

American Sighthound Field Association

2023 Annual Convention of Delegates



March 18, 2023

Minutes

Contents

Summary of Business3

MINUTES 6

Saturday, March 18, 2023.....6

ATTACHMENTS 18

Attachment 1 — Officer Reports 189

Attachment 2 — Regional Director Reports..... 2318

Attachment 3 — Committee Reports 3218

Attachment 4 — Ad Hoc Committee Reports..... 4718

1 Summary of Business

Reference	Motion	Disposition
68	Approve Tellers and Sergeant-at-Arms	Adopted
72	Approve Minutes Review Committee	Adopted
86	Approve 2022 ACoD Minutes	Adopted
96	Approve 2023 Budget	Adopted
117	Approve Parliamentarian	Adopted
224	Limit Discussion re CRC Proposed Changes	Adopted
256	Approve CRC Proposal #1 re Article X, Section 4 re clarifying language on number of hounds for recognizing new breeds	Adopted
283	Approve CRC Proposal #2 re Article VI, Section re RD nominations	Adopted
291	Approve CRC Proposal #3 re Article IX, Section 1 adding Code of Conduct	Failed
296	Limit Discussion re REC Proposed Changes	Adopted
312	Approve REC Proposal #1 re Chapter II, Section 4, §16, re Huntmaster	Adopted
355	Approve REC Proposal #2 re Chapter IX, Section 7 re Statement of Irregularity to Statement of Improvement	Failed
358	Refer the Statement of Improvement issue back to the REC	Adopted
376	Approve recommendation to reject REC Proposal #3 re adding the Code of Conduct to the premium list	Adopted
382	Approve REC Proposal #4 re placing Code of Conduct on page 2 of the Running Rules (although not a rule)	Adopted

American Sighthound Field Association
Minutes of the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates

Reference	Motion	Disposition
419	Approve election of Vickie Jacobs to the Hall of Fame	Adopted
442	Direct REC to define when a title is "earned" vs. "official" requiring a move-up	Adopted
448	Limit discussion re motions from the floor	Adopted
452	Direct REC to create proposal removing Field Clerk from list of officials	Failed
457	Direct REC to combine policies into the Running Rules	Failed
463	Direct the Board to provide additional stakes for singles	Adopted
471	Direct CRC to review Article VII, Section 2 to clarify replacement of a chair or member of ACoD Committee when no longer able to serve	Adopted
476	Direct the Board to direct REC to add Best in Variety under the LCI Rules, Chapter V, §1 Placements	Adopted
484	Approve combining the ACoD Site Selection and ACoD Planning Committees	Adopted
490	Direct CRC to alter Article X, Section 4 to remove the hound number count and participation count for new breeds to be admitted	Adopted
497	Rescind the motion passed at the 2022 ACoD directing the Board to create a task force to eliminate gender specific language in the Rulebook	Adopted
505	Direct the Board to direct REC to change the name of "LCI Senior"	Adopted
511	Direct the Board to amend the Running Rules to allow for a smooth flat collar	Failed
520	Approve chair and members of the ACoD Planning/Site Selection Committee	Adopted
525	Approve chair and members of the CRC	Adopted

American Sighthound Field Association
Minutes of the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates

Reference	Motion	Disposition
529	Approve chair of Animal Advisory Committee	Adopted
534	Approve chair and members of Lure Coursing Hall of Fame Committee	Adopted
539	Approve chair and members of the Gary Forrester Committee	Adopted
544	Approve adjournment	Adopted

3 **Minutes**

4 The regular Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) of the American Sighthound Field
5 Association (ASFA) was held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, with the President, Phil Fullam,
6 being the chair and the Recording Secretary, Jennifer Gysler, being present.

7 **Saturday, March 18, 2023**

8 The President called the meeting to order at 9:00AM (Central).

9 Present were:

- 10 • American Whippet Club (AWC)
 - 11 ○ Claudia Miller
- 12 • Basenji Club of America (BaCOA)
 - 13 ○ Russ Jacobs
- 14 • California Coursing Association (CCA)
 - 15 ○ Jennifer Gysler
- 16 • Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA)
 - 17 ○ Director (Region 3) Tom Golcher
- 18 • Coursing Hounds of the Mid Potomac (CHAMP)
 - 19 ○ Victoria Cassano
- 20 • GazeHounds of New England (GONE)
 - 21 ○ Director (Region 9) Jeff Trombetta
 - 22 ○ Nannette Lipinski
- 23 • Heartland Coursing Association (HCA)
 - 24 ○ CFO Scott Hurlbert
 - 25 ○ Dale Knowlton
- 26 • Ibizan Hound Club of the United States (IHCUS)
 - 27 ○ Sabrina Wright-Hiller
- 28 • Iowa Coursing Association (ICA)
 - 29 ○ Samantha Duryee
- 30 • Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA)
 - 31 ○ Donna Cassini
- 32 • Lake Country Lure Coursers (LCLC)
 - 33 ○ Second Vice President Cathy Sanderson
- 34 • Lobo Lure Coursing Club (LLCC)
 - 35 ○ President Philip Fullam
- 36 • Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club (MDIHC)
 - 37 ○ Kathy Sanders
 - 38 ○ Lori Zorbaugh
- 39 • Midwest Coursing Club (MWCC)
 - 40 ○ First Vice President Greg Breitbart
- 41 • Minnesota Coursing Association (MCA)
 - 42 ○ Vicki Fagre-Stroetz
- 43 • Nebraska Coursing Association (NCA)
 - 44 ○ Trisha Borland

American Sighthound Field Association
Minutes of the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates

- 45 ○ Marilyn Standerford
- 46 • St. Louis Area Sighthounds (SLASH)
- 47 ○ Karla Dean
- 48 ○ Karen Frederick
- 49 • Scottish Deerhound Club of America (SDCA)
- 50 ○ Debbie Narwold
- 51 • Tortoise and Hare Lure Coursers (THLC)
- 52 ○ Cindy Antonik
- 53 ○ Sally MacDowell
- 54 • Tri-State Sighthound Club (TSSC)
- 55 ○ Treasurer Sean McMichael
- 56 ○ Corresponding Secretary Ping Pirrung
- 57 • Tulsa Sighthound Association (TSA)
- 58 ○ Director (Region 4) Terry L. Sayre
- 59 • Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC)
- 60 ○ Audrey Silverstein
- 61 ○ Dean Wright

62 Absent was:

- 63 • Borzoi Club of America (BCOA)
- 64 ○ Susan Van de Water

65 Sean McMichael agrees to be parliamentarian temporarily. (Motion postponed until Russ
66 Jacobs arrives).

67

68 **Motion** by Marilyn Standerford to appoint Marilyn Standerford and Sally MacDowell as Tellers,
69 and appoint Tom Golcher as Sergeant-at-Arms.

70 **Motion adopted.**

71

72 **Motion** by Kathy Sanders to appoint the ACoD Minutes Review Committee as follows:
73 Chairperson - Jennifer Gysler. Members - Kathy Sanders, Ping Pirrung, Nanette Lipinski.

74 **Motion adopted.**

75

76 Report of the President (Phil Fullam)

77

78 Report of the 1st Vice President (Greg Breitbach)

79

80 Report of the 2nd Vice President (Cathy Sanderson)

81

82 Report of the Corresponding Secretary (Ping Pirrung)

83

84 Report of the Recording Secretary (Jennifer Gysler)

85

86 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach to approve the minutes from the 2022 ACoD.

87 **Motion adopted.**

88

89

American Sighthound Field Association
Minutes of the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates

90 Report of the Chief Financial Officer (Scott Hurlbert)
91 -Budget Committee Report – our balance is approximately \$76,000 in the ASFA checking
92 account. Over the past two years, our expenses were down with the virtual ACoDs. Although
93 we have a contract for the new records program, to date we have not paid out. However, we
94 are budgeting the cost annually. We project a loss next year of approximately \$1,000.

95
96 **Motion** by Dale Knowlton to approve the 2022 Budget.

97 **Motion adopted.**

98
99 -Discussion about reducing the per capita by 50 cents per dog for clubs that submit their
100 records electronically which meet the requisite criteria as of August 1, 2023. This was passed
101 by the Board this week to provide a perk to clubs that timely and properly email their records
102 to the records coordinator, Lori Zorbaugh.

103
104 Report by Chair of the Regional Directors (Tom Golcher)
105 Region 1 Report (Paul Sanders submitted a written report, attached)
106 Region 2 Report (Jayme Jones submitted a written report, attached)
107 Region 3 Report, presented by Tom Golcher. (report attached)
108 Region 4 Report, presented by Terry Sayre (report attached)
109 Region 5 Report (Aryn Ping submitted a written report, attached)
110 Region 6 Report (Holly Hamilton submitted a written report, attached)
111 Region 7 Report (Eddie Kominek submitted a written report provided subsequent to the
112 release of the ACoD delegate packets, which was read and will be attached to the minutes).
113 Region 8 Report (Kathy Sanders submitted a written report as the outgoing RD, attached)
114 Region 9 Report, presented by Jeff Trombetta (report attached)
115 Region 10 Report (Keith Hicks submitted a written report, attached)

116
117 **Motion** by Phil Fullam to accept Russ Jacobs as parliamentarian.

118 **Motion adopted.**

119
120 Committee Reports:

- 121
- 122 1. Archives and Historical (Dean Wright, report attached)
 - 123 2. Awards (Kathy Sanders, report attached)
 - 124 3. Communique (Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, report attached)
 - 125 4. Contracts (Jennifer Gysler, report attached)
 - 126 5. Executive Committee (Phil Fullam)
127 -Explanation of how the board conducts business online.
128 -RDs are encouraged to discuss board business with the clubs in their region for input
129 on how to vote.
 - 130 6. Experimental Programs (Greg Breitbach, report attached) [moved to Old Business]
 - 131 7. Field Trial Improvement (Tom Cigolle) [absent – no report]
 - 132 8. Finance and Budget (Scott Hurlbert)
133 -2022 Financial Report
134 -2023 Budget (adopted by motion – see above) (attached)
 - 135 9. Forms Creation and Distribution (Marilyn Standerford, report attached)
136 In addition to the written report, Marilyn adds that a few items on entry forms have
137 been corrected, including deleting the “limited” stake on entry form, rearranging the
138 boxes on the entry form to allow for additional space to write information. The

American Sighthound Field Association
Minutes of the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates

- 139 corrected forms have been sent to the website. She has brought patches and decals
140 with her for purchase.
- 141 10. Inter-organizational Liaison (Eddie Kominek, no report) (Phil provides an explanation of
142 the purpose of the committee)
- 143 11. IT Committee (Cathy Sanderson, report attached)
144 In addition to the written report, Cathy adds that she will be providing a demo of the
145 mobile website. We have set up a Google Sheet to keep track of board business.
146 Cathy takes questions regarding the status of the new program. Delays were
147 encountered when incorporating the historical data which was in poor condition.
148 Phase I is tentatively planned for completion by the end of the year. The rehab of the
149 data, which dates back to 1993 has been extensive. Cathy will be writing an article for
150 the Communique with an update on the new records program.
- 151 i. Website (Marilyn Standerford, report attached)
- 152 12. Judges/Judges Licensing (Greg Breitbach, report attached)
153 In addition to the written report, Greg adds that we have 130 judges of which 93 were
154 active last year.
155 Judges who have not judged in two years will be notified unless there are exceptional
156 circumstances. The 2020 exception has passed.
157 Top judges for 2022: (1) Claudia Miller, (2) Borzoi Bob, (3) Jennifer Gysler, (4) Kent
158 Standerford, (5) Scott Hurlbert, (6) Paul Sanders, (7) Don White, (8) Mike Savage, (9)
159 Phil Fullam, (10) Vicki Fagre-Stroetz
- 160 13. Long Range Planning (Jennifer Gysler, report attached)
161 In addition to the written report, Jennifer adds that we are having a breakout session
162 tomorrow to exchange ideas on raising the presence of ASFA in lure coursing and
163 supporting clubs and regions through education and information.
- 164 14. Membership (Ping Pirrung, report attached)
165 In addition to the written report, Ping adds we have 72 clubs total and are still
166 receiving renewals. We will likely lose one club this year. She also explained the
167 difference between a club delegate (club's representative to ASFA) vs. an ACoD
168 delegate (which can be anyone designated to represent the club's interests at ACoD).
169 These terms are defined in the Constitution – Article IV, Section 11.
- 170 15. Policy Compilation Committee (Ping Pirrung, report attached)
171 In addition to the written report, Ping explains that a policy takes effect once published
172 and can be passed by the board. A rule must go thru REC and is then presented to
173 the ACoD. A policy carries the same weight as a rule. The Code of Conduct was
174 adopted last year as a policy and referred to the REC. This committee is looking for a
175 chairperson – volunteers are requested.
- 176 16. Public Outreach (Trisha Borland).
177 Trisha reports that she resigned from this position last year but is still posting on the
178 ASFA Facebook page. Kathy Sanders has offered to step in.
- 179 17. Records Coordinator (Lori Zorbaugh, report attached)
180 Lori had suggested a perk for clubs that submit records electronically, which was
181 discussed by Scott during his report. Records will need to be submitted within 7 days
182 and meet the criteria set forth in Records 101. If there is no field clerk, the secretary's
183 name can be placed in that box. Records 101 has been updated. Hounds competing

184 have increased by 100 since last year. New hound entries are at their highest number
185 since 2015. Of those, LCI has the most new hounds. Overall, entries and trials have
186 decreased slightly from the prior year, due to weather and field issues. Regarding dual
187 title certificates, Lori is attempting to address this and working out a policy in this
188 regard. Requestors will need to submit a copy of the other certificate (i.e. AKC Breed
189 championship).

- 190 18. Regional Directors (Tom Golcher, written report attached)
- 191 i. Invitationals (Tom Golcher) (Proposal submitted for Leesburg VA Sept.
192 30-Oct 1.; a local club, ICA, is putting together a proposal for 2024
 - 193 ii. EPA Award (Chair Jayme Jones). Presented by Jennifer Gysler. ***The***
194 ***Excellence in Performance award goes to GASM (Gazehound***
195 ***Association of the Smokey Mountains) for outstanding***
196 ***achievement in their lure coursing trials.*** A certificate will be
197 forwarded to the club. Congratulations!
 - 198 iii. Introductions of the RDs present: Terry Sayre (Region 4), Jeff
199 Trombetta (Region 9), Tom Golcher (Region 3)
- 200 19. Scheduling (Audrey Silverstein, report attached).
- 201 20. Ad Hoc Committees of the Convention
- 202 a. ACoD Site Selection (Kathy Sanders / Sean McMichael, report attached) In
203 addition to the written report, Kathy adds that possible locations for next year's
204 ACoD include Atlanta or Memphis. Requests for proposals are pending – it will
205 be an election year so the ACoD will be in person and thereafter possibly
206 alternate between in person and virtual. The 2024 ACoD will likely be the third
207 weekend in March.
 - 208 b. ACoD Planning Committee (Cathy Sanderson, report attached). In addition to
209 the written report, Cathy adds that the contract for this year's ACoD was for 75
210 room nights. We ended up with 56 room nights which required us to pay full
211 price for the conference room. We had 31 delegates sign up and 30 are
212 present. Dinner tonight will be at 6pm at the Street Car Bar & Grill. Later this
213 evening is "Lockjaw" (Lure Operators Judges Association) which is open to
214 everyone at which the lure operator of the year is chosen. Below are the
215 scheduled locations of the ACoD which rotates between East, West and Central
216 U.S.
 - 217 i. 2024 – East (Regions 7, 8, or 9)
 - 218 ii. 2025 – West (Regions 1, 2, 3, or 10)
 - 219 iii. 2026 – Central (Regions 4, 5, or 6)
 - 220 c. Advisory Committee on Animal Issues (Kathy Sanders). Kathy explains that this
221 committee notifies delegates and/or regions affected by legislation or other
222 animal issues.
- 223

224 **Motion** by Donna Cassini to limit discussion to 2 minutes for each person.

225 **Motion adopted.**

226

227

228 Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws (CRC), (Ping Pirrung)
229 PROPOSAL #1 re Article X, Section 4 clarifying the language regarding the minimum number
230 of hounds.

231

232 **Section 4. Convention Voting for Recognizing New Breeds.** *After one year of Provisional*
233 *status, the member clubs may vote and after two years of Provisional status the member clubs*
234 *shall vote on whether to accord the breed full recognition. If the national parent club or a board*
235 *appointed committee wishes full recognition after one year, a letter requesting such status*
236 *must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary by January 1st of the year following at least one*
237 *full calendar year of Provisional status in which the breed has kept a minimum of 10 hounds*
238 *actively coursing with entries totaling 30 per calendar year. After two full calendar years of*
239 *Provisional status, the Board of Directors shall present the breed for full recognition, provided*
240 *the breed has kept a minimum of 10 hounds actively coursing with entries totaling 30 per*
241 *calendar year. Otherwise, they will be kept in the Provisional status without coming up for vote.*
242 *Member club delegates present at the Annual Convention of Delegates at which a breed has*
243 *come up for recognition will vote with each member club allowed one vote. However, a*
244 *member club not in attendance at the ACoD may send in one absentee ballot to be received*
245 *not less than two weeks before the ACoD in which a breed has come up for recognition. A*
246 *two-thirds majority of clubs voting shall be required for full approval. Results of such voting*
247 *shall be announced at the Annual Convention of Delegates. When a breed is fully recognized,*
248 *it shall assume the same status as any previously recognized breed, and any appropriate titles*
249 *and certificates, or points toward such titles and certificates, shall then be awarded to the*
250 *members of the breed based on sanctioned lure field trial results from the Provisional period. If*
251 *a breed does not achieve full recognition, the breed will stay within the Provisional status as*
252 *long as hound and entry limits are met. Such a breed may re-apply for recognition every two*
253 *years. The new fully recognized breed will be eligible the first of the month after approval at*
254 *the Annual Convention of Delegates.*

255

256 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach to approve Proposal #1.

257 **Motion adopted.**

258

259 PROPOSAL #2 to clarify Article VI, Section 4 regarding RD nominations.

260

261 **Section 4. Regional Director Nominations.** *Candidates for Regional Directors shall be*
262 *nominated by the club delegates from member clubs located in each respective region during*
263 *the month of October of each even numbered year. The Corresponding Secretary will notify*
264 *each member club delegate of the nomination process for Regional Director for the region in*
265 *which they reside. Such nominations, in either a completed nomination form or electronic*
266 *message, shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary and shall be accompanied by written*
267 *or electronic message acceptance of the nominee. No person may be nominated or accept a*
268 *nomination as Regional Director who has been elected to the position of Regional Director in*
269 *each of the preceding two regularly-scheduled elections, or who has, within the preceding*
270 *year, accepted a fee over and above expenses for handling a hound at a sanctioned lure field*
271 *trial, or for performing or assisting in the performance of the duties of the officials of a*
272 *sanctioned lure field trial. No club delegate may nominate more than one candidate for*

American Sighthound Field Association
Minutes of the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates

273 *Regional Director. If no eligible person has been nominated by November 1st of the respective*
274 *year in a Region, the President may extend the nomination period up to 30 days. If, after the*
275 *extension, no nominations are received, and the current Regional Director is unable or*
276 *unwilling to continue to represent the region, the Board of Directors shall appoint an Interim*
277 *Director for that Region, to serve until an eligible person has been nominated and elected.*
278 *Such Interim Director shall take office on January 15th, and need not reside within the Region*
279 *he represents. Interim Regional Directors would not affect the eligibility of any person to serve*
280 *as Regional Director. Appointed Regional Directors may be currently serving as a Regional*
281 *Director. The appointment shall not affect their eligibility to be nominated for the subsequent*
282 *term.*

283 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach to approve Proposal #2.

284 **Motion adopted.**

285

286 PROPOSAL #3 re adding Code of Conduct to Article IX, Section 1.

287 **Section 1.** *Any club, individual or the ASFA Board of Directors may prefer charges against*
288 *any individual or club for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the ASFA or*
289 *any and all breeds of sighthounds, or violates the ASFA Code of Conduct. Written charges*
290 *with specifications must be filed with the Corresponding Secretary....*

291 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach to approve Proposal #3.

292 **Motion fails.**

293

294 Amendments to the *Running Rules and Field Procedures – Lure Field Trials* (REC), (Golcher)

295

296 **Motion** by Russ Jacobs to limit discussion to two minutes per person.

297 **Motion adopted.**

298

299 PROPOSAL #1: re Huntmaster language as follows:

300 (Proposal 1 comes from Lori Silvestri and adopted at the 2022 ACOD.)

301

302 *Chapter II, Section 4, paragraph 16, Huntmaster*

303 *16. Will cause the lure to be stopped upon a hound being tangled in its slip lead or*

304 *other safety concerns. ~~a pre-slip and restart provided no tally ho has been sounded.~~ A pre-*
305 *slip in and of itself is not a cause for stopping the course.*

306

307 **Effect:** *Wording for the Huntmaster's actions during entanglement in the string are clear and*
308 *precise.*

309

310 *REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

311

312 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach to approve Proposal #1

313 **Motion adopted.**

314

315

316

317 PROPOSAL #2: re change to Statement of Irregularity to Statement of Improvement.

318

319 Proposal #2 comes from a Committee consisting of Ben Brodeur, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Holly
320 Hamilton and Ping Pirrung as charged by the ASFA Board of Directors to propose a change to
321 **Chapter IX, Section 7** (*Statement of Irregularity*) of the ASFA Running Rules. The charge
322 was to make the Statement of Irregularity more positive. Below is the current wording as well
323 as the proposed change.

324

325 ***Current***

326 ***Chapter IX, Section 7***

327 *A Statement of Irregularity, alleging an infringement of an ASFA rule by an individual or Club,*
328 *may be made when the requirements for filing a protest cannot be met. This form should be*
329 *sent to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary at any time, but preferable as soon after the*
330 *alleged infringements as possible with full knowledge that the ASFA Board will take no punitive*
331 *action based on this statement of irregularity with regard to anything that took place prior to*
332 *the date of the Board review.*

333

334 ***Proposed:*** *strike section 7, in its entirety, and replace with the following;*

335 ASFA's unending goal is to always improve. Therefore, an individual or club may send a
336 Statement of Improvement form (found on the ASFA website) to the ASFA Corresponding
337 Secretary at any time. It is preferable this form be sent as soon as possible after the
338 occurrence. This Statement of Improvement is an opportunity to share an incident, or request
339 for clarification, when the requirements for filing a protest could not be met at a sanctioned
340 trial. This Statement of Improvement should be sent to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary.
341 The submitted Statement of Improvement regarding a concern will be reviewed by a
342 committee designated by the Board. If warranted the board will provide information to the
343 Rules Evaluation Committee (REC) or the Policies Committee to address or offer explanation of
344 a misleading statement in the ASFA Running Rules.

345

346 Forms included were sent to Forms Creation and Distribution

347

348 **Effects:** A positive spin was incorporated and will encourage input from the fancy. Upon
349 acceptance of this proposal Policies Compilation Committee will need to consider if any
350 changes are necessary to O-PRO01. It may be as easy as changing the word "Irregularity" to
351 "Improvement".

352

353 *REC recommends approving this proposal.*

354

355 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach to approve proposal #2.

356

356 **Motion fails.**

357

358 **Motion** by Russ Jacobs that this body refer this matter back to REC to make the discussed
359 clarifications regarding notifying the writer of the Statement of Improvement.

360

360 **Motion adopted.**

361

362

363

364 PROPOSAL #3 re adding the Code of Conduct to the premium list.

365

366 The ASFA Board moved to require the ASFA Code of Conduct be placed in Premium Lists.

367

368 Effects: The premium is already loaded with a plethora of information required to put on a
369 lure trial. REC is concerned that the Code of Conduct, placed in the premium list, will just be
370 an ignored page.

371

372 *REC recommends we reject this proposal.*

373

374 REC recommends Proposal 4 as an alternative.

375

376 **Motion** by Russ Jacobs to sustain the recommendation of the REC to reject proposal #3.

377 **Motion adopted.**

378

379 PROPOSAL #4: REC moves that the Code of Conduct be added to page 2 of the Running Rules
380 which includes a notation that it be posted beside the scores at every trial.

381

382 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach to approve Proposal #4 re placement of the Code of Conduct.

383 **Motion adopted.**

384 (Russ Jacobs suggests we add to the note that is not a rule).

385

386 [Lunch break 12pm to 1:07pm]

387

388 **Awards** (Kathy Sanders)

389

390 **Gary Forrester Award**

391 Presented by Kathy Sanders. The Gary Forrester award for 2023 goes to Ping Pirrung.
392 Congratulations Ping!

393

394 **Number One Breeds for 2022: (Kathy Sanders)**

395 Afghan – Lagertha

396 Azawakh- Siri

397 Basenji – Chilly

398 Borzoi – Talulah

399 Cirneco dell'Etna – Vento

400 Greyhound – Alice

401 Ibizan Hound – Ginny

402 Italian Greyhound – Andretti

403 Irish Wolfhound – Paris

404 LCI Small – Zula

405 LCI Large – Arthur

406 LCI Sighthound Mix – Bruce

407 Pharaoh Hound - Cayper

408 Rhodesian Ridgeback – Remmy & Jinx

409 Saluki – Tiflah

410 Scottish Deerhound – Reiver

411 Silken Windhound - Kenai
412 Singles – Buster
413 Whippet – Elton
414 Top Hound is Elton

415

416 **Lure Coursing Hall of Fame:**

417

418 For the Individual:

419 **Motion** by Phil Fullam that **Vicki Jacobs** be elected to the Hall of Fame by acclamation.

420 **Motion adopted.**

421

422 For the Hounds:

423 A ballot vote on the nominees for the Hall of Fame was held.

424 Afghan "Yousha", Scottish Deerhound "Hart" and Ibizan Hound "Sailor", will be inducted into
425 the ASFA Hall of Fame.

426

427 **Old Business**

428

429 -Statement read by Phil Fullam in response to the motion passed at the 2022 ACoD to address
430 the decline in entries and create an action plan.

431

432 -Regarding the motion passed at the 2022 ACoD re gender references in the Rules and
433 Constitution. Phil Fullam will make a motion under New Business in this regard.

434

435 -Experimental Programs (Greg Breitbach, report attached)

436 A brief verbal report was given by Greg.

437

438 **New Business**

439

440 Motions from the Floor:

441

442 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach that this ACoD direct the REC to define when a title is "earned"
443 versus "official" for the owner to be required to move up their hound.

444 Reason: there is conflicting interpretation of the official time a hound is to be moved up and
445 losing any points or Bowen points in the process.

446 **Motion adopted.**

447

448 **Motion** by Debbie Narwold to limit discussion to two minutes per person and alternate
449 between pro and con.

450 **Motion adopted.**

451

452 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach that this ACoD direct the REC to come up with a proposal to
453 remove the Field Clerk from the list of officials as the field committee.

454 Reason: A lot of clubs no longer provide field clerks at trials so it could be an optional worker.

455 **Motion fails.**

456

457 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach that this ACoD direct the REC to combine policies into the running
458 rules where it would decrease the number of policies needed.
459 Reason: Policies are meant to quick clarifications or fixes to rules and should be short term.
460 Example: O-TRIALS 5 through 11 can be included in Chapter V Section 6.

461 **Motion fails.**

462

463 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach that this ACoD directs the Board of Directors to provide additional
464 stakes for Singles.

465 Reason: Currently all titled Singles entries compete against the untitled entrants. Very good
466 singles titled dogs thus can prevent non-titled singles competitors from obtaining
467 placements/points needed.

468 (Discussion re whether there should be a highest scoring over all of the single stakes.)

469 **Motion adopted.**

470

471 **Motion** by Ping Pirrung that this ACoD direct CRC to review Article VII Section 2 to clarify the
472 process of replacement should a chair or a member of an ACoD committee no longer be able
473 to serve.

474 **Motion adopted.**

475

476 **Motion** by Sabrina Wright-Hiller, that the ACoD direct the Board to direct REC to add the
477 following under the LCI Rules Chapter V"

478 Section 1: PLACEMENTS:

479 *Best in Variety - for the Highest Scoring dog in each category (Small, Large &
480 Sighthound Mix), be awarded Best in Variety and in the event of a tie, a run-off to determine
481 Best in Variety. Best in Variety will not be eligible for Best in Field/Best in Event.

482 **Motion adopted.**

483

484 **Motion** by Kathy Sanders, that the ACoD combine the ACoD Site Selection Committee and the
485 ACoD Planning Committee.

486 Rational: To streamline the process since the individuals tasked with Site Selection have the
487 details of the place and what it provides, which helps makes things easier to Plan.

488 **Motion adopted.**

489

490 **Motion** by Scott Hurlbert that the ACOD direct the CRC to alter Article 10, Section 4 to
491 remove the hound number count and participation count for new breeds to be admitted to the
492 organization.

493 (Discussion that should be retroactive for hounds have already been provisional. If passed by
494 next year's ACoD it be effective as of August 2024)

495 **Motion adopted.**

496

497 **Motion** by Phil Fullam to rescind the motion passed at the 2022 ACoD directing the Board to
498 create a task force to eliminate gender specific language in the Rulebook.

499 (Discussion that is time intensive and the Rulebook indicates that words used in the masculine
500 gender include the feminine gender.)

501 **Motion adopted**

502

503

504

American Sighthound Field Association
Minutes of the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates

505 **Motion** by Cathy Sanderson that the ACoD direct the Board to direct REC to change the name
506 of "LCI Senior" to another word that is not confused by age connotations.

507 Rationale: Veteran and senior are confusing and the "Opens" are not "moving up" thinking it
508 is age related.

509 **Motion adopted.**

510

511 **Motion** by Tom Golcher that the ACoD direct the Board to amend the Running Rules to allow
512 for a smooth flat collar to be worn during the running of a course.

513 Discussion about safety issues and that the rules already allow an elastic collar.

514 **Motion fails.**

515

516 Committees of the ACoD:

517

518 -ACoD Planning/Site Selection Committee: Chairperson – Scott Hurlbert. Members – Kathy
519 Sanders and Sean McMichael

520 **Motion** by Tom Golcher to approve this committee.

521 **Motion adopted.**

522

523 -CRC: Chairperson – Ping Pirrung. Members – Ben Brodeur, Russ Jacobs, Leigh Littleton,
524 Scott Hurlbert and Jennifer Gysler.

525 **Motion** by Sally MacDowell to approve this committee.

526 **Motion adopted.**

527

528 -Animal Advisory Committee: Chairperson Kathy Sanders

529 **Motion** by Phil Fullam to approve this appointment.

530 **Motion adopted.**

531

532 -Lure Coursing Hall of Fame: Chairperson – Mike Hussey. Members - Ben Brodeur, Vicki
533 Fagre-Stroetz, Pete Lowe, Kathy Sanders and Dean Wright.

534 **Motion** by Marilyn Standerford moves to approve this committee.

535 **Motion adopted.**

536

537 -Gary Forrester Committee: Chairperson – Mike Hussey. Members – Sean McMichael, Dawn
538 Gibas and Dean Wright.

539 **Motion** by Tom Golcher moves to approve this committee.

540 **Motion adopted.**

541

542 Lure Coursing Operator of the Year: Congratulations to Bob Jordan!

543

544 **Motion** to adjourn by Kathy Sanders 3:35pm

545 **Motion adopted.**

546

Jennifer Gysler, Recording Secretary
American Sighthound Field Association

Date of Approval

547

548

549 **Attachments**

550 **Attachment 1 – Officer Reports**

551 **Attachment 2 – Regional Director Reports**

552 **Attachment 3 – Committee Reports**

553 **Attachment 4 – Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

ATTACHMENT 1

President's Report ACoD 2023

By Phil Fullam

As I complete my first year as President of The ASFA, I look back on the work of all my predecessors. This has been an amazing journey over the past 50 years. The amount of effort put into our organization by all the previous Board of Directors is hard to comprehend. We have a viable organization with many dedicated individuals and clubs. There are too many to list, but I express my gratitude to all.

We have made some progress this year, though we got off to a slow start due in part to my work schedule. I had planned on phasing myself out of my day job by mid to late summer, but instead faced a tremendous increase on orders, growing the business by 60% over the previous year.

A major accomplishment this year was putting the Paragon contract behind us. While we had hoped to recover some funds from Paragon due to their lack of performance, the BOD recognized that pursuing formal legal action would be a drawn out and expensive process with no assurance that we would obtain a favorable settlement. After much discussion and very careful analysis, we opted for a graceful release of all claims from Paragon and a reciprocal release of any claims against Paragon by ASFA.

Another positive point this year is the improvement in the financial condition of The ASFA. Scott will provide additional details, but this is a much better place than we have been in previous years.

Some progress has been made on the new records program, though not as much as we had hoped. It is recognized that working with a database that spans 18+ years and has been patched many times is fraught with complications. At this point the data has been cleaned of stray problems. Eddie and Cathy will add additional information in their report and in the presentation scheduled for Sunday.

The 2022 International Invitational was held in October. The Field Chairpersons did an incredible job in a very short time, putting on a first-class event which actually ended with a cash surplus.

Planning is well underway for the 2023 II. Additionally, work is ongoing for the ACoD for 2024. We lost an incredible individual this year, Vicki Jacobs. She worked tirelessly for many years on ACoD planning and numerous other committees. She has been missed. The ASFA needs to recognize her accomplishments and contributions.

The BOD has continued to hold quarterly zoom meetings, which have been well attended by Board members. This has proven to be a very effective tool, allowing quick action on motions and lively discussions. I greatly appreciate the members giving their time for these meetings, and their commitment to ASFA.

We still have major challenges ahead of us. The competition for events from other activities, the decline in entrants, the difficulty in finding fields and workers, are ongoing concerns. We continue to brainstorm on possible actions to take, and how to keep ASFA moving forward.

Again, my personal gratitude for being allowed to serve such a great organization.

Phil Fullam, President

Report of 1st VP

By Greg Breitbach

This year has been one of the busiest years since I have been on the board. We are working through several initiatives, and I have been supporting the president in the endeavors to improve ASFA.

Again, I have tried to push initiatives which have been brought to our attention by individuals within the ASFA community. I have met with some success and in some areas have been waylaid and deferred to later.

ASFA is a bottom-up organization where individuals and clubs go through their RD's to move ideas up to the board and committees to be presented to the entire fancy at each year's ACoD. Many times, I have been able to usher a lot of things to completion which have been presented directly to me. I like the accomplishments, but I feel though that we need to utilize our RD's more as they should be the local face of the ASFA board.

Report of 2nd VP

By Cathy Sanderson

I have enjoyed my first year as 2nd VP. It is wonderful to be part of such a hard-working team. I enjoy the challenges. Teamwork is where ASFA gets its strength. Most people don't realize just how much work goes into keeping the organization running as smoothly as possible and moving forward.

Committees are part of that team. They are the functional backbone of ASFA – the board is here to steer the ship and make sure we stay on course and all the parts work together as a unit.

Very often someone has a conversation with a board member at a field trial about an idea or problem that they have encountered, and that results in a new committee who is tasked with recommending solutions or it is assigned to one of the existing committees. It's the committee members who ask questions, investigate, discuss, do the legwork and search for solutions. The committee becomes the experts on the topic and their findings and recommendations are presented to the board.

Do you want to be part of the process of growing and improving ASFA? Consider volunteering for a committee. Ask questions and see what excites you.

Recording Secretary's Report

By Jennifer Gysler

I wish to thank everyone on the Board and all the chairpersons of the ASFA committees, for working with me this past year, which was my first year as recording secretary for ASFA. Of course a huge thank you to Ping for providing guidance and tips regarding the job, as well as responding to my many questions throughout the year.

The Board met quarterly in 2022, via Zoom, as follows: (1) March 17-18, 2022 (in conjunction with the ACoD); (2) July 6, 2022; (3) September 28, 2022 and (4) December 21, 2022. Thank you once again to Ping and the Minutes Review committee for the huge task of preparing the ACoD Minutes for 2022 as well as the March 2022 Board minutes. This will be my first year handling the ACoD Minutes. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

The ACoD Minutes Review Committee, to be appointed at the ACoD, will perform an important function in reviewing the minutes from this year's convention. For those delegates attending in person, please consider volunteering for this task.

As you will see from reading the minutes from 2022 and the reports for the 2023 ACoD, this past year has been a good one for ASFA. Let's work together to continue our momentum and have an even better 2023!

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Ping Pirrung, Corresponding Secretary

I appreciate the board's confidence in me to fulfill the term of Corresponding Secretary for ASFA. I have been here before and Corresponding Secretary is probably my favorite board position. I enjoy corresponding with members of the fancy to help answer their questions so they can know the thrill of watching their hound do what it is bred to do. I also enjoy the organized aspect of keeping the online motions. There are a lot of moving parts to keep track of which is part of the challenge.

Goals:

- To respond to questions from the web as soon as possible.
- To maintain the motions on the Board's online platform
- To maintain a current list of club delegates
- To communicate with club delegates with pertinent information.

Statements of Irregularity and protests:

Since I began as Corresponding Secretary at the beginning of October 2022, there have been no protests, no protests with appeal nor protests upheld received by me.

Other Correspondence:

I have been forwarded several enquiries for information and questions from the website. All of these have been answered.

ASFA Communiqué: Since I began as Corresponding Secretary there have been two issues of the Communiqué, which have been sent out to all club delegates.

Review of Suspended Individuals: the following status' remain the same.

Erdman – effective 1 November 1992 for an indefinite period

Wiseman – effective 4 April 2006 for 25 years.

Another responsibility of the Corresponding Secretary is to run the RD elections that occur every other year. This past autumn the elections for Regional Directors were held. All regions, except region 2, had nominees and the new Regional Directors took office on the 15th of January. Welcome to the ASFA Board of Directors. We look forward to their ideas and input on the business of the Board. We will be working with the clubs in Region 2 to have a nomination for Regional Director.

Chief Financial Officer's Report

by Scott Hurlbert

To be presented at the ACoD.

ATTACHMENT 2 Region 1 Report

BY KAREN SANDERS, ASFA Director of Region 1 for 2022

As my last report as ASFA Director I am happy to announce your new 2023 Director, Paul Sanders. Looking back over 2022, still recovering from the destructive Covid virus, Region 1 had its ups and downs but we still tried our best.

2022 showed Region 1 having a total of 12 trials (4 clubs having trials) with a total of 462 entries. That is 4 trials and 87 dogs down from 2021.

Winners

Top 20 spots in breed from Region One

Azawakh: tied for 5th place Amidi, Anubi, and Amalu

Basenjis: #6 Scotti, #7 Nia, #9 Betty, #14 Bruce, tied in #19 Hula

Cirneco dell'Etna: tied in #2 Indy and Cody, #5 Tina

Greyhound: #13 Jaxx, #18 Holly

Irish Wolfhound: #17 Quiley

Italian Greyhounds: (region1 really dominated) **#1 Andretti**, #2 Roman, #3 Coco, #4, Dolce, #5 Rainbow, tied in #6 Nuq, Tied in #8 Phranc, tied in #10 Zelda and Zeta, and tied in #13 Kai, Penzo, and Meeka

Pharaoh Hounds: #16 Mako, tied in #17 River, tied in #20 Gadjhit, Skye, and Bayek

Portuguese Podengo: tied for #1 **Addict**

Podengo Pequeno: #1 Truman

Scottish Deerhound: Tied in #12 **Bisoux**

Silken Windhound: (Region 1 also dominating) **#1 Kenai**, #2 Chyna, #3 Nara, #5 Kenan, #7 Sienna, #11 EZ, #13 GradeA, tied in #14 Saucy, tied in 16 Wiiiings, tied in 19 Possum

LCI Large: tied in #12 Rhys and Cari, #14 Dyson

LCI SH Mix: #12 Microburst, #16 Thrasher

LCI Small: #7 Wyatt, #20 Sansa

Region 1 Clubs stats:

Region 1 had 4 clubs having trials last year, CSA, EBC, SWEPT, and WFWA.

SWEPT had the top number of trials and entries in Region 1 in 2022, having 5 trials with 201 entries. SWEPT was tied for 8th place for amount of trials and 9th place for total amount of entries for ASFA for the year

Issues:

The issue the clubs were having is the amount of time the LCI entries are taking in the shorter daylight months. We really need to try and make these more like normal ASFA entries where they can run up to 3 dogs at a time.

Region 2 Report

By Jayme Jones

Region 2 is very slowly recovering. From 2021, we increased trials by 2 with an additional Club putting on trials again and jumped our total entries back to pre-pandemic levels with 190 entries. I think our Region will continue to grow back as we work to overcome our rather significant field challenges and rebuild our aging clubs.

We continue to struggle with the same issues as before COVID. We need affordable and safe fields. The fields we do have are also limited availability. That is probably the number one reason holding back Region 2 now that Covid restrictions are mostly a thing of the past. Fire and flooding will continue to be an ever present stressor for our region. These factors are also affecting AKC trials. We have approximately the same number of AKC trials as ASFA trials in our Region annually. Trials continue to struggle with entries. The reasons I'm hearing from exhibitors are primarily 1) not enough trials so takes even the best runners multiple years to get their titles; they end up running for fun, so if there is a conflict or money is tight they don't always prioritize ASFA. This is the same reason I'm hearing for why they don't always enter either ASFA or AKC for advanced titles (LCM/ LCX); and 2) conflicts.

Since COVID, many clubs in all venues have changed their dates and continue to change their dates, resulting in conflicts where our traditional weekends had been open. They change enough that it makes it a challenge to reschedule and confirm it will stay without a conflict. This in turn makes it harder for ASFA trials to have entries to stay solvent. Most of our exhibitors are also AKC conformation exhibitors and this is often a priority for them. We don't have conflicts with AKC coursing. Other sport venues can affect a small number of entries at any given trial but far and away the bigger impact is conflicts with conformation shows.

Region 3 Report

By Tom Golcher, Director

Region 3 Boundaries:

Region 3 Includes the states of WY, UT, CO, and NM.
360,654 square miles of beautiful Western USA.

Region 3 Clubs and current Club Contact(s):

Regional Clubs

Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA) Delegate: Dan Heidel President: Darci Kunard
Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA) Delegate: Mike Hussey, President:
Sarah Shorey

Lobo Lure Coursing Club (LLCC) Delegate: Leonore Abordo
President: Phil Fullam

Utah Sighthound Racing and Coursing Club (USRCC) Delegate: Faith Burnham, President:
Melissa Egbert

Rocky Mountain Coursing Club (RMCC) Delegate: Heather Minnich, President Linda Sanders

National Clubs with Delegates in Region 3

American Whippet Club (AWC) Delegate: Claudia Miller, President: Karen Bowers Lee
Pharaoh Hound Club of America (PHCA) Delegate: Darci Kunard, President: Emily Kerridge

2022:

CLCA planned for 18 trials in 2022 and was able to host 16 of them. Two more than hosted last in 2021. CLCA was number one in the country for trials hosted and number two in the country for hounds entered. The trials not hosted were all due to bad weather. CLCA had a total of 449 entries, up 135 hounds from last year. Part of the increase was CLCA including LCI to their events.

CLCA is planning to host 18 trials for 2023.

LLCC planned for 4 trials 2022 and were able to host all 4. They had a total of 145 entries for the year. Down 22 from 2021. LLCC plans to host 4 trials for 2023, including the Region 3 invitational on November 20.

RMIWA planned 1 specialty and 1 all-breed trial for 2022. They hosted 3 trials with a total of 24 entries. This was down 43 entries from last year.

RMIWA plans to host 3 trials in 2022.

USRCC planned 2 trials for 2022. They were able to host both trials, with a total entry of 34 hounds. This was down 13 entries from last year.

USRCC is planning to host 2 trials for 2022.

RMCC did not hold a trial in 2022 but will host 1 trial on September 30, at the Lowes Ranch in Colorado.

AWC, plans to host an ASFA specialty trial, on April 8, in Lee's Summit, MO.

Region 4 Report

By Terry Sayre

Region 4 boundaries are Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

In 2022, Region 4 had three active clubs (Gazehounds in Texas, Lonestar Bozoi Club, and Tulsa Sighthound Association). There were 4 trials held with a total entries of 91 hounds.

For 2023, Tulsa Sighthound Association will add at least one additional trial.

Region 5 Report

By Aryn Ping

Region 5 had a fantastic 2022! Our 7 clubs held 25 trials with 886 entries - and we are looking forward to an even better 2023. Recognition for our Region 5 clubs is necessary - many members from our regional clubs travel to support other Region 5 trials, helping us succeed.

Region 6 Report

By Holly Hamilton

First, I wish to extend a thank you to Gayle Kytta for her leadership as Region 6 Director the last four years.

Region 6 is losing clubs and its number of trials. ILCC is now inactive, primarily due to a lack of leadership to hold trials. At the moment it is doubtful that LARK will hold any more coursing events due to difficulty finding a field to hold trials. MWCC may have to reschedule their fall event because it falls on the weekend of the proposed 2023 ASFA II. Again, there are difficulties finding a field and a weekend that will attract entries.

The region held National lure trials for Afghan Hounds, Basenjis and Scottish Deerhounds. The 2022 ASFA International Invitational was held in Muncie, Indiana, Region 6.

We had many top dogs for 2022 from Region 6, including the number one Scottish Deerhound Reiver- GCH DC Rousay L'reiver to Enynhallow of Muma, owned by D Habian. and the number one single, greyhound Buster- Mythical Story LCM, TCP owned by Lee Warden.

Hoping to have a fun and safe 2023 coursing year!

Region: 6 Clubs: 8	Trials: 20	Count: 1051
AHCA Trials: 1	Total Hounds: 11	Average: 11
BACOA Trials: 1	Total Hounds: 20	Average: 20
Il Trials: 3	Total Hounds: 305	Average: 101
MGA Trials: 4	Total Hounds: 373	Average: 93
MWCC Trials: 4	Total Hounds: 96	Average: 24
OKIGO Trials: 2	Total Hounds: 111	Average: 55
SDCA Trials: 1	Total Hounds: 11	Average: 11
SLASH Trials: 4	Total Hounds: 124	Average: 31

	MI	AZ	CA	DC	CF	GD	GH	ID	IS	IW	LS	MA	PH	PO	PP	PQ	TR	SA	SD	SE	SL	SM	SN	SW	WI
ANCA	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BARCA	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
IL	28	2	7	14	0	0	2	12	22	0	2	7	0	20	0	0	22	0	11	6	0	3	13	23	51
ISFA	14	0	34	23	0	0	0	18	12	9	0	6	0	2	0	0	22	1	2	0	0	2	84	26	123
ISWCC	0	0	15	2	0	0	0	10	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	13	0	3	0	0	0	19	0	21
OKISO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	12	0	12	0	0	0	14	0	31
SDCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
SLASH	0	0	10	18	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	0	0	0	0	36	0	34
TOTALS	52	2	63	55	0	0	2	54	45	6	0	15	0	30	0	0	71	33	35	0	0	5	150	55	300

Region 7 Report

(no written report)

Region 8 Report – 2022

Kathy Sanders, Outgoing Regional Director

Region 8 consists of 12 member clubs (3 of which are Parent clubs) and 2 affiliate clubs. 2022 started out with some uncertainty with Covid still lingering in the Region. However, once the year got rolling and the schedule came together, Region 8 held 32 trials with an overall entry of 1428.

Our 2-day Regional was held over Thanksgiving Weekend by Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC) for the 3rd year in a row with a total entry of 103 dogs. While 2023 is just getting started I look forward to what the year will bring for Region 8.

Region 8 was home to several of the 2022 #1 dogs and they are as follows:

#1 Basenji – “Chilly” GSW², GCh, DC, Can Ch Borassus Hot.Cool.Yours. LCM11, SC, MC, LCX2, CAA, RATN, BCAT – Owned by Kathy Sanders

#1 Borzoi – “Talulah” Tatezi The Edge of Night FCh – Owned by Sheryl Amburgey & Harry Van Vliet

#1 Galgo (Limited) – “Rosa” - Rosa Slightly Bearded Seniorita TCP – Owned by Krista Shreet & Ted Koch

#1 LCI Sighthound Mix – “Bruce” – Bearded Bruce The Moose, LCI, LCC, LCA – Owned by Krista Shreet & Ted Koch

#1 Saluki – “Tiflah” – Qadim Alhaba Bint Al Riyah LCM, TCP, SC – Owned by Carol Smith

#1 Whippet and **ASFA’s Top Hound for 2022** - “Elton” – Panache Rocket Man FCh – Owned by Patricia Spinazzola

Congratulations to all the exhibitors and their top winning hounds as well as all that have competed in 2022.

As the Outgoing Regional Director, I wanted to say thank you to everyone who made my job easier. It was a pleasure to be your Regional Director now I see that Region 8 really is the “Great Region 8” and I look forward to all the continued adventures this Region has to offer.

Also, I would like to remind everyone that putting on trials is not an easy task. Sometimes it's done by people who make it look easy because they have been doing it for so long. However, even the usual suspects need help sometimes. So I ask for you to remember that the next time you are at a trial and things aren't going as smooth as could be. Perhaps even step up and see if there is something you can do to help. I promise it is much more invigorating than going on Facebook and bashing the volunteers and/or judges. At the end of the day, we are all there with a common bond and that is our dogs. Whether you are competing for top hound, slowest turtle or just there to help, it should not change how we treat one another. Also, we must always be cognizant of the fact that there may be new exhibitors or children nearby when having discussions with one another. I hope that 2023 brings us all much happiness and health.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Sanders, **Outgoing** Director
Region 8

Region 9 Report

By Jeff Trombetta

Areas of inclusion: Ontario, CA, New York, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.

Region 9 is hosting our regional invitational on Labor Day weekend, September 3, at Wolfwind Farm in Starkville NY. Upstate NY is closer to our Canadian fellow region members and also some region 6 & 8 folks who have been known to participate. Our normal Regional date in October has conflicted with other coursing or breed events.

2022 Trials:

- Gazehounds of New England, **April**, Waterford CT 52 & 51 hounds
- Gazehounds of New England, **May**, Waterford CT 57 & 52 hounds
- Saluki Association of New England, **Sept**, Starkville NY, 18 hounds (fun trial)
- NORTHERN AZAWAKH ASSOCIATION **Sept**, Flamborough, ONTARIO CAN Entry: 45&43
- GAZEHOOUNDS OF NEW ENGLAND **Oct**, Griswold, CT, 55 Region 9 Invitational & 62
- LAKE COUNTRY LURE COURSERS **Nov**, Jerseyville, ONTARIO, CAN 60

Total entries for Region 9 ASFA trials = 440 hounds & LCI's in 10 trials; There were no trial cancellations

Regional Clubs

Elite Coursing Hounds of Ontario (ECHO)--member

Northern Azawakh Association (NAA)--member

Gazehounds of New England (GONE)--member

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (NERRC)--affiliate

Central Leatherstocking Sighthound Society (CLASS)--member
Lake County Lure Coursers (LCLC)--member
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of United States (RRCUS)--parent

A note about upcoming GONE Trials: GONE's annual meeting increased the amount of trials it will do this year to 6 instead of 5. Normally 3 are ASFA and 2 are AKC. This year, 4 will be ASFA trials and 2 will be AKC. Competition for other events on trial weekends is a big concern, particularly AKC. LCI's are being offered (limits on LCI entries are not common)

2022 Top 20 rankings for Region 9

Afghan

1 Lagertha Xoransdottir Of Synergion FCh,ORC,GRC D.Hayman

Azawakh

1 Ch Knightwind's Tiziri FCh D.Vout
3 Allalwansahel Axiocres Borealis FCh J.Martin
3 Ch Knightwind's Anir FCh E.Knight

Greyhound

1 FC Golightly Lakilanni White Rabbit LCM,SC,RN,CGC L.Zucker/L.Soutar
2 Lakilanni The Living is Easy FCh C. Laliberte`
9 Lakilanni Thick As A Brick LCM L.Soutar
10 DC Lakilanni Sunspot Baby LCM,RN,SC,TKN,CGC,SIN L.Soutar
14 Lakilanni Whole Lotta Love FCh L.Soutar

Ibizans

1 IcyCold Fifth Avenue Girl FCh Dr K.Catt
2 IcyCold Sixth Cent FCh Dr.K.Catt
4 Bll, CKC Ch IcyCold Parallels Sixth Avenue FCh Dr.K.Catt

LCI Large

1 Arthur Hayes LCI,LCC A.Hayes
3 Private Winston C.Coltsmann
14 Loretta's Enchanted Unicorn At Antares LCI,LCC V.Lobo
14 Akiyama No Roushya Koujiro Go B. Jacobs-Wall
14 Broadcreek's The Big Lebowski P.Small
19 Ashley's Rockstar; Bolder on the Edge A.Howells
19 Mercy LCI,LCC G.Cheung/L.Siddons

LCI Sighthound Mix

3 Guru M.Vallance
6 Qwik M.Jarvis
6 Party's Supercharged Gift V.Martyn

- 9 Dynamite! S.Vandenbergh
- 10 EZ Don't Run With Scissors S.Baldwin
- 16 PSF A Twist of Fate S.Baldwin

LCI small

- 1 Tactical Image African Princess LCC,LCI B.Patterson
- 5 Zoey Furiously Happy LCI,LCC,LCA P.Buswell
- 8 Venture Hill Little Pathfinder L.Mikec
- 13 Lilly E.DeWolfe
- 15 Ratitatt Imsmitten@Venturehill M.Snider
- 17 Bacardi Breeze K.McGuigan
- 18 Tactical Images Jerome's Got Game J.Jarvis-O'Connor

Pharaoh

- 9 FC Hallam Mia Lucy Lightfoot Al Bakhu FCh,MC D.Carota/S.Sipperly/R.Newman
- 12 Ch Galadrial's Kamaraj Time To Run Royal Th-E-Brod FCh,SC
B.& M.Brodeur/S.Hoffman
- 12 FC Venus' Hero Orchard Views Cora FCh, MC J.Trombetta
- 16 Excalibers Set My Soul On Fire K.& W.Harvey/A.Michnowicz

Saluki

- 2 BII,FC Eden's Corahk Burnin' Love LCM,SC N.Lipinski/C.Johnson
- 4 Yamadan Mouhjat For Tallahamra J.Plugis
- 15 Tallahamra Koublah J.Plugis
- 16 Windstorm Azad Be Atrix J.Preiss/R.& S.White

Singles

- 5 SA Desperado PB Speedy Gonzales TCP N.Lipinski/T.Jumbelick
- 12 SA Raza's Incandescent Inflorescence G.Marcello/J.Gills
- 16 SW Runway's Audrey Hepburn TCP L.Watson/C.Norris
- 17 WH Shamasan Semper FiM.Macaro/P.Booth
- 17 WH Aperture Opalescence K.Varszegi/J.Poole
- 20 WH Fergus The 1st King Of Orient V.Burke/N.Dennis

Whippets

- 2 Hyflyte Merciless Vengeance FCh G.Cheung/L.Siddons
- 5 Hyflyte Poetic Justice LCM,CKC FCh G.Cheung/L.Siddons
- 6 FC Hyflyte Catch The Wind At Shannon Down FCh,SC,CGC,TKN J.Courtemanche
- 9 Hyflyte Heart of Gold FCh G.Cheung/L.Siddons
- 10 Hyflyte The Show Must Go On FCh H.Ferguson/M.Smith/M.Mortin
- 14 Ch Merci Isle Rabbit Proof Fence FChI.&J.Kimmelman/C.Potter/H.Frank
- 15 DC Merci Isle Sunburned Country LCM
I. & J.Kimmelman/C.Potter/H.Frank

16 Merci Isle Spice Market FCh I.& J.Kimmelman/P.Ewing

20 Merci Isle 110 In The Shade At Whip Hill FCh I.&J.Kimmelman/C.Potter/H.Frank

Region 9 dogs in top 20 = 65

Clubs are working hard to increase participation

Region 10 Report

Keith Hicks, Regional Director

[Region 10 covers the state of California south from the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, Arizona, Hawaii, and Nevada south of Hwy 6.]

Region 10 is trying to get back to where we were pre-Covid. We have lost some fields but are working to find new fields so we can increase the number of trials we are able to hold.

Our Clubs: We have four clubs in Region 10 now. Two are member all breed clubs, California Coursing Association "CCA" based in southern California and Central Coast Association of Sighthounds "CCASH" based in Paso Robles, Calif. The third club is a National breed club (International Silken Windhound Society "ISWS") which has a specialty every year in different regions. The fourth club is Desert Fun Bunch, based in the Phoenix area of Arizona. The Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club is planning on applying for fast track status so we are looking forward to that.

Our Trials: In reviewing the stats for last year, we did not have the increase in trials that were anticipated due to the difficulties we had in hosting events, finding locations and being safe. Region 10 normally lacks in ASFA trials compared to other areas of the country. The LCI program has been helpful to us in increasing interest in ASFA. In 2022 Region 10 hosted 13 trials with 172 entries as compared to 2021 hosting 16 trials, consisting of 180 entries. This appears to be due to lack of field access and some weather related issues which made our one field inaccessible. As our back up field is no longer available we simply lost those entries. We seem to have increased interest so far this year and will make every effort to increase our numbers.

The positives: We have a local club ready to apply for fast track status this year. As before, we are emphasizing the positives of ASFA to our local exhibitors, both with sighthounds and non-sighthound breeds. Hawaii is still on our radar. The individual who was leading the charge for ASFA, has plans to start coursing in Hawaii. Hopefully, in 2023, some of our CCA members will be able to travel to the Big Island and host an ASFA trial for the locals while garnering interest so they can eventually have their own trials.

LCI: Interest continues to grow in this program and we are hoping to have even more participants in 2023.

The future: By continuing to foster relationships with exhibitors and clubs, along with sharing the positives that ASFA has to offer, I am hopeful we will be able to host more trials in 2023.

ATTACHMENT 3

Committees of the Board

Archives and Historical Committee

Dean Wright Committee chair

Goals for 2023

1. Create a written inventory of all archived items. Post the inventory with photos on the web site. Put into a pamphlet format.
2. Include an ASFA History written by Gary Roush from the first Historical Book on the Web Site.
3. Complete the new website. Eddie is still working on it to be Web based.
4. Update the history of each region with the help of the RD'S.
5. Separate II premiums and Regional premiums and catalog and put on the II access page.
6. Compile a history of II Perpetual trophies with winners, date donated and a photo of each trophy now have a list of all II winners by breed.
7. Investigate the possibility of ASFA publishing another Historical book in 2023 for our 50th anniversary year. .

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Wright

Awards Committee Report – March 2023

Kathy Sanders, Chair

2022 was a year that started off with some trepidation as we were not sure how many clubs would come back from Covid based on so many lost fields. Since there was no Convention, the 2021 #1 Hound in Breed awards were either mailed to the recipient or hand delivered.

This year I am looking forward to our first convention since Covid and the ability to celebrate all of the Top dogs and present them with their well-earned plaque. In the event the owner is not present at the convention, the awards will be sent home with the Regional Director to present.

There were only 7 Regional Invitationals held (1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 9) and ribbons and medallions were mailed to the regions who held a Regional Invitational and all unused ribbons and medallions were returned in a timely manner.

AS A REMINDER... it is the responsibility of the Regional Director for placing the ribbon order and for keeping a record of the number of entries and rosettes/medallions used each year. It is important that this record be kept and transferred from Regional Director to Regional Director so that they can coordinate with the club hosting the Regional Invitational what is recommended to be ordered. Then once your event is over, you mail back any unused ribbons and medallions, which are then returned to inventory. At this time, I would like to say "THANK YOU" to the Regional Directors who requested and returned the awards that were left. I have to say, you did a great job in guestimating what would be needed as not many were returned.

Also, when having your Regional Invitational I would like to request all regions take pictures of their ribbon ceremonies, be it a Regional Invitational, International Invitational, Regional "Specially named" trial or a regular trial and share them with the Public Outreach Committee to be used on the American Sighthound Field Association's Facebook page to celebrate our beautiful events and of course the dogs.

Thank you all for your cooperation and I look forward to what 2023 brings!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Sanders, Chair
Awards Committee

Communiqué Report to the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates

from Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Editor asfa.communique@gmail.com

Dear Delegates,

2022 was the 5th year, and the best year yet, for the online version of the Communiqué'. We published 4 issues. We covered the major events of ASFA's 50th Anniversary year. And we published a follow-up "year-in-review" issue in January of this year. Some of you let us know that you liked our work.

We Are Truly Grateful to our readers and to those who help put the Communiqué' together, including:

- The photographers and writers, the interviewees, and those thoughtful observers who write up their experiences for us to publish;
- The ASFA officers, directors, and committee chairs for their support and for timely reporting information from within ASFA;
- Special contributors, like Lori Zorbaugh, who faithfully provides us with timely stats and all other information that we need; and
- Our committee members, Victoria Cassano, Sally MacDowell, Lois Obelcz, Dean Wright, and our newest member Deborah Hayman. Our success is directly linked to their hard work.

We Can Use Your Help:

- We want to cover regional invitationals and special ASFA events, but we don't always hear about them. Please let us know about your regional and special ASFA events so we can work with you to get your information together to publish.
- If your club or region is doing something new and interesting, please consider sharing that through the Communiqué'. Clubs and regions around the country can inspire each other and grow together.
- Let us know what you want to see in the Communiqué'. We are here to serve you.
- If you would like to join our committee, please contact me at asfa.communiqu@gmail.com.

The Way Forward

These are our plans going forward:

- Expand and refine the Communiqué' ads,
- Revamp and improve our system of distribution,
- Create an online page-flip format option, and
- Create an online archive of previous issues when the new website is complete.

Vicki Fagre-Stroetz Communiqué' Editor

Contracts Committee

by Jennifer Gysler

This past year has been a quiet one for the Contracts Committee. We have not been asked to review any contracts since the last ACoD.

Executive Committee Report

(no written report)

Experimental Committee Report

Committee Members: Gregory Breitbach, Phil Fullam, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz and Mary Frances Miller

This committee was formed to provide ASFA with a new competitive event. The idea of the event was for a bracket type of lure coursing which can complement current ASFA running rules and styles.

The committee started by looking at several versions of the event currently being run. We then deconstructed each version and selected the best operating policies from each. We combined all of these and came up with some enhancements which we feel make this program a more ASFA friendly event. By limiting the runs and bracket sizes, it will provide an opportunity for dogs to earn new titles from ASFA.

We packaged this event so that it can be held as a separate event on new weekends or after a regularly scheduled ASFA event.

The new event will be presented at this year's in-person board meeting for their approval as an official experimental program. A separate overview of the program is provided along with the proposed set of running rules to this ACoD

We have worked with forms to provide the required information for reporting and running this new event. Sample forms are also included in our package.

Quick Overview

- BCC is a double elimination competition.
- Breeds are not separated.
- Hounds run primarily in braces, rarely in trios.
- They do not run singly.
- Hounds are seeded in brackets based on their previous records.
- Winners compete against winners, and losers against losers.
- There are no ties or runoffs.
- Results are instantaneous.
- A single winner emerges from each bracket.
- Judging and administration are streamlined.

- Clubs can choose to run a BCC trial on the same day as a regular ASFA trial or as a stand-alone event.

In response to the directive from the ASFA Board, the committee consisting of Gregory Breitbach (Chair), Mary Frances Miller, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz and Phil Fullam have developed an experimental program for ASFA which we call the Bracket Coursing Challenge. An overview along with the proposed running rules are attached to this issue of the Communique for everyone to read.

This proposal will be officially presented to the ASFA Board at their annual in-person meeting prior to the ACoD. After the Board approves this set of rules as an official experimental program per Article VIII of the ASFA Constitution there is planned to have a presentation on Sunday of the ACoD.

Submitted by Experimental Program Committee

Field Trial Improvement Committee

(no written report)

Finance and Budget Committee

By Scott Hurlbert

A report will be presented at the ACoD. Here is the proposed 2023 ASFA Budget.

ASFA Budget 2023

Income	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
ACoD		\$ 3,800.00
ASFA Store		\$ 500.00
Membership		\$ 4,000.00
Misc		\$ 200.00
Donations		\$ -
RRP		\$ 1,600.00
Trial Percapits		\$24,000.00
II		\$ 3,000.00
RI		\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$0.00	\$38,600.00
Expenses		
ACOD		\$ 3,800.00
ASFA store		\$ 500.00
Board		\$11,500.00
Awards		\$ 2,000.00
IT		\$ 3,500.00
Officers		\$ 100.00
Regional Directors		\$ 1,000.00
Invitations		\$ 600.00
Insurance		\$ 2,100.00
Records		\$14,000.00
Records Program		\$ 5,000.00
	\$0.00	\$44,100.00
Net		\$ (5,500.00)
Year End Cash On Hand	2022 \$ 76,700.00	2023

Forms & Publications Committee Report – March 2023

Marilyn Standerford, Chair

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

Status of ASFA Store

Still functional. Not a lot of activity. There has been no updating of the ASFA Store site.

Status of PayPal

PayPal is used for almost 100% of the sales of ASFA Store. We had two orders come with physical checks mailed to me from clubs.

Consider checking your forms inventory now and getting your order in for your next few trials or for the year. And don't forget we still have signs for sale!

Publications

The Rulebook, Constitution, Policies (Administrative and Operational), and ASFA forms have been updated as of August 1 to reflect changes in ASFA business -including contact chairmen, and REC/CRC changes.

FORMS Update

The following forms will be updated and posted in August after the 2023 ACoD business is conducted, if required.

- The Statement of Irregularity will be updated to the Statement of Improvement.
- The Bracket Challenge forms will be updated and posted.
- The Code of Conduct will be formatted and posted to the website for download and posting.
- The **Guidelines for Hound Certifications** was updated to remove the Limited Stake, and remove the reference to racing titles.
- **The Handbook for Huntmasters** was updated to match the rulebook references.

REMINDER

It is the responsibility of the Forms Chair to maintain the only official copy of the ASFA Forms and Publications. That means that if you are requesting updates or changes made to the forms, publications, or any printed matter for which your committee is responsible, you may send the updates to forms@asfa.org, and I will make the changes for you, if mainly cosmetic. They will be presented to the Board if there are substantive changes.

It is imperative that the official, most up-to-date versions are on file with the Forms Chair. Go to the website and download the forms for which your committee is responsible. You may mark it up in any way you need to and either scan it in and e-mail it to me, or just mail it to

me. You may clearly reference sections in an e-mail. I can follow edits pretty clearly, if you identify them. I do not provide the Word version of the forms. It is too difficult to maintain the "official" form at that point. Include the original wording with your corrections/updates underlined. Strikethrough text you want removed/replaced. An "all new" document will not be accepted, unless there is no previous form for that requirement.

When the edits by your committee have been completed, and I have updated the forms, I send them to the Forms Committee for review and discussion about the changes. When we are in agreement, I will return them to the Committee Chair for final approval. Upon the final approval, unless a Rules Change is required or Board approval is needed, I submit it to webmaster and liaison for inclusion on the website, if appropriate. If there are substantial changes and not updates, they will have to go to the Board for approval in the ASFA format.

ASFA PACKETS

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

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Standerford, Chair
Forms Creation and Distribution Committee

Inter-Organizational Liaison

(no written report)

IT Report

By Cathy Sanderson

Some things are behind schedule and some things are moving along.

The ASFA database computer records start in 1993. There are 370,000 entries. 26,000 dogs ran in 9,000 trials.

Phase one of the program development is progressing slower than expected due to;

- the difficulties with ensuring consistency between the old records and the new records
- Other projects in Eddie's que that require his time
- A person situation with an unknown timeline

But there has been progress in several other directions.

- Eddie has scrapped the idea of Joomla. Extensive research indicated that Tailwind is the best and most streamlined front end to work with the php system.
- Importing & converting the historical data has proven to be a much bigger job than originally thought. 370,000 thousand records, all input by several programmers and systems. The historical data was a mess of irregular formats and styles. It is essential that the 30 years of data be consistent before moving forward. This required scripts to standardize the data and line by line review to check the records.
- Tech support for any issues that arise in Lori's computer & system. Occasional issues arise and they have been resolved as quickly as possible
- Duplicating the existing report functions is ongoing.

In the meantime, I have analyzed the navigation system that we have now on the website and considered what users need to find on the website and how they will get to that information. From this navigation I have started to create a mobile prototype. Mobile first design reduces the design process to essentials because the limited space on a mobile screen means the visitor's use experience has to be the priority. Then designing for a larger, desktop screen is easier because there is plenty of space to work with.

I will be available on Sunday to show anyone the navigation layout and mobile prototype. We can brainstorm.

Thanks to committee members; Tom Cigolle, Lori Coulson, Phil Fullam, Jennifer Gysler, Eddie Kominek, Sean McMichael, Ping Pirrung

Website Publication

By Cathy Sanderson

The team of Marilyn Standerford and Jean Hampton have quickly and consistently updated the ASFA website throughout the year. Small edits and improvements are being made occasionally. Many thanks to Marilyn and Jean.

Other Items

To improve the board's productivity and task organization, Jayme Jones suggested a Punch List. This is a central To Do list for the board and will help ensure that tasks are completed and followed up on. We have a way to make it happen by using Google sheets. Jennifer has created a starting point and we will have it accessible to all board members shortly.

Website Liaison Report – March 2023

Marilyn Standerford, Chair

Website

After the ACoD each year, the following updates are submitted to the website. All reports and updates come from the chair of the respective committee.

- ASFA Hall of Fame Inductees
- ASFA Board of Directors roster
- ASFA Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Membership makeup
- The Gary Forrester award
- EPA and Club Incentive Awards
- Records 101
- Policies
- Ensure the @asfa.org addresses are updated

Monthly updates to the website include ASFA Titles, ASFA Trial Schedule, Judges Licensing, and other reports as submitted by committee chairs. I also maintain the NEWS section on the home page.

Titles

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

Trial Schedules

All reports are formatted and submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt from Scheduling.

Membership

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

Judges Licensing

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

Rulebook

I have updated the rulebook with current REC and CRC changes provided by the respective committee chairs, as were effective August 1, 2022.

Contact Us

There were 65 e-mails to the Webmaster via the website. (This is about the average number of e-mails.) These were answered in a timely manner. I forward any e-mails that come to the

webmaster that are not website-related to the Corresponding Secretary or Records for an “official” response.

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Standerford

Report of Judges Licensing and Committee

Committee Members: Gregory Breitbach, Darci Kunard, Ben Brodeur, Leigh Littleton, Tom Cigolle, Josie Haumont, Phil Fullam (president)

The 2022 ACoD approved the changes to Chapter XI of the running rules which included the addition of a test for current judges to be completed every 4 years.

Shortly after the last ACoD, this committee met and developed 35 standard questions to use on these tests. Each year, the committee will evaluate the questions based on any changes to the running rules and policies which govern judges.

To allow a consistent flow, I have been sending tests in groups of 10 each month. Since August I have sent out 50 tests to judges. I have received 12 back and all individuals have passed within the three allowed tries.

The one area of concern is that most of the incorrect answers to the test have been related to the policies which affect judging. I highly recommend that all judges review the rules and policies each year as some things are changed, added or deleted.

The changes to Chapter XI of the running rules passed at the 2022 ACoD incorporated several policies which have since been deleted by the board. They include O-JUDG09, O-JUDG10, O-JUDG12, O-JUDG13, O-JUDG14 and O-JUDG19. This is just one example where everyone, not just judges, should be looking at the running rules and policies occasionally.

Long Range Planning Committee

by Jennifer Gysler

First, my thanks to those on the LRP, Scott Hurlbert, Linda D'Antonio, Sally MacDowell, Tom Cigolle, Greg Breitbach and Gayle Kytta. We have had some great discussions on how to increase the presence of ASFA in lure coursing, highlighting ASFA as a source of education through seminars and informational pamphlets, guiding clubs on how to promote ASFA, and encouraging the RDs to play a more prominent role in supporting our clubs. ASFA is in a positive place!

We invite you to a breakout session on Sunday, March 19, 2023, for an exchange of ideas, on promoting ASFA, what type of support you would like from RDs and/or the ASFA Board, what seminars / educational tools would be helpful to train and encourage new volunteers and

attract more exhibitors to ASFA. Those who cannot attend are invited to email me with your ideas (jennifergysler@gmail.com).

Membership Committee Report – March 2023

Ping Pirrung, Chair

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

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

Goals:

- To maintain the list of clubs and delegates in a timely manner
- To keep the website updated
- To communicate with delegates and help them when needed.

Last year most clubs had sent in their renewals by the deadline of the 1st of May. The first dues notice went out at the beginning of January and many clubs responded quickly, for which I am very thankful. I am sure the delegates get tired of getting reminder emails from me. The next notice will be going out shortly after the ACoD.

I encourage clubs when renewing to use the online form and paying with PayPal. This is very helpful on my end as well as for the club's treasury because they don't have to wait for me to send their checks to Sean.

I am looking forward to the Fast Track Affiliate Clubs Gazehound Association of the Smokey Mountains (GASM) - Region 7 - and Cascadia Sighthound Association (CSA) – Region 1 - working on their ASFA trials so they can apply to become a member club. The Saluki Association of New England (SANE) in Region 9 has held their first Fun Trial and will be scheduling their second this year. We look forward to their success at holding ASFA field trials and their ultimate application to become a member club.

The aim is to send updates to the website in a timely manner. More at the beginning of the year then as they come in later in the year. If you see an error in your club's information, please let me know right away. If there is a delegate change, change of status of a club or new club approved in between the quarterly updates after the 1st of May, I notify the Corresponding Secretary, Scheduling, Records, the appropriate RD and the President of any changes with an email.

If your club hasn't already sent in their dues for 2023, please do it as soon as possible. I will be at the ACoD so you can give them to me there too.

Here's to a great year of coursing. Be safe.

Policy Compilation Committee Report – March 2023

Ping Pirrung, Chair

Policy Compilation Committee (PCC): Ping Pirrung, Chair; Members, Tom Golcher, Russ Jacobs, Dan Heidel and Kent Standerford. Thank you to the members of the committee for their comments, thoughts and time spent on the few things that came before the PCC this year.

Policies Deleted

The following policies were deleted as a result of the approval at the 2022 ACoD of the new Chapter XI in the ASFA Running Rules. The changes to the running rules in Chapter XI include these deleted policies

O-JUDG09
O-JUDG10
O-JUDG12
O-JUDG13
O-JUDG14
O-JUDG19

New Policies:

At the 2022 ACoD it was moved and adopted to include the ASFA Code of Conduct in the policies. It was also moved and passed to direct REC to include the Code of Conduct in every premium list. The policies committee felt it would be redundant to have it also included in the policies.

Public Outreach

(no report)

Records Coordinator (separate attachment)

ASFA II Committee Report

Chair Tom Golcher

Members

Region 1	Paul Sanders
Region 2	Jayme Jones
Region 3	Tom Golcher
Region 4	Terry Sayre
Region 5	Aryn Ping
Region 6	Holly Hamilton
Region 7	Eddie Kominek
Region 8	Pat Spinazzola
Region 9	Jeff Trombetta
Region 10	Keith Hicks

1. *The question has been raised and sent to the II Committee for clarification. Since Singles Stake are now **required**, should dogs entered in Singles Stake be eligible for "Bench", "Breeder" and "Kennel" stakes within the stake or with a dog entered in a different stake?*
 - a.) This question was rejected by the Committee and not forwarded to PCC.
2. A motion to make modifications to two II perpetual trophies was made and after discussion withdrawn by the motion maker.
3. A proposal submitted by Cathy Sanderson, Ping Pirrung, and Kathy Sanders, representing the ASFA, to host the 2023 ASFA II, on Sept 29, 30, and Oct. 1 at the Oatlands Plantation, in Leesburg, VA., was received on January 23, 2023. The II Committee approved the proposal, with suggestions to consider, and sent to the ASFA BoD on February 2, 2023.
4. I was informed by Aryn Ping, Director for Region 5 that they are working on a proposal for the 2024 ASFA II.

EPA Report (Excellence in Performance Award)

By Jayme Jones, Chairperson

Each year the Regional Directors nominate club(s) for the EPA award. The winner will be announced at the ACoD. The following is a link which explains more about the award and the procedures involved: [Excellence in Performance \(asfa.org\)](https://www.asfa.org/excellence-in-performance)

Scheduling Report

What can I say about 2022, well trial counts went down by 12 trials compared to the previous year. It seems that Mother Nature was the culprit!

Several trials were cancelled due to snow, rain or just plain heat! Some trials attempted to run but in the end were cancelled midway through because of excessive heat.

This year, 2023, more clubs are adding LCI's to their events which is great! Also, clubs that do AKC trials are adding Silken Windhound Specialties to give more dogs the chance to run.

As I complain every year, the website is an issue. Most people do not know the protocol for the updates so let me explain. You apply for a date, I update my excel spreadsheet. Then the spreadsheet is sent to Marilyn Standerford for formatting, the final step is sending to the webmaster! Marilyn and I get thing updated within a day, it is the webmaster that is causing the delays!

If and when a new website is created for ASFA, hopefully things will speed up!

Talley Ho!
Audrey Silverstein
Scheduling Chair

ATTACHMENT 4

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACoD Site Selection

(no written report)

ACoD Planning Committee

By Cathy Sanderson

2023 marks the first in-person ACoD we have had since 2019. We cancelled the 2020 ACoD only weeks before we were all due to gather and held a virtual event.

It's great to see everyone in person and work towards improving the sport that we all love. Thank you for coming.

We would not be sitting here without the tireless efforts of Vickie Jacobs. Vickie spearheaded the detailed negotiations with countless hotels for decades to ensure the ASFA could meet. She had the contract in place for this gathering. Vickie is greatly missed.

It is the job of the ACoD Planning committee to seek out suitable hotels once the Site Selection committee determines a city for our meeting. The ACoD rotates between the west, central and east each year. For 2024 (a board election year) we will be on the east coast. This year we added a new method to the delegate registration process. For your convenience we added the ability to verify a delegate's representation by an email from a club officer. I hope you took advantage of that change.

Thanks to the committee members of Sean McMichael, Scott Hurlbert, Claudia Miller, Ping Pirrung, and Kathy Sanders for pulling this event together. If you need anything during your stay at the Four Points by Sheridan, please contact any one of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Sanderson

Advisory Committee on Animal Issues

(no report)

Gary Forrester Award (separate attachment)

Lure Coursing Hall of Fame (separate attachment) Constitutional Review Committee

By Ping Pirrung

The following Amendments to the Constitution will be submitted for approval to the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates. THIS IS A PROPOSAL ONLY.

Per Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution, amendments require a two-thirds vote of the convention delegates present and voting at the ACoD. Those proposals receiving a favorable vote will be considered an Amendment to the ASFA Constitution and By-Laws. Such Amendments will be published on the ASFA website following the 2023 ACoD, and will go into effect on 1 August, 2023.

CRC Committee: Ping Pirrung, Chair; Ben Brodeur, Jennifer Gysler, Scott Hurlburt, and Leigh Littleton

PROPOSAL #1:

Article X Recognition of Additional Sighthound Breeds

Section 4. Convention Voting for Recognizing New Breeds. After one year of Provisional status, the member clubs may vote and after two years of Provisional status the member clubs shall vote on whether to accord the breed full recognition. If the national parent club or a board appointed committee wishes full recognition after one year, a letter requesting such status must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary by January 1st of the year following at least one full calendar year of Provisional status in which the breed has kept a minimum of 10 hounds actively coursing with entries totaling 30 per calendar year. After two full calendar years of Provisional status, the Board of Directors shall present the breed for full recognition, provided the breed has kept a minimum of 10 hounds actively coursing with entries totaling 30 per calendar year. Otherwise, they will be kept in the Provisional status without coming up for vote. Member club delegates present at the Annual Convention of Delegates at which a breed has come up for recognition will vote with each member club allowed one vote. However, a member club not in attendance at the ACoD may send in one absentee ballot to be received not less than two weeks before the ACoD in which a breed has come up for recognition. A two-thirds majority of clubs voting shall be required for full approval. Results of such voting shall be announced at the Annual Convention of Delegates. When a breed is fully recognized, it shall assume the same status as any previously recognized breed, and any appropriate titles and certificates, or points toward such titles and certificates, shall then be awarded to the members of the breed based on sanctioned lure field trial results from the Provisional period. If a breed does not achieve full recognition, the breed will stay within the Provisional status as long as hound and entry limits are met. Such a breed may re-apply for recognition every two years. The new fully recognized breed will be eligible the first of the month after approval at the Annual Convention of Delegates.

PROPOSAL #2:

**Article VI
The Association Year, Nominations, and Elections**

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

PROPOSAL #3:

**Article IX
Discipline**

Section 1. Any club, individual or the ASFA Board of Directors may prefer charges against any individual or club for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the ASFA or any and all breeds of sighthounds, or violates the ASFA Code of Conduct. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the Corresponding Secretary....

Rules Evaluation Committee Report

Tom Golcher, Chair

RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE Rules Change Proposals for the 2023 ACoD

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is underlined; deleted wording is ~~struck out~~. Explanations for the proposal are included, along with REC recommendations. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY; those that receive a favorable vote will be considered a change in the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*. Such proposals will be published on the ASFA website after the 2023 ACoD and will go into effect on August 1, 2023.

Tom Golcher, Chair, REC

REC Members: Marilyn Standerford and Ping Pirrung.

Alternates: Elaine McMichael and Kathy Sanders

Proposal 1 comes from Lori Silvestri and adopted at the 2022 ACOD.

Chapter II, Section 4, paragraph 16, Huntmaster

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

Effect: Wording for the Huntmaster's actions during entanglement in the string are clear and precise.

REC recommends accepting this proposal.

Cost to ASFA: None

Proposal 2 comes from a Committee consisting of Ben Brodeur, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Holly Hamilton and Ping Pirrung as charged by the ASFA Board of Directors to propose a change to **Chapter IX, Section 7** (*Statement of Irregularity*) of the ASFA Running Rules. The charge was to make the Statement of Irregularity more positive. Below is the current wording as well as the proposed change.

Current

Chapter IX, Section 7

~~A Statement of Irregularity, alleging an infringement of an ASFA rule by an individual or Club, may be made when the requirements for filing a protest cannot be met. This form should be~~

~~sent to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary at any time, but preferable as soon after the alleged infringements as possible with full knowledge that the ASFA Board will take no punitive action based on this statement of irregularity with regard to anything that took place prior to the date of the Board review.~~

Proposed: *strike section 7, in its entirety, and replace with the following;*
ASFA's unending goal is to always improve. Therefore, an individual or club may send a Statement of Improvement form (found on the ASFA website) to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary at any time. It is preferable this form be sent as soon as possible after the occurrence. This Statement of Improvement is an opportunity to share an incident, or request for clarification, when the requirements for filing a protest could not be met at a sanctioned trial. This Statement of Improvement should be sent to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary. The submitted Statement of Improvement regarding a concern will be reviewed by a committee designated by the Board. If warranted the board will provide information to the Rules Evaluation Committee (REC) or the Policies Committee to address or offer explanation of a misleading statement in the ASFA Running Rules.

FORMS INCLUDED WERE sent to Forms Creation and Distribution

Effects: A positive spin was incorporated and will encourage input from the fancy. Upon acceptance of this proposal Policies Compilation Committee will need to consider if any changes are necessary to O-PRO01. It may be as easy as changing the word "Irregularity" to "Improvement".

REC recommends accepting this proposal.

Cost to ASFA: None.

The forms will be available for download from the ASFA Website.

Proposal 3 the ASFA BoD moves to require the ASFA Code of Conduct be placed in Premium Lists. (next page)



THE ASFA CODE OF CONDUCT

The American Sighthound Field Association is an organization of sighthound fanciers and coursing enthusiasts dedicated to the common goal of preserving and further developing natural beauty, grace, speed, and coursing skills. The ASFA was founded on the values and culture based on respect for handlers, hounds, all those acting in official roles, as well as all attendees.

- Participants respect the history, traditions, and integrity of the sport of lure coursing.
- Participants enjoy lively competition and exhibit good sportsmanship when both winning and losing.
- Participants strive to keep the trial running smoothly by volunteering and being on time.
- Participants conduct themselves in a manner consistent with a welcoming and family atmosphere.
- Participants respects the ASFA, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of lure coursing.
- Participants accept the judgment and rulings of all those officiating over the trials.
- Participants welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Participants always consider the welfare of their dog above all else.
- Participants refuse to embarrass themselves, the sport, the hosting club, or the American Sighthound Association, with the use of bullying or intimidating actions.

Effects: The premium is already loaded with a plethora of information required to put on a lure trial. REC is concerned that the Code of Conduct, placed in the premium list, will just be an ignored page.

REC recommends ***we reject this proposal.***

REC recommends **Proposal 4 as an alternative.**

Cost to the ASFA: None

Proposal 4 Code of Conduct placement

REC moves that the Code of Conduct be added to page 2 the **Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trial**. In addition, immediately below the *Code of Conduct*, add the *NOTE: "The Code of Conduct shall be posted in a highly visible location, beside the scores, at every trial."*

Effects: The Code of Conduct will be added on page 2 in the **Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trial**. There will be a copy on the ASFA website available to download.

REC recommends accepting this proposal.

Cost to ASFA: None

REC has two items that could not be completed in time to present to the 2023 ACOD.

1. Veteran Singles stake and title proposed by FTI at the December BoD meeting.
2. Add the approved LCI program to the **Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trial.**