

## 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 Passed**

## 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 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: Passed**

*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.*