

**2017 AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2017, CLUB HOUSE,
BLUE MT. WILDLIFE AREA, BOONEVILLE, AR
MARY JO TRIMBLE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Robert Rankin at 8:00 AM. Executive Secretary called roll. A quorum of Directors was in attendance. Those Directors present were: B. Fleury, D. Dow, L. Hunt, R. Gulembo, H. Riggle, B. Hendrickson, T. Jagielski, B. Crain, S. Ralph, E. Tilson, M. Karbiner, A. Christensen, B. West, and M. Brown. New members Mary Brown and Leslie Hunt were seated.

The President reviewed his President's report and addressed the AFTCA rules for membership. He called for Officer Reports. 1st Vice President and Insurance chair Tom Milam was absent due to a death in the family. President Rankin reported for him that he had secured a Crime Policy for the ABC.

2nd Vice President Sandy Malloy reviewed her report. Ron Gulembo called the question and the following motion was put forth. **MOTION # 1: MOTION BY A. CHRISTENSEN, SECONDED BY B. HENDRICKSON: I MOVE TO APPROVE A NEW MEMBERSHIP DATABASE COMMITTEE BE ASSEMBLED TO INVESTIGATE OPTIONS FOR A NEW DATABASE. 9 YES VOTES, 5 NO VOTES (FLEURY, HUNT, RALPH, TILLSON, KARBINER), TOMASI ABSENT, MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION # 2: MOTION BY S. RALPH, SECONDED BY T. JAGIELSKI: I MOVE TO TABLE THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S AGENDA ITEM # 3 REGARDING A LEGAL OPINION FOR A BREEDERS' LIST ON THE WEBSITE. 12 YES VOTES, 2 NO VOTES (RIGGLE & HENDRICKSON) TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

3rd Vice President Emily Wollenburg reported on this year's Specialty Show. She requested that the High In Trial Agility Winner be given a magazine cover. **MOTION # 3: MOTION BY B. HENDRICKSON, SECONDED BY A. CHRISTENSEN: I MOVE TO ADD NATIONAL HIGH IN TRIAL AGILITY WINNER ON THE COVER OF THE MAGAZINE. 13 YES VOTES, 1 NO VOTE (KARBINER), TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**

4th Vice President Bob Burchett discussed the running of the Invitational Derby and the Gun Dog Nationals. **MOTION # 4: MOTION BY S. RALPH, SECONDED BY B. CRAIN: I MOVE TO FORM A DERBY INVITATIONAL COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF NAT GD FT SEC. MIKE POEHLER, NAT AA FT SEC. STEVE RALPH, VICE PRESIDENTS TOM MILAM AND BOB BURCHETT, MARY KARBINER, STATISTICIAN, AND BOB RANKIN TO STUDY FUTURE DERBY INVITATIONAL PROCEDURES WITH STEVE RALPH AS CHAIR. COMMITTEE TO REPORT BACK TO BOD BY APRIL 1, 2018. 14 YES VOTES, 0 NO VOTES, TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**

The Executive Secretary Mary Jo Trimble reviewed all the items she saw that needed to be considered and made some suggestions that could be used during the change over to the new Executive Secretary. Since many of these decisions depended on who would replace Trimble, a motion was made to go into Executive Session. **MOTION # 5: MOTION BY D. DOW, SECONDED BY L. HUNT: I MOVE THE BOD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. ALL YES. MOTION PASSED. SESSION STARTED AT 10:00 A.M. AND BODY WAS CALLED BACK INTO REGULAR MEETING AT 10:10 A.M. Various proposals were made following the executive session. Two motions were put forward at this time: MOTION # 6: MOTION BY S. RALPH,**

SECONDED BY B. FLEURY: I MOVE THAT MARY JO TRIMBLE CONTINUE WITH REPORTING LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION ON THE ABC NOTIFICATION GROUP LIST. 14 YES VOTES, TOMASI ABSENT.

MOTION PASSED. MOTION # 7: MOTION BY S. RALPH, SECONDED BY H. RIGGLE TO MAKE THE ELECTED SECRETARY BE IN CHARGE OF CHAMPIONSHIP PINS. 14 YES VOTES, TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

Ex. Secretary was requested to put in minutes that she was to contact Garmin's Warner Smith as to who should contact him regarding the ordering of Garmin Collars for the 6 ABC Classics and National Championships with results to be posted in the Policy Book.

Brian Hendrickson, East Central Director, had 3 proposals to be presented. He discussed what are current DNA policy actually proves. AKC and American Field currently now have different labs doing their DNA reports. AKC does have a searchable database. American Field DNA will still be required. **MOTION # 8: MOTION BY B. HENDRICKSON, SECONDED BY R. GULEMBO: I MOVE THAT ANY DOG BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2018, WILL HAVE AKC DNA TO START IN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. 8 YES VOTES, 5 NO VOTES (RALPH, TILSON, KARBINER, CHRISTIENSEN, FLEURY) 1 ABSTAINED (CRAIN), TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**

Judy Graves, Finance Committee Chair, presented her action items in the order of issues raised in the annual audit: The following motions were forthcoming. **MOTION # 9: MOTION BY T. JAGIELSKI, SECONDED BY E. TILLSON: I MOVE TO EXPAND ITEM #8 OF THE TREASURER'S DUTIES TO READ: ANY PERSON OR OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION COLLECTING FUNDS IN THE NAME OF THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB SHALL FIRST OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER PRIOR TO COLLECTION. THE TREASURER SHALL DETERMINE IF FUNDS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED DIRECTLY INTO ABC ACCOUNTS, HELD BY THE ORGANIZATION OR PERSON AND RETURNED TO ABC FOR DEPOSIT OR HELD UNTIL EVENT FINAL REPORT IS SUBMITTED. ANY EXPENSES PAID OUT OF FUNDS COLLECTED MUST HAVE RECEIPTS ATTACHED IN ORDER TO CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT. (2017) 14 YES VOTES, TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION # 10: MOTION BY S. RALPH, SECONDED BY B. CRAIN: I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE REVISED ACTION ITEM #2 PAGE 25-26 OF THE POLICY BOOK WHICH READS: DELETE CURRENT BAD CHECK POLICY ITEMS A, B, C, AND REPLACE WITH NEW A, B, C D, E.

#20 BAD CHECK POLICY: A. THE TREASURER SHALL NOTIFY A PERSON IF A CHECK IS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS OR ANY OTHER NON-PAYMENT BY THE BANK. ALL BAD CHECKS MUST BE MADE GOOD WITHIN 14 DAYS OF NOTIFICATION, TO INCLUDE A FINE SET BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (SEE APPENDIX 1, 2013) AND ANY BANK CHARGES. IF NOT PAID WITHIN THE 14 DAY PERIOD, THE PERSON WILL BE PLACED ON A STATUS OF ABC ACCEPTING ONLY CERTIFIED CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FROM THEM UNTIL THE CHECK IS MADE GOOD.

B. IF A SECOND CHECK IS RETURNED WITHIN A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS, THEN THE PERSON WILL BE PLACED ON A STATUS OF ABC ACCEPTING ONLY CERTIFIED CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FROM THEM FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS.

C. IF A THIRD CHECK IS RETURNED WITHIN A 15 MONTH PERIOD THE PERSON WILL BE PLACED ON A PERMANENT STATUS OF ABC ACCEPTING ONLY CERTIFIED CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FROM THEM IN PERPETUITY UNLESS RELEASED FROM THAT RESPONSIBILITY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

D. ALL RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY ACTIVITIES OF THE PARENT CLUB SHALL BE FORFEITED UNLESS RELEASED FROM THAT RESPONSIBILITY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNTIL SUCH CHECK AND/OR FEE IS MADE GOOD.

E. THE TREASURER SHALL NOTIFY SECRETARIES OF PARENT CLUB ACTIVITIES A LIST OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED TO PAY ENTRY FEES WITH A CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER OR WHO ARE BARRED FROM PARTICIPATING. 14 YES VOTES, TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION # 11: MOTION BY T. JAGIELSKI, SECONDED BY R. GULEMBO: I MOVE THAT ACTION ITEM # 3 TO BE SENT WITH ELECTION BALLOTS IN 2018. It reads: ADD TO #32 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER: THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS SHALL BE REPORTED ON A FISCAL YEAR OF SEPT 1 – AUGUST 31 BEGINNING SEPT 1, 2018. (2017) 14 YES VOTES, TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION # 12: MOTION BY E. TILLSON, SECONDED BY B. HENDRICKSON: I MOVE TO APPROVE ACTION ITEM # 4, PAGE 26 WHICH READS: ADD TO THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER AND VICE PRESIDENTS CONCERNING FINALIZED REPORTS OF THEIR NATIONAL EVENTS: #33. ALL ABC EVENT MANAGERS PROVIDE THE TREASURER WITH A FINALIZED REPORT IN THE FORMAT ESTABLISHED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE END OF THE EVENT. SHOULD SUCH REPORT NOT BE FILED, THEN THE TREASURER WILL NOTIFY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS WILL BECOME # 16 UNDER DUTIES OF THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, #30 UNDER DUTIES OF THE 3RD VICE PRESIDENT & # 25 UNDER DUTIES OF THE 4TH VICE PRESIDENT. 14 YES VOTES, TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION # 13: MOTION BY S. RALPH, SECONDED BY L. HUNT. I MOVE TO ADOPT ACTION ITEM # 5 ON PAGE 26 OF THE AGENDA BOOK. IT READS: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER: #6. DELETE (MAGAZINE EDITOR DOES NOT KEEP A PETTY CASH FUND)

PAGE 63: THE AMERICAN BRITTANY MAGAZINE POLICY: BILLING: CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB. (2017) (CHANGE SECOND MAGAZINE TO CLUB)

DUTIES OF THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT: #11: THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS REQUESTED (2017) (DELETE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AT THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL EVENT.)

DUTIES OF THE 3RD VICE PRESIDENT #13: THE 3RD VICE PRESIDENT SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET TO THE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS REQUESTED (2017) (DELETE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AT THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL EVENT OR BY EMAIL DURING YEARS IN WHICH A NEW 3RD VICE PRESIDENT IS TAKING OVER (2010))

DUTIES OF THE 4TH VICE PRESIDENT. #12. THE 4TH VICE PRESIDENT SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS REQUESTED (2017). (DELETE BOARD OF DIRECTORS) 14 YES VOTES, TOMASI ABSENT, MOTION PASSED.

MOTION # 14: MOTION BY M. KARBINER, SECONDED BY T. JAGIELSKI. I MOVE TO ADOPT ACTION ITEM # 6, PAGE 26 OF AGENDA BOOK. IT READS: JOE GOWER TO SERVE A FULL 5 YEAR TERM COMMENCING 1/1/18 AND TO APPOINT BERNIE CRAIN TO SERVE A FULL 5 YEAR TERM COMMENCING 1/1/18 TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. 14 YES VOTES, TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION # 15: MOTION BY S. RALPH, SECONDED BY T. JAGIELSKI. I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE 2018 BUDGET AS WRITTEN AND PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. 13 YES VOTES, 1 NO VOTE (D. DOW), TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION THEN MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS BY WEST COAST DIRECTORS. ONE DIRECTOR WAS ABSENT. NO ADVANCE NOTICE WAS RECEIVED SO NO TELECONFERENCE EQUIPMENT WAS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE MEETING. MOTION # 16: MOTION BY M. BROWN, SECONDED BY B. WEST. I MOVE TO ALLOW ROBIN TOMASI TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. 7 YES VOTES, 7 NO VOTES, TOMASI ABSENT. THE PRESIDENT BROKE THE TIE WITH A NO VOTE. MOTION FAILED.

MOTION # 17. MOTION BY B. WEST, SECONDED BY M. BROWN. I MOVE TO GET A COST ON A CERTIFIED PUBLIC AUDIT AND AWAIT NEW TREASURER'S DECISION IF AN AUDIT IS WARRANTED BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION. 11 YES VOTES, 3 NO VOTES (JAGIELSKI, RALPH, KARBINER), TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION # 18. MOTION BY B. WEST, SECONDED BY M. BROWN. I MOVE TO ADOPT ACTION ITEM # 6 PAGE 31 OF THE AGENDA BOOK WHICH WOULD HIRE AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY TO PROVIDE TELLER DUTIES FOR ALL ABC DIRECTOR ELECTIONS. THESE DUTIES INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RECEIVING MEMBERSHIP BALLOTS, VERIFYING MEMBERSHIP, FOLLOWING ABC'S DIRECTIONS FOR BALLOT COUNTING AND REPORTING RESULTS IN A TIMELY MANNER. 3 YES VOTES, (GULEMBO, WEST, BROWN), 11 NO VOTES, (FLEURY, DOW, HUNT, RIGGLE, HENDRICKSON, JAGIELSKI, CRAIN, RALPH, TILLSON, KARBINER, CHRISTENSEN), TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION # 19. MOTION BY B. WEST, SECONDED BY M. BROWN. I MOVE TO ADOPT ACTION ITEM # 9, PAGE 32 AS AMENDED TO READ. THE ABC WILL HAVE A SEMI-ANNUAL TELECONFERENCE TO IMPROVE GOVERNANCE IN MOTION REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AS WELL AS TO WORK WITH COMMITTEE LEADERS TO IMPROVE THE CLUB IMAGE AS THE CLUB HAS DECLINING MEMBERSHIP WITH FINANCIALS IN DISARRAY WITH AGENDA TO BE PUBLISHED 30 DAYS AHEAD OF TIME.. BY LAWS AND POLICY WILL BE REVISED. 11 YES VOTES, 3 NO VOTES (HUNT, RALPH, KARBINER), TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION # 20: MOTION BY S. RALPH, SECONDED BY A. CHRISTIENSEN. I MOVE THAT ALL AGE QUALIFICATIONS CHANGE TO INCLUDE NON-BRITTANY TRIALS OF ALL AKC POINTING BREED TRIALS FOLLOWING THE SAME QUALIFYING NUMBERS CURRENTLY USED IN BRITTANY TRIALS. 4 YES VOTES, 9 NO VOTES, (DOW, HUNT, GULEMBO, RIGGLE, HENDRICKSON, JAGIELSKI, CRAIN, TILLSON, WEST)1 ABSTAINED (BROWN), TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION FAILED.

The possible changes to the location and stakes run at the Gun Dog Nationals were discussed. Members of the Committee looking into this were present as was 4th Vice President Bob Burchett.

MOTION # 21. MOTION BY B, HENDRICKSON, SECONDED BY B. FLEURY: I MOVE TO HAVE ABC CONTACT AKC AND ASK PERMISSION TO RUN A NATIONAL OPEN WALKING GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP AND A NATIONAL AMATEUR WALKING GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP. 13 YES VOTES, 1 NO VOTE (TILLSON), TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION 21 B: MOTION BY B. WEST AND SECONDED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:29 P.M. CALLED BACK INTO ORDER AT 2:40 P.M.

MOTION # 22. MOTION BY L. HUNT, SECONDED BY S. RALPH. I MOVE TO GO FORWARD HOLDING THE NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP AND NATIONAL AMATEUR GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES AT BOONEVILLE, BUT NO SOONER THAN 2019. 9 YES VOTES, 4 NO VOTES (GULEMBO, RIGGLE, HENDRICKSON, WEST), 1 ABSTAINED (DOW), TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION # 23. MOTION BY B. HENDRICKSON, SECONDED BY E. TILLSON. CHANGE OVER NATIONAL AMATEUR GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP TO A HORSEBACK STAKE IN 2018. 5 YES VOTES, 9 NO VOTES, (DOW, HUNT, GULEMBO, JAGIELSKI, RALPH, TILLSON, KARBINER, WEST, BROWN) TOMASI ABSENT. MOTION FAILED.

MOTION # 24: MOTION BY S. RALPH, SECONDED BY T. JAGIELSKI: I MOVE TO APPROVE EMAIL MOTIONS VOTED ON SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING. 14 YES, TOMASI ABSENT, MOTION PASSED.

BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:40 P.M. MEETING CALLED BACK INTO ORDER AT 4:50 P.M. Following the Executive Session, the BOD made a formal vote in the open meeting for votes taken in Executive Session. **MOTION # 25: MOTION BY T. JAGIELSKI, SECONDED BY R. GULEMBO. I MOVE THAT THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS BE ELECTED: JERI CONKLIN, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT; KEITH WOLNEWITZ, TREASURER; BROOKE BURLINGAME, ELECTED SECRETARY; LESLIE ANDREAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

AND THAT NAGDC/FC/AFC HIGH HOPES FLY BY NITE (ZOEY) AND DC/AFC/NBOB TEQUILA WITH A TWIST BE ELECTED TO THE ABC DOG HALL OF FAME. 14 YES VOTES. TOMASI ABSENT, MOTION PASSED.

Prior to adjournment, President Rankin presented Retiring Executive Secretary Mary Jo Trimble with a gift and a thank you for her 20 years of service to the ABC from the Board of Directors.