



ASFA COMMUNIQUE – 2012.04

April, 2012

Now that the dust has settled a little bit after the ACoD and we are back home going to field trials on weekends, here is a brief wrap up from the ACoD as well as recently passed items by the Board. Raleigh-Durham was beautiful in its spring splendor and as always it was good to see old friends.

The 2012 II isn't too far off – Memorial Day weekend (May 26 & 27) in Falcon, CO hosted by CLCA. The premium list can be found on the ASFA web site. We hope you are making plans to attend; the closing date, Saturday April 28th, is fast approaching.

II Eligibility Requirements for Provisional Breeds

The Board has passed an amendment to Invitational Policy #217.

"For a Provisional breed to be eligible, the entry must have one first placement, or two second placements, with competition within its breed or from a Limited stake within the last year."

Provisional Breeds

As we stated in the "interim" Communiqué, the Board passed a new policy to clarify the "classes" for a Provisional Breed in the Constitution, Article X, Section 5. The new policy (Operational Policy: Trials 48) is as follows:

"For those breeds afforded provisional recognition under Article X of the Constitution the provisional classes referred to in Section 5, in which the provisional breed may compete at an ASFA Trial are the open stake, field champion stake and veteran stake. Results from the classes shall be recorded and published as provisional open, provisional field champion and provisional Veteran. Eligibility to enter the provisional field champion class will be based on points and placements earned during the provisional recognition period that would otherwise entitle a hound in an ASFA recognized breed to be awarded an ASFA Field Champion title."

Note: On Judge's sheets, just add "SW" after the "W". "SW" will also need to be added to the judge's grid for premium lists.

ASFA's 40th Anniversary

The ASFA 40th Anniversary is here! The Public Relations Committee has put together some really nice items to help us celebrate. There is a link on the ASFA web site or you can find the items at the following link to the ASFA Cafe Press shop <http://www.cafepress.com/AmericanSighthoundFieldAssociation>. Check out some cool t-shirts and other apparel as well as a spiral-bound Record Book for keeping track of your dog's scores at trials. Many items would be nice for your club purchase for trophies. Keep checking the ASFA web site for additional items such as pins and license plate frames.

Awards

- New inductees to the Hall of Fame:
 - Person: William E. Shainline Jr.
 - Hounds:
 - "Darkling" (Borzoi), DC SilkenSwift Blaze's Darkfire, SC, LCM VII, VFCh, GRC
 - "Denim" (Greyhound), Ch, FC Lakilanni Forever in Blu Jeans FChX8, LCM7
 - "Dino" (Ibizan), FC Kirah's I Like Treybeau Best, SC, MC, LCM5
- Gary Forester Award: Jane Schreiber (Basenjis) from Region 8
- EPA Award: Tri-State Sighthound Club from Region 8
- Lure Operator of the Year: Les Pekarski elected by the Lure Coursing Judges Association ("Lockjaw")

Elections

This was an election year for officers. The new officers elected at the ACoD are:

- President – Ping Pirrung
- 1st Vice President – Dean Wright
- 2nd Vice President – Thom Haig
- Recording Secretary – Karen Frederick
- Corresponding Secretary – Bill Bowlus-Root
- CFO – Jeff Lipps

Constitutional Revisions – those that passed will take effect January 1, 2013

- 1) Article X – Recognition of Additional Sighthound Breeds – PASSED
There are no substantive changes to the process of breed recognition. It is just an editorial re-write to differentiate clearly between technical "recognition" and other forms of status and status achievement in ASFA.
- 2) Delete Article VII Committees Section 3. Standing Committees – PASSED
Deleting the section would give the ASFA Board more flexibility in adding and removing committees to respond to changing circumstances.
- 3) 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. 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. It was decided not to pursue this proposal at this time.

Please see the complete CRC report for the exact language.

Rule Changes – those that passed will take effect January 1, 2013

- 1) Chapter VII, Section 3. – PASSED
Additional sections added at the end to allow the titles of Best in II (BII) and Gillette Stake Winner (GSW) to be added to a hound's registered name.
- 2) Chapter VI, Section 12 – FAILED
To allow for commutation of suspension of judging privileges

3) Chapter V, Section 12, Best in Field – PASSED

Allow two-day Best in Regional winners to win an official Best In Field. This would treat two-day Best in Regional winners on a par with Best in II winners.

4) Chapter III, Section 2 – PASSED

To allow RD's to give special dispensation to clubs to allow a judge to judge the same breed alone on consecutive days within a 150 mile radius if this is necessary to prevent hardship on the host club. This letter of dispensation would have to be sent to the scheduling chair either prior to submission of the sample premium list or accompanying the sample premium list.

Please see the complete REC report for the exact language.

Financial

The financial reports for ASFA show it is in good health. The efforts over the past several years to right-size the organization to match declining revenues appear to have been successful. Still, primarily due to the state of the economy, entries have been declining and there was discussion of how to increase entries.

ACOD Highlights

Below are some additional highlights from the ACoD. For additional details contact your Regional Director.

- The Board proposed and the ACoD approved a reduction in the annual dues for member clubs from \$75 to \$60, beginning in 2013.
- The motion to make the Online Rule Book (as opposed to the printed rule book) the official version passed.
- Please note that there is a \$1 per capita fee for each entry in bench stake and for each pair in kennel and breeder stakes. This is in addition to the regular per capita fee.
- The Scheduling Chair, Denise Como, urged that if you don't receive an acknowledgement from her within 24 hours, please re-resend your request to her private e-mail address, wolfwindbz@frontiernet.net, or call her on the phone.
- A motion that clubs do not have to include the full address of their judges in the premium list passed. Only the city and state need to appear.

When the ACoD minutes have been completed we will be sending each club delegate a copy of the unapproved minutes from the 2012 ACoD so you can have a more complete picture of the business of the ACoD.

Please be sure you distribute the "Communiqué" to your club's members and enjoy the upcoming coursing season.

Ping Pirrung
President

Bill Bowlus-Root
Corresponding Secretary