

Highlights of the April 7 & 8, 2005 Board of Directors meeting held in Dallas, TX

- Recording Secretary's Report (Denny Baker): the minutes of the August 2004 Board meeting were approved.
- Corresponding Secretary's Report (Russ Jacobs): several protests were brought to the Board. One important policy that came out of a protest discussion was that in the event a protest is filed at a trial, the club should keep the **original** protest form, and send a **photocopy** to the Corresponding Secretary.
- Treasurer's Report (Sean McMichael): Sean distributed the 2004 Financial Performance Report. The ASFA ended 2004 in the black, in part due to a modest profit on the 2004 I.I. (which had larger entries than expected).
- Policies Committee (Ellen Bonacarti): New policies are being approved and implemented faster now that the Board can vote by email. Various policies were revised or deleted to bring them in line with the constitution and rules, in particular those involving the CFO/Treasurer positions.
- Scheduling Committee (Ellen Bonacarti for Lee Warden): Presented reports on cancelled trials and late premium submissions. A sample premium list for club use was finished and ready to be added to the web site. A policy was created that leaves it to the discretion of the Scheduling Chair to decide what is the best way to determine distances between trials (e.g., mapping software or straight-line distances) on a case-by-case basis.
- Field Trial Improvement Committee (Mike Ferris): Committee is still working on a Huntmaster Training program. Mike has been working on an alternative method of calculating the Top 20 (to be demonstrated at the convention). Mike calculated the median number of trials entered per hound across all breeds, and it is three trials per hound.
- Public Relations and Awards Committee (Jack Helder): A new addition to the #1 hound plaques will be the designation of the #1 overall ASFA hound. The Committee is exploring various ideas for items the ASFA could sell through the store (such as jewelry, pins, etc.), and also for the upcoming 35th anniversary.
- Regional Directors Committee (Jane Schreiber, liaison): Mike Ferris was elected as Chair of the RD Committee. Discussion at the meeting was largely about the I.I. (to be covered under that committee report)
- Records Coordination and Reinstatement (Lori Coulson): Board voted to give Lori the old ASFA computer she has in return for her entering pre-1993 hounds in the database in order to compile the lifetime Top 10. Lori demonstrated the new records program, which should be up and running full-time in the near future.

- Ad Hoc Committees of the ACoD
 1. ACoD Site Selection:
 - 2006 ACoD will be held in Sterling, VA
 - 2007 ACoD will be held in Phoenix, AZ
 - 2008 ACoD will be held in Cleveland, OH
 2. Constitution Revision Committee (Mike Ferris)

Future activities will include updating Constitution to reflect new CFO position.
- Computer Committee (Denny Baker): The committee will be working with Todd Birchfield to make hound records available via the web site, once the new records program is fully functional.
- Finance & Budget Committee (Jeff Lipps): Jeff presented the proposed budget for 2005, which was approved. It will be necessary to order a 4 to 5 year supply of Regional and International Invitational ribbons and trophies, so the budget projection is for a \$1600 deficit. Will be working with Sean to ensure that the CFO/Treasurer relationship is clearly defined and spelled out in the constitution, rules and policies.
- Internet Liaison (Marilyn Standerford): Marilyn and Caroline Deal (webmaster) will be working with Vickie Jacobs on adding to the web site the ability for clubs to pay for and update their ASFA membership. Most inquiries received via the web site are forwarded to the CS to handle.
- Forms and Forms Distribution/ASFA Store (Marilyn Standerford): Marilyn presented a complete inventory of ASFA forms and other items for sale. The ASFA store online is doing very well as more and more clubs use it and Paypal to order new forms and other materials, such as brochures, patches and wearables.
- Invitationals Committee (Mike Ferris)
 - 2006 I.I. will be ASFA-run. No definite location, but may be back in Colorado at the Falcon Institute for Advanced Coursing Studies.
 - 2007 I.I. – A bid was approved from a group in Minnesota to hold the I.I. in Prior Lake, MN.
 - Beginning in 2008, clubs that hold an I.I. will be given a \$2000 loan upfront, up to \$1000 of which may be forgiven if the I.I. is financially unsuccessful.
 - In future, clubs that hold an I.I. will have to submit a budget to the CFO before they request monetary loans or gifts from the ASFA.
 - The I.I. Committee will be exploring the idea of alternate dates for the I.I.
- Long Range Planning (Ellen Bonacarti): Jane Schreiber talked about a new dog park being established in southern Virginia that may be used as a model for other

states. Dog events such as coursing and hunting trials may be held there. Jeff Lipps had looked into the possibility of the ASFA accepting donations with the idea of purchasing land for coursing trials. The ASFA is a C7 organization and would need to be C3 organization to accept donations. We could establish a separate ASFA Foundation, but that would be a lot of work and probably not the right direction to go at this time. LRP decided that it was time for another survey of the fancy.

- Membership Committee (Vickie Jacobs): Vickie reminded RDs to evaluate fun trials. There are currently 120 ASFA clubs. Vickie pointed out a discrepancy between the running rules and constitution regarding when club dues must be paid. The REC and CRC will address this issue.
- Field Advisory News (Vicky Clarke): There are currently about 500 FAN subscriptions. Vicky reminded the Board that she needs more articles and ads for the magazine. She will be continuing the Board interviews, adding the new Regional Directors.
- Judges Licensing Committee (Leigh Littleton): Leigh reported on unfilled judging assignments. New rulebooks were sent to judges.
- Old Business
 1. A committee will be formed to work on the next historical book.
- New Business
 1. John Parker is looking into developing a new system of judging, based on discussions with coursing enthusiasts in England
 2. Part of the next survey of the fancy (see LRP report) will address clubs not represented at the ACoD, as only 40-45% of clubs send delegates.
 3. REC will be looking at adding a definition of 'hound certification' to the rulebook glossary
 4. The Board appointed Vickie Jacobs to the position of ACoD planner, beginning with the 2007 ACoD.

Respectfully submitted,

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