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President's message

For me this has been a very busy summer of travelling as well as going on a 350+ mile bicycle ride. At this point I am looking forward to the fall and many weekends of coursing and I know my hounds are too. I hope to see many of you at trials this fall.

The committees will soon be submitting their interim reports and I am looking forward to hearing of the progress they have made towards their goals.

The past couple of months have been a bit slower with Board activity, but it should pick up after the interim reports from the ASFA committees. Because of this we have combined the August and September Communiqué.

Ping Pirrung

2013 International Invitational

The Board has approved a proposal from LARK, MGA and TSSC to host the 2013 II in Muncie, Indiana, (just a little north of Indianapolis) on April 13th and 14th. There will be additional information shortly posted on the ASFA

web site. A Facebook page – 2013 ASFA II – has been set up to post information. The fields are very large with little to no sight lines. There will be electrical hookups for campers and many more amenities. Stay tuned...

New Committee Members and Chairs

Denise has found that due to work demands she can no longer contribute as she would like on the REC and CRC committees. Ann Chamberlain has graciously agreed to serve on REC. (Since CRC is a committee of the ACoD it is not within the power of the Board to appoint a replacement.) Also due to work and personal circum-

stances Steve Curry, chair of Judges Committee, and Avery McLeod, chair of Public Relations, have asked to resign as chair of these committees. The Board has approved Ann Chamberlain as Chair of Judges Committee and Bill Martin as Chair of Public Relations. We look forward to their contributions for these committees.



Gary Forrester Award Nominations

The deadline for nominations for the Gary Forrester award is September 15th, which is only two weeks from now. Please check the ASFA web site (<http://www.asfa.org/gf/index.html>) for infor-

mation regarding this award. Letters of nomination should be sent to Gary Roush, the committee's chairman, at roushg@gmail.com by September 15th.

ASFA Issues Position Statement on

APHIS Proposals

proposed by the US Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). If enacted, they could seriously impact responsible dog breeders across the country. APHIS solicited public comment on the proposals and ASFA stepped forward to voice its strong opposition to the measures. We also encouraged all member and affiliate clubs and individuals to submit their own statements before the public comment period ended on August

Most of you are aware of the changes to the Animal Welfare Act

15th. A link to the ASFA position paper that was approved by the Board is posted on the ASFA home page (<http://www.asfa.org/ASFAStanceOnProposedAWAChanges.pdf>).

Thanks to all who helped pull this together in such a short time frame, in particular Bill Martin who did an amazing job of analyzing the proposed changes and spotlighting the points of concern, Thom Haig who provided some of the language that speaks plainly and directly to the shortcomings, and Ann Chamberlain who brought the issue to the Board with such passion.

ASFA's 40th Anniversary

2012 is ASFA's 40th Anniversary! 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.

There are only a few more months to take advantage of these items so be sure to check it out now.

ACoD Unofficial Minutes

The unofficial minutes from the 2012 ACoD have been posted to the web site for those that would be interested in reviewing them. A link can be found on the 2013

ACoD page (<http://www.asfa.org/acod/2013/index.html>). You'll also want to keep your eye on that page for other information about the 2013 ACoD as it becomes available.

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



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