

# American Sighthound Field Association

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*2020 Annual Convention of Delegates*



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Minutes

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**1 Summary of Business**

Reference	Motion	Disposition
77	Appoint Parliamentarian	Adopted
79	Appoint Tellers	Adopted
81	Appoint the ACoD Minutes Review Committee	Adopted
95	Accept 2020 budget.	Adopted
116	Recognize Lori Coulson	Adopted
128	Approve all policies passed by the board be presented to the ACoD.	Adopted
131	Approve Policy Compilation Committee review last 6 years of policies.	Adopted
149	Approve election of Jill Bryson and Judy Lange to Hall of Fame.	Adopted
172	Approve slate of officers.	Adopted
183	Appointment of sergeant of arms	Adopted
185	Limit discussion on amendments to the Constitution	Adopted
187	Amend Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution, proposal #1.	Adopted
219	Amend Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution, proposal #2.	Adopted
233	Amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, proposal #3(a).	Failed
253	Amend Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution, proposal #4.	Adopted
275	Amend Article X, Section 2 of the Constitution, proposal #5.	Adopted

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Reference	Motion	Disposition
318	Amend Article VIII, of the Constitution, proposal #3(b).	Adopted
341	Accept the modifications to Chapter I, Section 4, proposal #1.	Adopted
350	Accept the modifications to Chapter XI, Section 5, proposal #2.	Adopted
374	Accept amendment to Proposal #2.	Adopted
377	Accept the modifications to Chapter V, Section 9, #4, proposal #3(a).	Adopted
385	Reject the modifications to Chapter V, Section 9, #5, proposal #3(b).	Adopted
394	Approve proposal #3(b) be sent back to REC.	Adopted
398	Accept the modifications to Chapter V, Section 9, #6, proposal #3(c).	Adopted
407	Accept the modifications to Chapter IX, Section 1 & 2, proposal #4.	Adopted
448	Accept the modifications to the Appendix, proposal #5.	Adopted
458	Accept the modifications to Chapter V, Section 5(b), proposal #6.	Adopted
471	Accept the modifications to Chapter V, Section 5, proposal #7.	Adopted
482	Accept the modifications to Chapter VII, Section 1, proposal #8.	Adopted
496	Accept the modifications to Chapter VII, Section 1, proposal #9.	Adopted
505	Accept the modifications to Chapter VII, Section 3, proposal #10.	Adopted
517	Accept the modifications to Chapter VI, proposal #11.	Adopted

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Reference	Motion	Disposition
579	Reject the modifications to Chapter II, Section 4, proposal #12.	Adopted
586	Approve REC proposal #12, modifications to Chapter II, section 4 be sent back to REC to be reworked.	Adopted
589	Accept the modifications to Chapter III, Section 6, proposal #13.	Adopted
596	Direct CRC to determine the criteria for ACoD in electronic format.	Adopted
599	Accept Operational Policy O-JUDG24 be removed.	Adopted
602	Approve referral of Article VIII to REC.	Adopted
607	Approve appointment of ACoD AdHoc Committees.	Adopted

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Approved

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4 The regular Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) of the American  
5 Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) was held on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> of March,  
6 2020 via "Go To Meeting" teleconference with the President being the chair  
7 and the Recording Secretary being present.

8 **Saturday, 21 March, 2020**

9 The President called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM (EDT).

10 Present were 34 delegates and 0 observers from 27 member clubs:

- 11 • American Whippet Club (AWC)
  - 12 ○ Claudia Miller
- 13 • Basenji Club of America (BaCOA)
  - 14 ○ Russ Jacobs
- 15 • California Coursing Association (CCA)
  - 16 ○ Director (Region 10) Jennifer Gysler
- 17 • Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA)
  - 18 ○ Tom Golcher
- 19 • Coursing Hounds Association of the Mid-Potomac (CHAMP)
  - 20 ○ Torie Cassano
- 21 • District Area Sighthounds (DASH)
  - 22 ○ Robert Jordon
- 23 • Evergreen Basenji Club
  - 24 ○ Tom Golcher
- 25 • Gazehounds of New England (GONE)
  - 26 ○ John Plugis
- 27 • Heartland Coursing Association (HCA)
  - 28 ○ Carol Lear
  - 29 ○ Vickie Jacobs
- 30 • Ibizan Hound Club of the United States (IHCUS)
  - 31 ○ Lori Coulson
- 32 • Iowa Coursing Association (ICA)
  - 33 ○ Director (Region 7) Elaine McMichael
- 34 • Lake Country Lure Coursers (LCLC)
  - 35 ○ Director (Region 9) Cathy Sanderson
  - 36 ○ Lori Siddons
- 37 • Lobo Lure Coursing Club (LLCC)
  - 38 ○ CFO Philip Fullam
- 39 • Lorain Area Racing Klub (LARK)
  - 40 ○ Paul Kytta
- 41 • Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club (MDIHC)

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- 42           ○ Director (Region 8) Kathy Sanders
- 43   • Midwest Coursing Club (MWCC)
- 44           ○ First Vice President Greg Breitbach
- 45   • Minnesota Coursing Association (MCA)
- 46           ○ Vicki Fagre-Stroetz
- 47           ○ Kathy Nelson
- 48   • Nebraska Coursing Association (NCA)
- 49           ○ Sean McMichael
- 50           ○ Marilyn Standerford
- 51   • Northern Azawakh Association
- 52           ○ Jean Martin
- 53           ○ Luci White
- 54   • Pharaoh Hound Club of America (PHCA)
- 55           ○ Darci Kunard
- 56   • Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States (RRCUS)
- 57           ○ Debbie Bell
- 58   • Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA)
- 59           ○ Mike Hussey
- 60   • Saluki Club of America (SCOA)
- 61           ○ Second Vice President Thomas Cigolle Jr.
- 62   • St. Louis Area Sighthounds (SLASH)
- 63           ○ Karen Frederick
- 64   • Tortoise and Hare Lure Coursers (THLC)
- 65           ○ Sally MacDowell
- 66   • Tri-State Sighthound Club (TSSC)
- 67           ○ Gordon Cheung
- 68           ○ Recording Secretary Ping Pirrung
- 69   • Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC)
- 70           ○ Audrey Silverstein
- 71           ○ President Dean Wright

72 Absent were:

- 73   • Tortoise and Hare Lure Coursers (THLC)
- 74           ○ Evelyn Jones

75 Count of those present to 34 delegates and 0 observers from 27 member  
76 clubs.

77 Phil Fullam moved Russ Jacobs be appointed Parliamentarian. **Motion**  
78 **adopted.**

79 Tom Cigolle moved Jennifer Gysler and Kathy Sanders be appointed Tellers.  
80 **Motion adopted.**

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81 Kathy Sanders moved to appoint Greg Breitbach, chair, and members Gordon  
82 Cheung, Phil Fullam, and Jennifer Gysler to the ACoD Minutes Review  
83 Committee. **Motion adopted.**

84 Dean Wright presented the report of the President. Please refer to  
85 attachment.

86 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the First Vice President. Please refer  
87 to the attachment.

88 Tom Cigolle presented the report of the Second Vice President. Please refer  
89 to the attachment.

90 Holly Hamilton presented the report of the Corresponding Secretary. Please  
91 refer to the attachment.

92 Ping Pirrung presented the report of the Recording Secretary. Please refer to  
93 the attachment.

94 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer.

95 Tom Cigolle moves to accept the 2020 budget as presented below. **Motion**  
96 **adopted.**

Approved

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**Preliminary** 3/20/2020  
Jan. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2020

Category	Actual Income 2019	Actual Expense 2019	Budgeted Diff	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense
ACoD	\$3,855.00	\$6,235.87	(\$2,380.87)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Forms	\$925.80	\$2,010.30	(\$1,084.50)	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Per Capita	\$26,849.28		\$26,849.28	\$14,298.00		\$11,432.00		\$8,582.00	
Regionals	\$2,399.00		\$2,399.00	\$950.00		\$760.00		\$570.00	
II	\$1,890.00		\$1,890.00	\$1,896.00		\$1,512.00		\$1,140.00	
Trials	\$21,404.28		\$21,404.28	\$10,872.00		\$8,696.00		\$6,524.00	
Lure Chasing	\$1,156.00		\$1,156.00	\$580.00		\$464.00		\$348.00	
Membership	\$4,770.39	\$22.42	\$4,747.97	\$3,900.00	\$400.00	\$3,600.00	\$400.00	\$3,300.00	\$400.00
Committees	\$2,820.00	\$8,465.03	(\$5,645.03)	\$1,485.00	\$7,600.00	\$1,185.00	\$7,600.00	\$885.00	\$7,600.00
Computer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00		\$1,300.00		\$1,300.00	
Internet Initiative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		\$500.00		\$500.00	
Web Maintenance	\$3,610.20		(\$3,610.20)	\$2,800.00		\$2,800.00		\$2,800.00	
Records upgrade	\$2,820.00	\$3,650.00	(\$830.00)	\$1,485.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,185.00	\$3,000.00	\$885.00	\$3,000.00
Other	\$1,204.83		(\$1,204.83)	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
II Trophy Refurb	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Insurance	\$1,388.00		(\$1,388.00)	\$2,300.00		\$2,300.00		\$2,300.00	
Records	\$17,741.71		(\$17,741.71)	\$9,633.00		\$7,704.00		\$5,781.00	
Salary (Gross)	\$10,237.08		(\$10,237.08)	\$6,422.00		\$5,136.00		\$3,854.00	
Expenses	\$7,504.63		(\$7,504.63)	\$3,211.00		\$2,568.00		\$1,927.00	
Regional Directors	\$413.16		(\$413.16)	\$500.00		\$500.00		\$500.00	
Board Meetings	\$0.00	\$5,657.79	(\$5,657.79)	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00	
Donations	\$5,937.98	\$0.00	\$5,937.98	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,491.72	\$0.00	\$2,491.72	\$675.00	\$300.00	\$675.00	\$300.00	\$675.00	\$300.00
Totals	\$47,650.17	\$41,934.28	\$5,715.89	\$27,258.00	\$25,233.00	\$23,792.00	\$23,304.00	\$20,342.00	\$21,381.00

Budget based on:	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Entries at 50%	Entries at 40%	Entries at 30%
Number of trials	225	197	99	79	59
Total entries	7100	5436	2718	2174	1631
Regional Invitationals	150	380	190	152	114
International Invitational	150	315	158	126	95
LCI Entries	300	289	145	116	87
Clubs	78	79	65	60	55

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- 98 Jennifer Gysler presented the report for Region 10. Please refer to the
- 99 attachment.
- 100 Cathy Sanderson presented the report for Region 9. Please refer to the
- 101 attachment
- 102 Kathy Sanders presented the report for Region 8. Please refer to the
- 103 attachment.
- 104 Elaine McMichael presented the report for Region 7. Please refer to the
- 105 attachment.
- 106 Dean Wright presented the report of the Archives and Historical Committee.
- 107 Please refer to the attachment.
- 108 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Contracts Committee. Please refer to
- 109 the attachment.
- 110 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Long-Range Planning Committee.
- 111 Please refer to the attachment.

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- 112 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Forms Creation and  
113 Publication Committee. Please refer to the attachment.
- 114 Cathy Sanderson and Sean McMichael presented the report of the  
115 Information Technology Committee. Please refer to the attachment.
- 116 Tom Cigolle moved to recognize Lori Coulson for all her dedicated work on  
117 the records program. **Motion adopted**
- 118 Audrey Silverstein presented the report of the Scheduling Committee. Please  
119 refer to the attachment.
- 120 Lori Coulson presented the report of the Records Coordinator. Please refer to  
121 the attachment.
- 122 Ping Pirrung presented the report of the Membership Committee. Please  
123 refer to the attachment.
- 124 Cathy Sanderson presented the report of the Website Publication Committee.  
125 Please refer to the attachment.
- 126 Phil Fullam presented the report of the Policies Compilation Committee.  
127 Please refer to the attachment.
- 128 Russ Jacobs moved that the Policy Compilation Committee of the Board  
129 present all policies, that passed during the preceding year, to the following  
130 ACoD for review. **Motion adopted**
- 131 Marilyn Standerford moved that the Policy Compilation Committee review the  
132 last 6 years of polices to be sure they are included in our current policies.  
133 **Motion adopted**
- 134 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Judges and Judges Licensing  
135 Committee. Please refer to the attachment. The top 10 judges for 2019 were  
136 announced with the Leigh Littleton award going to Kathy Sanders.
- 137 Tom Cigolle presented the report of the Field Trial Improvement Committee.  
138 Please refer to the attachment.
- 139 Vickie Fagre-Stroetz presented the report of the Communiqué. Please refer to  
140 the attachment.
- 141 Greg Breitbach presented the report of the Experimental Program. Please  
142 refer to the attachment.
- 143 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Website Liaison. Please refer  
144 to the attachment.

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145 Cathy Sanderson presented the report of the Website Publication Committee.  
146 Please refer to the attachment.

147 Mike Hussey presented the report of the Hall of Fame. Please refer to the  
148 attachment.

149 Holly Hamilton moved that both Jill Bryson and Judy Lange be elected to the  
150 ASFA Lure Coursing Hall of Fame by acclamation. **Motion adopted**

151 Reconvene at 2:05 PM

152 Audrey Silverstein presented the report on the Top Dogs.

153 Kathy Sanders presented the Excellent Performance Award which was  
154 awarded to two clubs: Nebraska Coursing Association (NCA) and Silken  
155 Windhounds for Endurance, Performance & Training (SWEPT).

156 Dean Wright announced that the hounds Guilty, BII DC Tamrick Sanadu High  
157 Treason LCM4, SC, GRC, ORC, LCX (Afghan); Lucy, Stoneybrook Brynmair  
158 Kinealy (Irish Wolfhound); and Leah, BIF DC Vale Vue Silver Lea Chartwell  
159 MC, SoR, LCM4, VC (Scottish Deerhound) were elected to the ASFA Lure  
160 Coursing Hall of Fame.

161 Kathy Nelson presented the report of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

162 Vicki Jacobs presented the report of the ACoD Site Selection Committee.  
163 Please refer to the attachment.

164 Vicki Jacobs presented the report of the ACoD Planning Committee. Please  
165 refer to the attachment.

166 Vicki Jacobs presented the report of the Animal Advisory Committee. Please  
167 refer to the attachment.

168 Kathy Nelson presented the report of the Gary Forrester Award Committee.  
169 The Gary Forrester Award was presented to Vicki Fagre-Stroetz.

170 Dean Wright asked if there were any nominations from the floor for officers  
171 of the ASFA.

172 Russ Jacobs moved the nominated slate of officers be elected by acclamation  
173 with a voice vote as shown:

174       Dean Wright, President  
175       Greg Breitbach, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
176       Tom Cigolle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
177       Holly Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary

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178 Ping Pirrung, Recording Secretary  
179 Phil Fullam, Chief Financial Officer

180 **Motion adopted**

181 Ping Pirrung presented the report of the Constitutional Revision Committee.  
182 Please refer to the attachment.

183 Tom Cigolle moved to appoint Cathy Sanderson as the sergeant of arms.  
184 **Motion adopted**

185 Marilyn Standerford moved to limit the discussion to two minutes and to  
186 alternate between positive and negative statements. **Motion adopted.**

187 Marilyn Standerford moved to amend the *Constitution and By-Laws, Article*  
188 *VI, The Association Year, Nominations, and Elections, (Proposal #1)* as  
189 shown:

190 **Section 4. Regional Director Nominations.** Candidates for Regional Directors shall be  
191 nominated by the club delegates from member clubs located in each respective region  
192 during the month of October of each even numbered year. The Corresponding  
193 Secretary will notify each member club delegate of the nomination process for Regional  
194 Director for the region in which they reside. Such nominations, in either a completed  
195 nomination form or electronic message, shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary  
196 and shall be accompanied by written or electronic message acceptance of the  
197 nominee. No person may be nominated or accept a nomination as Regional Director  
198 who has been elected to the position of Regional Director in each of the preceding two  
199 regularly-scheduled elections, or who has, within the preceding year, accepted a fee  
200 over and above expenses for handling a hound at a sanctioned lure field trial, or for  
201 performing or assisting in the performance of the duties of the officials of a sanctioned  
202 lure field trial. No club delegate may nominate more than one candidate for Regional  
203 Director. If no eligible person has been nominated by November 1st of the respective  
204 year in a Region, the President may extend the nomination period up to 30 days. If, after  
205 the extension, no nominations are received, the Board of Directors shall appoint an  
206 Interim Director for that Region, to serve until an eligible person has been nominated and  
207 elected. Such Interim Director shall take office on January 15th, and need not reside  
208 within the Region he they represents. Interim Regional Directors would not affect the  
209 eligibility of any person to serve as Regional Director. Appointed Regional Directors may  
210 be currently serving as a Regional Director. The appointment shall not affect their  
211 eligibility to be nominated for the subsequent term.

212 Every April and October, the Corresponding Secretary shall send to each member club  
213 delegate within the region of an appointed interim Regional Director, a request for  
214 nominations for Regional Director. If no nominations are received, the interim regional  
215 director will continue. If a nomination is received, the normal election process will be  
216 implemented. The newly elected director will not lose eligibility to run for a second  
217 complete term.

218 After debate, **motion adopted.**

219 Russ Jacobs moved to amend the *Constitution and By-Laws Article VI, The*  
220 *Association Year, Nominations, and Elections, (Proposal #2)* as shown:

221 **Section 5. Regional Director Elections.**

222 (a) The Corresponding Secretary shall send each member club delegate ~~a~~ an  
223 electronic ballot including all nominees by November 15 of each even numbered  
224 year. Each member club delegate shall then have until January 1 to return a  
225 marked ballot to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall  
226 tally the ballots received by January 8 which were emailed or posted on or  
227 before January 1 and record the vote. The candidate receiving a majority of the  
228 votes cast in each region shall be declared elected and take office on January  
229 15. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, only the two candidates  
230 (more only if required by a tie) receiving the highest number of votes will be  
231 included on the re-ballot....

232 After debate, **motion adopted.**

233 Russ Jacobs moved to amend the *Constitution and By-Laws, Article VIII,*  
234 *Experimental Programs, [Proposal #3(a)]* as shown:

235 The Board of Directors may, after notification to the clubs, implement experimental  
236 programs on a trial basis, without revising the running rules. The trial period shall not  
237 exceed one year in duration and shall commence at the conclusion of the ACoD. Such  
238 programs shall, whenever possible, be parallel and supplementary to established  
239 programs, and shall be reversible in any circumstances where hound records may be  
240 affected. Under no circumstances shall experimental programs be implemented in  
241 conflict with the Constitution. The results of the program must be posted on the ASFA  
242 website, published in the ASFA Communiqué, sent to each club delegate at the end of  
243 the year trial period ~~and/or before an experimental program is proposed as a running~~  
244 rules change, and reported to the ACoD immediately following the conclusion of the  
245 Program. That subsequent ACoD must vote whether or not to approve the establishment  
246 of a permanent program based on the experimental program. If the experimental  
247 period suggests substantive changes in the program, the ACoD may approve an  
248 additional year as a trial for those changes. If the ACoD approves a permanent  
249 program, the experimental program may, on a positive vote by the ACoD, continue until  
250 the permanent program is established.

251 After debate, **motion failed** by counted vote: 16 ayes, 15 nays & 1  
252 abstention.

253 Russ Jacobs moved to amend the *Constitution and By-Laws, Article X,*  
254 *Recognition of Additional Sighthound Breeds, (Proposal #4)* as shown:

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

257 Section 1. There are two paths for a breed ~~in order~~ to be considered by ASFA for  
258 eligibility.

259 Path A: Applicant organization must officially represent a breed designated as a  
260 sighthound by the national parent club, or the parent club from the country of origin. In  
261 addition, the applicant breed must also be recognized with an accredited association  
262 that maintains a registry for purebred dogs. A formal application will be sent to the

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263 Corresponding Secretary by such organization along with an application fee of \$100. If  
264 the proposal is not accepted by the Board, the application fee will be refunded.

265 Path B: After a petition from at least ten owners of a breed, residing in at least  
266 three ASFA Regions, along with a petition fee of \$100, is sent to the Corresponding  
267 Secretary, a Committee appointed by the ASFA Board of Directors shall review the  
268 application and determine if the breed is a sighthound. In addition, the applicant breed  
269 must also be recognized with an association that maintains a registry for purebred dogs.  
270 If the Committee determines that the breed is a sighthound, the petition will be sent to  
271 the ASFA Board of Directors with a recommendation to the Board to consider it for  
272 recognition. If the proposal is not accepted by the Board, the petition fee will be  
273 refunded.

274 After debate, **motion adopted.**

275 Russ Jacobs moved to amend the *Constitution and By-Laws, Article X,*  
276 *Recognition of Additional Sighthound Breeds, (Proposal #5)* as shown:

277 Section 2. **Proposing an Additional Eligible Breed.** Subsequent to receipt by the ASFA  
278 Corresponding Secretary of a request for recognition from a major national breed  
279 organization or a Board appointed Committee, that breed may be proposed for ~~Limited~~  
280 Provisional status approval ~~by a two-thirds majority vote of~~ to the Board of Directors. A  
281 two-thirds majority vote of all Board members is required for approval. If the request for  
282 recognition is not approved, the proposal lapses. Recognition in Provisional status will be  
283 posted on the ASFA website, published in the ASFA Communiqué and sent to each club  
284 delegate and will begin the first of the month following approval by the Board of  
285 Directors.

286 Section 3: Delete

287 Section 4. Delete

288 Section 5 3. **Provisional Status.** During the Provisional status period, the breed shall be  
289 eligible to be entered in ASFA-sanctioned lure field trials. Trial results for the classes shall  
290 be recorded and published in the same manner as for fully recognized breeds. However,  
291 during this period, no ASFA title or certificate shall be awarded to any member of the  
292 breed. When the breed obtains full recognition, all points and placements earned during  
293 the Provisional status period will be applied towards the current recognized ASFA titles.

294 Section 6 4. **Convention Voting for Recognizing New Breeds.** After one year of Provisional  
295 status, the member clubs may vote and after two years of Provisional status the member  
296 clubs shall vote on whether to accord the breed full recognition. If the national parent  
297 club or a board appointed committee wishes full recognition after one year, a letter  
298 requesting such status must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary by January 1st of the  
299 year following at least one full calendar year of Provisional status. After two full calendar  
300 years of Provisional status, the Board of Directors shall present the breed for full  
301 recognition, However, if provided the breed has not kept a minimum of 15 10 hounds  
302 actively coursing with entries totaling 45- 30 per calendar year. Otherwise, they will be  
303 kept in the Provisional status without coming up for vote. Member club delegates present  
304 at the Annual Convention of Delegates at which a breed has come up for recognition

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305 will vote with each member club allowed one vote. However, a member club not in  
306 attendance at the ACoD may send in one absentee ballot to be received not less than  
307 two weeks before the ACoD in which a breed has come up for recognition. A two-thirds  
308 majority of clubs voting shall be required for full approval. Results of such voting shall be  
309 announced at the Annual Convention of Delegates. When a breed is fully recognized, it  
310 shall assume the same status as any previously recognized breed, and any appropriate  
311 titles and certificates, or points toward such titles and certificates, shall then be awarded  
312 to the members of the breed based on sanctioned lure field trial results from the  
313 Provisional period. If a breed does not achieve full recognition, the breed will stay within  
314 the Provisional status as long as hound and entry limits are met. Such a breed may re-  
315 apply for recognition every two years. The new fully recognized breed will be eligible the  
316 first of the month after approval at the Annual Convention of Delegates.

317 After debate, **motion adopted.**

318 Greg Breitbach moved to amend the *Constitution and By-Laws, Article VIII,*  
319 *Experimental Programs, [Proposal #3(b)]* as shown:

320 The Board of Directors may, after notification to the clubs, implement experimental  
321 programs on a trial basis, without revising the running rules. ~~The trial period shall not~~  
322 ~~exceed one year in duration.~~ Such programs shall, whenever possible, be parallel and  
323 supplementary to established programs, and shall be reversible in any circumstances  
324 where hound records may be affected. Under no circumstances shall experimental  
325 programs be implemented in conflict with the Constitution. After one year, the results of  
326 the program must be posted on the ASFA website, published in the ASFA Communiqué  
327 and sent to each club delegate at the end of the year trial period and/or before an  
328 experimental program is proposed as a running rules change. After reporting, the  
329 subsequent ACoD must vote to approve or disapprove the establishment of a  
330 permanent program based on the experimental program. Upon ACoD approval, the  
331 experimental program shall continue until the running rules change(s) is/are approved.

332 If the experimental period requires substantive changes in the program, the Board of  
333 Directors may approve an additional implementation period as a trial for those changes,  
334 not to exceed a total of two years.

335 After debate, **motion adopted** by counted vote: 23 ayes, 8 nays & 1  
336 abstention.

337 Marilyn Standerford presented the report of the Rules Evaluation Committee.  
338 Please refer to the attachment.

339 Russ Jacobs moved to have a two-minute limit on discussion alternating  
340 between pro and con. **Motion adopted**

341 Carol Lear moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and Field*  
342 *Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter I, Section 4, (Proposal #1),* as  
343 shown:

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344 There shall be no consumption of any type of alcoholic beverages or legal or illegal  
345 drugs that could reasonably be expected to impair perception or judgment by any  
346 judge, by any member of the field committee, or by anyone working in any official  
347 capacity prior to the completion of their assignment. Said consumption shall be  
348 deemed detrimental to the sport of lure field trials.

349 After debate, **motion adopted.**

350 Tom Golcher moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and*  
351 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges,*  
352 *Section 5. Licensing for Additional Breeds (Proposal #2), as shown:*

353 Any judge regularly licensed in at least three breeds may seek an additional breed by  
354 meeting the following requirements; so long as those requirements are met, Singles stake  
355 shall also count as an additional breed.

356 (a) Judge provisionally the breed or Singles stake for which the license is sought at no  
357 less than three trials with three different licensed judges. (Judging five hounds per  
358 stake is a requirement for the first three breeds only and does not apply to any  
359 breeds thereafter, or to Singles stake.)

360 (b) AKC licensed Judges who are currently in ASFA Provisional Status may use an  
361 AKC assignment, when judging with a fully licensed ASFA judge, where breed  
362 entries meet the entry requirements to count towards that breed's license  
363 approval. The Provisional judge will be required to provide a signed AMERICAN  
364 SIGHTHOUND FIELD ASSOCIATION JUDGING CONFIRMATION STATEMENT from the  
365 licensed judge and documentation supporting their assignment, and number of  
366 hounds in that breed judged on that day.

367 (c) When the requirements of Section 5(a) have been met, notify the chair, in writing,  
368 that a license for one or more breeds is being sought, listing breed and  
369 assignment.

370 ~~(e)~~ (d) The Board, upon recommendation of the chair and after the applicant's  
371 name has been published, shall determine whether the applicant shall be granted a  
372 license to judge the breed(s) for which the license is sought.

373 After debate, **motion adopted.**

374 Greg Breitbach moved to amend proposal #2 to remove the words "of  
375 Section 5 (a)" in (c) from *Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges, Section 5.*  
376 *Licensing for Additional Breeds.* After debate, **motion adopted.**

377 Tom Golcher moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and*  
378 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter V, Section 9. Conducting the*  
379 *Draw [Proposal #3(a)] as shown:*

380 4. When there is but a single course in a regular stake in which an owner or his duly-  
381 authorized agent has more than one hound, these hounds will be run together or one  
382 or more will be scratched by the owner or his duly-authorized agent, without refund  
383 of entry fee.

384 **Motion adopted**

385 Russ Jacobs moved to reject the modifications to the *Running Rules and Field*  
386 *Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter V, Section 9. Conducting the Draw*  
387 [Proposal #3(b)] as shown:

388 5. If only one member of a breed is entered, that hound may be run with another  
389 breed in a mixed breed stake if all ~~exhibitors~~ owners or their duly-authorized agents  
390 agree. The hounds would be scored separately by the one or two judges listed in  
391 the premium list for each breed and receive placements and points as if this stake  
392 was a regular stake such as open, field champion or veteran.

393 After debate, **motion adopted**

394 Greg Breitbach moved proposal #3(b) be sent back to REC to include the  
395 verbiage: If only one member of a breed is entered, that hound may be run with  
396 another breed in a mixed breed stake with the same scheduled judges if all ...

397 **Motion adopted**

398 Mike Hussey moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and*  
399 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter 5, Section 9. Conducting the*  
400 *Draw* [Proposal #3(c)] as shown:

401 6. A single entry in a stake may be drawn to run with any other stake of that breed  
402 (mixed stake) if all the handlers involved agree, owners or their duly authorized  
403 agents involved agree. But in no event shall more than two stakes be mixed  
404 unless all stakes in a breed can be run as a single course. The stakes will be scored  
405 separately. The judges shall not be informed which courses are combined.

406 **Motion adopted**

407 Ping Pirrung moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and*  
408 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter IX. PROTESTING THE LURE*  
409 *FIELD TRIAL* (Splitting Chapter IX, Section 1 into two sections and  
410 renumbering the rest of the Chapter IX. - Proposal #4) as shown:

411 Any member of a club sanctioned to hold a lure field trial, or any participant in the lure  
412 field trial, or any individual belonging to a club sanctioned by the ASFA, may lodge a  
413 "protest of proceedings" should he/she desire to do so. The following procedure must be  
414 followed:

415  
416 **Section 1. Protesting A Judge's Decision:** A written statement lodging the protest and  
417 explicitly describing the infringement ~~or non-regular procedure or ruling of ASFA rules and~~  
418 policies, accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) protest filing fee (when paying by check,  
419 the check should be made out to ASFA) is given to the Field Trial Chairman during the  
420 trial hours. The Field Trial Chairman shall notify the judge(s) immediately. Since according  
421 to Ch. III, Sec. 22, only the Board of Directors of the ASFA may reverse, change or modify  
422 a judge's decision, if when the protest regards a judge's decision, the field committee  
423 shall not rule on the protest, but shall gather written statements from the judges,  
424 huntmaster and lure operator plus as well as rather shall forward the protest and fees any

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425 comments the committee is able to make on the substance of the protest. These  
426 statements will become part of the protest. The Field Trial Secretary will forward the  
427 protest and fees, directly to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary. ~~Otherwise, the field~~  
428 ~~committee must make a ruling in writing as soon as possible during trial hours on that day,~~  
429 ~~a copy of which shall be given, on that day, to the protestor. All monies, copies of the~~  
430 ~~protest and copies of the field committee rulings must be received by the ASFA~~  
431 ~~Corresponding Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the trial or be postmarked within~~  
432 ~~ten (10) days of the trial, except protests upheld by the field committee are cause for~~  
433 ~~reimbursement of the \$10 fee to the protestor and no monies shall be forwarded to the~~  
434 ~~Corresponding Secretary.~~

435 **Section 2. Protesting an infringement or non-regular procedure:** A written statement  
436 lodging the protest and explicitly describing the infringement or non-regular procedure  
437 or ruling of ASFA rules and policies, accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) protest filing  
438 fee is given to the Field Trial Chairman during the trial hours. (When paying by check, the  
439 check should be in US funds and made out to the ASFA.) The field committee must make  
440 a ruling in writing as soon as possible during trial hours on that day. A copy of the ruling  
441 shall be given, ~~on that day,~~ to the protestor on that day. All monies, copies of the protest  
442 and copies of the field committee rulings must be received by the ASFA Corresponding  
443 Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the trial or be postmarked within ten (10) days of  
444 the trial. Only protests upheld by the field committee are cause for reimbursement of the  
445 \$10 fee to the protestor and no monies shall be forwarded to the Corresponding  
446 Secretary.

447 **Motion adopted**

448 Greg Breitbach moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and*  
449 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Appendix, GENERAL INFORMATION ON*  
450 *ASFA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, Revising the Running Rules* (Proposal  
451 #5) as shown:

452 **Section 9.** A proposal that has received a favorable vote at the Annual Convention of  
453 Delegates shall be considered a change to the Running Rules and Field Procedures for  
454 Lure Field Trials. Such proposals shall be posted on the ASFA website, and any other  
455 method of publication as approved by the Board of Directors and shall go into effect  
456 ~~January~~ ~~July~~ August 1 following ratification.

457 **Motion adopted.**

458 Gordon Cheung moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and*  
459 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter V, Section 5 (b)* (Proposal #6)  
460 as shown:

461 **(b) FIELD CHAMPION STAKE:** ... Hounds determined not to be eligible to compete in the  
462 Field Champion stake will ~~forfeit all points and placements earned in that stake toward~~  
463 ~~an LCM~~ be notified by the Records Coordinator. The owner will be required to run the  
464 hound in Open to attain the required placement or points to attain a Field Champion  
465 title within six months of notification by the Records Coordinator. All points and  
466 placements attained in the ineligible stake will be held until completion of Field  
467 Champion title. If the title of Field Champion is not attained within 6 months, all points &  
468 placements will be forfeited.

469 After debate, **motion adopted** by counted vote with 16 ayes, 13 nays & 1  
470 abstention.

471 Tom Golcher moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and*  
472 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*, Chapter V, Running the Meet (Proposal  
473 #7) as shown:

474 **Section 5. OPEN STAKE:** Each stake shall consist of entries of only one breed, dogs and  
475 bitches; ASFA Field Champions of record of that breed may not be entered. A hound  
476 running in the Open Stake who has completed its Field Championship title, will not earn  
477 any points or placements after the Field Champion title was earned. A photocopy of  
478 acceptable registry must be submitted with a hound's first ASFA field trial entry. This  
479 requirement will be waived for hounds registered with the National Greyhound  
480 Association....

481 After debate, **motion adopted.**

482 Vickie Jacobs moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and*  
483 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*, Chapter VII, *PLACEMENTS, AWARDS*  
484 *and TITLES*, Section 1. *Placements* (Proposal #8) as shown:

485 Proficiency and Championship points are not official until published on the ASFA website.  
486 In the event of an error in scoring on the submitted records, the Records Coordinator will  
487 notify the host club which shall have the sole responsibility of notifying ~~within thirty days~~  
488 those individuals whose hounds have received placements affected points and/or  
489 placements within thirty days. Proficiency and Championship points in all regular stakes –  
490 Open, Field Champion, Veteran and Singles stakes – shall be awarded by the ASFA on  
491 the basis of: ....

492 After debate, **motion adopted.**

493 The delegate, Tom Cigolle from the Saluki Club of America (SCA), left the  
494 teleconference, bringing the count of those present to 31 delegates and 0  
495 observers from 27 member clubs.

496 Russ Jacobs moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and*  
497 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*, Chapter VII, *PLACEMENTS, AWARDS*  
498 *and TITLES*, Section 1. *Placements* (Proposal #9) as shown:

499 No hound shall receive a placement or be awarded points if it does not score at least 50  
500 percent of the total possible combined scores. Hounds which do not receive placements  
501 under this provision will nevertheless be considered as in competition for the purpose of  
502 awarding points to hounds which do place. When an ineligible hound receives a  
503 placement, all other points and placements will stand.

504 **Motion adopted**

505 Russ Jacobs moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and*  
506 *Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*, Chapter VII, *PLACEMENTS, AWARDS*  
507 *and TITLES*, Section 3. *Titles* (Proposal #10) as shown:

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508 **Field Champion:** A permanent title of Field Champion (FCh) shall be awarded as a suffix  
509 to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following championship  
510 requirements:

511 (a) and (b) have no changes

512 (c) Individuals wishing to know their hound's point standing should use the request form  
513 on the ASFA website or send the hound's registered name, registration number and a  
514 self-addressed stamped envelope to the Records Coordinator of the ASFA, and this  
515 information will be sent to them.

516 **Motion adopted**

517 Cathy Sanderson moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules*  
518 *and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter VI, RECORDS & FEES*  
519 *FORWARDED TO ASFA.* (Proposal #11) as shown:

520 **Section 1.** All records, either electronic or paper must be received by the ASFA Records  
521 Coordinator within fourteen (14) days or postmarked within ten (10) days of the  
522 approved lure field trial, with the exception of the International Invitational. In the case of  
523 the International Invitational, the records must be received by the ASFA Records  
524 Coordinator within twenty (20) days or be postmarked within fifteen (15) days of the  
525 approved dates for the International Invitational. For the penalty assessed for the late  
526 receipt of records, see paragraph ~~(h)~~ (f).

527 These records must include:

528 (a) A copy of the approved premium list. A copy of the approved premium with any  
529 course plan changes or judges changes. A letter of explanation of these changes must  
530 accompany the premium.

531 (b) All record sheets for every course, including re-runs and runoffs if required. Notations  
532 of reasons why hounds who were entered did not run, e.g., absent, bitches in season,  
533 lame, dismissed, disqualified under the ASFA breed disqualifications, excused by the Field  
534 Trial Chairman, etc. The following should also be included:

- 535 1. Proof of registration, completed certification and entry forms for hounds  
536 entered for the first time.  
537 2. Entry forms that include notations for hounds working off a dismissal  
538 3. Entry form that include any indicated change of information (e.g. new  
539 titles, address change or change of ownership).  
540 4. Per Capital Report sheet

541 ~~(c) All completed entry forms.~~

542 ~~(c) All record sheets for every course, including re-runs and runoffs if required.~~

543 ~~(d) All Judge's (s)' sheets, including re-runs and runoffs if required.~~

544 ~~(d) Notations of reasons why hounds who were entered did not run, e.g., absent, bitches~~  
545 ~~in season, lame, dismissed, disqualified under the ASFA breed disqualifications, excused~~  
546 ~~by the Field Trial Chairman, etc.~~

547 (c) Per capita fees are set by the Board of Directors and are payable to the ASFA in USD.  
548 (See schedule of fees on the ASFA website.) Per capita fees are required for each hound  
549 which was a paid entry in a regular stake and for each paid entry in the non-regular

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550 stakes (Kennel, Breeder, and Bench Stakes). No per capita fee is due for any entry,  
551 regular or non-regular, that was fully refunded to the exhibitor. All per capita fees shall be  
552 paid with a club check, certified check, money order or through an electronic funds  
553 transfer (EFT). (Do not send cash or personal checks.) ~~as set by the Board of Directors or~~  
554 ~~received by the ASFA Records Coordinator within fourteen (14) days or be postmarked~~  
555 ~~within ten (10) days of the lure field trial, with the exception of the International~~  
556 ~~Invitational. In the case of the International Invitational, the per capita must be paid~~  
557 ~~through an electronic funds transfer (EFT) as set by the Board of Directors or received by~~  
558 ~~the ASFA Records Coordinator within twenty (20) days or be postmarked within fifteen~~  
559 ~~(15) day of the approved dates for the International Invitational. Points are not recorded~~  
560 ~~by the Records Coordinator until either this per capita fee is received, or the Board of~~  
561 ~~Directors has determined that there is an overriding reason to record the trial. The per~~  
562 ~~capita must be paid by certified check, money order, electronic funds transfer or club~~  
563 ~~check (do not send cash or personal checks).~~

564 (d) The A penalty charge will be charged for late receipt or postmark of records which  
565 shall not exceed the per capita fee, subject to review by the ASFA Board of Directors.  
566 When paying electronically, receipt date will be the date ASFA is notified the payment  
567 has been received by the EFT system.

568 ~~(i) Changes to the approved premium list will be accompanied by a letter of explanation~~  
569 ~~to the Records Coordinator.~~

570 **Section 2.** The Records Coordinator will ~~correct field clerk errors and placements on~~  
571 ~~record sheets, where appropriate, but will not change any judge's total score~~ verify  
572 eligibility for each hound entered. The Records Coordinator will notify the Field Trial  
573 Secretary of the host club of any ~~and all such changes~~ entry of an ineligible hound which  
574 causes a change in points and placements. There shall be no changes to any points or  
575 placements after completion of the trial unless an ineligible hound has competed.

576 **Section 3.** The host club shall maintain a ~~duplicate~~ complete set of all records submitted  
577 for a period of one year following the lure field trial.

578 After debate, **motion adopted.**

579 Russ Jacobs moved to reject the modifications to the amendment to the  
580 *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter II, Section*  
581 *4. Huntmaster* (Proposal #12) as shown:

582 16. Will cause the lure to be stopped upon a ~~pre-slip and restart provided no tally he has~~  
583 ~~been sounded~~ hound being tangled in its slip lead or other safety concerns. A pre-slip in  
584 and of itself is not a cause for stopping the course.

585 After debate, **motion adopted.**

586 Torie Cassano moved proposal #12, Chapter II, Section 4, Huntmaster, #16  
587 be sent back to REC to be reworked.

588 After debate, **motion adopted** by counted vote, with 19 ayes & 12 nays.

589 Bob Jordan moved to accept the modifications to the *Running Rules and Field*  
590 *Procedures for Lure Field Trials, Chapter III Judging, Section 6.* (Proposal  
591 #13) as shown:

592 While on the field during his judging assignment, no judge shall discuss anything relative  
593 to his judging assignment with any handler or agent unless initiated by the judge.

594 **Motion adopted**

595 **New Business**

596 Marilyn Standerford moved the Board direct the CRC to determine the criteria  
597 for changing an ACoD to an electronic format. This could include types of  
598 situations as well as the processes to be used for voting. **Motion adopted.**

599 Marilyn Standerford moved Operational Policy O-JUDG24 be deleted, as it is  
600 now included in the ASFA Running Rules, Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges,  
601 Section 5. **Motion adopted.**

602 Russ Jacobs moved we refer to CRC Article VIII to fix any perceived gaps in  
603 the process and clarify the process to go from an Experimental Program to  
604 full blown approval. **Motion adopted.**

605 Tom Cigolle announced that the 2019 lure operator of the year is Josie  
606 Haumont.

607 Russ Jacobs moved to appoint the following ACoD AdHoc Committees:  
608 *ACoD Site Selection Committee:* Vickie Jacobs, chair and members Sean  
609 McMichael and Phil Fullam.

610 *ACoD Planning Committee:* Vickie Jacobs, chair and members Sally  
611 MacDowell and Pat Weiland,

612 *Gary Forrester Award Committee:* Kathy Nelson, chair, and members  
613 Dawn Gibas, Mike Hussy and Sean McMichael

614 *Constitutional Revision Committee:* Ping Pirrung, chair, and members  
615 Jennifer Gysler, Scott Hurlburt, Russ Jacobs, and Leigh Littleton

616 *Committee on Animal Rights Issues:* Vickie Jacobs.

617 *ASFA Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee:* Mike Hussey, chair, and  
618 members Trisha Borland, Ben Brodeur, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Peter Lowe,  
619 Cathy Sanders & Dean Wright.

620 **Motion adopted.**

621 Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM (EDT).

Ping Pirrung, Recording Secretary  
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622 **Attachments**

623 **Officer Reports**

624 **Report from the President**

625 *Dean Wright, President*

626 Welcome everyone to Tulsa, Oklahoma everyone. Good luck at the slots. Work hard and  
627 contribute to our meetings. Remember our slogan,

628 "TOGETHER WE ARE IMPROVING OUR ASFA"

629 It is amazing what I have learned about being the president of our ASFA. Every day offers  
630 an opportunity to learn something new. I think it will always be a work in progress. The one  
631 big thing that I have learned is that no matter how much you try; you cannot do everything  
632 yourself. I will take this time to thank everyone for pitching in and helping ASFA accomplish  
633 what we have in the last two years and in the past 40 years.

634 I would like to mention all of the ASFA volunteers that we have all known and worked with  
635 over the years. Sadly, many have recently passed away. Please remember the loved ones  
636 of these folks with your thoughts and prayers: Pete Mendicino, Jane Schreiber, Wes  
637 Shainline, Annie Chamberlain, Jill Bryson and Judy Lange, as well as many others that I  
638 have forgotten. We would like to do something to remember those who have passed on  
639 each year on our website or in our Communiqué or both. Please send me the names, a  
640 photo, their obituary from the local newspaper and a short write up of the people that you  
641 know and remember.

642 I feel our two biggest accomplishments this past year, as we have worked together, for our  
643 ASFA have been:

- 644
- 645 • The Communiqué, which has been fantastic with the dedicated work of its editor,  
646 Vicki Fagre-Stroetz. Thank You Vicki! Vicki has been the editor for 8 fantastic  
647 Communiqués. They can be found on our website under the information tab and  
648 then click on Communiqué. Once I have opened, printed and read each  
649 Communiqué I then save it to refer to again.
  - 650 • The LCI program has been a great plus for our clubs by increasing entries and  
651 workers. These newcomers have really fit into our coursing family by joining clubs  
652 and coming to dinner with us. I have enjoyed watching their dogs having the time  
653 of their life, chasing the lure while their owners enjoy watching their dogs have fun.  
654 Greg, many thanks to your committee and you for a job well done.  
655 FLASH !!!!! 126 individual LCI dogs entered for a total of 336 LCI entries. Not bad for  
the first year.

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656 My biggest disappointment so far, as president, is Paragon; the company we have been  
657 working with to update our records program. As of this writing, I do not know if they are  
658 any closer to delivering our finished product than they were the day I took office. Tom  
659 Cigolle has talked to them and they tell us that we will now be able to start entering data.  
660 Lori, ASFA's Record Coordinator, is finishing up the end of the year reports and will then  
661 start trying to enter trials. Lori and I might meet with Paragon at their office sometime  
662 before the ACOD. Since we are starting off a new year, it would be great if it works. This  
663 committee consisting of Lori Coulson, Tom Cigolle, Kathy Sanders, Cathy Sanderson, Ping  
664 Pirrung and Phil Fullam will start working with the new program to do some testing before  
665 reporting to us at the ACOD.

666 Once this Paragon program is completed, Cathy Sanderson will be able to move the  
667 efforts of the IT committee forward to redesign the website. I have talked to her and  
668 committee members about the website and they have a lot of great ideas on how to  
669 move forward.

670 I would like to take time to thank one of our unsung heros, Sean McMichael. Thank you so  
671 much for all of your years as the ASFA Treasurer. We all appreciate what you do for us year  
672 after year with very little recognition. We do appreciate the stability that you bring to ASFA.  
673 Again, for all of your work we Thank You!

674 I have many goals for 2020

- 675 ○ Facebook: Under the guidance of Trisha Borland and Kathy Sanders ASFA's  
676 Facebook page is much more active this year than in the past. We need everyone  
677 helping to post photos of hounds and wins. Audrey Silverstein has just been added  
678 as a moderator to help Trish Borland and Kathy Sanders to get posts up faster.
- 679 ○ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: We have a Task Force in place to plan our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022  
680 with Kathy Nelson as the chair. Some of the things that need to be decided this  
681 year are where to have the 50<sup>th</sup> year ACOD and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary II.
  - 682 ● Where to hold the ACOD: My thought would be possibly New Orleans or Las  
683 Vegas. I had great times at those locations. Cleveland was good too; I enjoyed  
684 having dinner at the horse track.
  - 685 ● Where to hold the II. Muncie, Indiana because it has the best fields I have ever  
686 seen. The two II's we have held there have been great successes.
  - 687 ● A design for a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin.
  - 688 ● A fifty-year anniversary book. A budget and editor need to be worked out.
  - 689 ● Have parent clubs become more involved in ASFA.
  - 690 ● Keeping club delegates informed of the business of the board
  - 691 ● Getting the fancy more involved in everything ASFA does and our decisions  
692 and ideas. Receive ideas from the bottom up. The survey on ideas was a great  
693 success. We are working on some of these ideas now and some will be  
694 approved at this year's ACOD.

695 Long term goals

- 696 ○ Fast tracking good ideas
- 697 ○ Revenue ideas beyond the field trials
- 698 ○ A means and an invitation to bring back clubs that have dropped out of ASFA in  
699 the past that have remained doing trials for other programs.
- 700 ○ Sponsors for the II and Regional Invitationals

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- 701 ○ 100% regionals in 2020. Please help your RD accomplish this.
- 702 ○ All Committee Reports be on a regular basis and published in the Communiqué.
- 703 ○ Everyone having an opportunity to receive the Communiqué.
- 704 ○ Updates for all committees to be submitted in September.
- 705 ○ Follow up on the last survey that Thomas Christ sent out for us. A list of what has
- 706 been completed and what we still need to do.
- 707 ○ Hounds to have a grace period after an owner's records show their hound has
- 708 completed its FCh title before the hound is entered in the FCh stake so as not to
- 709 lose points. Will be voted on this year

710 If you have skills that could help with any of these and a desire to help ASFA with any of  
711 these endeavors, please tell me. ([Hlb2@comcast.net](mailto:Hlb2@comcast.net)) 2020 will be an exciting year for  
712 our ASFA. I would like everyone to join in and become part of this excitement.

713 Again, work hard, have fun and go home with more money than you came with.

714 **Report from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President**

715 *Greg Breitbach, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President*

716 This was another full year supporting ASFA and pushing for improvements.

717 During the year, I have been pushing the president and others on moving ideas forward.  
718 Dean had leaned on my experience for advice during the year, and I have been tasked  
719 to make several proposals to the board for improving ASFA. Most of the proposals have  
720 been passed and either adopted as policies or moved to the CRC and REC for  
721 presentation at this ACoD.

722 I believe that this year has seen very good work by several members of the fancy and  
723 want to take this opportunity to remind every delegate that if they or their club have  
724 ideas to improve ASFA or trials in general, use the appropriate conduit (officers,  
725 committee chairs) to get this information to the board for potential action. The Regional  
726 Directors should be attending trials within their regions and listening to exhibitors. They are  
727 the first line of communication. If you do not feel comfortable with the RD, as officers of  
728 ASFA attend events, talk with them and pass on recommendations. The officers and RD's  
729 can pass on to the appropriate committee requests from exhibitors.

730 I feel that committees generally start with directions from the ACoD to discuss ideas and  
731 policy changes. As the committee act on these, they present to the board for moving as  
732 policy or direction to the REC and CRC as needed.

733 **Report from the Second Vice President**

734 *Tom Cigolle, Second Vice President*

735 I would like to start by stating that I am very thankful to the 2019 ACoD for giving me the  
736 opportunity to be ASFA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. It has been a great honor to serve the ASFA  
737 by finishing out the vacant term.

738 2019 presented us with many challenges, issues, and exciting ideas that we are moving  
739 forward with and we are still discussing others. I would like to think we accomplished a  
740 lot via conference calls and emails (both as Board member and committee member),  
741 but I look forward with what we will be able to further accomplish the two days of Board

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742 Meetings since we will physical being together. I think one gains a certain dynamic in  
743 face to face discussions.

744 I hope that the 2020 ACOD attendees leave the weekend with a feeling that we have  
745 started some revolutionary/out of the box changes that will start us and continue us on  
746 the course to lift ASFA into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond. ASFA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is right  
747 around the corner, but we should be talking about the 75<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> now! Enthusiasm  
748 breeds success.

749 I said this in my report last year, but it still holds true, if not more than ever. One thing that  
750 helps the ASFA is having good attendance at the ACOD. There will be many things  
751 discussed that the ASFA Board will need input on so that we move in the right direction,  
752 that there is consensus and support, and that everyone understands what that direction  
753 should be. I look forward to seeing everyone there this year.

754 **Report from the Corresponding Secretary**

755 *Holly Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary*

756 **General Comments:** I would like to thank Ping Pirrung for all of her assistance this past  
757 year. Because of experience and knowledge, I successfully navigated through situations  
758 that were challenging and difficult.

759 **Statements of Irregularity:** During the year, I received one informal complaint regarding  
760 the ASFA 2019 II, notification of misconduct charges from a club, and two protests  
761 regarding judging decisions. Review of Suspended Individuals: Erdman – effective  
762 11/1/1992 for indefinite period and Wiseman – effective 4/4/2006 for 25 years

763 **Other Correspondence:** I received a number of questions, comments, and suggestions  
764 from Board members, the ASFA website and club delegates, all of which I responded to  
765 or passed along to the appropriate person to handle a reply.

766 **The ASFA Communiqué:** Three editions of the ASFA Communiqué were published in the  
767 last 12 months. Vicki Fagre-Stroetz is the editor and she welcomes any ideas, thoughts,  
768 stories and photos as the intention is to publish 4-6 times a year. Her email is  
769 [vicki.fagre.stroetz@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.fagre.stroetz@gmail.com).

770 **Report from the Recording Secretary**

771 *Ping Pirrung, Recording Secretary*

772 This year was my learning curve. I am endeavouring to have as much as I can done prior  
773 to both the Board Meeting and ACoD so that I will be able to get the minutes to the  
774 Minutes Review Committees more quickly. Again, I do thank Joe Shoemaker for his  
775 example, templates and advice.

776 The minutes for the March 2019 Board of Directors meeting were delivered the 9<sup>th</sup> of April  
777 to the Minutes Review Committee (MRC). The MRC concluded their review at the  
778 beginning of May, and the draft minutes were delivered and approved by the Board of  
779 Directors the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

780 The minutes for the 2019 Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) were delivered to the  
781 Minutes Review Committee (MRC) on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June and were approved by the 2019

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782 ACoD MRC in August 2019. I was later than I had hoped in getting the minutes to the  
783 MRC. I think with a year under my belt I will be better prepared to pass along the  
784 minutes in a more timely manner to both of the MRCs this year.

785 The minutes for the on-line Board of Directors meeting that convened between the 2019  
786 ACoD and the 2020 Board of Directors Meeting will be delivered to the MRC shortly after  
787 the conclusion of business for approval by the Board of Directors at the March 2020  
788 meeting. I would like to ask that the name of the person making the motion always be  
789 kept with all the steps of the discussion and voting stage.

790 I am grateful to both the Board of Directors and the ACoD for ensuring that I had the  
791 motions correctly, in writing, prior to a vote. This enables me to complete the draft  
792 minutes quickly after a meeting concludes. I urge the Board of Directors and ACoD to  
793 afford me the same courtesy this year.

794 I also ask that the members of the Minutes Review Committee read the respective  
795 minutes as soon as possible while their memories are fresh so that the approved minutes  
796 can be distributed as soon as possible. As we have done previously, it's most helpful to  
797 have the 2020 ACoD to appoint its ACoD Minutes Review Committee, with committee  
798 members from the body of delegates, to review and approve the minutes of the 2020  
799 ACoD within 90 days after the convention closes.

800 **Report from the Chief Financial Officer**

801 *Phil Fullam, Chief Financial Officer*

802 One accomplishment this year has been to slow the hemorrhaging of funds to Paragon.  
803 I instituted a "payment hold pending review" on all invoices received from Paragon.  
804 While this may not have been the direct cause of the slowdown of outflow of cash, and I  
805 must give significant credit to the committee working on the new records program, I feel  
806 that this may have help get the attention of Paragon that we were not going to just  
807 blindly pay whatever they asked.

808 This year the cost of maintaining records has been reduced, and we want to thank Lori  
809 Colson for working with us to come up with a more dynamic compensation program for  
810 her. We are now tying her compensation to the volume of entries, changing the cost of  
811 record keeping from a fixed outlay to one that fairly follows the number entries. This has  
812 reduced ASFA expenses in the range of \$5,000 for the year.

813 Another significant aspect of 2019 has been the LCI program. We have seen a  
814 significant number of entries for the year (as will be covered in detail in other reports).  
815 With 123 dogs competing, and close to 300 entries, this program has the potential for  
816 significant impact on our financial stability. These are totally new participants, adding  
817 both to our income, but maybe more importantly to the number of active participants in  
818 ASFA events.

819 Again, this year we saw a significant donation to ASFA. Such generosity is greatly  
820 appreciated and demonstrates the dedication and spirit of ASFA clubs.

821 Overall our cash position has held steady, and there may be some indication that entries  
822 and income are on the rise. It is clear that the new LCI program has contributed to our  
823 income and appears to have promise for future growth.

## 824 **Committee Reports**

### 825 **Report from the Archives and Historical Committee**

826 *Dean Wright, Chair*

827 *A few of the things I received this year:*

- 828 1. *Photos of Lure Operators wearing propeller beanies from an old II*
- 829 2. *ASFA's original incorporation papers from Sean McMichael.*
- 830 3. *Old magazines and a coursing video from Ping Pirrung.*
- 831 4. *Lots of old magazines from many people as they moved or cleaned out*
- 832 *their storage spots.*

833 *Thank you everyone.*

834 *Goals for 2020*

- 835 1. *Create a written inventory of all archived items. Post the inventory*
- 836 *with photos on the web site. Put into a pamphlet format.*
- 837 2. *Include an ASFA History written by Gary Roush from the first Historical*
- 838 *Book on the Web Site.*
- 839 3. *Complete the new website. The committee will start as soon as*
- 840 *Records program is complete.*
- 841 4. *Update the history of each region with the help of the newly elected*
- 842 *RD.*
- 843 5. *Separate II premiums and Regional premiums and catalog on the II*
- 844 *access page.*
- 845 6. *Compile a history of II Perpetual trophies with winners, date donated*
- 846 *and a photo of each trophy now have a list of all II winners by breed.*
- 847 7. *Investigate the possibility of ASFA publishing another Historical book*
- 848 *in 2022 for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. .*

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### 850 **Report from the Communiqué**

851 *Vickie Fagre-Stroetz, Editor*

852 The online Communiqué is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. It was instituted by Dean Wright soon after he  
853 became president of ASFA. The Communiqué strives to bring all aspects of our ASFA lure  
854 coursing community into better focus through ongoing communication.

855 President Dean Wright directs the Communiqué. The Communiqué incorporates his vision  
856 for ASFA's future and respect for ASFA's history. I am the editor; Ping Pirrung, Gail Kytta,  
857 Ian Davies and Kathy Sanders round out the editorial team. We have been fortunate to  
858 have many contributors, whose names you will see in the various issues. If you haven't  
859 had the opportunity to look through a recent issue, we encourage you to do so. We do  
860 our best to bring it to you. And a lot of people tell us that they like it.

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861 Each issue includes letters from the president and other board officers, regional directors  
862 and/or committees. We publish official ASFA notices and unofficial event reminders.

863 Each issue of the Communiqué also features one of the ASFA breeds and includes the  
864 current Top Ten standings for all breeds and stakes. We also include an historical article  
865 and/or interview reprinted from FAN in each issue.

866 Now that the Communiqué has been up and running for several years, we've worked  
867 out a schedule for ongoing publication that we'd like to use going forward, starting in  
868 2020. This includes 4 issues per year, with featured reporting as follows:

869 January - year-end reporting

870 April/May – ACoD reporting

871 August/September - mid-season reporting

872 October/November – late season and II reporting

873 In 2019, we had only 3 issues. These were released in January, June and September. Late  
874 season and II reporting were folded into the January 2020 issue. Unfortunately, we were  
875 unable to do a photo essay on the II in 2019 as we had done in 2018. This is because  
876 there was no win-photo session at the 2019 II. The extremely miserable weather at the  
877 2019 II likely played an outsized role.

878 The Communiqué depends on your support and input for its ongoing success. Thanks to  
879 everyone who has contributed to the work of the Communiqué in 2019. We look forward  
880 to working together again in 2020.

881 **Report from the Contracts Committee**

882 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

883 This has been a quiet year, but within that last month we have been informed that The  
884 ASFA has been named as a beneficiary in a trust from a longtime supporter of our sport.  
885 At this time the details are not fully known, and the trustees are still working on estate  
886 finalization. We will inform the Board as more information becomes known.

887 **Report from Executive Committee**

888 *Dean Wright, Chair*

889 The Executive committee handled several subjects and questions in 2019.

- 890 ○ Records received late which resulted in a change to Policy O-FEES04
- 891 ○ Discussion of requiring clubs to pay their dues before they can send a
- 892 delegate to the ACoD.
- 893 ○ Discussion of the timeline by which Officer Nominations need to be made.
- 894 ○ Discussion of helping clubs solve issues

895 Following is the motion the Board failed to approve in order to have a policy regarding  
896 the Executive Committee. The purpose of the formation of a policy is so that future ASFA  
897 Boards can have it to refer to. Hopefully we can come up with good wording for such a  
898 policy at the Board meeting.

899 **MOVED/SECONDED/FAILED:** The Board direct Policies to create an administrative policy  
900 authorizing the Board to form a special committee, when needed, named the Executive

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901 Committee. The Executive Committee will be comprised of the six (6) elected officers  
902 plus one (1) representative of the Regional Directors to be appointed by the Board. The  
903 purpose of this committee would be to be available to confer on situations that may  
904 require a decision that is time sensitive to the ASFA. This conference may be  
905 electronically, by conference call or in person

906 **Report from Experimental Program Committee**

907 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

908 *Committee Members: Phil Fullam, Sally MacDowell, Dean Wright, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz*

909 The committee followed the progress of the Lure Chasing Instinct program through the  
910 year. We continually received feedback as clubs hosted trials and answered questions  
911 raised.

912 We are happy to report that the first year saw a dramatic start with **14 clubs hosting 53**  
913 **trials and 289 entries of 126 new dogs in the LCI program.** This program brought **\$1156** into  
914 the ASFA treasury. There were **15 LCI titles earned.** LCI is the fourth largest entry behind  
915 Singles, Whippets and Ridgebacks with **7.4%** of total dogs from all of ASFA breeds/stakes.

916 The Lure Chasing Instinct Program ran as an experimental program in 2019. Due to the  
917 way the ASFA constitution was originally written regarding experimental programs, it  
918 expired on December 31, 2019.

919 The results of one year of the program had positive results for ASFA, clubs and exhibitors.  
920 Entries were up because of the new dogs brought into the organization. Here is a  
921 breakdown of total entries for each breed, the number one of each breed top 20 points  
922 and the percentage of entries for each breed.

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#	Breed	#Run	%of ent
1	Si	412	24.01
2	W	385	22.44
3	RR	137	7.98
4	LCI	126	7.34
5	B	112	6.53
6	S	86	5.01
7	lb	81	4.72
8	Ba	62	3.61
9	GH	58	3.38
10	SW	57	3.32
11	AF	45	2.62
12	PH	42	2.45
13	IG	33	1.92
14	IW	31	1.81
15	SD	19	1.11
16	CD	17	0.99
17	Az	7	0.41
18	GE	2	0.12
19	PP	2	0.12
20	CP	1	0.06
21	SL	1	0.06
22	MA		0.00
23	PIO		0.00
		1716	100

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924 The above table shows the total number of entries for each breed/stake and the  
925 percentage of total entries for ASFA.

926 As shown, LCI entries were the fourth highest of all the breeds. This is 126 new dogs  
927 running in our trials.

928 A total of 14 clubs hosted the experimental program in 2019. Below are some comments  
929 from Field Trial Secretaries regarding the events:

930 "We are thoroughly enjoying this new LCI program at NAA."

931 "The folks who enter - we have 3 regulars - like the idea of being judged and earning  
932 titles. They have jumped in and are volunteering. Indeed our best new field clerk is an LCI  
933 exhibitor and another LCI exhibitor is helping us with the paddock"

934 "The folks that are entering our events are spreading the word so we hope to have more  
935 entering next year. And these folks are most appreciative."

936 "I think that all of the new exhibitors liked the events and responded well. We gained  
937 new exhibitors as the season went on. All of our LCI exhibitors are committed dog-people  
938 and committed dog-sport-people."

939 "Our exhibitors have become field clerks and paddock masters. They have helped with  
940 inspection."

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941 With the positive response from exhibitors and workers, the program is off to a good start.  
942 Because of a glitch in the ASFA Constitution terminating an experimental program after  
943 one year, the experimental committee has during the past year incorporated feedback  
944 from exhibitors and clubs into an expanded set of rules for the program. We have asked  
945 and the Board has approved implementing the expanded program so that we can  
946 have two points of data prior to asking for full recognition at the 2021 ACoD.

947 Major changes include:

- 948 • Specifying that the program is for non-purebred sighthounds
- 949 • Define small in detail
- 950 • Define that when the title of LCC is obtained, the dog runs in “senior” stake
- 951 • Add class for veterans
- 952 • Adding a class for mixed breeds with sighthound in their background
- 953 • All placement ties will be run off or forfeited as in singles
- 954 • Changing title from Lure Chasing Junior to Lure Chasing Champion

955 Based on comments and feedback, we are looking into the possibility of non-sighthound  
956 breeds being able to run in trios.

957 We are also looking into a new sighthound option.

958 **Report from Field Trial Improvement Committee**

959 *Tom Cigolle, Chair*

960 **Report from Finance and Budget Committee**

961 *Phil Fullam, Chief Financial Officer*

962 **Report from Forms Creation and Distribution Committee**

963 *Marilyn Standerford, Chair*

964 Thank you to the members of the Committee—Debb Meyer & Karen Sanders

965 **Status of ASFA Store:** Still functional. Not a lot of activity. Due to budgetary constraints, there  
966 has been no updating of the ASFA Store site.

967 **Status of PayPal:** I'd say 99.5% of the sales of ASFA Store products are via PayPal; .5% is “in  
968 person” sales - ACoD, trials, II; and physical checks mailed to me from clubs.

969 Consider checking your forms inventory now and getting your order in for your next few  
970 trials or for the year.

971 **Publications:** The Rulebook, Constitution, Policies (Administrative and Operational), and  
972 ASFA forms have been updated as of January 1 to reflect changes in ASFA business -  
973 Including contact chairmen, and REC/CRC changes.

974 **Reminder:** It is the responsibility of the Forms Chair to maintain the only official copy of the  
975 ASFA Forms and Publications. That means that if you need to have updates and changes  
976 made to the forms, publications, or any printed matter for which your committee is  
977 responsible, you may send the updates to [forms@asfa.org](mailto:forms@asfa.org), and I will make the changes for  
978 you.

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979 It is imperative that the official, most up-to-date versions are on file with the Forms Chair.  
980 Go to the website and download the forms for which your committee is responsible. You  
981 may mark it up in any way you need to and either scan it in and e-mail it to me, or just mail  
982 it to me. You may clearly reference sections in an e-mail. I can follow edits pretty clearly,  
983 if you identify them. I do not provide the Word version of the forms. It is too difficult to  
984 maintain the "official" form at that point. Include the original wording with your corrections.  
985 An all new document is more time-consuming to update and edit and ensure all edits  
986 have been made.

987 When the edits by your committee have been completed, and I have updated the forms,  
988 I will return them to the Committee Chair for final approval. Upon the final approval, I  
989 submit it to webmaster and liaison for inclusion on the website, if appropriate. If there are  
990 substantial changes and not updates, they will have to go to the Board for approval in the  
991 ASFA format.

992 **ASFA Packets:** All we send out in the ASFA packets are the Guidelines to Hound  
993 Certification and the Beginner's Guide to Lure Coursing. **Every club** is entitled to one set of  
994 25 of each of these publications each year. Honestly, if you are going to use them, I'll send  
995 more. These can be requested via e-mail to forms@asfa.org or fill out the on-line request  
996 at <http://www.asfa.org/forms/pubs.htm>.

997 **Report from Information Technology Committee**  
998 *Sean McMichael and Cathy Sanderson, Co-Chairs*

999 Thanks, to co-chair Sean McMichael and committee members Tom Cigolli, Lori Coulson  
1000 & Ping Pirrung for serving on this committee.

1001 The database program is on ASFA's account.

1002 Lori is able to enter trials and all the associated data such as judges and scores. I have  
1003 also been able to do this by following the manual provided by Paragon. In this  
1004 department the program is operating better than it ever has.

1005 However, Lori is not satisfied with the reports generated by the program. To correct this,  
1006 Lori's computer is being used as the example and "our" regular programmer from  
1007 Paragon has been going to Lori's house often to observe the way the original program  
1008 works. This has resulted in one or two items being corrected every week.

1009 **Report from Judges Committee**  
1010 *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

1011 *Committee Members: Tom Cigolle, Phil Fullam, Darci Kunard, Sabrina Wright, Ben*  
1012 *Brodour, Leigh Littleton*

1013 Back in March, the committee developed and sent a questionnaire to club delegates  
1014 regarding judges. A total of 37 individuals responded. Not all answered every question  
1015 and not every question asked for comments, but there is enough data to view trends.

1016 In addition to the yes/no, we offered an opportunity to add comments. I have selected  
1017 a representative sample of comments.

1018 Q1 Are you satisfied with the pool of judges in your area?

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- 1019 Yes – 14 – 37.84% No – 23 – 62.16%
- 1020 “Not enough judges in the area, thus causing the same judges to be used over and over  
1021 again.”
- 1022 “We don't have enough in our region and it isn't feasible for our club to pay travel  
1023 expenses”
- 1024 “The judges are great, We need more to rotate through.”
- 1025 “We have a small pool of judges, and outside of 2, most refuse to travel outside of that  
1026 state.”
- 1027 “We need more available judges”
- 1028 “We bring judges in from all over so it's not a problem in our area.”
- 1029 “Definitely not enough! (And even worse for lure operators)”
- 1030 “Seems same judges are used over and over in a 400 mile radius to my home”
- 1031 “We do not have enough reliable, qualified judges.”
- 1032 Based on the comments to this question, we analyzed data from the judges list. There are  
1033 150 individuals listed on the judges monthly list. 11 Provisional who are also licensed for  
1034 some breeds (3 with 7 breeds), 8 Provisional with no breeds and 5 Apprentice.
- | 1035 | Region | all breed judges | provisional | apprentice |
|------|--------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| 1036 | 1      | 10               | 1           | 1          |
| 1037 | 2      | 4                | 1           |            |
| 1038 | 3      | 15               | 2           |            |
| 1039 | 4      | 8                | 2           | 1          |
| 1040 | 5      | 14               | 2           | 1          |
| 1041 | 6      | 23               | 1           |            |
| 1042 | 7      | 18               | 4           | 1          |
| 1043 | 8      | 20               | 1           | 1          |
| 1044 | 9      | 6                | 1           |            |
| 1045 | 10     | 8                |             |            |
- 1046 The regions hurting for judges are 2, 4, 9, and 10,
- 1047 Q2 Does your club feel that licensed judges should take the licensing test occasionally?  
1048 Yes – 21 – 58.33% No – 16 v 41.67%
- 1049 Q3 If your answer in Q2 was yes, how many years between tests should be required?
- |      |                        |    |        |
|------|------------------------|----|--------|
| 1050 | 3 Years between tests. | 8  | 33.33% |
| 1051 | 4 Years between tests. | 4  | 16.67% |
| 1052 | 5 Years between tests. | 12 | 50.00% |
- 1053 “There is a lot of “how I was taught” of the rules, and not the rules actually having been  
1054 read or understood by the judges. They also do not know about new rules, policies and  
1055 changes to the ASFA since they were licensed. Because some of them have seen other  
1056 judges do it that way, they feel they are correct--whether or not it follows the rules or  
1057 not.”

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1058 This is a troublesome comment about our judges. The committee understands that there  
1059 will be resistance from some judges to taking the test every few years. Yet, the exhibitors  
1060 want to feel that the judges have continued to keep themselves up to date on all of the  
1061 rules and policies. Currently other organizations require judges retest every few years and  
1062 we do not. The committee is looking into a system of testing which will not be  
1063 burdensome to the administrator of the tests and examine each judge every few years.

1064 Q4 Do you provide expense reimbursement for provisional judges?

1065 Yes – 27 – 72.97% No – 10 – 27.03%

1066 Q5 If your answer for Q4 was yes, is it on the same scale as a licensed judge?

1067 Yes – 16 – 57.14% No – 12 – 42.86%

1068 *“The breeds for which the provisional judge is assigned, may not show up and we won't*  
1069 *pay for someone who is no contributing to the success of the trial. We pay half the limit of*  
1070 *expenses that a regular judge gets, unless the provisional judge can judge more than 5*  
1071 *breeds that show up.”*

1072 This is one reason why I have included the column “Lure Operator” in the judges list. If a  
1073 provisional has no breeds show up, they may be used as a lure operator. Most will also  
1074 work other positions at a trial.

1075 Q6 Do you feel that a provisional judge should be allowed to switch assignments on day  
1076 of trial to obtain experience with breeds that have qualifying numbers available after the  
1077 premium list is published?

1078 Yes 18 50.00% No 18 50.00%

1080 *“Trials are losing entries steadfast and in order to have the needed amount of dogs to*  
1081 *finish a breed becomes even more difficult. We need to make it easier but with the*  
1082 *same quality of education.”*

1083 *“Trials are few and far between in our area and it only makes sense for them to have*  
1084 *the flexibility to take advantage of the required breed numbers after premiums are*  
1085 *published.”*

1086 *“Breed numbers are hard to get in should be able to be switched around to help  
judge is out*

1087 *“They have a hard-enough time getting their numbers, if we have a trial that has the*  
1088 *numbers they need and they aren't assigned that breed, we feel they should be able to*  
1089 *switch to that breed and pick up the numbers needed.”*

1090 *“I prefer it not be a yes/no answer. In the case of an emergency, YES. But typically,*  
1091 *participants do NOT like last minute judge changes unless there is an emergency or*  
1092 *judge can't make it due to travel/weather issues.”*

1093 *“It is difficult to predict how many of a breed will be attending the trial provisional judges.*  
1094 *need every opportunity to meet requirements”*

1095 The committee is developing a policy/rule which will address the concerns of exhibitors  
1096 and yet allow for provisional judges an opportunity to obtain hard to achieve numbers.

1097 Q7 Do you feel that once a person is licensed for some breeds that they can use  
1098 additional large entries of that breed towards a breed they are provisional for?

1099 Yes – 9 – 25.00% No – 27 – 75.00%

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- 1100 Again, entries are down every year and we do not have the entries we used to have.
- 1101 Not necessarily since different breeds have different running styles. To use whippets to be  
1102 allowed to judge Borzoi's for example wouldn't be a good idea.
- 1103 not the same breed.
- 1104 different running styles, vocalization on some breeds, ways in which they hunt as a breed
- 1105 Large entries allow cross course comparisons
- 1106 As long as they have at least two qualifying entries of that breed, it is cross course  
1107 judging which is most important.
- 1108 Because of the different running styles, would not want that blanket statement. Would  
1109 prefer that after a judge has completed provisional for 50% of breeds, to be give the rest  
1110 (or something similar).
- 1111 They need to pick up the breeds. ASFA could lower the requirements.
- 1112 Only if there is a low or no population of the provisional breed, and only if approved by  
1113 the Regional Director (of the Region in which the judge lives).
- 1114 Running styles are too different and a judge could get licensed never having judged  
1115 several breeds. I like my suggestion on the previous question better.
- 1116 I don't agree with this policy that judges need to be licensed for specific breeds. If you  
1117 know how to judge one breed you can judge them all.
- 1118 Q8 Would your club be willing to host a judging seminar the day prior to one of your ASFA  
1119 trials?
- 1120 Yes – 25 – 69.44% No – 11 v 30.56%
- 1121 "no one would be willing to do it."
- 1122 "Would prefer to host the day of a trial after the trial is finished, if there is enough interest"
- 1123 "There are no individuals in our club that do not have full-time jobs. Also, we do not have  
1124 enough dogs to be able to do that. We may consider hosting a seminar on the day of a  
1125 trial, as long as it does not slow down the trial."
- 1126 "Yes, however we have such a small membership and most members work this would  
1127 probably be hard to do..."
- 1128 "We typically use the day preceding a trial to set up the field and run certifications. So  
1129 long as the seminar did not interfere with those activities, we would have no problem. (In  
1130 fact certification runs could be used to illustrate seminar material.)"
- 1131 "Would like to do that. We currently run the Thanksgiving weekend, so not a good time  
1132 for the seminar. But, if we could find a spring date to run, would like to host a judging  
1133 seminar."
- 1134 "Having enough attendees may be problematic in this region of the country."
- 1135 "Mixed feelings here. An extra day would require renting the field an additional day.  
1136 There have been some local lure operator seminars and I don't think they have been  
1137 well-attended. A judging seminar after a trial would be a better option here but with our  
1138 recent low entries, not sure how well-attended it would be."
- 1139 "We all understand the need for judges to have experience with multiple breeds, cross  
1140 course judging, and apprenticing under multiple supervising judges. However, at some

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1141 *point, the total number of stakes, total hounds, other venue experience, and best in field*  
1142 *judging numbers (breed style, cross course) need to be taken into consideration."*

1143 Dean, Phil and I have agreed to do seminars around the country. Dean in the East, Phil in  
1144 the West and I in the central. We can reduce the time from one day to a half day or less  
1145 if required. Also, we are considering how attending the seminar can count for attendees.

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1147 *GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING JUDGING SEMINAR*

1148 Draft 03/02/2020

1149 **PURPOSE:** To offer a forum that promotes a better understanding of judging and judging  
1150 skills for all ASFA exhibitors.

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- To encourage new judges and provide a good foundation for those seeking

  
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- apprentice/provisional status as judges.

1153 **GENERAL:** Seminar must be requested by an ASFA Club and preferred to take place in  
1154 conjunction with a scheduled trial of that club. The Regional Director in the Region  
1155 should be encouraged to take an active role in the planning and holding of the seminar.  
1156 Seminar attendance will be open to anyone. However, the host club may set the fee  
1157 and limit the class size. A judging seminar hosted in conjunction with a National Breed  
1158 Specialty, Regional or International Invitational is encouraged.

1159 **SCHEDULING SEMINARS:** Seminars must be scheduled a minimum of 45 days prior to the  
1160 date of the seminar and the request shall be sent to the Scheduling Chair and Chair of  
1161 Judges Licensing along with the premium list if applicable. Seminar information should  
1162 include:

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- The date(s) of the seminar

  
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- Location

  
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- Names of Seminar Judges

  
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- Early closing date and attendee limits

  
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- Address to which registrations should be sent

  
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- Name and contact information for the seminar chair

  
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- Scheduling fee as determined by the Board of Directors

1170 The Chair of the Judges Committee will be responsible for updating the ASFA Board of  
1171 Directors on all seminars held. Seminars shall be scheduled by the hosting club directly  
1172 with the Scheduling Chair.

1173 **SEMINAR FEE:** As set by the Board of Directors, and published on the ASFA website, the  
1174 fee to host a judging seminar will be sent to the Scheduling Chair along with the Trial  
1175 Premium list (if appropriate), a minimum of 45 days in advance of the trial. The check  
1176 shall be made out to "ASFA". Upon receipt of the request and fee, Scheduling will notify  
1177 the Forms Chair to send the following links to the seminar chair:

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- Judges Handbook

  
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- Running Rules

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- 1180       • Judges forms
- 1181       • How to send promotional material for a spot on the website promoting the event
- 1182       • Outline for the seminar
- 1183       • A web-based video with several courses of hounds to be used as part of the  
1184       instructional session. (Instruction to include the process of developing a personal  
1185       system for watching hounds compete, taking notes, and putting the scores onto  
1186       the judge's sheet, as well as some background on rules.)
- 1187       **ATTENDEE FEES:** Each attendee at such seminar will be charged a fee set by the host  
1188       club, payable to the host club. This fee will be used to cover the cost of materials, forms  
1189       and publications and other direct costs associated with the seminar. Any monies  
1190       remaining after expenses will belong to the host club
- 1191       **TIME FRAME:** Seminars will contain a minimum of (two) 2 hours of instruction on rules and  
1192       the process of developing a personal system for watching hounds compete, taking notes  
1193       and putting the scores onto the judges' sheet. This may be done in a classroom  
1194       atmosphere the day before or on the day of the trial.
- 1195       **REQUIREMENTS:** A minimum of two people is required to support each seminar
- 1196       • One person designated as the Judging Seminar Chair who is not required to be a  
1197       judge. This person will be responsible for facilitating/organizing the seminar,  
1198       receiving the paperwork, returning forms to the Chairman of the Judges  
1199       Committee and shall have no other responsibilities at the trial that day(s).
- 1200       • For less than ten attendees, one presenting judge who is a person currently  
1201       holding an all-breed ASFA judging license with at least 10-years of experience as  
1202       an all-breed judge.
- 1203       • For 10 or more, it is recommended to include one mentor judge who is a person  
1204       currently holding an all-breed ASFA judging license with at least 2-years of  
1205       experience as an all-breed judge.
- 1206       Additional all-breed judges with at least two years of experience may be utilized as  
1207       mentor judges during the trial for individuals desiring to apprentice at that trial.
- 1208       **RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONFLICTS:** The Seminar Chair, presenting judges and the seminar  
1209       attendees may enter dogs at trials held in conjunction with a seminar. However, they  
1210       must have someone designated to help with their hounds, especially walking them out,  
1211       to insure the time spent away from the seminar is minimal.
- 1212       The Seminar Chair shall send the Chair of the Judges Committee a report on the seminar,  
1213       postmarked or emailed within 15 days following the seminar. This report will include at  
1214       least the following:
- 1215       • The Seminar Chair's comments on the event, and suggestions for improving the  
1216       program
- 1217       • Seminar evaluations from each attendee
- 1218       • Seminar evaluations from each presenting Judge
- 1219       **Report from Judges' Licensing Committee**
- 1220       *Greg Breitbach, Chair*

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1221 During 2019, I made the monthly reports highlighting issues presented to judge licensing  
1222 from trials.

1223 During the year six (6) individuals requested additional breeds and thirteen (13)  
1224 individuals reported changes to contact information.

1225 I added a column to indicate judges who also lure operate.

1226 The complete 2019 top judges will be in next month's judges report.

1227 **Report from the Long Range Planning Committee**

1228 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

1229 The committee got off to a very slow start this year, due to my being preoccupied on  
1230 other tasks. We did get together in December and identified several areas that impact  
1231 the ability of The ASFA to respond, react and anticipate changes in the world around us.

1232 As many people have commented over the years, the ASFA is very slow to change. This  
1233 is in large part due to the built-in inertia of our system. While it probably appropriate to  
1234 have a very deliberate procedure for changes to the constitution, the current system for  
1235 adding, revising, or deleting rules stifles innovation and forward progress.

1236 The shortening of the delay from ACoD to a rule change taking effect is a start, but the  
1237 committee feels that additional adjustments need to be considered that would make  
1238 the process more productive and responsive. We will be recommending several policy  
1239 changes and rule adjustments over the coming months.

1240 We have submitted a proposed policy to the Policy committee regarding the timing and  
1241 implementation of new or revised policies. The intent is to clarify the process of how  
1242 policies are presented to the Board, and to define a reasonable time frame for review  
1243 and implementation. Right now, a policy can pass the Board, but remain in limbo while  
1244 the Policy Committee reviews. This has resulted in sometimes long delays before a policy  
1245 is submitted to the Website for publication and becomes effective.

1246 A second area of discussion has related to reviewing the procedures that are required  
1247 for Rule Changes and Constitutional changes. Again, this is an area where the time to  
1248 develop and implement a change can take years and have adverse impacts on the  
1249 organization as a whole.

1250 **Report from Membership Committee**

1251 *Ping Pirrung, Chair*

1252 **Purpose:** The purpose the Membership Committee is to not only collect the annual dues  
1253 from all ASFA Clubs, but to also assist and approve clubs that wish to become affiliated  
1254 with the ASFA.

1255 I wish to thank my committee members: Leah Hartlep, Vickie Jacobs and Jayme  
1256 Jones for being such a help to me this past year.

1257 **Goals:**

- 1258
- 1259 • To get the data on clubs in a working order
  - 1259 • To familiarize myself with all the process' of the committee.
  - 1260 • To communicate with delegates and help them when needed.

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1261 The committee has decided to propose a policy to the effect clubs that apply for  
1262 membership after the 1st of August, the annual dues due with the application will be half  
1263 of the current annual dues.

1264 Last year nearly all clubs had sent in their renewals by the deadline of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.  
1265 My goal this year is to have all clubs renewed by the deadline. The first dues notice went  
1266 out at the beginning of January and many clubs responded quickly, for which I am very  
1267 thankful. I am sure the delegates get tired of getting reminder emails from me. By the  
1268 time I sent out the second notice at the beginning of February 16 clubs had renewed. I  
1269 am just about to send out a reminder at the beginning of March, 38 clubs have sent in  
1270 their renewals. This is great.

1271 So far this year we have lost Alaska Hound Group Association. They have been as  
1272 ASFA Club since 2013. Now there isn't an ASFA club in Alaska.

1273 The committee is working on one fast track application from the Greyhound Club of  
1274 America. Desert Fun Bunch sent in their Fast Track Application last Autumn and have  
1275 completed their second fun trial. I am pleased to announce Desert Fun Bunch has been  
1276 approved as a Fast Track Affiliate Club.

1277 **Report from Policy Compilation Committee**

1278 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

1279 While we were charged with reorganizing the Policies after last year's ACoD, this did not  
1280 get done, primarily due to my lack of leadership and available time.

1281 Policy activity for this year has been low, with only 2 policy changes passed by the Board,  
1282 and they have been published on the website.

1283 The committee did receive a request to review two new policies from the Long Range  
1284 Planning Committee in February, and has returned them with appropriate comments to  
1285 that committee. This discussion has also highlighted the need for some clarification on  
1286 the role, timing, and appropriate interface with the Board of the committee.

1287 **Report from Public Outreach Committee**

1288 *Trisha Borland & Kathy Sanders, CO-Chairs*

1289 In March of 2019 a Mission statement was created as requested by the ASFA Board. At  
1290 that time, it was suggested by the co-chairs that the committee name be changed from  
1291 Public Relations to Public Outreach. The Mission statement was never approved but here  
1292 it is in working form.

1293 **Public Outreach Mission Statement:**

1294 *"Our mission, as the Public Outreach Committee, is to promote and bring awareness to*  
1295 *the initiatives that are going on within the organization. All the while providing support for*  
1296 *both internal and external initiatives and communication strategies that promote and*  
1297 *enhance the mission of the American Sighthound Field Association. In doing so, we strive*  
1298 *to enhance communication channels for clubs and exhibitors as well as the ASFA to*  
1299 *ensure the community is aware of the excellent work done by all."*

1300 As a committee we were never really able to meet due to personal circumstances. A  
1301 Twitter page was set up. You can find ASFA on Twitter as "American Sighthound Field  
1302 Association". Consider tagging ASFA the next time you post about your coursing  
1303 adventures. The official ASFA Facebook page has been very active this year, we

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1304 currently have over 1,800 following the page. We have several new followers every  
1305 week. In order to make the Facebook page successful, we need your help because the  
1306 more posts on the page, the more people that see the page and check it on our regular  
1307 basis the more aware people will be aware of ASFA. So, if your club had an event or if  
1308 you find an old photo, catalog, etc. consider posting it to the community section of the  
1309 ASFA page. People have also been utilizing the messenger option on the Facebook  
1310 page and we have been able to answer dozens of questions for people in the fancy or  
1311 provide them with the right person they need to contact within the organization.

1312 If you have ideas or suggestions to help with Public Outreach for ASFA, please reach out.

1313 **Report from Records Coordinator**

1314 *Lori Coulson, Coordinator*

1315 Provided as a separate document

1316 **Report from Records Committee**

1317 *Phil Fullam, Chair*

1318 This year has been more or less running on auto pilot. Lori has performed her usual  
1319 superb job and has also worked with Paragon on the new records program. Fortunately,  
1320 no major problems have occurred this year.

1321 **Report from Regional Directors and Invitationals Committee**

1322 *Lee Warden, Chair*

1323 We have a strong group of 10 Regional Directors. They are well positioned to handle  
1324 upcoming challenges.

1325 Besides participating in ASFA business throughout the year, the Regional Directors have  
1326 regional club related responsibilities.

1327 The "RDs" work through their own on-line group.

1328 Additional responsibilities include reviewing/revising the Regional and International  
1329 Invitational Policies, as well as determining the Excellence in Performance Award (EPA)  
1330 recipient.

1331 Regional Director nominations and elections are to be held later this year. Please  
1332 participate in the process.

1333 **Report from Rosettes and Medallions Committee**

1334 *Evelyn Jones, Chair*

1335 Eight Regional Invitations were held during the year with Regions 2, 7, & 10 not hosting a  
1336 Regional Invitational.

1337 The International Invitational was **held in Region 6** with a total of 34 medallions given out.

1338 At the 2019 ACoD, a total of 44 plaques were distributed.

1339 • Nineteen plaques were awarded for the #1 hound that ran against competition  
1340 in each breed, and one for the highest scoring hound of all breeds.

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- 1341 • Twelve plaques were handed out for the BOB to the Parent Club's delegate for  
1342 the #1 member hound.  
1343 • Eleven plaques were presented for the BOB to the Parent Clubs holding an ASFA  
1344 trial at their Specialty.  
1345 • One plaque will be sent to the Greyhound National Specialty.

1346 New rosettes **have been** ordered to ensure that there would be enough on hand to get  
1347 us through the year:

1348 7 – BIE; 100 – BOB; 350 – 1<sup>st</sup>; 300 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; 275 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; 150 – 4<sup>th</sup>; 20 – NBQ; 4 – High  
1349 Single Stakes; 45 - Kennel Stakes; 30 - Bench Stakes; 30 - Breeder Stakes.

1350 The awards inventory at the end of 2019 is:

1351 3 – BIE; 72 – BOB; 350 – 1<sup>st</sup>; 404 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; 275; 150 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; 352 – 4<sup>th</sup>; 63 - NBQ; 4 – High  
1352 Single Stakes; 69 – Kennel Stakes; 70 – Breeder Stakes; 39 – Bench Stakes; 1 - gold  
1353 medallions; 60 – bronze; 276 – pewter medallions.

1354 Please continue to keep up the good work in returning the unused rosettes and  
1355 medallions to me in a timely fashion, so I can **recycle them and not have an overstock**.  
1356 **Also, please be realistic when placing your orders for ribbons. Ordering more than you**  
1357 **need** can cause a shortage when others **make an** order at the same time. A good rule  
1358 of thumb is to review your previous year's number of entries. You should keep a copy for  
1359 your records.

1360 If you should run short, call or email me immediately and I will get them in the mail to the  
1361 intended person. At worst, they will receive the award within a week. Be sure to provide  
1362 me the name and address of the intended recipient.

1363 When placing your order, please use the form provided on the web site.

1364 All regions and Parent Clubs are requested to take pictures at the time the plaques are  
1365 presented. These pictures are to be posted on the ASFA website. Be sure to provide  
1366 them to the Website Liaison along with the supporting information concerning the  
1367 photos, such as, Region and host club, presenter, recipient, and hound's name (both  
1368 registered and call.)

1369 Thank you for your assistance, making my job easy.

1370 **Report from the Rules Evaluation Committee**

1371 *Marilyn Standerford, Chair*

1372 **Rules Change Proposals for the 2020 ACoD**

1373 The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2020  
1374 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is underlined; deleted wording is ~~struck~~  
1375 ~~out~~. Explanations for the proposal are included, along with REC recommendations. THESE  
1376 ARE PROPOSALS ONLY; those that receive a favorable vote will be considered a change  
1377 in the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*. Such proposals will be  
1378 published on the ASFA website after the 2020 ACoD and will go into effect on January 1,  
1379 2021.

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1380 --Marilyn Standerford, Chair, REC

1381 REC Members: Russ Jacobs and Ping Pirrung, and alternates—Elaine McMichael  
1382 and Kathy Sanders

1383 **Proposal #1 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**

1384 **Chapter I, Section 4.** There shall be no consumption of any type of alcoholic beverages  
1385 or legal or illegal drugs that could reasonably be expected to impair perception or  
1386 judgment by any judge, by any member of the field committee, or by anyone working in  
1387 any official capacity prior to the completion of their assignment. Said consumption shall  
1388 be deemed detrimental to the sport of lure field trials.

1389 **EFFECT:** The REC feels that the changed wording encompasses the intent of the original  
1390 motion, without calling out specifics.

1391 *The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.*

1392 **COST TO THE ASFA:** *Nothing*

1393 **PROPOSAL #2 comes from the ACoD**

1394 **Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges, Section 5. Licensing for Additional Breeds.** Any judge  
1395 regularly licensed in at least three breeds may seek an additional breed by meeting the  
1396 following requirements; so long as those requirements are met, Singles stake shall also  
1397 count as an additional breed.

1398 (a) Judge provisionally the breed or Singles stake for which the license is sought at no  
1399 less than three trials with three different licensed judges. (Judging five hounds per  
1400 stake is a requirement for the first three breeds only and does not apply to any  
1401 breeds thereafter, or to Singles stake.)

1402 (b) AKC licensed Judges who are currently in ASFA Provisional Status may use an  
1403 AKC assignment, when judging with a fully licensed ASFA judge, where breed  
1404 entries meet the entry requirements to count towards that breed's license  
1405 approval. The Provisional judge will be required to provide a signed AMERICAN  
1406 SIGHTHOUND FIELD ASSOCIATION JUDGING CONFIRMATION STATEMENT from the  
1407 licensed judge and documentation supporting their assignment, and number of  
1408 hounds in that breed judged on that day.

1409 (c) When the requirements of Section 5(a) have been met, notify the chair, in  
1410 writing, that a license for one or more breeds is being sought, listing breed and  
1411 assignment.

1412 ~~(e)~~ (d) The Board, upon recommendation of the chair and after the applicant's  
1413 name has been published, shall determine whether the applicant shall be granted a  
1414 license to judge the breed(s) for which the license is sought.

1415 **EFFECT:** *To allow provisional ASFA judges to use AKC judging assignments, with a fully*  
1416 *licensed ASFA Judge, towards the requirements for an ASFA judging license.*

1417 **REASON:** *to bring ASFA Operational Policy O-JUDG24 into the ASFA Running Rules with*  
1418 *the other judge licensing information.*

1419 *The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.*

1420 **Proposal #3 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**

1421 *The REC felt that the three individual items were unrelated enough that each should be*  
1422 *voted on separately. We divided Proposal #3 into three parts—3a (4.), 3b (5.), 3c (6.).*

1423 **Proposal #3a**

1424 **Chapter 5, Section 9. Conducting the Draw**

1425 4. When there is but a single course in a regular stake in which an owner or his duly-  
1426 authorized agent has more than one hound, these hounds will be run together or one  
1427 or more will be scratched by the owner or his duly-authorized agent, without refund  
1428 of entry fee.

1429 **Effect:** *To add the word “the” prior to owner. This appears to be a housekeeping*  
1430 *correction.*

1431 **Cost to the ASFA:** *No cost*

1432 *The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.*

1433 **Proposal #3B**

1434 **Chapter 5, Section 9. Conducting the Draw**

1435 5. If only one member of a breed is entered, that hound may be run with another  
1436 breed in a mixed breed stake if all ~~exhibitors~~ owners or their duly-authorized agents  
1437 agree. The hounds would be scored separately by the one or two judges listed in  
1438 the premium list for each breed and receive placements and points as if this stake  
1439 was a regular stake such as open, field champion or veteran.

1440 **Effect:** *This would give points and placements for running with competition when the*  
1441 *hounds are of different breeds yet running together.*

1442 **Cost to the ASFA:** *major changes to the records program to allow multiple breeds to run*  
1443 *against each other and get points and placements toward ASFA titles.*

1444 *The REC recommends this proposal be rejected.*

1445 **RATIONALE:** *Who would judge this mixed breed stake? Each breed in the stake must be*  
1446 *judged by the judges listed in the premium. This could potentially have six judges*  
1447 *for a single course. The mixed breed could be Open against FCh, or any*  
1448 *combination of stakes.*

1449 **Proposal #3C:**

1450 **Chapter 5, Section 9. Conducting the Draw**

1451 6. A single entry in a stake may be drawn to run with any other stake of that breed  
1452 (mixed stake) if all the ~~handlers involved agree,~~ owners or their duly authorized  
1453 agents involved agree. But in no event shall more than two stakes be mixed  
1454 unless all stakes in a breed can be run as a single course. The stakes will be scored  
1455 separately. The judges shall not be informed which courses are combined.

1456 **Effect:** *that wherever the words owner or handler is referred to in the rulebook we can*

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1457            *replace it with owners or their duly authorized agent, where appropriate. It is a*  
1458            *type of housekeeping change in that we want the consistency throughout the*  
1459            *entire rulebook.*

1460        **Cost to the ASFA:**        *No cost to the ASFA*

1461        *The REC recommends this proposal be accepted and the changes made consistently*  
1462            *throughout the rulebook.*

1463        **Proposal #4 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**

1464        *(Splitting Chapter IX, Section 1 into two sections and renumbering the rest of the Chapter*  
1465            *IX.)*

1466        **Chapter IX. PROTESTING THE LURE FIELD TRIAL**

1467        *Any member of a club sanctioned to hold a lure field trial, or any participant in the lure*  
1468        *field trial, or any individual belonging to a club sanctioned by the ASFA, may lodge a*  
1469        *"protest of proceedings" should he/she desire to do so. The following procedure must be*  
1470        *followed:*

1471        **Section 1. Protesting A Judge's Decision:** *A written statement lodging the protest and*  
1472        *explicitly describing the infringement ~~or non-regular procedure or ruling of ASFA rules and~~*  
1473        *policies, accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) protest filing fee (when paying by check,*  
1474        *the check should be made out to ASFA) is given to the Field Trial Chairman during the*  
1475        *trial hours. The Field Trial Chairman shall notify the judge(s) immediately. Since according*  
1476        *to Ch. III, Sec. 22, only the Board of Directors of the ASFA may reverse, change or modify*  
1477        *a judge's decision, if when the protest regards a judge's decision, the field committee*  
1478        *shall not rule on the protest, but shall gather written statements from the judges,*  
1479        *huntmaster and lure operator plus as well as rather ~~shall forward the protest and fees~~ any*  
1480        *comments the committee is able to make on the substance of the protest. These*  
1481        *statements will become part of the protest. The Field Trial Secretary will forward the*  
1482        *protest and fees, directly to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary. ~~Otherwise, the field~~*  
1483        *~~committee must make a ruling in writing as soon as possible during trial hours on that day,~~*  
1484        *~~a copy of which shall be given, on that day, to the protestor. All monies, copies of the~~*  
1485        *~~protest and copies of the field committee rulings must be received by the ASFA~~*  
1486        *~~Corresponding Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the trial or be postmarked within~~*  
1487        *~~ten (10) days of the trial, except protests upheld by the field committee are cause for~~*  
1488        *~~reimbursement of the \$10 fee to the protestor and no monies shall be forwarded to the~~*  
1489        *~~Corresponding Secretary.~~*

1490        **Section 2. Protesting an infringement or non-regular procedure:** *A written statement*  
1491        *lodging the protest and explicitly describing the infringement ~~or non-regular procedure~~*  
1492        *or ruling of ASFA rules and policies, accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) protest filing*  
1493        *fee is given to the Field Trial Chairman during the trial hours. (When paying by check, the*  
1494        *check should be in US funds and made out to the ASFA.) The field committee must make*  
1495        *a ruling in writing as soon as possible during trial hours on that day. A copy of the ruling*  
1496        *shall be given, ~~on that day,~~ to the protestor on that day. All monies, copies of the protest*  
1497        *and copies of the field committee rulings must be received by the ASFA Corresponding*  
1498        *Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the trial or be postmarked within ten (10) days of*  
1499        *the trial. Only protests upheld by the field committee are cause for reimbursement of the*  
1500        *\$10 fee to the protestor and no monies shall be forwarded to the Corresponding*  
1501        *Secretary.*

1502        **NOTE:** *Renumber the remaining sections as necessary.*

1503        *The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.*

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1504 **Effect:** *Identifying the different requirements for Protesting a Judge's Decision and for*  
1505 *Protesting an infringement or non-regular procedure.*

1506 **Proposal #5 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**

1507 **Appendix**

1508 **GENERAL INFORMATION ON ASFA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

1509 **Revising the Running Rules**

1510 **Section 9.** A proposal that has received a favorable vote at the Annual Convention of  
1511 Delegates shall be considered a change to the Running Rules and Field Procedures for  
1512 Lure Field Trials. Such proposals shall be posted on the ASFA website, and any other  
1513 method of publication as approved by the Board of Directors and shall go into effect  
1514 ~~January~~ July ~~August~~ 1 following ratification.

1515 **Effect:** *With distribution now electronically and via the ASFA web site, rule changes are*  
1516 *distributed faster than previously when they had to be published in FAN and via printed*  
1517 *rule book. The CRC is using August 1, not July 1. It should be consistent.*

1518 **Cost to ASFA:** *None*

1519 *The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.*

1520 **Proposal #6 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**

1521 **Chapter V, Section 5**

1522 **(b) FIELD CHAMPION STAKE:** ... Hounds determined not to be eligible to compete in the  
1523 Field Champion stake will ~~forfeit all points and placements earned in that stake toward~~  
1524 ~~an LCM~~ be notified by the Records Coordinator. The owner will be required to run the  
1525 hound in Open to attain the required placement or points to attain a Field Champion  
1526 title within six months of notification by the Records Coordinator. All points and  
1527 placements attained in the ineligible stake will be held until completion of Field  
1528 Champion title. If the title of Field Champion is not attained within 6 months, all points &  
1529 placements will be forfeited.

1530 **Effect:** *Allowing the points and placements earned while running in the FCh stake,*  
1531 *although ineligible to be held awaiting the completion of the FCh title requirement while*  
1532 *running in the Open Stake.*

1533 *The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.*

1534 **Proposal #7 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**

1535 **Chapter V, Running the Meet**

1536 **Section 5. OPEN STAKE:** Each stake shall consist of entries of only one breed, dogs and  
1537 bitches; ASFA Field Champions of record of that breed may not be entered. A hound  
1538 running in the Open Stake who has completed its Field Championship title, will not earn  
1539 any points or placements after the Field Champion title was earned. A photocopy of  
1540 acceptable registry must be submitted with a hound's first ASFA field trial entry. This

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- 1541 requirement will be waived for hounds registered with the National Greyhound  
1542 Association....
- 1543 **Effect:** Clarifying that a FCh hound entered in the Open stake will not earn any further  
1544 points or placements in the Open Stake. None of those points or placements awarded  
1545 after the FCH title is earned running in Open Stake will count.
- 1546 The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.
- 1547 **Proposal #8 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**
- 1548 **Chapter VII, PLACEMENTS, AWARDS and TITLES**
- 1549 **Section 1. Placements**
- 1550 Proficiency and Championship points are not official until published on the ASFA website.  
1551 In the event of an error in scoring on the submitted records, the Records Coordinator will  
1552 notify the host club which shall have the sole responsibility of notifying within thirty days  
1553 those individuals whose hounds have received placements affected points and/or  
1554 placements within thirty days. Proficiency and Championship points in all regular stakes –  
1555 Open, Field Champion, Veteran and Singles stakes – shall be awarded by the ASFA on  
1556 the basis of: ....
- 1557 The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.
- 1558 **Effect:** To address and clarify notifying owners of errors in submitted records.
- 1559 **Cost to the ASFA:** no cost to the ASFA
- 1560 **Proposal #9 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**
- 1561 **Chapter VII, PLACEMENTS, AWARDS and TITLES**
- 1562 **Section 1, Placements**
- 1563 No hound shall receive a placement or be awarded points if it does not score at least 50  
1564 percent of the total possible combined scores. Hounds which do not receive placements  
1565 under this provision will nevertheless be considered as in competition for the purpose of  
1566 awarding points to hounds which do place. When an ineligible hound receives a  
1567 placement, all other points and placements will stand.
- 1568 **Effect:** Points and placements for eligible hounds stand, even if an ineligible hound is  
1569 entered.
- 1570 **Cost to the ASFA:** there is no cost to the ASFA
- 1571 The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.
- 1572 **Proposal #10 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**
- 1573 **Chapter VII, PLACEMENTS, AWARDS and TITLES**
- 1574 **Section 3, Titles**

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1575 **Field Champion:** A permanent title of Field Champion (FCh) shall be awarded as a suffix  
1576 to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following championship  
1577 requirements:

1578 (a) and (b) have no changes

1579 (c) Individuals wishing to know their hound's point standing should use the request form  
1580 on the ASFA website or send the hound's registered name, registration number and a  
1581 self-addressed stamped envelope to the Records Coordinator of the ASFA, and this  
1582 information will be sent to them.

1583 *The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.*

1584 **Effect:** *to further emphasize the use of the ASFA website for hound information from the*  
1585 *Records Coordinator.*

1586 **Cost to the ASFA:** *there is no cost to the ASFA*

1587 **Proposal #11 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**

1588 **Chapter VI**

1589 **RECORDS & FEES FORWARDED TO ASFA**

1590 **Section 1.** All records, either electronic or paper must be received by the ASFA Records  
1591 Coordinator within fourteen (14) days or postmarked within ten (10) days of the  
1592 approved lure field trial, with the exception of the International Invitational. In the case of  
1593 the International Invitational, the records must be received by the ASFA Records  
1594 Coordinator within twenty (20) days or be postmarked within fifteen (15) days of the  
1595 approved dates for the International Invitational. For the penalty assessed for the late  
1596 receipt of records, see paragraph (h) (f).

1597 These records must include:

1598 (a) A copy of the approved premium list. A copy of the approved premium with any  
1599 course plan changes or judges changes. A letter of explanation of these changes must  
1600 accompany the premium.

1601 (b) All record sheets for every course, including re-runs and runoffs if required. Notations  
1602 of reasons why hounds who were entered did not run, e.g., absent, bitches in season,  
1603 lame, dismissed, disqualified under the ASFA breed disqualifications, excused by the Field  
1604 Trial Chairman, etc. The following should also be included:

1605 5. Proof of registration, completed certification and entry forms for hounds  
1606 entered for the first time.

1607 6. Entry forms that include notations for hounds working off a dismissal

1608 7. Entry form that include any indicated change of information (e.g. new  
1609 titles, address change or change of ownership).

1610 8. Per Capital Report sheet

1611 ~~(c) All completed entry forms.~~

1612 ~~(e) All record sheets for every course, including re-runs and runoffs if required.~~

1613 ~~(d) All Judge's (s)') sheets, including re-runs and runoffs if required.~~

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1614 ~~(d) Notations of reasons why hounds who were entered did not run, e.g., absent, bitches~~  
1615 ~~in season, lame, dismissed, disqualified under the ASFA breed disqualifications, excused~~  
1616 ~~by the Field Trial Chairman, etc.~~

1617 (c) Per capita fees are set by the Board of Directors and are payable to the ASFA in USD.  
1618 (See schedule of fees on the ASFA website.) Per capita fees are required for each hound  
1619 which was a paid entry in a regular stake and for each paid entry in the non-regular  
1620 stakes (Kennel, Breeder, and Bench Stakes). No per capita fee is due for any entry,  
1621 regular or non-regular, that was fully refunded to the exhibitor. All per capita fees shall be  
1622 paid with a club check, certified check, money order or through an electronic funds  
1623 transfer (EFT). (Do not send cash or personal checks.) as set by the Board of Directors or  
1624 received by the ASFA Records Coordinator within fourteen (14) days or be postmarked  
1625 within ten (10) days of the lure field trial, with the exception of the International  
1626 Invitational. In the case of the International Invitational, the per capita must be paid  
1627 through an electronic funds transfer (EFT) as set by the Board of Directors or received by  
1628 the ASFA Records Coordinator within twenty (20) days or be postmarked within fifteen  
1629 (15) day of the approved dates for the International Invitational. Points are not recorded  
1630 by the Records Coordinator until either this per capita fee is received, or the Board of  
1631 Directors has determined that there is an overriding reason to record the trial. The per  
1632 capita must be paid by certified check, money order, electronic funds transfer or club  
1633 check (do not send cash or personal checks).

1634 ~~(d) The A penalty charge will be charged for late receipt or postmark of records which~~  
1635 ~~shall not exceed the per capita fee, subject to review by the ASFA Board of Directors.~~  
1636 ~~When paying electronically, receipt date will be the date ASFA is notified the payment~~  
1637 ~~has been received by the EFT system.~~

1638 ~~(i) Changes to the approved premium list will be accompanied by a letter of explanation~~  
1639 ~~to the Records Coordinator.~~

1640 **Section 2.** ~~The Records Coordinator will correct field clerk errors and placements on~~  
1641 ~~record sheets, where appropriate, but will not change any judge's total score verify~~  
1642 ~~eligibility for each hound entered.~~ The Records Coordinator will notify the Field Trial  
1643 Secretary of the host club of any and all such changes entry of an ineligible hound which  
1644 causes a change in points and placements. There shall be no changes to any points or  
1645 placements after completion of the trial unless an ineligible hound has competed.

1646 **Section 3.** ~~The host club shall maintain a duplicate complete set of all records submitted~~  
1647 ~~for a period of one year following the lure field trial.~~

1648 *The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.*

1649 **Effect:** *to reorganizes the requirements in a clearer format, making it easier for FTs to*  
1650 *know what must be submitted to the ASFA Records Coordinator*

1651 **Cost to the ASFA:** *there is no cost to the ASFA*

1652 **Proposal #12 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**

1653 **Chapter II, Section 4. Huntmaster**

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1654 16. Will cause the lure to be stopped upon a ~~pre-slip and restart provided no tally he has~~  
1655 ~~been sounded~~ hound being tangled in its slip lead or other safety concerns. A pre-slip in  
1656 and of itself is not a cause for stopping the course.

1657 **Effect:** *This prohibits the huntmaster from stopping the course in the case of a pre-slip.*

1658 **Cost to the ASFA:** *there is no cost to the ASFA*

1659 *The REC recommends this proposal be rejected*

1660 **Rationale:** *If a pre-slip of one hound is flagrant, the huntmaster should have the ability to*  
1661 *stop the course.*

1662 **Proposal #13 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors**

1663 **Chapter III Judging, Section 6.** *While on the field during his judging assignment, no judge*  
1664 *shall discuss anything relative to his judging assignment with any handler or agent unless*  
1665 *initiated by the judge.*

1666 *The REC recommends this proposal be approved.*

1667 **Rationale:** *There may be situations regarding excusals, dismissals, disqualifications, injury*  
1668 *or other unusual circumstances where a judge may want to immediately provide*  
1669 *feedback to a handler or agent. This still does not allow a handler or agent to come onto*  
1670 *the field to discuss but if a request is relayed through the huntmaster, the judge has the*  
1671 *option and may temporarily leave the field to discuss without waiting for a break in their*  
1672 *assignment. Sometimes a break may not happen for a period of time and the handler or*  
1673 *agent may say or do things without fully understanding the situation as seen from the*  
1674 *field.*

1675 **Cost to ASFA:** *Changing the running rules and posting on the web.*

1676 *The REC recommends this proposal be approved.*

1677 **Report from Scheduling Committee**

1678 *Audrey Silverstein, Chair*

1679 *Entries have been down, but enthusiasm has been up! The LCI stake has brought out*  
1680 *new people to the sport. Here is hoping 2020 will bring our entries to a new level. The LCI*  
1681 *entries have also brought interest into our Sighthound breeds, so that is great for*  
1682 *expanding the fancy!*

1683 *We have tried something new on the website by notating which trials were also having*  
1684 *the LCI stake. This made it much easier for the fancy to find the trials rather than having*  
1685 *to download each premium, we had lots of positive feedback!*

1686 *So far in 2020, the number of clubs applying for trials is the same, BUT the number of clubs*  
1687 *applying to include the LCI stake has increased dramatically!!*

1688 *I look forward to seeing how these progress throughout the year.*

1689 *As always, I hope Mother Nature can stabilize her issues and give us better weather for*  
1690 *our coursing season. Our fields have been taking a beating with heavy rains, ice and*  
1691 *severe heat causing the cancellations of so many trials.*

1692 **Report from the Ways and Means Committee**

1693 *Gayle Kytta, Chair*

1694 No Report

1695 **Report from Website Liaison**

1696 *Marilyn Standerford, Chair*

1697 **Website:** After the ACoD each year, the following updates are submitted to the website.

1698 All reports and updates come from the chair of the respective committee.

- 1699 • ASFA Hall of Fame
- 1700 • ASFA Board of Directors
- 1701 • ASFA Committee Membership makeup
- 1702 • The Gary Forrester award
- 1703 • Records 101
- 1704 • Policies
- 1705 • Ensure the @asfa.org addresses are updated

1706 Monthly updates to the website include ASFA Titles, ASFA Trial Schedule, Judges Licensing,  
1707 and other reports as submitted by committee chairs. I also maintain the NEWS section on  
1708 the home page. I also send the website analytics to the Chair of the Website Committee  
1709 each month.

1710 **Titles:** All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt from  
1711 Records. We are working on the minimal requirement for reformatting.

1712 **Trial Schedules:** All reports are formatted and submitted to the webmaster in a timely  
1713 manner within receipt from Scheduling.

1714 **Membership:** All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt  
1715 from Membership. I review, but do not re-format these.

1716 **Judges Licensing:** All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within  
1717 receipt from Judges Licensing Chair.

1718 **Rulebook:** I have updated the rulebook with current REC and CRC changes provided by  
1719 the respective committee chairs, as were effective January 1, 2020.

1720 **Contact Us:** There were 64 e-mails to the Webmaster via the website. (This is about the  
1721 average number of e-mails.) These were answered in a timely manner. As has been  
1722 customary, I forward any e-mails that come to the webmaster that are not website-related  
1723 to the Corresponding Secretary for an "official" response.

1724 **Report from Website Publication**

1725 *Cathy Sanderson, Chair*

1726 From the monthly analytics reports provided by ASFA's webmaster, Jean Hampton  
1727 (Dreamers Web), the ASFA website receives approximately 2,500 visits every month. This  
1728 number was more than one thousand higher in January (Probably everyone checking  
1729 the year end statistics). Page views range from 3,000 to 6,000 and visitors to the website  
1730 are staying and average of two and a half minutes. These are healthy numbers, showing  
1731 that people are making use of the ASFA website.

1732 **Future:**

1733 Resources are still tied up with ensuring the safety and stability of ASFA's records, which  
1734 gives us time to plan.

1735 Thanks to people that attended the informal tech session on Sunday of the ACoD last  
1736 year, and conversations with many different people, ideas are starting to come together  
1737 for the future.

1738 Here are some ideas for features to be included in the new website;

- 1739 • Newbie friendly
- 1740 • A separate easy to use section for the new LCI owners (remember many are  
1741 coming from other dog sports)
- 1742 • Online entry system for individual clubs to use (see more below)
- 1743 • Updated ASFA store
- 1744 • System to allow owners to look up their dog's results and breed standings in a  
1745 timely manner.
- 1746 • A system to allow committee chairs to login and update information (for example  
1747 Judges licensing can publish judges lists)
- 1748 • Searchable rules and policies
- 1749 • The whole website needs to be mobile friendly

1750 **Online Entries:**

1751 If any of you have tried Barn Hunt, they have an outstanding system that I would like to  
1752 use as a model.

1753 I conducted an experiment last year where I set up a system to accept online entries for  
1754 LCLC using a third-party service. The entry form information is saved as a spreadsheet  
1755 and money was deposited directly into the club's bank account. It was extensively used  
1756 at our AKC events and we handled almost 800 entries for our 4-day event. Ping used the  
1757 system for TSSC's trial in early December and she was pleased with the results.

1758 This year, I am going to try a different form collection system hosted on LCLC's website. I  
1759 will let you know how that goes.

1760 **Model:**

1761 I tend to be a visual person, so creating a planning document (RFP) that would  
1762 eventually be given to a company contracted to develop the new website is difficult for  
1763 me. So I am tackling this in a bit differently in a non-traditional way; I have started  
1764 creating a demo website. This model will make it easier to make decisions on what we  
1765 want before the construction phase.

1766 **Regional Director Reports**

1767 **Report from Region 1**

1768 *Jennifer Vookles, Director*

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1769           The time has come to once again report on our regions. Entries were down this  
1770 past year, but we struggled with weather & field conditions forcing at least 3 events to  
1771 cancel, a break with one of our clubs, and deaths of some regional leaders. Our region  
1772 also faces stiff competition for entries from the AKC which is gaining entries, in part by  
1773 offering a venue for non-sighthounds to participate and be recognized. I hope clubs will  
1774 consider offering LCI Stakes. In 2019 Trials were held by our region's Basenji, Whippet,  
1775 Silken Windhound, Irish Wolfhound & all-Sighthound breed clubs in WA, OR, & ID.

1776           There were only 9 trials held with a total of 287 entries. The largest trial had 68  
1777 entries, but most are much smaller - club averages ranging from 13 to 36.

1778           Region 1 has some exceptionally good running dogs with 28 dogs in their Breed's  
1779 Top 20. Iggies, Cirneco, Wolfhounds, Pharaohs, & Basenjjs all had hounds within the  
1780 breeds Top 20, but of these, the most remarkable showing is that of Silken Windhounds of  
1781 whom 9 or the Top 20 are based within Region 1, including the #1 & #2 Silken  
1782 Windhounds. One of our frequent Singles entrants is at #14 on the Singles LIFETIME list.

1783           Our region has been challenged by the deaths of some club leaders with a long  
1784 history with ASFA, Judy Lange & Jill Bryson. However, their clubs plan to continue offering  
1785 ASFA trials.

1786           Clubs in western OR & WA have plans to work together in assuring some events  
1787 will take place this year - such as the Memorial Weekend Triathlon - which includes ASFA  
1788 as well as straight & oval racing. As Regional Director I hope to work with one of our  
1789 clubs to host a Regional Specialty in the fall.

1790           Hopefully with strong commitment from our remaining clubs and a new influx of  
1791 participants, our numbers will rebound next year.

1792           **Report from Region 2**  
1793           *Jayne Jones, Director*

1794           Region 2 was particularly challenged in 2019. Region 2 covers Northern California north  
1795 of the southern boundary of Monterey, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo counties and Nevada  
1796 north of Highway 6. We still do not have any clubs in Nevada. However, despite having 6  
1797 clubs in Northern California, we were only able to successfully hold 1 all-breed trial and 1  
1798 specialty trial. All other planned trials were either cancelled or not scheduled due to  
1799 weather related field conditions, loss of available suitable fields, or attrition of available  
1800 workers. Unfortunately, in relation to workers, this is going to be an ongoing issue. The  
1801 membership of our clubs is aging, and newer, younger people have been either  
1802 unwilling or unable to step up to take the reins. For example, IWAWC/ NCIWC has twice  
1803 had their field trial coordinator try to retire (due to age and health) and transitioned their  
1804 responsibility to another member, only to have it fail and take back the responsibility so  
1805 as to still have trials.

1806           Another challenge is the increasing number of options for different events which  
1807 schedule with conflicting dates that affect entries as people have to choose which  
1808 event to attend. Clubs are sometimes reporting that they can't justify holding ASFA trials  
1809 when they know they won't have enough entries to cover expenses. It doesn't help that

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1810 the fees for available fields are also going up. In addition, I receive many reports from  
1811 exhibitors that with the reduction in the number of trials, they sometimes choose to enter  
1812 other events as they don't think they can finish championships without committing to  
1813 long distance travel due to the reduced opportunities of trials and the reduced entries at  
1814 our trials. It's a vicious cycle.

1815 The good news for 2020, is that weather and field availability is looking better for this year,  
1816 including finding new fields to try out north of Sacramento. I'm actively encouraging and  
1817 supporting our member clubs to schedule at least 1 trial as a starting point to try to bring  
1818 ASFA coursing back to Northern California.

1819 **Report from Region 3**

1820 *Dan Heidel, Director*

1821 Region 3 covers the four amazing states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.  
1822 There are 5 clubs in Region 3: Rocky Mountain Coursing Club (RMCC) in Wyoming; Rocky  
1823 Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA) in Colorado; Utah Sighthound Racing &  
1824 Coursing Club (USRCC) in Utah; Lobo Lure Coursing Club (LLCC) in New Mexico and  
1825 Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA) in Colorado.

1826 In 2019, Region 3 clubs held 25 trials with five cancellations due to weather, and ran 572  
1827 dogs, going down 45 dogs compared to 2018. Additionally, there were three National  
1828 Specialties in Region 3 (Italian Greyhound, Pharoah, and Irish Wolfhound) and one breed  
1829 specialty (Irish Wolfhound) that added another 4 trials and 35 running dogs. There is one  
1830 club, Rocky Mountain Coursing Club, that only holds a trial every other year.

1831 The following is a listing of Region 3 trials by club:

Club	Date	Entries	Type
CLCA	02/23/19	CXL	All Breed
CLCA	02/24/19	23	All Breed
CLCA	03/16/19	CXL	All Breed
CLCA	03/17/19	20	All Breed
CLCA	04/27/19	23	All Breed
CLCA	04/28/19	21	All Breed
CLCA	05/18/19	15	All Breed
CLCA	05/19/19	18	All Breed
CLCA	07/12/19	26	All Breed
CLCA	07/13/19	31	All Breed
CLCA	07/14/19	31	All Breed
CLCA	09/13/19	38	45th Grand National
CLCA	09/14/19	35	45th Grand National
CLCA	09/15/19	39	45th Grand National
CLCA	10/05/19	17	All Breed
CLCA	10/06/19	14	All Breed
CLCA	12/14/19	17	All Breed

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CLCA	12/15/19	CXL	All Breed
CLCA	12/28/19	CXL	All Breed
CLCA	12/29/19	CXL	All Breed
<b>CLCA Total</b>		<b>368</b>	
IGCA	09/06/19	8	Italian Greyhound National Specialty
<b>IGCA Total</b>		<b>8</b>	
IWCA	05/13/19	12	Irish Wolfhound National Specialty
<b>IWCA Total</b>		<b>12</b>	
LLCC	03/30/19	37	All Breed
LLCC	03/31/19	27	All Breed
LLCC	07/27/19	10	LCI Only
LLCC	07/28/19	10	LCI Only
LLCC	11/09/19	16	All Breed
LLCC	11/10/19	13	All Breed
<b>LLCC Total</b>		<b>113</b>	
PHCA	09/05/19	10	Pharoah Hound National Specialty
<b>PHCA Total</b>		<b>10</b>	
RMCC	09/28/19	12	All Breed
<b>RMCC Total</b>		<b>12</b>	
RMIWA	08/31/19	5	Irish Wolfhound Specialty
RMIWA	11/16/19	33	2 Day Regional Invitational
RMIWA	11/17/19	26	2 Day Regional Invitational
<b>RMIWA Total</b>		<b>64</b>	
USRCC	08/31/19	20	All Breed
<b>USRCC Total</b>		<b>20</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>607</b>	

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1833 The Region 3 Two Day Invitational was held on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> by the Rocky  
1834 Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association and had 33 and 26 great running hounds!

1835 It appears that the same number of ASFA trials will be held in Region 3 in 2020, less the  
1836 three Breed Nationals. However, with the 5 trials that were cancelled due to weather,  
1837 they would hopefully make up for this difference. The American Whippet Club will be  
1838 holding their 2021 National in Santa Fe in Region 3 and will bring in 50-70 entries.

1839 **Report from Region 4**

1840 *Gary Runyan, Director*

1841 No Report.

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1842 **Report from Region 5**

1843 *Trisha Borland, Director*

1844 29 trials were hosted in Region 5 during 2019, including 3 ASFA National Specialty Club  
1845 trials. Purina Farms saw National Specialty trials hosted by the Ibizans and Salukis, The  
1846 2019 Whippet National was also hosted in Lawrence, Kansas and saw a wonderful entry  
1847 of 85 whippets competing.

1848 Again in 2019 Region 5, as well as the most the rest of the country saw us face more  
1849 competition for entries with AKC Coursing, and other increases in dog performance  
1850 event opportunities within 1-3 hours of planned ASFA events. Again, we saw AKC trials  
1851 planned within 200 miles of ASFA trials priority weekends and that seemed to really hurt  
1852 entries for those ASFA trials. Entries were down in Region 5. Heartland Coursing  
1853 Association, Minnesota Coursing Association, Nebraska Coursing Association all offered  
1854 the LCI stake in 2019.

1855 The 2019 Region 5 Invitational was hosted by Iowa Coursing Association on October 5<sup>th</sup>.  
1856 10 breeds and a singles stake were represented with an entry of 43. The weather was  
1857 against us with heavy rains on regional day, but because of fantastic and dedicated,  
1858 experienced fancy in Region 5 they were able to get the equipment running smoothly  
1859 and created a course that was safe for the dogs in difficult weather conditions. Best in  
1860 Invitational was awarded to the Whippet Ella, "Shamasan Swiftcreek Stiletos". Ella is  
1861 owned by Annie Whitney and Phoebe Booth. The 2020 Region 5 Invitational is scheduled  
1862 to be hosted by Nebraska Coursing Association on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

1863 I again encourage anyone who hasn't joined us in Region 5 for a trial, so put at least one  
1864 on your travel calendar. We have some beautiful fields, wonderful hospitality, and great  
1865 lure operators here in Region 5! Join the ASFA Region 5 Facebook page for more trial  
1866 information.

1867 **Report from Region 6**

1868 *Lee Warden, Director*

1869 Region 6 had approximately 1000 entries in 2019. We lost a trial weekend due to wet  
1870 weather conditions. 46 Region 6 dogs ended up in the Top 20.

1871 Region 6 currently has 10 clubs. 2 of those are national breed clubs.

1872 MWCC has been offering LCI and the participants have been enthusiastic.

1873 Region 6's major challenge is the plethora of canine events available. People don't seem  
1874 to be traveling as far as there are so many things to do closer to home.

1875 **Report from Region 7**

1876 *Elaine McMichael, Director*

1877 Region 7 consists of North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama,  
1878 Mississippi, and Tennessee.

1879 In 2019 there were 20 trials with a total of 470 dogs running. This was down from 2018 with  
1880 742 dogs running and 24 trials. 1 club dissolved in February of this year. ACC dissolved by

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1881 unanimous vote due to lack of available fields in the local area. There was no regional  
1882 invitational held in Region 7 in 2019 due to no host volunteering.

1883 The following is a list of clubs holding trials and number of dogs attending:

- 1884 • Afghan Hound Club of America 3 trials -72
- 1885 • Appalachia Coursing Club 2 trials – 51
- 1886 • Carolina Lure Coursing Society 2 trials - 50
- 1887 • Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure Coursing Association 8 trials - 212
- 1888 • Greyhound Association of Northern Georgia 3 trials - 26
- 1889 • South Eastern Greyhound Club 2 trials - 59

1890 Field availability as well as date availability have become a major issue in our Region. We  
1891 continue to compete with other performance events during the cooler weather such as  
1892 Barn Hunts, Dock Diving & Agility as well as an increase in AKC lure coursing.

1893 **Report from Region 8**

1894 *Kathy Sanders, Director*

1895 Region 8 consists of 10 clubs which held 39 trials in 2019 with a total entry of 1653 hounds.  
1896 Although Mother Nature prevented us from holding the same number of trials as 2018  
1897 (41), our entries are up by 5.5% with a difference of 87 additional hounds. One of the  
1898 things Region 8 tried to do when being forced to cancel a trial was to fit that lost  
1899 weekend in somewhere by adding a Friday or if possible, adding another weekend. The  
1900 club that finished 2019 as the #1 Club based on entries, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, comes  
1901 from Region 8. That club is the Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC) which held  
1902 11 trials with a total entry of 552. Our 2-day Regional was held in October by Tortoise &  
1903 Hare Lure Coursers with a total entry of 118 dogs. (62 & 56 each day respectively) for an  
1904 increase in entries of roughly 33% from 2019.

1905 Although all dogs competing in ASFA are special in my mind, Region 8 was home to  
1906 several of the 2019 #1 Dogs. They are as follows:  
1907 #1 Basenji – “Chilly” GSW, GCh, DC, Can Ch Borassus Hot.Cool.Yours. LCM8, SC, MC, LCX,  
1908 CAA, RATN – Owned by Kathy Sanders  
1909 #1 Borzoi – “Sir Lancelot” – GCh, DC, C'Lestial Red Latern @ Ryhka LCM2, VLCM2, SORC2,  
1910 LCX – Owned by Diana Darling & L. Green  
1911 #1 Galgo (Limited) – “Gunner” - Uch Sahejeefs Lindisfame Sonofagun – Owned by Diane  
1912 Murray  
1913 #1 LCI Large – “Bruce” – Bearded Bruce The Moose, LCC, LCI – Owned by  
1914 K.Shreet/T.Koch  
1915 #1 Single – Saluki “Bey” – Kahtahdin's Baeriz Bey-Nefer TCP, CPX – Owned by J.  
1916 Copenhaver & P. Ruggles

1917 Congratulations to all the exhibitors and their top winning hounds as well as all that have  
1918 competed in 2019.

1919 **Regional Meeting:**

1920 On February 2, 2020 we held our Annual Regional meeting with 16 people in attendance  
1921 representing 9 of the 10 clubs in Region 8. There were many great discussions and  
1922 thoughts shared which left us all feeling that, although there is still much work to be done,  
1923 we are all optimistic for the future. One of the focused discussions was holding the  
1924 Region 8 Regional Invitational and a few of the clubs discussed hosting the Regional  
1925 Invitational the next couple of years.

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1926 In 2020 I will be focusing on promoting ASFA and implementing some ideas discussed at  
1927 our Regional meeting. I would like to work on ways to increase entries and ask the other  
1928 Regional Directors to focus on the same. I will work with our member clubs closely to look  
1929 for ways to increase entries.

1930 With Region 8 having many specially named, long running trials, I would like to work  
1931 towards promoting and advertising the history behind these trials. I have been lucky  
1932 enough to have my dogs not only participate in these trials, but to also have won Best in  
1933 Event at them. With that said, I would love to celebrate the great trials of Region 8, such  
1934 as the CHAMP CUP, the GRANDE PRIX CHALLENGE CUP, the ALLEGHENY DERBY and the  
1935 race to the finish line during the FINAL WEEK of trials in HANOVER where all the top dogs  
1936 come out to play!

1937 **Final Thoughts..**

1938 Please check out our website at [www.asfaregion8.com](http://www.asfaregion8.com) where you can find historical  
1939 photos and the history of our region, a brag section and much, much more.

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1941 **Report from Region 9**

1942 *Cathy Sanderson, Director*

1943 Although Region 9 covers a large geographic area we only have 5 clubs, Gone, CLASS,  
1944 LCLC, NAA, and one breed club RRCUS. Region 9 included the states of Connecticut,  
1945 Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont & the  
1946 Canadian province of Ontario.

1947 Gazeounds of New England (GONE) hosted 7 trials with 354 entries in total. That is an  
1948 average of 50 dogs per trial. GONE also hosted a fantastic Regional in October at a  
1949 fantastic location.

1950 The Northern Azawakh Association (NAA) hosted 6 trials in 2019 with an average entry of  
1951 44 dogs.

1952 The Lake Country Lure Coursers (LCLC) hosted 4 trials with an average entry of 35 dogs.

1953 The Central Leatherstocking Area Sighthound Society (CLASS) was inactive in 2019 due to  
1954 health issues of some of the members, but they have already scheduled dates in July for  
1955 2020.

1956 Most of the events in Region 9 included LCI. We noted that the owners of LCI dogs were  
1957 helpful and eager to learn. Some even jumped in and volunteered when they had never  
1958 seen a lure coursing event. It will not be long before clubs feel that they can generate  
1959 enough numbers to host a stand-alone LCI event.

1960 We have a good range of breeds entering trials in Region 9 with whippets having the  
1961 highest numbers (173) followed by Rhodesian Ridgebacks (86) and Greyhounds (75).

1962 We recently lost a pillar in the lure coursing community that you might not ever have  
1963 met. Bob McGowan passed away suddenly in January. Very quiet but always looking for  
1964 ways to give back to the sport and people that he loved. Bob was the creator of the  
1965 "Bobinator" machine that many clubs are using all across North. Bob and Donna were

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1966 involved in lure coursing for 30 years and had some nice running whippets. A memorial  
1967 service is planned for the summer.

1968 Please consider attending trials in Region 9, you won't regret it. We enjoy your company.

1969 **Report from Region 10**

1970 *Jennifer Gysler, Director*

1971 Region 10 covers the state of California south from the northern boundaries of San Luis  
1972 Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, Arizona, Hawaii, and Nevada south of  
1973 Highway 6.

1974 What a fun first year as the director for region 10! I have learned a lot this past year.

1975 **Our Clubs:** For the past four years, we've had three clubs in Region 10, all based in  
1976 California. Two are member all breed clubs, California Coursing Association "CCA"  
1977 based in southern California and Central Coast Association of Sighthounds "CCASH"  
1978 based in Paso Robles, Calif. The third club is a National breed club (International Silken  
1979 Windhound Society "ISWS") which has a specialty every year in different regions. We are  
1980 looking forward to welcoming a new club, Desert Fun Bunch, based in the Phoenix area  
1981 of Arizona. They have had two fun trials, one in November 2019 and the second one in  
1982 February 2020. They did a nice job and things look favorable. We are hoping the  
1983 membership committee approves DFB for fast track status. We are hoping to add two  
1984 breed clubs this year to Region as well. Woot Woot!

1985 FLASH: Desert Fun Bunch has been approved as a Fast Track Affiliate Club! Welcome.

1986 **Our Trials:** While ASFA trials are not as prevalent in Region 10 as in other areas of the  
1987 country, we have increased interest in our area. The LCI program is sparking more and  
1988 more interest in the non-sighthound breeds. CCA has continued to host specialty trials  
1989 and a few all breed trials. Unfortunately, CCASH lost their field in 2019 and was not able  
1990 to hold any coursing trials. I understand their field is available once again and they have  
1991 two ASFA trials planned for this year, one in July and one on September. With the  
1992 addition of Desert Fun Bunch to our region, we are hoping to generate interest for a  
1993 regional event and increase entries for 2020.

1994 **The positives:** One club added, more to go! We are also working to help more local  
1995 folks become ASFA judges. As before, we are emphasizing the positives of ASFA to our  
1996 local exhibitors, both with sighthounds and non-sighthound breeds. Hawaii is still on our  
1997 radar – we plan on helping this group get off the ground to hold some practice events to  
1998 build interest and hopefully move their coursing plans forward.

1999 **New clubs:** As noted in last year's report, Desert Fun Bunch applied for a fast track  
2000 membership, has held two fun trials, and our paws are crossed that they will be  
2001 approved soon!

2002 **Questions:** We continue to receive inquiries about when ASFA will be able to have an  
2003 online event / database option to ease the paperwork for trial secretaries and look up  
2004 their dog's information.

2005 **LCI:** Interest continues to grow in this program, and we are hoping to have even more  
2006 participants in 2020. Thanks to the LCI program, we have gained a fabulous new club  
2007 member who is always willing to lend a helping hand with set up and clerking.

2008 **The future:** By continuing to foster relationships with exhibitors and clubs, along with  
2009 sharing the positives that ASFA has to offer, I am hoping that we continue the upswing  
2010 with more trials, more entries, more ASFA clubs and more ASFA judges.

2011 **Ad Hoc Committee of the 2019 ACoD Reports**

2012 **Report from the ACoD Planning Committee**

2013 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

2014 As the ASFA Convention Planner I am assigned to find a location to hold the Annual  
2015 Convention of Delegates and Board Meeting once a year. Every year the Site Selection  
2016 Committee picks a city for me to set up the meetings. These cities are decided by one of  
2017 three areas in the United States; East Coast, Central States, and the West Coast.

2018 As the Convention Planner I look at the locations that are based on availability of good  
2019 airline connections and reasonable price hotels. Two years out I need to decide how  
2020 many delegates will attend and how many rooms will be rented. For many years as I  
2021 have been the convention planner, I have always based my numbers on 50 people and  
2022 40 rooms. In the past years we had approximately 45 delegates and 35 rooms rented.  
2023 Attendance is lower these past years and so are people who stay at the hotel. This year  
2024 we have 34 delegates and barely rented 35 rooms.

2025 We have the lowest attendance in years; why is that?

2026 The committee spends years finding cities, hotels, airports and places for entertainment  
2027 all over the country. I try to find the best deal we can get to make these conventions as  
2028 economical as possible, good meeting rooms, good amenities and good food.  
2029 Sometimes it may cost more than you like but anyone that travels knows that the hotel  
2030 prices get higher every year. This year quite a few Regional Directors came to the Board  
2031 meeting and not the convention and with 63 member clubs we only have 34 delegates.  
2032 Out of those 31 delegates about 8 clubs have 2 delegates representing a club.

2033 To those who are attending this convention. You are the ones interested in the welfare of  
2034 ASFA. This year we have an election, a number of CRC changes, REC changes and  
2035 Policies. You are the ones who care about ASFA so I want to congratulate you all for  
2036 coming and representing your Member clubs.

2037 2022 will be ASFA 50th Anniversary we are scheduled to be on the West Coast  
2038 again. The first 5 Annual Convention of Delegates were held on the West Coast. This is  
2039 where ASFA held their first trials and Conventions. Where do you want our Anniversary  
2040 Convention to be?

2041 Every year there are a few people who were confused about the Annual Convention of  
2042 Delegates. If you go to of the ASFA Constitution, Article IV Section 9 and 10 there is an  
2043 explanation of Club delegates and ACoD delegates. In short you have to pay a  
2044 registration fee if you want to attend the Convention. Whether you are a voting  
2045 delegate, alternate or observer you have to have a club to represent, the form signed  
2046 by an officer other than a spouse and the registration fee. Another reminder to bring to  
2047 your clubs is that I do not accept signature applications that are cut and paste.

2048 **Report from the ACoD Site Selection Committee**

2049 *Vickie Jacobs and Sean McMichael, Co-Chairs*

2050 **Report from the Advisory Committee on Animal Issues**

2051 *Vickie Jacobs, Chair*

2052 The Animal Advisory Committee has been very busy this past year. 2019 was a record  
2053 year for Government relations. There were over 2,300 bills on the federal, state and local  
2054 levels across all 50 states. This marks a significant increase with over 300 bills than 2018.  
2055 Most bills ever tracked by AKC in a year.

2056 It was a year that once again demonstrated that the greatest success comes from  
2057 direct communication and local people. If it weren't for club members and local dog  
2058 people that took the time to reach out to the elected officials, attend hearings and  
2059 make a direct impact on legislation impacting dog owners these bills would have gone  
2060 unnoticed.

2061 2019 may have been a record year for legislation introduced, but also resulted in dozens  
2062 of legislation successes across the country due to people educating people about these  
2063 bills.

2064 Maryland House Bill 501, which would have banned dogs from being tethered outside  
2065 more than 30 minutes in certain temperatures, groups illustrated how particular breeds  
2066 do well in a variety of conditions. They pointed out that a Borzoi is built for the snow and  
2067 Chesapeake Bay thrives in cold water. With all of this evidence the bill was tabled.

2068 In Oregon, a bill would have basically outlawed field trials and hunting activities. The  
2069 same bill was introduced in New York. In both cases merely educating legislators  
2070 amended the bill.

2071 At a Federal level, Bill HR 3164 would require all breeders to put their personal information  
2072 on line and public databases. This could cause all types of problems with people who  
2073 could target individual breeders.

2074 Service dogs on airlines were discussed.

2075 Michigan passed a measure to allow dogs to go in and out of the state to participate in  
2076 field trials, dog shows, and coursing trials. Currently exemptions have been put in place  
2077 to allow this.

2078 2020 is going to be a busy year. This is an election year and now is the time for everyone  
2079 to introduce yourself and what you do with dogs and the community.

2080 Statistics are from the AKC Government Relations committee.

2081 **Report from the Constitutional Revision**

2082 *Ping Pirrung, Chair*

2083 The following Amendments to the Constitution will be submitted for approval to the 2020  
2084 Annual Convention of Delegates. THIS IS A PROPOSAL ONLY.

2085 Per Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution, amendments require a two-thirds vote of the  
2086 convention delegates present and voting at the ACoD. Those proposals receiving a  
2087 favorable vote will be considered an Amendment to the ASFA Constitution and By-Laws.  
2088 Such Amendments will be published on the ASFA website following the 2020 ACoD, and  
2089 will go into effect on 1 August, 2020.

2090 *CRC Committee: Ping Pirrung, Chair; Dan Heidel, Russ Jacobs, Leigh Littleton and Rick*  
2091 *Wolpin*

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2092 **PROPOSAL #1:**

2093 Article VI  
2094 THE ASSOCIATION YEAR,  
2095 NOMINATIONS, and ELECTIONS

2096 **Section 4. Regional Director Nominations.** Candidates for Regional Directors shall be  
2097 nominated by the club delegates from member clubs located in each respective region  
2098 during the month of October of each even numbered year. The Corresponding  
2099 Secretary will notify each member club delegate of the nomination process for Regional  
2100 Director for the region in which they reside. Such nominations, in either a completed  
2101 nomination form or electronic message, shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary  
2102 and shall be accompanied by written or electronic message acceptance of the  
2103 nominee. No person may be nominated or accept a nomination as Regional Director  
2104 who has been elected to the position of Regional Director in each of the preceding two  
2105 regularly-scheduled elections, or who has, within the preceding year, accepted a fee  
2106 over and above expenses for handling a hound at a sanctioned lure field trial, or for  
2107 performing or assisting in the performance of the duties of the officials of a sanctioned  
2108 lure field trial. No club delegate may nominate more than one candidate for Regional  
2109 Director. If no eligible person has been nominated by November 1st of the respective  
2110 year in a Region, the President may extend the nomination period up to 30 days. If, after  
2111 the extension, no nominations are received, the Board of Directors shall appoint an  
2112 Interim Director for that Region, to serve until an eligible person has been nominated and  
2113 elected. Such Interim Director shall take office on January 15th, and need not reside  
2114 within the Region he they represents. Interim Regional Directors would not affect the  
2115 eligibility of any person to serve as Regional Director. Appointed Regional Directors may  
2116 be currently serving as a Regional Director. The appointment shall not affect their  
2117 eligibility to be nominated for the subsequent term.

2118 Every April and October, the Corresponding Secretary shall send to each member club  
2119 delegate within the region of an appointed interim Regional Director, a request for  
2120 nominations for Regional Director. If no nominations are received, the interim regional  
2121 director will continue. If a nomination is received, the normal election process will be  
2122 implemented. The newly elected director will not lose eligibility to run for a second  
2123 complete term.

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2125 **PROPOSAL #2:**

2126 Article VI  
2127 THE ASSOCIATION YEAR,  
2128 NOMINATIONS, and ELECTIONS

2129 **Section 5. Regional Director Elections.**

2130 (b) The Corresponding Secretary shall send each member club delegate ~~a~~ an  
2131 electronic ballot including all nominees by November 15 of each even numbered  
2132 year. Each member club delegate shall then have until January 1 to return a  
2133 marked ballot to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall  
2134 tally the ballots received by January 8 which were emailed or posted on or  
2135 before January 1 and record the vote. The candidate receiving a majority of the  
2136 votes cast in each region shall be declared elected and take office on January  
2137 15. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, only the two candidates  
2138 (more only if required by a tie) receiving the highest number of votes will be  
2139 included on the re-ballot....

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2140 **PROPOSAL #3:** *There are two proposals regarding Article VIII. ACoD delegates will vote*  
2141 *first on 3(a), if that passes, there will be no need to vote on 3(b). If 3(a) fails, then*  
2142 *delegates will vote on 3(b).*

2143 *CRC was asked by the Board to write a change to Article VIII to eliminate the gap*  
2144 *between the conclusion of an experimental program and the implementation of a*  
2145 *permanent program; and we did – Proposal 3(a). The Board felt it didn't go far enough*  
2146 *so they wrote another one – Proposal 3(b). CRC feels as though proposal 3(a) covers the*  
2147 *request of the Board to eliminate this possible gap. The requirement of an experimental*  
2148 *program to begin at the conclusion of the ACoD not only has a new program start at the*  
2149 *beginning of the coursing season, it also ensures that more clubs will have reliable*  
2150 *information on the new program.*

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2152 **PROPOSAL #3(a):** *from CRC*

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Article VIII

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EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS

2155 The Board of Directors may, after notification to the clubs, implement experimental  
2156 programs on a trial basis, without revising the running rules. The trial period shall not  
2157 exceed one year in duration and shall commence at the conclusion of the ACoD. Such  
2158 programs shall, whenever possible, be parallel and supplementary to established  
2159 programs, and shall be reversible in any circumstances where hound records may be  
2160 affected. Under no circumstances shall experimental programs be implemented in  
2161 conflict with the Constitution. The results of the program must be posted on the ASFA  
2162 website, published in the ASFA Communiqué, sent to each club delegate at the end of  
2163 the year trial period ~~and/or before an experimental program is proposed as a running~~  
2164 rules change, and reported to the ACoD immediately following the conclusion of the  
2165 Program. That subsequent ACoD must vote whether or not to approve the establishment  
2166 of a permanent program based on the experimental program. If the experimental  
2167 period suggests substantive changes in the program, the ACoD may approve an  
2168 additional year as a trial for those changes. If the ACoD approves a permanent  
2169 program, the experimental program may, on a positive vote by the ACoD, continue until  
2170 the permanent program is established.

2171 **PROPOSAL #3(b):** *from the Board*

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Article VIII

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EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS

2174 The Board of Directors may, after notification to the clubs, implement experimental  
2175 programs on a trial basis, without revising the running rules. ~~The trial period shall not~~  
2176 ~~exceed one year in duration.~~ Such programs shall, whenever possible, be parallel and  
2177 supplementary to established programs, and shall be reversible in any circumstances  
2178 where ~~hound~~ records may be affected. Under no circumstances shall experimental  
2179 programs be implemented in conflict with the Constitution. After one year, the results of  
2180 the program must be posted on the ASFA website, published in the ASFA Communiqué  
2181 and sent to each club delegate at the end of the year trial period and/or before an  
2182 experimental program is proposed as a running rules change. After reporting, the  
2183 subsequent ACoD must vote to approve or disapprove the establishment of a

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2184 permanent program based on the experimental program. Upon ACoD approval, the  
2185 experimental program shall continue until the running rules change(s) is/are approved.

2186 If the experimental period requires substantive changes in the program, the Board of  
2187 Directors may approve an additional implementation period as a trial for those changes,  
2188 not to exceed a total of two years.

2189 **PROPOSAL #4:**

2190 Article X  
2191 RECOGNITION OF

2192 ADDITIONAL SIGHTHOUND BREEDS

2193 The procedure for recognizing an additional breed as eligible to enter ASFA sanctioned  
2194 lure field trials is given herein, in chronological order.

2195 Section 1. There are two paths for a breed in order to be considered by ASFA for  
2196 eligibility.

2197 Path A: Applicant organization must officially represent a breed designated as a  
2198 sighthound by the national parent club, or the parent club from the country of origin. In  
2199 addition, the applicant breed must also be recognized with an accredited association  
2200 that maintains a registry for purebred dogs. A formal application will be sent to the  
2201 Corresponding Secretary by such organization along with an application fee of \$100. If  
2202 the proposal is not accepted by the Board, the application fee will be refunded.

2203 Path B: After a petition from at least ten owners of a breed, residing in at least  
2204 three ASFA Regions, along with a petition fee of \$100, is sent to the Corresponding  
2205 Secretary, a Committee appointed by the ASFA Board of Directors shall review the  
2206 application and determine if the breed is a sighthound. In addition, the applicant breed  
2207 must also be recognized with an association that maintains a registry for purebred dogs.  
2208 If the Committee determines that the breed is a sighthound, the petition will be sent to  
2209 the ASFA Board of Directors with a recommendation to the Board to consider it for  
2210 recognition. If the proposal is not accepted by the Board, the petition fee will be  
2211 refunded.

2212 **PROPOSAL #5:**

2213 Article X  
2214 RECOGNITION OF

2215 ADDITIONAL SIGHTHOUND BREEDS

2216 Section 2. **Proposing an Additional Eligible Breed.** Subsequent to receipt by the ASFA  
2217 Corresponding Secretary of a request for recognition from a major national breed  
2218 organization or a Board appointed Committee, that breed may be proposed for Limited  
2219 Provisional status approval by a two-thirds majority vote of to the Board of Directors. A  
2220 two-thirds majority vote of all Board members is required for approval. If the request for  
2221 recognition is not approved, the proposal lapses. Recognition in Provisional status will be  
2222 posted on the ASFA website, published in the ASFA Communiqué and sent to each club

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- 2223 delegate and will begin the first of the month following approval by the Board of  
2224 Directors.
- 2225 Section 3: Delete
- 2226 Section 4. Delete
- 2227 Section ~~5~~ 3. **Provisional Status.** During the Provisional status period, the breed shall be  
2228 eligible to be entered in ASFA-sanctioned lure field trials. Trial results for the classes shall  
2229 be recorded and published in the same manner as for fully recognized breeds. However,  
2230 during this period, no ASFA title or certificate shall be awarded to any member of the  
2231 breed. When the breed obtains full recognition, all points and placements earned during  
2232 the Provisional status period will be applied towards the current recognized ASFA titles.
- 2233 Section ~~6~~ 4. Convention Voting for Recognizing New Breeds. After one year of Provisional  
2234 status, the member clubs may vote and after two years of Provisional status the member  
2235 clubs shall vote on whether to accord the breed full recognition. If the national parent  
2236 club or a board appointed committee wishes full recognition after one year, a letter  
2237 requesting such status must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary by January 1st of the  
2238 year following at least one full calendar year of Provisional status. After two full calendar  
2239 years of Provisional status, the Board of Directors shall present the breed for full  
2240 recognition. However, if provided the breed has ~~not~~ kept a minimum of ~~15~~ 10 hounds  
2241 actively coursing with entries totaling ~~45~~ 30 per calendar year. Otherwise, they will be  
2242 kept in the Provisional status without coming up for vote. Member club delegates present  
2243 at the Annual Convention of Delegates at which a breed has come up for recognition  
2244 will vote with each member club allowed one vote. However, a member club not in  
2245 attendance at the ACoD may send in one absentee ballot to be received not less than  
2246 two weeks before the ACoD in which a breed has come up for recognition. A two-thirds  
2247 majority of clubs voting shall be required for full approval. Results of such voting shall be  
2248 announced at the Annual Convention of Delegates. When a breed is fully recognized, it  
2249 shall assume the same status as any previously recognized breed, and any appropriate  
2250 titles and certificates, or points toward such titles and certificates, shall then be awarded  
2251 to the members of the breed based on sanctioned lure field trial results from the  
2252 Provisional period. If a breed does not achieve full recognition, the breed will stay within  
2253 the Provisional status as long as hound and entry limits are met. Such a breed may re-  
2254 apply for recognition every two years. The new fully recognized breed will be eligible the  
2255 first of the month after approval at the Annual Convention of Delegates.
- 2256 **Report from the Gary Forrester Award Committee**  
2257 *Kathy Nelson, Chair*
- 2258 **Report from the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee**  
2259 *Mike Hussey, Chair*
- 2260 Thank you to all of the committee members for their contributions to the committee's  
2261 work: Trisha Borland, Ben Brodeur, Vickie Fagre-Stroetz, Pete Lowe, Kathy Sanders, and  
2262 Dean Wright.

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- 2263 Persons nominated: Jill Bryson and Judy Lange
- 2264 The hound nominations for this year are:
- 2265 Afghan Hound: "Guilty"
- 2266 Ibizan Hound: "Wings"
- 2267 Irish Wolfhound: "Lucy"
- 2268 Scottish Deerhound: "Leah"
- 2269 The following Silken Windhounds will be entered in the Hall of Fame because they were
- 2270 the first in their breed to attain ASFA titles.
- 2271 First Field Champion: "Mini", Fantasy Farms Musetta's Waltz, LCM
- 2272 Owned by Barb Franklin of Gilbert, AZ
- 2273 First LCM: "Gilbert", Aeracuras Fantasy Gilbert, LCM
- 2274 Owned by Michelle Smith and Barb Franklin of Chandler, AZ
- 2275 First VFCh & VLCM: "Czar", Kristull Jaromir, VLCM2, ISWS LCM
- 2276 Owned by Michael & Kathleen Leach of Bloomington, MN
- 2277 First Dual Champion: TBD
- 2278 Hall of Fame 2020 Goals
- 2279 Because the person and hound nomination forms on the ASFA web site are in PDF format
- 2280 that often results in many applications that are handwritten and difficult to read and not
- 2281 always in the proper format. Because of this and the difficulty putting all the nominations
- 2282 into an ACoD acceptable format, it became obvious that a slight change is needed to
- 2283 make all of the submittals use a uniform format that is more user friendly. I am proposing
- 2284 that we put the person and hound nomination forms in a Word format (in addition to the
- 2285 PDF format) on the HOF site so that people can/will type in the needed information and
- 2286 hopefully ensure that an easily read and uniform format will be used. Marilyn Standerford
- 2287 already has the forms in Word format, so it is just a case of adding them to the HOF site so
- 2288 that they are more accessible.