

ASFA REGION 1 NEWLETTER

SPRING 2006

HIGHLITES FROM THE 2006 ACOD

I will begin by stating that to attend an ACOD is a great experience. And to attend as a Regional Director, who is a voting member of the Board of Directors, is an honor and a privilege, not to mention a real challenge. To be a part of the workings of the ASFA and to meet and work with many of the all-time “big wheels” has been a great experience. I am in my fourth and final year as RD. I want thank all of my clubs for placing your faith in me and giving me this great opportunity.

NAMES IN THE NEWS:

Region 1's own **Kevin Bryson** was elected to the ASFA Hall of Fame.

Last year former Region 1 Director, **Roger McKibbin** was elected to the Hall of Fame

Two years ago, Region 1's **Nancy Aiken** received the coveted Gary Forrester Award

This makes three Region 1 folks honored and remembered by ASFA in the past three years! I think this is totally awesome! I will have a little notebook at upcoming trials, so you may read the letters of nomination.

Hounds elected to the **Hall of Fame** were:

Afghan Hound Alfie's Ebony and Ivory "Alfie"
Greyhound NGA Black Beck; ILP Second Wind Black Comet "Blacky"
Saluki Celeres Firebrand of Aerie "Brando"

Gary Forrester Award: **Dennis Seeley**

Excellent Performance Award: **Heartland Coursing Association**

New Officers Elected for the ensuing two-year term:

President – Marilyn Standerford
1st Vice President – Russ Jacobs
2nd Vice President – Denny Baker
Recording Secretary – Dana Moran
Corresponding Secretary – Mike Ferris
CFO – Jeff Lipps

Treasurer (appointed position) – Sean McMichael will continue to serve

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

2006 I.I. – June 3/4 - Falcon, Colorado

2007 I.I. – June 2/3 – Minnesota, near Minneapolis = new field!

2007 ACOD – April 11-15, Phoenix, Arizona

2008 ACOD – Cleveland area

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS:

Proposal #1: eliminates several conflicts between Membership Year and Fiscal Year- passed

Proposal #2: to change “Club Delegate” to “Club Liaison” – failed

Proposal #3: to Substitute CFO for Treasurer in several sections – passed

RULES CHANGE PROPOSALS:

From Region 8: to remove the requirement for the huntmaster to report hound misconduct to the judge(s) – failed.

From From Region 8: to change how hounds excused shall be counted for points – failed.

From board of Directors: to allow for lower placements to move up when a placing hound is declared ineligible for placement – failed.

From Board of Directors: add to glossary a definition of Hound Certification: passed.

From Board of Directors: to shorten time for granting Provisional Judging status. – passed.

From Judges Licensing: to require judging seminar attendance for all judges – failed.

From Region 5: to move the requirement that a hound must be 11 months of age to run in a certification from Operational Policies to the Rulebook – passed

From Region 5: to allow a BOB run to count towards expunging a dismissal from a hound's record. – failed.

From Region 5: to require that a judge be licensed for the breed he/she certifies – failed.

From Region 6: to allow a Veteran Stake winner to earn regular points and placements when it competes and wins BOB – failed.

OTHER PROPOSALS PRESENTED TO ACOD:

Add an additional priority weekend for the I.I. – failed

Optional Four Day format for the I.I. – failed.

SCEDULING REMINDERS:

1.) If a club cancels a scheduled trial, written notice must be sent to Scheduling Chair stating reason(s.)

2.) Clubs must use new premium list terminology, found in glossary. E.g. "Early Entry" not "Pre-entry" and "Day-of-Trial Entry" not "Gate Entry."

RECORDS REMINDERS:

Copy of hound registration required with first-time entry; certified pedigree is not acceptable.

All entry forms must be submitted for lame, in season, hounds with disqualifications, and absent hounds.

Do not need separate per capita check for each day of trials.

Do need to submit separate Premium for each day of trials.

Please review "Records 101" on ASFA website.

UKC will be added to "acceptable registries" as soon as the policy is published in FAN.

JUDGES LICENSING:

Modifications to the Judging Seminar Program still in the works, including possible ASFA subsidy to assist local clubs. Dan Gibas presented a report of a very successful first judging seminar.

MEMBERSHIP:

ASFA currently has 118 clubs, with 2 new applied.

Membership Renewal Forms are now available on the website; dues payment can be made by PayPal.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

2007 is ASFA's 35th year! Some exciting commemorative items are being planned. Watch for info. forthcoming in FAN.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was much discussion about the jurisdiction of the ASFA with respect to animal cruelty issues or issues regarding the welfare of sighthounds which occur outside the venue of an ASFA trial or event. These issues are referred to the Constitutional Revision Committee for consideration and recommendations to next year's ACOD.