

**Minutes of the Annual Region 5 Meeting
May 8, 2005 – Indianola, IA**

A. Roll Call – The following individuals were recognized as the official voting delegates of the clubs.

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| Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club | Sharon Lund |
| Heartland Coursing Association | Julie Hurlbert |
| Iowa Coursing Association | Terry Doane |
| Irish Wolfhound Club of America | Anita Gottsch |
| Minnesota Coursing Association | Dawn Tracy |
| Nebraska Coursing Association | Kent Standerford |
| Saint Louis Area Sighthounds | Michael Ferris |
| Scottish Deerhound Club of America | Debbie Narwold |

B. Report of the Regional Director

1. ACoD Highlights – Since all member clubs had representation at this year’s ACoD, it is assumed that the convention delegates will disseminate information to their respective clubs. However, a few highlights are worth mentioning.
 - a. The rules change proposal brought forward from Region 5 (rescinding the Veteran titles) failed before the convention.
 - b. 2007 will be the 35th anniversary of ASFA. Look for that to be promoted heavily.
 - c. Elected to the ASFA Hall of Fame were: Roger McKibben (nominated by Region 1), Borzoi Zoria (owned by Ariel Duncan), Saluki Mali (owned by Jack and Mary Jane Helder), and Whippet Toucan (owned by Paul and Linda Garwacki). It was mentioned that Regions nominate individuals while clubs may nominate hounds. More information on the Hall of Fame can be found on the ASFA website.
 - d. Several Region 5 judges were in the Top 20 in terms of number of hounds judged. #1 – Michael Ferris, #7 – Dawn Tracy, #9 – Scott Hurlbert, #11 – Kathy Nelson, #16 Kay Nierengarten, and #17 – Frank Zaworski.
 - e. Region 5 clubs/people/hounds received a number of awards at the convention.
 - #1 Sloughi – Fabel (owned by Dominique de Caprona)
 - Excellent Performance Award – St. Louis Area Sighthounds
 - Lure Operator of the Year (given by LCJA) – Michael Ferris
 - Gary Forrester Award – Kent and Marilyn Standerford
 - f. There was some discussion about the newly implemented Judging Seminar program. Anyone interested in starting to judge should review the outline of the program as presented in the Nov/Dec 2004 issue of FAN. A judging seminar is planned for Aug 20 in Racine, WI to be held in conjunction with the MWCC trial.
2. Entries – Region 5 experienced a modest increase in entries in 2004 as compared to 2003, ending a two-year downward trend. However, on a national level, entries were down from the previous year. It should be noted that the median number of trials that a hound enters per year is only three, meaning half the hounds enter just one weekend a year.
3. New rulebooks have been released this year. The purple edition is now the current rulebook, and it can be ordered via the ASFA website.
4. Individuals are encouraged to join the ASFAREG5 Yahoo Group. This list is a great way to spread news throughout the region; premium lists can also be uploaded to the group.

C. Invitationals

1. The 2005 Region 5 Invitational will be hosted by Iowa Coursing Association on Saturday, October 8. All clubs should promote this to their membership. If we continue our unofficial rotation of the Regional,

SLASH will in line to host in 2006. However, any club interested in hosting next year's Regional is invited to submit a proposal.

2. The site for the 2006 I.I. has not been set yet. The event is to be held in the western region, but no suitable locations have been located. There is a strong possibility of returning to Colorado.
3. The 2007 I.I. will return to Region 5. The three Minnesota clubs (MCA, GTCWC, and GUNC) will host the event at a site just south of the Twin Cities. Dawn Tracy will be the Field Trial Chair, and Marilyn Standerford will be the Field Trial Secretary.

D. Rule Change Proposals – Three proposals were passed by the Region. They will be submitted to FAN for publication and forwarded to the Rules Evaluation Committee. The following are the three proposals:

1. Move Operational Policy 214 to the rulebook. Policy 214 states “No hound may be run in a certification course that is less than 11 months old.”
2. Clarifying the requirements for a hound to work off a dismissal. A BIF run will count as part of the clean run requirement. However, at least one of the runs used towards working off the dismissal shall come with competition with the hound's own breed. The applicable rule is Chapter 8, Section 5.
3. Specify that a judge must be licensed for the breed(s) he certifies. This will entail revising Chapter 5, Section 4(a), revoking Operational Policy 327, and revising the appendix to the rulebook.

E. Old Business – None

F. New Business – No real new business, so this was treated as an open forum for those with questions.

G. Adjournment – The members of Iowa Coursing Association were thanked for allowing us to hold our meeting at their trial. In particular, Terry and Scott Doane were given special recognition for supplying the wonderful pancake breakfast.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ferris
ASFA Region 5 Director