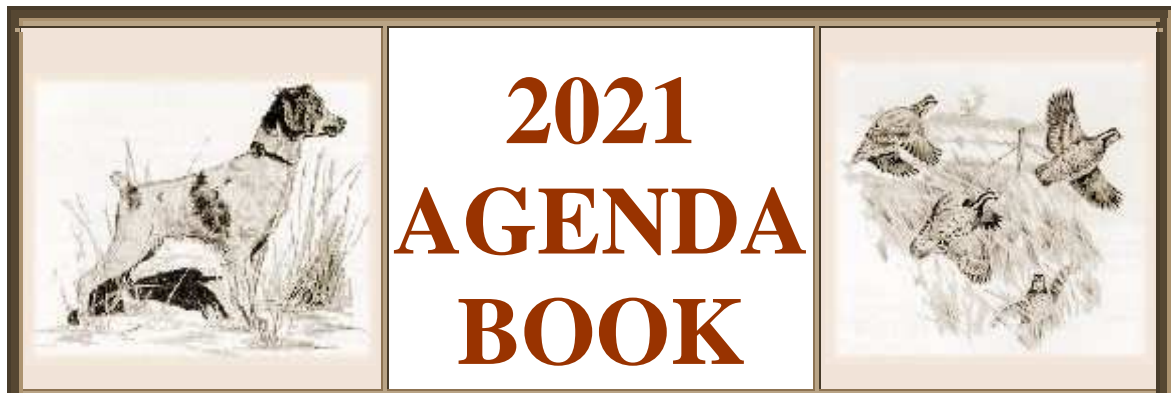




# AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB



**AGENDA**  
**2021 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**OF THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC.**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**  
**BOONEVILLE, ARKANSAS**

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Members contribute to the success of a meeting when they:

1. Come to order at once when the President opens the meeting.
2. Give thoughtful attention throughout the business meeting and the program.
3. Rise to address the chair, and wait to speak until recognized by the chair.
4. Sit down at once when someone else has been given the floor.
5. Rise to make a motion, but remain seated in small assemblies when seconding the motion.
6. Write a long or involved motion and give to the assistant, when asked to do so.
7. Rise when a rising vote is requested and remain standing until the vote is taken.
8. Vote on every question.
9. Limit their remarks to their rightful share of the time of the meeting and do not infringe upon the right of others. The floor should be given to one who has not spoken on the question, in preference to one who has spoken, if there is any question as to precedence.
10. Rise to make reports, remain seated during the discussion of the report.
11. Refrain from conversation during the meeting.
12. The courtesy of the floor may be granted to one who is not a member when it is desired to have such one speak during a business session.

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NR = No Report

**Minutes for the 2020 American Brittany Club Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
November 22, 2020 9 am  
First Western Bank Conference Room, 80 West Main, Booneville, AR  
Zoom Locations – All Regions**

First order of Business: Roll Call

7 Directors Present in person: East Coast – Darlene Dow; East Central – Ron Gulembo, Jack Alexander; Central – Joe Droel; Midwest – Ed Tillson, Mary Karbiner, Bret Lindback

8 Directors in attendance via Zoom: East Coast – Bob Fleury, Leslie Hunt; East Central – Vincent Anderson; Central – Bernie Crain, Burton Wice; West Coast – Robin Tomasi, Jim Hammett, Mary Brown

Officers Present in person: President Ed Janulis, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Dawn Droel, 4<sup>th</sup> VP Bob Burchett, Finance Chair Judy Graves

Officers in attendance via Zoom: Executive Secretary Jan Kilpatrick, Elected Secretary Brooke Burlingame, Treasurer Gerilyn Sennott

New Judges Education Chair Amy Booth zoomed in to introduce herself and make a few comments about her new position. Amy got started her new position at the 2020 National Specialty Show where there were 4 judges in attendance. Amy stated she is impressed with the current ABC Judges education program and intends to keep it running the same with Diana Kubitz and other committee members continued input.

Before beginning other 2020 business President Ed Janulis took a few minutes to go over his recommended regulations for Covid-19 for all activities at the 2020 National Activities. Ed then moved into the reports and action items presented in the 2020 Agenda Book.

**2020 ABC AGENDA BOOK REPORTS, TOPICS, ACTION ITEMS AND MOTIONS:**

**Motion 1:** Move to officially approve the 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

**Motion by:** Mary Karbiner

**Seconded by:** Darlene Dow

**Motion Passed: 15 Yes**

**Topic:** ABC Officers and Board of Directors need a better mode of communication, i.e., Yahoo, direct email blasts, wider use of ABC Facebook page or a dedicated spot on the ABC website to communicate with members directly.

**Discussion:** Ed Janulis commented he is currently sending out welcome letters to all new members and has had some very positive responses. Bernie Crain stated he had tried communicating via email and social media groups, and nothing has been able to reactivate the enthusiasm of the past. Bernie feels having club supported activities that would attract and interest young people is of paramount importance. Robin Tomasi agreed and stated the ABC members on the West Coast have been responding positively to email blasts on issues and events. She stated that many young people these days do not use Facebook but have gone to other groups such as Instagram and Tik Toc. Robin was not in favor of changing to another social media as she felt the ABC Facebook page is continuing to maintain its informational content practice.

**Topic:** Report from Bob Burchett – Note: Some of Bob's verbal report is missing due to technical difficulties during his presentation. Bob reported that the 2020 Walking Gun Dog Nationals in Ionia had a strong entry and the budget shows a small profit for the event. A younger than normal crowd was in attendance. In regards to no Champion or RU Champion being awarded in the NOWGD this was due to dog performance; specifically, dogs running so far ahead they ended up putting up the large coveys of birds they were finding before the handlers were able to reach them. A question was asked if there were plans to move the Gun Dog Nationals back to the Spring and Bob stated there were no plans to do that at this time. Bob expressed his pleasure at serving two terms as the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President and cautioned all Directors to look to the future but, if necessary, dig in their heels, to protect the past.

**Topic:** Dawn Droel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, gave her report on the 2020 National Specialty Show. Dawn expressed her pleasure at serving as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President but stated she was eager to get back to showing her dogs at the Nationals. She stated her inability to show her dogs while serving in this capacity is only an ABC rule not an AKC rule. Covid-19 precautions were successfully implemented at the 2020 NSS. There was one incident involving an inebriated exhibitor who fell in the parking lot and then filed an accident report the next day. All necessary paperwork was completed by the show superintendent and will be filed with AKC and any other necessary organizations. Very successful fund raising this year in part due to a member run online raffle and also because ABR didn't attend so there was not another source of fundraising items for sale thus the NSS items received all the funds which were put back into the National Specialty Show. Dawn made the suggestion that in the future ABR be limited in the number of items they sell or raffle at the NSS.

**Topic:** Paige Giebel won her third ABC Best National Specialty Junior Handler so the traveling trophy given for this award was retired to her. Dawn requested permission for Teresa McNulty to establish a new traveling trophy for the ABC Best National Junior Handler winner. Teresa's replacement trophy would be at her cost.

**Motion 2:** Move to grant Teresa McNulty permission to replace the retired ABC Best National Specialty Junior Handler traveling trophy.

**Motion by:** Mary Karbiner

**Seconded by:** Joe Droel

**Motion passed 15 Yes**

Dawn expressed concern that the Agility entries were much smaller this year and for that reason she was concerned it would not pay for itself. Judy Graves explained Agility has its own budget for the NSS starting this year. Dawn felt that the new Judges Education Coordinator who started at this year's NSS was involved in an awkward situation that caused a few complaints from other exhibitors. Amy was mentoring 4 judges' ringside on Friday then showed a dog on Saturday which won a high award. Dawn felt this was not only an awkward situation but that it was potentially a conflict of interest. Jessica Carlson requested permission to speak and took the floor. Jessica said this situation was a one-time occurrence due to the mid-season appointment of Amy Booth as the new Judges Education Coordinator. If the same situation is likely to occur in the future there would be time to make arrangements for a different Judges Education mentor. No further action was required on this item.

**Report and Action Item from Jennifer Brooke Burlington, Elected Secretary** - Staying busy but feel the position is under-utilized and could include some other responsibilities. Having said that Brooke presented the following action item.

**Action Item:** Would like to request that Regional Clubs (especially in the West) make a list of resources (pointing dog clubs, hunting clubs, other Brittany organizations) and submit them to her so she can give out this information to people from different areas of the country inquiring about activities for their Brittany's.

**Discussion:** Mary Brown suggested that Brooke contact other Western Regional Club Officers in the area where the inquiries were coming from to get suggestions. Jim Hammett said the Western Regional Clubs have started offering Amateur Walking Stakes especially in the juvenile stakes as an incentive to bring in new Brittany owners. He also mentioned the ABC Futurities as being a good event for new Brittany owners. Burton Wice stated Walking Field Trials are posted on the ABC Field Trial Schedule which is posted on the ABC Website and published in the ABC Magazine. Burton suggested that the ABC think about offering a Hunt Test Schedule similar to this Field Trial Schedule that could be posted on the ABC Website and possibly published in the Magazine. He also mentioned there were Hunt Tests and Field Trials posted on the AKC Event Website. All of these suggestions should be taken under Brooke's consideration. No further action required.

**Report from Gerylyn Sennott, ABC Treasurer** – Will continue sending out quarterly reports which have been well received. Comparison from year to year have been difficult since 2019 items were entered incorrectly and it took several months work for Judy Graves and I to figure them out. Have a preliminary cost report on the 2020 National Walking Gun Dog events. The Amateur is showing a small profit and by moving the unawarded trophy costs for the Champion & RU Champion to next year should help with the Open budget as well.

**Report from Jennifer Brooke Burlington, Agenda Book** - Brooke reported she had fewer complaints this year but said there were fewer reports. Also mentioned that there was a total of 55 ABC committees many of which had never sent in reports. Ed Janulis stated he was working on this item.

**Topic:** Brooke felt she had time to take on the duties of the ABC Dog of the Year Award so Ed said he would enter her name for consideration of this position.

#### 10 MINUTE BREAK

#### **Report and Action Item from Mary Jo Trimble on AKC Legislative Liaison**

Mary Jo reports that legislative issues were greatly reduced due to Covid-19 because of less meetings. She expects if things settle down action will begin again in Spring 2021.

**Action Item:** Continue financial support on a continuing basis to both the US Sportsmen's Alliance and the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA).

**Discussion:** No action required as both of these items are in the budget.

**American Field Liaison** – Ray Trimble sent in a report covering the current status of American Field. Ed Janulis makes the statement that American Field as an organizational expense is in question now due to the discontinuance of a printed magazine with the American Field charging the same price for Championship and regional trial sanctioning for digital advertising.

**Book of the American Brittany from Jessica Carlson** – Jessica reported that the ABC Book of the 2010's (2010 – 2019) is still on track for publication in 2021.

#### **Action Items from Ron Gulembo-East Central Director**

Topic 1: Publish Standard Operating Procedures for Officers and Chairmen in Policy Book.

**Motion 3:** Move to form a one-time committee, comprised of Ron Gulembo and Darlene Dow, to create a simple guideline sheet outlining duties of the 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 4<sup>th</sup> VP and their respective Field Trial Secretaries.

**Motion by:** Ron Gulembo

**Seconded by:** Ed Tillson

**Motion Passed: 14 Yes 1 No**

Topic 2 Fund raising must be done within the laws of the state in which ABC is incorporated as well as each state which host the fund-raising event.

Tabled pending legal opinion.

**Action Item from Ed Janulis interjected at this time** - Approval for the use of video conferencing (example: Skype or Zoom) at all future ABC Board Meetings.

**Motion 4:** Move to approve all future ABC Board of Directors Meetings will be allowed to be conducted via video conferencing and all attendants, whether in person or via video conferencing, will be considered part of the quorum.

**Motion by:** Joe Droel

**Seconded by:** Ron Gulembo

**Passed 15 Yes**

Topic 3 Alternate running of events at National Horseback nationals from year to year; i.e. (AGC-OGD) – (AAA-OAA) and vice-versa

**Motion 5:** Move to rotate the order of the American Brittany Club Horseback National Events currently being held in Booneville, Arkansas beginning in the year 2021. The order of rotation will be:

Odd Years: AAA/OAA/OGD/AGD

Even Years: AGD/OGD/OAA/AAA

**Motion By:** Robin Tomasi

**Seconded By:** Ron Gulembo

**Motion Passed: Roll Call Vote 10 Yes:** Bob Fleury, Leslie Hunt, Darlene Dow, Ron Gulembo, Vincent Anderson, Joe Droel, Bernie Crain, Robin Tomasi, Jim Hammett, Mary Brown **5 No:** Jack Alexander, Burton Wice, Ed Tillson, Mary Karbiner, Bret Lindback

#### **30 Minutes Lunch Break**

Topic 4: Officers & Committee Chairs should be available to provide info for any BOD meeting.  
**Not addressed**

Topic 5 Should Purina Award be based on 1-hour stakes only?  
**Tabled**

#### **Action Items from Ron Gulembo-Policy Committee Chairman**

Topic 6 The Policy Book Committee recommends a new addition be added as **Appendix III** to the Policy Book in the form of a Glossary for clarification only.

**Motion 6:** Move to add Appendix 3 to the Policy Book for clarification only of these common terms found throughout the Constitution and/or By-Laws: **Active Member** – refers to a full Member in the American Brittany Club/ABC Regional Club; **National Kennel Clubs** – refers to American Kennel Club, The American Field, and Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America; **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 and email; **Telephone** – refers to by telephone, teleconference and video conference.

**Motion By:** Mary Brown

**Seconded By:** Jack Alexander

**Motion Passed: 15 Yes**

#### **Action Items from Judy Graves, Finance Committee Chair**

**Added Topic:** Elimination of Judges Travel Insurance

**Motion 7:** Elimination of Judges Travel Insurance by removing from the Duties of the Treasurer, item number 13... (1973), page 46 of the ABC Policy Book.

**Motion by:** Bernie Crain

**Seconded by:** Mary Karbiner

**Motion Passed: 15 Yes**

Topic 1: Reappointment of Mary Karbiner to another term on the Finance Committee.

**Motion:** Move to reappoint Mary Karbiner to another term on the Finance Committee

**Motion by:** Bernie Crain

**Seconded by:** Joe Droel

**Motion Passed: 15 Yes**

Topic 2: Approval of the of the 2021 Administrative & General budgets as presented

**Motion 7:** Move to approve the 2021 budget reports which include Cost Center #1: General & Administrative/Jan Kilpatrick; Gerilyn Sennott; Jennifer Burlingame, Ed Janulis; Cost Center #2: Membership/Jeri Conklin; Cost Center #3: Magazine/Bob Fleury; Cost Center 4: Publications/Year Book, Jessica Carlson. The budget includes a \$50 per month salary increase for Deb Rudert, Membership Data Chair.

**Motion by:** Bret Lindback

**Seconded by:** Ed Tillson

**Motion Passed: Roll Call Vote**

**13 Yes Bob Fleury, Leslie Hunt, Ron Gulembo, Vince Anderson, Jack Alexander, Joe Droel, Bernie Crain, Burton Wice, Ed Tillson, Bret Lindback, Mary Brown, Robin Tomasi, Jim Hammett**  
**2 No Darlene Dow, Mary Karbiner**

Topic 7 Add policy covering the procedure for ABC Agility and ABC Rally Events. (See Cindy Miller Non-Field Performance Committee Chair-page 30 of the 2020 ABC Agenda Book).

**Motion 8: Move to Add the following written policy to the ABC Policy Book covering the procedure for ABC Agility and ABC Rally Events:** The American Kennel Club has made available to the American Brittany Club 12 licenses for Agility and 12 licenses for Rally. 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. The ABC National Agility Trials will support the ABC National Agility Trials and the ABC National Rally Trials will support the National Specialty Show.

When an ABC Agility Trial or ABC Rally 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 American Brittany Club Agility Trial or an ABC Rally Trial must be submitted to the Non-Field Performance Committee Chair along with the completed AKC request form. The Non-Performance Committee will approve the request and send to the ABC Executive Secretary. The request form 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.

**Motion By:** Ron Gulembo

**Motion Seconded:** Joe Droel

**Motion Passed: 15 Yes**

Topic: Discussion of 2021 Qualifications for the National All Age Championships (NFC, NAFC) and the National Gun Dog Championships (NOGD, NAGD, NOWGD, NAWGD) due to the continued COVID-19 restrictions. This topic was discussed and voted during the January 6, 2021 Zoom Meeting.

**Motion 9:** Move that all 2020 National Championship Qualifiers be automatically qualified for the 2021 National Championships Events (NFC, NAFC, NOGD, NAGD, NOWGD, NAWGD) and any dog that has placed in an hour stake with 13 or more dogs started in an AKC licensed field trial held by a Brittany Club will be qualified to run in the 2021 National Championships (NFC, NAFC, NOGD, NAGD, NOWGD, NAWGD).

**Motion by:** Mary Karbiner

**Seconded by:** Jack Alexander

**Motion Passed:** 13 Yes 1 No 1 No Vote

**Executive Session via Zoom on January 6, 2021, 7:30 PM**

**In Attendance: Directors**

- East Coast - John Perry (incoming), Bob Fleury (outgoing), Darlene Dow, Leslie Hunt
- East Central - Ron Gulembo, Jack Alexander, Vincent Anderson
- Central: Joe Droel, Bernie Crain, Burton Wice
- Midwest: Ed Tillson, Mary Karbiner, Bret Lindback
- West Coast: Robin Tomasi, Jim Hammet, Mary Brown
- Officers: President-Ed Janulis

**Elected to the ABC Hall of Fame for Distinguished Members:** Fred Strawson

**2020 Elected ABC Magazine Committee Chairperson:** Dana Na'ayem

**2020 ABC BOD Election Results:**

- East Coast: John Perry
- East Central: Ron Gulembo (re-elected)
- Central: Joe Droel (re-elected)
- Midwest: Ed Tillson (re-elected)
- West Coast: Robin Tomasi (re-elected)

**2020 ABC Elected Officers:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Kent Patterson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President: Bryce Novotny
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President: Lisa Pollack
- Executive Secretary: Mary Jo Trimble
- Elected Secretary – Position Undecided

The Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectively Submitted:

*Jan Kilpatrick*

Jan Kilpatrick, Executive Secretary  
American Brittany Club

## President Report 2021, Ed Janulis

- It was a busy year from last November 2020. All National Championships, both at Booneville and Ionia Michigan went well. We were still facing, and continue to face today, the Pandemic – Covid 19. As we have begun our summer and going forward into the fall, we need to stay very much aware of potential infestation and take precautions as advised by local governments and AKC.
- Listed below are the current openings currently in ABC:
  - Insurance Liaison
  - Junior Handlers – TBA
  - National Rotating Obedience Trophy – TBA
  - Donations – TBA
  - National Fund Raising – TBA
  - All Age: TBA
  - Gun Dog: TBA
  - Specialty: TBA

We appointed a new Magazine Committee Chairperson this past year - Dana Na'ayem.

We have gained a “Dog of the Year” Chairperson - Jennifer Brooke Burlingame

Ed Janulis became the Purina Pro-Plan Liaison

Jan Kilpatrick became the Elected Secretary and Agenda Chair

### **Discussion with possible motions**

- Rankin Property – Should we pursue improvements, electricity, more pads, extension of water
- Need an insurance liaison – propose incorporating this function into either Elected Secretary position or the Executive Secretary position.
- Propose that each director commit to contributing one article per year to the magazine – this could be any topic within the guidelines of the magazine.
- Propose the “Finance Committee” prepare and send a written spreadsheet summarizing the Magazine’s expenses and follow up on a quarterly report and budget. The magazine is the most cost amount in the ABC. It should be reviewed more extensively than any of the reports required by the Vice Presidents. Note this will be a report not a presentation for any approval.
- \*“Revenue Neutral” – Need to review this philosophy – the ABC has many expenses that aren’t revenue neutral including insurance, magazine, and others. We may choose to run events with a projection of loss.
- \*Review Derby qualifications for the Derby Classic in Booneville – half hour vs. 20 minutes stake times.
- \*Review requirements of an outside financial audit as stated in the policy manual.
- **Action Item: Now that Zoom meetings have been placed it is still encouraged that every board member physically attends the November meeting. I also will ask for a motion that Board members who do not attend have the technical equipment available including a camera so everyone can be visually acknowledged along with audio. If they do not have this, they will not be allowed to join in the discussion.**
- I have three items for an “Executive Session” which I will distribute the contents when appropriate.



ABC 1<sup>st</sup> VP Report

July 21, 2021

Kent D. Patterson

The 2020 All age Nationals were successful both operationally and financially with no delays due to weather or grounds condition. Covid did create a last-minute change in the National Championship judicial panel. 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.

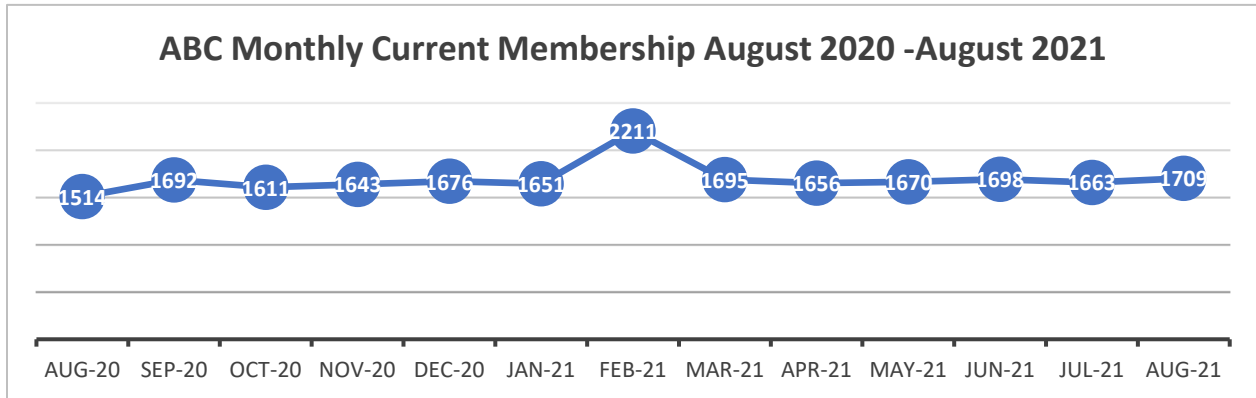
The event was conducted with the Arkansas state guidelines for Covid. Precautions extended to the dog wagon and gallery, as well as, all clubhouse functions. I am not aware of any Covid cases attributed to attending the All-Age Nationals and I greatly appreciated everyone's compliance with the guidelines.

The 2021 All Age Nationals are all set to go as of this writing with the biggest change being the public drawing in the clubhouse for both events on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. 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 2021 budgets have been approved by the ABC Board of Directors.

We look forward to the 2021 All Age Nationals!

## ABC 2021 MEMBERSHIP AGENDA REPORT

I was reluctant to do the numbers this year as in the past two years they have gone downhill with a 12% drop. However, **THE GOOD NEWS IS** ...this current year (August 2020 – August 2021) membership has **increased** by 13%!



As in the years past, the three main reasons cited in my “expired Membership questionnaire” sent out each month to members who are expired, remain: 1) Current cross-breeding and no one making an effort to stop it; 2) magazine and its continued lateness and lack of variety of venues that the Brittany participates in; and 3) age is taking its toll on the older generation and there are very fewer young members coming into the sport. Members enjoy getting an email notice of upcoming expiration of dues; new members enjoy the email welcome and returning members enjoy the “Welcome Back” letter I send out. Emails are working as evidenced by the 13% increase! There is always a flurry of renewals after my emails go out.

The first two we as a club can control – the third one, growing old, is out of our hands. Except for bringing in younger members we will lose a valuable base due to aging. Several clubs are doing a variety of activities to cater to the younger crowd and it is working as evidenced in their increase in membership after an event.

Unfortunately, ABC does not want to step in and deal with the first issue for various reasons. The magazine is doing the best it can with staffing issues and delays in getting the field/show results in a timely manner some months. Still, it continues to fall short in its timeliness, lack of diversity in all venues Brittanys participate in. Past and current members wish to see more variety in articles and acknowledgement by reporting of winnings in the other events like, Obedience, Agility, Rally, Tracking, etc. Results from the Nationals reporting doesn’t suffice the majority of those who commented.

I have been in this position since 2017 and only two responses have changed – the monthly numbers and the order of numbers 1 and 2 cited above. I continue efforts to get directors and clubs secretaries engaged. With the exception of 6 or 7 directors/clubs who seriously care about their regional club numbers, work continues with the remaining directors and club secretaries. To them – a HUGE thank you. The increasing numbers in your regional clubs indicate your efforts are succeeding.

Thank you to all who make an effort to keep in contact/communication with their clubs and its members. This truly does make a difference! Goal for next year – a 20% increase or more would be great! We can do it!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri K Conklin

2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. ABC

## **2021 AGENDA REPORT Final ABC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARY JO TRIMBLE**

After 3 years, I was asked to come back as Executive Secretary to insure a smooth and quick transition to the office of Executive Secretary. It has been nice to work with the regional clubs again and help new people with their new event jobs.

We will be looking for someone who would like to dedicate a lot of time and energy to this position. It does take some training to learn all the facets involved. One needs to not have another full-time job or constantly be on the road away from home to keep up with the busy schedule this job entails. Computers do help when away from the home base. The right person will have a history in the ABC who knows and understands how things have come about and developed to the current status of today's organization. The person needs better than average computer skills for the computer work which includes a good knowledge of MS Word, MS Excel, and scanning documents.

Following is a brief description of the duties which are performed by the Executive Secretary. Some are part of policy and some are extra things I have done as well but you can find all the duties in the ABC Policy Book, pages 48-50.

- a. Answer the mail that comes into the ABC Website with questions about the Breed or refer the inquiries to the appropriate people.
- b. Receive all insurance policies in the role as the ABC Official Address and Registered Agent in Illinois.
- c. Receive all Field Trial and sometimes Show applications and approvals to send to AKC.
- d. Oversee approvals for the 12 Agility events held at the nationals and by regional clubs.
- e. Work monthly with the Magazine to mainly look out for the interest of the Nestle-Purina promotions and making sure AKC Classics that are Championships get their just due in the publication.
- f. Sit on the ABC Board of Directors with a voice but no vote.
- g. Attend the Membership and Board of Directors meeting and take minutes of the latter or both if needed.
- h. Assist the Nominating Committee with the Directors' Election at the Nationals. Specific duties include formatting the material to have ballots and questionnaires printed then stuff envelopes and mail one ballot to all full members.
- i. Prepare the awards for the ABC Hall of Fame and Life Members for Dogs and People.
- j. Order Purina hats for the National Field Trials and reconcile the financial receipts for them.

Not part of the job description is my job as Legislative Liaison to the AKC and the Sportsmen's Alliance in Ohio. However, when I finally get to retire that is one job that is vital in this day and age to protect the sport and someone in the ABC needs to take that on as well.

**ACTION ITEM** The BOD needs to actively seek a person who can devote a lot of time to the job of Executive Secretary. This person should have computer skills, enjoy working with people, and have the ability to use time to the best advantage. It was my life for many years and I appreciate all of you who helped me along the way. The Good outweighs the hard work and rough times.

On a personal level I am not sure how long I will stick with this job until a replacement is found. The last few months have not been easy for me and I don't deal with the stress like I did when I was younger. I cannot give a more important action item than to ask that when addressing people in this organization that we all speak in respectful tones and consider almost everyone is a volunteer who is doing the best they can at whatever job they undertake. Hateful remarks need to become a thing of the past both in discussions and on Facebook by all of us.

## **2021 Elected Secretary Report Jan Kilpatrick**

Received the call on July 20,2021 that I had been selected to serve as the American Brittany Club Elected Secretary. Haven't had time to give this position since I also agreed to take on the Agenda Chair position which has been keeping me very busy from that July 20, 2021 date to the present.

The duties described in the ABC Policy Book for Elected Secretary are broad and scattered but I do look forward to serving as an ABC ambassador to new Brittany owners by encouraging their involvement with the ABC and giving them information on their areas of interest. Long time ABC members who earn awards with their Britts will feel the ABC support for their efforts when they receive the congratulatory tributes, I am in charge of sending out. There appears to be many avenues to explore within this position so hopefully my 2022 report will be a little more interesting and informative.

*Jan Kilpatrick*

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## **2021 Agenda Chairman Report Jan Kilpatrick**

Nothing like jumping right in at the last minute but hey I'm always up for a little adventure. So far, the job has been interesting and challenging. Am pleased with the response to my call for Agenda Book reports, action items, proposed motions, etc. Having said that this year's Agenda Book is going to be a little larger than I anticipated so everyone is going to have to put on their business hats, throw away their clocks and hang on tight at this year's annual ABC BOD meeting. Look forward to seeing you all there.

*Jan Kilpatrick*

## **2021 ABC Treasurer's Report**

The financials are up to date with the cooperation of all chair members. I have received their reports in a timely manner in order to complete month end, quarter end and year end reports.

Therefore, The Board of Directors have been receiving the quarterly reports including comparative Balance Sheets and Income Statements with event detail included at year end.

At this time, I have no action items.

Gerilyn A. Sennott  
Treasurer

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## **Report 2021 ABC Membership Data Chair**

All computer programs are working well. New members have been coming in but not as many as we had hoped to enroll. Only issue members have mentioned is the late arrival of the ABC Magazine. As it stands now, members are inquiring why they have not received their magazine so I check their membership status and address and if the member is in good standing, I then forward that information to the Magazine Chair. I was told it is her decision whether or not to send an additional magazine due to the cost of individual mailing of the magazine.

Respectfully,

Deb Rudert ABC Membership Data

August 8, 2021

National Field Trophies-

We have a terrific group of vendors supplying components and services to the ABC. Some have been with us for years, while others are relatively new. All are doing high quality work allowing us to create truly beautiful custom trophies worthy of the ABC national field events. Due to material and labor shortages this year we experienced a slight increase in costs and longer production times. This year are scheduled to be completed by the end of September. Upon receipt of the finished trophies and ribbons, they will be sent onto the appropriate national event locations.

Special Presentations-

The Misty Skye Trophy is for the highest placing bitch in the Gun Dog Nationals. The 2020 Misty Skye Trophy is awarded to Sniksoh Little Diamond, handled by Scott Johnson, owned by Tom Wonderling.

The Christy Feather Duster Trophy is for the highest placing bitch in the All-Age Nationals. The 2020 Christy Feather Duster Trophy is awarded to Ru-Jem's "Last" Penny, handled by Tom Tracy, owned by Jerry McGee.

Both trophies are in process and will be ready for presentation in Booneville at the 2021 Nationals.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the ABC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Thomas

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**2021 National All Age Championship Hospitality Chair Report**

The duties that I have been assigned by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Kent Patterson as hospitality chair for the all-age nationals are as follows:

- Provide beverages and snacks throughout the entire all age nationals on the dog wagon
- Collect monies for camping fees and hay sales
- Other duties may include assisting with and collecting money for the all-age Calcutta's.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Janulis

## Delegate Report for 2021 ABC Policy Manual

During 2020-2021 all of the Delegate meetings were held via Zoom. I was able to attend all the Zoom meetings with the exception of 1 when my Mother-in-law passed away. Our first AKC In-Person Delegate meeting is to be held in Newark on September 13-14, 2021. I for one will be glad to see everyone in person. I tend to get bored with a 3 hour Zoom meetings.

The AKC report shows the following areas of increase in participation and registration:

Fast cat is up 126%	Litter registration is up 30%
Scent Work- up 101%	Dog Registration is up 60%
Hunt tests- up 99%	Companion events are up 60% for the first quarter of 2021
Field Trails up 88%	Virtual rally had 20,000 entrants

Online registration was the largest income for AKC in 2020. Entries were down 1.4 million due to the pandemic. AKC income is also coming from the royalties from AKC events being broadcasted by ESPN.

AKC has a Canine College and has a lot of courses available for interested people and judges to take. Nine courses on Breeder Ed for just a sample. AKC also has a webinar for judges.

In Public Ed, AKC has introduced Puppy Pals. They are short videos for children and adults on dog care, etc. They also have lessons for Exceptional Learners that teachers can use in the classroom.

AKC Reunite now has 9 trailers across the US for disaster relief. AKC Reunite has raised \$2,326,602.00 to pay for these trailers and supplies. If you should have a major disaster in your area and need assistance for dogs, etc., call AKC and they can send out the trailer in your area.

AKC has recommended to clubs to create a new position for a Junior's Coordinator to help get more young people involved in the sport, whether it is performance or companion event.

During the pandemic AKC has assisted 3000 All-Breed shows move their sites so they could continue to have their events.

AKC has recommended that to keep members active during the down time would be to include fun events and virtual events like Rally and Trick Dog.

In 2021 AKC has handed out 10 Junior Versatility Scholarships in the amount from \$500-\$2500.00. None of the recipients were Brittany owners.

Performance Event Junior Scholarship recipients included O'Mally McGee from South Carolina who owns and shows a Brittany as well as a Pointer. Congratulations to O'Mally. Well-deserved and a great representative for the breed.

There were no Brittany owners who were scholarship recipients in the Companion events.

AKC has a very active Government Relations Department. They help to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership and ensures that laws are reasonable, enforceable and no discrimination. IF you hear of a bill being discussed in your area, whether local, state or federal, drop the Government Relations Department of AKC an email to make sure that they are aware of the possibility of a new law being discussed.

AKC is taking the Meet the Breed Tour on the road this year. For many years the Meet the Breed was before the Westminster and at the Orlando Invitational. This year they have decided to take it to many cities which includes San Diego, Dallas, Tampa, Chicago, Raleigh and Columbus, Ohio. I want to personally that all the people who stepped up and organized the Meet the Breed in their area. There was also scheduled for Minneapolis and Philadelphia but they were cancelled for this year but is to be scheduled for 2022. While it was like pulling teeth for some of the areas, I was unable to fulfill Raleigh and Columbus, so I will be doing them myself with help from another Brittany person in PA. It is important for us to get out to the public and promote our club and our breed to the community. Please consider it for 2022.

I thank you for allowing me to represent the ABC as their Delegate to the AKC. If there is anything I can do to help any of you at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Hilliard

### **2021 ABC Magazine Report**

We have had another interesting year. Things are slowly starting to return to “normal” but COVID-19 is still very much around and affecting a lot of areas in many people’s day-to-day lives. There have been some issues with the timing of the magazine and we are working on those issues and Webster County Printing, especially, is working hard on trying to get the magazine out in a timelier manner. They are working on making some changes to do what they can to get it out earlier but there are some things they have no control over such as supplies and the mail. They, like a lot of other businesses, have been hit by shipping issues and supplies are sometimes late in coming. There have also been issues with staffing as far as staff being quarantined and at times not all of their staff being able to be in the office at the same time. Another issue that can’t be controlled is the mail and when they get things delivered. We know that the magazine is important to our members and we just ask everyone to please be patient while we and they do our best to get it out as quickly as possible each month.

As always, we are looking for articles of interest to our readers to include in the magazine. If anyone has an article, they would like to see in the magazine we welcome you to submit it for review for publication in accordance with magazine policy.

Dana Naayem, Chair

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### **2021 AKC Gazette Report**

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 Brittanyts and the people who love the breed.

2021 articles written and published in the AKC Gazette for the Brittany Breed Column are listed as follows:

- January, 2021 -- Colors
- April -- It’s About Dogs and People
- July -- To Train and Teach
- October -- It’s Only a Barrel (to be written for and published in January 2022 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.

Now let’s focus on a question this writer posed in the 2020 AKC Gazette report as to “how many ABC members actually read the Gazette Brittany columns?” Sometime after the November 2020 Annual Meeting, Karen Nelson of the Arizona ABC Club sent an e-mail to Jan Kilpatrick, noting my “question” and referencing Bob Fleury’s “call for articles”, which appears in each issue of the magazine.

In-turn Jan coordinated an effort with Karen and Bob to ask if these articles that appear in the AKC Gazette could be edited and then prepared in the Brittany magazine. My answer was yes; thus far, three articles have been printed. The plan is to have an article in each issue of the magazine.

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, which appear in the AKC Gazette.

Submitted by Dave Webb, July 21, 2021



## 2021 Judge's Education Report

By Amy Booth, JEC

The 2020 National Specialty Judge's Education seminar was the first that I led as the incoming JE Coordinator, but not my first as a member of the JE Committee. We had a total of four judges that attended. Three were at or past the five-year mark since their last seminar and one was new to our breed. I thank Jessica Carlson, Bryce Novotny, and Alex Findlay on their assistance in making this seminar extremely successful.

Because of her help on more than one Breed Seminar, I have invited Alex Findlay to join this committee. She, too, has been involved with Brittanys all her life. Alex has a professional background as an instructor with amazing documentation and video skills to help us keep our training materials updated and current.

There have been no 2021 Seminars, most-likely do to Covid 19 and its overall effects on any types of gatherings.

I have been working with Diana Kubitz, Jessica Carlson, and Steve Ralph to update the JE links on the ABC website. The completion is scheduled before the end of 2021.

In conclusion, I am honored to be the new American Brittany Club Judge's Education Coordinator. I am thankful to Diana for mentoring me on the JEC role and responsibilities. I am also thankful the other amazing people on this committee. I will always support the 'DUAL DOG' concept that our club has maintained though out its history.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the officers and directors of the ABC for believing in me and giving me this opportunity serve. I want to thank Diana for choosing me as her successor. I know I have huge shoes to fill.

Respectfully submitted,

**Amy Booth**

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### **ABC Dog of the Year Awards**

Brooke Burlingame

I am honored to be taking over the ABC Dog of the Year Awards. It has been decided that the awards will start in 2021, with how abnormal 2020 was on dog sports. I will hopefully have news of the awards in March of 2022. Then each group will decide when and how they want to present their respective awards.

## **2021 Agenda Report AKC Legislative Liaison and Sportsmen's Alliance Liaison**

About the only thing good about Covid is that most state legislatures did not meet on a regular basis during the pandemic. This meant the many dog bills hanging on from previous sessions were not pushed to the front as the legislators fought with the Governors over who made the rules for the state regarding schools, masks, vaccinations etc. Both the National Animal Interest Alliance, The Sportsmen's Alliance, and, of course, the AKC Legislative folks stayed on top of any bills that did present themselves. Most lobbying had to be done by email or telephone as legislators remained at home for most of the pandemic.

Our members need to stay in touch with what is happening in their state. Some of the bills presented were knee jerk reactions to weird happenings in a legislators' district. You need to look at long range effects of bills that say things like "NO roading devices shall be attached to a motorized vehicle." In Illinois, a bill like this was proposed. The sponsor finally added except on a golf cart or 4-wheeled buggy." However, this did not spell out any particular places this was in effect so it basically made it illegal to road dogs on a truck on your own property. I got more help in fighting this from the Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources than I did from any field trial or dog organization or individuals. As one retired CPO said, "Give them an inch and they will take a Mile." Apathy runs rampant and people who are passionate about bad legislation are not always looked at in a favorable light.

The latest issue with dogs is the disgust of the abandonment of service dogs, bomb sniffing dogs, companion dogs, and contractors' dogs left behind in Afghanistan. These dogs save hundreds of lives of American Service men and workers. I know some were shipped out early but near the end, the news reported that those dogs left and many companion animals were turned loose to fend for themselves. This breaks the hearts of those of us who love and appreciate our canine friends. Last report I saw showed 200 dogs being privately airlifted out of the war zone to safety.

Anyone interested in Legislative work, contact me, Mary Jo Trimble at [trimblemaryjoray@gmail.com](mailto:trimblemaryjoray@gmail.com). It has been something few get involved with and it is the one thing that can make or break our sport in a short period of time.

Mary Jo Trimble

## 2021 AGENDA REPORT AMERICAN FIELD LIAISON

### RAY TRIMBLE

As of this writing, I have not spoken with Bernie Matthys during the last year. We normally discuss any issues at the Brittany Hall of Fame Ceremonies in Grand Junction, TN. Mr. Matthys canceled the pointer/setter Hall of Fame ceremonies this year which due to Covid were held in June. Brittanys and other breeds did hold their induction ceremonies. Mr. Matthys was not in attendance.

The last attempt to go online with the full American Field magazine did not seem to work. Print subscribers did get notices they could transfer to the online version. I have heard from others who had paid for subscriptions prior to the cancellation of the print copy who have had similar problems connecting to the full site as we have. It would be interesting to know how many of our members are also paid members of the American Field online and see the ads the Championships pay dearly for as well as the Regional Trial ads. The print addition is missed by many of the lifetime subscribers who are not that computer savvy like me.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Trimble

**Addendum to my report:** On September 1<sup>st</sup> after the above was written, the United Kennel Club purchased The American Field. Executive Secretary Trimble and I are currently in contact with Stephen "Steeple" Bell who is representing some American Field Groups to ask pertinent questions of the UKC. About all we know at this writing is they are not changing the way the American Field did business. They do plan to have a print magazine of some sort. Registrations still go to the American Field. They have a job opening for a Field Trial/Hunt Test Manager. Purina said they will not be changing their current contracts with clubs. Beyond that, we need to wait and see and try to stay positive. Hopefully by the ABC BOD meeting in November, I will have some more information. To stay in touch, join the Field Trial Bird Dog Facebook List.  
Ray T.

## Purina Pro Plan, Ed Janulis Liaison

I have recently taken over the duties of the "Purina Pro-Plan Liaison". My duties include coordinating the donated food and financial support for specified hour ABC Championships and competitions. It is my understanding the 2 lb. bags of Pro Plan are not currently being sent with any of the donated Pro Plan food orders due to Purina's production priorities.

Let me remind everyone that the ABC is contractually obligated to Purina as follows:

**F. Participants shall, to the best of their ability, ensure proper recognition for Purina material and the distribution of that material at all Event Programs"**

Translated, it is the hosting club's responsibility to prominently display **Purina** during the event and in all published ads, pictures and reports, before, during or after any Purina sponsored competition.

## ABC HALL OF FAME FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS, Ed Janulis, Liaison

Two names have been submitted to the ABC Hall of Fame. Voting on these nominees will occur and be completed prior to the Board Meeting in November. The results will be announced by the President at the November 2021 meeting.

**Please note that 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. There is a form located on the ABC website and a magazine ad is printed during the months of February and March of any year.

## Bird Dog HOF, Ed Janulis, Liaison

As displayed on the ABC website, Ed and Judy Graves have been elected to the Bird Dog Hall of Fame with inductions occurring on February 12, 2022 in Grand Junction, Tennessee. On Feb 12 we will celebrate with our new HOF members and friend Ed & Judy Graves. As soon as I get a contract from the Hampton Inn, I will send you information for the hotel. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Crawford, jmbritts@gmail.com.


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On February 12, we will celebrate with our new HOF members and friends. Ed & Judy Graves will be inducted. As soon as I get a contract from the Hampton Inn, I will send you information for the hotel. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Crawford

- **2022 Ceremonies, Schedule & Hotel Information**  
See "[here](#)" for full details regarding the upcoming Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame Ceremonies, Schedule & Hotel Information.
- **Paving Memory Lane Fundraiser**  
See "[here](#)" for full details of the Paving Memory Lane Fundraiser at the National Bird Dog Museum.

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**Congratulations to the 2022  
Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame elected members**



Ed & Judy Graves

Congratulations to Ed Graves and Judy Graves for being elected to our Hall of Fame.

On Saturday, February 12, 2022 in Grand Junction, TN at the Bird Dog Museum, Ed and Judy will be inducted. We invite you to attend the ceremony honoring them and visit our Brittany wing and museum. Full details available at [BFTHF News](#).

## **2021 ABC Committee Reports, Steve Ralph**

### **Field Trial Dates Committee report**

This year is going much smoother than last year where many of the field trials were cancelled or rescheduled Due to COVID-19. No field trial date conflict issues were reported by the Regional Date Coordinators which need to be addressed.

Thanks to the work the Regional Date Coordinators Bruce Conover(E), Wade Haines (EC), Burton Wice(c), Jim Crawford (MW), Larry Sandusky(W) do 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 ABC 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. We are looking forward to another exciting set of National Championship events.

### **Website**

As many are aware, this year the country has seen more and more cyber-attacks. While we do not provide membership data on our ABC website, we did have ABC Regional Club Secretaries contact information on a page. We have taken measures to remove personal information from this ABC Regional Club Secretary page so that now only a club website, name and email address is available in hopes of minimizing our members personal information exposure. We can't stop email SCAMMERS from trolling the internet to find email addresses to send out SPAM & Phishing emails, however we do hope that our members are educating themselves on how to best detect these SCAMMERS from gathering additional information.

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## **2021 ABC CLASSICS & GARMIN LIAISON REPORT**

Classics continue to be well supported by field trialers. All 2021 events have been held or are scheduled for the fall.

Prestige of events is ongoing with great support of a small core of secretaries, chairmen and others continuing to put on these classics.

Covid continues to be a problem. The Grouse/Woodcock event had to be cancelled in the spring but with a change of venue, will be held this fall.

Garmin appears to be over their acute supply chain problems of last year and has, in the new contract, agreed to supply collars for the new National Walking Gun Dog Championships.

Submitted by Joe Waitman

## **2021 Committee Reports Bob Rankin**

### **Derby Invitational (2018)**

The ABC Derby Invitational continues to run smoothly, in large part thanks to Terry Gowin who has been keeping track of the derby points as the trials progress through the year. Attempts to make our Derby Invitational an American Field Derby Championship have been unsuccessful, mainly because it's a Fall rather than a Spring event.

Happy to announce an eternal trophy has been secured for the event. Thanks go out to Bernie Crain for donating the trophy that was repurposed for the Derby Invitational due to the efforts of Mary Karbiner. Mary saw through the reconstruction by having a new base built that would hold name plates for the winners for 10 years. She also donated the cost of these changes which include a traveling case for safe transport. Huge thanks to Mary for all her contributions. Kent Patterson will supply a history for the Derby Invitational which will be published in the Policy Book.

May the ABC Derby Invitational continue to thrive and be celebrated at the Nationals events every year.

Respectfully submitted –

Bob Rankin, Chair

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

Nothing new in this committee for the past year. The main work occurred a couple of years back when multiple sites in the US were evaluated for the Gun Dog Nationals. Those committee members have retained that information and we are available if needed should something happen with our present Nationals site.

Bob Rankin, Chairman

## Nominating Committee Report for the 2021 Agenda Book

### 2021 American Brittany Club Board of Directors Candidates

East Coast:	Darlene Dow, Tom Bass
East Central:	Jack Alexander, Jim Stevens
Central:	Bruce Heiter, Joe Williams
Mid-West:	Bob Rankin, Leslee Masolotte
West Coast:	Jim Hammett, Jacqui Campbell

In addition, we will be voting for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Jeri Conklin, and for ABC President, Joe Droel and Ed Janulis will be running,

Leslie Jane Hunt,  
Nominating Committee Chair

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### Legal Advisor 2021 Agenda Report

Happy to submit I have nothing to report at this time.

Sharon Wice, Legal Advisor

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### 2021 ABC FACEBOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

Robin Tomasi, Chair

July 16, 2021

At the time of this report there are 7,326 followers of the page.

Individual posts are viewed on average by 2-3k people.

The Facebook Committee has no action items for the 2021 ABC Board of Directors meeting.

Thank you to the members of the ABC Facebook Committee for all their hard work in providing a wide range of content for Brittany enthusiasts.

Robin Tomasi, Chair

## 2021 Report of the Finance Committee

Established in 2013, there are specific duties of the Finance Committee outlined in the Policy Book. The first is to establish an annual budget process. This has been done with the General & Operating cost centers presented to the BOD at their annual meeting. The Event Budgets (all 9 of them) are completed after the end of the current year so event managers have a better idea of what the future looks like for the following year. The second area of responsibility is to conduct an internal audit of ABC receipts & expenditures. For this year's review, different committee members were assigned different events. It always helps to get a fresh eye on our events. This year Joe Gower is reviewing both of the All Age in Booneville; Kent Patterson, the Horseback Gundogs in Booneville; Mary Karbiner, the Futurity; Lucille Sawicki, National Specialty & Agility; Bernie Crain, Banking; Judy Graves, Membership, magazine advertising & walking gun dogs in Ionia. The final report will be submitted to the BOD for their annual meeting. Several of our committee members meet the definition of a public accountant as originally found under the Treasurer Duties (page 15 in the By Laws) and the Committee as a whole was so ordered to perform this audit and approved by the Board of Directors as required in the in the Policy Book.

One of the other duties of the Finance Committee is to ensure all applicable IRS reporting requirements are met in a timely manner (#5). This has been quite a challenge this year as the IRS is extremely behind in its processing for 2019. In fact, we did receive a penalty fine (\$230.32) and notice of our late filing. Fortunately, Gerilyn had tracking numbers for both 990 returns showing they were sent within the required reporting time period. When I contacted IRS, the agent looked up the tracking information, confirmed they were delivered and said all fines would be removed from our account. As a for instance of how far they are behind, we sent our unrelated business tax check (990T) in early July, 2020, and it did not clear our bank until October. Beside the IRS being behind in its processing, this year all not for profits are required to file 990's (not the postcard filings for our group) electronically using an "Electronic Return Originator". Gerilyn contacted her personal CPA, only to learn they would charge anywhere between \$800-\$1,300. I checked with ERO's in my area and found one willing to file for \$200-400. For disclosure purposes, the firm we used here is owned by my ex-husband (50 years ago). I learned from that firm that they must pay a \$2,500 software fee annually and the data must be entered into a file only they possess to be submitted to IRS. That means that the form we send them must be re-entered. Our return is 26 pages long! We will include this fee in next year's budget. After all this, we did get the return filed and accepted on time (August 16). As far as our subs on our group exemption, we are still waiting for a few certification forms, but all of them received have been filed and accepted. As soon as I figure out how to forward IRS's acceptance confirmation, I will send them out. I may have to make a paper copy and send since some of the IRS forms no longer allow you to copy.

We will have two action items for the meeting:

Action Item: Need a recommendation for our East Coast member. Lucille Sawicki has indicated she is not available to run for another 5-year term. Discussion under Finance Committee Composition

Action Item: 2022 operating budget. It will be sent to the managers shortly for their input. From there it will go to the Finance Committee for comments & recommendation. Then it will be up to the BOD to approve.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Grave, Chair

ABC Finance Committee



## 2021 AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB FUTURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

**LESLEE MASOLOTTE – CHAIRPERSON, SUE LEHOSKY – LITTER NOMINATION SECRETARY, JACQUI CAMPBELL – FINAL FORFEIT SECRETARY AND RUNNING REPORTS. COMMITTEE MEMBERS – (EASTERN SECTION) DARLENE DOW, LINDA LANGFORD, (CENTRAL SECTION) DIANE HEDSTROM, AMANDA MCGAVIND, (WESTERN SECTION) LESLIE ANDREAS, MICHELLE MILLETTE**

The 2021 Futurity running began with a total of 75 litters nominated in 2019. Expenses for the three sections being the same for Judges gifts at \$171.46, American Field Ad \$160.00, trophies and ribbons \$751.41. Printed and framed host club acknowledgement certificates were awarded to each host club to show our appreciation for the dedication of the club members in our Futurity events. Sue Lehosky, litter nomination secretary reports that 80 litters were nominated in 2020 for the 2022 running. Nominations are still coming in steadily in 2021 for the 2023 running with more at this date than the previous year.

The Greater Phoenix Brittany Club hosted the Western Section on January 18, 2021 for the show and January 19, 2021 with the field, both at the Empire Cienega Airstrip, Sonoita, Arizona. There were 5 males and 6 females in the show. The field had 10 gun dogs and 3 all age entries. Thank you to Lance Ayers, Section Manager and Arlette Hennessey, Section Secretary. Through their dedicated efforts the expenses were kept low. With most Covid restrictions still in place, the entry was lower than anticipated. The total placement distribution was \$2,367.29 and \$2,248.92 was awarded.

The Iowa Brittany Club hosted the Central Section near Thayer, Iowa on April 8, 2021 for the field at the Union County Bird Dog Ranch. The show was at the Union County Fairgrounds on April 9, 2021. The total entry was at \$2,380.00, revenue was \$2,920.00 with a shared profit of \$176.68 for a settlement of \$1,642.85. There were 8 males and 14 females in the show. The field had 13 gun dogs and 12 all age entries. Thank you to the Section Manager Matt Chumbley and the Section Secretary Jackie Adrian.

The Anthracite Brittany Club hosted the Eastern Section on April 22, 2021 with the show and April 23, 2021 with the field. Both events were at the Wildlife Management Area near Greenwood, New Jersey. There were 12 males and 21 females in the show. The field had 18-gun dogs and 4 all age entries. Thank you to the Section manager Terry Hilliard for the show and John Perry for the field. Thank you to Bobbie Dunkling who was the Section Secretary. The entry total was \$2,640.00. Through trophy donations and catalog sales and advertising to help defray expenses, the total revenue was \$3,395.00. With expenses totaling \$1,576.37, the profit sharing \$326.60 for a settlement of \$1,877.97.

Looking forward to the 2020/2022 running: The Brittany Club of Upper NY and the Hudson Valley Brittany Club will co-host the Eastern Futurity on April 28, 2022 for the show and April 29, 2022 for the field. The Iowa Brittany Club will host the Central Futurity on March 31 and April 1, 2022. No applications from host clubs for the Western Futurity have been received at this time.

Thank you to the dedication of our futurity committee members. Thank you to Judy Graves for the futurity accounting as well as her financial suggestions. Thank you to the breeders, owners and exhibitors for their tireless help in making our futurities to be successful each year. A huge thank you to Nestle Purina for their continued support in our Futurity events with money and food donations. Special thank you to Boyt Harness/Mud River for allowing us to purchase the judges gifts and to Alice Janssen /AAB Awards for making the host club certificates.

Recommendations for future years will include encouragement for the American Brittany Club Magazine to include the futurity application in each monthly magazine. Hopefully the cover page for each section Dual Award winner will still be available. Acknowledging the breeders is our highest priority.

Suggestions from futurity committee members would be to reword the policy book show guidelines and to design a futurity field and show winners report form for the use of the section managers and secretaries. A separate list of agenda items has been sent for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslee Masolotte, Chairperson, August 26, 2021.

## **HEALTH & GENETICS Committee Report 2020-21**

A health survey created by OFA was sent out to approximately 1190 ABC members' emails in May 2020. The information was advertised in the ABC magazine, on the website and on Facebook. As of August 2021, only 412 responses have been received. The response is a bit disappointing but the results indicate that we have a relatively healthy breed!

The AKC CHF DONOR ADVISED FUND for ABC funded \$2505 for research grants. These funds were earned from our participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership program so keep on reporting your Purina purchases!!

We funded the following grants descriptions of which can be found on the CHF website:

Grant 2811: Pyometra

Grant 2819: Canine Bartonellosis

Grant 2792-A: Temporal Lobe Epilepsy

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Horstmeyer, DVM

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## **2021 Non-Field Performance Committee**

Submitted by Cindy Miller

AKC Statistics published for 2020 indicates that in spite of Covid 19 Brittany owners continued to participate in non-field events. These events include agility, obedience, rally, dock-diving, trick dog, barn hunt, scent work, coursing and herding ability.

Obedience had 19 titles awarded; rally had 59 titles awarded, including the first Brittany Rally Champion; 11 titles in dock diving; 2 titles in stunt dog; 177 titles in Trick dog; barn hunt had 2 titles awarded; Scent work had 62 new titles; coursing ability had 4 new titles and fast cat had 13 titles awarded and there was 1 Brittany passed the herding dog instinct test.

Seven Brittanys passed the Temperament Test; 2 Brittanys earned their Therapy Dog title; and 67 Brittanys obtained their Canine Good Citizen title.

Agility had a total of 237 titles awarded.

Unfortunately, due to Covid and the Canadian border being closed, entries in Rally, Obedience and Agility were all down for the 2020 Nationals.

With the help of Judy Graves, a spreadsheet for the agility cost center was created. The Northern Virginia Brittany club utilized six of the ABC agility licenses to raise money for the 2021 Agility Nationals. The Susquehanna Brittany Club utilized 4 of the ABC rally licenses as a fundraiser for the Nationals Obedience/Rally Trials. As of the time of this report, \$288 was forwarded to the ABC for rally and obedience. There are two more rally trials scheduled for the first week in November. In agility, a check was sent to the ABC in June for \$1051. There are two more agility trials scheduled for the end of October.

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

## 2021 ABC Agenda Book Submissions Insurance Report

The following is a list of policies that are currently in force for the ABC. During the past eight months, it became evident that the ABC had some duplicate policies. For example, when Bob Rankin donated the land in Arkansas to the ABC, there was a liability policy on the land with Arkansas Valley Insurance. This policy was renewed each year. This policy was not renewed in May of this year.

West Bend: 1/19/21--1/19/22 Policy # A716562 01; Prem. \$473; Not For Profit Directors, Officers, & Trustees Liability

Hanover: 5/1/20--5/1/20 Policy # BDS D299505-01; Prem. \$600; Comb Crime/ Public EE Blanket Policy

Hanover: 3/18/21--3/18/22 Policy # RHS6995062 16; Prem. \$725 Comm General Liability  
*[These two Hanover policies are written thru Sportsmen's Insurance Agcy.]*

Selective Insurance Co.: 1/1/21--1/1/22 Policy # 161-098-388; Prem. \$229 Inland Marine Trophies coverage

To my knowledge, these are the only policies in effect at the present time.

In addition to the duplicate policy mentioned in the first paragraph, there was a liability policy thru Great American that Mary Jo caught and cancelled.

**I would recommend that in the future no new policies and/or renewals of existing policies be done without consultation with the insurance coordinator.**

I have not done a good job and these errors are my responsibility. By cc of this email to the President, I am resigning my position.

Tom Milam, Chair

BRITTANYS Per AKC	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dual Ch	9	8	13	14	5	12	7
Field Ch	43	51 GFC 10	49-8	41-9	29 GFC 14	37	28
Amt Fld Ch	27	29 GAFC 1	24-3	32-2	20-2	21	25
GCH	71	55	42	57	63	60	24
CH	167	159	146	151	180	166	57
JH	113	123	161	143	127	118	89
SH	15	16	27	19	35	21	24
MH	16	16	4	16	15	10	8
<b># Dogs in competition, not # entered</b>							
at National Specialty Show	161	141	149	152	138	141	124
Canine Good Citizen Award	58	63	70	83	95	80	61
CGC Advanced	8	9	16	15	15	17	5
<b>BRITTANY Registered w AKC</b>							
Litters # registered	1476	1550	1552	1655	1681	1528	1571
Dogs # registered	n.a.	n.f.	4626	5043	4711	4585	5020
AKC Pt. Breed F.T. events	490	380	388	385	372	371	n/a
Total # dogs entered	28,638	28,462	28,052	27,037	25,340	24,972	18,255

**FUTURITY**

**Region & Starters**

EAST	A-6 G23	A-5 G-14	A-21 G18	A-5 G-24	A-5 G-21	A-5 G-6	A-5 G-6
CENTRAL	A-13 G-14	A-8 G-9	A-12 G-16	A-13 G-11	A-15 G-19	not held	A-9 G-17
WEST	A-6 G-26	A-11 G-17	A-2 G-21	A-14 G-28	A-5 G-8	not held	A-7 G-7

**Field Trial Events**

held by Regional Clubs	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
East Coast	S-18 F-7	S-3 F-8	S-17 F-6	S-16 F-7	S-15 F-9	S-18 F-8	S-6 F-7
East Central	S-11 F-8	S-3 F-9	S-8 F-7	S-11 F-5	S-11 F-2	S-10 F-8	S-4 F-8
Central	S-13 F-6	S-3 F-7	S-16 F-8	S-17 F-10	S-14 F-8	S-13 F-9	S-3 F-7
Midwest	S-19 F-11	S-4 F-7	S-19 F-10	S-16 F-11	S-18 F-9	S-16 F-10	S-13 F-8
West Coast	S-13 F-10	S-2 F-14	S-14 F-12	S-12 F-10	S-14 F-13	S-10 F-13	S-4 F-10
ABC Classics							S-5 F-2

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Org Gamebird Classics # Starters	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Prairie Chicken	47	42	39	50	54	not held	38
Chukar	24	15	14	16	20	25	18
Gun Dog	23	36	25	26	30	16	33
Grouse/Woodcock	21	9	17	13	14	13	8
Pheasant	52	48	34	42	69	54	54
Quail	59	68	36	51	54	52	x

**STARTERS**

National All Age Open	e 52	61	42	54	46	57	62
National All Age Amateur	e 32	40	44	39	45	46	44
All Age Derby Invitational			12	12	12	12	12
National Gun Dog Open	59	49	48	37	54	47	57
National Gun Dog Amateur	32	30	27	26	23	24	30
Gun Dog Derby Invitational			10	9	8	x	x
National Open Walking Gun Dog							15
National Amateur Walking Gun Dog							26

HOUR STAKES BY REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
East Coast	4	3	3	4	5	S-5 F-0	S-2 F-2
East Central	4	4	2	4	8	S-6 F-1	S-2 F-0
Central	5	8	9	13	6	S-6 F-5	S-1 F-3
Midwest	7	6	5	6	5	S-5 F-2	S-3 F-1
West Coast	4	2	3	3	3	S-3 F-0	S-1 F-1
ABC Classics (code 7)							S-10 F-3
<b>TOTAL Hour Stakes</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>S-25 F-8</b>	<b>S-19 F-10</b>

(Not including 6 Original Classic/National Stakes)

**West Coast Directors Report**

**Jim Hammet, Mary Brown, Robin Tomasi**

**Action Item & Proposed Motion to Clarify/Change the Qualifications for the  
American Brittany Club Derby Invitational**

**Issue:** The exclusion of 20-minute derby stakes in 2021 from point calculations for the ABC Derby Invitational.

**Background.** The Derby Invitational, an ABC-stake recognized by American Field, is run annually in Booneville in conjunction with the all-age national championships. Twelve dogs are invited and compete based on the following qualifications:

1. Automatic invitations for winner and runner up of the recognized one-hour Brittany Derby Championship (Victoire Nationale).
2. Additional invitees are chosen by a point system in recognized Brittany Derby horseback stakes:

**Point Calculations**

<b>1 hour stake</b>	<b>45-minute stake</b>	<b>30-minute stake</b>
1st - 10 points x dogs run	1st - 8 points x dogs run	1st - 6 points x dogs run
2nd - 8 points x dogs run	2nd - 6 points x dogs run	2nd - 4 points x dogs run
3rd - 6 points x dogs run	3rd - 4 points x dogs run	3rd - 2 points x dogs run

**Problem.** Most regional club derby stakes are 20-minute stakes. Most clubs do not dual-sanction regional trials with AFTCA, and therefore have no requirement or incentive to run 30-minute derbies.

**Analysis and Discussion.** Until 2021, any horseback derby was included with 30-minute derbies, and points were allocated accordingly. Apparently, someone complained, and this year, Terry Gowin emailed event secretaries to notify them that only 30-minute or longer stakes would be qualifying stakes for the 2021 Derby Invitational.

This eliminates nearly every derby dog run in the Western Region, where we have some of the biggest running all-age derbies in the U.S. It probably eliminates a lot of excellent all-age derbies in other regions as well.

Dr. Bob Rankin, chair of the derby invitational committee, said that he is aware that some clubs in the Mid-West and Central Regions are reporting 30 minutes on the field trial report form, while continuing to run an established 20-minute derby course. He also indicated that some clubs are running a course that may be over 20 minutes, but are not running a timed course (i.e., the stake ends when the handler finishes a fixed course). Depending on handler speed and bird work, those fixed courses are often completed in less than 30 minutes.

The only club known to run a 30-minute timed-derby is Greater St. Louis, which runs a continuous course derby at Grove Springs (there may be others, but Terry Gowin is not aware of these).

It is logical that 60- or 45-minute derbies receive a higher point calculation, but to exclude 20-minute derbies that are reported truthfully, while including 20-minute derbies that may be reported fraudulently, is not what ABC should stand for. Neither should we eliminate most derby dogs right off the bat.

Apparently, the rationale for 30 minutes (while not including 20-minute stakes) is that it is an American Field and AFTCA requirement. (An American Field-/AFTCA-recognized derby must be thirty minutes, based on the time that an average brace takes to negotiate the course).

This is true but is not a valid rationale.

American Field has no oversight role for qualifications for a 1-hr ABC invitational derby stake (ABC can determine the invitational criteria as it sees fit). And, since the Derby Invitational is a 1-hour stake, it meets American Field's "Minimum Requirements for Recognition." Bernie Mathis confirmed all this in a phone call this spring.

As a parallel example: A dog can qualify to run at the ABC National Championships in Booneville (American Field recognized stakes) without ever winning an American Field recognized all-age or shooting dog qualifying stake. The AKC stakes that qualify most dogs for Booneville do not meet AF's "minimum requirements for recognition." Yet, ABC uses them as qualifying criteria for its national championships. It is not a problem with American Field and ABC has been doing this for years.

Most derby entrants at regional Brittany trials are not chasing points for the Derby Invitational, and ABC should not expect regional clubs to modify long-established courses and practices so that an individual with a single dog might qualify for the Invitational. (In other words, the Invitational qualifications should fit in with the existing regional trial paradigm rather than trying to force a new one on regional clubs).

It was suggested in the July board meeting that including 20-minute derbies would lower the standards for the invitational. The reality is something different. All 20-minute derbies have counted until this year, and dogs winning past invitationals have gone on to be very competitive in all age national championships.

Given that a significant number of good derby dogs will never run a 30-minute stake at a Brittany trial, rather than "lowering the standards," excluding 20-minute derbies is artificially restricting the field of dogs that can be considered.

The solution is to "cast a wider net" -- clarify the qualification standards and regroup 20- and 30-minute derbies together into the formula as was done for 2016-2020.

**Motion:** "For 2022 and all future years, the point calculation for the Derby Invitational shall include any horseback derby run for 20-30 minutes as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>-6 points x dogs run, 2<sup>nd</sup> 4 points x dogs run, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 points x dogs run."

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**Discussions/Action Items 1, 2, 3 Proposed Motions, Ed Janulis, President**

**Action Item 1 Zoom (Video Conferencing) Meetings, Policy Book, page 26, Item 4**

**Proposed Motion:** Now that Zoom (video conferencing) meetings have been placed it is still encouraged that every board member physically attend the annual November BOD meeting. Board members who do not attend in person must have the technical equipment available, including a camera, so everyone can be visually acknowledged along with audio. If they do not have the required equipment, they will not be allowed to join in the discussion.

**Action Item 1a Zoom (Video Conferencing) Meetings, Policy Book, page 26, Item 4**

**Proposed Motion:** Stop Zoom meetings for the Annual Board Meeting in November.

**Rationale:** Covid 19 is not a factor anymore and we need Board Members present in person at this yearly Meeting.

**Action Item 2 Board Of Directors Magazine Reports**

**Proposed Motion:** Propose that each director commit to contributing one article per year to the magazine. This could be any topic within the guidelines of the magazine.

**Insurance Liaison, Policy Book, page 162**

**Action Item 3/Proposed Motion:** Need a person to fill this position. Would be best to find a person with commercial insurance experience to lend their expertise to those who currently handle the management of the ABC's required insurance needs.

**American Brittany Club Derby Invitational, Policy Book page 87, Item 10**

**Ed Janulis Discussion:** Need to review Derby qualification, 30-minute vs 20-minute stake times for the Derby Invitational in Booneville.

**Action Item 4 Submitted by West Coast Directors Jim Hammet, Mary Brown, Robin Tomasi**

See full report under West Coast Directors Report, Agenda Book, pages 27-28

**Proposed Motion:** Clarify/Change the Qualifications for the ABC Derby Invitational

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## AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB FUTURITY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

### FOR THE 2021 ABC AGENDA BOOK

Put forth for consideration by the Futurity Committee chaired by Leslee Masolotte:

**Action item 5 Proposed Motion:** Addition of the words **or agent** be added anywhere the term breeder is used to define the breeder's responsibilities to nominate puppies or the Futurity Committee's responsibility to the breeders in the ABC Policy Book.

**Rationale:** There have been several cases in past years when the litter owner has become incapacitated or deceased and the new puppy owners or owner of the stud dog wish to continue the futurity nomination.

**This addition should be placed in the following areas:**

**There are 5 incidents in the second paragraph of the History and Overview on page 110:**

Brittany dams and their litters are nominated by their breeder **or agent** within 60 days of whelping. The nominating breeder **or agent** must be a full member of the ABC and sign the litter nomination form. All breeder purse winnings will be paid to this nominating breeder **or Agent**.

**There are 2 incidents in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph on page 110:**

The Futurity Secretary will supply Breeders **or agent** with the paperwork and instructions for the new puppy owners so that they can pay the Final Forfeit. It is the breeder's **or agent's** responsibility to ensure that owners receive this paperwork before the October 1st deadline of the Final Forfeit. Final forfeits are accepted until December 31st, but late fees apply.

**There are 2 incidents in the Duties of the Litter Nominations Secretary, item 7 on page 111:**

7. Shall prepare and mail or email a Futurity Litter Nomination Packet to the nominating breeder **or agent** with following information:

b. An information sheet for breeder **or agent** about the Futurity

**There is 1 incident of this in the Duties of the Futurity Secretary, item 7 on page 112:**

7. About July 15 they must mail or email to each nominating breeder **or agent** of a Futurity Litter a Final Forfeit packet.

**There are 3 incidents in the General Eligibility, Conditions and Rules, item 2 on page 113:**

2. The nominating breeder or agent needs to be a current full member in Good Standing of the ABC when the litter is nominated and the closing dates of the Sectional Futurities in which puppies from their nominated litter compete. They (**breeder or agent**) must sign the Litter Nomination form, and any breeder **or agent** purse checks will be paid to this designated nominated breeder.

**There is 1 incident of this in Judges Selection, paragraph 2, sentence 2 on page 118:**

1. Breeders **or agents** of eligible litters may not be selected.

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**ACTION ITEM 6 Proposed Motion:** Add the word **stake** to the last sentence under Dual Futurity Award Point System on page 123. With addition the sentence will read:

**A dog cannot win points for getting a ribbon in a class or **stake** unless he defeats at least one dog.**

**Rationale:** The word stake has been added to reflect both the show and field event.

**Action Item 7 Proposed Motion: Strike that part of sentence 5 from The Judging of the ABC Show Futurity on page 121; following the current published American Brittany breed standard, EXCEPT no dogs are to be measured at the Futurity Show. Sentence 5 will read: Instead, they are asked to judge the Futurity to the best of their ability.**

**Rationale:** The line instructing the judge not to penalize the dogs for being in field shape is sufficient for allowing dogs to be competitive in both the field and show portions of the futurity events. The futurity is considered an American Field event therefore the statement regarding the measurement of the dogs is not relative. This suggestion will be for only the show entries and will have no change or impact on the field entries.

### **THE JUDGING OF THE ABC SHOW FUTURITY**

**would read if revised:**

Show classes shall be divided by sex, and there are three groups of classes: Senior (dogs whelped January - April), Intermediate (dogs whelped May - August), and Junior (dogs whelped September - December). There are 6 money placements awarded at the Futurity Show. The top 3 males and top 3 females are awarded First Money, Second Money, and Third Money in that order. First Money Male and First Money Female then compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity. Equal consideration is to be given to each of the classes regarding money placements, and then for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite in Futurity realizing that the more youthful dogs will be less mature and provided those points of immaturity are normal and appropriate for the breed at that time in development, they should not be penalized. Judges are not to anticipate what the dogs will look like in the future. **Instead, they are asked to judge the Futurity to the best of their ability.** The judge should be instructed not to penalize dogs for being in field condition as many of the entries are entered in both the field and the show events. **The decision of the judge is final in all matters pertaining to the show procedure and presentation of all dogs.**

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**Action Item 8 Proposed Motion: The Futurity Committee would like permission to reevaluate the entry fees and forfeit dates as needed to keep the futurity budget viable. Any changes would be submitted for approval to the American Brittany Club Board of Directors prior to their modification.**

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**Action Item 9 Proposed Motion:** Permission for the Committee to write a handbook as a guide for the futurity section managers and secretaries using relative pages from the current 2021 ABC Policy Book. It will also include suggestions for the win photos, both field and show and the specifically designed field and show report entry form that will include the name of the breeders or agents.

Thank you for your consideration for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslee Masolotte

**Website, Steve Ralph**

Several members have asked if we could add the ability to “auto-Renew” their memberships.

**Action Item 10 Proposed Motion:** Request ABC Board approval for adding an “Auto-Renew” option to the ABC Website PayPal Process, i.e., Membership on-line.

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**Finance Committee Composition Page 160, Item A, first three sentences:**

**Robin Tomasi, West Coast Director**

**Page 160, Item A, first three sentences:**

The composition of this committee will be the President & Treasurer (as ex-officio) plus 6 members who are ABC Directors and/or regional lay persons who are members in good standing with a background in financial management and/or extensive experience within the American Brittany Club. Each region shall be represented in the appointments.

**Action Item 11 Proposed Motion:** Change the committee members from 6 to 5. Each region should only be represented once. Currently there are 2 committee members representing the central region. When the first term of a central region member expires (2022) this will bring the committee to one member per region.

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**Finance Committee Composition - Need a new East Coast Member Judy Graves, Finance Committee Chair**

**Action Item 12 Proposed Motion:** Need a recommendation for our East Coast member. Lucille Sawicki has indicated she is not available to run for another 5-year term.

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**BOD Budget Approval for the 2022 Operating Budget**

**Judy Graves, Finance Committee Chair**

**Action Item 13 Proposed Motion:** Request BOD approval for the 2022 Operating Budget.

**Rationale:** It will be sent to the managers shortly for their input. From there it will go to the Finance Committee for comments & recommendation. Then it will be up to the BOD to approve

**Discussion “Revenue” Neutral Ed Janulis-** Need to review this philosophy. The ABC has many expenses that aren’t revenue neutral. This includes insurance, magazine and others. We may choose to run events with a projection of loss.

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**Revenue Neutral Clarification, Finance Committee (2013), B. Specific Duties, page 160**

**Robin Tomasi, West Coast Director and Ron Gulembo, East Central Director**

**Revenue Neutral Clarification, Robin Tomasi.** Page 160 under Finance Committee:

Current Policy: Any revenue neutral request will not require BOD approval unless such request exceeds \$5,000.

**Action Item 14 Proposed Motion:** Delete “Any revenue neutral request will not require BOD approval unless such request exceeds \$5000”.

**Add- Money cannot be taken from a restricted use fund without board approval unless the total is under \$1000.**

**Rationale:** Clarify what the policy means by revenue neutral. Money should not be taken out of our restricted use funds (Future Grounds Fund, Breed Issues Fund, Event Funds). If we allow this loophole to remain, these funds could be drained. For an item to be budget neutral, there needs to be an offsetting reduction in other expenses or an increase to revenue to fund such expense. Recommend adding to the policy and/or decreasing this amount to \$1000 to match the President’s Discretionary Fund allocation for the year.

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**Ron Gulembo**

**Action Item 15 Proposed Motion:** Any amount up to \$5000 or more must be approved by the BOD for any reason and is supposed to be “revenue neutral”.

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**President’s Discretionary Fund, Robin Tomasi, West Coast Director**

**Duties of President, Item 14, Page 28:** Expenses up to a total as approved by the Board of Directors (Appendix 1), per year may be expended by the President without Board approval for discretionary, nonrecurring or emergency expenditures. (2007)

**Action Item 16 Proposed Motion:** Add President’s Discretionary Fund to Appendix 1: \$1000

**ABC Magazine Budget Ed Janulis, President**

**Action Item 17 Proposed Motion:** Propose the Finance Committee prepare and send a written spreadsheet summarizing the Magazine's expenses and follow up with a quarterly report and budget. The Magazine is the American Brittany Club's largest expense. It should be reviewed more extensively than any of the reports required by the Vice Presidents. Note – This will be a report not a presentation requiring BOD approval.

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**ABC Magazine Budget Robin Tomasi West Coast Director**

**Action Item 18 Proposed Motion:** Delete this wording *“The cost of publishing the magazine shall be considered a part of the normal operations of the ABC. The magazine commitment, as such, shall be done away with, and the magazine cost shall be paid out of the general fund.”* in the following three places:

On Page 47 Under duties of the Treasurer, item 22;

On page 71 Magazine Policy COSTS;

On page 74 Magazine Policy DUPLICATION OF KENNEL NAMES, last 2 sentences on that page.

Replace the deleted wording with the following:

Move the magazine out of the general fund, and into its own budget category.

**Rationale:** The magazine must seek to be fiscally responsible, and operate under a balanced budget.

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**Action Item 19 Proposed Motion:** A breed club magazine should be self-sustaining. The magazine budget should operate within their limits of \$10 per subscription and ad revenue. I move to reduce the ABC dues to \$40. (Appendix I, page 179) and make the magazine an option at additional charge. At no time should general revenue be used to support the magazine.

**Rationale:** The magazine is our biggest line-item expense without clear financial oversight due to conflicts of interest.

**Ed Janulis – Magazine Policy, Page 75-78 Magazine Committee/Managing Editor Duties**

**Discussion/Action Item 20:** Due to challenges with the Magazine operation would like to carefully review the current status as reported by the Chairperson. (2021 Magazine Report is on page 10 of the 2021 Agenda Book.)

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**Robin Tomasi – Magazine Policy, Page 76 Final Authority and 74 Cover Photos**

**Page 76 Last sentence of first paragraph under Magazine Committee Duties (2012) should be deleted**

**Action Item 20a Proposed Motion:** Delete the Magazine Chairman will be the final authority on any disputes that may arise during the proofreading process, or complaints lodged as result of same. (2012)

**Change to:** The Magazine Chairman will have the authority on any disputes that may arise during the proofreading process, or complaints lodged as result of same. Decisions may be appealed by submitting a written request to the ABC Board of Directors within 30 days of the Magazine Chairpersons decision.

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**Page 74: Cover Pictures**

COVER PICTURES: NO LIVING DOG MAY BE USED ON THE COVER OF THE MAGAZINE EXCEPT NATIONAL EVENT WINNERS (Limited to once per year per winner). Each year the following winner will appear on the cover page of the magazine: National Open All Age Champion, National Amateur All Age Champion, National Open Gun Dog Champion, National Amateur Gun Dog Champion, National Open Walking Gun Dog Champion, National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Champion, National Specialty Best of Breed Champion, National Specialty Best Junior, National Specialty High in Trial, National High in Agility.

All other Cover pages will be left to the discretion of the Magazine Committee: Dual Futurity Award winners, M.E. Stevenson Dual Dog Award Winner (if one is named), the newly elected Hall of Fame Dog or Dogs, one or two pictures of the older Hall of Fame Dogs, one page with the winners of the previous year's Classics, Summer Specialty, hunting scenes, Britts in action and puppy pictures. (1992) (2012)

Proper photo/art credit should be given if available.

**Action Item 21 Proposed Motion:** Add Win photos placed on the cover should not be cropped down to just the dog or have the background modified without the express written consent of the owner.

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**John A Perry, East Coast Director**

**Action Item 22 Proposed Motion:** Clarify “The American Brittany” Magazine Policy (2012), COVER PICTURES, page 74

*NO LIVING DOG MAY BE USED ON THE COVER OF THE MAGAZINE EXCEPT NATIONAL EVENT WINNERS (Limited to once per year per winner). Each year the following winner will appear on the cover page of the magazine: National Open All Age Champion, National Amateur All Age Champion, National Open Gun Dog Champion, National Amateur Gun Dog Champion, National Open Walking Gun Dog Champion, National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Champion, National Specialty Best of Breed Champion, National Specialty Best Junior, National Specialty High in Trial, National High in Agility.*

***Pictures may have the owners/handlers included with the dog. It is the owner's responsibility to have the picture, according to the magazine specifications, to magazine in the time frame specified.***

**Covers January - National Champion**  
**February - National Amateur Champion**  
**March - National Open Gun Dog Champion (Horseback)**  
**April - National Amateur Gun Dog Champion (Horseback)**  
**May - National Open Walking Gun Dog Champion**  
**June - National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Champion**  
**July - National Specialty Best of Breed**  
**August - National Specialty Best Junior**  
**September - National Specialty High in Trial**  
**October - National High in Agility**  
**November - Committee discretion**  
**December - Committee discretion**

*All other Cover pages will be left to the discretion of the Magazine Committee: Dual Futurity Award winners, M.E. Stevenson Dual Dog Award Winner (if one is named), the newly elected Hall of Fame Dog or Dogs, one or two pictures of the older Hall of Fame Dogs, one page with the winners of the previous year's Classics, Summer Specialty, hunting scenes, Britts in action and puppy pictures (1992) (2012)*

**Rationale:** To create clarity in how "The American Brittany" covers are designed and published.



## 2021 Agenda Book Action Item – Midwest Director – Bret Lindback

During the Executive Session of the 2020 American Brittany Board Meeting, which was held via Zoom on January 6, 2021, a Motion was put forth to overturn Motion 5 which was passed in the open session of the 2020 ABC Board Meeting. President Ed Janulis felt it was best to address this proposed change at the 2021 ABC Board Meeting. I am making a motion to overturn the rotation of dates for the National All Age and Horseback Gun Dog stakes currently held in Booneville, Arkansas to ensure it is published in the 2021 ABC Agenda Book and put forth to a vote.

**Action Item 23 Proposed Motion: Move to overturn Motion 5 which was passed at the 2020 ABC BOD Annual Board Meeting held November 22, 2020 in Booneville, AR. Motion 5 reads: “Move to rotate the order of the American Brittany Club Horseback National Events currently being held in Booneville, Arkansas beginning in the year 2021. The order of rotation will be: Odd Years: AAA/OAA/OGD/AGD Even Years: AGD/OGD/OAA/AAA.”**

**Rationale: No Approval had been obtained from the National Dates Coordinator as required by the Policy Book, National Dates Chairman Duties, Page 163-164. The first paragraph and specifically the last sentence of said paragraph reads:**

### **NATIONAL DATES CHAIRMAN DUTIES**

The National Dates Chairman receives and coordinates the field trial dates from each of the five regional dates coordinators and is directly responsible to the President. The regional date’s coordinator is responsible for the coordination of dates within their region, but the National Dates Chairman must look at the whole picture, check possible conflicts in neighboring regions and settle differences with the help of the regional date’s coordinator. The Classic Chairman and the host clubs for those classics must both clear all dates through the National Dates Chairman. The Futurity Chairman and each regional manager will also clear Futurity dates through the National Dates Chairman. **All field trial dates must be approved by the National Dates Chairman.**

Respectfully submitted

Bret Lindback

Midwest Director

American Brittany Club

**John A Perry, East Coast Director**

**Action Item 24: Add Board approval for the National All Age dates**

**Current item:** 1st Vice President Duties, page 32, Number 18

Number 18. Site selection for the National Open All Age Championship and the National Amateur All Age Championship must be approved by the Board.

**Proposed Motion:** 1st Vice President Duties, page 32, Change sentence to read:

**Number 18. Site selection *and dates* for the National Open All Age Championship and the National Amateur All Age Championship must be approved by the Board.**

**Rationale:** To eliminate questions for the National All Age and the National Gun Dog Championships as they begin their scheduled rotation.

Item 8, page 30 of this section actually deals with the welfare of the judges...

Item 9, page 31 of this section says to give "guidance and counsel" to 9 different Committees including the Field Trial Dates Committee.

item 4, page 164 National Dates Chairman duties says to remain in close communication to expedite parent approval for clubs and paperwork for national events *but nothing for approving dates*. The National Dates Chairman will keep the President and Executive Secretary informed of conflicts on a national level.

National Dates Chairman duties pg. 164 refers to approval and changes to regional club dates.

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**Action Item 25: Add Board approval for the National Gun Dog dates**

**Current item:** 4th Vice President Duties Number 18, page 44 reads:

Site selection for the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships Horseback & Walking must be approved by the Board of Directors. (2002)

**Proposed Motion:** 4th Vice President Duties Number 18, page 44 to read:

**Site selection *and dates* for the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships (Horseback & Walking) must be approved by the Board of Directors. (2002)**

**Rationale:** To eliminate questions for the National All Age and the National Gun Dog Championships as they begin their scheduled rotation.

1. Item 9, page 43 of this section says to give "guidance and counsel" to the Field Trial Dates Committee but has no jurisdiction identified.
2. National Dates Chairman duties item 4, page 165 says to remain in close communication to expedite parent approval for clubs and paperwork for national events but nothing for approving dates.
3. National Dates Chairman duties pg. 164 refers to approval and changes to regional club dates.
4. The Procedure for Changing Field Trial Dates pg. 165-166 of the Policy book deal with Regional Field Trial dates.

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**Action Item 26: National Gun Dog Championships Horseback and Walking, Item 4 Change.**

**Current item:** National Gun Dog Championships, Item 4, page 85 reads:

The event shall be held annually with the 4th Vice President getting the date approved by the chairman of the field trial dates committee.

**Proposed Motion:** National Gun Dog Championships, Item 4, page 85 to be changed to read:

**The event shall be held annually with the 4th Vice President getting the dates approved by the Board of Directors.**

**Rationale:** To eliminate questions on who is responsible for National field trial dates by making the Board responsible for National field trial dates.

**John A Perry, East Coast Director**

**Action Item 27 Proposed Motion: Reword National Field Trial Secretary Checklist All Age & (Horseback) Gun Dog pg. 90 & 91 for uniformity.**

**Current item:** National Field Trial Secretary Checklist (2012) All Age & (Horseback) Gun Dog pg. 90 & 91 Wrangler/Award Coordinator (All Age Only); Badges (All Age Only); Dog Eligibility (All Age Only)

**Proposed Motion:**

**On the National Field Trial Secretary Checklist (2012) All Age & (Horseback) Gun Dog, pages 90 & 91 eliminate the phrase (All Age Only) on any checkbox that includes it.**

**Rationale:** To eliminate All Age only. There should be no difference how either National event is run.

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**John A Perry, East Coast Director**

**Action Item 28: National Field Trial Secretary Checklist All Age & (Horseback) Gun Dog Drawing, pg. 91 reads:**

***Drawing*** - As soon as entries are closed, assign handlers numbers/letters to each entry. Send drawing info(numbers/letters) to AKC (Thomas Maneely [TAM2@akc.org](mailto:TAM2@akc.org)). Upon receipt of the bracing, create the running orders for each championship. Send running orders to the ABC webmaster for publication, the two Brittany Email lists, and send by email to all entrants. Bring 150 copies of each to nationals. NOTE: You will not accept any entries after the closing date & time. Any entries received after that must be allowed by the Vice President & Field Trial Chairman.

**Discussion: National Field Trial Secretary Checklist All Age & (Horseback) Gun Dog should be followed, changed or deleted.**

**Rationale:** Drawing needs to be specific to what is being done. This year the Gun Dog is following the policy while the All Age is not. All Age was changed to a live drawing at the behest of the 1st Vice President. All ABC activities should be following the guidance of the policy book.

**Discussion President Ed Janulis:** Review requirements of an outside financial audit as stated in the Policy Book.

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**Policy Book Motions submitted by Ron Gulembo, Policy Book Chair**

**Duties of the Treasurer, Page 45, Item 4 which reads:**

The annual audit of the Treasurer's books is directed to be made by a Public Accountant, at the end of each fiscal year report of such audit furnished to the Board of Directors not later than the annual meeting of the Board of Directors not later than the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Action Item 29 Proposed Motion – Add: ABC needs an outside Certified Public Accountant to audit their books. The definition of Public Accountant is someone who is employed by an outside Accounting Firm.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE (2013), Page 161,** The Current Finance Committee policy for Internal Audits, page 161, Item 2, needs to be updated by adding the highlighted statement from Action Item 30/Proposed Motion immediately before the last sentence of Item 2.

2. Ensure the accounting records are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and FASB standards (Financial Accounting Standards Board). As directed by the Board, the Committee shall conduct internal and/or external audits of ABC receipts and expenditures.

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**Action Item 30/Proposed Motion –Add -** A list that contains the names of the Finance Committee Auditors and their respective ABC events will be provided to the Board of Directors yearly. These Auditors should be available to answer any BOD questions concerning their audited event. No Finance Committee member should be allowed to audit an event managed by them. A report containing the specifics of their event audit will be submitted to the Board of Directors within 30 days after said audit. The Committee shall insure adequate internal controls are in place to safeguard ABC assets.

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**ACTION ITEM 31 Proposed Motion: Ron Gulembo, East Central Board of Director**

Add the following to both the Finance Committee and Treasurers duties in the Policy Book:

**Add:** The Treasurer should not be inundated by BOD for specific line-item requests. The BOD can reach out to the Finance Committee Chair to fulfill these requests.

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**ACTION ITEM 32 Proposed Motion: Ron Gulembo, East Central Board of Director**

**Add:** Any monies/stipends paid by ABC to anyone needs to be specifically itemized somewhere in the budget, so the BOD has knowledge of the expenditures.

**Darlene Dow, East Coast Director Action Item for 2021 ABC Agenda Book**

**Action Item 33/Proposed Motion:** Remove the qualifications put in place in 2020 due to COVID.

**Wording of Motion 9 from 2020:** Move that all 2020 National Championship Qualifiers be automatically qualified for the 2021 National Championships Events (NFC, NAFC, NOGD, NAGD, NOWGD, NAWGD) and any dog that has placed in an hour stake with 13 or more dogs started in an AKC licensed field trial held by a Brittany Club will be qualified to run in the 2021 National Championships (NFC, NAFC, NOGD, NAGD, NOWGD, NAWGD).

**Rationale:** Trials do not seem to be getting canceled due to COVID like they were during 2020. I would like to see the qualifications revert back to pre-COVID (2018 qualifications shown below).

**Example: Published 2018 QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Pre-Covid)  
The National (Open All Age) Championship**

(Effective at close of entries for the 2017 National Open All Age Championship)

1. Open to any Brittany six (six) months of age or over which in any preceding year, placed first in the National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys or
2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys, or
3. which during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year closing of entries has two placements in an Open or Open Limited All Age Stake in a 13 to 19 dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club, one of which must be a 1<sup>st</sup> place, or
4. which during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year closing of entries has two placements, one of which is a 2<sup>nd</sup> in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake in a 20 to 24 dog stake in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club and has an additional Open or Open Limited All Age placement in which 13 or more dogs started in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club, or
5. has placed in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake of 30 minutes in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which the following (or more) dogs started: 1<sup>st</sup> place with 20 starters, 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 25 starters, 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 30 starters, or 4<sup>th</sup> place with 35 starters, or
6. has placed in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake of one hour or more in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which the following dogs started: 1<sup>st</sup> place with 13 starters, 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 15 starters, 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 17 starters, or 4<sup>th</sup> place with 20 starters.
7. or has qualified in a preceding year and during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in an Open or Open Limited All Age Stake in a 13 or more dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.
8. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC or Field Dog Stud Book. Any dog born on or after January 1, 2018 must have an AKC DNA to start in the National Championships. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file with Field Dog Stud Book for those Championship placements to be recorded in the Field Dog stud Book.

**Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Amateur All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Amateur All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.**

**John A Perry, East Coast Director**

**Action Item 34: Redundant Policy**

**Current item: E-MAIL MOTION GUIDELINES (2015), Page 153.**

It is suggested that the Board of Directors follow these E-mail Motion Guidelines:

- A. Issues considered for E-mail Motions should first be presented to the Board of Directors for discussion and determined if a Motion is necessary.
- B. E-mail Motions are for emergency, time sensitive and housekeeping issues only. All other issues should be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Board of Directors.
- C. If E-mail Motion is determined to be necessary, then a Second is required and the President will announce to the Directors and Executive Secretary that the E-mail Motion discussion & voting process should proceed.

**Proposed Motion: Delete Policy E-Mail Motion Guidelines, Page 153**

**Rationale:** How are the motions presented to the Board and what is the determining factors if a motion is necessary? As demonstrated with the magazine cover, a Special Meeting would have been a much more proactive and timely manner to resolve the matter.

## Policy Book Action Items/Proposed Motions from Ron Gulembo, Policy Book Chairman

Gray indicates current Policy Book wording that would be deleted; Yellow are proposed changes and/or additions.

### Action Item 35 Proposed Motion DUTIES OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, pages 30-32

#### DUTIES OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, Page 30

1. (Per By-Laws adopted December 2, 1975, Art. VI, Sec. 6b): Shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President is absent or unable to perform the duties of that office.

Delete:

The 1st Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of all American Brittany Club National Field Trials and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.

Add:

The 1st Vice President shall act as the Field Trial Chairman of the American Brittany Club National Championship, National Amateur All-Age Championship field trials, and National Derby Invitational and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.

4. Appoint a Field Trial Secretary for the National Championship Stakes, subject to the approval of the President;

Add:

C. With the Field Trial Secretary, review and approve all communications/documents to be provided to the membership and participants as it relates to the National All Age and Derby Invitational Events. Examples: Entry open/close dates, Drawing time, place, date; Schedule of Events, etc.

Delete:

5. The four top dogs shall be posted each day, if possible, in the National Open Championship and National Amateur Championship. This shall be done in no particular order. This posting requirement shall be communicated to and accepted by all judges before their selection is finalized. (1996)

Add:

Prior to the running of the National Open Championship and National Amateur Championship, the 1<sup>st</sup> VP shall meet with the judges to discuss possible dog posting protocols. The final decision may change year to year based on the judicial panel's preference. The final decision as to how, or if, dogs will be posted will be announced at dinner the night before each event is to start.

Delete:

6. The question as to use additional liberated birds in the National Open Championship and National Amateur Championship is up to the Field Trial Committee. (1972)

Add:

6. Oversee or designate the purchase, receiving, and planting of birds for the National Open Championship and National Amateur Championship as necessary to achieve a fair and quality event.

6. Be responsible for the welfare of the Judges while they are in attendance at the National Stakes, through coordination with the respective Stakes Manager Add: and Field Trial Secretary.

**DUTIES OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, Page 32**

17. The 1st Vice President selects the reporter/s for the National Open All Age Championship and National Amateur All Age Championship **Add: and National Derby Invitational**. National Reporters shall be paid for the field report (See Appendix 1) once their report is received for publication. Reporters may also request to be paid travel expenses (See Appendix 1) to and from the trial and/or paid for their horse usage (See Appendix 1) on the days they ride as the Official Reporter. Total paid to a reporter is not to exceed an amount as approved by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1). (2014)

22. ~~Delete: at the most suitable motel.~~ **Add: Arrange for field trial headquarters.**

24. Funds received for the National All Age Championships other than entry fees will be turned over to the Treasurer within thirty (30) days of receipt. Entry fees will be sent to the Treasurer as soon as possible after closing of entries. (2015) **Add to Item 24: The 1st VP is responsible for the accounting of all financial activity taking place during the National Open Championship, National Amateur Championship, and Derby Invitational. The duties as assigned or designated to individuals are as follows:**

- a. **Writing and documenting of all checks associated while conducting the events. Examples: Calcutta, Food Caterer, Saddle, Birds, judges, reporters, bird planter, dog wagon driver, placements, Derby Invitational, grounds fees, hay delivery, stall cleaning, and any other miscellaneous expenses associated with the event. Approximately 40 signed checks are requested from the ABC Treasurer 90 days before the event.**
- b. **Collecting, documenting and depositing of all revenue associated with conducting the events. Examples: Entry fees, camping fees, hay sales, Calcutta bids, auctions, raffles, and any other miscellaneous revenues associated with the event. A deposit book and endorsement stamp "for deposit only" to the appropriate ABC bank account is requested from the ABC Treasurer 90 days before the event. All deposits should be complete no later than 30 days from the event.**

28. Requests for donation of Garmin ~~Delete: Tri-Tronics~~ collar(s) for winning handlers in **Add: The National Open and Amateur Championships should be directed to the** **Add: Garmin Coordinator** ~~Delete: Executive Secretary~~ to avoid multiple requests. (2014).

**Add:**

29. **Contact the ABC contracted Saddle Company during the summer prior to the event to insure delivery of saddles for the National Open and Amateur Championships.**



## **2021 AGENDA BOOK APPENDIX A**

### **ABC HOF Dog Nominees:**

**Lane's End Bowtie Annie**

**Ortho Acres Booker T**

### **Officers Election Candidates:**

**ABC President – Ed Janulis and Joe Droel**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Jeri Conklin**

**2022 Bird Dog Hall of Fame Elected Members: Ed & Judy Graves**

Aug 30, 2021

The ABC Dog Hall of Fame committee reviewed 4 nominations submitted per ABC policy:

Lane's End Bowtie Annie

Buck's Hit the Road Jack

Renegade's Regal Wrigley

Ortho Acres Booker T

Based on the review criteria and voting process outlined in the ABC policy, the following dogs received a majority vote through two rounds and submitted to the Board of Directors as an ABC Dog HOF candidate.

Lane's End Bowtie Annie

Ortho Acres Booker T

Kent D. Patterson

ABC Dog HOF Chairman

## FC/AFC LANE'S END BOWTIE ANNIE

DOB: 1/24/1996

FC/AFC Ajax VII (HOF) x CH/AFC Lynsey's Comet Sadie Mae JH  
Bred & Owned by Tom & Judy Robin

5x American Field Champion, 3x Runner-Up with 15 total hour wins including 6 1<sup>st</sup> places.

**2002 ABC Quail Classic Champion** (58 starters)

#4 in lifetime Purina Award points for females (3606 points)

50 total placements (16 1<sup>st</sup>)

Annie is the breed's top producing dam of Field Champions, having produced twelve in just two litters. Eight of those were hour stake winners. She is also the leading dam of Amateur Field Champions, with nine. Two of Annie's daughters earned the Runner-Up spot in the ABC National Championship, with one of those also winning the ABC National Amateur Championship in the same year. While Annie was a winner of the ABC Quail Classic, her offspring have won or placed in all four of the ABC All Age game bird classics (Chukar, Pheasant, Prairie Chicken and Quail).

By FC AFC The Time Machine, 6/5/2001 (8 pups)

\***FC/AFC Ajax Diamond Dyna-Mite – 7-hour wins** including 2004 ABC Quail Classic RU, 2005 NFC RU

*Produced: FC/AFC Windy Hills Lady's Man*

\***FC/AFC Lane's End Jess N Time – 1 hour win**, 2005 ABC Chukar Classic 4<sup>th</sup>

\***FC/AFC Lane's End Bowtie Blackie – 1 hour win**, also 2003 ABC Eastern All Age Futurity 4<sup>th</sup>

\***FC Annitime Soon – 2-hour wins**

**DC/AFC Lane's End High Noon – 2003 ABC Eastern Gun Dog Futurity 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**FC/AFC Lane's End The Nick Of Time – 2003 ABC Eastern Gun Dog Futurity Winner**

By FC AFC Rimarda's Trademark, 1/30/2003 (9 pups)

\***NAFC/DC/AFC TM's Tennessee Twister – 13-hour wins** including 2005 Victoire Nationale Derby Champion, 2005 PA Shooting Dog Champion, 2005 ABC Gun Dog Classic RU, 2008 ABC Gun Dog Classic Champion, 2009 Southern Open Champion, 2009 NFC RU, 2009 National Amateur Champion, 2010 ABC Prairie Chicken Classic Champion

*Produced: CH Diamond Hill Dangerous Weapon–2014 ABC Eastern & Central All Age Futurity 1st*

\***4xCH FC/AFC Trademark's Iceman – 13-hour wins** including 2009 Dakota Prairie Champion, 2009 ABC Prairie Chicken Champion, 2010 & 2011 Illinois Amateur Champion

*Produced: FC Iceman's Wild One, CH Kinwashkly Hidden Gem (field pointed)*

\***4xCH/3xRU FC/AFC Shamrock's Sirius – 11-hour wins** including 2009 Prairie State Shooting Dog Champion, 2009 Region 4 AAA RU, 2009 Region 19 AAA Champion, 2010 Prairie State Champion, 2010 Michigan RU, 2011 Mid-South Champion; also 2005 ABC Eastern All Age Futurity 4<sup>th</sup>

\***1xRU FC Trademark's ATM–4-hour wins** including 2008 ABC Pheasant Classic 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Prairie St RU

*Produced: FC AFC Ru-Jem's Fist Full Of Dollars, FC Ru-Jem's "Last" Penny*

**DC Lane's End Frozen Asset – 2005 ABC Eastern Gun Dog Futurity Winner**

**FC/AFC Lane's End Have Mercy – 2005 ABC Eastern All Age Futurity 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**OTCH Lane's End Fortune UDX9 OGM AX AXJ – 2007, 2008 & 2012 ABC Nat'l Obedience High In Trial**

**Lane's End Wine And Roses – 2005 ABC Eastern Gun Dog Futurity 4<sup>th</sup>**

\*Hour winners



## **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](http://www.fieldtrialdatabase.com) it was possible to make a good estimate regarding American Field -- **winners & runner up** placements. We intend to verify with The Field once they open.

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<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> Place 2012 AKC Gun Dog All Pointer Breed 118 Competitors; 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Great Grand Progeny** 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.

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**CHL ORTHO ACRES BOOKER T, 1509026 (Chubasco - Chik N Little)**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Northern New England Britany Club Open Derby	Spring	1999
1 <sup>st</sup>	Northern New England Britany Club Open Derby	Spring	2000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eastern New England Britany Club Open Derby	Spring	2000
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eastern New England Britany Club Amateur Derby	Spring	2000
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hudson Valley Britany Club Open Derby	Fall	2000
Winner	Deep South Britany R. D. Hinson Derby Classic	Spring	2001
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tarheel Britany Club Amateur Derby	Spring	2001
Winner	New England Britany Derby Classic	Spring	2001
Runner-Up	Pennsylvania Britany Open Derby Classic	Spring	2001
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Southern Open Britany Derby Classic	Spring	2001
1 <sup>st</sup>	Georgia Britany Club Open All-Age	Fall	2002
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bama Britany Club Open All-Age	Fall	2002
Runner-Up	International Britany Open All-Age Championship (One-Hour Heats)	Spring	2003
Runner-Up	Kansas Britany All-Age Championship (One-Hour Heats)	Fall	2006
1 <sup>st</sup>	Music City Britany Club Open All-Age (One-Hour Heats)	Fall	2006
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Georgia Britany Club Open All-Age (One-Hour Heats)	Spring	2007
Winner	Florida State Britany Open All-Age Championship (One-Hour Heats)	Spring	2007
Runner-Up	International Britany Open All-Age Championship (One-Hour Heats)	Spring	2007
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Georgia Britany Club Open All-Age (One-Hour Heats)	Spring	2008

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Champion or Runner-Up's of CH. ORTHO ACRES BOOKER T

<i>Registered Name</i>	<i>Placement</i>
COOL CALM AND COLLECTED	2
POLO'S DUSTY VALENTINE	2
CEDAR VALLEY ASYA	1
BOO T'S WINDRUNNER SALLY	5
CH COUNTY LINE ACE'S HIGH <i>Winner Region 6 Britany Amateur All-Age Championship</i>	6
ICE COLD HUD	7
O R'S BOOKIN AND COOKIN	8
IRON MAIDEN	2
PROMISCUOUS	6
KISSTHS	1
CH EARLY TIMES <i>Winner International Britany Open All-Age Championship Winner American Britany Club Pheasant Championship Winner American Britany Club Quail Championship Winner Southern Open Britany Championship Winner American Britany Club Pheasant Championship Runner-Up American Britany Quail Championship Winner Southern Open Britany Championship Winner International Britany Amateur All-Age Championship</i>	24
TRADEWIND DEPUTY	2
CH CEDAR VALLEY BANDIT <i>Winner American Britany Club Open Shooting Dog Championship Runner-Up American Britany Club National Open Championship Runner-Up American Britany Club National Open Championship</i>	6

Winner Illinois Britany Open All-Age Championship

CH. GLADE RUN NUTMEG	7
Winner American Britany Club Open Shooting Dog Championship	
CH. UNCLE KRACKER	16
Winner American Britany Club Quail Championship	
Runner-Up Illinois Britany Open All-Age Championship	
Runner-Up Britany Club Quail Championship	
Runner-Up American Britany Club Pheasant Championship	
Runner-Up American Britany Club National Championship	
Winner Kansas Britany All-Age Championship	
Winner International Britany Open All-Age Championship	
Winner Mid-America Britany Championship	
Winner American Britany National Open All-Age Championship	
Winner American Britany Club National Championship	
Winner Region 4 Britany Amateur All-Age Championship	
CH. GLADE RUN IRISH	33
Runner-Up Illinois Britany Amateur All-Age Championship	
Winner United States Britany Open Championship	
Runner-Up Southern Open Britany All-Age Championship	
Runner-Up International Britany Amateur All-Age Championship	
Runner-Up Mid-South Britany All-Age Championship	
Runner-Up International Britany Amateur All-Age Championship	
Winner International Britany Open All-Age Championship	
Winner Region 4 Britany Amateur All-Age Championship	
Runner-Up United States Open Britany Championship	
Winner Southern Open Britany Open All-Age Championship	
Winner American Britany Club National Amateur Championship	
Runner-Up Mid-South Britany Open All-Age Championship	
Runner-Up International Britany Open All-Age Championship	
Winner Region 19 Amateur All-Age Britany Championship	
Winner American Britany Club Quail Championship	
Winner American Britany Club National Championship	
Winner Mid-South Britany Championship	
Runner-Up Region 4 Amateur All-Age Britany Championship	
Runner-Up American Britany Club-Quail Championship	
BOUSTABOUT'S WHITE KNIGHT	3
Runner-Up American Britany Club Pheasant Championship	
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SAYING PRIVATE RYAN	2
CEDAR VALLEY SPIDER	2
Runner-Up American Britany Club Pheasant Championship	
GLADE RUN SOLO UNO	2
GLADE RUN BOOKERS SHADOW	2
Runner-Up Pennsylvania Britany Open Shooting Dog Championship	



## 2022 Bird Dog Hall of Fame Elected Members Ed & Judy Graves Report

### **Congratulations to the 2022 Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame Elected Members Ed & Judy Graves**

On Saturday, February 12, 2022 in Grand Junction, TN at the Bird Dog Museum, Ed and Judy will be inducted. We invite you to attend the ceremony honoring them and visit our Brittany wing and museum. Full details available <https://www.brittanyfieldtrialhalloffame.com/People/Ed&JudyGraves.htm>.



#### **JUDY GRAVES**

Judy is best known for her knowledge of finance since she served as Chief Financial Officer for the St. Louis Art Museum's millions of dollars. Her knowledge of Not-for-Profit rules and regulations prepared her for work in the ABC as well. She served as Final Futurity Forfeit Secretary for the ABC from 2007 until January of 2014 and has continued from 2014 to work with the Futurity Committee and the ABC Treasurer to assist with the financial affairs and payouts of the Futurity.

During the yearlong illness of former Treasurer, Janet Chase, Judy drove back and forth from her home in Missouri to Janet's home in Illinois helping her with the ABC finances. She basically took over the job and continued until a new Treasurer was found. While serving as Treasurer, she established the first ever budget process for the ABC which set us on a path to ensure funds were sufficient to keep the club solvent in case of lean times such as we experienced during the Covid-19 shutdowns.

Judy was instrumental in forming a group of ABC members to create a 501c3, NFP Foundation for the American Brittany Club that will benefit the club long term. She has served as Chair of the ABC Financial Committee since its inception overseeing the financials of the club. We often forget that, without the daily work of club members, we would not be able to do the other activities we so enjoy.

On a regional level, Judy has served as field trial secretary for decades for the Southern Illinois Brittany Club, the Illinois Brittany Club, the Mid-South Brittany Championship and currently the Illinois Brittany Championship. Her duties don't stop there as she cooks most of the meals for those field trials as she has been doing for the last decade plus mounts up to scout for Ed and their dogs.

Judy served as Executor of the Estate of Janet & Jim Chase, directing thousands of dollars for grounds improvements through the Friends of Pyramid for development of the Pyramid field trial grounds and donations to the Brittany Endowment Fund, part of the Bird Dog Foundation in Grand Junction, TN.

She is an associate member of the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois and a recipient of their Honor Roll for Distinguished Members. She and Ed served on Senator Schimpf's Task Force working to improve Pyramid State Park. She also serves on the ABC Magazine Committee, and worked to establish a procedure for local clubs to host Agility events via the AKC licenses granted to the ABC.

## **ED GRAVES**

Ed got off to a winning start in Brittanys back in the 1980s and continues today. It is impossible to count the hours of physical work he has put into the Rend Lake grounds and more so in the last decade to the Pyramid Field Trial Grounds in Illinois, making trips back and forth from home. Ed has worked with others to oversee the development of a large barn, two different club houses and outdoor venue, bird house and an additional parking area for trailers with electrical hookups. He is sure to be the first to arrive at the trial and the last to pull away only to come back and finish with cleanup of grounds, barn and club house.

Besides the above jobs that make field trials a success and being head Bird Planter, he serves as President of the Illinois Brittany Club and Field Trial Chair and is a Director of the Illinois Championship Association. He was instrumental in bringing the Mid-South Championship to Southern Illinois, originally run in Arkansas and then with the Southern Illinois Club, and now in conjunction with the Illinois Spring trial.

On a National level, Ed served as 1st Vice President and National Field Trial Chair in 1995 and 1996 and has been a continual supporter of the National Championship with several dogs placing in it. His FC/AFC Mr. Buddy Boy was Runner-Up Champion in both the Open and Amateur Championships in 1994. That along with several other placements earned Buddy Boy the Purina Dog of the year award. Ed served the ABC from April 2006 until just recently as the Central Dates Coordinator. Ed is also an associate member of the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois and has received their Honor Roll Award for Distinguished Members.

Ed and Judy have worked as a team over 35 years and continue today. He could count on her to scout when running a dog. They also worked together to serve on a 2-year Task Force sponsored by Senator Paul Schimpf and Southern Illinois University to develop a strategic plan for improvement of Pyramid State Recreation Area and to make sure that the Field Trial Community was duly mentioned and protected among the many other interests also using the park. They have also given financial support to both local projects at Pyramid and the Bird Dog Foundation. During their time in Brittanys, Ed and Judy have bred an occasional litter and reached out to new people to come and enjoy our sport as well. They are licensed AKC field trial judges and still campaign and support trials in the East Central, Central and Midwest Regions.