring hound of all breeds.

1055 Thirteen plaques were handed out to the Parent Clubs for the #1 member  
1056 hound.

1057 Eleven plaques were handed out for BOB to the Parent Clubs holding ASFA  
1058 trials at their Specialty.

1059 One plaque was sent BOB to the Greyhound National Specialty.



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1060 Please continue to keep up the good work by returning the unused rosettes  
1061 and medallions to me in a timely fashion, so I can recycle them and not have  
1062 to overly order them. Thanks, for your assistance this past year.

1063 An inventory of all the rosettes and medallions will be distributed at the  
1064 ACoD.

1065 This year, 2016, ALL Regions and parent Clubs receiving plaques are being  
1066 asked to take a picture at the time the plaques are presented. These pictures  
1067 will be posted on ASFA's web site. Be sure to provide the information  
1068 concerning the photo, such as, Region or Club, presenter, receiver, and  
1069 hound.

## 1070 **Committee Reports**

### 1071 **Report from the Finance and Budget Committee**

1072 *Jeff Lipps, Chair*

### 1073 **Annual Financial Report**

1074 *Sean McMichael, Treasurer*

### 1075 **1 January – 31 December 2015**

Category	Income	Expense	Difference	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Budgeted Diff
<b>ACoD</b>	\$4,202.00	\$3,581.69	\$620.31	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Forms</b>	\$2,008.78	\$1,470.63	\$538.15	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>\$39,657.00</b>	<b>\$727.96</b>	\$38,929.04	<b>\$36,750.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,750.00</b>
Invitationals	\$4,386.00	\$727.96	\$3,658.04	\$4,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,750.00
Trials	\$35,271.00	\$0.00	\$35,271.00	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00
<b>Membership</b>	\$5,793.37	\$67.52	\$5,725.85	\$5,600.00	\$0.00	\$5,600.00
<b>Committees</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,574.10</b>	-\$10,574.10	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	-\$8,000.00
Computer	\$0.00	\$3,587.40	-\$3,587.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Internet Initiative	\$0.00	\$837.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Web Maintenance*	\$0.00	\$4,819.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$1,330.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	-\$6,000.00
<b>II Trophy Refurb</b>	\$0.00	\$135.53	-\$135.53	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,704.00</b>	-\$1,704.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>	-\$1,700.00
<b>Records</b>	<b>\$588.83</b>	<b>\$28,933.91</b>	-\$28,345.08	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	-\$30,000.00
Salary (Gross)	\$0.00	\$24,956.52	-\$24,956.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$3,977.39	-\$3,977.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Records Replacement	\$588.83	\$0.00	\$588.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Regional Directors</b>	\$0.00	\$675.60	-\$675.60	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
<b>Board Meetings</b>	\$0.00	\$8,064.50	-\$8,064.50	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	-\$8,000.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$6,818.28	\$731.21	\$6,087.07	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$59,068.26</b>	<b>\$56,666.65</b>	\$2,401.61	<b>\$51,350.00</b>	<b>\$59,900.00</b>	<b>-\$8,550.00</b>



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1076 \*Web Maintenance=Updates to website, annual hosting fees, and other costs associated with upkeep.

1077	<b>Starting Balance 1 January 2015</b>	<b>Ending Balance 31 December 2015</b>
1078	Checking      \$65,271.02	\$67,672.63 <b>Difference = 2,401.61</b>

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1080	<b>Projected for 2015 Year</b>	<b>Actual</b>
1081	<u>Income</u> \$51,350	<u>1 Jan – 31 Dec 2015</u> = \$59,068.26
1082	<u>Expense</u> \$59,900	<u>1 Jan – 31 Dec 2015</u> = \$56,666.65
1083	<u>Net</u> \$-8,550	<b>\$2,401.61</b>

1084 This is our financial status as of 31 December 2015. We have one  
1085 employee, Lori Coulson, Records Coordinator, and one contractor, Jean  
1086 Hampton, Webmaster.

1087 Looks like entries are going down, but costs are being kept in hand. The  
1088 ASFA store rarely sees a real check any more. Probably 98% of all business  
1089 is handled through the online store.

1090 **Report from the Executive Committee**  
1091 *Joe Shoemaker, Recording Secretary*

1092 The Executive Committee met infrequently online over the course of the past  
1093 year, simply to refer business to the appropriate body. No formal motions  
1094 were proposed.

1095 **Report from the Minutes Review Committee**  
1096 *Ping Pirrung, Chair*

1097 I'd like to thank the members of the committee: Bill Bowlus-Root, Jeff Lipps,  
1098 Rich Whritenour and Rick Wolpin for their work on the committee this year.  
1099 It is the goal of the committee to have the edits for the minutes back to the  
1100 recording secretary within two weeks of receipt.

1101 The minutes from the March 2015 Board meeting were received on the 9th of  
1102 July with corrections sent to Joe within two weeks of receipt.

1103 The minutes from the 2015 ACoD were received by the committee on the  
1104 16th of July. The committee submitted their corrections to Joe within two  
1105 weeks.

1106 Since this was Joe's first time at doing the minutes and with no guidance  
1107 from the previous recording secretaries, it took him longer than expected to  
1108 get the draft of the minutes to us. Now that he has established a system the  
1109 minutes from the 2016 Board meeting and ACoD should be getting to the  
1110 Minutes Review Committee in a timely manner.

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1111 It has been suggested that all Board members in attendance at the Board  
1112 meeting and ACoD be members of the Minutes Review Committee. It's been  
1113 the experience of the committee that with only an average of 4 people on the  
1114 committee that not everyone responds when asked to review the minutes.

1115 **Report from the Guidelines Committee**

1116 *Dean Wright, Chair*

1117 I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to update the guidelines  
1118 for your office or position. It was really nice when we had the nominating  
1119 committee be able to give perspective candidates the guidelines for the  
1120 position that they were being considered.

1121 Goals for 2014-2015:

- 1122 1. Complete few remaining guidelines.  
1123 The committees and officers that I do not have guidelines for are:  
1124 Policy Compilation (I did find an old one.)  
1125 Website  
1126 Contract Committee  
1127 Finance Committee  
1128 Ones still needed that I have never asked for:  
1129 Forms  
1130 Treasurer  
1131 Web Master  
1132 2. Requested each committee to look at their guidelines and reflect on  
1133 how these guidelines have worked over the last 12 months and make  
1134 any changes they feel are needed. *Most are updated for 2016.*  
1135 3. Add several new guidelines. *New additions are complete.*  
1136 4. Guidelines for hosting an International Invitational. *In progress,*  
1137 *committee working on this.*  
1138 5. Guidelines for upkeep on International Invitational Trophies.  
1139 *Completed by Ping and Thomas will be added to the Invitational*  
1140 *policies as a guideline.*  
1141 6. Guidelines for committees making changes to the Web Site. *Not done.*

1142 My goal is to have all guidelines completed by ACOD 2017.

1143 **Report from the Ways and Means Committee**

1144 *Dean Wright, Chair*

1145 Would first like to thank the other committee members for their contributions  
1146 to the committee's work Jim Anthony, Kathy Sanders, Audrey Silverstein,  
1147 soon to be Jeff Falkner.

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- 1148 1. To hold a silent Auction at the 2016 ACOD.
- 1149 PLEASE BRING DOG ITEMS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO
- 1150 THE SILENT AUCTION TABLE!!!!
- 1151 2. To hold "LAS VEGAS COURSING" in conjunction with the 2016 ACOD.
- 1152 Jeff Falkner to be the dealer, Audrey Silverstein and Kathy Sanders to
- 1153 take entries and announce placements
- 1154 JIM ANTHONY'S FUN(D) RAISER
- 1155 LAS VEGAS LURE COURSING
- 1156 50/50 SPLIT
- 1157 HOW IT WORKS:
- 1158 • YOU MAY ENTER ANY SIGHTHOUND YOU OWN OR HAVE
- 1159 OWNED, PAST, PRESENT OR AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE.
- 1160 • ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED BETWEEN 6:00 AND 8:00 P.M.
- 1161 • ENTRY FEE – 1 DOG - \$4.00.... 3 DOGS - \$10.00
- 1162 • 7 DOGS- \$20.00
- 1163 • INDIVIDUAL BREEDS RUN IN ONE STAKE (FLIGHTS ARE NOT
- 1164 SPLIT)
- 1165 • THE TWO JUDGES ARE: PING PIRRUNG & DEAN WRIGHT (If
- 1166 you do not like the scores your dog received – talk to them)
- 1167 • EACH JUDGE STARTS WITH AN AVERAGE SCORE OF 70
- 1168 POINTS
- 1169 • USING A STANDARD DECK OF CARDS, THE FIRST TWO
- 1170 CARDS ARE DRAWN. THIS BECOMES YOUR PRELIM SCORE
- 1171 FROM EACH JUDGE. THEN YOU WILL DRAW TWO MORE
- 1172 CARDS FOR YOUR FINALS SCORE. THESE SCORES WILL BE
- 1173 TALLIED AND BOB WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED. ANY TIES
- 1174 WILL BE DETERMINED BY A DRAW-OFF.
- 1175 • ALL BOB WINNERS WILL THEN DRAW 2 CARDS FOR BIF. BIF
- 1176 WINNER TAKES 50% OF THE PROCEEDS AND ASFA GETS
- 1177 50% FOR THE COMPUTER FUND.
- 1178 • SCORING WORKS AS FOLLOWS: 1<sup>st</sup> CARD DRAWN IS
- 1179 ADDED TO JUDGE #1'S 70 POINTS, 2<sup>nd</sup> CARD IS ADDED TO

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1180 JUDGE 2'S 70 POINTS. ACE TO TEN ARE WORTH FACE  
1181 VALUE (1-10), JACKS – 11, QUEENS – 12, KINGS – 13.  
1182 FOR EXAMPLE, DRAWING A 7 AND A KING WOULD EQUATE  
1183 TO A 77 AND 83.

1184 • DRAW A JOKER AND YOUR DOG IS EXCUSED FROM THE  
1185 TRIAL.

1186 HAVE FUN WHILE SUPPORTING ASFA AND TRY THIS AT YOUR OWN  
1187 TRIALS FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR YOUR CLUB. GOOD LUCK & TALLY  
1188 HO!!

1189 **Report from the Membership Committee**

1190 *Josie Haumont, Chair*

1191 I would like to thank my committee Thomas Christ and Russ & Vickie Jacobs.  
1192 We've been busy this year and they have all been very helpful and  
1193 cooperative. I've been on this committee for 5+ years but they made my first  
1194 year as Chair easier.

1195 At the time of this writing we have:

1196 72 Member Clubs  
1197 18 Affiliate Clubs  
1198 0 Applied Club  
1199 4 Fast Track Clubs

1200 The clubs we've worked with this year:

1201 CCASH - Central Coast Association of Sighthounds in Region 10 were Fast  
1202 Track and are now an Affiliate Club. They'll be eligible to apply for Member  
1203 status in January 2018!

1204 CdECA - Cirneco dell'Etna Club of America in Region 4 applied and have been  
1205 approved for Member Status from Affiliate. They've been with the ASFA since  
1206 2009.

1207 SWEPT - Silken Windhounds for Endurance, Performance. & Training in  
1208 Region 1 were approved for Fast Track in April, had a Fun Trial in June, are  
1209 now able to hold ASFA trials and will be eligible to be moved to an Affiliate  
1210 club in August of this year.

1211 ORCA - Oklahoma Coursing & Racing Association in Region 4 have been  
1212 approved for Applied status. They've had one Fun Trial and have a second  
1213 one scheduled for late March. If all goes well they'll be holding ASFA trials by  
1214 summer.

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- 1215 GCHC - Gulf Coast Hound Club in Region 7 were approved for Fast Track in  
1216 May, had a successful Fun Trial in October, are now able to hold ASFA trials,  
1217 and will be eligible to be moved to an Affiliate club in November of this year.
- 1218 TSA - Tulsa Sighthound Association were approved by the Board to be moved  
1219 to Member status in August. TSA has had a long history with the ASFA and  
1220 I'm glad to see them back as a Member club.
- 1221 AHCOA - Afghan Hound Club of Austin in Region 4 was approved for Fast  
1222 Track in May, had a successful Fun Trial in June, are now able to hold ASFA  
1223 trials, and will be eligible to be moved to an Affiliate club in August of this  
1224 year. It's my understanding that this club was previously an ASFA club and  
1225 are coming back after many years away.
- 1226 COACH - Central Ohio Area Coursing Hounds in Region 6 has applied for  
1227 Member status and is to be discussed and voted on at the board meeting.
- 1228 LVCC - Lehigh Valley Coursing Club had previously stopped holding trials and  
1229 has now applied for Fast Track to come back.
- 1230 R4COM - Raisin River Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Michigan in Region 6 has  
1231 applied for Member status and is to be discussed and voted on at the board  
1232 meeting.
- 1233 We would like to thank the new clubs coming into ASFA we now have 3 new  
1234 clubs eligible to hold trials than we did at this time last year with one more  
1235 on the way! I'm also encouraged by the clubs moving from Affiliate to  
1236 Member status. That tells me the clubs want to be more active in not only  
1237 holding trials but in the organization itself.
- 1238 The committee would like to thank the Regional Directors that completed  
1239 Trial Evaluations over the past year. Regional Directors are the eyes and ears  
1240 of the ASFA while at field trials in your region. Committees like the  
1241 Membership Committee rely on your feedback to base our decisions.
- 1242 We did have a few clubs whose dues lapsed last year which sadly appears to  
1243 be a result in many cases of declining entries and fewer available fields. I  
1244 have had an inquiry from one of those clubs already thinking about coming  
1245 back, with any luck they'll be back soon.
- 1246 Don't forget Dues are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. You can print the form and mail it with  
1247 the check or you can fill out the online form and pay with PayPal.
- 1248 We have also improved the online process for dues renewal that nearly  
1249 nobody but the Membership Chair and the Treasurer even knew was a

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1250 problem before. We've worked with the Website Committee and the  
1251 Webmaster to not allow an online renewal form to be submitted without a  
1252 PayPal purchase and the PayPal purchase is now submitted to the Treasurer  
1253 and Membership with all the club information together. Previously the online  
1254 form came to Membership and the payment went to the Treasurer, we have  
1255 spent a great deal of time trying to get them to match up. The online form  
1256 previously could be submitted without payment which created even more  
1257 confusion. Thank you to all involved for getting that more streamlined.

1258 Several years ago the previous Membership Chair wanted to digitize the  
1259 Membership files. Once he got into it he found it to be a huge project and  
1260 wasn't able to complete it. I plan to continue this project, I have created  
1261 digital files for all the clubs, every time I get something new in I'm using that  
1262 instead of the paper file. If it comes to me as paper, I'm scanning it and  
1263 putting it in the digital file and the paper file. Eventually I would like to scan  
1264 the paper files. I don't plan to have this completed in 2016.

1265 We have reviewed how our forms are used and have updated a few.

1266 MEM06 Information Regarding ASFA Affiliation – We had a paragraph at the  
1267 bottom of the page that assumed the Membership Chair was mailing  
1268 information to a club that was inquiring about membership. Since everything  
1269 is readily available on the website and some items are no longer in paper  
1270 format (rule book), we've given the link and information on where it is on the  
1271 website.

1272 MEM02 Application for Membership – We used to ask clubs to list when a trial  
1273 they were listing as a trial to be considered as a qualifying trial to become a  
1274 member was published in FAN. This way the committee could verify it  
1275 quickly. When we did away with FAN it was switched to Website Publication  
1276 Date. This was unneeded and has since been removed.

1277 MEM14 Fast Track Affiliation Process – We added the line (e) Submit  
1278 Application for Membership status to Membership Chair, renumbered  
1279 subsequent lines, and removed the sentence from (c). Clubs were finding the  
1280 process unclear on when to submit the application and when to request the  
1281 Fun Trial date.

1282 As the chair I'm in the process of updating all of the form letters that we've  
1283 used over the years to communicate with the clubs. As I need them I'm  
1284 updating them. I've also started to use email mail merge to send mailings for  
1285 dues renewal reminders which saves a lot of time and is more efficient.

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1286 Looking forward into 2016 the committee plans to continue to review our  
1287 forms, procedures, and requirements to update and make them more user  
1288 friendly.

1289 **Report from the Scheduling Committee**

1290 *Audrey Silverstein, Chair*

1291 I would like to start my report by saying THANK YOU to Marilyn Standerford  
1292 and Denise Como for their patience and tolerance with all my questions!!!  
1293 Thank you Ladies!!!

1294 Since taking over Scheduling on May 23, 2015, I have met many people both  
1295 online and actually in person. It is nice to put a face with a name and email  
1296 address.

1297 This is not a hard job, but it can be time consuming. Most of the people I  
1298 have come across have been very nice and tolerant when I tell them to make  
1299 changes/corrections to their premium lists. A few have questioned my  
1300 directions and that is when I have contacted My Ladies for backup  
1301 confirmation!! A few people feel like the world revolves around them and  
1302 feel I should drop everything to review their premiums. I must say, I try to  
1303 reply within 48 hours.

1304 Last year, or should I say from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to Dec 31, 2015, 10% of the  
1305 premiums I received were late. But I have collected every penny of those  
1306 late fees and sent the checks to Sean. Not a bad percentage and the ASFA  
1307 made some extra money!! As of this year, only 3 premiums have been late  
1308 as of 2/28/16.

1309 I send updates to Marilyn every 3-14 days depending on how many date  
1310 requests/changes are sent to me.

1311 I have received many positive comments from the fancy since I have sent  
1312 premiums directly to Miss Jean, the webmaster.

1313 **Report from the Records Coordination Committee**

1314 *Lori Coulson, Records Coordinator*

1315 *Provided as a separate document.*

1316 **Report from the Website Committee**

1317 *Marilyn Standerford, Internet Liaison*

1318 **Titles and Top 20**

1319 All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt  
1320 from Records. We are working on the minimal requirement for reformatting.



1321 **Trial Schedules**

1322 All reports are formatted and submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner  
1323 within receipt from Scheduling.

1324 **Membership**

1325 All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt  
1326 from Membership. I do not re-format these.

1327 **Judges Licensing**

1328 Leigh submits his reports directly to the webmaster. I reformat the Judges  
1329 listing to be in two formats for publication on the website. One format is by  
1330 State, and one is by Name. If there are other formats required, please let me  
1331 know.

1332 **Rulebook**

1333 I have updated the rulebook with current REC and CRC changes provided by  
1334 the respective committee chairs, as were effective January 1, 2016.

1335 **Forms, Pages, Links**

1336 I try to go through the website to fix any typos, outdated information, at  
1337 least once a year. If you find any corrections/questions, please let me know.

1338 **Contact Us**

1339 There were 53 e-mails to the Webmaster via the website. (This is about the  
1340 average number of e-mails.) These were answered in a timely manner. As  
1341 has been customary, I forward any e-mails that come to the webmaster that  
1342 are not website related to the Corresponding Secretary for an "official"  
1343 response.

1344 **Report from the Website Publication Committee**

1345 *Kent Standerford, Chair; Ben Brodeur, Lori Silvestri, Lori Stebritz, and*  
1346 *Marilyn Standerford*

1347 The past year has been a challenge to get current records published with the  
1348 changes in reports from the records programs. That has taken up a lot of  
1349 our Web Designer's time.

1350 This year we worked on updating the look and "ease of use" of the ASFA  
1351 website. Our committee mapped out a new site for better flow of  
1352 information. The appearance of the new homepage should facilitate mobile  
1353 usage and make it easier to find what you are looking for with far fewer  
1354 clicks.

1355 While the new look isn't up and "live", much of the site has been redone and  
1356 will be available to the Board at the Board of Directors meeting. We are  
1357 planning to have the revamped site up and running in the summer.

1358 **Report from the Forms Creation and Distribution Committee**

1359 *Marilyn Standerford, Chair*

1360 Thank you to the member of the Committee—Debb Meyer.

1361 **Status of ASFA Store**

1362 Still functional. Not a lot of activity. We are actively working on the "New  
1363 Store site".

1364 **Status of PayPal**

1365 I'd say 99.5% of the sales of ASFA Store products are via PayPal; .5% is  
1366 probably "in person" sales—ACoD, trials, II; and physical checks mailed to  
1367 me from clubs.

1368 Please be aware that just because you don't have a PayPal account **DOES**  
1369 **NOT** mean you cannot check out as a guest using PayPal. You do **NOT** have  
1370 to have an account.

1371 If you are purchasing forms—for a rapidly approaching trial—please also send  
1372 an e-mail to me letting me know when the trial dates are. I have become the  
1373 "villain" in the poor planning on the clubs' part for ordering forms. Truly—not  
1374 my fault. Consider checking your forms inventory now, and getting your  
1375 order in for your next trial—or for the year.

1376 **Publications**

1377 Guideline to Hosting a Lure Field Trial—needs to be revisited for updates.

1378 This was requested at the 2014 Board meeting. Nothing has been submitted  
1379 again this year. With the new rulebook and rule changes, constitution  
1380 changes, and policy changes every year, this publication should be updated  
1381 on an annual basis by **Field Trial Improvement Committee**. Because of  
1382 the constant change and updating that should be occurring, it doesn't pay to  
1383 have a high inventory on hand. So **updates** can be implemented very quickly  
1384 and there is no waste in money to the ASFA. I currently print these as they  
1385 are ordered.

1386 All ASFA forms were updated as of January 1 to reflect changes in ASFA  
1387 business—including contact chairmen, and REC/CRC changes.

1388 **REMINDER**

1389 It is the responsibility of the Forms Chair to maintain the official copy of the  
1390 ASFA Forms and Publications. That means that if you need to have updates

1391 and changes made to your forms, publications, or any printed matter, you  
1392 may send the updates to [forms@asfa.org](mailto:forms@asfa.org), and I will make the changes for  
1393 you.

1394 It is imperative that the official, most up-to-date versions are on file with the  
1395 Forms Chair. Go to the website, and download the forms for which your  
1396 committee is responsible (or print them from the CD). You may mark it up in  
1397 any way you need to and either scan it in and e-mail it to me, or just mail it  
1398 to me. You may clearly reference sections in an e-mail... I can follow edits  
1399 pretty clearly, if you identify them. I do not provide the Word version of all of  
1400 the forms. It is too difficult to maintain the "official" form at that point.

1401 If you are wondering for which forms your committee is responsible, look in  
1402 the folder for your committee on the CD. You can look in the specific folder  
1403 for your committee and see each of the forms listed in that folder for which  
1404 you are responsible. There is a Forms Index indicating where the forms are  
1405 located on the CD as well.

1406 When the edits by your committee have been completed, you send them to  
1407 me. I will update the forms, return them to you for final approval. Upon the  
1408 final approval, I submit it to webmaster and liaison for inclusion on the  
1409 website, if appropriate. If there are substantial changes and not updates,  
1410 they will have to go to the Board for approval—in the ASFA format.

#### 1411 **ASFA PACKETS**

1412 All we send out in the ASFA packets are the Guidelines to Hound Certification  
1413 and the Beginner's Guide to Lure Coursing. **Every club** is entitled to one set  
1414 of 25 of each of these publications each year. Honestly, if you are going to  
1415 use them, I'll send more. These can be requested via e-mail to  
1416 [forms@asfa.org](mailto:forms@asfa.org) or fill out the on-line request at  
1417 <http://www.asfa.org/forms/pubs.htm>.

#### 1418 **Report from the Public Relations Committee**

1419 *Rick Wolpin, Chair*

1420 The initial goals for Public Relations Committee for 2015 were:

1421 1. Monitor the Facebook page.

1422 The page currently has 1,137 "likes" and is still increasing. We had  
1423 been averaging between 40 and 70 visits per week, but that has  
1424 decreased over the last year to 10–20. I plan on promoting the  
1425 Facebook page at the ACoD to see if we can get more member clubs to  
1426 post.

1427           2. Continue with the incentive awards for the trials and hounds entered.

1428           We will present these awards again at this year's ACoD.

1429   New items:

1430           1. We have put out a poll to see why some of the member clubs are not  
1431           attending the ACoD. At the time of this report, we have had responses  
1432           from only one of the Regional Directors. I will discuss this with them at  
1433           the RD meeting during the ACoD and if it warrants discussion, bring it  
1434           up at the board meeting.

1435           2. Dean Wright would like to send out thank you cards to Field  
1436           Secretaries and congratulation cards to the winners of the Best in  
1437           Field. This will be done at his own expense. The Regional Directors are  
1438           in favor of this.

1439   **Report from the Policy Compilation Committee**

1440   *Gary Roush, Chair; Russ Jacobs, Jeff Lipps, Gary Runyan, and Rich*  
1441   *Whritenour*

1442   During 2015, the Board adopted the following policies:

1443           1. Operational Policy O-REC17: If there is a judge change after a  
1444           premium list has been published, there must be a note to that effect  
1445           included with the records sent to the ASFA Records Coordinator.  
1446           (03/15)

1447           *This repeats Administrative Rule A-RUL08 in the Operational Policies.*

1448           2. Administrative Policy A-BOD24: Each motion made in the Board's  
1449           electronic meeting shall be accompanied by a statement of the  
1450           financial impact the motion, if approved, would have on the revenues  
1451           and/or expenses of ASFA. (08/15)

1452           *It is important that the Board understand the financial impact of its*  
1453           *actions.*

1454           3. Administrative Policy A-SCH08: Unless specifically requested not to do  
1455           so by the hosting club, the Scheduling Chair will forward a PDF copy of  
1456           each approved premium list to the Webmaster for posting in the Trial  
1457           Schedule section on the ASFA website. (08/15)

1458           *This will provide a wider dissemination of premium list to interested*  
1459           *participants.*

1460   During 2015, the Board modified the following policies:

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1461 1. Administrative Policy A-BOW02: The ASFA will recognize the Bowen  
1462 system as official and publish an official Top Twenty each year for each  
1463 breed and the Singles Stake. (04/87) A14

1464 *Add "and the Singles Stake to the end of the sentence." This confirms*  
1465 *what we are already doing.*

1466 2. Administrative Policy A-MIN02: The Recording Secretary will circulate  
1467 draft copies of minutes only to the Minutes Review Committee within  
1468 30 days of a Board meeting and 60 days of a Convention. The  
1469 Recording Secretary will circulate draft copies of minutes only to the  
1470 Minutes Review Committee. In the event that the majority of the MRC  
1471 does not agree with the wording in the draft minutes, the MRC shall  
1472 draft alternative wording which shall be circulated by the Recording  
1473 Secretary with the draft minutes. After final review by the MRC, the  
1474 Recording Secretary shall circulate minutes to all members of the  
1475 Board and key Chairperson within 3 months of a Board meeting and  
1476 within 5 months of a Convention. (01/11) A137

1477 *Replace "key Chairperson" with "all Chairpersons." This provides the*  
1478 *minutes to all chairpersons.*

1479 3. Administrative Policy A-MIN05: It is the responsibility of key  
1480 Chairpersons and/or employees of the ASFA to review the Board of  
1481 Directors and Annual Convention of Delegates minutes to determine  
1482 any Board actions that affect their positions and responsibilities.  
1483 (04/98) A261

1484 *Delete the word "key" in the first line. This makes it the responsibility*  
1485 *of all Chairpersons to review the minutes to identify issues or tasks*  
1486 *they need to address.*

1487 4. Administrative Policy A-RCD06: The Records Coordinator will make a  
1488 reasonable attempt to follow up on judging changes noted on the trial  
1489 results which are submitted without explanation. (11/88) A144

1490 *Add "and notify Judges Licensing of exceptions" to the end of the*  
1491 *sentence. This keeps Judges Licensing aware of unexplained judging*  
1492 *changes.*

1493 5. Administrative Policy A-RUL03: The Policy Compilation Chairperson  
1494 shall prepare current Operational policies to be posted on the ASFA  
1495 website. Additional copies are available on the ASFA website. The  
1496 Chairperson shall also prepare an update of all policies amended,

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1497 adopted, or deleted during the prior calendar year for distribution to  
1498 the ACoD. (R01/11) A132

1499 *Delete the second sentence as it is confusing. The policies can be*  
1500 *downloaded from the website.*

1501 6. Administrative Policy A-BOD04: Non-attendance at two or more  
1502 consecutive Board meetings may be considered dereliction of duty.  
1503 (04/90) A121

1504 Grounds for dereliction of duty by a Regional Director include but are  
1505 not limited to either or both of the following: a) failure to attend two or  
1506 more consecutive annual meetings of the Board of Directors, and b)  
1507 failing to submit a ballot, whether Yea, Nay or Abstain, for at least  
1508 70% of the motions voted on during online meetings over the course  
1509 of the year between annual meetings of the Board of Directors.

1510 *Replace the existing policy (not underlined) with the underlined policy.*  
1511 *This more specifically sets forth standards for Regional Directors.*

1512 7. Administrative Policy A-RD08: Whenever possible, the Regional  
1513 Director Committee will meet on the first or second day of the Board of  
1514 Directors meeting. (04/98) A268

1515 *Adds "or second" after the word "first." This provides flexibility as to*  
1516 *the date of the meeting.*

1517 8. Operational Policy O-SCHD06: The 150-mile separation policy applies  
1518 to sanctioned all-breed trials and specialty event trials of the same  
1519 breeds. One club cannot hold more than one trial on the same day  
1520 within a 150-mile radius. (04/94) 49

1521 All breed clubs may exclude a breed from their all-breed trial if, and  
1522 only if, the club also holds a specialty trial for that breed on the same  
1523 day at the same site, either concurrently or consecutively.

1524 *Adds the underlined sentence to the existing policy. This clarifies that*  
1525 *clubs can exclude a breed from their all-breed trial as long as they*  
1526 *hold a specialty trial for that breed.*

1527 9. Operational Policy O-REG01: Any hound that is ASFA pointed is eligible  
1528 to enter a Regional Invitational in an appropriate stake, including  
1529 Singles Stake, if offered. For a Limited or Provisional breed to be  
1530 eligible, the hound must have received a placement with competition.  
1531 All points and placements must be earned by the closing date of the

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1532 event. An eligible hound may be entered in any number of Regional  
1533 Invitationals. (03/15)

1534 Hounds entered in the Singles Stake are not eligible to be entered in  
1535 Breeder, Kennel, or Bench stakes. (12/15)

1536 *This precludes determining the Breeder, Kennel, or Bench Stakes*  
1537 *based upon combining scores from different judge.*

1538 10. Operational Policy O-MEM01: In addition to Article II, Section 1 and  
1539 Appendix, requirements for membership status are as follows: 1)  
1540 affiliated with the ASFA for a minimum of 2 years (24 months); 2) ten  
1541 households, 15 individual members; 3) must have 2 acceptable trials  
1542 at least 30 days apart in each of the 2 preceding years (12 month  
1543 periods) OR have exhibited a pattern of acceptable trials that, in the  
1544 opinion of the Membership Committee and/or the Board, meets the  
1545 goals previously set forth in requirement 3.

1546 *This provides some flexibility in evaluating whether the trials held by a*  
1547 *club applying for membership show the club's ability to hold acceptable*  
1548 *trials over a period of time.*

1549 During 2015, the Board deleted the following policies:

1550 1. Administrative Policy A-FORM04: When PayPal (or a similar service) is  
1551 used to pay for ASFA products, a service fee will be added to each  
1552 transaction to accommodate the costs associated with the use of the  
1553 service. The service fee will be determined by the Chief Financial  
1554 Officer. (08/05) A354

1555 *This policy is in contravention to our PayPal agreement.*

1556 2. Administrative Policy A-WEB02: Hound records will be made available  
1557 on the ASFA website with only the information that can be cross-  
1558 referenced in FAN: Hound's call name, hound's registered, and owner's  
1559 name. (04/99) A280

1560 *FAN is no longer published.*

1561 3. Administrative Policy A-RD05: Minutes of each regional meeting shall  
1562 be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary by the Regional Director.  
1563 (11/93) A153



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1564       *The policy has very rarely been carried out by any Regional Director.*  
1565       *Most regional meetings have been held after a field trial and very*  
1566       *rarely have a quorum.*

1567       **ASFA Board Changes to International Invitational Policy**

1568       International Invitational (II) Policy (~~Operational Policy 217~~)(O-INVIT02)

1569       (As approved by the Board of Directors, March 2015)

1570       Each year the ASFA will host the International Invitational. The purpose of  
1571       which shall be to promote and further test those hounds that have attained a  
1572       certain number of points toward their Field Championship and hounds that  
1573       have earned the Field Champion or Lure Courser of Merit titles. When hosting  
1574       the International Invitational, the ASFA will endeavor to abide by established  
1575       regional rotation schedules but reserves the right to locate the event in  
1576       alternate geographical areas as the ASFA deems appropriate.

1577       The chair of the Invitationals Committee shall submit a copy of these current  
1578       II policies to internet liaison for publication on the ASFA web site.

1579       ~~**Date.** International Invitational priority dates will be the 3rd weekend of the~~  
1580       ~~year (January) or the 22<sup>nd</sup> weekend (end of May or beginning of June)~~  
1581       ~~following the AKC Corresponding Date Table, unless the 22nd weekend is~~  
1582       ~~Memorial Day weekend. In such cases, the spring date shall be on the 23rd~~  
1583       ~~weekend. The International Invitational may be held at any time from~~  
1584       ~~January to December, except that any club with a corresponding priority date~~  
1585       ~~for a trial to be held within 150 miles of the International Invitational site at~~  
1586       ~~the time of scheduling the International Invitational must agree, in writing to~~  
1587       ~~the Scheduling Chairman, to relinquish the date for the holding of the~~  
1588       ~~International Invitational. Any club relinquishing the date would retain~~  
1589       ~~priority for the following year.~~

1590       Additionally, any club holding a priority date for a trial to be held at a site  
1591       more than 150 miles from the International Invitational site in any year  
1592       which chooses not to hold that trial on the same dates as the International  
1593       Invitational that year would retain priority for that date for the following  
1594       year.

1595       No other trial shall be held on the same weekend within 150 miles of the  
1596       International Invitational. Both Saturday and Sunday will be reserved for the  
1597       event.

1598       **Evaluating proposals.** The following system will be used by the Regional  
1599       Directors when evaluating proposals.

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1600 **Location.** Sections are defined as: **WEST** - Regions 1, 2, 3 and 10  
1601 **CENTRAL** - Regions 4, 5 and 6  
1602 **EAST** - Regions 7, 8 and 9

1603 Rotation schedule calendar:

1604	2015 – West	2016 – Central	2017 – East
1605	2018 – West	2019 – Central	2020 – East
1606	2021 – West	2022 – Central	2023 – East

1607 Any club(s) in the appropriate section of the country for that year may  
1608 submit a proposal to co-host the International Invitational. This proposal  
1609 should be submitted by the conclusion of the ACoD, two calendar years  
1610 before the trial date in question. The co-host club(s) will be chosen with  
1611 consideration to the following:

- 1612 • the overall economics of the proposed event
- 1613 • appropriate section of the country for that year
- 1614 • the club(s) deemed most likely to co-host the highest quality event
- 1615 • timely receipt of proposal

1616 If, in the opinion of the Invitationals Committee and/or the ASFA Board, no  
1617 viable proposal is received from the section with priority by the conclusion of  
1618 the ACoD, two calendar years before the year of International Invitational,  
1619 any club(s) in the country may submit a proposal to co-host the International  
1620 Invitational. This proposal should be submitted by the ACoD one calendar  
1621 year before the trial year in question. The co-host club(s) will be chosen with  
1622 consideration to the following.

- 1623 • the overall economics of the proposed event
- 1624 • the proposal that appears to be likely to result in the highest quality  
1625 event
- 1626 • the region that has hosted an International Invitational least recently
- 1627 • club(s) status (member, longevity, etc.)

1628 When a proposal is submitted to the Invitationals Committee, such proposal  
1629 will be provided to the CFO. The CFO will be responsible for reviewing the  
1630 overall economics of the proposal and, as appropriate, discuss alternative  
1631 terms with the proposing club(s) prior to any submission of the proposal to  
1632 the Board.

1633 The Scheduling Chairman, Records Coordinator, Membership Chairman and  
1634 the respective Regional Director shall be asked for comments regarding the  
1635 potential Cohost club(s) and field committee members before a final decision  
1636 is reached. The co-host club(s) will be approved by the Board of Directors,  
1637 following the order of preference stated above, no later than December 1st,

two calendar years before the event in question, if possible, and each of the club(s) submitting a proposal shall be advised of the decision.

If no proposals from club(s) are received by the beginning of the Board meeting one calendar year prior to the year of the International Invitational in question, the Board of Directors will assume the responsibility for hosting the event. At its discretion, the ASFA Board may negotiate a co-hosting arrangement.

Each year, the Regional Directors will review all proposals received from club(s) requesting to co-host an International Invitational. The Regional Directors will present their recommendation to the Board of Directors. After a decision has been made, the Corresponding Secretary shall notify the Scheduling Chairman and each of the club(s) that submitted a proposal of the decision. The appropriate Regional Director shall serve as a liaison between the co-host club(s) and ASFA Board.

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

- Name of the Club(s)
- Proposed date including appropriate weather and daylight statistics
- Approximate location of trial and description of the grounds
- Entry fee
- Additional activities (if any)
- Proposed budget
- Financial terms of the co-host arrangement
- **Grounds.** The grounds must be adequate to accommodate an entry of 300 or more hounds. Course lengths must be within rule specifications (500 yards or more), but a length in excess of 750 yards is recommended. The grass must be a length that allows the lure operator clear visibility of the lure. Consideration should also be given to accessibility, lodging, refreshments and restroom facilities. A description of grounds should include dimensions of running area, either by yards or acres, and should include aerial photographs of fields from Google Maps or other internet source. It also should include a statement regarding the expected footing on the grounds for the dates proposed.
- **Budget.** The final budget and/or financial arrangements shall be approved by the Board.
- **Entry limits.** As this event is to promote competition of exceptional hounds, the entry shall not be limited and shall be open to all hounds eligible to compete. The ASFA Board of Directors must specifically approve any entry limitation.

- **Additional activities.** Activities such as banquets, seminars, dog shows, awards, etc., (if offered) should be listed.

**Eligibility.** Any hound that has earned at least 20 ASFA points, or equivalent points in its country of residence, or is an AKC or equivalent foreign Field Champion of Record in another lure coursing field trial-sanctioning organization or has placed in a Regional Invitational (with competition) is eligible to enter. Proof of non-ASFA title and non-ASFA points for hounds should be in the form of a photocopy of the certificate, or page of formal printing, and included with the entry. For a Limited breed to be eligible, the entry must have one first placement, or two second placements, with competition in the Limited Stake. For a Provisional breed to be eligible, the entry must have one first placement, or two second placements, with competition within its breed. All points or placements must be earned by the entry closing date of the event. Hounds entered in the Singles Stake are not eligible to be entered in Breeder, Kennel, or Bench Stakes.

~~**Fan Publication.** One full page will be available for announcing each International Invitational provided the co-host host club(s) submits ad copy to the editor least 160 days before the trial. Three full pages (including photos) will be made available after the trial. The article and photos of each Best of Breed, Best in International Invitational and winner of the Gillette Stake should be submitted as soon as possible after the trial to insure timely publication. There is no charge to the co-host club(s) for these publications.~~

~~The co-host club(s) may also circulate the premium list with FAN provided the club(s) submits a copy of the premium list to the editor within the deadlines to ensure timely distribution~~

**ASFA Website.** One page will be available on the ASFA website for announcing and providing the premium for each International Invitational, provided the co-host club(s) submits ad copy to the Internet Liaison ([webmaster@asfa.org](mailto:webmaster@asfa.org)). The date of the "current" II can be announced on this page as soon as the date is approved by Scheduling for the next year. The page will remain available after the trial to post results and pictures. Again these must be provided by the host club(s) to the Internet Liaison. The article and photos of each Best of Breed, Best in International Invitational and winner of the Gillette Stake should be submitted as soon as possible after the trial. There is no charge to the co-host club(s) for this page. All reported content added to this page will be submitted to [webmaster@asfa.org](mailto:webmaster@asfa.org) by a single representative of the II Field Committee.

1715 The co-host club(s) may also circulate the premium list (upon scheduling's  
1716 approval) by submitting a copy of the premium list to  
1717 [asfa.premiums@gmail.com](mailto:asfa.premiums@gmail.com) within the deadlines to ensure timely distribution.

1718 **General.** The sample premium list should be ~~mailed~~ submitted to the  
1719 Scheduling Chairman and the Regional Director at least 120 days before the  
1720 trial and should include both co-club(s)' and ASFA's Officers and Board  
1721 Members. The approved premium list shall be distributed to each club(s)  
1722 delegate, each judge for the event, and all ASFA Board Members by the FTS  
1723 of the co-host club. Judges shall be fully licensed for the breed(s) that they  
1724 judge.

1725 Equipment provided by the co-host club(s) should be adequate to handle an  
1726 entry of 300 or more hounds per day. The co-host club(s) is encouraged to  
1727 recruit lure operators and other members of the field committee and judges  
1728 from outside the area, whenever possible. A veterinarian should be on call or  
1729 at the trial site.

1730 **After the trial.** Within a reasonable time after the International Invitational,  
1731 the field trial secretary shall forward a copy of each of the following to the  
1732 ASFA Corresponding Secretary and The ASFA Historical committee:

- 1733 • a copy of the premium lists
- 1734 • a marked catalog (if any)
- 1735 • a completed and signed II Perpetual Trophy Return Agreement for  
1736 each perpetual trophy winner.

1737 The Corresponding Secretary shall forward the return agreements to the next  
1738 International Invitational field trial secretary; the other information shall be  
1739 forwarded upon request.

1740 Three sets of International Invitational banners will be passed on to each  
1741 International Invitational. The current field trial chair will be responsible for  
1742 getting the banners to the next year's field trial chair.

1743 All additional requirements and exceptions to the ASFA rulebook relating to  
1744 International Invitational are noted; all other ASFA rules and policies shall  
1745 apply to International Invitational. The ASFA Board of Directors must  
1746 approve exceptions to any of the previously listed invitational policies.

1747 Consult the ASFA Corresponding Secretary or your Regional Director for more  
1748 information.

1749 **Rosettes and trophies.** Rosettes will be awarded for all placements  
1750 including Best of Breed, High Scoring Single, Bench, Kennel and Breeder  
1751 stakes (if offered), Gillette stakes, and Best in International Invitational

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- 1752 winners. Medallions will be awarded for Best of Breed, High Scoring Single,  
1753 Gillette Stake and Best in International Invitational winners.
- 1754 Rosettes should not be ordered until entries close or until 30 days prior to  
1755 the first day of the trial whichever is earlier.
- 1756 In addition, the following perpetual trophies are awarded each year to each  
1757 breed winner:

<b><u>SATURDAY'S TROPHIES</u></b>		<b><u>SUNDAY'S TROPHIES</u></b>
<u>Gary Forrester</u>	<u>AFGHAN</u>	<u>"Bandit"</u>
	<u>AZAWAKH</u>	<u>"Cinnamon"</u>
<u>Merv Bauer</u>	<u>BASENJI</u>	<u>"Sheena"</u>
<u>"Locket"</u>	<u>BORZOI</u>	<u>"Pyerun"</u>
<u>Mike Lorenzo</u>	<u>GREYHOUND</u>	<u>"Fantasy"</u>
	<u>IBIZAN</u>	<u>"Flyer"</u>
<u>Kevin Bryson</u>	<u>IRISH WOLFHOUND</u>	<u>"Joshua"</u>
<u>Jack Downing/Teri Dickinson</u> <u>Whirlwind IGs</u>	<u>ITALIAN GREYHOUND</u>	<u>"D"</u>
	<u>PHARAOH HOUND</u>	<u>"Bozo"</u>
<u>Marc Gembala</u>	<u>RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK</u>	<u>"Ida"</u>
<u>Bill Henry</u>	<u>SALUKI</u>	<u>"Haseeb"</u>
<u>Robert Sellers</u>	<u>S. DEERHOUND</u>	<u>"Pyns"</u>
	<u>SLOUGHI</u>	<u>"Bouthayana"</u>
<u>Tom Leone</u>	<u>WHIPPET</u>	<u>Betz Leone</u>
<u>Lyle Gillette</u>	<u>GILLETTE STAKE</u>	
<u>"Darkling"</u>	<u>GILLETTE BORZOI</u>	
<u>"Eterna"</u>	<u>GILLETTE IBIZAN HOUND</u>	
<u>American Whippet Club</u>	<u>GILLETTE WHIPPET</u>	
	<u>HIGHEST NGA GREYHOUND</u>	<u>Gallant Trophy</u>
	<u>BEST in INT'L INV'L</u>	<u>President's Cup</u>

- 1758
- 1759 **"Links to the Past" Best in II Trophy** The remarkable "Links to the Past"  
1760 II Chain is the property of ASFA and was awarded for the first time at the  
1761 2007 International Invitational; a truly fitting tribute to the 35th Anniversary  
1762 Year of the ASFA. It is absolutely spectacular. This truly unique trophy was  
1763 the brainchild of Kathy Nelson and Jack Helder, and was purchased by  
1764 individual donations from ASFA clubs and their members.
- 1765 The "Links to the Past" Best in II Trophy is hand-crafted in sterling silver, and  
1766 is comprised of a chain bearing engraved links that recognize every Best in II  
1767 hound in ASFA's history, stretching back to the first II in 1976. The hound's  
1768 name is on one side, and the year on the other. The trophy links every  
1769 former Best in II hound within one exceptional trophy. It remains in the

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1770 possession of the ASFA President for display at IIs. The Best in II hound, will  
1771 receive a sterling silver "take home link".

1772 **NOTE:** When awarding these trophies, please refer to the II Perpetual  
1773 Trophy information sheet for assistance in their presentation.

1774 **Saturday Memorial Trophies**

1775 Afghan: Gary Forrester

1776 Basenji: Merv Bauer

1777 Borzoi: Locket

1778 Greyhound: Michael Lorenzo

1779 Irish Wolfhound: Kevin Bryson

1780 Rhodesian Ridgeback: Marc Gembala

1781 Saluki: Bill Henry

1782 Scottish Deerhound: Bob Sellers

1783 Whippet: Tom Leone

1784 **Sunday Memorial Trophies**

1785 Afghan: Bandit

1786 Azawakh: Cinnamon

1787 Basenji: Sheena

1788 Borzoi: Pyerun

1789 Greyhound: Fantasy

1790 Ibizan: Flyer

1791 Irish Wolfhound: Joshua

1792 Italian Greyhound: "D"

1793 Pharaoh: Boze

1794 Rhodesian Ridgeback: Ida

1795 Saluki: Haseeb

1796 Scottish Deerhound: Pyns

1797 Sloughi: Bouty

1798 Whippet: Betz Leone

1799 The ~~**Lyle Gillette Memorial Trophy**~~ will be awarded to the Gillette stake  
1800 winner on Saturday.

1801 The ~~**"Eterna" Perpetual Trophy**~~ is awarded to the Ibizan Hound  
1802 representing the breed in the Gillette Stake Final.

1803 The ~~**American Whippet Club Perpetual Trophy**~~ is awarded to the Whippet  
1804 representing the breed in the Gillette Stake Final.

1805 Best in International Invitational. ~~**The President's Cup**~~, donated by Arnold  
1806 Ross, will be awarded to the equivalent of a Best in Event winner on Sunday.



~~**NOTE:** When awarding these trophies, please refer to the I.I. Perpetual Trophy information sheet for assistance in their Presentation.~~

With the ASFA Board's approval, the co-hosting club(s) may award other rosettes and/or trophies as may be funded from trophy donations. These trophies shall not be in competition with the approved perpetual trophies (i.e.: they may be a breed flight winner or highest scoring bench champion for a particular breed).

The cohost club(s) at each II is responsible for obtaining a completed and signed II Perpetual Trophy Return Agreement from each individual who takes possession of a perpetual trophy. (A \$100 fine will be imposed and all points and placements will be held on all hounds owned by an individual who does not return an II perpetual trophy). The completed forms shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary. The co-host club(s) is responsible for contacting the previous year's winner of each trophy and arranging for the return of the trophies to be at the II trial site.

**The Gillette Stake.** The Gillette Stake is a premier event held annually at the International Invitational. This competition is to showcase form and function in our finest sighthounds and to honor the father of the sport of lure coursing in America, Lyle Gillette.

- **Eligibility.** Entry shall be open to hounds that have achieved all of the following:
  - AKC or foreign bench championship, and
  - ASFA Field Championship, and
  - 20 or more ASFA points during the 12-month period prior to the closing date of the International Invitational.
- **Entry** Each hound must be entered in either the Field Champion or Veteran stake on Saturday of the International Invitational. The field trial secretary must receive a special entry form for the Gillette stake, and proof of bench championship, by the closing date of regular entries. There is no additional fee for an entry in this stake.
- **Competition** The Gillette stake competition will be run on Saturday, following the same procedures as a regular Best in Field. The eligible hound in each breed that receives the highest, qualifying, combined score during regular competition on Saturday will be randomly drawn to run in the Gillette Stake. Ties within a breed, if any, will be run off or forfeited prior to the draw. The hound receiving the highest score in this one course (more only if required by a tie) shall be the winner of the Gillette Stake.

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- **Judges.** One or two judges shall be selected from the ASFA all-breed licensed judges present. The judge(s) need not be published in advance.
- **Awards** The name of each year's winning hound shall be engraved on the perpetual Lyle Gillette Memorial Trophy. An ASFA medallion shall be awarded for the winner to keep.
- **Decisions** The field trial chairman shall be responsible for any and all decisions regarding this stake, not specifically covered above, unless the chairman has a hound eligible to compete in this stake. Then, the field trial secretary shall make all decisions. If the secretary also has a hound eligible to compete, the field trial committee shall make the decisions.

The Invitational Committee shall review the Invitational Policies on an annual basis. The review is **not** intended to be a re-write of the policies, but rather a time to address issues that may have come up during the most recent International and any rule or policy changes that directly affect this policy.

1) The timing of the annual reviews:

- a) International Invitational review to begin no later than 90 days after the running of the current year's International.

2) The process that should be followed:

- a) Issues that cause concern or problems are given to the Invitational Committee Chairman by clubs, exhibitors, or anyone with first-hand knowledge of the issues.
- b) The Invitationals chair shall present the issues to the committee members and will establish a timetable and process for discussion and resolution. Modifications/changes must be approved by a simple majority vote of committee members voting.
- c) At the completion, the resolution will be made into a motion and presented to the ASFA Board of Directors with the complete document with strike-throughs and additions in red in accordance with standard ASFA Board motion procedures.

3) If the Board of Directors passes the motion, the results will be disseminated in normal ASFA methods.

***ASFA Board Changes to Regional Invitational Policy***

Regional Invitational Policy (Operational Policy O-INVIT03)

(As approved by the Board of Directors, ~~February 2009~~ March 2015)

Each year the ASFA will sanction a series of lure field trials, the purpose of which shall be to promote and further test those hounds that have attained a certain number of points toward their ASFA Field Championship, and those

1884 hounds that are ASFA Field Champions or Lure Coursers of Merit of record.  
1885 These lure field trials consist of ~~the ASFA International Invitational and a~~  
1886 series of Regional Invitationals, held in the various ASFA regions. ~~Information~~  
1887 regarding the ~~ASFA International Invitational is available from the~~  
1888 ~~Corresponding Secretary.~~

1889 **Requesting permission.** The club submits a request to its Regional Director  
1890 at least 4 months prior to the proposed date. This request should include:

- 1891 • Name of the club
- 1892 • Proposed date or dates
- 1893 • Location of trial and description of grounds
- 1894 • Entry fee
- 1895 • Additional activities (if any)

1896 **Date or Dates.** A date that has already been approved by the Scheduling  
1897 Chairman for a trial in that region, or is a priority date in effect for a club,  
1898 cannot be used unless the club holding the date notifies Scheduling, in  
1899 writing, that it will relinquish the date for the Regional Invitational. The club  
1900 relinquishing the date would retain priority for the following year. After a  
1901 date has been approved for the Regional Invitational, no other trial shall be  
1902 held in the region on the same date. A Regional Invitational may be held any  
1903 time from January to December, but there shall be only one weekend each  
1904 year in each region. On that weekend, the club may host either a one-day or  
1905 a two-day Regional Invitational, upon the approval of the RD.

1906 **Entry limits.** There shall be no entry limits without prior approval from the  
1907 Regional Director.

1908 **Location and grounds.** The trial must be held within the regional  
1909 boundaries. The grounds must be adequate to accommodate a large trial for  
1910 the region. Course lengths must be within rule specifications (500 yards or  
1911 more), but a length in excess of 750 yards is recommended. The grass must  
1912 be a length that allows the lure operator clear visibility of the lure.  
1913 Consideration should also be given to accessibility, lodging, refreshments and  
1914 restroom facilities.

1915 **Entry fees.** Will be set by the host club and may have a higher fee for late  
1916 entries.

1917 **Additional Activities.** Activities such as banquets, seminars, dog shows,  
1918 awards, etc., (if offered) should be listed in the premium.

1919 **Eligibility.** Any hound that is ASFA pointed is eligible to enter a Regional  
1920 Invitational in an appropriate stake, including Singles Stake, if offered. For a

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- 1921 Limited or Provisional breed to be eligible, the hound must have received a  
1922 placement with competition. All points or placements must be earned by the  
1923 closing date of the event. An eligible hound may be entered in any number  
1924 of Regional Invitationals. Hounds entered in the Singles Stake cannot be  
1925 entered in Breeder, Kennel, or Bench stakes. (12/15)
- 1926 ~~**FAN publication.** One full page will be available for each Regional~~  
1927 ~~Invitational provided the host club submits ad copy at least 120 days before~~  
1928 ~~the trial. Two full pages (including photos) will be made available after the~~  
1929 ~~trial. The article and photos should be submitted as soon as possible after the~~  
1930 ~~trial to ensure timely publication. There is no charge to the host club for~~  
1931 ~~these publications.~~
- 1932 **ASFA Website.** One page will be available on the ASFA website for  
1933 announcing and providing the premium for each Regional Invitational,  
1934 provided the host club(s) submits ad copy to the Internet Liaison  
1935 ([webmaster@asfa.org](mailto:webmaster@asfa.org)). The date of the "current" Regional Invitational can  
1936 be announced on this page as soon as the date is approved by Scheduling for  
1937 the next year. The page will remain available after the trial to post results  
1938 and pictures. Again these must be provided by the host club(s) to the  
1939 Internet Liaison. The article and photos of each Best of Breed and Best in  
1940 Regional Invitational should be submitted as soon as possible after the trial.  
1941 There is no charge to the host club(s) for this page. All reported content  
1942 added to this page will be submitted to [webmaster@asfa.org](mailto:webmaster@asfa.org) by a single  
1943 representative of the Regional Invitational Field Committee.
- 1944 The host club(s) may also circulate the premium list (upon scheduling's  
1945 approval) by submitting a copy of the premium list to  
1946 [asfa.premiums@gmail.com](mailto:asfa.premiums@gmail.com) within the deadlines to ensure timely distribution.
- 1947 **Per capita fees to ASFA.** ~~A~~ The Regional per capita fee of \$5.00 per hound  
1948 is published on the ASFA website. This fee will be forwarded to the Records  
1949 Coordinator with the trial results. ~~A~~ The per capita fee of \$1.00 per for each  
1950 Bench, Breeder/Kennel stake entry, if offered, will be forwarded to the  
1951 Records Coordinator with the trial results. Copies of the Bench stake, Breeder  
1952 stake and/or Kennel stake entry, if offered, will accompany the records.
- 1953 **Rosettes and Trophies.** ASFA provides rosettes for all placements and  
1954 ASFA medallions for the High Scoring Single and each Best of Breed winner.  
1955 The host club must request these from the Regional Director at least ~~60-25~~  
1956 days before the trial. The host club may offer additional trophies at the club's  
1957 own expense or through donations. The Best of Breed rosettes ~~ribbons~~ shall  
1958 be 15 inches in length. The winners of the Bench, Breeder, and Kennel  
1959 stakes, if offered, shall receive rosettes. ~~The Breeder and Kennel stake~~

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- 1960 ~~winners ribbon shall be 15 inches in length. All unused ribbons and~~  
1961 ~~medallions will be returned to the Awards Chair within 14 days after the trial.~~
- 1962 **General.** The premium list shall include both the host club's and ASFA's  
1963 Officers and Board Members. Judges must be regularly licensed for the  
1964 breeds that they judge. Equipment provided by the host club should be  
1965 adequate to handle a large entry for the region. A veterinarian should be on  
1966 call or at the trial site.
- 1967 Each year, the Regional Director will review all proposals received from clubs  
1968 requesting to host a Regional Invitational. Once a decision is made, the  
1969 Regional Director shall notify, in writing, the Scheduling Chairman and each  
1970 club that submitted a proposal.
- 1971 All additional requirements and exceptions to the ASFA rulebook relating to  
1972 Regional Invitationals are noted; all ASFA rules and policies shall apply to  
1973 Regional Invitationals.
- 1974 The ASFA Board of Directors must approve exceptions to any of these  
1975 invitational policies. Consult the ASFA Corresponding Secretary or your  
1976 Regional Director for more information.
- 1977 **Regional Invitationals Policies Review.** The Invitationals Committee shall  
1978 review the Regional Invitational Policies on an annual basis. The review is  
1979 **not** intended to be a re-write of the policies, but rather a time to address  
1980 issues that may have come up during the most recent Regional Invitationals,  
1981 and edit appropriately for Policy and Rulebook changes.
- 1982 3. The timing of the annual reviews:  
1983 a. Regional Invitational review shall begin no later than 90 days  
1984 after the running of the first Regional of the current year's  
1985 Regional Invitationals.
- 1986 4. The process that should be followed:  
1987 a. Issues that cause concern or problems are given to the  
1988 Invitational Committee Chairman by clubs, exhibitors, or anyone  
1989 with first-hand knowledge of the issues.  
1990 b. The chair shall present the issues to the committee members  
1991 and will establish a timetable and process for discussion and  
1992 formulation of a resolution. Modifications or changes must be  
1993 approved by a simple majority vote of committee members.  
1994 c. At the completion, the resolution will be made into a motion and  
1995 submitted to the ASFA Board of Directors in accordance with  
1996 standard Board of Directors procedures.  
1997 d. If the Board of Directors passes the motion, the results will be  
1998 disseminated through normal ASFA channels.

- 1999 e. The Chair of the Invitationals Committee shall present the  
2000 approved changes to the Forms Chair to update the policy and  
2001 give to the Internet Liaison for publication on the ASFA website.

2002 **Report from the Judges Committee**

2003 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

2004 We passed on to REC a proposal to include singles as a breed for provisional  
2005 judges after they have completed their first three breeds towards a full  
2006 license. We feel this will assist training individuals for judging Best in Field,  
2007 and provide potential additional breed for gaining a full judges license.

2008 We also discussed that some exhibitors are not happy with the consistency of  
2009 judges utilizing the delay of course penalty on dogs which cannot/will not be  
2010 caught and assessing course delay penalties. Some exhibitors feel that dogs  
2011 which cannot be caught should not be winning BOB as the end of the course  
2012 is as important as the running. We have proposed some wording and sent it  
2013 out as a survey to a group of ASFA judges. The time allocated for replies has  
2014 expired and we are evaluating the responses which were varied.

2015 In the course of the survey, we found some inconsistency in the list of judges  
2016 as posted on the web site and started discussion on how to ensure judges  
2017 who have not been active for a period of time and want to restart have not  
2018 lost the quality we expect from our judges.

2019 **Report form the Judges Licensing Committee**

2020 *Leigh Littleton, Chair*

2021 License applications have been received and processed promptly, with new  
2022 licenses granted as appropriate.

2023 Licensing questions have been answered promptly.

2024 There have been no judging problems needing commentary. The rule  
2025 change that passed last year, to simplify our licensing requirements for  
2026 people in areas with limited trial entries – does indeed seemed to have  
2027 helped, at least a little.

2028 In addition, I am again this year suggesting that the Convention consider the  
2029 possibility of making the rules less punitive with respect to a judge who is not  
2030 active for a moderate period of time. I have never seen someone “forget”  
2031 how to judge. Learning may take a bit of time and experience, but once it’s  
2032 learned, it’s learned. The exceptions included in last year’s rule changes  
2033 really only apply to unusual cased. SO – I recommend that we extend that



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2034 2-year limit to 4 or 5 years. Many clubs would prefer to have a few more  
2035 potential judges available.

2036 You may be interested in the following statistics, updated to include 2015.

2037 **Judges by Licensing Status, by Year**

<b>Year</b>	<b>All-Breed</b>	<b>Licensed</b>	<b>Provisional</b>	<b>Total Judges</b>
2005	136	10	7	153
2006	138	10	4	152
2007	141	7	7	155
2008	139	10	5	154
2009	132	8	7	147
2010	135	9	7	151
2011	137	10	8	155
2012	130	13	10	153
2013	133	16	7	156
2014	135	15	8	158
2015	128	10	9	147

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2039 The other interesting comparison is availability of judges by ASFA Region.

<b>Region</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
1	13	13	13	12	13	15	16	15	16	16	13
2	8	8	9	12	8	8	10	9	9	9	5
3	10	10	14	12	14	14	15	17	18	17	16
4	15	16	13	14	13	13	14	13	13	13	12
5	14	13	13	12	11	11	11	11	11	12	14
6	32	34	33	33	31	32	32	32	32	30	27
7	20	19	18	15	16	16	17	17	17	20	21
8	21	20	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	24	21
9	7	7	6	8	8	8	8	6	6	6	7
10	13	13	13	13	10	11	10	10	10	11	11

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2041 Please let me know if you have comments on a judging applicant. All  
2042 applications are published twice on the ASFA website. And even better, let  
2043 me know if you want to record what a superb job a judge has done at some  
2044 field trial! Our licensing procedure is based on allowing a new judge to spend  
2045 time as an apprentice, and then get more experience judging provisionally  
2046 with another judge. Feedback from the fancy is an essential part of the  
2047 evaluation process, and is always welcome. In addition, I would seriously  
2048 request that judges, or applicants, let me know if you feel that you have  
2049 encountered significant problems with judging, or if you find difficulties with



2050 the licensing program. It's only through feedback that we will know how to  
2051 improve the system.

2052 Best wishes for another fine year of coursing!

2053 **Report from the Archives and Historical Committee**

2054 *Dean Wright, Chair*

2055 Would first like to thank the other committee members for their contributions  
2056 to the committee's work — Thom Haig, Russ Jacobs and Kathy Sanders.

2057 Following were our Goals for 2014–2015:

- 2058 1. A written inventory of all items. (Is completed needs to be put into  
2059 some logical format. (Inventory is completed needs to be put into a  
2060 booklet form.) LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER WITH THE KNOW HOW.  
2061 (Kathy Sanders on the committee volunteered.)  
2062 2. The written inventory with photos on the web site (for next year,  
2063 2017). (Still to do)  
2064 3. ASFA History written by Gary Roush from the first Historical Book on  
2065 the Web Site. (Request has been sent to Website Committee for a  
2066 section for ASFA History. Still waiting for spot on website.)

2067 **Report from the Field Trial Improvement Committee**

2068 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

2069 Unfortunately, we did not get any traction out of the gate and have no  
2070 progress to report this year.

2071 **Report from the Rules Evaluation Committee**

2072 *Dawn Gibas and Russ Jacobs, Co-Chairs*

2073 The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the  
2074 2016 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is underlined; deleted  
2075 wording is ~~struck out~~. Explanations for the proposal are included, along with  
2076 REC recommendations. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY; those that receive a  
2077 favorable vote will be considered a change in the *Running Rules and Field*  
2078 *Procedures for Lure Field Trials*. Such proposals will be published on the ASFA  
2079 website after the 2016 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1, 2017.

2080 **Rule Change Proposals for the 2016 ACoD**

2081 All proposals were referred from the ASFA Board of Directors.

2082 **(1) Chapter I, General Rules**

2083 **Section 3. (a)** Hounds determined to have a breed disqualification at  
2084 the time of roll call shall be barred from regular competition and be

2085 given the option of entering the Singles stake. Should they choose not  
2086 to enter the Singles stake, their entry fees shall be refunded. Spayed,  
2087 monorchid, cryptorchid, and neutered hounds without breed  
2088 disqualifications may be entered in regular competition.

2089 **Effect:** To include moving/entering Singles stake if needed at the time  
2090 of roll call due to a disqualification. Clarifies return of entry fees if the  
2091 exhibitor chooses not to enter the Singles stake.

2092 **Reason:** This addresses any gray area about moving a hound to  
2093 Singles stake as a result of breed disqualifications found during roll call  
2094 and the return of entry fees if preferred.

2095 *The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

2096 (2) Chapter II, Officials

2097 **Section 1. Field Trial Secretary** (must should be a member of the  
2098 host club)

2099 **Effect:** To soften the membership requirement for the Field Trial  
2100 Secretary. **Reason:** This addresses concerns that there are times  
2101 when it is difficult for a club to provide a

2102 club member as an experienced Field Trial Secretary for a trial.

2103 *The REC recommends that this proposal be REJECTED.*

2104 RATIONALE: Given that under our current rules and procedures, clubs  
2105 are held responsible for the way that field trials are run, the REC  
2106 thinks that it is important that the Field Trial Secretary have an  
2107 affiliation with the trial-giving club. However, we would consider a  
2108 revision permitting a non-club member to serve as FTS for a very large  
2109 or special event: e.g., an II, Regional Invitational, or breed National  
2110 Specialty.

2111 (3) Chapter II, Officials

2112 **Section 1. #6** The Field Trial Secretary may decline any entries for  
2113 cause for a period limited to 12 months from the first refusal of entry  
2114 for cause, but in each instance the Field Trial Secretary shall file good  
2115 and sufficient reasons for so doing, along with the current mailing  
2116 address and e-mail address of the affected owner, with the  
2117 Corresponding Secretary of the ASFA. The Corresponding Secretary  
2118 will forward a copy of the letter to the affected individual by e-mail and  
2119 by certified mail.

2120 **Effect:** This would facilitate communication by email in addition to  
2121 USPS or Certified Mail. This also clarifies and makes consistent the title  
2122 of "Field Trial Secretary" in several places.

2123 **Reason:** This allows the Corresponding Secretary of the ASFA to  
2124 provide notification to an owner by email and certified mail instead of  
2125 just certified mail, thereby increasing the ability to contact a person  
2126 within a shorter timeframe.

2127 *The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

2128 (4) Chapter II, Officials

2129 **Section 3. #3.** It is strongly recommended that, whenever possible, a  
2130 field clerk be placed on the field to collect paperwork. The prompt  
2131 collection after each course allows the field clerk to check for the  
2132 judge's signature, ~~correct additions~~ verify that the judge's scores are  
2133 added correctly, and promotes a smoother flow of paperwork.

2134 **Effect:** Clarifies that field clerks should be on the field if at all possible  
2135 to assist with checking judges sheets to make sure that they are  
2136 signed by the judge and the addition is correct.

2137 **Reason:** This addresses concerns that the field clerk is not correcting  
2138 a judge's scores, but checking them to ensure that they are correct.

2139 *The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

2140 (5) Chapter II, Officials

2141 **Section 7, The Field Committee. #1** The field committee will make  
2142 every attempt to conduct the trial in accordance with what is published  
2143 in the premium list. Changes may only be made out of necessity, not  
2144 convenience. This includes the field committee and their assignments,  
2145 judges, lure operators, and course plan. Such changes shall be posted  
2146 at the trial site.

2147 **Effect:** To ensure that any changes to the published premium list are  
2148 provided to the participants at field trials.

2149 **Reason:** This addresses concerns that changes are not formally  
2150 announced to those with hounds entered at field trials.

2151 *The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

2152 (6) Chapter IV, Scheduling the Meet

2153 **Section 1. #1.** An approved date must be obtained for a lure field  
2154 trial. The requesting club must be sanctioned by the American

Sighthound Field Association. Applications for dates must be submitted ~~in writing~~ to the Scheduling Committee either by use of the date request form or the on-line date request at [www.asfa.org](http://www.asfa.org); such applications must be submitted by the Field Trial Secretary or an authorized member of the host club at least 45 days prior to the date requested.

**Effect:** This changes the words “submitting in writing” to allow submission either via the date request form or ASFA website. This is to clarify that requesting dates may be done electronically.

**Reason:** This clarifies how the scheduling of field trials is to be done.

*The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

**(7) Chapter IV, Scheduling the Meet**

**Section 3.** ~~Two~~ One sample ~~copies~~ copy of the premium list and entry form must be sent to the Scheduling Committee Chair no less than 45 days prior to the approved date. A Field Trial Secretary may not ~~mail out~~ publish or distribute the premium list until such time as it has been approved ~~for mailing~~ by the Scheduling Committee Chair.

**Effect:** This changes the current language from “two sample copies” to one sample copy being sent to the Scheduling Committee Chair. It also states that a Field Trial Secretary may not “mail out” and/or distribute a premium list until it has been approved by the Scheduling Committee Chair.

**Reason:** This addresses concerns that two copies of a premium list are not needed for the Scheduling Committee Chair and that premium lists are not distributed prior to approval, which can lead to confusion as to which premium list is the most current.

*The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

**(8) Chapter IV, Scheduling the Meet**

**Section 8, 3(t), 4(e), and 5(e).**

3. The following items must appear within the premium list, in approximately the order indicated (only minor deviations from the indicated order will be approved):

~~(t) Return address and directions to the site.~~ Address to which entries should be mailed.

~~(u) Directions to the trial site.~~

2190 4. It is highly recommended that the following information be included  
2191 in the premium list mailing.

2192 ~~(e) Return address and/or directions to the trial site.~~

2193 5. Optional information may be included in premium lists, so long as it  
2194 is consistent with these running rules and is pertinent to the trial(s).  
2195 The following items are specifically allowed:

2196 ~~(e) Return address and/or directions to the trial site.~~

2197 (f) (e) Reasonable health restrictions.

2198 **Effect:** This addresses language conflicts in Chapter IV, Section 8,  
2199 3(t), 4(e), and 5(e) because they state must, highly recommended,  
2200 and optional, which is confusing. By stating the need for the address to  
2201 which the entries are to be mailed and the directions to the trial  
2202 site/location as required in #3(t) and (u), the confusion is removed.

2203 **Reason:** This addresses possible confusion between sections and  
2204 provides consistency.

2205 *The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

2206 (9) Chapter V, Running the Meet

2207 **Section 2.** Except for national breed specialties, any entry limits shall  
2208 be restricted to limitations in overall number of hound entries accepted  
2209 at a trial. National breed clubs may choose, in addition, to require that  
2210 any hound entered in a national breed specialty must have earned 20  
2211 ASFA points, or equivalent points in its country of residence, or must  
2212 be a Field Champion of Record. If a national breed club chooses to  
2213 impose such a requirement, proof of non-ASFA title and non-ASFA  
2214 points for hounds should be in the form of a photocopy of the  
2215 certificate, or page of formal ~~printing~~ publication and included with the  
2216 entry.

2217 **Effect:** Clarifies that the points or title needed to establish eligibility  
2218 must be published in a formal publication.

2219 **Reason:** This addresses what is acceptable proof of title and what can  
2220 be used for submission with an entry.

2221 *The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

2222 (10) Chapter V, Running the Meet

2223 **Section 13 (c).**

2224 (c) Bench stake: for hounds of any individual breed; an entry shall  
2225 consist of a single hound with proof on file with the ASFA of a  
2226 conformation champion title from the AKC, CKC or both or a  
2227 conformation grand champion title from the UKC.

2228 In all non-regular stakes there will be only one winner per breed with  
2229 no championship points awarded. Hounds entered in the Singles stake  
2230 are not eligible to enter non-regular stakes.

2231 **Effect:** To make it clear that hounds in that are entered in the Singles  
2232 stake at any trial offering non-regular stakes are not eligible to  
2233 compete in these non-regular stakes.

2234 **Reason:** This brings clarity to what hounds are eligible for non-regular  
2235 stakes.

2236 *The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

2237 (11) Chapter VI, Records & Fees Forwarded to the ASFA

2238 **Section 1 (b).** Names ~~and complete addresses~~ of all judges and their  
2239 city and state of residence and the complete mailing address of the  
2240 Field Trial Secretary.

2241 **Effect:** To be consistent with previous change for Chapter IV, Section  
2242 8, 3b.

2243 **Reason:** This provides consistency across the Running Rules.

2244 *The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

2245 (12) Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges, Licensing for Additional Breeds

2246 **Section 5:** Any judge regularly licensed in at least three breeds may  
2247 seek an additional breed by meeting the following requirements; so  
2248 long as those requirements are met, Singles stake shall also count as  
2249 an additional breed.

2250 (a) Judge provisionally the breed or Singles stake for which the  
2251 license is sought at no less than three trials with three different  
2252 licensed judges. (Judging five hounds per breed is a  
2253 requirement for the first three breeds only and does not apply to  
2254 any breeds thereafter, or to Singles stake.)

2255 **Section 10.** Provisional judges may judge ~~Singles and Limited stake~~  
2256 ~~stakes~~, however, the assignments shall not count toward fulfilling their  
2257 licensing requirements.

2258 **Effect:** To make it easier to obtain the required number of dogs for  
2259 additional breeds in pursuit of the regular judge's license.

2260 **Reason:** To allow potential judges in areas not hosting large trials to  
2261 obtain numbers for additional breeds.

2262 *The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

2263 (13) Appendix, Revising the Running Rules

2264 **Section 9.** A proposal that has received a favorable vote at the Annual  
2265 Convention of Delegates shall be considered a change to the Running  
2266 Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials. Such proposals shall  
2267 be posted on the ASFA website, and any other method of publication  
2268 as approved by the Board of Directors and shall go into effect January  
2269 ± on October 1 following the ACoD ratification.

2270 **Effect:** To make approved rules effective on an earlier date.

2271 **Reason:** This addresses concerns on the long period of time between  
2272 approving rules and their becoming effective.

2273 *The REC recommends that this proposal be REJECTED.*

2274 RATIONALE: There was no proposed date that accompanied this  
2275 proposal for the REC to consider, therefore the October 1 date was  
2276 suggested by the REC to provide an opportunity for discussion of the  
2277 proposal. The implications of such a change include:

- 2278 • There is a cost to modifying the rules and records and whatever  
2279 else may be affected by a particular rule. A single date, such as the  
2280 current January 1 date, achieves some economy in such changes.
- 2281 • Impactful changes are probably best implemented on January 1 in  
2282 order to allow the time for modifications to take place, as well as to  
2283 coincide with our standard running calendar (such as changing the  
2284 definition of a veteran for a particular breed).
- 2285 • An earlier implementation date would put more pressure on other  
2286 committees and officers to get their business completed sooner in  
2287 the year.
- 2288 • A change in the middle of the year could affect the Top 20 and how  
2289 it is tallied.



2290 (14) Various places in the Rulebook

2291 The phrase Field Secretary appears in many places in the Running  
2292 Rules, rather than the more appropriate Field Trial Secretary. REC is  
2293 requesting permission to do a global search of the Running Rules, and  
2294 replace Field Secretary or field trial secretary with Field Trial Secretary  
2295 wherever it appears.

2296 **Effect:** Housekeeping; to refer consistently to the position.

2297 **Reason:** The position should be consistently, and correctly, referenced  
2298 throughout the Running Rules.

2299 *The REC recommends that this be ACCEPTED.*

2300 (15) Various places in the Rulebook

2301 The phrasing or wording for Singles stake appears several different  
2302 ways; Singles, Singles Stakes and Singles Stake. Capitalization of this  
2303 phrase also varies. REC is requesting to do a global search of the  
2304 Running Rules, and replace the varying phrases with Singles stake  
2305 wherever it appears.

2306 **Effect:** Housekeeping to refer consistently to Singles stake.

2307 **Reason:** The phrase should be used and referred to consistently  
2308 throughout the Running Rules.

2309 **Report from the Nomination Committee**

2310 *Greg Breitbach, Chair; Darci Kunard and Kathy Sanders*

2311 We had lively discussions regarding the direction and scope of this  
2312 committee. We conducted interviews with potential candidates via conference  
2313 calls. We made selections which we feel represents a cross section of the  
2314 country so that each section will have a voice in the future of ASFA.

2315 **Ad Hoc Committee of the 2015 ACoD Reports**

2316 **Report from the ACoD Planning Committee**

2317 *Vickie Jacobs and Sean McMichael, Co-Chairs*

2318 As the ASFA Convention Planner I am assigned to find a location to hold the  
2319 Annual Convention of Delegates and Board Meeting once a year. Every year  
2320 the Site Selection Committee picks a city for me to set up the meetings.  
2321 These cities are decided by one of three areas in the United States. East  
2322 Coast, Central States, and the West Coast.

2323 The location is based on availability of good airplane connections and  
2324 hotels. Two years out I need to decide how many delegates will attend and  
2325 how many rooms will be rented. For many years as I have been the  
2326 convention planner I have always based my numbers on 50 people and 40  
2327 rooms. In the past years we have around 45 delegates and 35 rooms rented.  
2328 Attendance is lower these past years and so are people who stay at the  
2329 hotel.

2330 This year in Seattle we have 45 at the convention. Thank you for coming and  
2331 I hope you have a great time. The Red Lion hotel is our host this year and I  
2332 hope you enjoy the facility.

2333 I already have a contract signed with the Hyatt Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska  
2334 Old Market. This is a new hotel and will provide us with great hospitality and  
2335 a great location to walk around the Old Market. Breakfast buffets are  
2336 included in our room fee, free Wi-Fi, and free parking. The hotel will let us  
2337 provide food and drink for the Friday Hospitality Night and I look forward to  
2338 having a great night hosted by Region 5.

2339 2018 will be on the East Coast again and I am looking for suggestions for the  
2340 ACoD location.

2341 **Report from the ACoD Site Selection Committee**

2342 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

2343 Purpose: The purpose of the ACoD Site Selection Committee is to select  
2344 locations for the Annual Convention of Delegates. The convention will rotate  
2345 from the East Coast, Central and West Coast.

2346 Goals:

- 2347 • *To Select sites starting at two years out from the current*  
2348 *convention date.*
- 2349 • *To contact club representatives and board members for suggestions*  
2350 *of cities. To get suggestions for local hotels.*
- 2351 • *To inform the Convention Planner of the sites selected.*

2352 As you all know Seattle was selected for this year so the West Coast is for  
2353 this year.

2354 2017 will be in the Central region in Omaha, Nebraska at the Old Market  
2355 Area. My site selection committee will consist of Marilyn Standerford and  
2356 Josie Haumont.

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2357 2018 will be on East Coast. I have yet to receive any suggestions. If any club  
2358 would like to volunteer their city and their willingness to host the hospitality  
2359 room on Friday night of the ACoD, please let me know.

2360 **Report from the Advisory Committee on Animal Issues**

2361 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

2362 Purpose: To keep the members of the American Sighthound Field  
2363 Association informed of Animal Legislation that pertains to the sport of lure  
2364 coursing and the care of their canines.

2365 Goals:

- 2366 • *To maintain a relationship with the American Kennel Club Animal*  
2367 *Legislation Committee.*
- 2368 • *To notify Regional Directors of pending Legislation that might affect*  
2369 *their club members.*
- 2370 • *To report to the convention of delegates at the Annual Meeting of*  
2371 *Delegates of action taken for Animal and members rights.*

2372 WE are still dealing with AB 1634 in California. This bill will damage the right  
2373 to breed dogs.

2374 **Report from the Constitutional Revision Committee**

2375 *Ping Pirrung, Chair; Russ Jacobs, Jeff Lipps, Leigh Littleton, and Rick Wolpin*

2376 CRC was charged at the spring Board Meeting to clarify Article 5, Section 5  
2377 Vacancies on the process to fill a vacancy on the ASFA Board.

2378 The section currently reads:

2379 *Article 5, Section 5 Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring among the*  
2380 *officers during the year shall be filled until the next Annual Convention*  
2381 *of Delegates by an affirmative vote of a majority of the then members*  
2382 *of the Board, except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be*  
2383 *automatically filled by the First Vice President and the resulting*  
2384 *vacancy in the office of First Vice President shall be automatically filled*  
2385 *by the Second Vice President. Any vacancies occurring among the*  
2386 *Regional Directors shall be filled by a majority of the votes by the club*  
2387 *delegates representing the respective region.*

2388 The CRC felt that there was no need to change the Constitution, rather the  
2389 process could be clarified by a policy.

2390 **Report from the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee**

2391 *Dean Wright, Chair; Trisha Borland, Mike Hussey, Leigh Littleton, and Kathy*  
2392 *Sanders*

2393 Each year at its Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD), delegates select  
2394 inductees to the **ASFA Hall of Fame**. The ASFA Hall of Fame Committee has  
2395 been hard at work on the list of nominees for 2016.

2396 Please take some time to review the hounds nominated in the separate PDF  
2397 file. (Let me know if you have trouble reading the attached file so I can  
2398 arrange for you to receive a paper copy.) Voting for the new inductees will  
2399 be conducted at the ACoD on March 19th and 20th, 2016. Be sure to tell  
2400 your delegates which hound should receive the honor!

2401 No nominations were received for individuals.

2402 Five hounds are nominated. Nominees returning from the 2015 ACoD:

- 2403 1. Irish Wolfhound, "Eleanor", Padraic Brie Eleanor, LCM III, JC  
2404 2. Whippet, "Cayman", FC Cayman Island Rescue, LCM VII, Can FCh,  
2405 SC  
2406 3. Whippet, "Wynona", FC Fermanagh's Tell Me Why, MC, LCM IV, V-  
2407 LCM

2408 New hound nominees for 2016 are:

- 2409 4. Borzoi, "Scarlett", FC Mayberry's Gone With The Wind, JC, LCM XI,  
2410 SGRC, V-FCh  
2411 5. Saluki, "CsCs", Can CH Elana CsCs, LCM VI, Can FChX