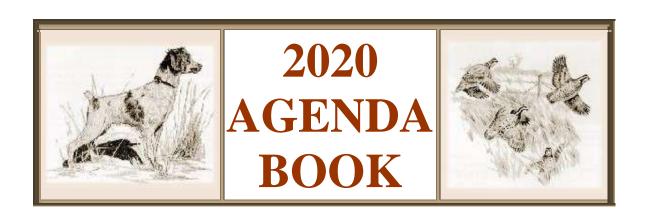




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2019 American Brittany Club Board of Directors Annual Meeting The meeting was held November 24, 2019 at Kay Rodgers Park, 4400 Midland Blvd., Fort Smith, AR.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am by 1st Vice President Kent Patterson who was filling in for the injured President, Ed Janulis.

The first order of business was to seat the new Directors: West Coast - Jim Hammett; East Central - Jack Alexander.

Motion 1: Motion by S. Ralph, second by B. Crain: Move to formally seat the Directors elected in the 2018 BOD Election. All 13 Yes - Motion Carried.

Roll Call: Directors in attendance: East Coast - L. Hunt, B. Fleury, D. Dow; East Central - R. Gulembo, J. Alexander; Central - S. Ralph, J. Droel, B. Crain; Midwest - A. Christensen, E. Tillson, M. Karbiner; West Coast - M. Brown, Jim Hammett. Absent Directors: West Coast - R. Tomasi; East Central - Brian Hendrickson. 13 Present 2 Absent

Kent laid out his Order of Business after distributing a short list of Robert's Rules of Order. Kent requested that everyone participating in the Meeting be courteous and considerate of each other. Kent also explained there would be a couple of speakers brought in out of the order listed in the ABC 2019 Agenda Book. Those speakers would be Leslee Masolotte chair of the Futurity Committee and Randy Meester, President of the UKC sanctioned Club de L'Epagneul Breton of the United States, Inc.

Leslee Masolotte Chair of the Futurity Committee. Leslee reported the Committee had noticed an increase in interest and participation since the Magazine had started publishing the Futurity Litter Nomination form again. She also reported the 2020 Regional Futurity events were all good to go and that several Clubs were already on board to host the 2021 Futurity events. Leslee then presented two Action Items for the Board's consideration: Action Item: Institute payment of Futurity nomination fees through an ABC PayPal account. Action Item: Reinstitute the National Futurity Run off for Show and Field. Kent stated these two action items would be considered by the Board later in the meeting.

Motion 2: Motion by S Ralph second L Hunt: Activate the Membership Promotion Committee and add the additional duties into the ABC Policy Book under the 2nd Vice President. All 13 Yes - Motion Carried

Action Item – Steve Ralph - Allow Beeper Collar in Grouse & Woodcock field trials. Action withdrawn pending more information from regulating agencies.

Action Item – Joe Droel Discontinue support of American Brittany Rescue (ABR). Action dropped against ABR as they have addressed and rectified all ABC concerns regarding International and other Breed Rescues. Advertising support will continue at current level. Motion 3: Motion by J Alexander second A Christensen: Move to refer to the ABC Breed Standard Committee the desire to remove the verbiage "Tri-colors are allowed but not preferred" from the Breed Standard, page 22 in the Policy Book. 12 yes, Fleury, Ralph, Karbiner, Hunt, Dow, Gulembo, Alexander, Christensen, Tillson, Brown, Hammett, Crain. 1 no Droel, Motion Carried.

Motion 4: Motion by J Alexander second by A Christensen: Move to remove item "3. Cash prizes are prohibited." from TROPHIES Section, page 102 of the Policy Book. 5 yes 8 no Motion Failed (This was not a roll call vote).

Action Item Magazine Covers, Bob Fleury Motion 5: Motion by S Ralph second J Alexander: Move to run the 10 National Event Covers (NFC, NAFC, NOGD, NAGD, NOWGD, NAWGD, NSS, N High in Trial Obedience, N High in Trial Agility, N Best Junior) 2 remaining covers to be reviewed by the Magazine Committee and presented to BOD. 12 yes Droel, Ralph, Karbiner, Hunt, Dow, Gulembo, Alexander, Christensen, Tillson, Brown, Hammett, Crain. 1 no Fleury Motion Carried

Action Item Ron Gulembo Multiple Revisions to ABC Constitution and By Laws (For the record AKC has to approve changes to the ABC Constitution and By-Laws before membership can vote on it.) Motion 6: Motion by S Ralph second B Crain: Move to send back to Policy Committee for further cleanup then presented back to Board for action. All 13 yes Motion Carried Next order of business was the West Coast Directors Report and Action Items. Mary Brown started with a request to allow teleconference input. Kent Patterson stated that would not be allowed per the policy book. When Mary asked for further explanation, Kent recognized Steve Ralph who explained the Policy Book history of teleconferencing as it relates to the yearly ABC BOD Meetings. In 2014 the Board voted to allow teleconferencing under special circumstances during future ABC BOD Meetings. In 2015 that decision was reversed and teleconferencing during future ABC BOD yearly meets was removed from the Policy Book. Mary stated she wanted to change that decision. Kent Patterson stated it was not a 2019 action item so the teleconferencing issue would have to be formally introduced as an action item for the 2020 ABC BOD annual meeting. The meeting then moved forward to the 2019 Action Items received from the West Coast Directors.

Action Items West Coast Directors Robin Tomasi, Mary Brown, Jim Hammett Actions 1-3 were put forth by Robin Tomasi who was absent so unable to present them.

Motion 7: Motion by M Brown second J Hammett: Move for the ABC to recommend to the AKC to remove the required condition of awarding a FC/AFC only to those Brittany's who have a 3 point or better major under Open & Amateur FC/AFC (OGD, AGD, OAA, AAA, OLGD, ALGD, OLAA, ALAA Stake*) in a licensed or member field trial held by a Brittany Club. (*AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds-FC page 26 & AFC page 28) 9 yes – Dow, Gulembo, Alexander, Ralph, Crain, Christensen, Tillson, Brown, Hammett. 4 no Hunt, Fleury, Droel, Karbiner Motion Carried

Motion 8: Motion by S Ralph second M Karbiner: Move to continue donations to the Sportsmen's Alliance and NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance). All 13 yes Motion Carried Motion 9: Motion by B Fleur Second R Gulembo: Approve Kent Patterson for another 5 years on the Finance Committee. All 13 yes Motion Carried

Presentation by Randy Meester – President of Club de L'Epagneul Breton of the United States (CEBUS), Inc. (CEB-US is a UKC Club not recognized by AKC). Mr. Meester was introduced and began a short talk about his Club including its organizational roots and current activities here in the United States. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Meester said the CEB-US was not in favor of the AB/EB split at this time even though they identify the American Brittany and the Epagneul Breton as separate breeds. Pending Motion 15 was for tabling the discussion of the AB/EB split carried over from 2018 until further input was acquired from all concerned entities. Joe Droel was then appointed Chairman to the Separation of Breeds issue to seek further information on the ramifications of this issue.

Motion 10: Motion by R Gulembo B Crain AB - Table EB split issue for 5 years 3 yes Hunt, Fleury, Gulembo; 10 no Dow, Alexander, Ralph, Droel, Crain, Christensen, Tillson, Karbiner, Brown, Hammett Motion Failed

Motion 11: Motion by S Ralph second J Droel: Form EB Committee of no less than 5 members to research EB America progress for a year 4 yes Fleury, Ralph, Droel, Karbiner. 8 no Hunt,

Dow, Gulembo, Alexander, Christensen, Tillson, Brown, Hammett. 1 Absent Crain Motion Failed

Executive Session was called for further discussion and Roll Call vote on Split of AB and EB Motion 12: Motion by D Dow second B Crain: Move to Split the American Brittany and Epagnuel Breton into two separate breeds. 5 yes Dow, Droel, Crain, Christensen, Brown. 8 no Hunt, Fleury, Gulembo, Alexander, Ralph, Tillson, Karbiner, Hammett. Motion Failed Executive Session Ended and Open Meeting Resumed

Motion 13: Motion by S Ralph second B Crain Move to approve 2018 BOD Meeting Minutes All 13 yes Motion Carried

1 st VP Report Kent Patterson – Kent reports everything is set for the 2019 National Open & Amateur Championships. Grounds are ready; birds planted; operationally things are in place. The dog wagon driver is out with gall stones so drivers will be ABC volunteers. The Field Trial committee is on board and the Judges are all set. Initially the budget was challenging but after getting the expenses all sorted out and corrected the budget was approaching the positive zone. From a revenue perspective the increase in entry fees provided more revenue than projected so Kent now believes the trials are in good shape budget wise. Kent also believes the Horseback Gun Dog move to Booneville helped increase the All Age entry. On the question of ATV use for the National stakes at Booneville, the State has approved ATV use for handling only. There will be no ATV's allowed in the gallery. Upon completion of his report a big round of applause went out to Kent for his leadership through the 2019 Board of Directors Meeting as well as the NFC & NAFC Field Trials.

2 nd VP Jeri Conklin – Membership up; email dues reminders appear to be working. Continuing to reach out to inactive clubs to see what can be done to reenergize their membership. Top of Texas Brittany Club was recently reactivated and are looking forward to holding a field trial and Hunt Test soon. Focus for the upcoming year will be to reach out to breeders to see why they are not encouraging their puppy buyers to join the ABC.

4 th VP Bob Burchett gave a report on the 2019 National Walking Gun Dog Open and Amateur Stakes held in Ionia in October. Bob felt it was a Class Event in spite of the low entry. There were only 13 entries in both the Open and Amateur Championships. Because only 12 dogs started in the Open stake the AKC withheld the National Championship designation because the AKC regulations state there must be at least 13 starters to be awarded a National Champion title. Judges were positive and understanding of the small budget. AKC does not allow an Amateur National Stake without an Open Stake. Bob is recommending next year's National Walking Championship be one Open Stake. Bob feels more walking handlers need to be approached about participating in this National event. Bob has been working with a group of enthusiastic EB owners who have reached the pinnacle of what their dogs can achieve in stakes offered by their Parent Organization and would perhaps be receptive to entering American Brittany style field trials to quince their competitive juices. In spite of low attendance and challenging budget numbers the bird work in Ionia was outstanding. There was a total of 49 clean covey finds spread over all courses worked in the Open and 42 covey finds from all courses worked in the Amateur. Moving on to the National Horseback Gun Dog Events in Booneville there was a marked uptake in the entry. The bird expectation for the National Horseback Gun Dog Championships is much less here in Booneville. Statistics from all the Breeds holding field trial events in Booneville average 2 finds per hour. Bob encouraged everyone to stay around for the two National Gun Dog events being held for the first time right after the National All Age events in Booneville, Arkansas to make opinions about the move for themselves.

3 rd VP Dawn Droel – Dawn believes 2019 was a very successful year for the National Specialty Show. She was pleased to announce that every Region was represented at the Banquet. The new NSS Pictorial featuring previous NSS Best of Breed winners was a big attraction and will be enjoyed for many years to come. There was some confusion on the funding of the trophies for the Summer Specialty but the issue has been clarified. Dawn requested BOD permission to enlarge the base of the NSS trophy so more names could be added. It was explained no BOD vote was required for this item so the trophy will be enlarged to handle more name plates as necessary. The National Agility event was small but there is a very dedicated group of competitors who did all their own work and raised all their own funds. Same with the national Obedience contingency. The banquet and auctions were both very successful and the final budget numbers will be submitted shortly.

Lunch Break. Back at 12:45

Financial Chair, Judy Graves Judy lead a discussion of the 2018 Financial Reports which included the Event Detail, Operating Activity Statement and Comparative Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 2018.

Motion 14: Motion by S Ralph second R Gulembo: Accept the 2018 Financial Reports as submitted. All Yes 13 Motion Carried

2020 Budget Request – The 2020 Budget Request consisted of a Consolidated Budget Recap Summary. There were cost breakdowns for the General and Administrative Items, Membership, Magazine, Year Book and 2020 Futurity. The Big picture is positive. There is a vital need to find a new Treasurer or investigate other options for handling the Treasurer's many duties. A stipend of \$9,600 a year for the Treasurer position has been added to the Corrected 2020 Budget Request.

Motion 15: Motion by R Gulembo second M Karbiner: Adopt the Corrected 2020 Budget Request Administration & Futurity plus \$500 for the AKC Health Fund All 13 Yes Motion Carried

Action Item Margaret Horstmeyer, Chair of the Health & Genetic Defects Committee requested use of the ABC Membership List to distribute a "Brittany" specific General Health Survey managed by OFFA. Motion 16: Motion by S Ralph second D Dow: Move to allow use of the ABC membership list for a Brittany Health Survey. All 13 Yes Motion Carried

Futurity Action Items: Not acted on. Dog of the Year Award Motion 17: Motion by S Ralph B Crain – Move to have President Ed Janulis assign a new Chairman for the Dog of the Year Committee. Yes 12 No 0 Abstained 1 Dow, Motion Carried Executive Session Items: People and Dog ABC Hall of Fame, Elect Officers, Announce Newly Elected Regional Directors Elected to the ABC People Hall of Fame: Delmar Smith Elected to the ABC Dog Hall of Fame: FC/AFC Blaze Dakota NFC/DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon 2019 BOD Elected Officers: President Ed Janulis, re-elected 2 nd Vice-President Jeri Conklin, re-elected Treasurer – Position Open 2019 Membership Elected Directors: East Coast Leslie Hunt, re-elected East Central Vincent Anderson Central Burton Wice Midwest Bret Lindback West Coast Mary Brown, re-elected The Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

President's Report Ed Janulis

2020 started out personally for me in early recovery of a severe accident resulting from an accident with a horse; it has been a long recovery period but I continue to gain health every month.

2020 started out with the worse Pandemic disease situation I ever experienced resulting in fighting the Covid 19 disease. It affected the world extensively including ABC. By mid-March the majority of the field trials and dog shows were cancelled with no clear path on when we would return back to a "normal" life. To date normality has not been achieved but some progress is being shown. All of our workers involved in our dog shows, field trials, championships and futurity nominations worked on these projects diligently, professionally and with as much future knowledge of the world status to keep these events progressing. The fall of 2020 has started up pretty well; I have attended a number of field trials and have kept status of others and feel we are progressing in a correct direction. The Walking Gun Dog Championship just completed; I was able to attend a small amount of the competition but observed a very enthusiastic participation level and did observe a number of dog performances which demonstrated championship elements in their performances.

Going forward we have some significant challenges to sustain and grow our membership and participation level in our club. As we have grown our club over the years we have created new opportunities for the membership. A number of these opportunities need people to coordinate and execute these programs. Also, recently some of our older members, and great workers, are asking us (ABC) to relieve him/her of some specific responsibilities. These individuals have given endless hours of time and effort in their assignments however now we need people to replace these "seasoned veterans" as we go towards the future.

Here is a list of the positions we need filled in the next few months:

3rd - Vice President - National Specialty Show

4th - Vice President- National Gun Dog

Dog of the Year Chairman ABC Dog of the Year Awards

Field Dog of the Year Awards: Non-Field Performance Dog Awards:

Junior Handler Chairman 3rd Vice President (Show Chairman) shall appoint the following coordinators for the National Specialty Show: Junior Handlers The calculating year runs from July 1 of one year to June 30 of the next year. Information is obtained from the AKC Gazette Awards. After verification, certificates are made for the overall TOP TEN Junior Handlers

The winning Junior Handlers are offered the opportunity to write a short article for the "American Brittany" magazine.

Donations

National Fund Raising Chair Person

National All Age Auction Coordinator: TBA (Single assignments)

National Gun Dog Auction Coordinator: TBA (Single assignments)

National Specialty Auction Coordinator: TBA (Single assignments)

National Rotating Obedience Trophy – TBA

Activities at Nationals (Hospitality)

All Age: TBA

Gun Dog (Ionia): TBA

Gun Dog (Booneville): TBA

Magazine – Chair / Editor

Going forward at the 2020 November Board meeting we will be conducting the meeting in person; we will also be offering access to this meeting via "Zoom".

I am looking forward to meeting with everyone, while still practicing social distancing, at the November activities including the Board Meeting, the Specialty Show, the All Age championships and the Gun dog Championships.

Sincerely, Ed Janulis

President of the American Brittany Club

1st Vice President Kent Patterson

The 2019 All age Nationals were successful both operationally and financially with only a one-day delay due to rain during the National Championship. Many thanks to the Amateur and Open committees for executing all aspects of the event smoothly. Joe Gower and Scott Johnson filled in as calcutta auctioneers with both events bringing excellent revenue to the ledger. The Arkansas Game and Fish had the courses in excellent shape and bird contact was excellent over the two-week period.

The 2020 All Age Nationals are all set to go as of this writing with only the uncertainty of Covid 19 as an overarching concern. Funds have been allocated to the Blue Mountain Field Trial Association for the purchase of the bird release in early September with improvements/repairs scheduled for the bird pen, road, and parking pads on the ABC owned property across the road. Birds have been ordered for the release prior to the start of the Nationals and the submitted 2020 budgets have been approved by the ABC Board of Directors. A modified qualification policy was submitted to the Board of Directors based on the loss of spring 2020 events due to Covid 19 and was approved in early May. This has resulted in more dogs qualified at this point in time than in recent years.

We look forward to the 2020 All Age Nationals!

2nd VICE PRESIDENT Jeri Conklin

ABC membership continues to spiral downwards with accelerated losses across the board. With a greater than 24% loss this year, the ABC Board of Directors and regional clubs need address this crisis first hand. As a top priority, the challenge is to understand the dynamics behind today's membership statistics and what ABC can do to reverse this trend and bolster membership.



By the Numbers

In September 2019 we started with 1996 full/associate members and ended August 2020 with 1514 full/associates, a loss of 482 members or - 24% overall membership loss. We typically have ups and downs, but this past year and into this year has been nothing but a steady decline.

In 2015 - 8/2017 there was a -12.45% loss of membership. From 9/2017 - 10/2018 our loss was -7%. Nov 2018 - August 2019, our loss was -5%. From September 2019 - August 2020 our membership loss is -24%.

- Based upon unofficial polls, apathy amongst the leadership and membership as a whole
 continues to dominate the stage. Communication and its lack thereof between
 directors/club leaders and membership continues to top the list of reasons for nonrenewal of membership.
- Lack of diversity in the magazine and recognition of the Brittany as a versatile dog within an enriched community of owners continues to be a reason for non-renewals, this is a magazine committee issue, not within my control.
- While COVID-19 impacted our lives this year, the lack of events brought a new face to community rants. Facebook became the new venue for posting questions/objections/rants and ideas. Perhaps it is time to reassess the direction in which ABC is headed.
- Members expressed good and bad feelings on the removal of the 3 pt major as a Brittany Trial requirement. Since struggling clubs no long have to host field events since a Brittany can now finish at any trial. The true impact of this ruling will have on clubs is yet to be realized...positive or negative.
- As general membership plummets, many with multiple affiliations seem to be changing from Full to Associate memberships, but this help the clubs in other ways – manpower and numbers.

• Age and health continue to take its toll on membership. Most clubs are hoping for a much better 2021!

My focus this year, as in the past, has been on discovering what is bringing in the largest number of membership renewals. And the answer is – emails. The monthly emails I continue to send out to welcome new members, welcome returning members and notifying expired and expiring members to renew their memberships continues to make a difference. Most people respond that they appreciate the email notice because they did not receive the yellow card from ABC sent 45 days before they expire. But I can only do so much. If the clubs can't pick up the slack and reach out to their own members – then they only have themselves to blame for falling membership numbers. Additionally, this year I intended to send out a survey to the various Brittany breeders and invigorate the foundation of our breed to gain their support of the ABC's vision and purpose. Unfortunately, for personal reasons I was not able to fulfill that goal, but I will continue on that quest this coming year.

Clubs at Risk

In 08/2019 twenty-five (25) clubs across the regions had less than 10 active members. Those clubs were notified. This year ending 08/2020 thirty-three (33) clubs have less than 10 active members. This represents a loss of 289 club members. There are currently 97 members at large as to compared to 119 last year. It is hard to tell if those 22 members found clubs to belong to or just didn't renew

Clubs are struggling to stay afloat. Lose the clubs, lose the events. Transaction are averaging 111 a month. This past reporting period we took in 175 new members averaging 17 new members a month. That number is relatively stable over the years, it seems they aren't staying past the first year however. Data suggests that the email campaign of reaching out to expired and expiring members is working. Our online renewals seem to spike within 3-5 days of my expiring/expired emails going out. Currently we average 25 new members and 108 renewals each month. Membership building articles are part of the plan to highlight and hopefully to encourage other regional clubs to work toward that goal.

KUDOS: Membership Promotion Committee – We have had various Brittany clubs host several outreach opportunities this past year even with COVID. I continue to work with the host club to coordinate getting various items for raffles, table information, contact information, etc. Pictures and a write-up are run in the magazine under the Membership Building banner whenever possible. **Youth Committee** – Diana Kubitz and Bryce Novotny continue to work with youth from across all regions getting them involved in bringing youth together. **Reactivation of the Rappahanock Brittany Club** – Karen Hanson approached me about reactivating the Rappahannock Brittany Club. She jumped in, got all the documents and memberships needed, list of officers and even held a "Fun Match" in August as part of their Summer Specialty. **Promotions** – We continue to have clubs to hold "Meet the Breed" type events this year. Top of Texas has hosted several field type events featuring the Breed and encouraging Juniors, bringing in new members. North Jersey was able to host their outreach opportunity this past year.

CONCLUSIONS: I remain optimistic that after the national election COVID and the resulting issues will stop and with the new year, clubs and life can get back to normal, even if it is a new normal. Hopefully there will be events opening up and they are perfect for bringing in new

members and owners to the Brittany breed. Most expirations continue to be because the members forgot to renew on time. All responses seem to appreciate the email reminder. Incorrect/no such account emails are still coming in each month, they are beginning to increase once again since last year.

My recommendations at this time remain the same as last year and the years before:

- (1) The regional club secretaries make a greater effort to actively pursue the expired/expiring members in their club and send a personal welcome letter to new members. The postcards notifying members of their upcoming expirations are not all getting through, so unless they receive an email from the club, many let their memberships lapse unaware. MEMBERSHIP RETENTION STARTS AT THE CLUB LEVEL.
- (2) The regional clubs develop some sort of monthly communication (a quick newsletter, an email blast...) Some clubs with membership spread throughout the state, few meetings or events, this is an easy way to reach out to your members. Several clubs have started doing this, thank you.
- (3) Membership rosters be checked monthly for new members, changes of address and status. This can't hurt the retention of your members. It will take time; it is worth it.

I thank all involved this past year. I will have at least 2 more months of data to provide by Nationals time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri K Conklin, 2nd V.P. ABC

3rd Vice President Dawn Droel

Everything is all set for a great 2020 National Specialty Show! I have a great committee, some really hard workers.

We have a new National Show Secretary/Superintendent this year – Executive Dog Shows (Nina Fetter).

It has been challenging to move forward with our NSS, due to COVID. Our primary concern is the well-being and safety of our Brittany family. My committee feels we can host the show safely and so we are proceeding with plans to host another fabulous National event. Arkansas state regulations and AKC regulations are being followed and a State approved COVID plan is in place. Details will be printed on the Premium and on the ABC website NSS page.

ABC Summer Specialty 2020 Report – Cancelled due to COVID. Hosting Clubs are all pushed back a year to allow Minnesota Brittany Club to host Summer Specialty in 2021 (as planned in 2020).

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the American Brittany Club community, but will not be returning to the position as I miss showing my dogs. Unlike field events, the Show Chairman cannot exhibit (or own) dogs at the NSS. Thank you to some amazing ABC members for serving on the NSS committee and making the event a success!

Secretary Jennifer Brooke Burlingame

I have continued to distribute the ABC pins for awards received. It has taken years to figure out a system to get these mailed appropriately. I have received multiple back with crazy reasons, such as: aggressive item enclosed and suspicious object x-rayed. It has been very hard this year with all the craziness of the mail. I believe I am caught up at this time. We have only used 1 medallion at the time of this writing. I certainly have not slowed down in the printing, mailing and emailing of literature. It is still extremely time consuming to do the research finding clubs and other information for all these areas. It would be extremely helpful if the club secretaries for some of these areas could let me know what information that have on clubs in their areas

I will also point out that I feel this position is under utilized and could include some other responsibilities.

ACTION ITEM: I would like to request regional secretaries to make a list of their resources (pointing dog clubs, hunting clubs, field trail clubs, other Brittany organizations) to put forth to people inquiring in those areas.

Treasurer Gerilyn A. Sennott

As of January 1, 2020, I have returned to the duties of treasurer of The American Brittany Club after 4 years of absence.

In February, I obtained the numerous boxes of records from the previous treasurers along with the software records for Quick Books Program. After downloading into the system, I began a review to reconcile the accounts along with the banks. There were a few recording errors for the National Events which were adjusted.

I have started to send quarterly statements to the President and Board of Directors for those individuals to review and comment. The Finance Committee receives monthly Balance Sheets and detailed profit and loss statements for their analysis.

There were numerous bank accounts active as each treasurer has opened accounts to their convenient locations. I have condensed those accounts and just left a few open for the Operating Account, Ionia Account, Booneville Account and Futurity Account. These banks are located in each national event state in order to make deposits and other transactions as needed.

I hope everyone stays safe and healthy during this trying time.

At this time, I have no action items.

Gerilyn A. Sennott Treasurer

Agenda Book Jennifer Brooke Burlingame

I don't have very many complaints this year, as I have previously. This could be because not as many reports are being turned in this year. With Covid-19 not nearly the normal amount of events have happened this year. I gave everyone 1 month to turn in their reports, if I received anything after that date it did not get included. I cannot change the agenda book because someone is late. I made that concession to many times last year. I looked everything over and we have 55 committees as part of the American Brittany Club as you can see, we don't get a lot of reports. There are people I have never heard from in my time doing this agenda book. Maybe it's time to check in with them? Thank you to everyone who got there reports in on time.

AKC Delegate Report 2020 Terry Hilliard

This has been an unusual year for the AKC and AKC Delegates as well as everyone else. With the exception of the March meeting, all of our Delegate meetings have been on zoom. We have had to learn all the new technology for having remote meetings via zoom, raise your hand, lower you hand feature, scheduling meetings and attending online and voting on zoom. It's been quite different and I have missed the camaraderie of the in-person meetings and being able to interact with others in person.

Since being appointed the AKC Delegate I have attended the Field Trail committee meetings, Parent Club and Dock and Crop committees. I have also been able to move about in the Dog Show Rules Committee as well as Canine Health Committee, as time allows, but with the use of zoom it has been difficult to make some of the committee meeting since they often have conflicting schedules and you just can't get up and walk down the hall to another meeting in session.

I also was lucky to attend the Invitational show in Orlando and had the opportunity to judge the Brittany Sweepstakes for the Mid Florida Club with some beautiful, up and coming puppies. The Orlando show is something anyone interested in the dog competition world should have the opportunity to attend. The top obedience and rally dogs, dock diving and the conformation show. The venue is huge and the AKC is fortunate to have such a facility that can handle the large crowds and all the competitions in one area as well as breed seminars during the week for those going for their judge's license and Meet the Breed Booths that are always well attended by the public. Our biggest Brittany accomplishment was removing the requirement for a 3 point major at a Brittany trial to complete the championship. This was passed in the Field Trail committee that I attend with little discussion around the proposal and moved on to the BOD for voting in August. It also changed the rule that Derby's can run for 45 minutes but must be stated in the premium.

In our last general meeting, which was September 15, while floundering with decreased competitions this year, the litter and dog registrations are keeping the AKC solvent.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact every aspect of our lives and many clubs are seeking to inject some normalcy into everyday lives of the dog competitors. While we are starting to have more competitions under COVID with many restrictions and changes, have received high marks for safety and COVID restrictions from the Health Departments in various regions. Hopefully we will be moving forward with more shows, obedience, rally and agility trials. Field Trials and Hunt Test have not seemed to be as affected due to the competition being outdoors and some changes with food services.

The AKC has recently announced the launch of resources and a task force on Anti-breeder harassment and retaliation from radical animal rights activists that have targeted dog breeders. The legislative branch of the AKC has had a very busy year staying on top of local, regional, state and federal changes that affect the dog world. This is an integral part of our dog world and as stated in my articles in the ABC magazine, if you here of anything in your area, you should call the Government Relations Department of the AKC to inform them of the articles of changes in your area.

The Government Relations team is active in tracking COVID-19 policy issues impacting AKC and dog owners throughout the pandemic including being able to access pet supplies and essential services.

This department has also been very involved in the Healthy Dog Importations Act. This measure is designed to ensure that dogs entering the country are healthy and not at risk to spread dangerous diseases that could adversely impact public health.

There are many bills in Congress that may impact us as breeders. You may want to look at H.R. bills 6921, 2442, 4211, 3103/S.2949.

I have enjoyed being the AKC Delegate to the ABC this year and learning more of how the AKC works for us. If you ever have any questions or want me to bring something up in session, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Terry Hilliard, lockridgebritts@aol.com

AKC Gazette Report David Webb

During this past year there have been three articles written and submitted to the AKC Gazette for publication in the Brittany breed column, which appears quarterly each year. These pieces written for the Brittany breed column have been based on some 45 some years with Brittanys and the people who love the breed.

2020 articles written and published in the AKC Gazette for the Brittany Breed Column are listed as follows:

- ➤ January, 2020-- Dewey's Lesson
- ➤ April -- Among the Aspens
- > July -- It's Important
- ➤ October --When It All Started (to be published in that month's issue)

Each piece is submitted three months in advance to Arliss Paddock, Senior Editor, AKC Gazette. This editor often has favorable comments about the articles. This also raises the question, "how many ABC members actually read the AKC Gazette Brittany columns?"

These articles have been written with intent to provide the reader with information about our breed. Appreciate the opportunity to represent ABC and to write the Brittany Breed Column for the AKC Gazette.

2020 Judge's Education Report Diana Kubitz

I did the presentation at the 2019 National Specialty, we had two judges that attended because they were at the five-year mark since their last seminar and they really love our breed! Cindy Miller did the presentation in Orlando last December and it was well attended. I want to thank Cindy for her excellent work on this presentation!

2020 has been a very strange year in many ways. I'm addressing how COVID 19 affected judges' education. We haven't had any yet this year, but JE is planned for the national specialty and Dianne Kroll did a webinar for AKC that aired in June. Dianne put a lot of work into this presentation with field video added by Jessica Carlson, and content input from Jess, Amy Booth and myself. There were 300 webinar attendees! Some of these folks took the webinar because it was five years since their last seminar and sent me notes to update them on our records so everyone would know that they were still qualified to judge regional specialties and our national specialty. For many of the attendees, this was their first time learning about our breed. Since there were no hands-on examinations for those individuals, I would recommend that they have hands-on prior to being giving them assignments, even if AKC approves them to judge. Great Job Dianne & team!

As many of you know, I have struggled with some health issues the last couple years, so 2020 is my last year as JEC. However, I have worked hard on finding my replacement as Jodi Engel did before me. I have been working on this individual for several years to take over for me when I felt it was time. To my surprise this time she said YES!!! When I called Ed Janulis for approval his comment was "I'm excited!"

The American Brittany Club's new Judges Education Coordinator is Amy Booth! Amy won the nationals specialty at age 9, showing her 9-year-old dog Duc! This was my first introduction to Amy and her mother Agnes Rodrigues. Since then we've spent lots of time together as Amy married Phil Booth and moved to Michigan. Many of you know Linda Langford, Amy's sister from the national show and trials. Amy supports the "DUAL DOG' concept and I know I'm leaving Judge's Education in the best possible hands! I have assured Amy that I'll be available at any time to answer questions and remain on the committee to help in any way I can.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee for their work on behalf of the ABC on the JE committee. You've all stepped up when called upon and I will be forever grateful for your work and support! You are all the best!

Last but not least, I'd like to thank the officers and directors of the ABC for believing in me and giving me opportunities to learn and grow over the 41 years since my first nationals in 1979. I was a newbie to the

nationals, but had two show champions under my belt and had run six all breed shows. No one knew me on the national scene, but I was accepted and immediately put to work and I've loved every minute of it!

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kubitz

AKC Legislative Liaison Mary Jo Trimble

Legislative issues for dogs and horses have taken a back seat to Covid-19 issues this year. Most of us have just been dealing with our various state Covid-19 issues that affect how when and where we can have a show or field trial and how many people can attend. Many Midwest states like Nebraska and surrounding states have fewer restrictions than do states on the West coast, Central and East Coast area. Outdoor field trials and/or shows are a little safer with some fewer restrictions than indoor events. I suggest if you are considering having a trial or show, do check with both AKC and your State for rules you MUST follow to be in compliance with the Covid-19 regulations. Many state legislatures have not been in session this year and Governors have pretty well run the state with some to no consultation with legislators. Depending on how stats come in, rules and regulations can change on an almost daily basis.

In order to access what is going on nationwide in regards to legislation and even Covide rules for events, I suggest you go to the legislative part of the AKC site for the most current updates nationwide. Go to https://akcgr.org/akc/?1. For state rules either go to the state Governor's website, Department of Natural Resources, or site by state Health Department with Covide information. States and AKC are the ones setting the Covide-19 regulations that will affect your events. If you need a sample of Covid-19 policy for trials, I can send you one that Illinois Clubs are using approved by our IDNR.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble

American Field Liaison Ray Trimble

At this date and as most of you are aware, the American Field is no longer publishing a printed version of their magazine. This was due in part to the interruption and work regulations in Illinois due to Covid-19. I have not been informed by owner Bernie Mathys if this is permanent or temporary. Currently you can access the e-edition of the field and upcoming trials at: https://americnfield.villagesoup.com/p/150538.

I have attached a sheet which I suggest all of you who run American Field Sponsored events may want to copy and save. The sheet outlines the fees for field trials, championships, and classified ads. Pay particular attention to the lines that have an asterisk * and check out the description at the bottom of the page.

Also note that ads must be received 30 days in advance prior to the start of your trial. Don't lose your Championship Trial Status by being late. It has happened in the past.

Book of the American Brittany Jessica Carlson

Alex Findlay is designing the yearbook ads again this year. Since most of the ads come in last minute and it can be a bit overwhelming to get them all done in time for printing, this year we tried an early submission incentive, with a 15% price reduction for ads paid and submitted before September 1st. This year we are also selling the yearbook for \$10 when picked up in person, and \$15 for those being mailed out (to cover the cost of envelope and postage). We have been fortunate to be well into the black on yearbook revenue for as long as I've been in charge of it, so I don't expect any loss and hope the new incentives will help future sales and interest.

For the ABC Book of the 2010s:

Work has begun on the ABC Book of the 2010s, which will cover the years 2010-2019. A big thank you to Cindy Miller who stepped up to put together the non-field performance sections and got those done in record time. Rose Leale is currently working on the show section, and I will be doing the rest (field, producers, HOF, etc). I had great response to a public call for Master Hunter photos and look forward to the same as I get to other sections. Since there are only 10 years to cover this time instead of 20, and they were all in the digital age, we will be able to do more this time than before and I look forward to having lots of great content. My hope is to have most of it put together by the end of the year and have it ready for print by spring, but we'll see how that goes as I have to fit the work in as I have time to sit down and concentrate on it. Anyone who would like to submit photos for the book, I hope to fit as many as possible for top winners and titlists in the decade, and those can be sent to me at jcalar@gmail.com

Breed Standard Judy Tighe

There are no issues that have come up in 2020 regarding Breed Standards. The Committee has no recommendations at this time.

East Central Directors Ron Gulembo

The following items are to be addressed and decided with a vote to act:

Action Item 1:

There is a need for a Standard Operating Procedure for Officers/Chairs of each committee and for each event to be added to the Policy Book. New chairs of events are not given in many cases, what needs to be sequentially completed prior to an event or official Officer responsibilities, except Officers do have some ideas to follow. The Stake Manager of the National events at Booneville, are spelled out in detail on a month by month basis in the Policy Book, along with the Futurity responsibilities. Maybe more volunteer involvement would take place in the future when one knows what they must do. Just like the BOD Guidebook, that most Directors did not know existed.

Action item 2:

Fund raising must be done within the laws which ABC is Incorporated as well as each state which host the Fund raising/auction/Calcutta.

Action item 3:

With the addition of the National Horse Back Gun Dog (to be Identified as such) held at Booneville AR, we need to alternate the overall events to give status of equality to accommodate all participants.

Agreeing to a plan of fairness to all that has now been created on holding more events at Booneville, and to assist BOD who only run in one event, to not spend almost up to a month at Booneville, without being forced to return twice to not only attend a BOD meeting, but create a more manneredly event flexibility schedule.

ALTERNATE FROM YEAR TO YEAR SO COMPETITORS CAN PLAN AHEAD:

(Amt GD - Open GD)—(Amt AA - OAA)

Action item 4:

At any BOD meeting whether it be the annual meeting, Zoom, or Conference Call, Officers and or Chairs should be available to be called on for information by the President to only speak to a specific question, when asked.

Action item 5:

Purina Award – Standards based on 1 hr. stakes only. My point: Is it more prestigious to win this award having to follow listed stakes/Championships across the country, or allow a dog to win this award never leaving its region? Other breeds require competition across the US to be chosen from to

qualify for their Prestigious awards, ie: Michigan Open Shooting Dog (Long Tails) as well as 52(?) other events to choose from.

The Garmin and Mask Magnum awards also suggest that the winner should compete in other regions.

Field Trial Dates Committee report Steve Ralph

Due to COVID-19, many of the spring field trials were cancelled and some were rescheduled only to again be

cancelled. The Central & Western Futurity were cancelled in the spring and rescheduled in the fall, thanks to

the work of the Regional Date Coordinators working with their regional clubs.

No field trial date conflict issues were reported by the Regional Date Coordinators which need to be addressed.

Thank you to all the Regional Date Coordinators Bruce Conover(E), Wade Haines(EC), Burton Wice(c), Jim

Crawford(MW), Larry Sandusky(W) for all their hard work in coordinating their regional field trial dates and

resolving conflicts in the best interest for their regional clubs and ABC. All Spring & Fall dates presented by

Regional Date Coordinators were reviewed and approved for this year and the coming year schedule.

National All-Age Championship Field Trial Secretary report

All of the required National All-Age Championship Field Trial Secretary responsibilities have been completed

to-date for the upcoming ABC National All-Age Championships. The Ad, Schedule, Judge Bios, Premium, and

information has been sent to the ABC website, American Brittany magazine, and American Field for publication. The premiums are available on the ABC website and the qualified dog owners/handlers will be

notified.

2020 ABC Finance Committee Report

This has been a very busy year for the Finance Committee. According to the ABC Policy book, this committee was formed in 2013 with 9 specific purposes – with the major duties are 1) "establishing an annual budget process" and 2) "conduct internal and/or external audits of ABC receipts and expenditures." With the prior treasurer turning over the records to the new treasurer, we soon realized that posting of revenue and expenses were not done correctly. Having six field national events, it appears that the posting was done in error for several events. The new treasurer was able to reconcile all the bank statements; but realized several revenue and expenses items were recorded incorrectly. We would not get the computer records to the new treasurer until the compatible software was installed. Once this was done, corrections made, and reports generated it was too late for the Committee to conduct an annual review. Each event chair was sent a copy of revenue & expenses recorded for their event. After discussing the situation with the Committee, members were comfortable with the bank reconciliations performed by a committee member who had no access to the accounts and by my review and corrections made in conjunction with each event chair.

As done in years past, the event budgets are not given to the BOD until after March of the year of activity. This gives each manager enough time to digest what happened the year before & what he/she thinks will happen in the coming year. Events budget for 2020 were submitted and approved by the BOD at their August telephone meeting. That approval also included a separate accounting for the Agility Trial held in Ft. Smith during the National Specialty show.

Given the Coronavirus situation, there will be several events which will not break even as well as revenue lines for recording fees which will not meet budget estimates this year. As you know, several years back the Finance Committee recommended we keep 2 yrs of income in reserve just for situations such as this. Any shortfalls experienced in 2020, will come from this account. Our estimate is about \$12,000.

We will have 2 agenda items for the BOD meeting. The first will be the recommendation of reappointment of Mary Karbiner to another term on the Finance Committee. The second will be presentation of the 2021 Administrative & General budgets. Because of the delays in running, the Futurity budget will not be presented at this time. Once the 2021 dates are nailed down, that budget will be created and presented to the BOD for approval.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Graves, Chair

Futurity Committee Report

LESLEE MASOLOTTE - CHAIRPERSON, SUE LEHOSKY - LITTER NOMINATION SECRETARY, JACQUI CAMPBLELL - FINAL FORFEIT SECRETARY WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS DARLENE DOW, LESLIE ANDREAS, DIANE HEDSTROM, LINDA LANGFORD, AMANDA MCGAVIN AND MICHELLE MILLETTE

The year 2020 brought challenges to our Brittany events and the Futurity events were no exception. The Eastern section ran without a glitch on January 12 and 13, 2020. Due to the Covid-19, both the April Central and Western sections were cancelled, postponed and rescheduled to September 3 and 4, 2020 for the Western and September 25 and 28, 2020 for the Central. The help of the Iowa Brittany Club was monumental in arranging their schedule to allow the Central Futurity to share their Thayer, Iowa grounds late into September. The financial numbers are not available at this time for those late events. We plan to bring copies of the amendments to the November meeting. We are grateful to the Mid Florida Brittany Club, the Oregon Brittany Club and the Minnesota Brittany for tirelessly working to complete our futurity events in spite of the challenges.

The apparel fundraiser took on a new look this year. Jacqui Campbell arranged for embroidered shirts and sweatshirts through a new vendor which were attractive and well received over the previous printed apparel. Apparel sales brought in \$440.00 into the futurity account. Fund raising to help to defray event costs for the host clubs were through raffle or auction of local artwork, dog supplies as well as futurity committee member's donations. The Central had \$85.00 in trophy donations and the western had \$80.00 in trophy donations. Thank you, Claypool, Herrera, Masolotte and Starsiak for the monetary gifts. Printed and framed host club acknowledgement certificates that were donated by Alice Janssen of AAB Awards were given to each section manager to show our appreciation for the hard work of the host clubs.

There were 86 final forfeit entry payments for the 2018/2020 litters. The number of nominations made by breeders in 2018 was for 88 litters. The total money purse was \$8,397.19 ABC retained \$933.02(10%) for admin costs. The Eastern settlement showed a loss of \$1,032.87 which ABC absorbed. Income and losses for the Western and Central sections will be available when all expenses have been submitted to Judy Graves for settlement. The Western section purse checks have been mailed. The Central section purse checks have not been calculated or sent to winners.

Looking forward to the 2019/2021 running: The Greater Phoenix Brittany Club will be hosting the Western section on January 18 and 19, 2021, the Central section will be hosted on April 8 and 9, 2021 by the lowa Brittany Club and the Anthracite Brittany Club will be hosting the Eastern section on April 22 and 23, 2021. There are 75 litters nominated from 2019 and the number of eligible dogs will be available by 12-31-2020 as final forfeits are now coming in. We encourage the regional directors to become involved with their section futurity where ever possible. We hope the ABC magazine will continue to print the futurity dates and locations on the event calendar as well as printing the futurity application with the ABC membership application forms.

A huge thank you to Judy Graves for help in the futurity accounting as well as her financial suggestions. Thank you to the futurity committee members. These members are also Brittany breeders, owners and exhibitors as they are representing each futurity section with plans for the future. We thank Hodges

Badge company for supplying beautiful ribbons and trophies this year. We thank Boyt Harness/Mud River for the handler's bags which were the judge's gifts. We sincerely thank our sponsor Nestle/Purina Pro Plan for their continued support of our breed through money and dog food donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslee Masolotte, Chairman

September 29, 2020

ABC Dog Hall of Fame

The ABC Dog Hall of Fame	committee	reviewed 3	nominations	s submitted	per ABC	policy:
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Renegade's Regal Wrigley

Buck's Hit the Road Jack

Ortho Acres Booker T

Based on the review criteria and voting process outlined in the ABC policy, the following dog received a majority vote and is submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration to the ABC Dog HOF.

Ortho Acres Booker T

Kent D. Patterson

ABC Dog HOF Chairman

ABC Hall of Fame (Distinguished Members) Ed Janulis (Pres.)

(2 candidates have been nominated – information and ballots have been sent to Board Members in accordance with the Policy book.

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION TO THE ABC HALL OF FAME FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBER

- 1. The committee to select nominees to be elected to the ABC Hall of Fame shall be the Board of Directors with the President as chairman.
- 2. Anyone wishing to nominate a person to the ABC Hall of Fame must submit that name and that person's qualifications to the President by April 1st of any year.
- 3. A mail vote will be conducted by the President as chairperson to determine election. The first vote will be by mail to the directors. It may be taken by e-mail under confidential restraints by the President. Those people receiving 50% of the vote will then go on the second ballot. Selection will be by 2/3 vote of the Board. All votes both written and at the Board meeting will be "yes" or "no" votes.
- 4. Persons not elected will not be carried over a second year. (2013) It takes more than 50% to carry on the ballot (8). It takes 2/3 of the directors (10) to elect. (1995)
- 5. A Framed certificate will be awarded to honor the people elected to the ABC Hall of Fame each year.

2020 ABC magazine Report

Bob Fleury

Producing our monthly magazine has gone on this year despite some of the hurdles encountered by the Covid Virus issue. We have struggled with meeting our timelines because of the issues that our printer Webster County Printers had to negotiate because of the social distancing mandated for business. Robert Gordon the owner and Dana our magazine coordinator, have gone out of their way to work their way through the hurdles of the mandates. The magazine committee has worked flawlessly as usual to produce a great magazine for the membership each month.

The two largest issues we have yet to conquer is the declining amount of advertising revenue and the lack of interesting articles submitted by membership. We have attempted unsuccessfully to recruit a committee member willing to take on the responsibility of soliciting advertising for the magazine.

This is my last report for the magazine as I will be stepping down as chairman at the end of the year. I want to thank and express my gratitude to all the magazine committee members who work so hard month after month to bring the membership a quality magazine. I also want to acknowledge the people at Webster County Printing for all their help and assistance over the many years I worked with them.

Non-Field Performance Committee Cindy Miller

AKC Statistics published for 2019 indicates that Brittany owners love to participate in non-field events. These events include agility, obedience, rally, dock-diving, trick dog, barn hunt, scent work, and coursing.

Obedience had 31 titles awarded; rally had 57 titles awarded; 5 titles in dock diving; 84 titles in trick dog; barn hunt had 11 titles awarded; scent work had 65 new titles; coursing ability had 8 titles awarded and fast cat had 27 titles awarded. There was 1 Tracking Dog Excellent Title. Three Brittanys earned their Farm Dog Certified title.

There were 107 Brittanys that obtained one of the Canine Good Citizen titles and 3 Brittanys that earned their Therapy Dog title.

Agility had more titles awarded than all of the other events combined! There were a total of 394 title awarded.

The owners of these companion/non-field performance Brittanys want to thank the American Brittany Club for their support in promoting all events.

This past year, the finance committee created a separate cost center for agility. I want to give a huge thanks to Judy Graves for her help and direction. The ABC receives 12 agility licenses annually. Five of these licenses are reserved for the national event in Fort Smith; 2 are reserved for Brittany only trials in conjunction with the Summer Specialty. That means that there are 5 licenses available for regional clubs to use. A proposal has been sent to the Board to develop a procedure to track the use of these licenses and the accounting of monies. In summary, all requests are to go to the Non Field Performance Chair. This person determines who gets the licenses. The application is then forwarded to the ABC Executive Secretary for approval as well as checking the club ABC status. After the trial, the Non Field Performance Chair is responsible for the reconciliation of the funds. The ABC benefits in that if used as a fund raiser for the ABC Agility Nationals in Fort Smith – after expenses, 80% to the ABC; 20% to the host club. If the regional club is also hosting the summer specialty, after expenses, both the regional club and the ABC benefits with 20% to the ABC; 80% to the host club to offset all of the expenses associated with sponsoring the Summer specialty. The check is forwarded to the Treasurer with a copy to the Executive Secretary.

In 2020, due to Covid, only two of these licenses were applied for by the North Virginia Brittany Club.

Finally, I spend my COVID mandatory home lockdown working with Jessica Carlson on the Book of the Brittany 2010-2020. Unless you have helped Jessica with this book, no one understands the time and energy that goes into this publication. I researched and wrote the Non Field Performance portion of the book. It was sent to Jessica mid-summer for her final edit and formatting. I want to thank Jessica for undertaking this work. It is a true work of love.

Policy Book Ron Gulembo

To create a better understanding, and with the constraints trying to change the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Brittany Club. The Policy Book Committee recommends a new addition to be added as **Appendix III** to **the Policy Book as an Addendum/Attachment/Supplement/Glossary**.

Found throughout the Constitution and or By-Laws or specified by Article and or section

Active Member – refers to a full Member in ABC or a Regional Club.

National Kennel Clubs – refers to American Kennel Club, The American Field, and Amateur Field Trial Club.

Secretary – refers to Executive Secretary- Constitution Article IV, Sections 1-2-4

Secretary – refers to Elected Secretary – By-Law Article VI, Section 6, Part F

Mail – refers to mail or email

Telephone – refers to by telephone or teleconference

Annual Meeting - Can be held at any National Event - By-Law Article IV, Section 1

Voting – Quorum present with majority approval – By-Law Article IV, Section 4 – By-Law Article V, Section 6 & Section 7

Vacancies of Board of Director – Successor named by 2/3 BOD vote or by 33% votes cast by General Membership of previous Region Election Ballot – By-Law Article V, Section 9

Replacement of Committee Chair or Committee Member – President appointed with a 2/3 BOD vote to include a written report submitted to Chair and member to be placed on permanent file – By-Law Article VII, Section 6

Committee Vote – Quorum present via mail or email with majority vote to approve – By-Law Article VII, Section 7

Agility

The American Kennel Club has made available to the American Brittany Club 12 licenses. Currently, 5 are used during the ABC National Specialty Show, 2 for the ABC Summer Specialty and the remaining 5 licenses based on a first come first served basis with net income from the trial being split 80/20 (ABC 80% to support the ABC National Agility Trial and 20% to be retained by the sponsor club to help offset its expenses.) If hosting the ABC Summer Specialty Agility Trial, 20% will be sent to ABC and 80% retained by the host club. The Agility trial program shall be the responsibility of the chair of the Non-Field Performance Committee.

When an ABC Agility Trial is run in conjunction with the ABC National Specialty Show, the Chair of the Non-Field Performance Committee shall coordinate activities with the ABC 3rd Vice President.

All requests for an Agility Trial must be submitted to the Non-Field Performance Committee Chair along with the completed AKC request form. The Committee request to the ABC Executive Secretary shall identify the ABC host club, dates, breed(s), estimated revenues & expenses. Once approved by the committee, it shall be forwarded to the ABC Executive Secretary. This shall be the ABC club officer authorization of the event. The Chair shall send notice of the events to the Treasurer along with the estimate of revenues, expenses, ABC share. Once completed, the host club shall send a report of receipts and expenditures to the Committee Chair. The chair shall review and send notice to the host club of amount due to ABC. Such notice shall be also sent to the Treasurer.



Purina Liaison Report Joe Gower

This past year Purina has continued our support and partnership at similar levels to recent years. The front half of 2020 posed logistical challenges as COVID-19 suspended field trial activity. There was much scrambling to avoid wasted shipping.

This year we were asked to provide a "Due Diligence" summary to Purina for the last three years showing how we used our magazine and social media to promote the brand. We used multiple sources and examples to provide them with data.

This summer they asked for access to our membership for feedback surveys conducted by a third party. Our contract stipulates we will participate. We provided e-mails and they were used to send random surveys out about Purina products.

Purina has changed their logo recently and we will be submitting artwork for distribution so that we properly represent their branding in our magazine and social media distribution.



Respectfully submitted,

Joe Gower

Statistics Mary Karbiner

2020 Statistics Report	2020 Agenda						pg #1
BRITTANYS Per							
AKC	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Dual Ch	9	8	13	14	5	12	
		51			29		
Field Ch	43	GFCH10	49-8	41-9	GFC14	37	
		29					
Amt Fld Ch	27	GAFC 1	24-3	32-2	20 -2	21	
GCH	71	55	42	57	63	60	
СН	167	159	146	151	180	166	
JH	113	123	161	143	127	118	
SH	15	16	27	19	35	21	
\mathbf{MH}	16	16	4	16	15	10	
# dogs in comp., not # entered							
at Nat'l							
Spec Show	161	141	149	152	138	141	
Canine Good Citizen							
Award	58	63	70	83	95	80	
CGC							
Advanced	8	9	16	15	15	17	
BRITTANY Regist							
with AKC							
Litters #							
registered	1476	1550	1552	1655	1681	1528	
Dogs #							
registered	n.a.	n.f.	4626	5043	4711	4585	
AKC Ptg.Breed F.T's	490	380	388	385	372	371	

# of events Total # dogs							
entered	28,638	28,462	28,052	27,037	25340	24,972	
FUTURITY Region	A-6	A-5	A-21	A-5	A-5	A-5	
& Starters- EAST	G23	G-14	G18	G-24	G-21	G-6	
	A-13	A-8	A-12	A-13	A-15	not	
CENTRAL	G-14	G-9	G-16	G-11	G-19	held	
	A-6	A-11	A-2 G-	A-14	A-5	not	
WEST	G-26	G-17	21	G-28	G-8	held	
Fld Trl Event- Clubs							
active- #held	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
by Regional Clubs-	S-18	s-3		s-	s-15	s-18	
East Coast-	F-7	f-8	s-17 f-6	16 f-7	f-9	f-8	
	S-11	s-3		s-	s-11 f-	s-10	
E. Central-	F-8	f-9	s-8 f-7	11 f-5	2	f-8	
	S-13	s-3		s-17	s-14 f-	s-13	
Central-	F-6	f-7	s-16 f-8	f-10	8	f-9	
	S-19	s-4	s-19 f-	s-16	s-18 f-	s-16	
Midwest-	F-11	f-7	10	f-11	9	f-10	
	S-13	s-2	s-14 f-	s-12	s-14 f-	s-10	
West Coast-	F-10	f-14	12	f-10	13	f-13	
Events Canceled per				23	13	s-5	
year			21 canc	canc	canc	f-8	
						canc	
						2020	s-49
20 Stats Report							
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Original Gambird							
Classics	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
# starters						not	
Pr.Chicken	47	42	39	50	54	held	
	24	15	14	16	20	25	

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Gun Dog	23	36	25	26	30	16
Grouse/Wdck	21	9	17	13	14	13
Pheasant	52	48	34	42	69	54
Quail	59	68	36	51	54	52
National All Age	e					
Open Start.	52	61	42	54	46	57
Championship	e					
Amateur	32	40	44	39	45	46
All Age Derby						
Invitational			12	12	12	12
National Gun Dog						
Open -Start	59	49	48	37	54	47
Championship		• •	10	01		• ,
Amateur	32	30	27	26	23	24
Gun Dog Derby	0-			_0		
Invitational			10	9	8	X
HR STKS BY	2011	404	2016	2045	2010	2010
REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	_	_		_	_	s-5
EAST COAST	4	3	3	4	5	f-0
						s-6
EAST CENTRAL	4	4	2	4	8	f-1
						s-6
CENTRAL	5	8	9	13	6	f-5
						s-5
MIDWEST	7	6	5	6	5	f-2
WEST Coast	4	2	3	3	3	s-3

						f-0
TOTAL Hour						s-25
Stks	24	23	22	30	27	f-8
(not including						
Classic/Nat'l stks)						

US Sportsmen's Alliance Liaison Mary jo Trimble

The Sportsmen's Alliance is a national organization that supports the rights and issues of hunting, fishing, and trapping. They have come to bat for dog and gun owners many times in the past regarding our issues which fall under the hunting category. Often times they come to us for advice and information about bills that might impact our issues in the state legislatures. Covid-19 certainly slowed the legislative issues this year, but both the Alliance and National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) stay alert when issues do pop up that need attention. If it were not for these two organizations, between apathy and lack of manpower to fight bad legislation or promote good legislation, we would be in trouble. I have personally worked on legislative issues during my many decades in the American Brittany Club. I can't tell you how important it is to continue to support both of these organizations to help do the work that needs to be done and to be our voice where we are not able to do so ourselves as an organization on the large scale that is often needed..

ACTION ITEM: I urge the Board of Directors to continue our financial support on a continuing basis to both the US Sportsmen's Alliance and NAIA as we have done in the past.

Action Items 2020

We need a better mode of communication – either a direct email blast or a dedicated spot on the website to communicate with members directly

(Club secretaries are not working well)

- Wider use of Face book

Establishment of a spring board meeting, conducted for the primary purpose of approval of Annual Specialty Show, National All Age and National Gun Dog annual budgets. Any additional topics need to be approved in advance and placed on a formal agenda. This meeting will be conducted in Mid-March, with the use of "Skype or Zoom" computer technology.

The approval of use at all board meetings "Skype or Zoom" computer technology for the future.

The following is a list of vacant positions I need discussion initiated at the board meeting. These can be listed as one agenda item

3rd - Vice President – Dawn Droel – National Specialty Show

4th - Vice President – Bob Burchett – National Gun Dog

Dog of the Year Chairman

ABC Dog of the Year Awards

Field Dog of the Year Awards:

Non-Field Performance Dog Awards:

Junior Handler Chairman

3rd Vice President (Show Chairman) shall appoint the following coordinators for the National Specialty Show: Junior Handlers

The calculating year runs from July 1 of one year to June 30 of the next year. Information is obtained from the AKC Gazette Awards. After verification, certificates are made for the overall TOP TEN Junior Handlers

The winning Junior Handlers are offered the opportunity to write a short article for the "American Brittany" magazine.

Donations

National Fund Raising – Andi Christensen, Chair Phone: 303-870-3282 Email:

Andi@firestarterkennels.com

National All Age Auction Coordinator: TBA (Single assignments) National Gun Dog Auction Coordinator: TBA (Single assignments) National Specialty Auction Coordinator: TBA (Single assignments)

National Rotating Obedience Trophy – TBA

Activities at Nationals (Hospitality)

All Age: TBA

Gun Dog (Ionia): TBA Gun Dog (Booneville): TBA

Judges Education – Diana Kubitz, chair

The American Brittany Club's new Judges Education Coordinator is Amy Booth

Magazine – Bob Fleury, Chair

Action Item 1:

There is a need for a Standard Operating Procedure for Officers/Chairs of each committee and for each event to be added to the Policy Book. New chairs of events are not given in many cases, what needs to be sequentially completed prior to an event or official Officer responsibilities, except Officers do have some ideas to follow. The Stake Manager of the National events at Booneville, are spelled out in detail on a month by month basis in the Policy Book, along with the Futurity responsibilities. Maybe more volunteer involvement would take place in the future when one knows what they must do. Just like the BOD Guidebook, that most Directors did not know existed.

Action item 2:

Fund raising must be done within the laws which ABC is Incorporated as well as each state which host the Fund raising/auction/Calcutta.

Action item 3:

With the addition of the National Horse Back Gun Dog (to be Identified as such) held at Booneville AR, we need to alternate the overall events to give status of equality to accommodate all participants.

Agreeing to a plan of fairness to all that has now been created on holding more events at Booneville, and to assist BOD who only run in one event, to not spend almost up to a month at Booneville, without being forced to return twice to not only attend a BOD meeting, but create a more manneredly event flexibility schedule.

ALTERNATE FROM YEAR TO YEAR SO COMPETITORS CAN PLAN AHEAD:

(Amt GD – Open GD)— (Amt AA – OAA)

Action item 4:

At any BOD meeting whether it be the annual meeting, Zoom, or Conference Call, Officers and or Chairs should be available to be called on for information by the President to only speak to a specific question, when asked.

Action item 5:

Purina Award – Standards based on 1 hr. stakes only. My point: Is it more prestigious to win this award having to follow listed stakes/Championships across the country, or allow a dog to win this award never leaving its region? Other breeds require competition across the US to be chosen from to qualify for their Prestigious awards, ie: Michigan Open Shooting Dog (Long Tails) as well as 52(?) other events to choose from.

The Garmin and Mask Magnum awards also suggest that the winner should compete in other regions.

Action item 6:

New appendix for the policy book and add the Agility information

Action item 7:

ACTION ITEM: I would like to request regional secretaries to make a list of their resources (pointing dog clubs, hunting clubs, field trail clubs, other Brittany organizations) to put forth to people inquiring in those areas.

Appendix



2x American Field Champion & 3x American Field Runner-Up FC Ortho Acres Booker T May 1999 – August 2009

Nominated by Gene and Sherry Stewart

Booker T was bred by Marilynne and Clem Little -- FC/AFC Chubasco II x FC/AFC Shady's Chik-N-Little. He was owned by Tom Tracy and David Webb.

Booker T accomplished national recognition during his lifespan, which was just a couple of months beyond ten years of age. In 2001, he won the ABC Eastern Futurity. Throughout his field trial career, he had 31 placements, which included several major American Kennel Club wins:

Nov 15, 2006, Music City BC --- 31 competitors

Feb 27, 2007, ABC @ Grove Springs, MO --- 53 competitors

Feb 28, 2007, Music City BC --- 28 competitors

Booker T also competed in American Field Events and became a 2X AF Champ, 3X RU Champ. He was retired with 19 American Field Placements

2x Champion - 2006 Dixieland Brittany Champ. 2007 Prairie States Champ.

3x Runner Up Champion - 2005 International Champ.
2006 Kansas Brittany Champ.
2007 International Brittany Champ.

We have been unable to search/verify all the American Field records for some of the Booker T's offspring with the office in Chicago being closed due to the virus. However using the internet site www.fieldtrialdatabase.com it was possible to make a good estimate regarding American Field -- <a href="https://winners.org/winners.or

Without a doubt the most important contribution Booker T has made to the Brittany breed is the get/offspring he has sired. Before providing those lists and their accomplishments, it's important to focus on a certain characteristic of Booker's. This characteristic has been passed along to most all the pups he has sired and through two generations. It's a calm and quiet temperament. Nuf Ced!

Progeny:

8x Ch/ 1xRU Ch / FC/AFC Early Times

3^{rd Place} 2009 ABC National OAA Champ.

Winner 2008 Quail Classic

Winner 2008 & 2010 Pheasant Classic

2x NFC/ 10x Ch/1xRU Ch/ GFC/AFC Uncle Kracker

Winner 2014 & 2015 ABC National OAA Champ.

Winner 2011 Quail Classic

2014 Purina All-Age Dog of the Year

NFC / NAFC/ 13x Ch/ 12xRU Ch/ FC/GFC/AFC/GAFC Glade Run Irish

Winner 2016 & 2017 ABC National OAA Champ.

Winner 2015 U.S. Open Brittany Champ.

Runner-Up 2016 U.S. Open Brittany Champ.

2016 & 2017 2X Purina All-Age Dog of the Year

Winner 2017 Quail Classic

2xRU NFC/ 3x Ch/ 4xRU C / FC Cedar Valley Bandit

Runner-Up 2010 & 2011 ABC National OAA champ.

Winner 2011 ABC Gun Dog Classic

4^{th Place} 2012 AKC Gun Dog All Pointer Breed 118 Competitors; 1st over 31

Brittanys

4x Ch / 3xRU Ch/ FC Glade Run Nutmeg

Winner 2012 ABC Gun Dog Classic

1x RU Ch County Line Ace's High

1x RU Ch Cedar Valley Spider

1x RU Ch Roustabouts White Knight

1x RU Ch Glade Run Booker's Shadow

Grand Progeny In the pedigree of many of the following, Booker T was the sire or grandsire of their dam or lineage goes back to him.

3x Ch/ 1x RU Ch / FC Driving Miss Daisy II

Winner Pheasant Classic (2016)

5x Ch/ 3x RU Ch/ FC CVK's Spartan King

Winner Pheasant Classic (2017) & (2019)

1x RU Ch August Rush

2x Ch/ 3x RU Ch Roustabout's All In

1x RU Ch Roustabout's Blew By

<u>Great Grand Progeny</u> As previously mentioned, most of the dams also have lineage going back to Booker.

2x Ch WW's Miss Wendy Peffercorn Winner Quail Classic (2019)

1x RU Ch WW Gin & Tonic

3x RU Ch Kashmir

1x RU Ch CVK's Iron Man

Your consideration and support for election of Booker T to this prestigious hall of fame is encouraged. Today there are many Brittanys in competition with Booker T in their pedigree.