

Annual Convention of Delegates

American Sighthound Field Association
Doubletree Guest Suites
Phoenix, AZ
April 14-15, 2007

Saturday, April 14, 2007

Call to Order @ 9:03a (Standerford)

A. Roll Call and Seating of Delegates

Club Name	Delegate Name	Present/Absent
Alamo Area Whippet Club	Kathy Mittler	Present
Alamo Area Whippet Club	Dana Moran	Present
American Saluki Association	Jeffrey Lipps	Present
American Whippet Club	Frank Zaworski	Absent
Appalachee Coursing Club, INC	John Bruntlett	Present
Arizona Whippet Association	Rhonda Gifford	Present
Arizona Whippet Association	Terri Grimm	Present
Basenji Club of America	Russ Jacobs	Present
Borzoi Club of America	Victor Whitlock	Present
California Coursing Club	Leigh-Anne Kitch	Present
Central States Basenji Lure Coursing Club	Arnieta Kurtz	Present
Central States Basenji Lure Coursing Club	Florine Havens	Present
Colorado Lure Coursing Association	Deann Britton	Present
Coursing Hound Association of the Southeast	Todd Birchfield	Present
Desert Fun Bunch	Steven L Klein	Present
District Area Sighthounds	Robert Jordan	Present
District Area Sighthounds	Wes Shainlain Jr.	Present
Eastern Slope Coursing Association	Elissa Thompson	Present
Eastern Whippet Association	Denise Como	Present
Galveston Bay Saluki Club	Jack Downing	Present
Garden State Sighthound Association	Mike Lorenzo	Present
Gazehounds of New England	Michael Kurt	Present
Greyhound Association of North Georgia	Shirri Peak	Present
Heartland Coursing Association	Vickie Jacobs	Present
Heartland Coursing Association	Scott Hurlbert	Present
Inland Gazehound Fanciers	Vernon Staack	Present
Iowa Coursing Association	Marilyn Standerford	Present
Iowa Coursing Association	Michael Ferris	Present
Irish Wolfhound Club of America	Sean McMichael	Present
Jersey Rag Racers Whippet Association	Caroline Kirchner	Present
Lone Star Whippet Club	Denny Baker	Present
Lone Star Whippet Club	Susan Jensen	Present
Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club	Lori Coulson	Present
Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club	Dean Wright	Present
Metro Atlanta Whippet Association	Les Pekarski	Present
Michigan Gazehound Association	Jackie Nivison	Present
Monterey Bay Coursing Association	Christie Beetz	Present
Nebraska Coursing Association	Dona Rosales	Present

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Nebraska Coursing Association	Kent Standerford	Present
Northcoast Coursing Club	Joyce Katona	Present
Northcoast Coursing Club	Roger Katona	Present
OKI Gazehound Organization	Janet Lotz	Present
OKI Gazehound Organization	Willa Chambers	Present
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States	Debbie Bell	Present
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States	Ross Jones	Present
Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association	Tracy Luty	Absent
Saluki Club of America	Tom Cigolle	Absent
Scottish Deerhound Club of America	Debbie Narwold	Present
Sighthound Org'n of Tidewater	Evelyn Jones	Present
Sighthound Org'n of Tidewater	Gary Roush	Present
Southeastern Greyhound Club	John Parker	Present
Southeastern Greyhound Club	Patti Peterson	Present
St. Louis Area Sighthounds	Cindy Conter	Present
Tortoise & Hare Lure Coursers	Diana Itter	Present
Tri-State Sighthound Club	Ping Pirrung	Present
Tri-State Sighthound Club	Jane Schreiber	Absent
Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club	Pete Mendicino	Present

A) Roll call and seating of delegates

- a) Determined that $\frac{1}{2}+1 = 27$ Determined that $\frac{2}{3} = 36$
- b) Sergeant @ Arms— recommended were Bob Jordan & Mike Lorenzo; Parliamentarian— recommended was John Parker; Tellers—recommended were Evelyn Jones and Deb Narwold

MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept the recommended sergeant at arms, parliamentarian, and tellers.

B) Minutes of the 2006 Annual Convention of Delegates (D Moran)

Dana asked the ACoD for any corrections to be made to the 2006 ACoD minutes. The following were cited and will be edited:

- Don Ewing's name, appearing in the roll call sections, is incorrectly spelled.
- On page 4, 4th line reads that the Region 8 Invitational was held on the 21st, but does not indicate the month. Please include the month October.
- Patti Peterson does not appear in attendance. In fact, she was in attendance and represented the Southeastern Greyhound Club.

C) Report of the President (M Standerford)

Marilyn reported a busy year with many great things. We have had a few old positions filled by new faces. Much business was conducted at our last two Board meetings in an effort to make the sport and the ASFA better for the fancy. Marilyn invited all those in the fancy with special talents or skills to volunteer for the ASFA. We welcome your participation and assistance. Please be free to contact Marilyn at President@asfa.org.

D) Report of the Vice Presidents (R Jacobs & D Baker)

First Vice-President Russ Jacobs foreshadowed a number of business items he presented later the same day. He welcomed the attendees to Phoenix and promised good things for later in the day. Second Vice-President Denny Baker introduced herself to the delegates and guests, and like Russ, identified the committees on which she served in the past year and indicated a good bit of business that she presented later in the meeting.

E) Report of the Recording Secretary (D Moran)

Dana Moran was introduced to the group by Marilyn Standerford, and she requested that new business items be written out and submitted to her by adjournment, end of day on Saturday. Include the name of the person submitting the business and enough context to discern the nature of the business.

F) Report of the Corresponding Secretary (M Ferris)

Mike Ferris introduced himself. He indicated that the ASFA has received about 3-4 inquiries per week, many of them coming from non-sighthound owners looking to lure course their animals. Mike said that he encouraged these people to come out to trials, to watch and practice the lure coursing in hopes they'll become interested in the sport and in sighthounds.

Mike reported also that the ASFA will strike up a dialogue with the UKC. We would be looking to ground on which the ASFA and the UKC could work together though no details are yet available.

G) Report of the Chief Financial Officer (J Lipps)

Jeff Lipps introduced himself and told a brief anecdote. He prepared the group for a report less than desirable, citing the financial challenges that ASFA has faced with our current economy, limited resources for coursing and competing venues/events (AKC Lure Coursing, Racing, etc).

In the last year, there have been several key initiatives put into place in effort to produce a net push or even increased gains. As it turned out, these initiatives have served to reduce our losses. Quickly, some examples include the cessation of all unessential spending in 2006 that halted our venturing out into too many directions and kept us closer to our core competencies; the addition of a Convention Planner to manage more closely and efficiently the planning and hosting of future ACoDs; also, the reduced duration of attendance for Key Chairs at Board Meetings reduced travel and lodging expenses. Everyone has been very cooperative with these initiatives.

Our Rainy Day fund, then, was still in tact. Jeff reported that we will do everything we can to preserve and replenish this account.

Jeff reviewed a few specific items from the Annual Report 2006.

We made a significant website investment in the past year. In future years, we should not expect to see \$4,000 in website expenses though some maintenance fees are to be anticipated.

The I.I. continues to be a financial challenge for the ASFA when either the clubs or the ASFA hosts it. When the I.I. is run in the Western part of the country, it is especially difficult because entries are down and yet, all core services must be present whether the trial itself covers the cost or not. Moreover, the 2006 ACoD did not perform as well as we had hoped. This event was designed to be break-even and with a now-experienced Convention Planner at the helm, Jeff reported expectations for continued improvement in this area of expenditure.

Most all other expenses fell within the bounds of the 2006 budget including Regional Director expenses, committees' expenses, board meetings expenses, etc. The loss, then, stemmed less from expenses and more from per capita fees. Since 2005, we have experienced a decrease of approximately 2500 entries. This made for about a \$10,000 loss in revenue. Jeff said that he believed the Board could do little to change this. Rather, we have experienced a downturn, and yet the positive perspective on this is that the ASFA had been diligent in saving; the ASFA was solvent. We have been diligent with the Rainy Day Fund but we must be attentive to our situation to manage it well.

H) Reports of Regional Directors

a) Region 1—Vernon Staack

Vernon Staack introduced himself and reported that his region presently has 11 active clubs. Recently, the Region has developed a regional website for its coursers to utilize. Truthfully, his area faces some challenges with finding useable fields, and yet the Alaska clubs continue to host trials and encourage attendance in this area.

b) Region 2—Christie Beetz

Christie Beetz introduced herself and indicated there was little news to report from her region. The BCOA National Specialty will be held in October 2007 in this area, and in November, Region 2 will host three-days of coursing on the Thanksgiving weekend. Like other Regions, finding fields was a challenge but on the whole, activity was steady.

c) Region 3—Deann Britton

Deann Britton told the group which areas comprised her region and pointed out that this area has some of the oldest clubs in the ASFA. Weather has been a particular issue for her region this past year, though trials remained fun and fairly well attended. Special events for 2007 in her area include a local Irish Wolfhound Club Specialty trial hosted by the Rocky Mountain Wolfhound Association, the Region 3 Invitational expected for October or November; and the 33rd Grand National to be hosted in September. "Stampede on the Prairie" is the Grand National's theme for 2007 and promises to be a "rootin', tootin' good time."

d) Region 4—Victor Whitlock

Victor Whitlock introduced himself and suggested weather has been a challenge for this region as well. Between dry cracked earth at some times, and flash flooding at others, he is hoping the weather will calm down soon. The number of trials held in the region remained constant but our entries are down. Pharaoh and Greyhound entry numbers are up because of new participants about which the territory is excited.

e) Region 5—Scott Hurlbert

Scott Hurlbert introduced himself, reviewed the list of States in his region and indicated that 12 local clubs ran about 45 trials last year. In addition he reminded everyone that Heartland Coursing Association, a club in Region 5, won the Excellent Performance Award (EPA) in 2006. Nebraska Coursing Association held a FTS seminar and a rules review for its area fanciers and these experienced good attendance from club members. Finally, the 2007 I.I. will be held by a collection of MN clubs. More about the I.I. later but please remember that entries close on May 1, 2007.

f) Region 6—

At this time, no Regional report is available. Marilyn reported to the group that Tom Cigolle has resigned and a new Director would be voted into office by Region 6 soon.

g) Region 7—John Parker

John Parker reminded all that in 2006, this Region led the nation in the number of areas including the total number of trials hosted and the greatest increase in the number of Afghan Hounds, Borzois, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds and Whippets. The Regional also hosted a Lure Operator Seminar and a Judge's Seminar in conjunction with the GANG trials. Unlike other clubs, Region 7 has a number of useable fields and have recently added a new one. This is a 1,000 acre hay field on a horse farm. It has recently been burned (intentionally) but the farm itself is large enough that a second field as made available as replacement. This may be an excellent location for a future I.I. The largest challenge has been competition between clubs for dates and competition with alternate venues.

h) Region 8—Dean Wright

Dean Wright shared a brief biographical history and expressed his enthusiasm for being back on the Board. In his mind, the largest challenge for his region is increasing excitement and raising morale. The enthusiasm in the area has waned for a lack of cooperation and communication between clubs. To begin turning matters around, the Clubs got together as a Region and submitted a \$250 donation toward expenses associated with the new I.I. chain. On another front, the Regional will be hosted in Jamestown by SHOT.

i) Region 9—Mike Lorenzo

Mike Lorenzo reported that New York and New England had a good year last year. They had a total of 1180 dogs run and have 7 clubs in the area. In addition, they have two new clubs starting up: CLASS based in central New York and BASC/Big Apple Sighthound Club on Long Island. These groups can cater to New York and Long Island enthusiasts and in this, have much promise. Mike added finally that he is the Head Huntmaster for this year's I.I. and invited anyone interested in huntmastering to contact him.

j) Region 10—Terri Grimm

Terri Grimm shared a brief biographical history. She indicated that her plans for the Region include the development of a regional website and the introduction of a new club. Moreover, Teri reported that she has received an inquiry from a group considering organizing in Hawaii.

I) Reports of the Committees

a) **Judges Committee** (Michael Ferris reporting for Ellen Bonacarti)

ASFA now has 138 all breed judges, 10 judges fully licensed for one or more breeds and 4 provisionally licensed judges. Mike listed the number of judges in each region and reported that judges have been very reliable with respect to fulfilling their assignments in 2006. Not as many judges have come through the program this year as in years past (ie, 7 in 2005 vs 4 in 2006). Fanciers may wish to encourage those in their regions to start apprentice work and ultimately the judges licensing process.

TOP TWENTY JUDGES FOR 2006

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| 20. Gertrude Hend | 10. Kathy Nelson (529) |
| 19. CJ Foxx | 9. Karen Frederick (559) |
| 18. Kay Neirengarten | 8. Jack Downing (570) |
| 17. Nancy Scott | 7. Janet Lotz (577) |
| 16. Lee Warden | 6. Todd Birchfield (581) |
| 15. Les Pekarski | 5. Ian Davies (602) |
| 14. Dean Wright | 4. Christie Beetz (610) |
| 13. Jeff Lipps | 3. Dawn Gibas (616) |
| 12. Katie Kaltenborn | 2. Tom Cigolle (738) |
| 11. Susan Kort | 1. Michael Ferris (777) |

In addition, Leigh Littleton sent a report addressing judges licensing. He reports that there have been no significant judging/licensing problems since the last report. Applications have been processed on a timely basis.

The principal Judges Licensing issue at present is: the publication of information on the ASFA Web site as related to the reduction in the frequency of FAN publication. The following issues are the product of discussion with Marilyn regarding the possibilities available.

1. I had indicated concern regarding a procedure for determining whether (and when) something had in fact been listed on the website. Marilyn indicates that our webmaster can email the JL Chair as each update has been posted to the website, thus providing confirmation (and a reminder to check for accuracy).
2. I recommend a policy that considers "confirmed" listing on the website as being "publication". If we do that, then – unless otherwise directed by the Board – I would consider an applicant licensed as of 30 days following confirmed website listing with no negative comments received. (As always, negative comments imply referral to the Board.)
3. The Board along with the FAN Editor will need to determine which issue should contain the complete licensed judges list. And – do you want the CKC list to be in the same issue?
4. It seems reasonable to submit licensing updates to FAN and the website together at the closing date for each FAN issue. However, the standard complaint is that it takes too long to get new applicants / license upgrades published, so I recommend that JL submit another update to the website halfway between each FAN update. Thus the website would be updated 9/15, 11/1, 12/15, 2/1, etc. This would be something we could publicize as an improvement compared to the current schedule.
5. However the Board rules on these issues, a notice should be prominently featured in the next FAN covering any changes in policies & procedures regarding publication of judges license applications.
6. The last item does not really relate to the FAN change, except that it is made more urgent by that change. As a long-time IT professional, I've been brainwashed to insist that any system with a central store of data which might have various views, needs to be implemented so that there is one central database with all views and reports being fed from that database. (And I really do believe this is significant. Otherwise, if there is a separate file for each area, they eventually get out of synchronization, and you have a great big problem.)

We do not currently have that with regard to the judges list. The master file is a Word document formatted for FAN publication. Then that is converted for website listing (and I do not know the details) into a line-per-judge format (and the content is changed according to the judge's request for what is to be listed on the website).

Would the Board be willing to accept a line-per-judge, spreadsheet-style, listing in FAN (rather than the little-paragraph-like-an-envelope-address we currently have? If so, I think I should be able to fairly easily create a large spreadsheet with one view for FAN, one view for the website, and another containing everything the ASFA would like to know (for example, we could have a column for "Negative Correspondence", just checked Y or N).

b) **Scheduling** (Denise Como)

Denise announced happily that, beginning immediately, she may accept premium list submissions by email. Corrections, in turn, will be communicated by email but a finalized version of the premium list must come to her in hardcopy and by mail. In addition, Denise urged attendees to remember that premium lists cannot be published and circulated until it is approved by the Scheduling Chair. Remember, too, that finalized premiums must be forwarded to the President and the respective Regional Director and that the Records Coordinator needs (2) hardcopies with records submissions.

Field Trial Secretaries were encouraged to make every effort to schedule trials early. Even if the judges are unknown, or if the location is questionable, endeavor to schedule the dates so that the ASFA schedule can be as comprehensive as possible as early as possible.

Denise acknowledged, too, that she had been having some difficulty with the postal office. She goes by the postmark so that clubs are not penalized for government delays.

In addition, Denise addressed course plans. Please be sure that course plans are printed in a size that does not require magnification either in the computer program (ie, 200% view) or under magnifying glass. She has had to use both. Do not hesitate to put course plans on separate pages and be sure they are legible.

Moreover, Denise requested (not required) that judges assignments be displayed in grid format. Some clubs list their assignments in columns, others in lists, but the most readable, the most conducive to comparison and comprehension is the grid format. Finally, please be sure to use the most recently revised forms. The Hound Certification Form and the official ASFA entry form both have been updated. Current versions have a revise date from 2006.

The Hound Certification Form in MS Word format is not on the website but will be made available by April 19, 2007. Marilyn requested that anyone knowing how to produce/create a PDF fill-able form for the entry form please correspond with her. Todd Birchfield volunteered.

c) **FAN** (Jackie Nivison)

Jackie addressed the ACoD by stressing the significance of submitting and sharing information to the FAN publication. It is a historical record and a kind of immortal account of your wisdom, or even your hounds, their successes and your participation in this sport. She encouraged the group to send her stories, to submit more than information, to give narratives that bring images to life, to stir the emotions as only these dogs can do.

This is a new era in FAN according to Jackie, a new beginning and Jackie expressed hopes to make the most of it. You can contact her at Faneditor@asfa.org

Marilyn encouraged the group to send items such as Jackie described, to forward articles and to not miss an opportunity to advertise these hounds so close to your hearts.

d) **Records** (Lori Coulson)

Lori addressed the group, summarizing the component parts of the Records Report package distributed to the group. On page 2, the number of hounds competing by breed is documented, and a brief glance revealed that overall, numbers in most breeds were up despite decreased entries to date. Basenjis, in particular, have nearly doubled their numbers since last year. On page 4, title statistics point to 396 awarded titles in 2006; all certificates have been mailed, and this number does not include the dual champion title certificates. Page 5 recounts the veteran statistics. We are up to LCM 5, nearing LCM 6 for a veteran courser. On page 8 is a listing of the TOP 30 Clubs based on the number of trials held in one year. The number one club under this category is LCLC in Region 9 with 11 trials; then GANG and CLCA follow with 10 trials each. On page 9 is the TOP 30 Clubs based on the average number of entries. The number one club under this category is GANG with an average of 80 entries per trial. On page 10 is a summary of total entries by breed. As all records have indicated, entries are down from last year by 1263 entries. On page 24-35 is the TOP 20 Clubs by breed so that if you want to know where to find coursers in your breed, look to these pages. Much more information is in the packet, but these are some of the most notable highlights.

Lori announced that a FAN article will come out soon that will be a kind of Records 101 informative essay. It will give ideas about what to do and what not to do. For example, please remember that entries must be 5.5" x 8.5". Do not send in anything that is not this size. If your entrants fill out something not this size, make them do it again the right way. Also, do not send in entries that are on 8.5" x 11" paper with two entries on it with one entry side blank. Beyond this, understand that these documents go into a filing system maintained in her home. Be diligent.

Entry forms must be filled out in their entirety. Entirety means the entire form. Make sure all the information is provided, fully and legibly. Be certain that the information is appropriate and thorough. For example, be sure the registration number has all the digits, that the name of the owner isn't the dog's registered name.

When submitting trial records, be certain that an entry form is included for every hound appearing on the record sheet. When a change in ownership is indicated, whether this is an additional owner, removed owner or transfer of ownership entirely, a copy of the new certificate is highly desired. Please request these from the owner. The FTS must double check this.

More on FTS responsibilities: double check the addition, even when the clerk has done the math once, or twice. Be certain to mark forfeits on the record sheet. Assigning a placement without marking the forfeit is an assumption, not a formal outcome. Judges sheets must be signed, and a reason must be indicated for all hounds that are excused, dismissed or disqualified. When judges' sheets are submitted to Records Coordinator, if they are not complete, copies are forwarded to Leigh Littleton. Help your judges by double checking their work.

Trial records must be mailed in with a copy of the premium list. If a premium list is not enclosed, it slows down the entry process. Please, do everything possible to avoid slowing down the entry process. This includes all mentioned above and below. One way to resolve the premium list requirement is to add Lori to your mailing list.

The Records Coordinator asked that trial records be mailed as quickly as possible after the trial. Postal service is declining in quality and we cannot rely on timely delivery. Do not send packages that require signature releases. Lori works a regular job and is not home to sign for your packages.

Paper-clipped or stapled trial records are acceptable. Paper-clips are more convenient.

Finally, and of great importance, Lori's zip code has changed (as of last year). 17404 is NO LONGER Lori's zip code. Do not use this code any longer. The new zip code is 17408-1536. Use the FULL CODE in an effort to improve postal delivery speed (hopefully).

Marilyn added for emphasis to Lori's report that the rulebook requires the entry forms be 5.5" x 8.5".

e) Membership (Vickie Jacobs)

Vickie Jacobs reported that ASFA now has a total of 120 clubs and of these, 85 are member clubs, 32 are affiliate clubs and 3 are newly applied. By Region, the breakdown was as follows: Region 1 has 11 clubs; Region 2 has 8; Region 3 has 9; Region 4 has 14; Region 5 has 12; Region 6 has 18; Region 7 has 12; Region 8 has 16; Region 9 has 10 and Region 10

has 10. As a note of interest, the American Whippet Club's delegate has moved from Regional V to Region VIII.

Vickie reminded all that dues are due May 1. There is still a little time to remit them, but if a club officer is present at the ACoD, they can pay this weekend. Renewal forms are available and must be completed fully. Many clubs fail to list the date of the last trial as required on the form.

Another reminder, any change in delegate information can be done by email or phone. However, changing the delegate cannot be accomplished this way. You must fill out a hardcopy form for a change in delegate or do this at the same time you renew membership.

f) **Forms (M Standerford)**

On forms, Marilyn reported that we have an abundant supply of forms. Most clubs would be interested in only five of them. Email Marilyn if you need these, especially forms with recent revisions. Forms are available for purchase on-line and you are able to utilize PayPal's online payment service. Be sure that you provide correct shipping information to an appropriate delivery location.

Remember that newly revised official entry forms are available for download on the ASFA website in either PDF or MS Word format. In addition, a newly revised certification form is also available from the same ASFA webpage but only in PDF format for now. An MS Word version will be available after April 19. Please remember to use these current forms.

i) Update your personal websites with the current forms

Some regional, club and individual websites are making available links to outdated ASFA forms. If this convenience is provided, please be certain to update the applicable sites to link and launch current forms.

ii) Order early, order often; website

Clubs need to remember to order their forms in plenty of time for regular shipping. PayPal is available or club checks can be mailed.

g) **Website (Marilyn Standerford)**

This past year, ASFA has responded to the many requests for access to judges information on the website. Leigh Littleton sent a letter to every ASFA judge and asked for permission to publish contact information for them. Judges could choose how much information would be made available and fanciers will see varying detail on the ASFA website. The list of judges is available in three different spreadsheet formats: by name, by region, by state.

Marilyn also advertised that she has some ASFA Store items with her for sale. Please be free to come up and purchase these later. Not with her, but recommended were the "Sighthounds Rule" t-shirts available for purchase through the website. Consider using these for trophies at your next trial

Finally, ASFA has the ability to link to local club websites from www.asfa.org. If a Club has a website and would like ASFA to include a link on their site for it, please contact Marilyn, website liaison, for more information.

h) **Field Trial Improvement (Mike Lorenzo)**

Mike reported that FTI has been updating and compiling "How to Host a Lure Trial" available to Clubs. This is a weighty project that attempts to bring the booklet current with active policy and running rules.

i) Finance and Budget (J. Lipps)

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept the Annual Report 2006 as distributed to the ACoD April 14, 2007.

Jeff Lipps reported on the 2006 budget numbers. In addition, he reviewed the proposed budget for 2007 that builds in or prepares for greater losses than predicted in the past. Since at the time of the ACoD, we are approximately ¼ into the fiscal year, Jeff is confident that the numbers in the budget are reliably projected.

Per Jeff, for the remainder of the year, the ASFA can expect to incur heavy expenses related to the 2007 I.I. and the publication of FAN. The FAN expenses result specifically from our efforts to bring the publication cycle current, and the Board is looking forward to the innovations that Jackie promises to bring to the magazine as we move forward. The I.I. this year is back to the clubs hosting, and in truth, this brings greater losses to the ASFA treasury. Among other expenses, ASFA will give the \$1,000 gift, offer the \$1,000 loan and then provide the standardized awards at no expense to the clubs.

In an effort to save money, the ASFA will reduce the August Board meeting from 2 full days to 1 ½ days, allowing us to save expenses on one day of 16 hotel rooms. In addition, we are considering adding commercial advertisements to the ASFA website in order to generate additional revenue.

Jeff answered a few questions from the floor including:

"Is there a documented connection between the lull in FAN subscriptions and untimely distribution?" Jeff responded that this level of research has not been documented though a connection is likely. In response, the Board has moved forward with a new editor with new ideas and formats. We anticipate that this will vitalize the publication and stimulate subscriptions.

"Is FAN up to date now in terms of its release schedule?" Jeff answered yes. The March/April issue has been received and will be mass distributed by mail today.

"Might the FAN be transformed into an E-Magazine?" The CFO responded that the simple answer is yes; however, much more is involved in that decision and arguably may create greater expense, not less expense for the ASFA (two publications now). The possibility is real, but not determined at this time.

A suggestion came from the floor to send FAN overages to individuals as a free sample when inviting a subscription from them. Also, providing RDs with extra copies for sale on site at local trials was recommended. Both ideas were welcomed.

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to approve the 2007 budget as presented at the ACoD on April 14, 2007

Jeff informed the ACoD that the Board has discussed and decided it prudent to raise annual dues for clubs from \$50.00 to \$75.00. The last time dues were raised was 1994 and any

changes would not go into affect for extant clubs until 2008. New clubs would be subject to the \$75.00 rate immediately.

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept the Board's recommendation to increase annual club dues from \$50.00 to \$75.00.

j) Archives (E Bonacarti)

Ellen was unable to attend this meeting. Marilyn reported that she knows Ellen to have a lot of dated ASFA items at her home, and that she has been asked to provide an inventory list of these items so that we may review what we want to make use. Sean McMichael brought with him to the convention a Sept/Oct 1978 publication of the FAN, and it was available for general perusing by the delegates. This 5.5" x 8.5" publication is an upgrade from still earlier mimeographed versions.

k) Computer (D Baker)

i) Website Stats

Denny thanked the members of the Computer Committee and announced a new member for 2007, Victor Whitlock. She reported extensive activity on the site with 3.8 million hits between May 2006 and April 2007. The average number of hits was 317,000 per month. This means lots of people are looking at lots of information of the www.asfa.org site.

ii) Survey of Fancy on Web

Denny announced that a survey will be posted to the ASFA site asking for feedback on ideas for items on the website. The Committee is hoping to get a better understanding of the Fancy's priorities and desires as well as a sense of what they are willing to spend to realize these.

l) Invitationals (S Hurlbert)

Marilyn introduced this year's RD-elected Invitationals Committee chair Scott Hurlbert. She then reviewed details of this year's I.I. scheduled in Farmington, MN. Next, Scott took the podium and reported that the Invitationals Committee is comprised of all the Regional Directors and is responsible for receipt of I.I. hosting proposals. The ideal schedule dictates that an I.I. field and host should be selected two (2) years in advance of the event date. As of this ACoD weekend, the Committee has received no proposals for 2008's I.I.

- i) 2007 I.I. (Farmington, MN) -- To be hosted by three clubs: Minnesota Coursing Association, Going Up North Coursing Association and Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club. Marilyn Standerford is the Field Trial Secretary and invited any interested individuals to contact her for clerking, paddock mastering and to contact Mike Lorenzo for huntmastering. Please note that entries close on May 1, 2007.
- ii) 2008 I.I. hosted by the ASFA in Regions 7, 8, 9 – The Invitationals Committee will begin looking for available fields in this Region and would appreciate any ideas anyone may have in the next few weeks.
- iii) 2009 I.I. hosted in Regions 1, 2, 3, 10 – Scott encouraged clubs to step up and pursue hosting this event. If a single club feels the responsibility is too great for one group, then coordinate with multiple clubs as is being done now in 2007. If a club is interested but

needs more information and guidance, then do not hesitate to contact the Invitationals Committee Chair.

- iv) 2010 I.I. hosted in Regions 4, 5, 6 – Scott foreshadowed that recent alterations to the Guidelines will allow greater opportunity for hosting an I.I. in this region.

Scott informed the ACoD that the Board has recently altered the language of the Internationals Invitational Guidelines so as to reduce the non-competing trial distance requirement from 1,000 miles from the I.I. site to 150 miles.

Also, there is no longer a \$1000 gift given to host clubs of the I.I. Instead, the ASFA will lend \$2,000 to the Club(s) and may forgive \$1,000 of that loan should the Club be able to demonstrate a loss for the event.

m) Policy Compilation (E Bonacarti/R Jacobs)

In Ellen's absence, Russ Jacobs reported on new policies as documented and disseminated in the ACoD delegate packet as well as on new Policies passed at the most recent Board Meeting April 12-13, 2007. He directed the ACoD to look over the policies and invited questions. He reminded all that the policies have the effect of rules.

No questions were posed.

n) Long Range Planning (M Standerford)

Marilyn reported that LRP is a committee looking to plan improvements for the ASFA and the sport that may take effect or render benefit over the next 3-5 years.

Currently, LRP is contemplating advertising of the ASFA, not in a commercial sense, but by video documentation. SHOT has done a similar project through a local videographer wherein which images of the hounds, the huntmasters, and other trial activity are captured and arranged in a montage. Their video is accompanied by music and posted on www.youtube.com

In addition, Marilyn reported that LRP encourages members of the fancy to promote lure coursing at their veterinarian's office, at work, in their neighborhoods, etc. All were urged to consider ways to stimulate interest in the sport and to invite people out to trials.

Don't miss an opportunity to advertise your Regional event in the FAN to increase interest and attendance. This is a cost-free opportunity.

LRP is considering ways to increase the FUN at trials, contests, games, innovations on the field, seminars. Be challenged to invent and communicate ideas to improve our experiences on the field and in the organization.

o) Public Relations (D Baker)

Denny Baker informed the group that Todd Birchfield will be the new Public Relations Chair for 2007 and that Donna Richard will be the Chair of Teen Lure Coursing

• **2007 35th Anniversary Commemorative Items**

- Commemorative knife – Mike Lorenzo reported that the producer's image-proof was returned as unacceptable. The dog breeds were incorrect. The knives will be ready, however, by the I.I. dates. This is a buck knife, single blade,

contemporary in appearance and the handle is enlarged consciously for engraving. The knife will sell for \$47 or \$49 each.

- Commemorative pins – are now available for sale at \$5 each
 - International Invitational Rosettes (35 years running) – will have an additional streamer with the “35 years running” banner printed on it.
 - 35th Anniversary Poster – are now available. The large poster (20” x 30) is \$25 and the small (12” x 18) are \$15.00 each. After the ACoD, they’ll be made available through the website.
- **EPA Award – (Parker)**
 - This Excellent Performance Award was presented by John Parker who explained the process for consideration. In 2007, The Colorado Lure Coursing Association was the recipient of the Excellent Performance Award. CLCA has been active in lure coursing since the 1970s, and to this date, still holds one of ASFA’s oldest and most prestigious events, the Grand National. This year will be its 33rd running. Every year CLCA looks forward to its annual theme, some of which have been “Get Lei’d” – a Hawaiian luau; “Expose Yourself to the Rockies”; “The Chase is On“. Every year during the Grand National, CLCA accepts donations in the names of present and past hounds and puts it into the Humane Purse. The Purse goes to a recipient that is a not-for-profit organization for the betterment of animals, preferably Sighthounds. The first recipient is picked by the Grand National Winner with the CLCA’s Board approval. Last year, the Humane Purse was donated in the name of Wolfhound Kid to the Irish Wolfhound Foundation to help promote various health studies. CLCA is one of the most active clubs in its area hosting 10-12 all breed trials a year. It proudly stands behind the fact they have never held an AKC trial. Every year, CLCA hosts a banquet to honor that year’s top dogs and awards trophies to new title winners and traveling trophies for the top dog in every breed. This year’s banquet featured a speaker that discussed course strengthening in Sighthounds.

Deann Britton accepted the honors on behalf on her club.
- **Gary Forrester Award—(G. Roush/R Jacobs)**
 - This award was presented by Gary Roush who served as the ASFA’s President 1980-1984. He shared with the group some of his own lure coursing history, ASFA history and the history of some of its more influential people. Among those named were Lyle Gillette, Betty Blalach, Anne Filleti, Bud Pine and Dean Wright.
 - Gary Forrester was dedicated to the sport of lure coursing and an incredible leader on and off the field. In memory of his tremendous service to the ASFA, two recipients are honored by the ASFA with Gary Forrester award. This year, these individuals are Tom Bianchi and Les Pekarski.
 - Russ Jacobs, ASFA President from 1997-1999 also addressed the ACoD, sharing ASFA related anecdotes involving Bill Brown, Marilyn Standerford and Cathy Bundy. Russ also extolled again the many contributions and character of Gary Forrester.
- **Hall of Fame Presentation and voting (L Pekarski)**

- Les Pekarski announced that we have a carry over nominee from last year. This is Major's Lucy, LCM III (Greyhound). The rest of the candidate list was presented in birthdate order, oldest to youngest, beginning with hounds born in 1987 and going through to 1993: Little Man (Afghan), Seeker (Pharaoh Hound), Fuhais (Saluki); Zip (Borzoi); Camille (Whippet); Flirt (Whippet); Super Cooper (Afghan); and Mickii (Basenji).
- Two people were nominated for the Hall of Fame this year: Ann Filetti and Jack Southam
- Hall of Fame general information is available on the website. Deadline for submissions to the committee is September 15. Guidelines for nominations for the award may be read on the website.
- Acceptance into the Hall of Fame was awarded to Camille, FC Carbeth Loud and Clear, SC, LCM-XV, ROM; Lil' Man, Comets Cosmic Motion, LCM-V; Fuhais, B.I.I. Montebello Sheom's Fuhais, LCM-VI. Anne Filetti as well was awarded entrance into the ASFA Hall of Fame

- **Top 20 Plaques**

#1 AFGHAN HOUND	(Hocus) Anuttara Loves Black Magic LCM J.& S.Anthony/A.Wendling
#1 AZAWAK	(Hissa) Kel Simoon Hissa FCh D.Kidwell/R.Mann
#1 BASENJI	(Grace) DC Dark Skies Morgans Grace LCM2,SC K.& K.Morgan
#1 BORZOI	(Scarlett) FC Mayberry's Gone With The Wind LCM10,SGRC P.Mayberry
#1 CIRNECO	(Henna) Cy'Era Henna M.L.Prieto
#1 GREYHOUND	(Doucette) FC,Can Ch Lakilanni Mama Let Her Play Am/Can FCh L.Soutar
#1 IBIZAN HOUND	(Rhiannon) DeVillez Every Single Day LCM3 R. DeVillez
#1 I. WOLFHOUND	(Rayne) Laislinn Starkeeper Rayne FCh J.Gagne/L.Carter-Watts
#1 ITALIAN GREY	(Primo) Primo De Shirkan LCM4,VLC Warden/Williams/Turnbull
#1 PHARAOH HOUND	(Zabelle) Ch Kamaraj Kamosett Zabella Sirocco FCh P.& D.Dimor/M.Smith
#1 R. RIDGEBACK	(Pee-Dee) FC Kushinda Impee-Deeing Factor TBV LCM,CGC,SC,LCX Dr. K.Hefner/K & K Hefner
#1 SALUKI	(Fina) FC Windrush Tika's Tinta Fina LCM5,SC,LCX K.& J.Lipps

#1 S DEERHOUND	(Kite) Kyleakin's Kite At Deermont FCh M.B.Grieb/B.Stephenson
#1 SLOUGHI	(Ibtsama) Ch Ibtsama Haifa Shi'Rayan FCh,JOR,GRC Dr. D.Crapon de Caprona
#1 WHIPPET	(Less) O Comet's Little Less Of O'Run LCM9 L.Pekarski/C.Owens

P) Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws (M Ferris)

Mike introduced to the ACoD some members of the Constitution Review Committee: Russ Jacobs, Jack Downing, and Jeff Lipps. He explained that most times these members come together it is to handle very important but generally benign work. This year was a little different, however, and Michael thanked his fellow committee members for their hard work and the well-written proposals that resulted.

- a. Two-minute Pro/Con Rule

MOTION/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept the 2 minute rule where speakers will alternate pro/con for the subject at hand.

- b. CRC Proposal #1

Article IV – Conventions, Meetings, Delegates, and Voting. Section 10. Definitions.

Regional Meeting Delegate: a person who represents a member club at a Regional Meeting or Special Regional Meeting; need not be the club delegate. It shall be the responsibility of this regional meeting delegate to disseminate information from the meetings to the club. No regional meeting delegate may cast more than one ballot on any regional meeting vote. The regional meeting delegate must be a member of the club they represent, and if they are not the ASFA-recognized club delegate, they the regional meeting delegate must provide a letter signed by a club officer (other than a spouse, family member, or significant other) that gives the delegate the authority to represent the club.

Rationale: *Club delegates have already been authorized to represent their respective clubs by the very nature of being named club delegate; thus, no further authority is necessary. The CRC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

MOTION/SECONDED/PASSED: to adopt this proposal as a change to the constitution

- c. CRC Proposal #2

Article IV – Conventions, Meetings, Delegates, and Voting. Section 5. Board of Directors Meetings. *Replace the existing Section 5 in its entirety with the following:*

Section 5. Board of Directors Meetings

- (a) Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least twice each fiscal year at such time and place as may be delegated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board of Directors.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct its affairs by mail. Questions to be voted upon submitted by the President or by one-third of the members of the Board

shall be distributed to members of the Board by the Corresponding Secretary within three (3) days of receipt. Each member of the Board shall have fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing to send comments to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall distribute such comments and a ballot to the Board members within three (3) days from the expiration of the period for comment. Each member of the Board shall then have fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing to return a marked ballot to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall tally the ballots received and, if a majority of the members of the Board have responded, shall record the vote on the question and distribute the results to the members of the Board.

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

***Rationale.** Subsections (a) and (b) are contained in the current wording of Section 5; subsection (c) represents new wording. As much of the Board's business is conducted in an electronic format, this new subsection specifies that the Board will follow the Electronic Meetings Procedures. Furthermore, the Board will be given the authority to modify and update these procedures as they deem necessary. The CRC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to adopt the proposal

- d. CRC Proposal #3

Article IX – Discipline

Replace the existing Article IX in its entirety with the following (not underlined to assist in reading):

Section 1. Any club, individual, or the ASFA Board of Directors may prefer charges against (a) any individual convicted of animal cruelty or other comparable charges relating to the mistreatment of animals; or (b) any individual or club for misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the ASFA, mistreatment of any sighthound, or unsportsmanlike conduct, provided that such misconduct, mistreatment, or unsportsmanlike conduct must have occurred on the trial premises during the trial hours of an ASFA-sanctioned lure trial, as to any charges preferred against non-ASFA officials. Charges preferred against ASFA officials can relate to conduct off the trial premises and outside of trial hours so long as such ASFA officials were then acting in their capacity and such misconduct directly affects the property, interests or reputation of the ASFA.

Section 2. Unsportsmanlike conduct may involve different types of conduct and is therefore not confined to a single definition, but in general, means conduct contrary to fair play or the rules and spirit of the sport of lure coursing. One test for determining such conduct is whether a family attending its first lure trial would be likely to decide, after witnessing such conduct, that the sport is not for them. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include, but is not limited to, public demonstrations of dissatisfaction with a judge's scoring or decision, abusive or foul language in public, verbal or physical abuse directed to any member of the field committee or to another exhibitor, refusal to follow a field committee member's proper instruction, or attempting to improperly influence or intimidate a judge in his or her scoring or decision.

Section 3. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of \$50, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. Upon the making of such charges, the Corresponding Secretary and the President, in consultation with the Board, will then

appoint an Investigating Committee consisting of the Corresponding Secretary (unless he or she is disqualified by a conflict of interest) and two other Board members (three in the case of the Corresponding Secretary being disqualified), which shall first review the charges and the evidence available to them. After considering all available evidence, the Investigating Committee shall determine whether there is probable cause to believe that conduct within the jurisdiction of ASFA discipline, as set forth in Sections 1 and 2, above, has occurred, and shall advise the Board should it determine the Board as a whole should entertain jurisdiction of the charges and hold a hearing. Such determination is non-binding on the Board, as a whole, and the Board specifically retains the right to decline to entertain jurisdiction and dismiss the charges as outside of the jurisdiction of ASFA discipline, at any time before, during or after a hearing on the matter is held. In that regard, the Board shall have available to it, as needed, all materials utilized by the Investigating Committee in making its determination.

Section 4. For those matters in which an Investigating Committee concludes the Board as a whole should entertain jurisdiction and hold a hearing, the Board shall fix a date of a hearing at the next regular Board meeting not less than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send one (1) copy of the charges and any documents accompanying the charges to the accused defendant by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and information regarding the hearing procedure as set forth in Section 5, below.

Section 5. The complainant and the accused may each appear before the Board during the hearing. Such appearance may be in person or by written submission, or both. Each party is permitted to utilize the assistance of an attorney during the disciplinary process. Such attorneys will be permitted to appear in an advisory or representative capacity at the hearing. The hearing shall be held by closed executive session of the Board unless both parties agree that it will be open. Deliberations of the Board on the charges after the close of the hearing will be in executive session unless the Board, by simple majority vote of the Board, agrees that the deliberations will be open. Before, during, or after those deliberations, the Board may, by simple majority vote, find that the conduct charged is outside the jurisdiction of ASFA discipline as set forth in Sections 1 and 2, above, and end its deliberations.

Section 6. It shall require a two-thirds majority vote of those Board members present at the hearing to sustain charges against a club or individual. If charges are sustained, the Board may, by a two-thirds majority vote of those Board members present, suspend the accused from any or all ASFA privileges as set forth in Sections 11 and 12 below for a finite period following the date of the hearing. In such cases, the suspension shall not restrict the right of the accused to appear before the ensuing Annual Convention of Delegates, as set forth in Section 8, below.

Section 7. Findings of the Board.

- (a) Within 24 hours of the Board's decision on the charges, its findings shall be put in written form and shall contain findings of fact setting forth specifically the facts on which the Board based its decision. Should the Board rule against the accused, the findings shall include the basis for the Board's decision that the charged conduct occurred and is within the jurisdiction of ASFA discipline as set forth in Sections 1 and 2, above.
- (b) Should the Board rule against the accused, the Board's findings shall also set forth the specific ASFA privileges from which the accused is suspended and when the suspension begins and ends. In the event the Board decides an individual's loss of any or all of the privileges list in Section 12 shall be extended to affect a hound's status in ASFA events, such discipline shall not exceed the

duration of the individual's discipline and shall be limited to those hounds solely owned by the individual at the time the charges are sustained; those solely owned hounds subsequently obtained by the individual during the period of suspension; those hounds co-owned by the individual where the co-owned hounds reside in the individual's residence at the time charges are sustained; and/or those co-owned hounds subsequently obtained by the individual during the period of suspension where the co-owned hound resides in the individual's residence.

- (c) The Board's findings will be filed with the Recording Secretary and entered in the official records of the ASFA, and will be made available to member or affiliate clubs and members of the lure coursing fancy upon request. Upon the filing of the written findings with the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary shall send a copy of the written findings to the complainant and the accused, and otherwise notify them of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

Section 8. Rights of appeal.

- (a) The accused shall have the right to appeal the Board's decision to the Board and/or the next Annual Convention of Delegates, as to either the decision on the charges or the penalty imposed. The "next Annual Convention of Delegates" for purposes of this Section shall be either the Convention immediately following the Spring Board meeting at which discipline was imposed, or the Convention the following calendar year, at the election of the accused.
- (b) The accused shall file the appeal by written letter to the Corresponding Secretary postmarked not more than 30 days following the date that the Corresponding Secretary sends the Board's findings to the accused. The appeal shall designate whether it is addressed to the Board, the Annual Convention of Delegates, or both. The appeal may seek reversal of the decision on the charges, rescission or modification of the penalty, or both.
- (c) The accused may appear before the Board or the Annual Convention of Delegates in person or by written submission, and may be assisted in a representative or advisory capacity by an attorney.
- (d) No new evidence shall be presented to or considered by the Board or the Annual Convention of Delegates on an appeal, but either body may consider evidence submitted during the original hearing before the Board.
- (e) The Board or the Convention may, by simple majority vote, reverse the original decision of the Board as to the charges, or may eliminate or modify the penalty imposed by the Board.

Section 9. Host clubs that fail to meet and comply with the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials* are subject to suspension of any or all ASFA privileges for clubs, or to a fine, or both, as may be deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. Clubs so sanctioned have the rights of appeal set forth in Section 8, above.

Section 10. Individuals or clubs with outstanding debts to the ASFA are subject to suspension of any or all ASFA privileges by the Board of Directors.

Section 11. Club ASFA privileges shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Eligibility to hold ASFA-sanctioned lure trials;
- (b) Voting on any and all matters of the ASFA;
- (c) Eligibility to nominate candidates for any position on the ASFA Board of Directors;
- (d) Being represented by a voting delegate at the Annual Convention of Delegates or any Special Convention of Delegates;

- (e) Being represented by a voting delegate at a Regional Meeting or any Special Regional Meeting.

Section 12. Individual ASFA privileges shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Being a member of the Board of Directors;
- (b) Representing a club as a club delegate, regional meeting delegate, or convention delegate;
- (c) Being a member of an ASFA committee;
- (d) Acting as a member of the Field Committee, including judging;
- (e) Handling a hound at an ASFA-sanctioned lure trial, including presenting the hound for inspection and slipping the hound;
- (f) Having a solely-owned hound entered in an ASFA-sanctioned lure trial;
- (g) Having a co-owned hound entered in an ASFA-sanctioned lure trial;
- (h) Having points or placements recorded that are earned by any solely-owned hound;
- (i) Having points or placements recorded that are earned by any co-owned hound.

Section 13. ASFA officials as used herein shall include:

- (a) Then current members of the ASFA Board of Directors;
- (b) Then current members of Article VII Committees, both standing and special, if any;
- (c) Then current ASFA contract employees;
- (d) Current holders of any other position appointed by the ASFA Board;
- (e) ASFA judges;
- (f) Persons then holding one or more of the positions designated in Chapter II of the ***Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*** in connection with an ASFA-sanctioned lure trial.

Rationale. This new Article is very explicit in describing the ASFA disciplinary process, including where ASFA's jurisdiction lies and what privileges are at stake. The CRC recommends that this proposal be **ACCEPTED**.

Discussion followed this proposal in which concerns and compliments were offered. Some of these included:

PRO:

- That this document thoroughly defines and outlines the privileges of the ASFA and places these privileges clearly within the four-corners of the field trial.
- This document clearly defines the jurisdiction and the limits of ASFA authority. This addresses prior controversies raised by whether the ASFA "crossed the line."
- The cons presented here today are of weight not great enough to dismiss the efforts and effects of this document.
- This document does what the ACoD requested last year by limiting jurisdiction of the ASFA to trial hours. The Fancy wanted the disciplinary scope to exclude ASFA from the responsibilities of mediating breeder disputes and like issues outside the focus of the sport.

CON:

- That the individual clubs have not had sufficient time to review the document and discuss among themselves its merit.
- That this proposal limits the jurisdiction of the ASFA to events and happenings that take place on the trial grounds during trial hours. It allows too much opportunity for behavior prejudicial to the ASFA to occur without ASFA's ability to respond.

- That this proposal has no provision for restricting or forbidding the transfer of ownership of a hound owned by an individual at the time of suspension so as to circumvent suspension of privileges.
- The document as it appears here appears to prohibit representation of charged individual by persons other than the individual or an attorney.
- The unsportsmanship-like conduct section of this document is too broad and unspecified in its scope and, if passed, could increase the likelihood of disciplinary charges.
- This proposal gives both parties the option of bringing an attorney and leaves open the possibility of “uneven playing field” for one of the involved parties. In other words, should one party bring an attorney, but the other party does not or can not, then the party without legal representation would be at a significant disadvantage. Either both or neither should have representation.
- This proposal requires a ¾ majority of the Board’s approval of disciplinary action whereas an appeal to revoke instituted suspended privileges needs only a simple majority. This seems unequal and in that, unfair.
- This proposal does not specify a statute of limitations with regard to filing charges

MOTIONED/SECONDED/FAILED: to table the vote until the ACoD 2008

* A call for a count is made:

MOTIONED/SECONDED/FAILED: to adopt the proposed, revised Article IX as presented

* A call for a count is made

Q) Amendments to the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials* (R Jacobs)

- a. Two-minute Pro/Con Rule

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept the 2 minute rule where speaker will alternate pro/con for the subject at hand.

- b. REC Proposal #1

This proposal changes the list of required information for the premium list publication. Many of the items had been “suggested” but will now be required

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept this rule change proposal

- c. REC Proposal #2

This proposal changes the way in which last minute changes of trial dates/locations are handled by the Board. It includes a change that would require clubs to receive permission to cancel trials.

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept this rule change proposal

- d. REC Proposal #3

This proposal would allow Clubs to pay per capita via electronic funds transfer such as PayPal. This doesn’t dictate a requirement but rather creates another option for remitting per capita payment.

A question is raised about the verbiage in this proposal. As is, the language is awkward and potentially confusing. A majority of REC members present may decide to accept minor changes in language and in this instance, the majority declines to change the language.

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept this rule change proposal

e. REC Proposal #4

This proposal changes the veteran age of Rhodesian Ridgeback from a current “in excess of 6 years” to an “in excess of 7 years.” This proposal has been submitted by the breed’s parent club.

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept this rule change proposal

f. REC Proposal #5

This proposal does not change the duration of a hound certification form’s but rather the period of time. This is intended to ensure that a hound certified as running clean runs within a year of its first competition and not its first year of entry.

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept this rule change proposal

g. REC Proposal #6

This proposal addresses the following: in an event that a hound gets loose during a course in progress and interferes or instigates a fight with another hound properly entered in that course, the judge or judges currently judging the course in progress may excuse the offending hound from the field for the day. Such judges need not be assigned to judge the involved breed(s) for that day.

An observation is made that suggests this change is unnecessary because other mechanisms are in place through the Field Chairman to excuse dangerous, loose hounds. Countering this, another point is argued that judges’ need the authority to remove dangerous hounds in cases where the Field Chairman has not witnessed the actions of a hound. Moreover, the judge’s role at a trial involves a responsibility for the safety of the hounds and an objective perspective.

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept this rule change proposal

h. REC Proposal #7

This proposal clarifies the hound certification requirements. It makes clear that a hound must run continuously without stopping, coursing the lure and without coursing the other hound. The rules currently do not make this explicitly clear though this is what most judges are evaluating.

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept this rule change proposal

i. REC Proposal #8 (options A and B)

At the last ACoD, the REC was asked to clarify this rule, specifying which excused dogs would count for points. Because ACoD did not indicate whether they wished the rule to be more or less restrictive, the REC offered two options:

Option A which prevents most hounds excused from the preliminary course to count for points and Option B which prohibits any hound to count toward points.

Option A elicits the comment that titles should never be made easier to acquire.

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to reject the rule change as drafted in option A

* **MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED:** to accept the rule change as drafted in option B

* A call for a count is made

Option B elicits the observation that this rule best reflects the rules in place in our current rule book.

j. REC Proposal #9

MOTIONED/SECONDED/PASSED: to accept this rule change proposal

- k. REC Proposal #10—removed from the table

R) Reports of the Ad Hoc Committees

- a. ACoD Selection (M Ferris/V Jacobs)

Site selection are made three years in advance of the Convention and determined in August when the Committee meets at the Board Meeting. Locations for the 2010 ACoD will be considered, then, in August 2007.

Questions were asked from the floor about the Richmond location for 2009. Other locations were suggested by the group including Atlanta and Charlotte. The Chair indicated that the Richmond location was approved by the Board and is fairly firm.

The ACoD 2008 will be held in Region 6 in Cleveland, OH. The host hotel is a Holiday Inn about 30 miles from two different airports. The rates are \$69 per night for double occupancy and \$79 per night for triple. At present time, Ohio is a non-smoking state. Prepare in advance. The anticipated registration fee is \$85 and a Saturday night dinner is planned near the Harvest Race Track. The hotel van will shuttle us back and forth and dinner will be served in a private banquet room. Region 6 clubs will host the hospitality reception on Friday night. The dates are March 29-30, 2008.

- b. Animal Advisory (V Jacobs for J Schreiber)

Vickie Jacobs reported for Jane Schreiber who was not present. She announced that Animal legislation is proliferating everywhere and has been remarkably successful throughout the country including in Kentucky and New Mexico. Currently, legislation is on the table in California, New Mexico, Maine and Pennsylvania. Each year bad animal laws in increasing numbers are considered on the state and local level thanks to animal rights support groups.

The committee handed out a printed copy of all states that have had some kind of generalized animal law passed. The threat to our right to own and run sighthounds is real and growing. We must be proactive against bad legislation and laws: join a pet-law list on line, get educated about pet laws in your area, get in contact with your local and state officials who will consider animal laws, spread the word about upcoming voting, and check the ASFA website under the animal advisory tabs for the latest news possibly affecting you.

A question from the floor asked if ASFA is a member of ADOA. In response, the ASFA is not a member though the chair of the committee is a member.

In California, a piece of legislation called the "Healthy Pet Act" is AB1634. This, if passed, would require all intact animals over four months old to have a permit purchased at a fee set by local authorities. In addition, no intact animals would be permitted into the State. This is being promoted by HSUS and supported by PETA. On behalf of the ASFA, the letters of opposition to AB1634 were sent to all legislators throughout the course of 2006.

- c. Gary Forrester Committee (M Standerford for J Schreiber)

Deadline for submissions to the committee is September 15. The guidelines for nomination for the award may be read on the website. On the website, too, is a listing of all past winners.

S) Unfinished business - no unfinished business

Sunday, April 15, 2007

Call to Order @ 9:04a (Standerford)

B. Roll Call and Seating of Delegates

Club Name	Delegate Name	Present/Absent
Alamo Area Whippet Club	Kathy Mittler	Present
Alamo Area Whippet Club	Dana Moran	Present
American Saluki Association	Jeffrey Lipps	Present
American Whippet Club	Frank Zaworski	Absent
Appalachee Coursing Club, INC	John Bruntlett	Present
Arizona Whippet Association	Rhonda Gifford	Absent
Arizona Whippet Association	Terri Grimm	Present
Basenji Club of America	Russ Jacobs	Present
Borzoi Club of America	Victor Whitlock	Present
California Coursing Club	Leigh-Anne Kitch	Present
Central States Basenji Lure Coursing Club	Arnieta Kurtz	Present
Central States Basenji Lure Coursing Club	Florine Havens	Present
Colorado Lure Coursing Association	Deann Britton	Present
Coursing Hound Association of the Southeast	Todd Birchfield	Present
Desert Fun Bunch	Steven L Klein	Present
District Area Sighthounds	Robert Jordan	Present
District Area Sighthounds	Wes Shainlain Jr.	Present
Eastern Slope Coursing Association	Elissa Thompson	Present
Eastern Whippet Association	Denise Como	Absent
Galveston Bay Saluki Club	Jack Downing	Present
Garden State Sighthound Association	Mike Lorenzo	Present
Gazehounds of New England	Michael Kurt	Present
Greyhound Association of North Georgia	Shirri Peak	Present
Heartland Coursing Association	Vickie Jacobs	Present
Heartland Coursing Association	Scott Hurlbert	Present
Inland Gazehound Fanciers	Vernon Staack	Present
Iowa Coursing Association	Marilyn Standerford	Present
Iowa Coursing Association	Michael Ferris	Present
Irish Wolfhound Club of America	Sean McMichael	Present
Jersey Rag Racers Whippet Association	Caroline Kirchner	Present
Lone Star Whippet Club	Denny Baker	Present
Lone Star Whippet Club	Susan Jensen	Present
Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club	Lori Coulson	Present
Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club	Dean Wright	Present
Metro Atlanta Whippet Association	Les Pekarski	Present
Michigan Gazehound Association	Jackie Nivison	Absent
Monterey Bay Coursing Association	Christie Beetz	Present
Nebraska Coursing Association	Dona Rosales	Present
Nebraska Coursing Association	Kent Standerford	Present

Northcoast Coursing Club	Joyce Katona	Present
Northcoast Coursing Club	Roger Katona	Present
OKI Gazehound Organization	Janet Lotz	Present
OKI Gazehound Organization	Willa Chambers	Present
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States	Debbie Bell	Present
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States	Ross Jones	Present
Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association	Tracy Luty	Absent
Saluki Club of America	Tom Cigolle	Absent
Scottish Deerhound Club of America	Debbie Narwold	Present
Sighthound Org'n of Tidewater	Evelyn Jones	Present
Sighthound Org'n of Tidewater	Gary Roush	Present
Southeastern Greyhound Club	John Parker	Present
Southeastern Greyhound Club	Patti Peterson	Present
St. Louis Area Sighthounds	Cindy Conter	Present
Tortoise & Hare Lure Coursers	Diana Itter	Present
Tri-State Sighthound Club	Ping Pirrung	Present
Tri-State Sighthound Club	Jane Schreiber	Absent
Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club	Pete Mendicino	Present

T) Roll call and seating of delegates

- a. Determine $\frac{1}{2}+1 = 26$ Determine $\frac{2}{3} = 34$

U) LCJA Lure Operator of the Year 2006

Michael Ferris reported on behalf of the Lure Coursing Judges Association, an informal organization that meets annually, that Mike Lorenzo was awarded the lure operator of the year award for 2006.

V) New business

- a. Optional second inspection before finals (Klein)

MOTION/SECONDED/WITHDRAWN: To make provision for Clubs, at their discretion, to hold a second, full inspection before the running of final courses.

- b. Update breed DQ list in the rules – Whippets, Ibizan Hounds (Klein/Gifford/Wright)

MOTION/SECONDED/PASSED: To update the Appendix to reflect current breed disqualifications for Ibizan Hounds and all other recognized Sighthounds.

- c. August Board Meeting by remote conference (email/e-conference/teleconference) (Birchfield)

MOTION/SECONDED/PASSED: to direct Finance and Budget and the Computer Committee to research the financial advantages or disadvantages of hosting Board Meetings by remote conference and report its findings to the ACoD in 2008

- d. Integrated Rulebook available on the website (Thompson)

MOTION/SECONDED/PASSED: To provide via the ASFA website a rulebook that reflects current, comprehensive and up to date revisions.

- e. Ibizan Hound Trophy for Gillette Stake (Wright)

Dean Wright announced that he would like to donate a bronze head study for the hound representing the Ibizan breed the Gillette Stake. He was advised with regard to procedure for submitting this proposal and referenced

f. Addition of the “Welfare of the Sighthounds” to Statement of Purpose (Mittler)

MOTION/SECONDED/FAILED: To review the statement of purpose and to consider the addition of the verbiage “the welfare of Sighthounds on the Field”

g. Revision of Disciplinary Article IX - Jurisdiction (Birchfield)

* **MOTION/SECONDED/FAILED:** To modify existing Discipline Article IX so as to incorporate and apply sections 1 and 2 contained in draft of Article IX presented at the ACoD 2007 April 14, 2007.

* Call for a count was made

Discussions followed at length about the draft, the current disciplinary article and still other alternatives. Much debate ensued about whether alterations would be viable in the existing draft and whether changes were minor or fundamental. Mentioned as concerns for the existing draft include: no definition of ownership; the potential for unequal representation between prosecuting and defending individuals; jurisdiction as here defined excludes ASFA disciplinary authority at non-trial ASFA events including Regional Meetings, Board Meetings and the Annual Convention of Delegates; and the absence of a statute of limitation for charges.

* **MOTION/SECONDED/FAILED:** that CRC present the same draft of Article IX as presented at the ACoD 2007 with the addition of a 30 day statute of limitation with regard to the filing of charges.

* Call for a count was made

MOTION/SECONDED/PASSED: to present again this identical draft of Disciplinary Article IX to the 2008 ACoD

i) ADHOC Committees of the ACoD

Marilyn proposed the following compositions of ADHOC Committees to the ACoD for approval:

ADHOC Committees of the ACoD	
Committee	Members <small>(committee chair is underlined)</small>
ACoD Site Selection:	Vickie Jacobs, Mike Ferris
Advisory Committee on Animal Issues:	<u>Jane Schrieber</u> , Vickie Jacobs, R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Jeff Lipps animaladvisory@asfa.org
Convention of Delegates Planning Committee:	2007—Phoenix <u>Vickie Jacobs</u> , Terri Grimm, Jeff Lipps 2008—Cleveland <u>Vickie Jacobs</u> , Region VI Regional Director, Jeff Lipps, Karen Rockwell

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	2009 – Richmond Jane Schreiber, Dean Wright 2010 – West (Regions 1,2,3,10)
Gary Forrester Award:	<u>Jane Schreiber</u> , Camille Mendicino, Kathy Nelson, Daphane Lowe Forrester.award@asfa.org
Lure Coursing Hall of Fame:	(co-chairs: East Coast: <u>Les Pekarski</u> & West Coast: <u>Mike Hussey</u>) Shirri Peak, Leigh Littleton, Elaine McMichael, Dean Wright
Constitutional Revision Committee:	<u>Mike Ferris</u> , Jeff Lipps, Russ Jacobs, Jack Downing, Dana Moran

MOTION/SECONDED/PASSED: To accept the proposed committees

Motion/Seconded/Passed: to adjourn at 10.56a

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Moran

ASFA Recording Secretary