

American Sighthound Field Association

2024 Annual Convention of Delegates



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UNAPPROVED

1 **Summary of Business**

Reference	Motion	Disposition
88	To appoint the ACoD Minutes Review Committee	Adopted
92	To approve the Minutes of the 2023 ACoD	Adopted
180	To offer FANS for purchase for the price of postage, to be recycled after December 2024 if not sold	Adopted
253	To limit discussion to two minutes per person	Adopted
269	To approve CRC Proposal #1	Adopted
284	To approve CRC Proposal #2	Adopted
319	To approve CRC Proposal #3	Adopted
333	To approve CRC Proposal #4	Adopted
345	To approve CRC Proposal #5	Adopted
434	To approve REC Proposal #1	Adopted
459	To defer action on REC Proposal #2	Adopted
479	To approve REC Proposal #3	Fails
482	To recess at 11:58pm	Adopted
504	To delay REC Proposal #4	Adopted

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Reference	Motion	Disposition
548	Hounds Inducted into the Hall of Fame	Adopted
554	Individuals Inducted into the Hall of Fame	Adopted
615	To direct the Board to direct REC re how to handle points given at a trial which is cancelled after preliminaries	Adopted
632	To direct the Board to direct the Policies Committee to address wording for dogs with artificial coloring that participate in ASFA events	Adopted
639	To appoint a Sunshine Committee	Fails
648	To approve the ACoD Planning / Site Selection Committee	Adopted
654	To approve the CRC Committee	Adopted
659	To approve the Animal Advisory Committee	Adopted
665	To approve the Lure Coursing Hall of Fame	Adopted
671	To approve the Gary Forrester Committee	Adopted
674	To adjourn	Adopted

2 **Minutes**

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4 The regular Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) of the American Sighthound Field
5 Association (ASFA) was held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, with the President, Phil Fullam,
6 being the chair and the Recording Secretary, Jennifer Gysler, being present.

7 Board Members present were:

- 8 President, Phil Fullam
9 First Vice President, Greg Breitbach
10 Second Vice President, Cathy Sanderson
11 Recording Secretary, Jennifer Gysler
12 Corresponding Secretary, Ping Pirrung
13 Chief Financial Officer, Scott Hurlbert
14 Director (Region 1), Paul Sanders
15 Director (Region 3), Tom Golcher
16 Director (Region 4), Terry Sayre
17 Director (Region 6), Holly Hamilton
18 Director (Region 8), Pat Spinazzolla
19 Director (Region 9), Gina Whritenour

20 **Saturday, March 23, 2024**

21 The President called the meeting to order at 9:00am (Central).

22 Present were 28 delegates:

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24 • American Whippet Club (AWC)
25 ○ Claudia Miller
26 • Borzoi Club of America (BCOA)
27 ○ Susan Van De Water
28 • California Coursing Association (CCA)
29 ○ Recording Secretary Jennifer Gysler
30 • Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA)
31 ○ Director (Region 3) Tom Golcher
32 • Coursing Hounds of the Mid Potomac (CHAMP)
33 ○ Director (Region 8) Patricia Spinazzola
34 • Elite Coursing Hounds of Ontario
35 ○ Lori Siddons
36 ○ Gordon Cheung
37 • GazeHounds of New England (GONE)
38 ○ Director (Region 9) Gina Whritenour
39 ○ Clay Leslie
40 • Heartland Coursing Association (HCA)
41 ○ CFO Scott Hurlbert
42 • Ibizan Hound Club of the United States (IHCUS)
43 ○ Phil Dean
44 • Lake Country Lure Coursers (LCLC)

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- 45 ○ Second Vice President Cathy Sanderson
- 46 • Lobo Lure Coursing Club (LLCC)
- 47 ○ President Philip Fullam
- 48 • Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club (MDIHC)
- 49 ○ Lori Zorbaugh
- 50 • Midwest Borzoi Club (MBC)
- 51 ○ Liz Duncan-Burge
- 52 • Midwest Coursing Club (MWCC)
- 53 ○ First Vice President Greg Breitbart
- 54 • Nebraska Coursing Association (NCA)
- 55 ○ Marilyn Standerford
- 56 • Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana Gazehound Organization (OKIGO)
- 57 ○ Director (Region 6) Holly Hamilton
- 58 • St. Louis Area Sighthounds (SLASH)
- 59 ○ Karla Dean
- 60 • Saluki Club of America
- 61 ○ Mary Frances Miller
- 62 • Silken Windhounds for Endurance, Performance & Training
- 63 ○ Director (Region 1) Paul Sanders
- 64 • Tortoise and Hare Lure Coursers (THLC)
- 65 ○ Sally MacDowell
- 66 ○ Audrey Silverstein
- 67 • Tri-State Sighthound Club (TSSC)
- 68 ○ Treasurer Sean McMichael
- 69 ○ Corresponding Secretary Ping Pirrung
- 70 • Tulsa Sighthound Association (TSA)
- 71 ○ Director (Region 4) Terry L. Sayre
- 72 • Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC)
- 73 ○ Kathy Sanders
- 74 ○ Cindy Antonik

75 Absent was:

- 76 • Ibizan Hound Club of the United States (IHCUS)
- 77 ○ Sabrina Wright-Hiller
- 78 • Iowa Coursing Association
- 79 ○ Samantha Duryee
- 80 • Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club
- 81 ○ Dean Wright

82 **Parliamentarian:** Marilyn Standerford agrees to be parliamentarian and is so appointed.

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84 **Sergeant at Arms:** Sean McMichael agrees to be Sergeant at Arms and is so appointed.

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86 **Tellers:** Claudia Miller and Kathy Sanders agree to be Tellers and are so appointed.

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88 **Motion** by Phil Fullam to appoint the ACoD Minutes Review Committee as follows:

89 Chairperson - Jennifer Gysler. Members – Marilyn Standerford, Audrey Silverstein, Karla Dean.

90 **Motion adopted.**

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92 **Motion** by Jennifer Gysler to approve the Minutes of the 2024 ACoD.

93 **Motion adopted.**

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95 Report of the President (Phil Fullam – report attached)

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97 Report of the 1st Vice President (Greg Breitbach – report attached)

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99 Report of the 2nd Vice President (Cathy Sanderson – report attached)

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101 Report of the Corresponding Secretary (Ping Pirrung – report attached)

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103 Report of the Recording Secretary (Jennifer Gysler – report attached)

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105 Report of the Chief Financial Officer (Scott Hurlbert – report attached)

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107 Report by Chair of the Regional Directors (Tom Golcher – report attached)

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109 Region 1 Report (Paul Sanders). Entries have dropped 15% from last year. The region has
110 experienced an increase in costs for fields, a loss of volunteers, and the Region has lost 3
111 ASFA judges in the past year and expects to lose 3 more this coming year. The Region is
112 working on getting more people involved.

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114 Region 2 Report (Jayme Jones – absent – no report)

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116 Region 3 Report (Tom Golcher – report attached)

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118 Region 4 Report (Terry Sayre – no report)

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120 Region 5 Report (Aryn Ping) Report given by Scott Hurlbert (CFO). The Region has had an
121 increase in 500 dogs from last year. It has experienced similar issues to Region 1. The 2024
122 II will be in Region 5 at the Balloon Field, Indianola, IA.

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124 Region 6 Report (Holly Hamilton – report attached)

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126 Region 7 Report (Eddie Kominek – absent – no report).

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128 Region 8 Report (Pat Spinazzola – report attached)

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130 Region 9 Report, (Gina Whritenour – report attached).

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132 Region 10 Report (Keith Hicks – absent - report attached)

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134 **Committee Reports:**

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136 1. Archives and Historical (Dean Wright – absent – no report)

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138 2. Awards (Kathy Sanders - report attached). There were 5 Regionals held last year.
139 ASFA donates the ribbons and will send medallions. If you are having an ASFA trial, make it a
140 Regional!

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142 3. Communique (Vicki Fagre-Stroetz – absent - report attached) by Phil Fullam. Vicki has
143 done a fabulous job on the Communique and has done a fabulous job for ASFA.

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145 4. Contracts (Jennifer Gysler - report attached)

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147 5. Executive Committee (Phil Fullam) Phil explains that the Executive Committee consists
148 of the 5 elected members of the Board and the Chair of the RDs. It is primarily a subgroup of
149 the board to organize and move forward with issues that need rapid decision making.

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151 6. Experimental Programs (Greg Breitbach - report attached). There have been no clubs
152 that have hosted the Brace Program during 2023. The committee will not be requesting a
153 renewal of this experimental program.

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155 7. Field Trial Improvement (Terry Sayre). FTI will be looking into a certification program
156 for lure operators and will keep in mind the potential for liability issues as discussed.

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158 8. Finance and Budget (Scott Hurlbert and Sean McMichael - report attached)

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160 2023 Financial Report: The budget for 2023 had a projected loss of \$5500.
161 Fortunately there was a surplus of \$4800, with the increase in entries and the promotion of
162 Regional Invitationals. The same budget is anticipated for 2023. At the end of 2022, ASFA
163 had a bank balance of \$61,000. In 2023, we ended the year with a balance of \$66,000. Next
164 quarter we are reviewing the job descriptions for the CFO position (see the Constitution) and
165 Treasurer positions, to help clarify the fiscal responsibilities to the organization. We hope to
166 have that ready to present at the 2025 ACoD.

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168 ASFA II Financial Report for 2023: We are still receiving receipts for the 2023 II. It
169 was roughly a “wash” due to donations and auctions. This report will be sent out with the
170 final budget report to the fancy.

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171 9. Forms Creation and Distribution (Marilyn Standerford - report attached)

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173 We have a few action items. Marilyn has brought some Patches for titles which are
174 available for purchase. They can be used as awards for Regionals. Prices are on the ASFA
175 website. We also have numerous Historical Books (1995 to 2000), which are available for
176 purchase. Marilyn also has copies of old Fans. Reference is made to a motion passed by the
177 Board on March 22, 2024, which makes the Historical Books available for purchase for the
178 price for postage and if not purchased by the end of 2024, they will be recycled.

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Motion by Tom Golcher to offer the Fans for purchase for the price of postage and if not purchased by the end of 2024, they will be recycled.

Motion adopted.

We also have 14 signs available for purchase through the website.

10. Inter-organizational Liaison (Scott Hurlbert)

We have opened up discussions with the AKC regarding several issues related to ASFA assuming certain responsibilities related to lure coursing such as judges' education, along with the AKC's recognition of ASFA titles and an increased presence and involvement in lure coursing. The committee will be sending a questionnaire to club delegates regarding these issues.

11. IT Committee (Cathy Sanderson - report attached)

i. Website (Marilyn Standerford - report attached)

12. Judges/Judges Licensing (Greg Breitbach -, report attached)

In addition to the written report, the committee announced the top 10 ASFA judges for 2023: (10) Phil Fullam; (9) Diana Darling; (8) Paul Gyttta; (7) Sabrina Wright-Heller; (6) CJ Miller; (5) Tom Golcher; (4) Kathy Nelson; (3) Russell Burdoff; (2) Kent Standerford; (1) Kathy Sanders (who judged 455 dogs).

13. Long Range Planning (Jennifer Gysler - report attached)

14. Membership (Ping Pirrung - report attached)

15. Policy Compilation Committee (no chairperson – no report)

16. Public Outreach (vacant – no report)

17. Records Coordinator (Lori Zorbaugh - report attached)

There was an error in the stats for Regions 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. New stats will be provided for these regions.

Remember that if you provide trial results electronically which meet criteria, there is a reduced per capita.

Clubs should check the results on the website to ensure accuracy. Clubs have 60 days to request corrections.

-Brief Recess at 10:26am

-The meeting resumes at 10:44am

221 18. Regional Directors (Tom Golcher - report attached)
222 RD Chair – Tom Golcher will be the chair again this year.
223 ASFA II 2025 – Bids are needed. If bids are not received by December 2024 it will be
224 under the purview of the board. Links to the Past: The RDs will be proposing a
225 committee for the upkeep and maintenance of the “Links to the Past” trophy with
226 Kathy Nelson as the chair.

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228 EPA – (Jayme Jones - no report)
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230 19. Scheduling (Scott Hurlbert, Interim Scheduling Chair, report attached).

231 The new Scheduling Chair is Samantha Duryee who will be assuming the role on April
232 1st. Sam will maintain the same email.
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234 20. Ad Hoc Committees of the Convention

- 235 a. ACoD Site Selection (Scott Hurlbert – report given)
236 b. ACoD Planning Committee (Scott Hurlbert – report given)
237 i. 2024 – East (Regions 7, 8, or 9) Memphis TN
238 ii. 2025 – West (Regions 1, 2, 3, or 10) Las Vegas, NV (working on hotel
239 proposals)
240 iii. 2026 – Central (Regions 4, 5, or 6) (potentially Omaha, NE)
241 iv. 2027 – East (Regions 7, 8, or 9) Patricia Spinazolla offered to look into
242 site locations.
243 c. Advisory Committee on Animal Issues (Kathy Sanders). Kathy sends alerts to
244 the delegates for the areas affected and will start including RDs.
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246 **Gary Forrester Award** (Ping Pirrung)

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248 The Gary Forrester Award recipient is Wayne Olson.
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250 (Marilyn Standerford spoke about Wayne)

251 There will be a write up for the Communique and on the ASFA website.
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253 **Motion** by Marilyn Standerford, to limit discussion to 2 minutes for each person.

254 **Motion adopted.**
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256 **Amendments Proposed by CRC** (Ping Pirrung)
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258 **PROPOSAL #1:** *To clarify the process of replacement should a chair or member of an ACoD*
259 *committee no longer be able to serve.*

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Article VII Committees

262 **Section2. Termination.** Any committee appointment may be terminated by an affirmative
263 vote of a majority of the membership of the Board (if appointed by the Board), or a majority
264 of the Delegates in attendance at a Convention of Delegates, upon written notice to the
265 appointee. ~~Successors to those persons whose services have been terminated may be~~
266 ~~appointed.~~ If a member of a Board or ACoD appointed committee resigns, is terminated or is
267 unable to fulfill their committee assignment, the board may appoint a successor. In the case
268 of ACoD Committees, the Board appointment will end with the next ACoD.

269 **Motion** by Marilyn Standerford to approve Proposal #1.

270 **Motion adopted.**

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273 **PROPOSAL #2:** *To have an effect if club dues were not paid by the deadline while still*
274 *maintaining the grace period. The effect would be a club whose dues have not been paid by*
275 *the 1st of May would have its ASFA privileges suspended until the dues are paid.*

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Article II Membership

278 **Section 2. Dues.** Membership dues shall be payable on or before the first day of May of each
279 year and shall be accepted only when accompanied by a list of names and addresses of the
280 current officers of the club, and of the club delegate. No member club may vote, schedule, or
281 hold an ASFA trial whose dues are not paid for the current year. No later than April February
282 of each year, the Membership Committee shall send each member club a statement of its dues
283 for the ensuing year.

284 **Motion** by Marilyn Standerford, to approve proposal #2.

285 **Motion adopted.**

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289 **PROPOSAL #3:** *CRC was directed to remove the hound number count and participation*
290 *count for new breeds to be admitted to the organization. CRC believes there should be a*
291 *prescribed number of hounds entered in ASFA field trials but ask that the ACoD provide*
292 *guidance to CRC regarding those numbers.*

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Article X Recognition of Additional Sighthound Breeds

296 **Section 4. Convention Voting for Recognizing New Breeds.** After one two years of
297 Provisional status, the member clubs may vote and after two years of Provisional status the
298 member clubs shall vote on whether to accord the breed full recognition. If the national parent
299 club or a board appointed committee wishes full recognition after one year, a letter requesting
300 such status must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary by January 1st of the year following
301 at least one two full calendar years of Provisional status in which the breed has kept a
302 minimum of 10 hounds actively coursing with entries totaling 30 per calendar year. After two
303 full calendar years of Provisional status, the Board of Directors shall present the breed for full
304 recognition, provided the breed has kept a minimum of 10 hounds actively coursing with

305 ~~entries totaling 30 per calendar year. Otherwise, they will be kept in the Provisional status~~
306 ~~without coming up for vote.~~ Member club delegates present at the Annual Convention of
307 Delegates at which a breed has come up for recognition will vote with each member club
308 allowed one vote. However, a member club not in attendance at the ACoD may send in one
309 absentee ballot to be received not less than two weeks before the ACoD in which a breed has
310 come up for recognition. A two-thirds majority of clubs voting shall be required for full
311 approval. Results of such voting shall be announced at the Annual Convention of Delegates.
312 When a breed is fully recognized, it shall assume the same status as any previously recognized
313 breed, and any appropriate titles and certificates, or points toward such titles and certificates,
314 shall then be awarded to the members of the breed based on sanctioned lure field trial results
315 from the Provisional period. If a breed does not achieve full recognition, the breed will stay
316 within the Provisional status ~~as long as hound and entry limits are met.~~ Such a breed may re-
317 apply for recognition every two years. The new fully recognized breed will be eligible the first
318 of the month after approval at the Annual Convention of Delegates.

319 **Motion** by Phil Fullam to approve Proposal #3.
320 **Motion adopted.**

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322 **PROPOSAL #4:** *This is housekeeping due to postal service changes.*

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Article IX Discipline

325 **Section 1.** If the Investigating Committee decides that there is sufficient evidence of an
326 offense that would constitute alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the ASFA
327 or any and all breeds of sighthounds, the Board shall fix a date of a hearing at the next
328 regular in person Board meeting not less than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Corresponding
329 Secretary shall promptly send one (1) copy of the charges to the accused by ~~registered~~
330 certified mail or other alternative capable of verifying delivery together with a notice of the
331 hearing and an assurance that the defendant club or individual may personally appear in his
332 own defense and bring witnesses if they (he/she) wish(es).

333 **Motion** by Tom Golcher, to approve Proposal #4.
334 **Motion adopted.**

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336 **PROPOSAL #5:** *Changing all references of "club delegate" to club liaison.*

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338 *There has always been confusion regarding the difference between a club delegate and an*
339 *ACoD delegate, and does a club's ACoD delegate have to be the club delegate. Changing the*
340 *nomenclature will help remove this confusion. The changes occur primarily in Article IV, but*
341 *there is one instance in Article II and others in Article V, Article VI, Article VII, Article IX,*
342 *Article X, Article XI as well as the Appendix. I have a copy of all the changes for anyone who*
343 *would like to see it.*

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345 **Motion** by Greg Breitbach to approve Proposal #5.

346 **Motion adopted.**

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

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Rules Change Proposals for the 2024 ACoD

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Proposal 1

Lure Chasing Instinct Program

Chapter IV RUNNING THE MEET

357 **Section 4.** Lure Chasing Instinct stakes are described as follows:

- 358 a. **Small Open:** for dogs 17-1/2 inches or less at the withers and / or brachycephalic
359 (“flat-faced”) dogs who have not achieved the title of LCC.
360 b. **Small Senior ~~Excellent~~:** for dogs 17-1/2 inches or less at the withers and/or
361 brachycephalic dogs who have achieved the title of LCC.
362 c. **Small Veteran:** for dogs 17-1/2 inches or less at the withers and/or brachycephalic
363 dogs over the age of 7 years.
364 d. **Large Open:** for dogs over 17-1/2 inches at the withers who have not achieved the
365 title of LCC.
366 e. **Large Senior ~~Excellent~~:** for dogs over 17-1/2 inches at the withers who have
367 achieved the title of LCC.
368 f. **Large Veteran:** for dogs over 17-1/2 inches at the withers who are over the age of 7
369 years.
370 g. **Sighthound Mix Open:** for dogs with a sighthound breed in its background who have
371 not achieved the title of LCC.
372 h. **Sighthound Mix Senior ~~Excellent~~:** for dogs with sighthound breed in its
373 background who have achieved the title of LCC.
374 i. **Sighthound Mix Veteran:** for dogs with sighthound breed in its background over the
375 age of 7 years

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Lure Chasing Instinct Program

Chapter V PLACEMENTS, AWARDS, and TITLES

Section 3. Titles for Lure Chasing Instinct, and Lure Chasing Excellent:

381 **Lure Chasing Instinct (LCI):** A permanent title of **Lure Chasing Instinct (LCI)** shall be
382 awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has attained eight (8)
383 qualifying scores.

384 **Lure Chasing Advanced (LCA):** A permanent title of **Lure Chasing Advanced (LCA)** shall
385 be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has attained twenty (20)
386 qualifying scores.

387 **Lure Chasing Champion (LCC):** A permanent title of **Lure Chasing Champion (LCC)**
388 shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the
389 following championship requirements:

- 390 A. Attained the required number of championship points in Lure Chasing Instinct stake
391 competition, as fixed by the ASFA. That number of points is 100.

- 392 B. Contained in these 100 points there must be two first placements or one first placement
393 and two second placements. All such placements shall be with competition which shall
394 mean defeating at least one placing dog. In other words, a dog may have more than 100
395 points but not be awarded the Lure Chasing Junior title until the placements have been
396 attained.
- 397 C. Individuals wishing to know their hound's point standing should fill out the Request for
398 Current Information form under Hound Records on the ASFA web site, and this information
399 will be sent to them.
- 400 D. title certificates will be mailed to the owner upon validation that the dog has completed all
401 requirements.

402 **Lure Chasing Senior ~~Excellent~~ (LCS ~~LCE~~):** The ASFA shall recognize and make appropriate
403 awards to those dogs who have attained the ASFA Lure Chasing Champion, and who, after
404 receiving the championship, continue to compete and receive four first placements with
405 competition and 300 more points, which must be in the ASFA Lure Chasing Senior ~~Excellent~~
406 stake. Dogs who shall have attained said number of placements and points shall be known as
407 Lure Chaser Senior ~~Excellent~~ (LCS ~~LCE~~). When a dog completes the ~~LCS LCE~~ title it may
408 continue to compete for additional titles. After receiving an additional four (4) first placements
409 with competition and an additional 300 points, the title of ~~LCS II LCE II~~ shall be awarded. This
410 process will be indefinitely repeatable for ~~LCS LCE~~ III, IV, and so on.

411 **Veteran Lure Chasing Champion (VLCC) and Veteran Lure Chasing Senior ~~Excellent~~**
412 **(~~VLCS VLCE~~):** For dog over the age of seven (7) who earn either two first placements with
413 competition or one first and two second placements with completion and 100 points will earn
414 the VLCC title. Continued competition with three first placements and an additional 300 points
415 will earn the ~~VLCS VLCE~~ title.

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417 Effect: This will provide clarity in the LCI stakes offered. Senior Stake can be mistaken as age
418 related vs accomplishments.

- 419 A. Dogs with the title of LCS up to August 1, 2024 would maintain their LCS title and the title
420 will be retired as of August 1, 2024 and converted to LCE. Going forward, those LCI dogs
421 who are working toward the Lure Chasing Excellent (LCE) title (formerly known as the
422 LCS) shall keep the points earned toward the previous LCS and be good towards the new
423 LCE title.
- 424 B. As of August 1, 2024, the Lure Chasing Excellent title will replace the Lure Chasing Senior
425 title.

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427 Cost: The cost will not add to the current ASFA expenditure. The cost is directly related to the
428 hours that Records (Lori) must put in to manually keep track of these titles. This amendment
429 only changes the names of stakes and titles already in the budget for the records committee.
430 Costs will be reduced at which time there is a program available to handle the recorded data.

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432 *REC recommends that this proposal be APPROVED.*

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434 **Motion** by Sally MacDowell, to approve Proposal #1.
435 **Motion adopted.**

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438 **Proposal 2**

439 **Chapter IV**
440 **SCHEDULING THE MEET**

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442 **Section 8 (3) j. Required Contents of Premium Lists.**
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444 REC was asked to revise this section of the rulebook to provide additional stakes for dogs
445 entering the Singles Stake because all titled Singles compete against untitled entrants which
446 can prevent non-titled singles competitors from obtaining placement/points needed, However,
447 the Records Coordinator estimates that this can require an additional 10 to 25 hours per week
448 of manual entries. The current antiquated records program does not allow for reporting for
449 the Singles entries. All data for singles must be entered manually and maintained by hand.
450 Through ASFA Board action in 2019, the Records Coordinator agreed to a reduction in pay.
451 Therefore, REC believes that it would not be fair to make this change unless ASFA agrees to
452 an increase in pay commensurate to the increase in workload or a suitable update to the
453 records program is accomplished.
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455 *REC recommends that this rule change proposal be delayed until the records program can*
456 *record and calculate these titles automatically, and that the ACoD vote to defer action to*
457 *subsequent REC deliberations until that requirement is met.*
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459 **Motion** by Mary Frances, to defer action on Proposal #2 to next years' REC.

460 **Motion adopted.**
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463 **Proposal 3**

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465 **Chapter 7, Section 1. PLACEMENTS**

466 Proficiency and Championship points are not official until published on the ASFA website. **the**
467 **registered owner is notified by the ASFA Records Coordinator.**
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469 Effect: This will define when a title becomes official because there has been conflicting
470 interpretation of the official time a hound is to be moved up."
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472 Cost: \$0.00
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474 *REC recommends that this proposal be APPROVED. However, REC believes that further*
475 *definition and consequences should a dog be moved up or not, when necessary is not a rule*
476 *change. Further explanation of the rules is defined as a Policy and should be presented to the*
477 *Policies Committee.*
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479 **Motion** by Marilyn Standerford, to approve Proposal #3.

480 **Motion fails.**
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482 **Motion** by Scott Hurlbert, to recess. (11:58pm)
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484 Meeting resumes at 1:08pm

485 **Roll call for the afternoon session.**

486 **(28) delegates present**

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489 **Proposal 4 LCI Rules Chapter V, Section 1 Placements**

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491 REC was asked to revise this section of the rulebook. However, the Records Coordinator
492 estimates that this could require an even more additional hours per week of manual entries.
493 The current antiquated records program does not allow for reporting for the LCI entries or
494 results. All data for LCI must be entered manually and maintained by hand. Through ASFA
495 Board action in 2019, the Records Coordinator agreed to a reduction in pay. Therefore, REC
496 believes that it would not be fair to make this change unless ASFA agrees to an increase in
497 pay commensurate to the increase in workload or a suitable update to the records program is
498 accomplished.

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501 *record and calculate these titles automatically, and that the ACoD vote to defer action to*
502 *subsequent REC deliberations until that requirement is met.*

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504 **Motion** by Pat Spinazolla, to delay Proposal #4.

505 **Motion adopted.**

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507 **Awards** (Kathy Sanders)

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509 **Number One in the Breed for 2023: (Kathy Sanders)**

510 Afghan – Jeopardi

511 Azawakh- Ramisi

512 Basenji – Chilly

513 Borzoi – Bryce

514 Cirneco dell’Etna – Dexter

515 Greyhound – Tepid

516 Ibizan Hound – Madyson

517 Italian Greyhound – Roman

518 Irish Wolfhound – Wicked

519 LCI Small – Willow

520 LCI Large – Rohan

521 LCI Sighthound Mix – Skye

522 Magyar Agyar - Rise

523 Pharaoh Hound - Jasper

524 Rhodesian Ridgeback – Jinx

525 Saluki – Tessa

526 Scottish Deerhound – Stirling

527 Silken Windhound - Kenan

528 Singles – Voomi

529 Whippet – Whisper

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531 **The Top Hound is Whisper**

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533 Awards for Number of Entries

534 Silver Award – GONE 466 entries

535 Gold Award – CLCA 665 entries

536 Platinum Award - UCBSA 769 entries

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538 Awards for Number of Trials

539 Silver Award – GASM 9 trials

540 Gold Award – Upper 16 trials

541 Platinum Award - CLCA 18 trials

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543 **Lure Coursing Hall of Fame:**

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545 For the Hounds:

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

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548 The nominees inducted to the Hall of Fame are:

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550 Azawakh – “Ahzi”

551 Italian Greyhound – “Luca”

552 Rhodesian Ridgeback – “Reese”

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554 For the Individuals, the nominees for the Hall of Fame are:

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556 Terry Burchett and Leigh Littleton

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558 **Motion** by Phil Fullam, to induct both Terry Burchett and Leigh Littleton into the Hall of Fame.

559 **Motion adopted.**

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561 **Election of Officers:**

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563 Slate of Nominated Officers:

564 *President - Phil Fullam*

565 *1st Vice President - Cathy Sanderson*

566 *2nd Vice President - Greg Breitbart*

567 *Chief Financial Officer - Ping Pirrung*

568 *Recording Secretary – Jennifer Gysler*

569 *Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Sanders*

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571 Nominations from the Floor for President:

572 *Kathy Sanders nominates Scott Hurlbert*

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574 Election for President:

575 *Phil Fullam (9 votes)*

576 *Scott Hurlbert (19 votes)*

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578 Scott Hurlbert is elected President.

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580 Election for 1st Vice President:

581 *Kathy Sanders nominates Marilyn Standerford*

582 *Paul Sanders nominates Phil Fullam*

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584 *Cathy Sanderson (5 votes)*

585 *Phil Fullam (7 votes)*

586 *Marilyn Standerford (15 votes)*

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588 Marilyn Standerford is elected 1st Vice President.

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590 Election for 2nd Vice President:

591 Greg Breitbach is elected.

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593 Election for Recording Secretary:

594 Jennifer Gysler is elected

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596 Election for Corresponding Secretary:

597 Kathy Sanders is elected.

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599 Election for Chief Financial Officer:

600 *Greg Breitbach nominates Phil Fullam.*

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602 *Ping Pirrung (20 votes)*

603 *Phil Fullam (8 votes)*

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605 Ping Pirrung is elected Chief Financial Officer.

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607 **Old Business**

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609 None.

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611 **New Business:**

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613 Motions from the Floor:

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- 615 1. **Motion** by Audrey Silverstein and Gayle Kytta, to have the Board to direct REC to
616 make a provision to handle how to give points if a trial has to be canceled after prelims
617 are completed but before finals, due to weather or disaster. At this time, there is no
618 provision to handle this matter.

619 **Motion to Amend** by Ping Pirrung to add *after finals*:
620 **Motion to Amend fails.**

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622 **Motion to Amend** by Clay Leslie to remove the references to points and limit it to a
623 dismissal. The original motion maker rejects the amendment.

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625 (Discussion points included how this would impact DQs and dismissals, prelims vs.
626 finals, and how it would impact the current computer program which has limitations
627 per Lori Zorbaugh and would not be able to calculate trial results for a trial which
628 concluded after prelims.)

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630 **Motion adopted.**

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632 2. **Motion** by Marilyn Standerford, to direct the Board to direct the Policies Committee to
633 determine wording addressing dogs with artificial coloring competing in ASFA
634 sponsored events.

635 **Motion adopted.**
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637 (Cathy Sanderson mentions that this may have been reviewed previously)

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639 3. **Motion** by Kathy Sanders to appoint a Sunshine Committee to handle the good and
640 sad news in the coursing community.

641 **Motion fails.**
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643 Committees of the ACoD:

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645 -ACoD Planning/Site Selection Committee: Claudia Miller Chairperson. Members Kathy
646 Sanders and Sean McMichael.

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648 **Motion** by Tom Golcher to approve this committee.
649 **Motion adopted.**

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651 -CRC: Ping Pirrung Chairperson. Members Ben Brodeur, Russ Jacobs, Scott Hurlbert and
652 Jennifer Gysler.

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654 **Motion** by Marilyn Standerford to approve this committee.
655 **Motion adopted.**

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657 -Animal Advisory Committee: Chairperson Kathy Sanders. Member Cindy Antonik.
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659 **Motion** by Terry Sayre to approve this committee.
660 **Motion adopted.**

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

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

666 **Motion adopted.**

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668 -Gary Forrester Committee: Chairperson Mike Hussey. Members Sean McMichael, Dawn
669 Gibas and Dean Wright.

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

672 **Motion adopted.**

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674 **Motion** to adjourn by Terry Sayre, 3:19pm CT

675 **Motion adopted.**

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Jennifer Gysler, Recording Secretary
American Sighthound Field Association

Date of Approval

677 **Attachments**

678 **Attachment 1 – Officer Reports**

679 **Attachment 2 – Regional Director Reports**

680 **Attachment 3 – Committee Reports**

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

ATTACHMENT 1

Officers Reports

President's Report ASFA 2024

By Phil Fullam

The past two years have been frustrating for me on a personal basis. I had originally expected to be able to devote much of my time to ASFA, but as the way life tends to get in the way.

As of April 4, I will begin my second retirement. I am looking forward to having the time to properly attend to my commitments to ASFA, my dogs & my children and grandchildren.

The recent losses of Moe Brodeur and Leigh Littleton and last year Vickie show how fragile life is. These losses also point to how important it is to bring in new, younger blood to ASFA. We all have an expiration date, but do not know when it is.

As President of ASFA I see the need to increase the priority of having back up and viable succession plans for the key positions that keep ASFA running. We have several critical risk areas, records, financial, IT planning, and ACOD. Another area is our constitution and bylaws, which make keeping current with changing circumstances very difficult. Unfortunately I do not see it likely that we could accomplish a comprehensive re-write, but that doesn't mean we should not try. Our constitution reflects 50+ years of patches and has not kept up well with today's technology or market conditions.

On the positive side, I am very pleased that the board of Directors has actively participated in the quarterly virtual meetings, as well as how responsive the executive Committee has been when called upon.

It is a privilege to serve ASFA , and I hope I can continue contributing for many years to come.

Phil Fullam

Report of 1st VP

By Greg Breitbach

As 1st VP, my primary function is to assist the President of ASFA throughout the year.

This year, we have been in communication on a variety of issues which have cropped up.

Also, I am approached at trials by exhibitors and workers regarding issues they see within their regions or at trials they attend.

The biggest complaint this past year has been about the ASFA Running Rules. They are bulky, not concise, spread throughout the rules so that to find information, one must look in several chapters and find the sections related to their questions.

For example: a recent conversation with an FTS regarded the points for dogs competing when one is dismissed or disqualified. They were looking in Chapter V for the information which is the place most individuals look. But the exact text they needed was found in Chapter VI.

I do receive calls from individuals even when I am not at that trial asking to interpret or find certain procedures. I have tried to take every call when received, but when I am traveling, sometimes I cannot get right back when the answer is needed.

When looking at the history of how ASFA has compiled the current set of running rules, several items have been reaction to something which occurred the previous year. We also have policies which have been implemented that need to be contained within the Running Rules. Some policies have been around longer than most of us have been involved with ASFA. It is my opinion that things which may need quick changes should be policy but policies which have not been changed in years need to be incorporated into the Running Rules or deleted if they no longer apply. Three years ago, the Judges Committee changed Chapter XI and, in the process, deleted six of the related policies. Every chapter should be evaluated in a similar manner. It does not have to be done all at once, but we need to make sure that individuals can readily find and understand our running rules. Too many exhibitors give up reading the rule and in turn, just ask experienced individuals for their interpretation. It may not always be correct which is how misinformation gets promulgated.

Submitted
Gregory Breitbach

ASFA 1st VP

2nd VP Report

By Cathy Sanderson

It has been an absolute joy to serve as the 2nd Vice President throughout the remarkable year of 2023. Witnessing the incredible displays of sportsmanship and observing the enriching mentorship experiences has truly exemplified the spirit that makes ASFA exceptional.

As we embark on the journey into our second half-century, the significance of maintaining our standing as the premier lure coursing organization in North America cannot be overstated. Reflecting on the strides we've made in enhancing equipment, elevating the skills of our dedicated members, and refining our processes for recognizing outstanding dogs and individuals in the sport, it is evident that ASFA has come a long way.

However, we must remain vigilant and proactive. In this ever-evolving world, ASFA must adapt to stay ahead of the curve. It is imperative that we continue to evolve and innovate, ensuring that our organization remains the go-to choice for enthusiasts seeking fulfilling activities with their dogs and a credible platform for evaluating breeding stock.

The ASFA stands at a crossroads of incredible opportunities, and it is our collective responsibility to strike a harmonious balance between tradition and progress. Let us embrace the exciting future that lies ahead, exploring new avenues while cherishing the values that have made ASFA the premiere lure coursing organization. Together, as a united group, we can shape the next chapter of ASFA's legacy, solidifying our position as the trailblazers in the world of lure coursing.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Sanderson
2nd VP

Recording Secretary's Report

By Jennifer Gysler

Thank you to the Board and on the ASFA committees and Regional Directors for their contributions to ASFA and the lure coursing community. I continue to learn and grow as I complete my second year as recording secretary for ASFA.

The Board met quarterly in 2023, both in person and via Zoom, as follows: (1) March 16-17, 2023 (in conjunction with the ACoD); (2) June 7, 2023; (3) September 20, 2023 and (4) December 20, 2023.

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 2023 and the reports for the 2024 ACoD, our volunteers have been busy and we are looking forward to 2024.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – March 2024

Ping Pirrung, Corresponding Secretary

I really enjoy being the Corresponding Secretary for the ASFA. There is always something going on whether it be correspondence from the website to answer or motions on the board list to post and keep track of. Being the Corresponding Secretary is probably my favourite 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: 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: All the issues of the Communiqué 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.

I am looking forward to passing the baton on to Kathy Sanders. I feel she will do an outstanding job as Corresponding Secretary. It will be available to help get her feet under her. I know she will do a great job. RD Elections are slated for this autumn so be thinking of persons in your region that will make a good Regional Director. They will represent the interests of your region to the Board.

Thank you to each of you that has helped me these past years as well as those I have met along the way.

2023 Chief Financial Officer Report

By Scott Hurlbert

ASFA has had a decent year in 2023. While we continue to see an increase in new hounds or hounds entered we have plateaued or even dipped in number of entries. We continue to look at causes for the decrease entries and it is safe to say it is not just one thing. There are a number of venues for our hounds to participate in and the cost of event locations has gone up across the country. I would challenge the clubs to try to host one more weekend of coursing a year and to work to do events in conjunction with other dog club activities.

With all that said ASFA has had a minor dip to our checking account compared to last year which is expected since 2023 was the first year we had an ACoD in person since 2019. I expect to draw up a similarly tight budget for 2024.

You are the ASFA. Your contributions are what make this organization great. I would encourage clubs to band together to host the Invationals, whether that be the Regional or the International. Once you host those events, share it to the web site and face book. This way we learn how others host these special events. Have you put in for the Invitational? I hear rumors of the 2025 II, but looking forward to having you host it.

I have enjoyed being the CFO for the past couple of years and looking forward to serving the fancy as best I can in the years ahead.

BUDGET 2024

ASFA Budget 2023

Income	Actual 2023	Budget 2024	
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	2023		

ATTACHMENT 2

Reports of the Regional Directors

Region 1 – no report

Region 2 – no report

Region 3 Report

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

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: Darci Kunard

2023:

Region 3 clubs hosted 26 trials with a total entry of 1787 in 2023.

CLCA hosted 18 trials in 2023. Two more than hosted in 2022. CLCA was again number one in the country for trials hosted and number two in the country for hounds entered (665).

CLCA is planning to host 18 trials for 2024 including the **50th Grand National**.

LLCC hosted 4 trials 2023, which included the Region 3 Invitational. They had a total of 165 entries for the year. This is up 20 from 2022. LLCC plans to host 4 trials for 2024.

RMIWA hosted 1 specialty and 2 all-breed trials in 2023. They had 32 entries, down 11 from last year. RMIWA plans to host 3 trials in 2024.

USRCC lost a coursing field and was not able to host any ASFA trials in 2023. They are planning to host 4 in 2024 including the Region 3 Invitational.

RMCC hosted 1 trial in 2023 with 15 entries. RMCC plans to host 1 trial in 2024.

Region 4 – no report

Region 5 – no report

Region 6 Report

By Holly Hamilton

Thank you to all the ASFA clubs in Region 6 for hosting trials. Special shout out to Michigan Gazehound Association for holding the largest number of trials with highest number of entries.

Although MWCC was scheduled to hold our regional in October, it became necessary to cancel the trial for a number of reasons. However, LARK was able to organize a nice regional trial at the last minute. Thank you to LARK and their members! Regional winner of Director's Cup was Tessa the Saluki.

The region held National lure trials for Afghan Hounds, Italian Greyhounds and Scottish Deerhounds.

We had many top dogs for 2023 from Region 6, including the number one greyhound Tepid, Rhodesian Ridgeback Jinx, Saluki Tessa, and Whippet Whisper (also overall number one hound).

Hoping to have a fun and safe 2024 coursing year!

Region: 6 Clubs: 9 Trials: 20 Count: 822 No count: 5

AHCA	Trials: 1	Total Hounds: 7	Average: 7
IGCA	Trials: 1	Total Hounds: 16	Average: 16
LARK	Trials: 2	Total Hounds: 73	Average: 36
MBC	Trials: 1	Total Hounds: 35	Average: 35
MGA	Trials: 6	Total Hounds: 330	Average: 55
MWCC	Trials: 2	Total Hounds: 75	Average: 37
OKIGO	Trials: 2	Total Hounds: 129	Average: 64
SDCA	Trials: 1	Total Hounds: 11	Average: 11
SLASH	Trials: 4	Total Hounds: 146	Average: 36

AH	AZ	BA	BZ	CE	CP	GE	GH	IB	IG	IW	LG	MA	PH	PO	PP	PQ	RR	SA	SD	SH	SL	SM	SN	SW	WH
AHCA	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IGCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LARK	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	10	5	5	0	0	0	4	0	13
MBC	0	0	4	9	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	1	6	0	2
MGA	10	0	40	5	0	0	0	24	22	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	21	8	0	0	0	0	38	33	121
MWCC	2	0	8	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	12	10	1	0	0	11	7	0	12	
OKIGO	2	0	7	4	0	0	0	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	5	5	0	0	0	27	5	42	
SDCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	
SLASH	0	0	14	30	0	0	0	7	2	0	8	0	4	0	0	12	9	0	0	0	2	32	0	26	
Totals	21	0	80	52	0	0	0	51	51	17	8	2	19	0	0	77	40	19	0	0	14	117	38	216	

Region 7 – no report

Region 8 Report

By Patricia Spinozzola

The year was led by UCBCS for total number of trials held. The list is as follows:

UCBSC	16 trials	769 hounds
CHAMP	4 trials	184 hounds
IWCA	1 trial	9 hounds
LVCC	2 trials	51 hounds
MDIHC	4 trials	211 hounds
SHOT	4 trials	128 hounds
THLC	4 trials	173 hounds
TSSC	4 trials	155 hounds
ASFA II	2 trials	269 hounds

Region 8 led the way in breed entries for Basenji, Borzoi, Galgo Español, Ibizan Hound, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Saluki, and Whippets. We also led the way with total number of entries for the year with 769 hounds.

Region 8 also hosted the ASFA II in 2023 at the Oatlands in Leesburg, VA. Three fields were used, and while two ran smoothly, there were equipment issues on one. That said, it was a well-run event. The food truck was a hit, there was ample parking for RVs and other vehicles, and a good time was had by all.

CHAMP hosted the Region 8 Invitational. One field was used, and the numbers were down from previous years. It followed closely on the heels of the II, and at the same location. It is believed this contributed to the smaller number of entries.

CHAMP is now in search of a new field. Oatlands is costly, they do not maintain the field in a manner that is optimal for lure coursing, and we are their stepchild

for available dates to hold our trials. Two or three locations were pinpointed, and hopefully one will be selected by the time of the ACoD.

Region 8 remains a vibrant and vital part of ASFA. We will not only continue that momentum, but hope to expand our reach and continue to grow our numbers in the future.

Region 9 Report for 2023

By Gina Whritenour

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

Region 9 – Club to host Regional Invitational - TBD – Inquiries out to all clubs to see who would like to host this year. GONE has hosted the last couple. I would like to see another club take the lead this year.

2023 Trials:

- Gazehounds of New England, **April**, Waterford CT 54 & 51 hounds
- NORTHERN AZAWAKH ASSOCIATION **May**, Flamborough, ON CAN, 46 & 49 hounds
- LAKE COUNTRY LURE COURSERS **MAY**, Jerseyville, ON CAN, 35 hounds
- Gazehounds of New England, **June**, Blandford, MA 59 & 54 hounds
- Gazehounds of New England, **Sept**, Starkville NY, 62 hounds
- Gazehounds of New England, **SEPT**, Starkville, NY, 56 hounds (Reg 9 Invitational)
- NORTHERN AZAWAKH ASSOCIATION **Sept**, Flamborough, ONTARIO CAN, 46 & 37 hounds
- GAZEHOOUNDS OF NEW ENGLAND **Oct**, Griswold, CT, 65 & 60 (25th Anniversary)
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Total entries for Region 9 ASFA trials = 674 hounds & LCI's in 8 trials (234 entry jump from 2022); There were no trial cancellations

Regional Clubs

Elite Coursing Hounds of Ontario (ECHO)--member

Northern Azawkh Association (NAA)--member

Gazehounds of New England (GONE)--member

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (NERRC)--affiliate

Saluki Association of New England (SANE) – Fast Track Applied

Lake County Lure Coursers (LCLC)--member

Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of United States (RRCUS)--parent

A note about GONE Activities: GONE's annual meeting had interesting discussions on looking for new fields to use and how to create a day of practice for all breeds with a possible side groups to learn different aspects of coursing from how to slip your dog to jobs on the field. Also, they are checking into educational/meet the dog days at different events to drum up interest.

2023 Top 20 rankings for Region 9

Afghan

17 Charlotte Dream A Little Dream Of Me K.O'Brien/J.Martin

Azawakh

2 Anir Ch Knightwind's Anir FChE.Knight
3 Siri Ch Knightwind's Tiziri FChD.Vout
4 Axel Allalwansahel Axiocrses Borealis FCh J.Martin
5 Kalfu Kel Simoon Umi N'Imajaghan E.Larsson/C.Wansing

Greyhound

2 Alice FC Golightly Lakilanni White Rabbit LCM2,SC,RN,CGC
L.Zucker/L.Soutar
4 Summertime Lakilanni The Living is Easy FCh C. Laliberte`
8 Tull Lakilanni Thick As A Brick LCM2 L.Soutar

Ibizans

1 Madyson Bll, CKC Ch IcyCold Parallels Sixth Avenue FCh Dr.K.Catt
2 PennyIcyCold Sixth Cent LCM Dr.K.Catt
3 GinnyIcyCold Fifth Avenue Girl LCM Dr K.Catt
8 MeMe CKC GCh,DC AKC DC Uch Icy Cold Take A Second Look At
Me LCM2,VFCh,FChX Dr K.Catt
9 Hurry CKC DC,Uch IcyCold Every Second Counts LCM,VFCh,FChX Dr
K.Catt
4 Winston Imagery Hundred Acre Wood A.Ortenberg

LCI Large

2 ArthurArthur Hayes LCA,LCC,VLCC A.Hayes
9 Seuss Dr Seuss J. & J.Warren
9 FridayMontana's Wicked Fast Friday B.J.Crehan
11 Sunny Vizsla Villa's Sunny N.Warren
14 Gemma Constellation Dancer V Tierkreis S.Ploughman/I.Rebelo
18 Jackson Kleiner's Jackson LCI H.& S.Kleiner
19 Jethro Loretta's Enchanted Unicorn At Antares LCA,LCC V.Lobo
19 Frannie Frannie K.Hunt
19 MeikoHanshoume Go Aoiyama Sou S.Sears/J.Hitchcock-Smith
19 Sakura Katsuichime Go Tomoe LCI C.Hammond/B.Jacobs-Wall

LCI Sighthound Mix

- 3 Guru Guru LCI M.Vallance
- 5 Qwik Qwik M.Jarvis
- 14 Seren PSF A Twist of Fate S.Baldwin
- 14 Dynamite Dynamite! S.Vandenbergh
- 14 Pickles Pickles S.Baldwin/V.Francey
- 14 Mercy MissJiff's I Feel A Sin Coming On @ Tactical Image K.Simerson
- 20 Nike Nike S.Baldwin
- 20 Rapid MissJiffs Now Or Never @ Tactical Image Rapid Fyre B.O'Connor

LCI small

- 6 Zoey Zoey Furiously Happy LCC,LCA,LCS P.Buswell
- 9 Limit Tactical Image's The Possibilities Are Limitless J.Esplen
- 10 Tension Tatalacial Image's The Attention Is Always On Me M.Jarvis
- 11 Breeze Bacardi Breezer K.McQuiggan
- 12 Katsu Tactical Image's Enlightened State L.McLeod
- 14 Marston Man From Blackwater E.E.Harman

Pharaoh

- 9 Cowboy Ch Galadrial's Z-Faro Space Cowboy C.& S.Leslie/S.Hoffman
- 1 Royal Ch Galadrial's Kamaraj Time To Run Royal Th-E-Brod FCh,SC B.& M.Brodeur/S.Hoffman

Rhodesian Ridgeback

- 19 Buttercup Luvakis RB's Wuv, Tru Wuv, Will Fowow You Foweve RM, RAE
A.Hart/T.West-Holmes/E.Holmes

Saluki

- 2 Rajah FC Sandstorm Hope For Genie's Golden Lamp TCP,FCh,SC
T.Pressley
- 5 Mooji Yamadan Mouhjat For Tallahamra FCh J.Plugis
- 16 Kingsley Khamsin's King Of the Road CKC FCh S.Konopa/K.Welsh

Scottish Deerhounds

- 1 Stirling Ch Fernhill's Stirling S.Rivenburg
- 3 Braemar Fernhill's Braemar S.Rivenburg

Singles

- 4 SA Jasmine Alyasamin's Three Wishes TCP T.Pressle
- 16 SW Rajah FC Sandstorm Hope For Genie's Golden Lamp TCP,SC
T.Pressley

Silken Windhound

10 Nico Starfyre Echo Thru The Canyons FCh T.& S.Adamo/K.& J.Hicks

Whippets

- 2 Ivan FC Hyflyte Catch The Wind At Shannon Down LCM,SC,CGC,TKN
J.Courtemanche
- 3 Hoppit Hyflyte That Will Leave A Mark FCh
D.Johnson/J.Courtemanche
- 4 Rapper Hyflyte The Show Must Go On FCh
H.Ferguson/M.Smith/M.Mortin
- 6 Riptide FC Williwaw Vitamin Sea FCh,SC M.Smith
- 9 Vulcan FC Hyflyte Live Long And Prosper LCM,SC
M.Smith/H.Ferguson
- 13 Jay Byerley Jay Dillon At Merci Isle FCh,CGC,TKI C.Potter/I.&
J.Kimmelman
- 15 Hotz DC Merci Isle 110 In The Shade At Whip Hill FCh,SC
I.&J.Kimmelman
- 16 Shelby Merci Isle Sun Moon Stars FCh A.Sampson
- 16 Fleet Hyflyte Fleet Fox FCh E.McCorkell/M.Maybee

Region 9 dogs in top 20 = 58 (new for the year are RR, SD, and Silken Windhounds)

Clubs are working hard to increase participation

Region 10 Report – January 2024

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 Highway 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 this year.

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, so the 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

Awards Committee Report – March 2024

Kathy Sanders Committee Chair

Dear ASFA Members,

While I typically aim to convey positive news, regrettably, this year's report falls short of expectations. In 2023, only five Regional Invitationals were held (Regions 3, 5, 6, 8, & 9), representing merely half of our regions. Understandably, clubs face challenges such as securing fields and maintaining memberships. However, I urge Regional Directors to remain actively engaged within their regions. Host regional meetings, engage with club delegates, gather input, and provide support to our clubs, as they are the lifeblood of ASFA. Encouraging clubs to host Regional Invitationals, even if alongside regular trials, is vital for our organization's vitality.

For 2024, I issue a challenge to ALL Regional Directors: actively promote and support the hosting of Regional Invitationals within your regions. Whether a one or two-day event, consider transforming scheduled trials into Regional Invitationals. ASFA will provide Rosettes & Medallions to facilitate these events. As of the end of 2023, our awards inventory showed slight depletion in certain areas. An order has been placed to replenish supplies. The current inventory (before replenishment) stands as follows:

Ribbons:

0 – Best in Field (BIF)

64 – Bench Stake

30 – Best of Breed (BOB)

60 – 1st Place

172 – 2nd Place

171 – 3rd Place

130 – 4th Place

65 – Next Best Qualified (NBQ)

1 – High Scoring Single

62 – Breeder Stake

64 – Kennel Stake

Medallions:

56 – Pewter
153 – Bronze
8 – Gold

REMINDER It is the responsibility of Regional Directors to place ribbon orders and maintain records of entries and awards used each year. This record must be transferred between Regional Directors to ensure coordination with clubs hosting Regional Invitationals. After events, any unused ribbons and medallions must be returned to maintain inventory levels.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Regional Directors who effectively managed award distribution, resulting in minimal returns. Your efforts are commendable.

PUBLICITY MATTERS I urge all regions to capture moments from ribbon ceremonies, whether from Regional Invitationals, International Invitationals, or regular trials. Share these images with the Public Outreach Committee for potential inclusion on ASFA's Facebook page and Communiqué.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Here's to a successful 2024!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Sanders, Chair
ASFA Awards Committee

Communiqué Report to the 2024 Annual Convention of Delegates
from Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Editor asfa.comunique@gmail.com

Dear ACoD Delegates

2023 was the 6th year of online publishing of the Communiqué. Our goal continues to be to inform, create interest, spark communication, and promote ASFA and its member clubs. In 2023 we developed a new Q&A section. We also expanded our advertising. We published 36 ads total. The ads were fun. They created excitement. They also generated revenue for ASFA. The amount generated is equal to the per diem of 260 dogs.

We are grateful for the support we receive and participation from an ever growing number of lure coursing people who report on their important events, provide us with their beautiful photos, write for us, research for us, send us their work, and in countless ways, help in the creation of each issue of the Communiqué.

Going forward, we plan to continue to improve our coverage of ASFA, the member clubs, events, and results. We plan to build on our new Q&A

feature. We plan to expand our ads. We also plan to switch to a flip page format when the necessary software becomes available.

We would like to create a system to allow people to easily order ads online. Another goal is to create a searchable archive to provide easy access to information from past issues of the Communiqué. We hope to do these things in conjunction with the new website when it is complete.

As always, we welcome your ideas and suggestions.

The Communiqué Committee:

Victoria Cassano, Sally MacDowell, Lois Obelcz, Dean Wright,
Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Editor asfa.communicue@gmail.com

Contracts Committee

by Jennifer Gysler

(Jennifer Gysler, Scott Hurlbert, Sean McMichael)

In 2023, the Contracts Committee has reviewed contracts related to the ASFA II, including hotel blocks, tenting and field rental.

Executive Committee Report

(no written report)

Experimental Committee Report

By Gregory Breitbach

No club hosted the Bracket Challenge program this past year.

Field Trial Improvement Committee

(no written report)

Finance and Budget Committee

By Scott Hurlbert

(See CFO Report)

Forms & Publications Committee Report – March 2024

Marilyn Standerford, Chair

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

Status of ASFA Store

When we are out of **patches**, we will not be replenishing the supplies, unless the Board deteremines we should. It is a sizeable investment by the ASFA with a very slow rate of return. We currently have the following:

- Best In Field—**SOLD OUT** (last purchased a Qty of 50 in June 2012)
- ASFA Patches—52 left (last purchased 100 in November of 2009)
- Field Champion Patches—14 left (last purchased 100 in April 2010)
- LCM Patches—109 left (last purchased 100 November of 2009)

We have a boatload (205) of **1995-2000 ASFA History Books** left. Last one was sold in 2020. Prior to that two were sold in 2016. (Some at my house and some at Sean McMichael's.) What to do with them?

Old FANs—I have 3 copies of most issues (2000 - 2010 in boxes in my basement and garage). I have never sold any of them. Sean has 75 copies of various FANs from 1985 thru 2001. I have 14 copies of the last issue, and the last one I sold was in 2013. I would like Board permission to recycle all of the old FANs.

We currently only have 14 **ASFA Signs**. (Last purchased 100 in January of 2008). These were purchased at a great price at that time. We cannot get them for that price again. The business is no longer operating.

Regional Decals—SOLD OUT (finally!) ASFA purchased 100, in a different color for each of the Regions, in 2004 for a total of 1,000 decals.

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, 2023 to reflect changes from REC/CRC changes as of the 2023 ACoD.

Remember, it was determined that the cost of printing a smaller rulebook far exceeds the return for individual cost and shipping. We would have to have a quantity of no fewer 500 to start, and we do not have the demand for that many. The price would be very high per rulebook—not \$5.00 but closer to \$10-\$12 per rule book. That is not feasible and would put a huge strain on the ASFA budget.

FORMS Update

Each committee should be reviewing the forms and publications for which they are responsible and updating as necessary with Policy and Rule changes.

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. Include the original wording with your corrections/updates underlined. Strikethrough text you want removed/replaced. All additions should be bolded and underlined. 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 updates, they will have to go to the Board for approval in the ASFA format.

ASFA PACKETS

The only piece of updated information to send out in the ASFA packets is the Guidelines to Hound Certification.

The Beginner's Guide to Lure Coursing has not been updated since 2009. (I have a lot of these in my basement and would like Board permission to recycle them.

Every club is entitled to 25 of The Guidelines to Hound Certification each year. Honestly, if you are going to use them, I'll send more. These are also available on the ASFA website for self-service, or 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

Co-Chairs: Scott Hurlbert & Jennifer Gysler
Members: Tom Cigolle, Holly Hamilton, Phil Fullam, Cathy Sanderson, Eddie Kominek, Dean Wright

Potential Collaboration with AKC:

This committee is exploring communications with AKC in an effort to keep lure coursing going strong and increase ASFA's profile across the country for lure coursing enthusiasts and clubs that can benefit from our experience and rich history.

This can be accomplished by ASFA becoming more involved in judges' education, and other areas where AKC is simply not able to offer the same focus and support as ASFA can.

We will be requesting input from our member and affiliate clubs as well as the fancy, as to what our priorities are in working with the AKC. This could range from providing judges education and other management aspects of lure coursing and obtaining AKC recognition of ASFA titles.

AKC is losing money on their lure coursing program which may enable ASFA to further support our lure coursing community while creating a more robust ASFA. As of November 2023, the AKC had 7441 entries in lure coursing which was down 12% from the prior year. ASFA's entries for 2023 were 6512 which was on par with the past three years.

We plan on pursuing discussions with the AKC and preparing a business plan to present to the Board.

IT Report

By Cathy Sanderson

The original proposal that was approved by the board is not working as well as intended. The 4 phases are too broad and the order that tasks need to be done is not reflected in the phases.

Eddie has found that he has been jumping around and doing tasks out of order according to the proposal. Progress is progress but it has been difficult to measure and report on. To correct this problem We will be re-writing the proposal to include more detail and presenting it to the board at the earliest opportunity.

As Phil says, "life gets in the way" and Eddie has faced personal challenges impacting his time for coding and project work. You all know Eddie and Selma recently bought Injoy Lure Coursing Equipment and Eddie is in the process of working out the business processes to make that a success. He does have staff to help him in the business going forward. While juggling two multi-million-dollar lawsuits and the departure of his lawyer at a crucial juncture, Eddie remains committed to overcoming these obstacles. I am reaching out to the coursing community to identify individuals with PHP coding expertise who may be interested in assisting Eddie. If you or someone you know fits this description, please contact me or Eddie directly.

Our ASFA Zoom account is gaining traction within our member clubs. Clubs are increasingly using the platform for monthly meetings, either with assistance in setting up or independently using the provided login information. It's heartening to witness the growing utilization of our Zoom account, fostering enhanced communication and collaboration among our clubs.

In line with our digital advancements, I have explored the possibility of implementing an online entry system for member clubs. JotForm emerges as a user-friendly solution, streamlining data collection and linking seamlessly with payment gateways like PayPal for instant entry fee payments. Several other clubs are already using JotForm and if you did online entries for the II in 2023, you were using JotForm. In a conversation with experts at JotForm, they also pointed out ways to keep each club's entries separate and accessible to only that club. Each form can be linked to a different PayPal account.

A live demo is available for your review, showcasing the system's efficiency. The board has identified some concerns that require resolution before proceeding with full implementation.

Website Publication

By Cathy Sanderson

The team of Marilyn Standerford and Jean Hampton have quickly and consistently updated the ASFA website throughout the year. Even overcoming the challenges of personnel changes. A heartfelt thank you to Marilyn and Jean for their dedication and resilience – their contributions have truly made a positive impact!

Website Liaison Report – March 2024

Marilyn Standerford, Chair

I do appreciate it when the members of the fancy let me know of an error on the website so I can get it fixed. You may contact me at webmaster@asfa.org. I can research to see if I get the same error or if there is truly something wrong with the site. Sometimes all it takes is for you to clear your cache or refresh your page for the updates to show, but we can work that out together.

Website

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

- ASFA Board of Directors roster
- ASFA Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Membership makeup
- ASFA Hall of Fame Inductees
- The Gary Forrester award

- EPA and Club Incentive Awards
- Records 101
- Policies, as identified and ratified at the ACoD or by the Board throughout the year
- Ensure the @asfa.org addresses are updated to forward to the correct personal e-mail address.
- Update any forms with current chair and contact information, if required, and post to the website.
- In August, update the ASFA Running Rules with:
 - the approved REC proposals,
 - the Constitution with the approved CRC proposals
 - any LCI approved proposals
 - any experimental programs added

Weekly, as received, ASFA Trial Schedule is updated.

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

The Communique is posted to the ASFA website within a few days of receipt from the committee.

Our webmaster charges us by “time”, similar to a lawyer. Therefore, she may wait until she has a full 15 minutes to use for posting, unless I tell her it is urgent. She is trying to save us money as well by doing it in this manner.

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. The holdback is that the LCI and the Singles records have to be manually tabulated and reported. This is a time-consuming task for the Records Coordinator.

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 Chair. 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.

Contact Us

There were 49 e-mails to the Webmaster via the website. (This is below average for the past few years.) 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

Judges Licensing and Committee

At the request of the past ACoD, the committee investigated and came up with a proposal so that if a provisionally licensed individual is not scheduled to judge a breed which has enough dogs entered to count towards their license, they could be moved to judge that breed at a trial. The proposal was rejected by the board.

In further discussions, there are currently mechanisms to assist provisionally licensed individuals to judge breeds they need for a license. Clubs know which breeds they normally have entered at their trials. When hiring a provisional judge, they should make sure that those breeds are assigned to the provisional judge. If the club knows that there are more than four breeds with numbers to assist the provisional judge obtaining their numbers, they can request through their Regional Director approval to have that individual judge more than four provisional breeds at that trial. In rare cases will an RD not approve the request.

It is also up to the provisionally licensed individual to assist themselves by being willing to travel outside their normal region and, if the breed they exhibit is one that has higher numbers, to forego running their hounds at the trial so they can obtain the required numbers.

The committee also worked on updating JDG 07, Guidelines for Judges Reimbursement. This was also rejected by the Board and not forwarded to forms.

We have lost several judges this year to retirement and death.

We have some new applications for licenses.

One problem with new applicants is that individuals are not following procedures as outlined in JDG 06.

To clarify, the application is to be downloaded from the ASFA website, completed, scanned, and sent to JudgesLic@asfa.org. The application fee may be paid through PayPal to the ASFA Treasurer or a check made out to ASFA can be mailed to Gregory Breitbach, Chair ASFA Judge Licensing, 1930 W Galena St, Milwaukee, WI 53205. Do not send applications to any other individuals, Facebook or text.

When an individual is a licensed AKC judge, and they want to bypass apprentice level, they need to provide a sample listing of events they judged and the individual they judged with. I as chair evaluate the trials, number of entries and try to contact the individual they judged with to obtain a reference on their ability to judge.

Also, when submitting a request for additional breeds, the scanned form JDG 03 and appropriate forms JDG 02 should be submitted via email to the chair.

Submitted

Gregory Breitbach

Chair ASFA Judges Licensing

Chair Judges Committee

Committee Members: Darci Kunard, Ben Brodeur, Leigh Littleton, Justin Dannenberg, Josie Haumont, Phil Fullam (president)

Long Range Planning Committee

by Jennifer Gysler

(Jennifer Gysler, Greg Breitbach, Linda D'Antonio, Scott Hurlbert, Kathy Sanders)

The LRP has been discussing ways to improve and increase the presence of ASFA in the fancy and with member clubs in terms of being an educational resource. We have learned that our own committee members are participating in seminars with various clubs on huntmastering, field set up, introduction to lure operating, information on the judges' perspective during a trial and so forth. In person seminars are desirable for many topics. However, we can also take advantage of webinars to reach a wider group of people, so exhibitors can better understand what it takes to put on a trial and solicit volunteers.

LRP will be looking into the viability of ASFA sponsored educational webinars.

Membership Committee Report – March 2024

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.

The committee has had a couple of discussions during the year, which has resulted in a couple of minor proposed CRC changes. First, changing the nomenclature of a club's delegate to a club's liaison. This was done to alleviate to confusion as to the difference between a club's delegate and an ACoD delegate. This constantly seems to be a confusing point. Also, every year there is a struggle to get some clubs to pay their dues on time. Therefore, we have proposed a club's ability to vote and schedule or hold an ASFA trial will be suspended after the deadline (1st of May) for receipt of dues has passed. The grace period of 3 months will still remain.

Last year most clubs had sent in their renewals by the deadline of the 1st of May. The first dues notice went out in the middle of January and many clubs responded quickly, for which I am very thankful. As I write this at the beginning of March, 44% of clubs have sent in their dues and update form. I am sure the delegates get tired of getting reminder emails from me. The next notice will be going out shortly after the ACoD.

In 2023 we lost four clubs: Goin' Up North Coursing (GUNC), Greyhound Association of North Georgia (GANG), Inland Gazehound Fanciers (IGF) and Lone Star Borzoi Club (LSBC). I have already heard from one other club that they will not be renewing this year.

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 to be cashed.

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. There are two additional clubs in the wings for this year. We look forward to their success at holding their first Fun trials and their ultimate application to become an affiliate 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

(no report)

Public Outreach

(no report)

Records Coordinator (separate attachment)

2024 RD & 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 Gina Whritenour

Region 10 Keith Hicks

RD Report:

Per Administration Policy A-RD08, I will call to order a Regional Directors meeting one half hour following the ASFA BoD Meeting, on Thursday March 21, in the same location as the ASFA BoD meeting.

During 2023 we Region 9 RD resigned and ASFA held a special election to fill the vacancy. Congratulations to Gina Whritenour for being elected as the new Region 9 Director.

During 2023 there were 18 opportunities to vote on matters affecting ASFA nationwide. The voting percentage of votes cast are as follows:

Region 1 Paul Sanders	18 votes cast 100%
Region 2 Jayme Jones	14 votes cast 77.8%
Region 3 Tom Golcher	18 votes cast 100%
Region 4 Terry Sayre	14 votes cast 77.8%
Region 5 Aryn Ping	16 votes cast 88.9%
Region 6 Holly Hamilton	16 votes cast 88.9%
Region 7 Eddie Kominek	10 votes cast 55.6%
Region 8 Pat Spinazzola	11 votes cast 61%
Region 9 Gina Whritenour *	18 votes cast 100%
Region 10 Keith Hicks	17 votes cast 94.4%

*combined votes cast by both Regional 9 Directors.

II Committee Business:

We are seeking bids for the 2025 ASFA II.

Club(s) Proposal: The club(s) wishing to host or co-host the event must submit a proposal to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary.

This proposal must include at a minimum:

- Name of the Club(s) involved
- Proposed date including appropriate weather and daylight statistics
- Approximate location of trial and description of the grounds
- Entry fee • Additional activities (if any)
- Proposed budget
- Financial terms of the co-host arrangement including how earnings will be shared among the clubs involved

- If LCI and Singles Stakes are to be offered, an entry limit may be requested by the host club(s) or applied, at the recommendation of the II Committee.

When a proposal is submitted to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary shall forward the proposal to the Chair of the Invitationals Committee and the Chair will forward it to the Invitationals Committee with any notes or comments from the Chair. The Scheduling Chairman, Records Coordinator, Membership Chairman and the respective Regional Director may be asked for comments regarding the potential co-host club(s) and field committee members before a final decision is reached. Once the Committee approves the proposal, it will then be forwarded to the ASFA Board by the Committee Chair for final approval to the Board of Directors with the necessary committee comments. After a decision has been made by the Board of Directors, the Corresponding Secretary shall notify the Scheduling Chairman and each of the club(s) submitting a proposal shall be advised of the decision. If no proposals from club(s) are received by the beginning of the board meeting one calendar year prior to the year of the International Invitational in question, the Board of Directors will assume the responsibility for hosting the event. At its discretion, the ASFA Board may negotiate a co-hosting arrangement. The appropriate Regional Director shall serve as a liaison between the co-host club(s) and ASFA Board of Directors.

The following information was submitted by the Field Committee of the 2023 ASFA II, as a "lessons learned" guide.

Prep for Proposal and Budget submission to RDs.

1. Research for Facility Rental, Tent cost, Porta Potty Cost, and place in the projected budget.
2. Decide on the number of judges and lure operators.
3. Contract for facility rental.
4. Secure FTS

For Premium List

1. **Secure Judges** In consultation with FTS, Head LO and Head Hm.
2. **Secure Head Lure Operator.** Responsible for assembling a team of Lure Operators and assigning them to fields. Responsible for ensuring appropriate equipment and backups are available for each field.
3. **Secure Food Trucks**
4. **Secure Saturday Dinner supplier**
5. **Set up Payment System** (online or mail-in)

6. **Get Local Accommodations** info.
7. **Decide on Field Assignments of Judges** in consultation with FTS, Head LO and Head Hm.
8. **Decide on Breed Assignments** or leave till later (with announcement in the Premium)
9. **Secure Head Huntmaster.** Responsible for finding a team of huntmasters and assigning them to cover all fields.
10. **Secure Head of Inspection & Paddock.** Responsible for assembling their team of inspectors for roll call and paddock people for each field.
11. **Secure Wearables Source(s)**
12. **Secure Trophy/Donation Chairperson.** Responsible for securing donations and ensuring that the perpetual trophies are at the II and that the new winners sign the acceptance forms.
13. **Secure Catalog Chairperson.** Responsible for ensuring the catalog includes entries and advertisements and it gets to the appropriate printer.
14. **Secure Camping Chairperson.** Responsible for managing the onsite campers and where they are located.
15. **Secure Golf Cart Chairperson.** Responsible for maintaining the list of people renting golf carts and distributing the golf carts.
16. **Secure Photographers.** Suggest a contract that stipulates they are expected to contribute win photos and other candid photos for publication in our online magazine. Also include language that people will be posting their own photos on social media, and no one can stop them.
17. **Secure Vendor Chairperson.** Responsible for corresponding with and securing vendors.
18. **Secure Dinner Chairperson.** Responsible for maintaining the list of guests and tickets.

After the Event

Using the projected budget add actual numbers to establish a comparison between projected and actual numbers. This will also help the treasurer in following up with reimbursements. This should be done within one month of the end of the event and presented to the board in the wrap-up report.

An II Policy change request was submitted by Ping Pirrung:

I would like to propose a change to the II policy.

“Links to the Past” - Best in II Trophy:

The remarkable “Links to the Past” II Chain is the property of ASFA and was awarded for the first time at the 2007 International Invitational: a truly fitting tribute to the 35th Anniversary Year of the ASFA. It is absolutely spectacular. This truly unique trophy was the brainchild of Kathy Nelson and Jack Helder and was purchased by ASFA clubs and their members.

The "Links to the Past" Best in II Trophy is hand-crafted in sterling silver and is comprised of a chain bearing engraved links that recognize every Best in II hound in ASFA's history, stretching back to the first II in 1976. The hound's name is on one side, and the year on the other. The trophy links every former Best in II hound within one exceptional trophy.

Current policy requires possession by the ASFA President. I would like to make policy change that would have the ASFA President appoint a committee called "Links to the Past" chaired by Kathy Nelson. The Committee would oversee maintaining and updating the chain and arrange presentations at all ASFA IIs. The "Links to the Past" Best in II Trophy is displayed in a case to protect the chain. The Best in II hound, will receive a sterling silver "take home link."

The reasoning is that Kathy will clean it and be sure the engraving has been taken care of. At the 2023 ASFA II it was noted that the Links to the Past has not been maintained or updated for the past 3 years.

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-award)

Scheduling Report

We are excited to announce a new Scheduling Chair, Sam Duryee, who will be taking over from the interim Scheduling Chair, Scott Hurlbert. Sam is a member of the Iowa Coursing Association and has held various positions at ASFA trials since 2016. We greatly appreciate Sam stepping up to take on this important position.

We wish to thank Scott for taking on this position during the search for a permanent chair.

ATTACHMENT IV

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACoD Site Selection

(no written report)

ACoD Planning Committee

(no report)

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 2024 Annual Convention of Delegates. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY.

Per Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution, amendments require a two-thirds vote of the convention delegates present and voting at the ACoD. Those proposals receiving a favorable vote will be considered an Amendment to the ASFA Constitution and By-Laws. Such Amendments will be published on the ASFA website following the 2024 ACoD and will go into effect on 1 August 2024.

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

PROPOSAL #1: *to clarify the process of replacement should a chair or member of an ACoD committee no longer be able to serve.*

Article VII Committees

Section 2. Termination. Any committee appointment may be terminated by an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the Board (if appointed by the Board), or a majority of the Delegates in attendance at a Convention of Delegates, upon written notice to the appointee. ~~Successors to those persons whose services have been terminated may be appointed.~~ If a member of a Board or ACoD appointed committee resigns, is terminated or is unable to fulfill their committee assignment, the board may appoint a successor. In the case of ACoD Committees, the Board appointment will end with the next ACoD.

PROPOSAL #2: *to have an effect if club dues were not paid by the deadline while still maintaining the grace period. The effect would be a club whose dues have not been paid by the 1st of May would have its ASFA privileges suspended until the dues are paid.*

Article II Membership

Section 2. Dues. Membership dues shall be payable on or before the first day of May of each year and shall be accepted only when accompanied by a list of names and addresses of the current officers of the club, and of the club delegate. No member club may vote, schedule, or hold an ASFA trial whose dues are not paid for the current year. No later than ~~April~~ February of each year, the Membership Committee shall send each member club a statement of its dues for the ensuing year.

PROPOSAL #3: CRC was directed to remove the hound number count and participation count for new breeds to be admitted to the organization. CRC believes there should be a prescribed number of hounds entered in ASFA field trials but ask that the ACoD provide guidance to CRC regarding those numbers.

Article X
Recognition of
Additional Sighthound Breeds

Section 4. Convention Voting for Recognizing New Breeds. After ~~one~~ two years 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~~ two full calendar years 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 #4: *This is housekeeping due to postal service changes.*

**Article IX
Discipline**

Section 1. If the Investigating Committee decides that there is sufficient evidence of an offense that would constitute alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the ASFA or any and all breeds of sighthounds, the Board shall fix a date of a hearing at the next regular in person Board meeting not less than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send one (1) copy of the charges to the accused by ~~registered~~ certified mail or other alternative capable of verifying delivery together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant club or individual may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if they (he/she) wish(es).

PROPOSAL #5: *Changing all references of "club delegate" to club liaison.*

There has always been confusion regarding the difference between a club delegate and an ACoD delegate, and does a club's ACoD delegate have to be the club delegate.

Changing the nomenclature will help remove this confusion. The changes occur primarily in Article IV, but there is one instance in Article II and others in Article V, Article VI, Article VII, Article IX, Article X, Article XI as well as the Appendix. I have a copy of all the changes for anyone who would like to see it.

Rules Evaluation Committee Report

Tom Golcher, Chair

RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE Rules Change Proposals for the 2024 ACoD

Tom Golcher, Chair

REC Members: Marilyn Standerford and Ping Pirrung.

Alternates: Kathy Sanders and Russ Jacobs

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2024 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is in **red font** and 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 2024 ACoD and will go into effect on August 1, 2024. Tom Golcher *Chair, REC*

RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE Rules Change Proposals for the 2024 ACoD

Proposal 1

Lure Chasing Instinct Program

Chapter IV RUNNING THE MEET

Section 4. Lure Chasing Instinct stakes are described as follows:

- a. **Small Open:** for dogs 17-1/2 inches or less at the withers and / or brachycephalic (“flat-faced”) dogs who have not achieved the title of LCC.
- b. **Small Senior Excellent:** for dogs 17-1/2 inches or less at the withers and/or brachycephalic dogs who have achieved the title of LCC.
- c. **Small Veteran:** for dogs 17-1/2 inches or less at the withers and/or brachycephalic dogs over the age of 7 years.
- d. **Large Open:** for dogs over 17-1/2 inches at the withers who have not achieved the title of LCC.
- e. **Large Senior Excellent:** for dogs over 17-1/2 inches at the withers who have achieved the title of LCC.

- f. **Large Veteran:** for dogs over 17-1/2 inches at the withers who are over the age of 7 years.
- g. **Sighthound Mix Open:** for dogs with a sighthound breed in its background who have not achieved the title of LCC.
- h. **Sighthound Mix ~~Senior~~ Excellent:** for dogs with sighthound breed in its background who have achieved the title of LCC.
- i. **Sighthound Mix Veteran:** for dogs with sighthound breed in its background over the age of 7 years

Lure Chasing Instinct Program

Chapter V PLACEMENTS, AWARDS, and TITLES

Section 3. Titles for Lure Chasing Instinct, and Lure Chasing Excellent:

Lure Chasing Instinct (LCI): A permanent title of **Lure Chasing Instinct (LCI)** shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has attained eight (8) qualifying scores.

Lure Chasing Advanced (LCA): A permanent title of **Lure Chasing Advanced (LCA)** shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has attained twenty (20) qualifying scores.

Lure Chasing Champion (LCC): A permanent title of **Lure Chasing Champion (LCC)** shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following championship requirements:

- A. Attained the required number of championship points in Lure Chasing Instinct stake competition, as fixed by the ASFA. That number of points is 100.
- B. Contained in these 100 points there must be two first placements or one first placement and two second placements. All such placements shall be with competition which shall mean defeating at least one placing dog. In other words, a dog may have more than 100 points but not be awarded the Lure Chasing Junior title until the placements have been attained.
- C. Individuals wishing to know their hound's point standing should fill out the Request for Current Information form under Hound Records on the ASFA web site, and this information will be sent to them.
- D. title certificates will be mailed to the owner upon validation that the dog has completed all requirements.

Lure Chasing Senior ~~Excellent~~ (LCS ~~LCE~~): The ASFA shall recognize and make appropriate awards to those dogs who have attained the ASFA Lure Chasing Champion, and who, after receiving the championship, continue to compete and receive four first placements with competition and 300 more points, which must be in the ASFA Lure Chasing Senior ~~Excellent~~ stake. Dogs who shall have attained said number of placements and points shall be known as Lure Chaser Senior ~~Excellent~~ (LCS ~~LCE~~). When a dog completes the ~~LCS~~ LCE title it may continue to compete for additional titles. After receiving an additional four (4) first placements with competition and an additional 300 points, the title of ~~LCS~~ LCE II shall be awarded. This process will be indefinitely repeatable for ~~LCS~~ LCE III, IV, and so on.

Veteran Lure Chasing Champion (VLCC) and Veteran Lure Chasing Senior ~~Excellent~~ (VLCS ~~VLCE~~): For dog over the age of seven (7) who earn either two first placements with competition or one first and two second placements with completion and 100 points will earn the VLCC title. Continued competition with three first placements and an additional 300 points will earn the ~~VLCS~~ VLCE title.

Effect: This will provide clarity in the LCI stakes offered. Senior Stake can be mistaken as age related vs accomplishments.

- A. Dogs with the title of LCS up to August 1, 2024 would maintain their LCS title and the title will be retired as of August 1, 2024 and converted to LCE. Going forward, those LCI dogs who are working toward the Lure Chasing Excellent (LCE) title (formerly known as the LCS) shall keep the points earned toward the previous LCS and be good towards the new LCE title.
- B. As of August 1, 2024, the Lure Chasing Excellent title will replace the Lure Chasing Senior title.

Cost: The cost will not add to the current ASFA expenditure. The cost is directly related to the hours that Records (Lori) must put in to manually keep track of these titles. This amendment only changes the names of stakes and titles already in the budget for the records committee. Costs will be reduced at which time there is a program available to handle the recorded data.

REC recommends that this proposal be APPROVED.

Proposal 2

Chapter IV SCHEDULING THE MEET

Section 8 (3) j. Required Contents of Premium Lists.

REC was asked to revise this section of the rulebook to provide additional stakes for dogs entering the Singles Stake because all titled Singles compete against untitled entrants which can prevent non-titled singles competitors from obtaining placement/points needed. However, the Records Coordinator estimates that this can require an additional 10 to 25 hours per week of manual entries. The current antiquated records program does not allow for reporting for the Singles entries. All data for singles must be entered manually and maintained by hand. Through ASFA Board action in 2019, the Records Coordinator agreed to a reduction in pay. Therefore, REC believes that it would not be fair to make this change unless ASFA agrees to an increase in pay commensurate to the increase in workload or a suitable update to the records program is accomplished.

REC recommends that this rule change proposal be delayed until the records program can record and calculate these titles automatically, and that the ACoD vote to defer action to subsequent REC deliberations until that requirement is met.

Proposal 3

Chapter 7, Section 1. PLACEMENTS

Proficiency and Championship points are not official until ~~published on the ASFA website.~~ **the registered owner is notified by the ASFA Records Coordinator.**

Effect: This will define when a title becomes official because there has been conflicting interpretation of the official time a hound is to be moved up."

Cost: \$0.00

REC recommends that this proposal be APPROVED. However, REC believes that further definition and consequences should a dog be moved up or not, when necessary is not a rule change. Further explanation of the rules is defined as a Policy and should be presented to the Policies Committee.

Proposal 4

REC was asked to revise this section of the rulebook. However, the Records Coordinator estimates that this could require an even more additional hours per week of manual entries. The current antiquated records program does not allow for reporting for the LCI entries or results. All data for LCI must be entered manually and maintained by hand. Through ASFA Board action in 2019, the Records Coordinator agreed to a reduction in pay. Therefore, REC believes that it would not be fair to make this change unless ASFA agrees to an increase in pay commensurate to the increase in workload or a suitable update to the records program is accomplished.

REC recommends that this rule change proposal be delayed until the records program can record and calculate these titles automatically, and that the ACoD vote to defer action to subsequent REC deliberations until that requirement is met.