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We are almost half way through winter depending on which part of the country you live in. This means the coursing season will be with us soon. In this edition of the Communiqué is the Report of the CRC, reminders of the deadlines for registration for the ACoD as well as some input regarding the ribbons for the new Singles Stake.

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2012 ACoD

A reminder that the ACoD is to be held March 24th and 25th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in the Research Triangle of Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina. We hope your club will be sending delegates.

The deadline for sending in your registration is February 20th. That is the same deadline as making a reservation for a room to be able to take advantage of the reduced rate. These rates are good through Sunday night.

There is additional information regarding the ACoD on the ASFA web site. Those that register as delegates will receive additional information after the registrations close.

Remember this year is an election year.



New Singles Stake Ribbon

There has been much discussion regarding the ribbons for the new Singles Stake. The Board feels as though it is up to each club as to the ribbon they present to the top Single hound of the trial. The ASFA requirements from the rule book are; "Chapter VII, Section 2. Awards:

...Each ribbon shall bear at least the following information: (a) club name or initials, (b) ASFA or American Sighthound Field Association spelled out, and (c) placement. Ideally, the ribbons or rosettes should be at least two (2) inches wide and approximately eight (8) inches long...."

CRC Report

Constitution Revision Committee

The following Amendments to the Constitution will be submitted for approval to the 2012 Annual Convention of Delegates. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY. Per Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution, Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the convention delegates present and voting at the ACoD. Those proposals receiving a favorable vote will be considered an Amendment to the ASFA Constitution and By-Laws. Such Amendments will be published on the ASFA website following the 2012 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1, 2013. CRC: Jeff Lipps, Chair; Russ Jacobs, Dana Moran, Ping Pirrung, Karen Rockwell, Gary Roush.

PROPOSAL #1

Article X - Recognition of Additional Sighthound Breeds

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

Section 1. In order to be considered by ASFA for recognition eligibility, applicant organization must officially represent a breed designated as a sighthound by the national parent club, or the parent club from the country of origin. In addition, the applicant breed must also be recognized with an accredited association that maintains a registry for purebred dogs. A formal application will be sent to the Corresponding Secretary by such organization along with an application fee of \$100. If the proposal is not accepted by the Board, the application fee will be refunded.

Section 2. Proposing an Additional Recognized Eligible Breed. Subsequent to receipt by the ASFA Corresponding Secretary of a request for recognition from a major national breed organization, that breed may be proposed for recognition limited status approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. If the request for recognition is not approved, the proposal lapses.

Section 3. Approving Limited Status. Upon approval by the Board of Directors a new breed will enter Limited status. Recognition in Approval for Limited status will be published in FAN on the ASFA website and will begin the first of the month after approval. Limited status is an exhibition-only stake but must be offered in regular ASFA-sanctioned trials. Limited status recognition approval may continue indefinitely, but must be no less than two full calendar years.

Section 4. Approving Provisional Recognition. Status. Upon completion of the steps given in Section 2 and 3, the national parent club may apply for Provisional status. To be eligible for Provisional status the new breed must have had a minimum of 10 dogs actively coursing with a minimum of 30 entries in two consecutive or two out of the last three calendar years in which the breed participated in Limited status. If the minimum number of dogs and/or entries is not met, the breed may remain in Limited status. If the minimums have been met, the Board of Directors may vote to move the breed to Provisional status. If Provisional status is not approved, the breed will remain in Limited status. Provisional status will begin the first of the month following approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Provisional Recognition Status. During the Provisional recognition status period, the breed shall be eligible to be entered in ASFA-sanctioned lure field trials. Trial results for the classes shall be recorded and published in the same manner as for fully recognized breeds. However, during this

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period, no ASFA title or certificate shall be awarded to any member of the breed. When the breed obtains full recognition, all points and placements earned during the Provisional status period will be applied towards the current recognized ASFA titles.

Rationale: The word "recognition" and "recognized" is used in two different ways in the original language, leading to confusion. This editorial re-write differentiates clearly between technical "recognition" and other forms of status and status achievement in ASFA. There are no substantive changes to the process of breed recognition.

PROPOSAL #2:

Delete Article VII Committees Section 3. Standing Committees.

Standing Committees shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Archives
2. Communications
3. Field Trial Improvement
4. Finance and Budget
5. Judging
6. Membership
7. Rules Evaluation
8. Annual Convention of Delegates
9. Long Range Planning
10. Policy Compilation

Rationale: Would delete a listing of standing committees in the Constitution. At least one of these committees is no longer in existence; deleting the section would give the ASFA Board more flexibility in adding and removing committees to respond to changing circumstances.

PROPOSAL #3:

Discussion:

The 2010 ASFA Board meeting requested that the CRC look carefully at the Long Range Planning Committee Lurcher Proposal, and to advise whether or not it was consistent with the ASFA Constitution. Since that Proposal envisions sanctioned trials for hounds that are either a hybrid of two different sight-hound breeds, or of a sighthound breed and a non-sighthound breed, the CRC finds this inconsistent with (esp.) Article I Sec. I, which refers explicitly to "sighthound breeds" and "purebred dog activities" in the Objectives of the Association. This inconsistency could be resolved by a suitable revision to Article I Sec 1, and the CRC is soliciting opinion both from the ASFA Board of Directors and the ACoD as to the desirability of revising the Constitution in such a fashion, given that this would represent a substantive modification to the overall objections of the ASFA.

We look forward to see you or your club's delegate at the ACoD in March.

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