

American Sighthound Field Association

2017 Annual Convention of Delegates



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Omaha Nebraska

Minutes

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1 **Summary of Business**

Reference	Motion	Disposition
96	Appoint the ACoD Minutes Review Committee.	Adopted
112	Accept the financial report.	Adopted
145	Authorize the Ways and Means Committee to continue their work on all breed coursing activities, in coordination with other affected committees, and attempt to finalize the planning for that program for presentation to the ACoD in 2018.	Adopted
173	Accept the modifications to <i>Chapter V, Section 7</i> .	Lost
205	Accept the modifications to <i>Chapter V, Section 13</i> .	Adopted
238	Accept the 2017 budget.	Adopted
270	Elect Pete and Camille Mendicino to the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame.	Adopted
272	Appoint the ACoD Site Selection Committee.	Adopted
275	Appoint the ACoD Planning Committee.	Adopted
278	Appoint the Constitution Revision Committee.	Adopted
281	Appoint the Advisory Committee on Animal Issues.	Adopted
283	Appoint the Gary Forrester Award Committee.	Adopted
286	Appoint the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee.	Adopted
293	Direct CRC to review what is required for a quorum during an ACoD.	Adopted
296	Direct REC to amend <i>Chapter V, Section 7</i> .	Adopted

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Reference	Motion	Disposition
300	Direct REC to amend <i>Chapter VI, Section 1, Item (g)</i> .	Adopted
304	Direct REC to amend <i>Chapter IV, Section 7</i> .	Adopted
307	Suspend the provisions described in the procedure for <i>Revising the Running Rules</i> .	Lost
310	Direct REC to amend <i>Chapter V, Section 12, Item (e)</i> .	Adopted

3 **Minutes**

4 The regular Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) of the American
5 Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) was held on Saturday, March 25, 2017
6 at the Hyatt Place, Omaha, Nebraska, with the President being in the chair
7 and the Recording Secretary being present.

8 **Saturday, March 25, 2017**

9 The President called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

10 Present were 44 delegates and 1 observer from 32 member clubs:

- 11 • American Whippet Club (AWC)
 - 12 ○ Claudia Miller
- 13 • Apalachee Coursing Club (ACC)
 - 14 ○ Sean McMichael
- 15 • Basenji Club of America (BaCOA)
 - 16 ○ Russ Jacobs
- 17 • Borzoi Club of America (BCOA)
 - 18 ○ Director (Region 7) Sandra Moore
- 19 • Central Leatherstocking Area Sighthound Society (CLASS)
 - 20 ○ Gina Whritenour
 - 21 ○ Rich Whritenour
- 22 • Central Ohio Area Coursing Hounds (COACH)
 - 23 ○ Kathy Lipps
- 24 • Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA)
 - 25 ○ Director (Region 3) Dan Heidel
- 26 • Coursing Hounds of the Mid-Potomac (CHAMP)
 - 27 ○ Evelyn Jones
- 28 • District Area Sighthound Association (DASH)
 - 29 ○ Deann Britton
 - 30 ○ Connie Sullivan
- 31 • Gazehounds of New England (GONE)
 - 32 ○ Director (Region 9) Ben Brodeur
 - 33 ○ John Plugis
- 34 • Greyhound Association of North Georgia (GANG)
 - 35 ○ Archie Doby
 - 36 ○ President Jeff Lipps
- 37 • Heartland Coursing Association (HCA)
 - 38 ○ Scott Hurlbert
 - 39 ○ Vickie Jacobs
- 40 • International Silken Windhound Society (ISWS)
 - 41 ○ Director (Region 10) Lori Silvestri

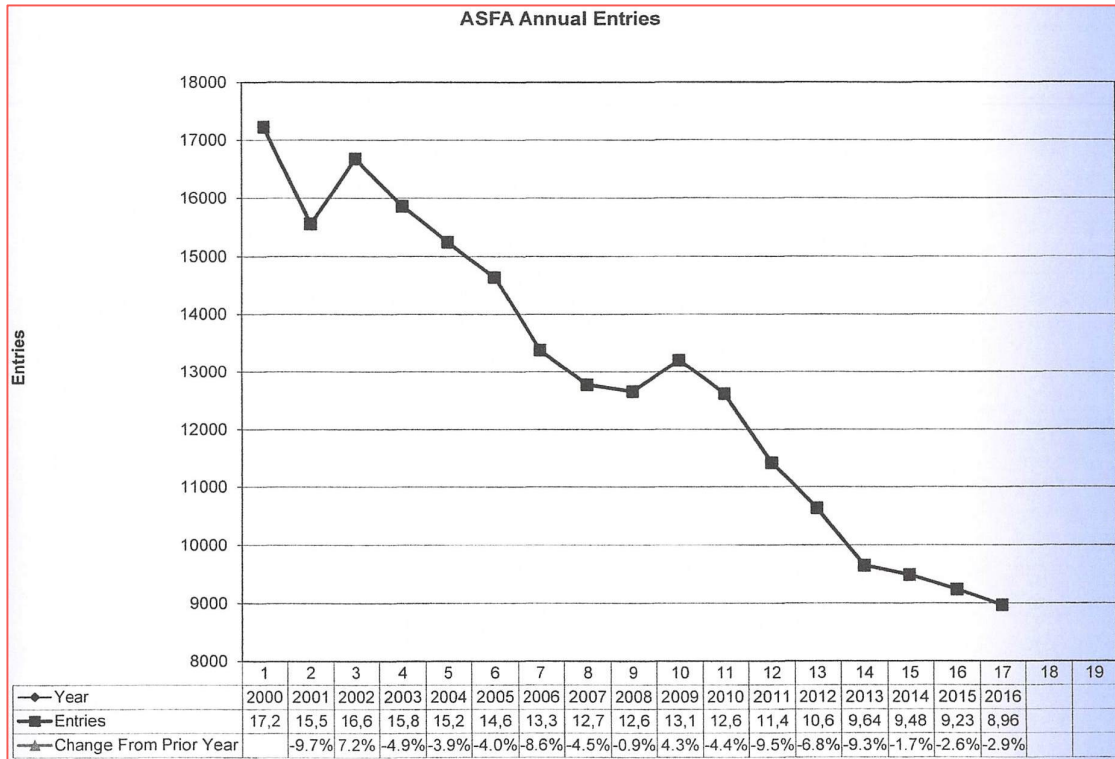
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- 42 • Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA)
- 43 ◦ Nina Gottsch
- 44 • Iowa Coursing Association (ICA)
- 45 ◦ Jocelyn Petersen (Observer)
- 46 ◦ Leah Petesch
- 47 ◦ Suzanne Popson
- 48 • Lobo Lure Coursing Club (LLCC)
- 49 ◦ First Vice President Phil Fullam
- 50 • Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club (MDIHC)
- 51 ◦ Lori Coulson
- 52 ◦ Sabrina Wright
- 53 • Michigan Gazehound Association (MGA)
- 54 ◦ Recording Secretary Joe Shoemaker
- 55 • Midwest Coursing Club (MCC)
- 56 ◦ Director (Region 6) Greg Breitbach
- 57 • Minnesota Coursing Association (MCA)
- 58 ◦ Vicki Fagre-Stroetz
- 59 ◦ Kathy Nelson
- 60 • Nebraska Coursing Association (NCA)
- 61 ◦ Director (Region 5) Kent Standerford
- 62 ◦ Marilyn Standerford
- 63 • Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA)
- 64 ◦ Michael Hussey
- 65 • Saluki Club of America (SCA)
- 66 ◦ Thomas Cigolle Jr.
- 67 • Scottish Deerhound Club of America (SDCA)
- 68 ◦ Debbie Narwold
- 69 • Sight Hound Organization of Tidewater (SHOT)
- 70 ◦ Chief Financial Officer Gary Roush
- 71 • Silken Windhounds for Endurance, Performance & Training (SWEPT)
- 72 ◦ Director (Region 1) Karen Sanders
- 73 • Southern Idaho Sighthound Field Association (SISFA)
- 74 ◦ Josie Haumont
- 75 • Southern Oregon Racing and Coursing Association (SORCA)
- 76 ◦ Paul Sanders
- 77 • St. Louis Area Sighthounds (SLASH)
- 78 ◦ Karen Frederick
- 79 • Tortoise and Hare Lure Coursers (THLC)
- 80 ◦ Corresponding Secretary Sally MacDowell
- 81 ◦ Director (Region 8) Dean Wright
- 82 • Tri-State Sighthound Club (TSSC)
- 83 ◦ Immediate Past President Ping Pirrung

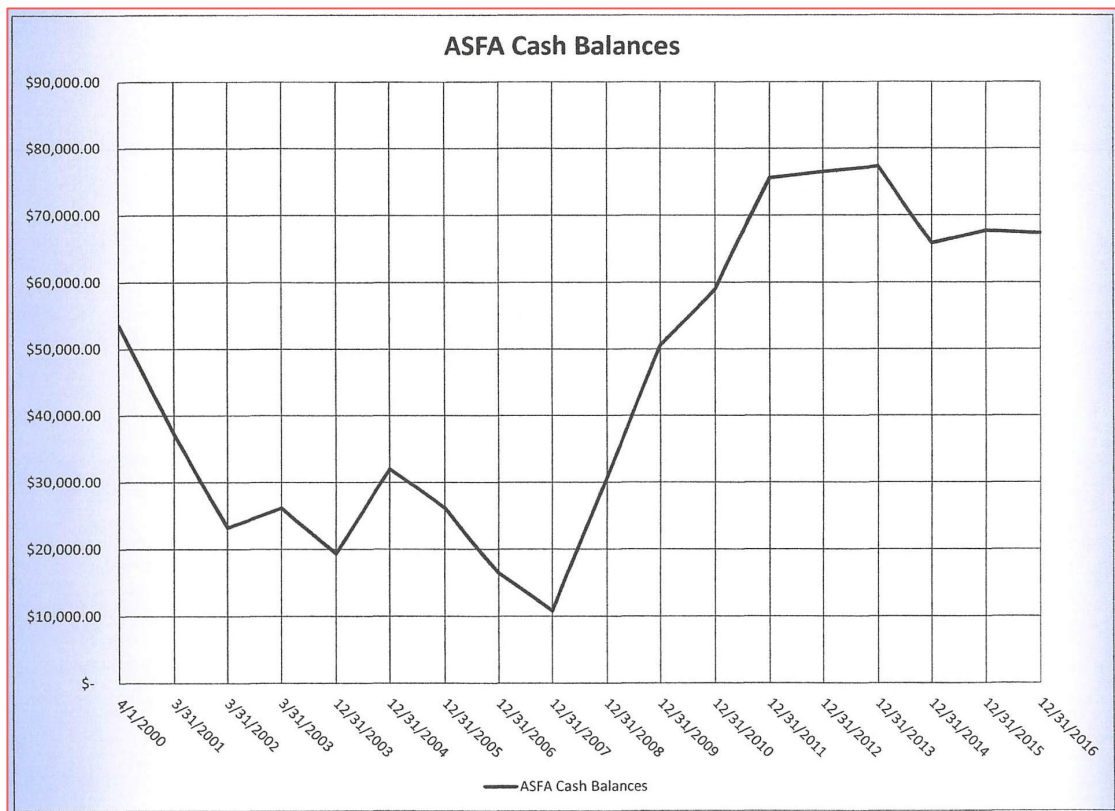
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- 84 ○ Second Vice President Rick Wolpin
85 • Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC)
86 ○ Kathy Sanders
87 ○ Audrey Silverstein
- 88 Absent was:
- 89 • Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA)
90 ○ Tom Golcher
- 91 Rich Whritenour moved that Russ Jacobs be appointed Parliamentarian;
92 motion adopted. Rich Whritenour moved that Sean McMichael and Mike
93 Hussey be appointed Sergeants at Arms; motion adopted. Rich Whritenour
94 moved that Marilyn Standerford and Vickie Jacobs be appointed Tellers;
95 motion adopted.
- 96 Sandra Moore moved to appoint Jeff Lipps, chair, and members Ping Pirrung,
97 Marilyn Standerford, Kathy Sanders, and Rich Whritenour to the ACoD
98 Minutes Review Committee. **Motion adopted.**
- 99 Jeff Lipps presented the report of the President. Please refer to the
100 attachment.
- 101 Phil Fullam presented the report of the First Vice President. Please refer to
102 the attachment.
- 103 Rick Wolpin presented the report of the Second Vice President.
- 104 Joe Shoemaker presented the report of the Recording Secretary. Please
105 refer to the attachment.
- 106 Sally MacDowell presented the report of the Corresponding Secretary. Please
107 refer to the attachment.
- 108 Gary Roush presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer. Please refer
109 to the attachment. The following charts were distributed.

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112 Marilyn Standerford moved to accept the financial report. **Motion adopted.**

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- 113 Jeff Lipps presented the report of the Executive Committee.
- 114 Dean Wright presented the report of the Regional Directors and Invitationals
115 Committee. Please refer to the attachment. Kent Standerford recapped the
116 2016 International Invitational. Ping Pirrung provided information on the
117 2017 International Invitational.
- 118 Karen Sanders presented the report for Region 1. Please refer to the
119 attachment.
- 120 Dan Heidel presented the report for Region 3. Please refer to the
121 attachment.
- 122 Kathy Sanders presented the report for Region 4. Please refer to the
123 following figure.

Region 4 report 2017
Submitted by regional director

A first for the region and maybe the first under the umbrella of ASFA, one of our clubs hosted back to back RI's. The venue was held on Dec 31, 2016 for the regional event and Jan 1, 2017 for the first Regional of 2017, hosted by an ASFA club in the south of Texas with a fair turnout of hounds. All enjoyed the ole field trial traditions of the region with the Newton's morning breakfast. Gary personally flapped a jack or two for the early gathering.

Many issues within the groups continue to limit the growth of ASFA within region 4 boundaries. Many feel that the ASFA is overcontrolling the true nature of the sport and have gone to other organizations to fulfill the quality time with their beloved four-pawed family.

The region hangs on to ASFA with a few clubs hosting trials thru out the time of my last report. For the dishearten coursing fan to travel far, many other actives and venues leave little time with a short time period because of the heat and expense.

We are still looking for someone to fulfill the shoes of a Regional Director and represent the region and their hounds at the board level. Hoping to keep a voice in the process for the continued growth of ASFA across this great nation, I hope the region clubs choose wisely with their vote on a new leader and mentor of the sport.

Submitted by regional director of 4
And presented by the Wright choice

thanks Dean for your help
to much work getting in the way as of late,
i miss attending and seeing ole friends and collages
Gary Runyan

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- 125 Kent Standerford presented the report for Region 5. Please refer to the
126 attachment.
- 127 Greg Breitbach presented the report for Region 6. Please refer to the
128 attachment.
- 129 Sandra Moore presented the report for Region 7. Please refer to the
130 following figure.

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Region 7 Regional Directors report 2017 ACOD

As the recently elected RD for Region 7 I have just the basics to report. I want to thank past Region 7 RD Jim Anthony for being such a help to the clubs during his tenure as RD.

Region 7 is comprised of TN, NC, SC, FL, GA, AL, and MS. In 2016 we had 9 clubs which held 36 trials where a total of 1550 hounds competed. This is down from 2015 when we had 14 clubs that held 46 trials and 1618 hounds competed. A couple of the clubs cancelled trials in February and March of 2016, and the usual May trials had one less day of ASFA I believe. We also have one club that only holds one single breed only a trial a year. So even though we had 10 less trials in 2016 that was only a loss of 68 entries. This made us the #3 region for 2016 behind #1 Region 5 and #2 Region 6. The club running the highest total number of hounds for the year was the Greyhound Association of Northern Georgia with 12 trials and 469 dogs for an average of 39 dogs per trial. The club with the highest average per trial was Sunshine State Rhodesian Ridgeback Club with 70 although I have to note that Carolina Lure Coursing Society is a very close second with an average of 64 dogs per trial for their two day January Jam.

Dean asked if we could ask on regional lists was there something that exhibitors/participants would like to see examined or changed. The only exhibitor suggestions that I got were

- a. Require an AKC or ASFA certification even for dogs with racing titles since what is tolerated in racing behavior when the lure stops is much different than what is tolerated in lure coursing, and some dogs want to fight other dogs when the lure stops.
- b. That an ASFA Best In Field be worth whatever the highest points were available for the breeds that actually ran in Best in Field. This is also something that I have proposed and voted for in the past but has been voted down. The exhibitors still want it so I'm going to keep bringing it up.

My own personal wish list would be for ASFA to examine our statement "*The American Sighthound Field Association*

*is an organization of sighthound fanciers
dedicated to the common goal
of preserving and further developing
the natural beauty, grace, speed
and coursing skill of the sighthound.*

*We will endeavor to promote
lure field trials for sighthounds"*

with an idea of being more exhibitor friendly, and realizing that sighthounds might not be purebred, and that having lure chasing activities for nonsighthounds DOES promote the organizations promotion of lure field trials for sighthounds. I would also like to see more exhibitor AND judges education as there seems to be some misunderstandings about rules and policies. This could be scheduled regionally with perhaps a fun activity like a cookout or a puppy match in conjunction with it.

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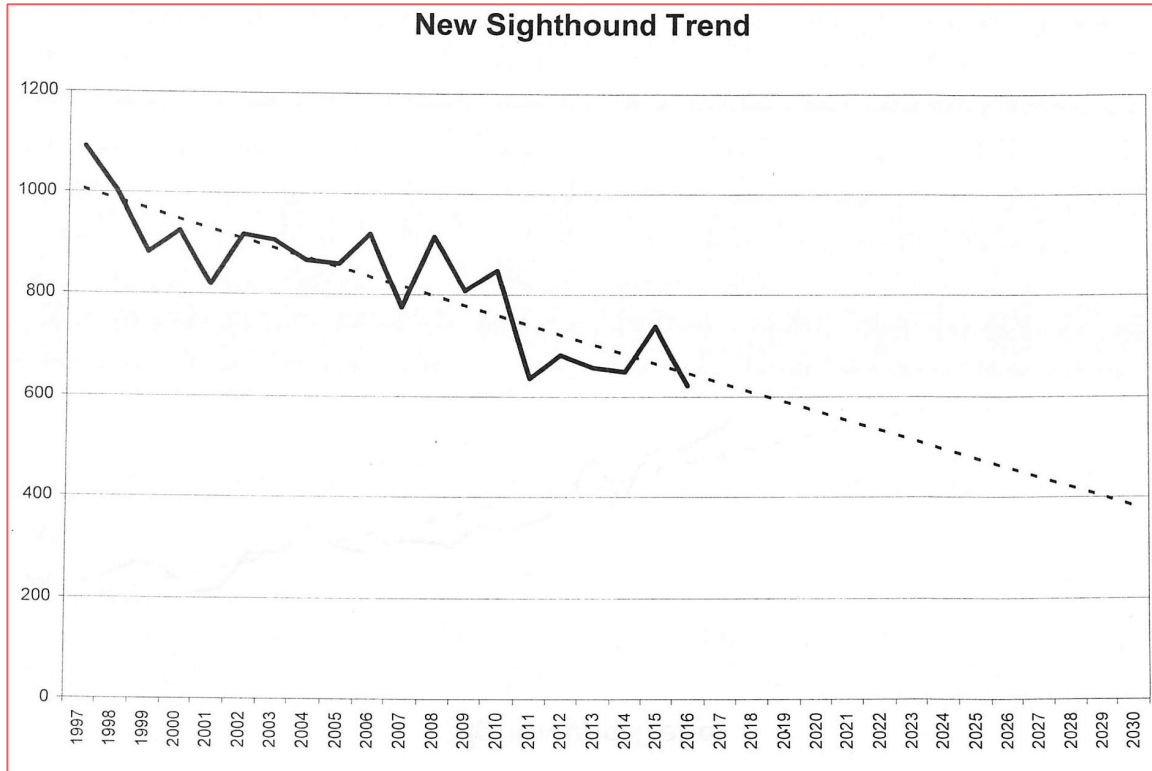
132 Dean Wright presented the report for Region 8. Please refer to the
133 attachment.

134 Ben Brodeur presented the report for Region 9. Please refer to the
135 attachment.

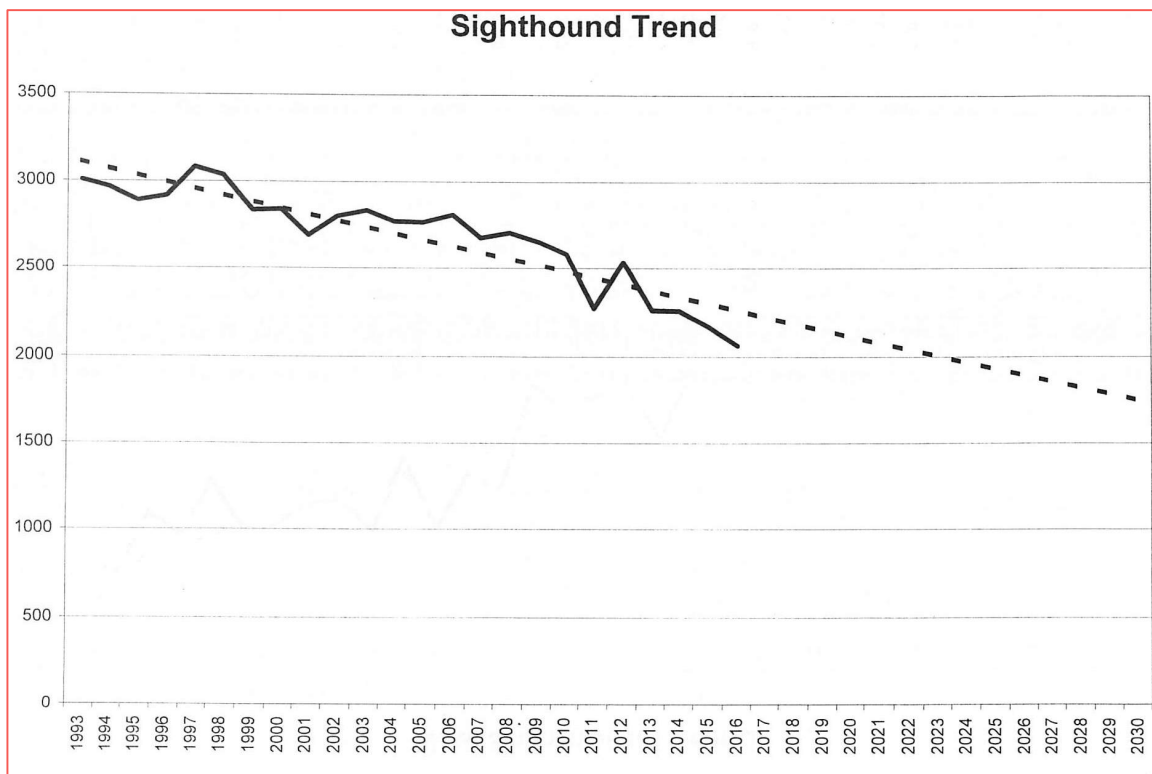
136 Lori Silvestri presented the report for Region 10. Please refer to the
137 attachment.

138 Dean Wright presented the report of the Ways and Means Committee. Please
139 refer to the attachment.

140 Tom Cigolle distributed the following four graphs.

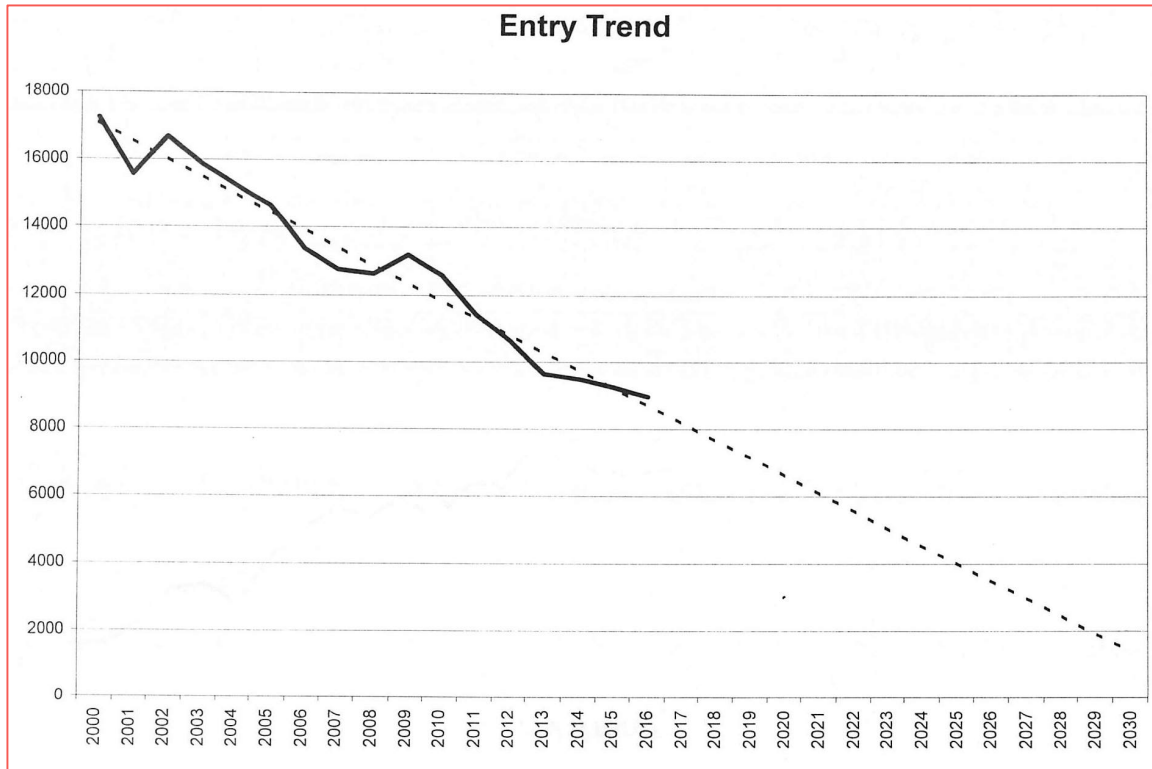


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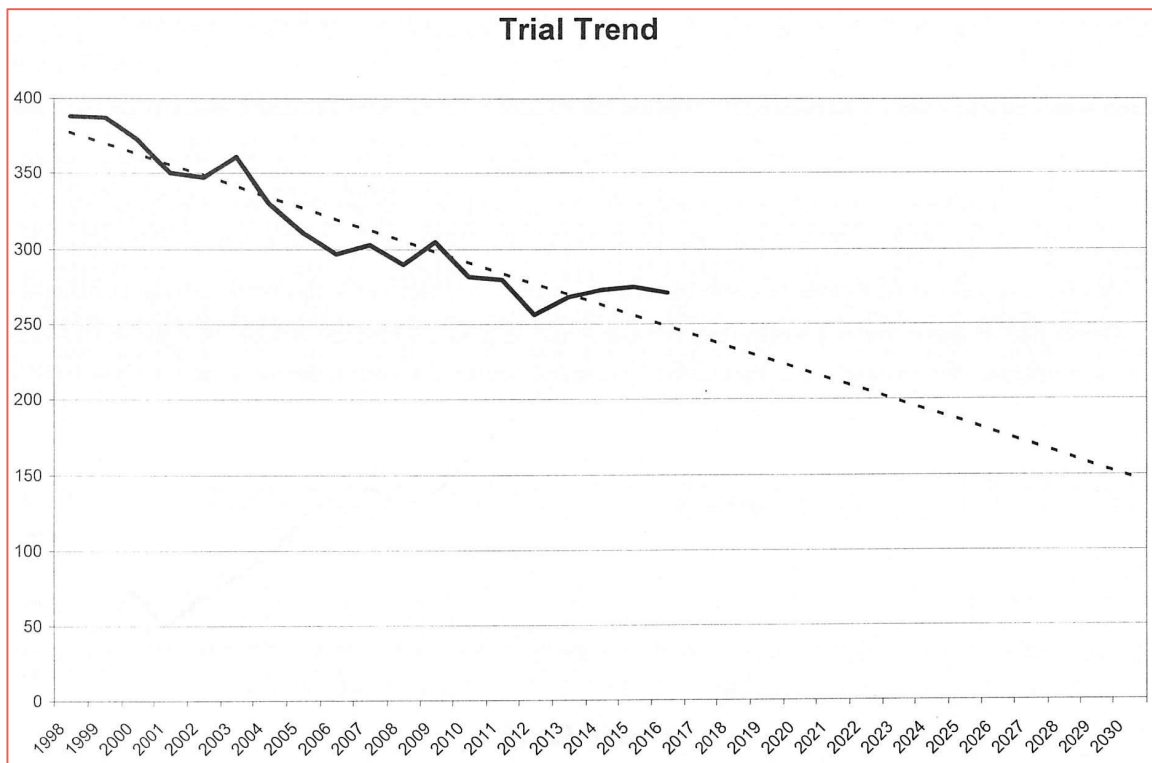


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- 145 Phil Fullam made a motion on the program for all breed coursing activities.
146 After debate and amendment, the motion to *authorize the Board's Ways and*
147 *Means Committee to continue their work on all breed coursing activities, in*

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- 148 coordination with other affected committees, and attempt to finalize the
149 planning for that program for presentation to the ACoD in 2018 was
150 **adopted.**
- 151 Jeff Lipps presented the report of the Contracts Committee.
- 152 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Judges Committee. Please refer
153 to the attachment.
- 154 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Judges Licensing Committee.
155 Please refer to the attachment. The top 10 judges for 2016 were announced
156 with the Leigh Littleton award going to Ian Davies.
- 157 Audrey Silverstein presented the report of the Scheduling Committee. Please
158 refer to the attachment.
- 159 Lori Coulson presented the report of the Records Coordinator. Please refer to
160 the attachment.
- 161 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Records Coordination Committee.
162 Please refer to the attachment.
- 163 Rich Whritenour presented the report of the Membership Committee.
- 164 Sean McMichael presented the report of the IT Committee.
- 165 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Website Committee.
- 166 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Forms Creation and
167 Distribution Committee.
- 168 Kent Standerford presented the report of the Website Publication Committee.
- 169 Russ Jacobs presented the report of the Rules Evaluation Committee. Please
170 refer to the attachment. Rich Whritenour moved to limit each speaker in
171 debate to no more than 2 minutes and to alternate speakers on each side as
172 best as possible; motion adopted.
- 173 Greg Breitbach moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter V, Running the*
174 *Meet, Section 7*, as shown:
- 175 First placing hounds in all regular stakes of each breed shall runoff or
176 withdraw from Best of Breed competition. Unless all ties for first place
177 and Best of Breed can be resolved in one course, all ties must be
178 broken before running Best of Breed. Best of Breed competition must
179 be resolved in one course. In the case of multiple flights, an overall
180 winner in the Open stake, an overall winner in the Field Champion

181 stake, and an overall winner in the Veteran stake must be determined
182 by runoff or forfeiture unless the Best of Breed can be run in one
183 course. Determination of this overall winner shall be determined in the
184 same manner as tie-breaking: namely, all hounds in contention shall
185 be randomly drawn in as many courses as are necessary, and after a
186 single run of each course the high-scoring hound will be considered the
187 overall winner (ties must be forfeited or run-off). The winner of this
188 run or the remaining hound shall be declared that breed's Best of
189 Breed. ~~Only hHounds winning a~~ awarded Best of Breed ~~run either by~~
190 winning a run-off or by forfeiture shall be awarded points equal to the
191 points awarded the highest-placing hound in that breed which it
192 defeated. In the event of a single entry in any breed, or all hounds in a
193 breed entered in one stake, the Best of Breed winner shall be
194 determined solely by the highest combined scores of the preliminary
195 and final courses. A hound must earn a qualifying score in the runoff in
196 order to win Best of Breed. A hound who wins a Best of Breed run, and
197 who is a single entry in a stake, shall be awarded a first placement
198 with competition.
199 A hound excused, dismissed or disqualified in a runoff and/or Best of
200 Breed run shall not lose prior points or placements earned that day. A
201 dismissal or disqualification in a runoff and/or Best of Breed run shall
202 count on the hound's record in accordance with Chapter VIII,
203 "Disqualification, Dismissal, and Reinstatement of Hounds".
204 After debate, **motion lost** by counted vote, 12 ayes and 32 noes.

205 Rich Whritenour moved to accept the modifications to *Chapter V, Running*
206 *the Meet, Section 13*, as shown:

207 At the option of the host club, non-regular stakes may be offered as
208 follows (all entries and awards shall be divided by breed; Singles stake
209 will be considered a single, separate "individual breed" for the
210 purposes of this section):

211 Note: The following stakes are non-regular stakes which can be
212 offered by the host club at its option. If one or more of these stakes is
213 offered, it is simply noted and winners are determined from their
214 performance in the regular stake. In other words, these are not stakes
215 especially run. They are designed to offer competitors a chance to win
216 special non-regular ribbons or prizes. No points are awarded in any of
217 these stakes.

218 (a) Kennel stake: For hounds of any individual breed; an entry shall
219 consist of two hounds, designated at time of entry, ~~in one of the~~
220 ~~regular stakes being~~ owned and kenneled by the same person.

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- 221 (b) Breeder stake: For any individual breed which shall have,
222 designated at time of entry, two hounds bred by the same
223 individual.
- 224 (c) Bench stake: for hounds of any individual breed; an entry shall
225 consist of ~~a single~~ an individual hound with proof on file with the
226 ASFA of a conformation champion title from the AKC, CKC or both
227 or a conformation grand champion title from the UKC.
- 228 In all non-regular stakes there will be only one winner per breed with
229 no championship points awarded.
- 230 After debate, **motion adopted** by counted vote, 27 ayes and 17 noes.
- 231 Rich Whritenour presented the report of the Policy Compilation Committee.
- 232 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Long Range Planning Committee.
233 Please refer to the attachment.
- 234 Gary Roush presented the report of the Finance and Budget Committee.
235 Please refer to the attachment. The proposed budget for 2017 was
236 distributed.

ASFA 2017 Budget			
	Revenue	Expense	Net
ACoD	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Forms	1,400.00	500.00	900.00
Per capita	39,200.00		39,200.00
Invitationals	4,200.00	1,400.00	2,800.00
Trials	35,000.00		35,000.00
Membership	5,400.00	200.00	5,200.00
Committees	2,250.00	30,300.00	(28,050.00)
New Web Site	-	1,300.00	(1,300.00)
Web Maintenance		4,000.00	(4,000.00)
Records upgrade	2,250.00	25,000.00	(22,750.00)
II Trophy refurbishment	-	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Insurance	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Records	400.00	30,000.00	(29,600.00)
Salary		25,000.00	(25,000.00)
Expenses		5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Records Replacement	400.00		400.00
Regional Directors		1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Board meetings		9,000.00	(9,000.00)
Miscellaneous	2,700.00	200.00	2,500.00
Total	\$ 56,350.00	\$ 80,200.00	\$ (23,850.00)

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- 238 Rich Whritenour moved to accept the 2017 budget as presented. **Motion**
239 **adopted.**

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- 240 Rick Wolpin presented the report of the Public Relations Committee. Please
241 refer to the attachment. Performance certificates were awarded for entries
242 and trials.
- 243 Rick Wolpin presented the report of the Excellence in Performance Award
244 Committee. The Excellence in Performance Award (EPA) was presented to
245 Sunshine State Rhodesian Ridgeback Club.
- 246 Evelyn Jones presented the report of the Rosettes and Medallions Committee.
247 Please refer to the attachment.
- 248 Jeff Lipps presented awards for number one hounds.
- 249 Dean Wright presented the report of the Guidelines Committee. Please refer
250 to the attachment.
- 251 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Field Trial Improvement
252 Committee. Please refer to the attachment.
- 253 Sean McMichael presented the report of the Paperwork Review Ad Hoc
254 Committee.
- 255 Dean Wright presented the report of the Archives and Historical Committee.
256 Please refer to the attachment.
- 257 Vickie Jacobs presented the reports of the ACoD Site Selection Committee.
258 Please refer to the attachment.
- 259 Vickie Jacobs presented the report of the ACoD Planning Committee. Please
260 refer to the attachment.
- 261 Vickie Jacobs presented the report of the Advisory Committee on Animal
262 Issues. Please refer to the attachment.
- 263 Ping Pirrung presented the report of the Constitutional Revision Committee.
264 Please refer to the attachment.
- 265 Gary Roush presented the report of the Gary Forrester Award Committee.
266 Please refer to the attachment. The Gary Forrester Award was presented to
267 Deann Britton and Connie Sullivan.
- 268 Dean Wright presented the report of the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame
269 Committee. Please refer to the attachment.
- 270 Kathy Sanders moved that Pete and Camille Mendicino be elected to the Lure
271 Coursing Hall of Fame. **Motion adopted.**

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- 272 Sandra Moore moved to appoint Vickie Jacobs and Sean McMichael, chairs,
273 and member Phil Fullam to the ACoD Site Selection Committee. **Motion**
274 **adopted.**
- 275 Sandra Moore moved to appoint Vickie Jacobs, chair, and members Sally
276 MacDowell and Pat Wieland to the ACoD Planning Committee. **Motion**
277 **adopted.**
- 278 Phil Fullam moved to appoint Ping Pirrung, chair, and members Dan Heidel,
279 Russ Jacobs, Jeff Lipps, Leigh Littleton, and Rick Wolpin to the Constitution
280 Revision Committee. **Motion adopted.**
- 281 Sandra Moore moved to appoint Vickie Jacobs, chair, and member Jeff Lipps
282 to the Advisory Committee on Animal Issues. **Motion adopted.**
- 283 Sandra Moore moved to appoint Gary Roush, chair, and members Dawn
284 Gibas, Kathy Nelson, Sean McMichael, and Rick Wolpin to the Gary Forrester
285 Award Committee. **Motion adopted.**
- 286 Sandra Moore moved to appoint Dean Wright, chair, and members Trisha
287 Borland, Mike Hussey, Leigh Littleton, and Kathy Sanders to the Lure
288 Coursing Hall of Fame Committee. **Motion adopted.**
- 289 Speaking for the Lure Coursing Judges Association, Tom Cigolle announced
290 that Mark Schubert was named the Lure Operator of the Year.
- 291 Dean Wright announced that hounds Annie, Spy, and Nebbi were elected to
292 the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame.
- 293 Tom Cigolle moved to direct the Constitution Revision Committee to review
294 what is required for a quorum during an ACoD. After debate, **motion**
295 **adopted.**
- 296 Tom Cigolle moved to direct the Rules Evaluation Committee to amend
297 *Chapter V, Section 7*, by moving "The winner of this run or the remaining
298 hound shall be declared that breed's Best of Breed", after the determination
299 of overall stake winner. After debate, **motion adopted.**
- 300 Marilyn Standerford moved to direct the Rules Evaluation Committee to
301 amend *Chapter VI, Section 1, Item (g)*, by adding verbiage about the
302 requirement for the per capita fee for Kennel, Breeder, and Bench stakes.
303 After debate, **motion adopted.**
- 304 Marilyn Standerford moved to direct the Rules Evaluation Committee to
305 amend *Chapter IV, Section 7*, by inserting "should be included in the
306 premium" between "form," and "if". After debate, **motion adopted.**

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307 Sandra Moore moved to suspend the provisions described in the procedure
308 for *Revising the Running Rules*. **Motion lost** by counted vote, 15 ayes and
309 26 noes.

310 Sandra Moore made a motion on amending *Chapter V, Section 12, Item (e)*.
311 After debate and amendment, the motion to *direct the Rules Evaluation*
312 *Committee to amend Chapter V, Section 12, Item (e), to the effect of*
313 *replacing "No ASFA championship points will be awarded; however," with*
314 *"ASFA Championship points will be awarded to the Best in Field winner based*
315 *on the highest points awarded to any individual hound that ran in Best in*
316 *Field. This will not exceed 40 points."* was **adopted**.

317 Meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM.



Joseph A. Shoemaker, Recording Secretary
American Sighthound Field Association

24 Apr 2017

Date of Approval

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319 **Attachments**

320 **Officer Reports**

321 **Report from the President**

322 *Jeff Lipps, President*

323 Welcome to Old Town Omaha. If this meeting is as good as the last time we
324 gathered in Omaha, I look forward to great things coming out of it.

325 As to the last year, I can best describe it as a year of transition. Why do I
326 say that? For several reasons. First, at last year's ACoD, ASFA elected new
327 officers. Of the six officers elected only one, the Recording Secretary, was a
328 holdover from the prior cycle. Admittedly, two other officers were elected to
329 positions they had held previously. That still meant that ASFA had half of the
330 officers assuming positions that they had never held and the learning curve
331 was steep.

332 Second, ASFA had chairs of two of its key committees resign: Membership
333 and Judges' Licensing. Once new chairs were selected, Rich Whritenour,
334 Membership, and Greg Breitbart, Judges' Licensing, records had to be
335 transferred and studied. This led to another transition period in those two
336 areas.

337 Third, just as sea legs were gained by the new officers, the RD election cycle
338 was upon us. This brought aboard new RDs and presented the ASFA Board
339 with the need to identify and appoint interim RDs for those regions where the
340 incumbent RDs were termed out and no one indicated a desire to fill the
341 position.

342 Complicating these transitions was the fact that we are a volunteer
343 organization and the demands of everyone's daily life often limited the
344 attention that could be given to ASFA. The good news, however, is that the
345 year following the election of new officers and RDs is always the year of great
346 promise. And that year is now upon us.

347 We have several important projects underway that will hopefully lead to
348 greater efficiencies and savings for the ASFA, and spark greater enthusiasm
349 for ASFA lure coursing. Specifically, the project to identify and implement a
350 new records program marches forward, and recently the Board approved the
351 creation of an ad hoc committee tasked with a mission to take a fresh look at
352 our record keeping and submission requirements. I have heard many
353 complaints about the onerous nature of our requirements as compared to the

354 other major lure coursing organization and felt now was the time to take a
355 look at these complaints.

356 Last year also saw the emergence of a group of Canadian ASFA lure coursing
357 enthusiasts here who entered a club in the Fast Track Program. They hosted
358 the largest fun trial I ever recall. The club is on the verge of hosting their
359 first ASFA pointed trial.

360 As in any year, there were things that were not accomplished. For example,
361 we have yet to develop tangible long range objectives for the ASFA. Also, the
362 search for a new records program has not advanced as fast as many had
363 hoped. Finally, the ASFA Communiqué has not been published in many,
364 many months. I certainly will accept my share of the responsibility in these
365 areas, and pledge to move these projects forward in a more concrete way in
366 the upcoming year.

367 In closing, I wanted to remind everyone that next year's ACoD will be an
368 election year for the ASFA Officers. It is never too early to express an
369 interest in holding one of those positions. And, as always, we desire
370 members of the Fancy expressing interest in and joining ASFA committees.
371 They are the backbone of the ASFA and need a regular infusion of new
372 energy and new ideas.

373 **Report from the First Vice President**

374 *Phil Fullam, First Vice President*

375 As this is my first time on the board of ASFA, I focused on understanding
376 how the board operates, and learning the Electronic Meeting Procedures. I
377 have attempted to contribute to discussions of motions, and vote on all
378 motions that have come up.

379 During the year, I advocated along with others, for a change in the structure
380 of the Records Coordinator function, and was asked to become the
381 Chairperson of the committee. The intent of this is consistent with the need
382 to provide support and direction to a very key function that ASFA provides,
383 timely reporting of trial results and top twenty standings. (More on this in the
384 Records Coordination Committee report.)

385 One area that seems to be underserved currently is support for individuals
386 who have experienced problems or difficulties at ASFA sanctioned events.
387 The mechanisms for individuals to communicate to and receive response
388 from the board are limited. There is also a perception that even if a person
389 reaches out to the board, nothing will come of it. Based on my very small
390 sampling of the fancy, the ASFA is seen as isolated and unresponsive.

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391 The coming year offers many challenges, and I hope I can contribute to re-
392 invigorating the ASFA.

393 **Report from the Recording Secretary**

394 *Joe Shoemaker, Recording Secretary*

395 The minutes for the March 2016 Board of Directors meeting were delivered to
396 the prospective chair of the Minutes Review Committee (MRC) on 18 March
397 2016 and, after amendment, approved by the Board of Directors on 27
398 January 2017.

399 The minutes for the 2016 Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) were
400 delivered to both the prospective chair of the MRC and the chair of the 2016
401 ACoD Minutes Review Committee (MRC) on 19 March 2016, and, after
402 amendment, were approved by the 2016 ACoD MRC on 6 September 2016.

403 The minutes for the on-line Board of Directors meeting that convened
404 between the 2016 ACoD and the 2017 ACoD will be delivered to the MRC
405 within a day of conclusion of business; hopefully, that will be in time for
406 approval by the Board of Directors at their March 2017 meeting.

407 As I stated in my report last year, I believed that having been through the
408 process and given time to prepare, I would meet the deadlines for drafting
409 the minutes this past year, which were 17 April 2016 for the Board of
410 Directors meeting and 19 May 2016 for the ACoD. I am grateful to both the
411 Board of Directors and the 2016 ACoD for assisting me with meeting those
412 deadlines by ensuring that I had the motions correctly in writing prior to a
413 vote. I urge the Board of Directors and 2017 ACoD to afford me the same
414 courtesy this year.

415 Despite the delivery of the minutes to the respective MRCs within the
416 deadlines, approval of both minutes was clearly delayed. With respect to the
417 Board of Directors minutes, I believe that a reminder immediately after
418 appointment and approval of the Board's MRC would have helped maintain
419 focus on the review process. With respect to the ACoD minutes, I believe
420 that naming the members of the ACoD MRC at the earliest opportunity will
421 improve the review and approval process by informing those individuals of
422 their responsibilities at the beginning of the convention rather than near the
423 end.

424 I also promised in my report last year to update the guidelines for the
425 Recording Secretary, which I delivered to the chair of the Guidelines
426 Committee on 20 April 2016.

Our parliamentary authority is the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, which recommends that an organization's executive board or a committee appointed for the purpose should be authorized to approve the minutes when the next regular business session will not be held within a quarterly time interval or in an organization in which there will be change or replacement of a portion of the membership (refer to RONR (11th ed.), p. 474 ll. 31-35 and p. 475, ll. 1-7). The intent is that minutes should not languish unapproved for an extended period, particularly when the approving body (e.g., the 2018 ACoD) could be substantially different in its membership (i.e., delegates) from the body that conducted the business (e.g., the 2017 ACoD). In recognition, the 2016 ACoD resolved that each ACoD establish, from its delegates, a Minutes Review Committee to review and approve the ACoD minutes within 90 days after that ACoD.

Consequently, I advise the 2017 ACoD to appoint its ACoD Minutes Review Committee, to be chaired by the president, who will select committee members from the body of delegates, to review and approve the minutes of the 2017 ACoD within 90 days after the convention closes. I further advise the 2017 ACoD to take that action at its earliest convenience so that the members of that committee are fully aware of their responsibilities for the duration of the convention.

Report from the Corresponding Secretary

Sally MacDowell, Corresponding Secretary

The very first thing I must say is that I sincerely appreciate all the help, hints, and encouragement I have had since I stepped into what Jeff referred to as a fast moving stream. Ping, as a predecessor in this Office, provided a strong framework in the Guideline and Job Description documents which she wrote. She, along with Dean, Marilyn, and Vickie are generous with their time when I have questions.

I have had enlightening exchanges throughout the year with many of you, and I could not have come this far without you. Thank you ever so much!

Statements of Irregularity and Protests

Two Statements of Irregularity were received; in neither case was there an Irregularity. The topics have prompted several fruitful discussions.

In the first, the writer described a situation in which there was confusion about the outcome when a judge dismisses a hound, but the other does not. Response has been completed with letters of explanation to those involved.

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463 The second, involving an incident of dog aggression off the field, is under
464 consideration at the time of this writing.

465 Two Protests were received, one with an appeal one not. Neither protest was
466 upheld.

467 **Other Correspondence**

468 I received a few questions from the website which I answered. I found that
469 task interesting, and in one case amusing. The writer offered "to write a
470 column for our newsletter" to introduce people to the joys of adopting dogs
471 from shelters.

472 **Review of Suspended Individuals**

473 The list of people suspended has not changed this year, they are:

- 474 • *Richard Erdmann, effective November 1, 1992 for an indefinite*
475 *period due to outstanding debts to ASFA*
- 476 • *Robbin Wiseman, effective April 1, 2006 for a period of 25 years for*
477 *conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the ASFA and all breeds*
478 *of sighthounds.*

479 **Motions in Online Meetings**

480 Motions Brought to the Board of Directors in the time between ACoD 2016
481 and the Distribution of the Delegates' Information Packet:

	Date	Motion Content	Result
1	11-May-2016	Accept the nominations to ASFA committees for 2016.	Adopted
2	22-May-2016	Approve Rich Whritenour as chair of the Membership Committee.	Adopted
3	26-Jun-2016	Accept the proposal from GANG and TSSC for the 2017 ASFA International Invitational.	Adopted
4	26-Jun-2016	Appoint Greg Breitbach to serve as chair of the Judges Licensing Committee.	Adopted
6	8-Jul-2016	Create the Leigh Littleton Award for the top judge each calendar year.	Adopted

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	Date	Motion Content	Result
6	14-Jul-2016	Reinstate the Silken Windhound, Allagante Sahara Starfyre, to full running status.	Adopted
7	9-Aug-2016	Approve SEGC as host club for the ASFA National Greyhound Specialty.	Adopted
8	15-Aug-2016	Approve Phil Fullam as chair of the Records Committee and add Gary Roush as a member of that committee.	Adopted
9	1-Oct-2016	Appoint Gina Whritenour to the Membership Committee.	Adopted
10	16-Oct-2016	Direct the chair of the awards committee to discard the remaining one streamer rosettes and replace them as needed with three streamer rosettes.	Adopted
11	16-Nov-2016	Deny the appeal to the ruling on the protest from October 22, 2016.	Adopted
12	28-Nov-2016	Take no action on the protest filed against the HCA field trial held on October 30, 2016.	Lost
13	7-Dec-2016	Deny the protest filed by Carol Lear from the HCA field trial on October 30, 2016	Adopted
14	13-Dec-2016	Appoint the serving Regional Directors in regions 1, 4, and 6 to be interim Regional Directors.	Adopted
15	23-Jan-2017	Accept the recommendation of the ACoD Site Selection Committee for the 2018 ACoD.	Adopted
16	27-Jan-2017	Approve the minutes of the 2016 annual meeting of the Board of Directors that was conducted on March 17 and 18, 2016.	Adopted
17	5-Feb-2017	Send letters in response to a request to modify a judge's decision.	Adopted
18	8-Feb-2017	Approve the establishment of an ad hoc committee to look at the ASFA Rules and Policies related to the trial paperwork to determine whether any changes are appropriate.	Adopted

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	Date	Motion Content	Result
19	6-Feb-2017	Adopt procedures for the retention of judge licensing records.	Adopted
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483		ASFA Communiqué	
484		I have had no involvement with the <i>Communiqué</i> this year.	
485		Corresponding Secretary as Surrogate for Chairs Not on the Board	
486		I did not understand this portion of the Job Description until I read a previous	
487		Corresponding Secretary's Report. I have been remiss, and I apologize.	
488		Regional Director Elections	
489		Regional Directors' terms begin January 1 st of odd years. The nominating and	
490		balloting process took place during the months of October, November, and	
491		December. The successor Regional Directors took office upon the	
492		announcement of the outcomes of the election.	
493		For those Regions in which no one was nominated, the Board appointed the	
494		serving Directors to continue in place until successors may be elected.	
495		Goals for 2017	
496		1. <i>Take up the role of Surrogate Chair for those committees not chaired by a</i>	
497		<i>member of the Board.</i>	
498		2. <i>Advance the idea that paper ballots are no longer necessary in RD</i>	
499		<i>elections.</i>	
500		3. <i>Incorporate my lessons learned into the Guidelines as appropriate.</i>	
501		Report from the Immediate Past President	
502		<i>Ping Pirrung, Immediate Past President</i>	
503		There really was not much for the Past President to do during the year since	
504		Jeff has many years of experience as ASFA President.	
505		I was available for questions from anyone on the Board and was able to help	
506		Sally taking on the daunting role of Corresponding Secretary as well as	
507		answer questions from other Board members.	
508		I did not have a vote on motions but was able to comment when I felt it	
509		necessary.	

510 I was glad to be able to serve on several committees and hope I can
511 continue to be involved with the ASFA in that manner.

512 **Regional Director Reports**

513 **Report from Region 1**

514 *Karen Sanders, Director*

515 Region 1 is working hard promoting and preserving the sport of the coursing
516 hound. We had 7 active clubs and 2 inactive clubs in Region 1 in 2016. We
517 held 22 ASFA trials with a total entry of 684 hounds and the clubs
518 represented the sport with grace, enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. The
519 one thing you can almost always see is the help each breed extends to the
520 other breeds while still being competitive.

521 Although we saw some difficulties with weather this last year and had to
522 cancel our Regional ASFA trial at the last minute due to the fields being
523 under water. Although we in the PNW will race in almost any weather this
524 was a little extreme even for us.

525 **Clubs**

526 Western Washington Whippet Association (WWWA) held the most trials and
527 had the most entries of all of the clubs in Region 1. Hats off to you, WWWA!

528 Even though we only have 7 active clubs representing the PNW we still stood
529 proud with our achievements for all the clubs:

530 Evergreen Basenji Club (EBC) was the TOP #1 club for Basenji entries and in
531 the top twenty for Italian Greyhound, Silken Windhound and Single entries.

532 Southern Idaho Sighthound Field Association (SISFA) was the TOP #1 club
533 for Cirneco dell'Etna AND the TOP #1 club for Irish Wolfhound entries and in
534 the top twenty for Borzoi, Pharaoh and Ibizan Hound entries.

535 Silken Windhound for Endurance, Performance & Training (SWEPT) was the
536 #2 club for Silken Windhound entries and in the top twenty for Italian
537 Greyhound and Irish Wolfhound entries.

538 Other clubs in the top twenty clubs for breed entries were:

539 Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (NWRRC) for Basenjis and for Cirneco
540 dell'Etna, Pharaoh hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, and Silken Windhounds.

541 Southern Oregon racing and Coursing Association (SORCA) for Italian
542 Greyhounds, Irish Wolfhounds and Silken Windhounds.

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543 Western Washington Whippet Association (WWWA) for Basenjis, Italian
544 Greyhounds, Pharaohs, Greyhounds, Saluki, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Silken
545 Windhounds and Singles.

546 **Region 1 individual Top 20 hounds**

547 Region 1 saw many individual breed dogs place in the top twenty in 2016.

- 548 • *8 Basenjis*
- 549 • *1 Cirneco dell'Etna*
- 550 • *4 Italian Greyhounds*
- 551 • *4 Irish Wolfhounds*
- 552 • *3 Pharaoh Hounds*
- 553 • *10 Silken Windhounds, Region 1 dominated the Top Twenty, list*
554 *including the top #1 Silken Windhound, "Sienna."*

555 For a Grand total of 30 Region 1 hounds in the ASFA Top Twenty

556 **Region 1 Goals for 2017 are simple:**

- 557 • *Promoting more ASFA trials*
- 558 • *Encouraging more entries within each trial*
- 559 • *Holding the ASFA Regional Invitational on September 30, 2017*
- 560 • *Holding a Regional Meeting during the weekend of the Regional*
- 561 • *Possibly promoting a special award for a dog entered in a certain*
562 *number of trials.*

563 **Report from Region 3**

564 *Dan Heidel, Director*

565 Region 3 covers the four states of Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado

566 Region 3 includes 5 coursing clubs in 2016: Rocky Mountain Coursing Club
567 which did not have a trial in 2016 (they run every other year); Utah
568 Sighthound Racing & Coursing Club which had 3 trials running 50 hounds;
569 Lobo Lure Coursing Club in New Mexico that held 4 trials with 75 hounds;
570 Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association that held 3 trials running 35
571 hounds; and Colorado Lure Coursing Association which held 16 trials running
572 464 hounds! Thank you, Lori Coulson for the statistics.

573 CLCA had the honor of running more Borzoi than any other club in 2016.

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574 Region 3 had a total of 27 trials, including the 42nd Grand National, running a
575 total of 643 hounds.

576 The Region 3 Invitational was held on December 4th by the Lobo Lure
577 Coursing Club in New Mexico and had 23 great running hounds.

578 It appears that the same number of trials will be held in Region 3 with the
579 addition of the American Whippet Club's specialty in April in the Denver area.
580 It will hopefully have a good entry due to the central location in the US.

581 Fortunately, there is plenty of opportunity to run in an ASFA trial in Region 3.
582 However, it is my goal to work on increasing the number of entries into these
583 trials.

584 **Report from Region 5**

585 *Kent Standerford, Director*

586 To begin with I would like to thank all the clubs in Region 5 for hosting a
587 wonderful year of trials in 2016. I'm proud to say that while our number of
588 trials remained nearly the same as 2015, our entries were up around 20%
589 even after adjusting for the increased numbers of the International
590 Invitational. We are very fortunate to have Purina Farms that hosted 6
591 national breed club specialties alone last year. In addition to that the BCOA
592 National Specialty was also hosted in Kansas.

593 Our 7 member clubs this year averaged 40 hounds per trial. I've been
594 impressed with the work each club has done trying to build entries and
595 interest.

596 Our member clubs include:

- 597 • *Goin' Up North Coursing with two trials*
- 598 • *Greater Twin Citites Whippet Club with 6 trials*
- 599 • *Heartland Coursing Association with 4 trials*
- 600 • *Iowa Coursing Association with 4 trials*
- 601 • *Minnesota Coursing Association with 6 trials*
- 602 • *Nebraska Coursing Association with 4 trials*
- 603 • *St. Louis Area Sighthounds with 4 trials*

604 Show-Me Basenji Club is an Affiliate Club and we are also home to national
605 breed club delegates for American Saluki Association, Basenji Club of
606 America, and Scottish Deerhound Club of America.

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607 I would especially like to thank all of the active coursing family from our
608 region for the immense amount of work put into the International Invitational
609 in October. While NCA was the host club, the weekend wouldn't have been a
610 success without all the support from EVERY club in our region. And all of us
611 in Region 5 very much appreciate the help that came to Iowa from across the
612 entire country. We had huntmasters from Idaho to Florida, lure operators
613 from Florida to Colorado, and clerks from across the whole country making it
614 a beautiful weekend.

615 And lastly, I want to welcome each and every one of you to our ACoD from
616 the folks here in the heartland.

617 **Report from Region 6**

618 *Greg Breitbach, Director*

619 The 2016 Region 6 Invitational was held in Avon, Ohio and hosted by Loraine
620 Area Racing Klub (LARK) on September 24. There were 52 entries and the
621 BIF was Whippet Gossip.

622 The 2017 Region 6 invitational will be held on Saturday November 11. It will
623 be hosted by ILCC at the model airplane field in Muncie, IN.

624 We are down to eight active clubs. These clubs hosted 42 trials with 1,661
625 entries for an average of 40 dogs per trial.

626 As with other regions, we have an abundance of other dog activities which
627 compete for entries. Some weekends there are agility trials, LGRA/NOTRA,
628 AKC Field Trials all within a three hour drive.

629 We are one of the regions where no one was nominated for RD to replace the
630 current termed director.

631 **Report from Region 8**

632 *Dean Wright, Director*

633 Region 8 is alive and well.

634 Continuing to Rock N Roll in 2017.

635 I would like to thank the region 8 clubs for their dedication to ASFA in 2016.

636 Region 8 consists of fourteen clubs, ten Member, three Affiliate, and one Fast
637 Track Affiliate. There are also two parent clubs in the Region. We held forty-
638 one ASFA trials with a total entry of 1,493 hounds, which is down from 1,547
639 in 2015.

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640 Our 2-day Regional was held in October by the efforts of UCBSC.

641 The number 7 club in the country for entries came from Region 8, Upper
642 Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club with a total entry of 379.

643 Region 8 Hounds in the ASFA Top Twenty

- 644 • *Afghan Hounds – 2*
- 645 • *Basenjis – 7, including #1 Basenji, Chilly*
- 646 • *Borzoi- -9*
- 647 • *Cirneco dell'Etna – 1*
- 648 • *Galgo Espanol – 2, including # 1 Galgo, Gunner*
- 649 • *Italian Greyhounds – 3*
- 650 • *Irish Wolfhounds – 3*
- 651 • *Pharaoh Hounds – 2*
- 652 • *Rhodesian Ridgebacks – 8, including # 1 RR, Vera*
- 653 • *Saluki – 2*
- 654 • *Scottish Deerhounds – 2*
- 655 • *Singles – 2, including the # 1 Single, Fariq*
- 656 • *Whippets – 1*

657 For a Grand Total of 41 Region 8 hounds in the ASFA Top Twenty

658 On January 29th we held our 40th annual Regional meeting with 18 in
659 attendance representing 11 of our 14 clubs, not a shabby turn out.

660 Please check out our website at www.asfaregion8.com it has historical photos
661 the history of our Region; a brag section; and much, much more.

662 My goals for Region 8 in 2016 are:

- 663 • *Have an entry of 50 each day at our 2017 Regional Invitational.*
- 664 • *Advertise our Region 8 Long Running Trials, CHAMP CUP, GRANDE*
665 *PRIX CHALLENGE CUP, Final Weekend of Trials in Hanover, and The*
666 *ALLEGHENY DERBY.*
- 667 • *Use the Special events on the ASFA Website to advertise our long*
668 *running trials.*

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- 669 • *Increase the wish list.*
- 670 • *Have more brag photos on the Region 8 website.*
- 671 • *Have an increase of 10 % in entries over 2016*
- 672 • *Have each club with four trials last year, do one more weekend in*
- 673 *2017 and qualify for the Bronze award presented at the 2018 ACOD.*

674 **Report from Region 9**

675 *Ben Brodeur, Director*

676 Region 9 includes New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island,
677 New Hampshire, Vermont & Maine with 3 active member clubs consisting of
678 CLASS, GONE & LCLC and is bordered by Region 6 & 8. Unfortunately, we
679 have 2 clubs, NERRC with a change in leadership who prefers holding AKC
680 events, and PHONE not participating in ASFA due to the lack of a timely
681 response concerning their inquiry about the 2014 end of the year West Coast
682 ASFA Breed Specialty Trial.

683 On a better note, the NAA Ontario Club (as an extension of Region 9) applied
684 for ASFA membership. The reasoning is that they truly enjoy coursing under
685 ASFA and that this will allow them to participate without having to cross
686 borders. In 2016, they held an ASFA fun trial with an amazing entry of 23
687 hounds and were approved as an affiliate club by the ASFA Membership
688 Chair. Following their fun trial, they applied and were approved by the
689 Scheduling Chair to hold an ASFA AB trial on May 27th & 28th 2017 in
690 Emvale Ontario.

691 As ASFA Region 9 Director, I made it a point during the 2016 coursing
692 season to attend several scheduled trials per club so we could discuss
693 member concerns & ideas to increase hound attendance at ASFA lure
694 coursing trials. One major concern was the lack of participants getting
695 involved at trials. After preaching this for a number of years, I am happy to
696 report that in 2016 GONE members finally stepped up to help at trials.

697 At GONE's annual meeting held on January 28, 2017 we agreed to host the
698 2017 ASFA Region 9 Invitational on Saturday, October 14th at the Kinnie
699 Farm in Connecticut, which has been approved by the Scheduling Chair. I will
700 continue to work with my Region 9 Club members in finding ways to invite
701 new judges to our region. Unfortunately, most of the time it's cost prohibitive
702 for a club to do so, so if anyone has any suggestions we welcome any
703 suggestions!

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704 In 2015, Region 9 held 15 trials with 3 clubs participating for a total entry of
705 616, and I'm happy to report that in 2016 Region 9 held 19 trials for a total
706 entry of 692 or a .9% increase over the previous year. This is 7.7% of
707 ASFA's total 2016 entry of 8,967.

708 Trials held per club:

- 709 • *CLASS 6 trials*
- 710 • *GONE 7 trials*
- 711 • *LCLC 4 trials*
- 712 • *SDCA & NAA 1 trial each*

713 Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2017 ACoD.

714 **Report from Region 10**

715 *Lori Silvestri, Director*

716 Region 10 covers the State of California south from the northern boundaries
717 of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, Arizona, Hawaii, and
718 Nevada south of Highway 6.

719 2016 saw a significant increase in entries in Region 10, following a couple of
720 years of decline. Region 10 is currently facing a number of challenges,
721 including a multi-year decline in the number of ASFA clubs (who mostly
722 chose to host only AKC trials from then on), a loss of available fields due to
723 drought and other challenges. We are happy to see progress and growth in
724 spite of these challenges.

725 Region 10 currently has 2 member clubs, 1 National Breed Club, and 2
726 Affiliate clubs. 2016 will hopefully see an increase in the number of all-breed
727 member clubs in region 10, with Central Coast Association of Sighthounds
728 (CCASH) in Paso Robles, CA, having applied for Member club status in
729 January. The Central Coast generally has mild weather all year, and CCASH
730 has a large number of long-time ASFA enthusiasts as members, so CCASH
731 should be a welcome addition to the ASFA region 10 family. CCASH has to
732 date only hosted two to three trials per year, with the limiting factor being
733 the lack of a large field due to the drought conditions on California's central
734 coast. We are hoping that the heavy rains this winter will alleviate the
735 drought concerns and allow us greater freedom in selecting a field.

736 Our most active club in Region 10 has long been California Coursing
737 Association CCA, a club that has recovered beautifully, and continues to grow
738 and set an example for others after being treated inappropriately by other

fanciers a couple of years ago. CCA has for many years been a source of training and support for new clubs and lure coursing enthusiasts, providing equipment and mentoring for anyone seriously interested in learning various aspects of the sport. In 2016, CCA had a total of 221 entries, up from 90 in 2015. CCA hosted 21 trials in 2016, up from 19 in 2015. Having previously hosted multiple ASFA Specialty trials in conjunction with AKC trials in recent years, CCA has started hosting all breed ASFA trials again. At one of these ASFA trials, they had an entry of 56 dogs. I would love to see all of the clubs in our region (and across the country) more than double their annual entries!

Region 10's season is already under way. By this publication, CCA has already held their first 4 trials of the year. CCASH has two trials scheduled so far this year, and the ISWS has their national Specialty scheduled for May in Chino Hills, CA, supported by CCA.

Over this next year, I will continue to work on improving communication in the region and to encourage individuals and clubs to embrace and/or rekindle their enthusiasm for the sport of lure coursing. I will be working with each club in the region to address their unique challenges. I believe greater communication will get us far in achieving our common goals, and as such I will be working with individuals and club officers to learn their perspectives and encourage participation in the sport.

Committee Reports

Report from the Archives and Historical Committee

Dean Wright, Chair

First, I would like to thank the other committee members for their contributions to the committee's work; Ben Brodeur, Kent Standerford, Russ Jacobs and Kathy Sanders.

I would also like to thank Nancy Ewing for her work as the Curator of the ASFA Museum at 6851 York Road in Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Activities in 2016:

- 1. Karen Turner from Georgia is sending a complete set of FAN Magazines to Max von Broembsen – who has Afghan Hounds – in Texas. He would like permission to scan each page of these magazines and place them on his web site with a link from the ASFA website to his. We will need to get Board approval for this project. I have added it to the agenda for the Board meeting.*

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774 2. *National Sporting Library & Museum in Middleburg Virginia might house*
775 *our significant older paper and Fan Magazines. Will look into this and see*
776 *if it is worth pursuing.*

777 The following were our Goals for 2016-2017:

778 HISTORICAL COMMITTEE GOALS

779 1. **For 2016** *A written inventory of all items. (Is completed needs to be put*
780 *into some logical format.(Inventory is completed needs to be put into a*
781 *booklet form) LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER WITH THE KNOW HOW.(Kathy*
782 *Sanders on the committee volunteered (has not completed)*

783 2. **For 2017** *The written inventory with photos on the web site. (Still to do.)*

784 3. *Publish the ASFA History written by Gary Roush from the first Historical*
785 *Book on the Web Site (Request has been sent to Website Committee for a*
786 *section for ASFA History. The request was approved several years ago.*
787 *Still waiting for spot on website.)*

788 4. *ASFA received several very old lure machines and pulleys donated by Mr.*
789 *Huff from California. These inventive machines were used in the beginning*
790 *of ASFA and they are on display at the ASFA Museum in Hanover*
791 *Pennsylvania.*

792 Below are photographs of the ASFA Museum and Conference Room.

793 **Figure 1 - Lyle Gillette's original lure machine and two collections of awards and**
794 **trophies.**



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796 **Figure 2 - Trophies and awards on two walls. The original lure machine is in the**
797 **corner.**



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799 **Figure 3 - A closer look at the machine. Part of the mechanism is a coffee grinder.**



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801 Gillette traveled the West Coast using this machine and pillows to
802 demonstrate that hounds would chase an artificial bunny.

Report from the Executive Committee

Jeff Lipps, Chair

The Executive Committee met infrequently online over the course of the past year, mostly to refer business to the appropriate body. The only other action taken by the Committee, which was later reviewed without objection by the Board of Directors, was to direct the Scheduling Committee to accept a fun trial premium list within the final 45 day limit without penalty to allow an applied club to reschedule their event.

Report from the Field Trial Improvement Committee

Greg Breitbach, Chair

The Field Trial Improvement Committee was charged at the end of last year's ACoD to look into having ASFA trials in Canada and incorporating sections of Canada into existing regions. After discussion, it was determined that this did not fall under our category because of the time required and we moved this to Long Range Planning Committee. LRPC accepted this.

We looked into the following:

Finish the lure operators training seminar. Each committee member should look at the seminar information posted and provide feedback, too long, detailed, etc.

Finish the Lure Operators Handbook. Each committee member should look at the file and provide feedback.

Discuss the distance requirement between trials. With better roads and such, the current distance may be outdated. We should discuss so that we can report any conclusion next year.

Investigate the Huntmaster Handbook. That has not been updated in a while.

One new idea floated was the possibility of mixed BOB runs. In case of first place ties in stakes, the dogs would be drawn in two runs to possibly reduce the number of times dogs have to run. Under discussion.

A lot of things this committee has discussed in the past are being tried/implemented by clubs currently. We need some fresh ideas about how to bring in new workers/exhibitors to the sport.

Report from the Finance and Budget Committee

Gary Roush, Chair; Jeff Lipps and Rick Wolpin

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Annual Financial Report

Gary Roush, CFO, and Sean McMichael, Treasurer

1 January – 31 December 2016

Category	Income	Expense	Difference	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Budgeted Diff
ACoD	\$6,925.00	\$5,168.90	\$1,756.10	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Forms	\$1,381.73	\$2,954.10	-\$1,572.37	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
Per Capita	\$40,785.00	\$113.36	\$40,671.64	\$39,200.00	\$0.00	\$39,200.00
Invitationals	\$5,120.00	\$113.36	\$5,006.64	\$6,200.00	\$0.00	\$6,200.00
Trials	\$35,665.00	\$0.00	\$35,665.00	\$33,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,000.00
Membership	\$5,433.80	\$192.88	\$5,240.92	\$5,700.00	\$0.00	\$5,700.00
Committees	\$0.00	\$6,812.29	-\$6,812.29	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	-\$7,000.00
Computer	\$0.00	\$1,270.00	-\$1,270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Internet Initiative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Web Maintenance*	\$0.00	\$4,146.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$1,396.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
II Trophy Refurb	\$0.00	\$311.24	-\$311.24	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,942.00	-\$1,942.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	-\$1,700.00
Records	\$457.41	\$29,891.48	-\$29,434.07	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	-\$30,000.00
Salary (Gross)	\$0.00	\$25,330.92	-\$25,330.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$4,560.56	-\$4,560.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Records Replacement	\$457.41	\$0.00	\$457.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Regional Directors	\$0.00	\$525.75	-\$525.75	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Board Meetings	\$0.00	\$9,212.01	\$8,415.56	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	-\$9,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,689.00	\$183.92	\$2,505.08	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Totals	\$57,671.94	\$57,307.93	\$364.01	\$54,900.00	\$59,450.00	-\$4,550.00

*Web Maintenance=Updates to website, annual hosting fees, and other costs associated with upkeep.

Starting Balance 1 January 2016

Checking \$67,672.63

Ending Balance 31 December 2016

\$68,036.64 **Difference = \$364.01**

Projected for 2016 Year

Income \$54,900

Expense \$59,450

Net \$-4,550

Actual

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2016 = \$57,671.94

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2016 = \$57,307.93

\$364.01

This is our financial status as of 31 December 2016. We have one employee, Lori Coulson, Records Coordinator, and one contractor, Jean Hampton, Webmaster.

Report from the Guidelines Committee

Dean Wright, Chair; Lori Silvestri and Rich Whritenour

I would first like to thank Richard Whritenour and Lori Silvestri for their help on this committee. I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to

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853 update the guidelines for your office or position. It was really nice when the
854 nominating committee was able to give prospective candidates the guidelines
855 for the position that they were being considered for.

856 We added some new Guidelines this year:

857 *5. Immediate Past President, written by Ping and Marilyn*

858 *6. ACOD Minutes review committee, written by Ping.*

859 Goals for 2017-2018:

860 Complete few remaining guidelines. Still some outstanding only 7 left to go.

861 The committees and officers that I do not have guidelines for are:

862 • *Policy compilation (I did find an old one.)*

863 • *Website*

864 • *Contract Committee*

865 • *Finance committee*

866 • *Forms*

867 • *Treasurer*

868 • *Web Master*

869 • *Public Relations*

870 Marilyn is working on getting guidelines on the web site.

871 Requested each committee to look at their guidelines and reflect on how
872 these guidelines have worked over the last 12 months and make any
873 changes they feel are needed. Most are updated for 2017

874 Add several new guidelines. New additions are complete

875 Guidelines for hosting an International Invitational. Still in the works should
876 be ready by the 2017 II.

877 Guidelines for upkeep on International Invitational Trophies. Completed by
878 Ping Pirrung and Thomas Christ, will be added to the Invitational policies as a
879 guidelines.

880 Guidelines for committees making changes to the Web Site is being added
881 this year.

882 My goal is to have the few remaining completed by 2018.

883 **Report from the Judges Committee**

884 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

885 The judges committee discussed the potential of Canadians being directly
886 licensed to judge in ASFA. Information was brought to the committees
887 attentions which led to this discussion. It was determined that due to the
888 reciprocity agreement with CKC regarding accepting the judges from each
889 organization that this would not work. All Canadians wanting to judge in
890 ASFA have to follow the CKC process for being a licensed judge.

891 The question about people from other countries was mentioned, but there
892 are no other organization currently with reciprocity agreements on judges.

893 We are looking to redo the judge's test. Currently it is rules based and does
894 not include knowledge about the policies.

895 At the request of the Judges Licensing Chair, the committee has put forth the
896 following motion to the board for a policy regarding Judges Licensing records
897 retention.

898 Judges Licensing Records Retention (paper or electronic)

899 In an effort to reduce the amount of paper and files relocating when judges
900 licensing chair is changed, the following procedures will be adhered to for
901 records retention of judges license application files:

902 *7. All letters of irregularity, complaints, and misconduct will be retained*
903 *indefinitely*

904 *8. All applications for judges license (apprentice/provisional) will be retained*
905 *indefinitely*

906 *9. Judges test will be retained for two years after all-breed license is*
907 *approved*

908 *10. Request for change in judging status will be retained for two years after*
909 *the person is approved for stated breeds*

910 *11. Judge Confirmation statements will be retained for one year after the*
911 *person is approved for that breed*

912 The records to be retained indefinitely can be scanned and stored
913 electronically when accompanying paper copies are removed.

914 This is to reduce the amount of paper shipped when a new person takes over
915 as chair of judges licensing.

916 **Report from the Judges Licensing Committee**

917 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

918 I accepted chairmanship of this committee in June. I would like to thank
919 Leigh Littleton for his years of work in this position.

920 I received boxes of judge's applications and follow up paperwork from Leigh
921 during the transfer. I worked with the judges committee to craft a policy on
922 which forms needed to be kept on permanent file and which should be
923 retained for periods of time.

924 I have maintained the monthly judges report since I took over. I have been
925 including tips on licensing and information for judges and exhibitors in
926 addition to who is requesting a license and changes of address or other
927 contact information. I hope people are finding this report on the web site and
928 are reading it.

929 **Report from the Long Range Planning Committee**

930 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

931 While minimal progress has occurred this year on long range planning,
932 primarily due to lack of activity from the chair, an outline has been created,
933 along with a Guideline for Long Range planning.

934 Early meager attempts to involve the committee members were not
935 effective. The chair did expend some effort to gather feedback from
936 members of the fancy on where ASFA needs to go and how to get there.

937 A recurring theme of the discussions was the perceived lack of customer
938 service provided by ASFA. In several situations, the opinions expressed were
939 rather negative, citing the slowness of response by the board, rigid
940 adherence by ASFA to past positions regarding future options (i.e. why try to
941 change if the board will shoot it down), and a feeling of general isolation of
942 ASFA from the member clubs.

943 Another point that was brought up during the discussions was the potential
944 problem of crossover of responsibilities between long range planning and
945 existing committees. This has influenced my view on what long range
946 planning should be, that is the function of this committee should be the
947 strategies that need to be implemented in guide ASFA into the future, as a
948 vibrant, dynamic organization. The implementation of these strategies
949 should be left to the committees and the board.

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950 A draft Long Range Planning report is in development, and should be viewed
951 as a rough first draft working document. Copies will be made available once
952 it is completed.

953 **Report from the Public Relations Committee**

954 *Rick Wolpin, Chair; Jim Anthony Greg Breibach, Ben Brodeur, Tom Golcher,*
955 *Mke Leach, Gary Runyan, Karen Sanders, Lori Silvestri, Kent Standerford,*
956 *and Dean Wright*

957 **The initial goals for Public Relations Committee for 2016 were:**
958 Monitor the Facebook page.

959 The page currently has 1,260 “likes” and is still increasing. We had been
960 averaging between 10 and 35 visits per week. The trend has been going up
961 and down with no real trends to report.

962 Increase photo activity on the Facebook page.

963 I need help getting photos of your trials on the Facebook page. If you can
964 send your photos to me with the comments you want to make, I can post
965 them on behalf of ASFA. I received NO photos of any trials this year.

966 Continue with the incentive awards for the trials and hounds entered.

967 We will present these awards again at this year’s ACoD

968 **New Items:**

969 With the help of my wife, we have come up with a new temporary logo for
970 our 45th anniversary. This is similar to the one we had for our 40th
971 anniversary. At the time of this report, the artwork is 80% complete and we
972 plan on unveiling it at the ACoD. The board can then decide if we want to
973 produce magnets, paperwork folders, or anything else for sale out of the
974 store.

975 **Report from the Records Coordination Committee**

976 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

977 The committee is the result of Board discussions on how to improve the
978 timeliness of the posting of trial results and top twenty to the web site.
979 During these discussions, it was recognized that given the importance of
980 these functions, it might be worthwhile to have a closer link between the
981 Board and the Records Coordinator. This would facilitate more rapid response
982 to needs of the Records Coordinator, and provide additional support to the
983 Coordinator, should she require it. Having a Board member fully cognizant of
984 performance of the Records Coordinator will also give the Board an improved

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985 view of how well the function is achieving goals, and what changes can be
986 made to improve the performance.

987 I started by scheduling weekly telephone calls with Lori Coulson. These calls
988 were focused on highlighting any problems that had occurred, and
989 developing responses.

990 One change that was instituted was to the distribution of the Notice of Trial
991 Results Errors. An incident occurred where a Notice of Trial Results Errors
992 was not being responded to, and to resolve it other officers of the club were
993 contacted. It became apparent that they were not aware of the problem.
994 Once they had the needed information the problems were resolved. The
995 result of this was to add the Club Delegate to the distribution, improving the
996 communication with the offending club.

997 It also became evident that at times another level of communication with a
998 club would be required. In the case of a Notice of Error not being responded
999 to, communication from the "Chairperson of Records Coordination
1000 Committee" added urgency to resolving the problem. Additional by moving
1001 the problem up the ladder within ASFA, it relieved Lori from what could be a
1002 contentious discussion. This mechanism was only used once since the change
1003 was implemented, and resulted in a resolution. I will note that it did provide
1004 an opportunity for an expanded discussion with the offending club regarding
1005 the Records function, and hopefully left positive feeling that at least they had
1006 a chance to speak their mind.

1007 For the coming year, Lori has requested trying to develop a solution to the
1008 problem within the software program on how singles stakes are handled.
1009 Currently this requires manual adjustments, and as a result is time
1010 consuming and has the potential for errors.

1011 Additional discussions will occur on how to improve the responsiveness of the
1012 records postings, and the potential for electronic filing of trial results.

1013 In conjunction with Lori, a revised guideline for the Records Coordinator will
1014 be written, focusing more on task deadlines, and goals and objectives. The
1015 current guideline is far too detailed, and more in line with an operational
1016 procedure, which while necessary and valuable, omits the big picture.

1017 **Report from the Records Coordinator**

1018 *Lori Coulson, Records Coordinator*

1019 *Provided as a separate document.*

Report from the Regional Directors and Invitationals Committee

Dean Wright, Chair; All regional directors, Thomas Christ, Ping Pirrung, and Joe Shoemaker

I would like to thank the members of this committee for their hard work in their Regions and for each person's contributions to this committee: Jim Anthony succeeded by Sandra Moore; Lori Silvestri; Ben Brodeur; Kent Standerford; Tom Golcher, succeeded by Dan Heidel; Greg Breitbach; Gary Runyan; and our newest addition, Karen Sanders. We had several conference calls with 80% attendance and accomplished a great deal in those meetings. Because 2015 was a very busy year for us (updating RD guidelines; Regional Invitational policies; and International Invitational policies) not a lot was left on our plate for 2016 and 2017.

The 2016 International Invitational was held in Region 6, with a two day entry of 365.

The 2018 International will be held in Bainbridge Georgia, Region 7.

Two regions did not host a Regional. Region 1 had one scheduled, but it was canceled because of weather. We hope to have 100% in 2017.

Region 4 had their 2017 Regional on January 2, 2017. Only 9 more to go.

Below were our goals and how we have done on them.

- *Update the guidelines for hosting an II. Step by step guide for a club hosting an II. With timelines for each step. This is completed would like to thank Ping Pirrung, Thomas Christ and Joe Shoemaker for handling this project.*

We will have a RD meeting in conjunction with the Board Meeting on Thursday night in the Board meeting room.

Regional Invitational Policy Change Proposal

Highlighted in yellow are the changes that we would recommend for the Regionals Policy. This would correct a problem that we discovered with a lack of instructions to show potential donors and clubs how to donate and accept a perpetual trophy for a Regional.

Below in red is the one change that we would recommend for the II Policies.

Club(s) Proposal. The club(s) submits a proposal to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary. This proposal should include at a minimum:

- Name of the Club(s)

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- 1054 • Proposed date including appropriate weather and daylight statistics
 - 1055 • Approximate location of trial and description of the grounds
 - 1056 • Entry fee
 - 1057 • Additional activities (if any)
 - 1058 • Proposed budget
 - 1059 • Financial terms of the co-host arrangement
- 1060 When a proposal is submitted to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary, the
1061 Corresponding Secretary shall forward the proposal to the Invitationals
1062 Committee and the CFO. The CFO will be responsible for reviewing the
1063 overall economics of the proposal and, as appropriate, discuss alternative
1064 terms with the proposing club(s). When the financial terms are agreed to by
1065 the CFO, The CFO will submit the proposal to the Invitationals Committee for
1066 approval prior to the Committee's submission of the proposal to the Board.
- 1067 The co-host club(s) will be approved by the Board of Directors; the
1068 Corresponding Secretary shall notify the club of the approval.
- 1069 The Scheduling Chairman, Records Coordinator, Membership Chairman and
1070 the respective Regional Director shall **may** be asked for comments regarding
1071 the potential co-host club(s) and field committee members before a final
1072 decision is reached. The co-host club(s) will be approved by the Board of
1073 Directors, following the order of preference stated above, no later than
1074 December 1st, two calendar years before the event in question, if possible,
1075 and each of the club(s) submitting a proposal shall be advised of the
1076 decision.
- 1077 **Regional Director Guideline Change Proposals**
1078 Below highlighted in yellow are our recommendations for the Regional
1079 Directors Guidelines
- 1080 ASFA GUIDELINES FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS
- 1081 As approved by the Board of Directors December 31, 2012
- 1082 (Note: policy numbers and text of the policy are included where pertinent.)
- 1083 REGIONAL DIRECTORS:
- 1084 (Operational Policy RD01) Regional Director. See policy sheet: Form RD 04.

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1085 The following guidelines are designed to elaborate on the duties of the
1086 Regional Director. In the case of any differences between these guidelines
1087 and the ASFA Rules and/or Constitution, the latter two take precedent. Above
1088 all, the Regional Director is the clubs' direct link to the ASFA Board of
1089 Directors and the Board of Directors' liaison officer to the clubs. As an elected
1090 official, a Regional Director should fairly represent both the clubs in his/her
1091 region and the ASFA as a member of the Board, setting personal feelings
1092 aside when appropriate. These guidelines include some of the responsibilities
1093 and policies currently in effect that pertain to the position of the Regional
1094 Director.

1095 AS A MEMBER OF THE ASFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1096 Board meetings are usually held over one and a half days once per year, in
1097 conjunction with the ACoD. Each member of the Board will be advised of the
1098 dates and the location of the meeting well in advance. Items that you or your
1099 clubs would like to see discussed at the Board Meeting or the ACoD should be
1100 sent to the Corresponding Secretary as they arise. The Corresponding
1101 Secretary will send a meeting agenda to each Board member at least two
1102 weeks prior to the meeting. Any items that are not on the agenda will be
1103 addressed under new business at the end of the meeting as time allows.

1104 Administrative Policy BOD04) A-BOD04, Ch VI, Sec 4

1105 Grounds for dereliction of duty by a Regional Director include but are not
1106 limited to either or both of the following:

- 1107 a) failure to attend two or more consecutive annual meetings of the
1108 Board of Directors
- 1109 b)) failing to submit a ballot, whether Yea, Nay, or Abstain, for at least
1110 70% of the motions voted on during the online meeting over the
1111 course of the year between annual meetings of the Board of Directors.

1112 (Administrative Policy RD08)

1113 Whenever possible, the Regional Directors Committee will meet on the first
1114 or second day of the Board of Directors meeting.

1115 BALLOTS - MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS:

1116 Between meetings, some of ASFA's business is conducted by electronic mail
1117 in accordance with the procedures specified in the ASFA Electronic Meeting
1118 Procedures document located in the Files section of the ASFABiz group on
1119 Yahoo! Groups. When a club has filed an application for Membership, it is the

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1120 policy of the Membership Committee to include a statement from the
1121 Regional Director including a recent field trial evaluation, the Scheduling
1122 Chairman and the Records Coordinator prior to the first request for
1123 comments from the other members of the Board. The remainder of the Board
1124 may have little or no knowledge of the club, therefore the Regional Director's
1125 comments, pro or con, are very important. A prompt response will expedite
1126 the balloting process.

1127 E-MAIL – All Regional Directors must be accessible via e-mail. Much of the
1128 Board's discussion and daily business takes place electronically. Email service
1129 is at the expense of the individual Regional Director.

1130 REIMBURSEMENTS:

1131 BOARD MEETINGS

1132 A-BOD07 Ch V, Sec 1

1133 The ASFA will pay the following expenses for Board members attending
1134 Board meetings: 1) the lesser of round trip coach airfare, or actual airfare, or
1135 mileage at the current IRS approved rate; and 2) reasonable and economical
1136 ground transportation and parking expenses. All other travel expenses
1137 incidental to meetings shall be paid by the individual Board member. Each
1138 Board member shall make his/her own travel arrangements and may submit
1139 an invoice for the allowable expenses to the Treasurer. This shall also apply
1140 to any guest who is not a paid contractor of the ASFA, invited by the
1141 President.

1142 (04/99)

1143 (Administrative Policy BOD08) A hardship subsidy may be requested by a
1144 Board member to assist with Board meeting expenses which are not subject
1145 to the reimbursement policy. Such subsidy amount is to be determined by
1146 the President and the CFO.

1147 ACTIVITY REIMBURSEMENT:

1148 (Administrative Policy RD07)

1149 Regional Directors shall be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses incurred:
1150 helping new Clubs organize, renting facilities for a regional meeting, keeping
1151 Clubs informed, traveling to trials within the region and for the promotion of
1152 the ASFA. Each Regional Director may not exceed a total of \$250 in
1153 reimbursable expenses each year.

1154 PROTEST and Statement of Irregularity REVIEW

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1155 The Corresponding Secretary will copy each Regional Director on any
1156 protests and Letters of Irregularity received and properly appealed within
1157 his/her region. (The Board automatically denies Protests that are not
1158 appealed by default.) The Regional Director should be familiar with the
1159 circumstances and should be prepared to address the details at the Board
1160 meeting.

1161 INVATIONALS COMMITTEE:

1162 Each Regional Director is automatically a member of the Invitationals
1163 Committee, which includes Regional Invitationals and the International
1164 Invitational. The Regional Director receives requests from clubs within
1165 his/her region that wish to host a Regional, reviews each proposal, makes
1166 the final decision in accordance with the current Invitational Guidelines and
1167 then, notifies the Scheduling Chairman in writing, with a copy to each club
1168 that submitted a proposal. If more than one proposal is received priority
1169 should be given to the area in the region that has gone the longest without
1170 hosting a regional in that area. The club not approved for that year should be
1171 approved for the following year. If no proposal is received, the Regional
1172 Director should try to solicit a host club.

1173 (Administrative Policy RD06)

1174 Regional Director will send a letter to the Scheduling Chairperson listing the
1175 Club which is approved to host that year's Regional Invitational, with a copy
1176 to each Club that submitted a proposal.

1177 It is suggested that Regional Directors correspond with the Regional
1178 Directors of adjacent regions to avoid the potential conflict of holding their
1179 Regional Invitationals on the same weekend.

1180 Regional Director should:

- 1181 1) be familiar with policies currently in effect regarding both Regional and
1182 International Invitationals
- 1183 2) obtain and distribute ASFA medallions and rosettes at Regional
1184 Invitationals
- 1185 3) be able to help a club organize and hold an Invitational
- 1186 4) be the host club's liaison to the Board for any Invitational held in
1187 his/her region.

1188 ANNUAL CONVENTIONS OF DELEGATES (ACoD):

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1189 Each Regional Director shall present a report regarding his/her region
1190 (growth, clubs, new ideas, etc.) to the Delegation.

1191 RETIREMENT:

1192 A Regional Director is eligible to serve for two consecutive terms of two years
1193 each or until such time as his/her successor is elected. A Regional Director
1194 seeking a second term must be nominated the same as any candidate, even
1195 if no other nominations are received. It is the responsibility of the outgoing
1196 Regional Directors to contact clubs in their regions for nominations for the
1197 position of regional director.

1198 We also worked on individual items brought to us by RDs.

1199 There were only three items brought to the executive committee.

1200 *International Invitational Change Proposal*

1201 **International Invitational Trophy Chair Guidelines**

1202 *Congratulations on volunteering to be the Trophy Chairperson for the*
1203 *upcoming International Invitational!*

1204 The following are suggestions for retrieval and evaluation of the trophies and
1205 to get them ready for your International Invitational event in time.

1206 Inform the ASFA Board of Directors of necessary repairs or replacements of
1207 the trophies early enough to have the Board vote on extra expenditures!

1208 Lastly, a list of items to have on hand while attending the event, setting up
1209 your trophy table and for the trophies to be presented in pristine condition to
1210 the next winners!

1211 **Collection of the trophies:**

1212 **1.** Start contacting the current winners via email/phone/social media as
1213 soon as you have received the spreadsheet with the contact
1214 information, **approximately 5-6 months prior to the I.I.**

1215 a. Request that all current winners who are not planning on
1216 attending the following year, ship their trophies to you as soon
1217 as possible. *If your trophy didn't come with a shipping*
1218 *container, please go to UPS or other shipping store and have*
1219 *them pack and ship the trophy, this will avoid damage. Be sure*
1220 *not to use foam "peanuts" for packaging because these tend to*
1221 *blow around on the field when the trophies are unpacked.*

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- 1222 b. Follow up with everyone that has indicated the trophy will be
1223 shipped, for you to receive a tracking number and mention that
1224 the shipment should be insured!
- 1225 c. The winners who have designated another person to deliver the
1226 trophy to the I.I. must provide their direct contact information
1227 (phone, email, etc.) to you.
- 1228 d. For potential attendees, create a tickler system in your calendar
1229 to send out follow ups to see whether their plans have changed
1230 and need to ship the trophy to you. **Lastly, follow up should**
1231 **take place three weeks before the event.**
- 1232 e. If some of the contact information *for the trophy recipient* is
1233 outdated or has changed, the Club where the person belongs to
1234 might be helpful, or Social Media, i.e. Facebook, Instagram etc.
1235 might help establishing communication to the trophy holder.
- 1236 2. Keep track of your information in an Excel spreadsheet if you have
1237 access to this program or any other software that can be updated and
1238 sorted easily. This will surely help you stay organized with the
1239 multitude of replies and updated information regarding the return of
1240 the trophies. *Thomas, it might be a good idea to include a template for*
1241 *this with the guidelines. Much easier if a new trophy chair doesn't have*
1242 *to reinvent the wheel.*
- 1243 3. If you are planning on attending a lure coursing event, mention it in
1244 your email to the current winners to offer a personal meeting to have
1245 the trophy delivered to you.

1246 **Evaluation of the Trophies:**

- 1247 1. Survey the trophies you have received and note the damages and or
1248 necessary repairs that can be determined and notify ASFA Board of
1249 Directors promptly.
- 1250 2. Check the boxes/crates for wear and tear and inspect the packaging
1251 material. If there is not ample bubble wrap or convoluted foam, make
1252 a note to inform ASFA Board of Directors.
- 1253 3. The ASFA Board of Directors should be notified when you have
1254 recorded all the damages/space limitations for the name plates at least
1255 **3 months** prior to the I.I. event to have ample time to discuss and
1256 vote on a budget. *This includes giving the ASFA board an estimate for*
1257 *the repair of the damages.*

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- 1258 4. Find a reputable trophy shop for any necessary repairs or
1259 replacements of trophies if approved.
- 1260 5. If a trophy gets replaced, advise your trophy specialist to record the
1261 font and size used for the engravings on a small plate on the back or
1262 underside of the new trophy.
- 1263 6. See if all the boxes/crates still have the instruction sheet on how to
1264 care for the trophies. Replace the missing ones. *Thomas, be sure to*
1265 *include a copy of your packaging instructions with the guidelines so*
1266 *they can be passed along.*
- 1267 7. Clean and polish the trophies using the directions from the care sheet
1268 for the upcoming event.
- 1269 **General preparations for the display of the trophies at the I.I. and**
1270 **supplies needed:**
- 1271 1. Organize at least four tables, which should each be 8 feet long, for the
1272 display of the trophies under the main tent / or inside a structure
1273 ensuring a safe location from the elements *and be sure if there are*
1274 *sidewalls for the tent that they are not able to blow in and knock the*
1275 *trophies off the table.*
- 1276 2. When unpacking the trophies, keep the boxes under the tables with
1277 the labels (the ones that do have them) facing forward to make it
1278 easier finding them when the trophies need to be packed up. This is
1279 especially helpful on Sunday while
- 1280 3. Have the following tools and supplies with you at the I.I.:
- 1281 a. Cordless drill gun with both a Philips head & a slotted screw
1282 driver attachment
- 1283 b. Regular screw driver
- 1284 c. Duct tape
- 1285 d. Additional bubble wrap
- 1286 e. Lint free cloth for polishing the trophies that will be delivered to
1287 the event
- 1288 f. Beeswax *note what the beeswax would be used for.*
- 1289 g. Plastic drop sheets in case the trophies need to be covered

1290 h. Zip ties with a minimum of 6 inches long to secure some of the
1291 plastic crates

1292 i. 2-3 cardboard boxes with a minimum size of 18 x 18 x 12
1293 inches in case some of the trophies will be delivered without
1294 one!

1295 **Trophy Award Ceremony and final paper work to be submitted to the**
1296 **secretary:**

1297 1. Take at least 6-7 extra copies of the trophy agreements to be filled out
1298 by the winners, as some errors will naturally occur and you won't run
1299 out!

1300 2. Double check the correct agreement for the day and mark accordingly.

1301 3. If time permits, try to fill out the forms yourself so you won't have to
1302 make phone calls or send emails if the information is not legible!

1303 4. Have a person (*possibly two*) help you with the paperwork and packing
1304 on Sunday, as it can get overwhelming at times with plenty of winners
1305 waiting to hit the road. Double check the contact information for errors
1306 and see if the writing is legible which will save you lots of time later!

1307 5. Check with a representative from ASFA regarding the trophies that are
1308 not taken by the winners about the engraving of the newly crowned
1309 dogs and the fees associated with the nameplates.

1310 6. Make an announcement regarding the trophies and collection deadline
1311 for winners to come and collect them in person before the uncollected
1312 ones will be transported off site.

1313 7. Record the information of all winners of the trophies in a spreadsheet
1314 program, i.e. Excel or Numbers, which assembles and contains all the
1315 information you have received in the spreadsheet of last year's
1316 winners. *Again include the template of this spreadsheet with the*
1317 *guidelines. (On a jump drive)*

1318 8. Finalize your report to the *ASFA Corresponding* Secretary and submit
1319 all signed agreements for record keeping via signature confirmed
1320 delivery.

1321 For any additional question regarding any of the above suggestions, please
1322 feel free to contact _____ anytime.

Report from the Rosettes and Medallions Committee

Evelyn Jones, Chair

All but two Regions held Regional Invitationals.

Region 4 hosted the International Invitational. A total of 32 medallions were sent to be given out to the BOB, BIE, and Gillett Stake winners.

At the 2016 ACoD, a total of forty four plaques were distributed.

Seventeen plaques were handed out for the #1 hound that ran against competition, in each breed.

One plaque was handed out to the highest scoring hound of all breeds.

Thirteen plaques were handed out to the Parent Clubs for the #1 hound in that breed.

Twelve plaques were handed out for BOB to the Parent Clubs holding ASFA trials at their Specialty.

One plaque was sent BOB to the Greyhound National Specialty.

Please continue to keep up the good work by returning the unused rosettes and medallions to me in a timely fashion, so I can recycle them and not have to overly order them. Thanks, for your assistance this during the past year.

I include with this report an order form, which you may print out, and I will have at the ACoD if you would like to pick it up. I hope to make it available on the ASFA website.

The Board has directed me to eliminate all single strand rosettes from the inventory. I have done so as you will notice from the following count. Because of this I will have to order all new NBQ rosettes and some third and fourth place rosettes. I will also order more medallions.

The inventory of all the rosettes and medallions for the end of 2016 is as follows:

•	<i>BIE</i>	2
•	<i>BOB</i>	96
•	<i>1st</i>	137
•	<i>2nd</i>	136
•	<i>3rd</i>	78

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1354	• 4 th	45
1355	• NBQ	0
1356	• Single Stake	22
1357	• Kennel Stake	70
1358	• Breeder Stake	24
1359	• Bench Stake	60
1360	• Medallions	41

1361 ***** This year, 2017, ALL Regions and Parent Clubs receiving plaques are
1362 being asked to take a picture at the time the plaques are presented. These
1363 pictures will be posted on ASFA's web site. Be sure to provide the information
1364 concerning the photo, such as, Region or Club, presenter, receiver, and
1365 hound. Send all pictures to Dean Wright. *****

1366 **Report from the Rules Evaluation Committee**
1367 *Russ Jacobs, Chair*

1368 The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the
1369 2017 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is underlined; deleted
1370 wording is ~~struck out~~. Explanations for the proposal are included, along with
1371 REC recommendations. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY; those that receive a
1372 favorable vote will be considered a change in the *Running Rules and Field*
1373 *Procedures for Lure Field Trials*. Such proposals will be published on the ASFA
1374 website after the 2017 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

1375 **Rule Change Proposals for the 2017 ACoD**

1376 **(1) Chapter V, Running the Meet**

1377 **Section 7.** First placing hounds in all regular stakes of each breed
1378 shall runoff or withdraw from Best of Breed competition. Unless all ties
1379 for first place and Best of Breed can be resolved in one course, all ties
1380 must be broken before running Best of Breed. Best of Breed
1381 competition must be resolved in one course. In the case of multiple
1382 flights, an overall winner in the Open stake, an overall winner in the
1383 Field Champion stake, and an overall winner in the Veteran stake must
1384 be determined by runoff or forfeiture unless the Best of Breed can be
1385 run in one course. Determination of this overall winner shall be
1386 determined in the same manner as tie-breaking: namely, all hounds in
1387 contention shall be randomly drawn in as many courses as are
1388 necessary, and after a single run of each course the high-scoring
1389 hound will be considered the overall winner (ties must be forfeited or

run-off). The winner of this run or the remaining hound shall be declared that breed's Best of Breed. ~~Only hounds winning a~~ awarded Best of Breed run either by winning a run-off or by forfeiture shall be awarded points equal to the points awarded the highest-placing hound in that breed which it defeated. In the event of a single entry in any breed, or all hounds in a breed entered in one stake, the Best of Breed winner shall be determined solely by the highest combined scores of the preliminary and final courses. A hound must earn a qualifying score in the runoff in order to win Best of Breed. A hound who wins a Best of Breed run, and who is a single entry in a stake, shall be awarded a first placement with competition.

A hound excused, dismissed or disqualified in a runoff and/or Best of Breed run shall not lose prior points or placements earned that day. A dismissal or disqualification in a runoff and/or Best of Breed run shall count on the hound's record in accordance with Chapter VIII, "Disqualification, Dismissal, and Reinstatement of Hounds".

Effect: To allow any hound awarded best of breed to win points equal to the highest amount awarded in that breed.

Reason: To avoid situations where additional points are denied to a stake winner by refusal to run best of breed.

The REC makes no recommendation on this proposal.

(2) Chapter V, Running the Meet

Section 13. At the option of the host club, non-regular stakes may be offered as follows (all entries and awards shall be divided by breed; Singles stake will be considered a single, separate "individual breed" for the purposes of this section):

Note: The following stakes are non-regular stakes which can be offered by the host club at its option. If one or more of these stakes is offered, it is simply noted and winners are determined from their performance in the regular stake. In other words, these are not stakes especially run. They are designed to offer competitors a chance to win special non-regular ribbons or prizes. No points are awarded in any of these stakes.

- (a) Kennel stake: For hounds of any individual breed; an entry shall consist of two hounds, designated at time of entry, ~~in one of the regular stakes being~~ owned and kenneled by the same person.
- (b) Breeder stake: For any individual breed which shall have, designated at time of entry, two hounds bred by the same individual.

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1429 (c) Bench stake: for hounds of any individual breed; an entry shall
1430 consist of ~~a single~~ an individual hound with proof on file with the
1431 ASFA of a conformation champion title from the AKC, CKC or both
1432 or a conformation grand champion title from the UKC.
1433 In all non-regular stakes there will be only one winner per breed with
1434 no championship points awarded.
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1436 **Effect:** To allow Singles stake hounds the opportunity to compete in
1437 their own non-regular stakes.

1438 **Reason:** Currently, it is not clear if or how Singles stake breeds can
1439 compete in non-regular stakes. This makes it clear that a club can
1440 offer non-regular kennel, breeder and bench stakes for Singles stake
1441 only.

1442 *The REC recommends that this proposal be approved.*

1443 **Report from the Scheduling Committee**

1444 *Audrey Silverstein, Chair*

1445 2016 was a good year, there were 291 trials scheduled with 275 actual trials
1446 held. Mother Nature was tough on our fields last year.

1447 I believe scheduling has been running smoothly. I do need to remind people,
1448 they need to send me their final premiums to post on the website. I don't
1449 immediately post a premium after approval just in case there are any inserts
1450 to place in them.

1451 I do not appreciate clubs that are late with their premiums and expect
1452 immediate approval. It is not *scheduling's* fault YOU couldn't submit in a
1453 timely fashion.

1454 I have heard many compliments over the premiums being post on our
1455 website, thank you to Miss Jean!

1456 Here is to a successful 2017 and see you all at ACoD!!!!

1457 **Report from the Ways and Means Committee**

1458 *Dean Wright; Jim Anthony (Chair), Karen Sanders, and Rick Wolpin*

1459 Task assigned by the 2015 ACoD:

1460 *381 Direct the Ways and Means Committee look into ASFA starting a*
1461 *program similar to the AKC CAT tests. Adopted*

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- 1462 Following are the draft of The ASFA (cat test) ABCT ALL BREED COURSING
1463 TEST and a large copy of the proposed logo.
- 1464 I would like to thank, Jim Anthony, Rick Wolpin and Karen Sanders and the
1465 newest member, Denny Baker, for their contributions to this assignment.
- 1466 Below is a draft for the All-Breed Coursing Test
- 1467 ALL BREED COURSING TEST (We decided on the name in the beginning
1468 everyone seemed to like ABC, figuring that it would be referred to by the
1469 initials rather than the full name. However we are not tied to it.
- 1470 **Purpose:** to give dogs of all breeds including mixed breeds and their owners
1471 an opportunity to experience the joy of lure coursing. And, at the same time,
1472 to give all dogs the opportunity to engage in this beneficial athletic activity
1473 which they and their owners will enjoy together.
- 1474 **Rules and Regulations:** Please refer to the ALL BREED COURSING TEST
1475 Regulations as posted on the ALL BREED COURSING TEST website.
- 1476 **Eligibility:** Any dog may enter an ABC Test that is at least 12 months of
1477 age. Females in season and Hounds that are lame at roll call may not
1478 compete. No dog may be entered more than once in a Test.
- 1479 **Registration:** Each dog that participates in the ABC Test will be registered.
1480 Registration will consist of the following:
- 1481 • A First Time Entrant (FTE) will pay a \$5.00 registration fee.
 - 1482 • A Registered dog will be assigned a registration number which must be
1483 used on all subsequent entry forms.
 - 1484 ○ The first three characters of the ASFA ABC Test registration
1485 number will designate the breed, followed by four numeric
1486 characters. Thus the first Afghan Hound registered will be
1487 assigned AFG0001.
 - 1488 • Size will be noted as Under 12" or Over 12".
 - 1489 • Brachycephalic characteristics will be recorded as part of the
1490 registration.
 - 1491 • A dog's Breed will be recorded as part of the dog's ABC Test
1492 registration based on information provided from a recognized breed
1493 registry body. [Registration documents from the American Kennel Club
1494 (AKC), United Kennel Club (UKC), etc. are to be provided with FTE fee]

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- 1495 ○ If no breed registration certification is provided, the dog will be
1496 recorded as a Non-Breed.

1497 **Inspection of Dogs:** At each Test, an inspection committee of at least two
1498 people will inspect each dog for lameness and females in season. If there
1499 appears to be a question of whether the entry is entered in the appropriate
1500 size class, the inspection committee may choose to re-measure, and reassign
1501 the size class if so indicated.

1502 **Hosting Requirements:** All clubs which are eligible to hold field trials for
1503 the ASFA are eligible to hold ABC Tests. Requests for scheduling will be done
1504 on a form available on the All-Breed Coursing Website. The entry fee will be
1505 set by the hosting club with a \$4.00 per capita fee going to ASFA. A club may
1506 hold as many ABC Tests as they want with no more than two tests on the
1507 same day.

1508 **Judges:** All ASFA licensed judges as well as provisional judges are approved
1509 to judge ABC Tests.

1510 **Course Design:** Course planning shall have safety as its first concern. Clubs
1511 can run either 2 courses, one 250 yards and one 500 yards or one course
1512 with a stopping point at 250 yards.

1513 • The 250 yard course is for dogs shorter than 12 inches at the withers
1514 as well as brachycephalic breeds. A dog must complete the course
1515 without stopping. If the dog un-sights and re-sights and completes the
1516 course in 1 minute or less it would qualify.

1517 • The 500 yard course is for dogs over 12 inches at the withers A dog
1518 must complete the course without stopping. If the dog un-sights and
1519 re-sights and completes the course in 1 ½ minutes or less it would
1520 qualify.

1521 ABC Tests are a timed pass-or-fail event and all dogs run as single dogs.
1522 Each dog's time is recorded for each run.

1523 **Ribbons or Rosettes:** Clubs shall offer ribbons or rosettes to all qualifying
1524 dogs. They shall be Lavender and Pink in color. Rosettes will be awarded for
1525 the completion of each additional title. These Rosettes should increase in size
1526 as the additional titles are earned.

1527 **Titles:** A title along with an appropriate certificate will be awarded to dogs
1528 who meet the following criteria:

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- 1529 • ABC (All Breed Coursing) – Awarded to dogs that pass the test 4
1530 times.
- 1531 • ABCX (All Breed Coursing Excellence) – Awarded to dogs that pass an
1532 additional 10 tests. ABCX I, II, III, IV and so on will be awarded for
1533 every additional 10 tests passed.
- 1534 A special website will be available. The website will contain:
- 1535 • The regulations for the All Breed Coursing Test.
- 1536 • The current schedule for the All-Breed Coursing Tests.
- 1537 • A list of all hounds registered with, and eligible to compete in, the All-
1538 Breed Coursing Test.
- 1539 • A list of dogs by call name and breed and mixed breeds by height.
- 1540 • A ranking of dogs by titles.
- 1541 • A ranking of dogs by titles across all breeds or height.
- 1542 **The Ways and Means Committee discussed this and has questions for**
1543 **the 2017 ACOD.**
- 1544 1. Would we like it to be fully connected with ASFA?
- 1545 2. Or would we like it to be a subsidiary of ASFA with its own website,
1546 records program, etc., with the money going to ASFA?
- 1547 2016 ACOD directed us to come back with two versions one for each.
- 1548 The financing/reimbursement to ASFA, governance, record keeping and
1549 website would be dependent upon on whether the program is ASFA governed
1550 or will be a self-governed subsidiary of ASFA.
- 1551 If a self-governed subsidiary of ASFA the program will have its own
1552 governance, maintain records, website and have a separate financial
1553 sourcing. If not, ASFA will be responsible for the program.
- 1554 Either program would be able to be handled by an Excel Spread Sheet. A
1555 percentage of the money from the registration would cover the cost and
1556 maintenance of the program.
- 1557 ABCT Logo



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1560 **Ad Hoc Committee of the 2016 ACoD Reports**

1561 **Report from the ACoD Minutes Review Committee**

1562 *Ping Pirrung, Chair; Ann Chamberlain, Jeannette Dorsey, LaDonna Lundgren,*
1563 *and Marilyn Standerford*

1564 This was the first year for a separate Minutes Review Committee dedicated to
1565 reviewing and approving the Minutes for the ACoD.

1566 We received the minutes from Joe Shoemaker, ASFA Recording Secretary, at
1567 the beginning of April, well within the 60 days. The minutes were sent out to
1568 the committee in July. Because of holidays and travel for work, they were
1569 approved in the beginning of September.

1570 The ACoD Minutes went first to the Board's Minutes Review Committee prior
1571 to being sent out to the Ad Hoc ACoD Minutes Review Committee. I feel as
1572 though this is not necessary and only delays the review and approval of the
1573 minutes from the ACoD.

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1574 I would suggest that the ACoD Minutes Review Committee be named and
1575 approved at the beginning of the ACoD so that those on the committee can
1576 take notes where necessary and be poised to review the Minutes shortly after
1577 they are received from the Recording Secretary.

1578 **Report from the ACoD Planning Committee**

1579 *Vickie Jacobs and Sean McMichael, Co-Chairs*

1580 As the ASFA Convention Planner I am assigned to find a location to hold the
1581 Annual Convention of Delegates and Board Meeting once a year. Every year
1582 the Site Selection Committee picks a city for me to set up the meetings.
1583 These cities are decided by one of three areas in the United States: East
1584 Coast, Central States, and the West Coast.

1585 The location is based on availability of good airline connections and
1586 reasonably priced hotels. Two years out I need to decide how many
1587 delegates will attend and how many rooms will be rented. For many years as
1588 I have been the convention planner I have always based my numbers on 50
1589 people and 40 rooms. In the past years we have around 45 delegates and 35
1590 rooms rented. Attendance is lower these past years and so is the number of
1591 people who stay at the host hotel.

1592 I would like to thank you for coming and I hope you have a great time. This
1593 year the Hyatt Old Market Hotel is our host and I hope you enjoy the facility.
1594 The Old Market area offers a lot of fun shops and places to eat, so take some
1595 time to explore the Market.

1596 I have already contacted the Holiday Inn in Chantilly Virginia, a part of the
1597 Dulles Expo. This is a hotel that will provide us with great hospitality, a great
1598 location, and a number of restaurants. There are also walking opportunities
1599 to around the Expo

1600 Our room fees will be around \$99 for as many people as 4 in a room for that
1601 price, free Wi-Fi, and free parking. The hotel will provide food and drink for
1602 the Friday Hospitality Night and I look forward to having a great night hosted
1603 by Region 8.

1604 2019 will be on the West Coast again and I am looking for suggestions for
1605 the ACoD location.

1606 **Report from the ACoD Site Selection Committee**

1607 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

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1608 Purpose: The purpose of the ACoD Site Selection Committee is to select
1609 locations for the Annual Convention of Delegates. The convention will rotate
1610 from the East Coast, to Central and then to the West Coast.

1611 Goals:

- 1612 • *To select sites starting at two years out from the current*
1613 *convention date.*
- 1614 • *To contact club representatives and board members for suggestions*
1615 *of cities. Possibly suggestions for local hotels.*
- 1616 • *Inform the Convention Planner of the sites selected.*

1617 **Needed from clubs applying for the location**

- 1618 1. *How many rooms do we have to book to get the meeting room fee*
1619 *waived?*
- 1620 2. *Is there a food and beverage requirement?*
- 1621 3. *Is Wi-Fi complimentary for both meeting rooms and guest rooms?*
- 1622 4. *What would be the rate for a guest room? Is breakfast included?*
- 1623 5. *Is there a shuttle from the airport? Also is there a shuttle available for*
1624 *guests to go to places, i.e. restaurants, within a radius of the hotel?*

1625 We are primarily looking for no cost on meeting rooms. We would need a
1626 small room for the Board meeting (@ 16 people seated in a circle) Thursday
1627 afternoon (noon - 5:00) and all day Friday. The room need for the ACoD must
1628 hold 50 - 75 people. Best if there is a stage or platform for the head table
1629 with a podium and microphones (2 one at the front and 1 for the middle of
1630 the room).

1631 Food needed would be breaks for the Board meeting and ACoD with a little
1632 more the mornings of the ACoD. The breaks are typically soft drinks with
1633 snacks such as pretzels/chips and/or cookies.

1634 Wi-Fi is important so that should be totally complimentary.

1635 Breakfast included with the rooms would be a plus.

1636 It's best to look for hotels that are near airports or that have a decent
1637 shuttle.

1638 **Report from the Advisory Committee on Animal Issues**

1639 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

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1640 Purpose: To keep the members of the American Sighthound Field
1641 Association informed of Animal Legislation that pertains to the sport of lure
1642 coursing and the care of their canines.

1643 Goals:

- 1644 • *To maintain a relationship with the American Kennel Club Animal*
1645 *Legislation Committee.*
- 1646 • *To notify Regional Directors of pending Legislation that might affect*
1647 *their club members.*
- 1648 • *To report to the convention of delegates at the Annual Meeting of*
1649 *Delegates of action taken for Animal and members rights.*

1650 There are too many legislations to mention, but I have spent the year
1651 sending notices to all RD's when one comes up in their state.

1652 **Report from the Constitutional Revision Committee**

1653 *Ping Pirrung, Chair; Russ Jacobs, Jeff Lipps, Leigh Littleton, and Rick Wolpin*

1654 At the Board meeting in March, 2016, CRC was directed to add to Article IV,
1655 Section 2 that we "consider ASFA's financial situation in choosing a site for
1656 the ACoD."

1657 *Since the ACoD Site Selection Committee confers with the ASFA CFO,*
1658 *Treasurer and President before selecting a site, the CRC felt that there was*
1659 *no need to change the Constitution. The Site Selection Committee could add*
1660 *to their guidelines that the ASFA CFO, Treasurer and President should be*
1661 *consulted when determining the site for the ACoD to insure future*
1662 *committees would be sure to do so.*

1663 **Report from the Gary Forrester Award Committee**

1664 *Gary Roush, Chair*

1665 Thanks to the members of the committee: Dawn Gibas, Kathy Nelson, Sean
1666 McMichael, Rick Wolpin, for their contributions reviewing the candidates.

1667 **Report from the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee**

1668 *Dean Wright, Chair; Trisha Borland, Mike Hussey, Leigh Littleton, and Kathy*
1669 *Sanders*

1670 I would like to thank all of the committee members for their contributions to
1671 the committee's work: Leigh Littleton, Kathy Sanders, Trisha Borland and
1672 Mike Hussey.

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1673 This a RECORD sending year with seven hounds being voted on for the ASFA
1674 Hall of Fame.

1675 The Person nominated this year is a double:

1676 • *Pete and Camille Mendicino*

1677 The seven Hounds nominated this year are:

1678 • *Afghan Hound, "Annie" - Windsong's Annatole, LCM IV*

1679 • *Basenji, "Mickii" - DC Zuri's Tri-Tanza Wazi Ajabu LCM VI*

1680 • *Greyhound, "Maddie" - DC, GRCH, Can CH, Lakilani Love Her*
1681 *Madly, LCM VI, VFC, JOR, FCHX3, CD, RE*

1682 • *Saluki, "Khaslah" - MBIF. DC, Shafiq Samaam Khaslah*

1683 • *Saluki "Nebbi" - MBIE, MBIF, DC Windrush's Nebbiolo MC, LCX II,*
1684 *NA, NAJ, LCM VIII, VLCM II*

1685 • *Whippet, "Spy" - Comet's Prairie Spy, LCM V, VLCM VII*

1686 The nomination returning from the 2016 ACoD is:

1687 • *Saluki, "CsCs" - Can CH Can & American FCh Elana CsCs, FCh.*

1688 **Hall of Fame Goals for 2017**

1689 • *Place photos of past hounds on Website, the same as the people*
1690 *are now (2017 Still a work in process).*

1691 • *List Call Names with all Hall Of Fame Hounds if known (this is*
1692 *complete).*

1693 *"THANK YOU, MARILYN"*

1694 • *Add condensed write ups for each person on the Website, the same*
1695 *as hounds are now (Marilyn has started with Wes Shainline and is*
1696 *working on others).*

1697 *"THANK YOU, MARILYN"*

1698 • *Assign breeds to Committee Members to provide a reserve pool of*
1699 *hounds for each of the breeds in case the committee needs to*
1700 *provide candidate hounds in any year.*