

ABC BOD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2022

Kay-Rodgers Park Fairgrounds, Fort Smith, AR.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Bob Rankin shortly after 8:00 AM, November 19, 2022.

Executive Secretary Mary Jo Trimble called roll. Directors present in the room were Karen Hanson, Darlene Dow, Vince Anderson , Joe Droel, Bret Ed Tillson, Leslie Masolotte, Mary Brown, Robin Tomasi, Jim Hammett: Present on video hookup were: Tom Bass, Ron Gulembo, Jim Stevens, Burton Wice, Bruce Heiter, and Brett Lindback . All Directors were in attendance and a quorum was achieved.

Motion 1: Motion to seat new members was made by Lindback and seconded by Hammett
Motion: I move to seat the new members elected in 2021. They include Leslie Masolotte, Jim Stevens, Bruce Heiter, for 3 year terms and Karen Hanson and Tom Bass to fill unexpired terns.
All Yes, Motion Passed.

Pres. Rankin asked for a round of applause for Robin Tomasi for setting up the video equipment for the meeting.

Motion 278: Motion by Lindback, seconded by Hammett to approve the 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. All 15 yes, Motion Passed.

The BOD then moved through the list of Agenda Items and reports. If no one had questions or discussions, we moved on to the next one after any questions were recognized.

First discussed was by Secretary Trimble dealing with the new AKC Championship applications. She pointed out some of the problems with wording that AKC and ABC had encountered on the new forms. AKC has granted us 60 Championships. She asked the BOD if the BOD wanted to establish rules for who can apply for Championships if they were not already approved in the past. She also pointed out that if the American Field Championship Associations cannot run under a Regional Club, then they either have to run as an ABC sponsored event or an AKC Specialty Club. Currently only the New England Championship is the only Specialty Club. Specialty Club events and dates still have to be approved by the ABC and Regional ABC Dates Coordinators. Dogs will be qualified for the ABC Nationals and awarded AKC points for FC Titles. The BOD took no action.

Mary Karbiner, statistician, was in attendance and came to the microphone to present her report and answer questions. Mary was complimented by one of the Directors for the huge amt of work she puts into those stats and received an applause.

Sec. Trimble discussed National Animal Interest Alliance and Sportsmens' Alliance and how they help us with National legislation. Question was asked if ABC Foundation could donate. Finance Chair Judy Graves responded that was not feasible from the Foundation which has very little money at the present time.

Director Droel brought up the new AKC rules regarding Derby Stakes and was opposed to this. This was discussed as well as that Field Trial Secretaries are not responsible for dogs being entered correctly. AKC rules state that the Owner is responsible. Some felt if they act as agent that they are responsible even if the written rules say "owner". No action taken as this is an AKC rule no matter who promoted it.

Director Tomasi discussed her proposal regarding having a presence on Instagram. Director Hanson recognized two ladies Haley & Libby who came up with this proposal. Motion # 3: Motion by Lindback, Seconded by Hanson I move that the Board move forward with a motion to approve the addition of an ABC Instagram page, change the name of the Facebook Committee to Social Media Committee, and to update the Facebook policy to add Instagram. Policy can be found on pages 28 – top of page 31 of the 2022 Agenda Book. Add highlighted content. All 15 Yes: Motion Passed. (Agenda book can be found on ABC website and in the ABC magazine.)

Finance Committee Chair Judy Graves presented and explained her Financial Report and Budget proposal. Discussion went on for a considerable length of time. Event Budgets will be sent out in March since National Events are just now happening. We do have money in reserve to cover any shortfalls we may have this year. Several suggestions were made by Directors to be added or changed in the budget. Motion # 4: Motion by Tillson, Seconded by Hammett. I move to accept the budget with proposed changes.. 5 YES Votes (Bass, Wice, Lindback, Tillson, Hammett; 10 NO Votes (Hanson, Dow, Anderson, Gulembo, Stevens, Heiter, Masolotte, Brown, Tomasi) Motion Failed. President asked what changes would it take to pass the budget. Nothing was brought forth but may be in executive session.

Finance Chair Graves also presented 3 names to be appointed to the Finance Committee. As this involved individuals and the Chairman, a decision was postponed to be discussed in Executive Session.

Nancy Clendenen asked that the BOD add the National Walking Open and Amateur Championships be added to the Dual Dog Points Award. She also asked that 3 points for any Champion just showing up be removed again as it was in the past. This part of the proposal was postponed till the summer meeting when Nancy will have a new schedule worked out to present to the BOD.

Motion # 5: Motion by Tomasi, Seconded by Brown. Motion: I move to add both National Open and Amateur Walking Gun Dog Sstakes be added to the Dual Championship Award schedule using the same point schedule as the horseback Gun Dog Stakes. (Schedule on page 27 of 2022 Agenda Book) All 15 yes votes. 0 No votes. Motion Passed.

Motion # 6: : Motin by Dow, Seconded by Tomasi. National Open and Amateur walking gun dogs who placed will be counted on the point scale for the 2022 Dual Dog Award. 14 YES Votes, 1 NO Vote (Lindback)

During the Futurity Discussion, Statistician Mary Karbiner asked that she be notified of both show and field results by the secretary of each futurity.

Motion #7: Motion by Tomasi, Seconded by Droel: Motion: I move that in the Policy Book Futurity Secretary Duties #10 that the Field and Show results be sent to the ABC Statistician. Page 116 of policy book. All YES 15 Votes, 0 No Votes, Motion Passed.

Magazine Review Committee Chair Karen Hanson. She said her charge was to look at ways to make the magazine better. I am not charged with or trying to kill the magazine. She discussed results of a survey and other things she and her committee had looked at. This was a very lengthy presentation by the Chair. She will reach out to see if our website has the capability to have a members only section where current magazine could be posted rather than having a printed copy mailed. Chair Hanson said she would come back in February with some recommendations from her Committee. They would then be voted on at a summer meeting. The Executive Secretary was asked to reflect this in the minutes.

Discussion of Policy Book Housekeeping change. Current Policy Book Duties, Item 7, page 168.

Motion 8: This motion related to deleting all of item 7 and reporting to the BOD every change in the policy book. That Motion was withdrawn and replaced.

Motion: # 9: Motion by Lindback, seconded by Wice. Motion: I move to delete current item 7 in its entirety and replace with: All changes including House Keeping changes to the ABC Policy Book except for spelling and numbering errors should be approved by the ABC Board of Directors. The approval can be made during a Board meeting or by email. (See page 25 of Agenda Book). 14 YES Votes and 1 NO Vote. (Gulembo).

Hammett questioned the policy of how to fill vacancies if a person not elected Page 25 Agenda Book Action Item # 2. does not have 33 1/3rd percent. Motion 9A by Hammett, Seconded by Wice that Directors from that region will nominate 2 candidates and a Regional election shall be held. Secretary Trimble quoted By-laws which state how vacancies can be filled. BOD shall appoint the replacement. Motion was withdrawn.

10 minute break.

New Directors elected by the membership were announced by President Rankin. East Coast Linda McCartney, East Central Vince Anderson, Central Burton Wice, Midwest Brett Lindback, and West Coast Helen Riggle.

Motion on 20 minute derbies qualifying for Invitational Derby: Motion by Hammett, Seconded by Tomasi. Motion: I move that for 2023 and all future years, the point calculation for the Derby Invitational shall include any horseback derby run for 20 minutes as follows. 1st-4 points x dogs run, 2nd 3 points x dogs run, 3rd 1 point x dogs run. The hour and 45 minute stakes are left the same. 12 YES Votes, 2 NO Votes (Wice and Lindback) , 1 Not Voting (Bass). Motion Passed. Hammett went on to explain that the majority of AKC Derbies are 20 minutes in length.

Masolotte's Action items # 5, 6, 7 page 26 of Agenda Book can be handled without Motions. # 8 on the 5 minute rule needs to be clarified.

Motion # 11: Motion by Masolotte, Seconded by Dow. I move that the judging of the ABC Field Futurity Section of the ABC Policy Book , page 188 "The five minute out of judgment rule, and the judges are so advised: be clarified. Remove this highlighted line since AKC rules apply.) 15 YES votes, 0 NO votes, Motion Passed.

Motion dealing with DNA & Invitational Derby: Motion by Hammett, Seconded by Tomasi. Motion # 12: I move that all dogs entered in the ABC Derby Invitational must have an AKC DNA profile on record with the AKC. The DNA # must be included on the event form or if placing will submit to the field trial secretary within 6 weeks. 15 YES votes, 0 NO votes Motion Passed.

Secretary Trimble said this was not considered a National Championship nor are the Gamebird Classics or Regional AKC Championships. They are considered AKC stakes that all breeds must run under the same rules. The AKC Vice President can allow other provisions on the 6 (SIX) Parent Club National Championship Field Trials and the National Specialty Show which are considered NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS WHERE SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE. {The BOD did not accept this for the Invitational Derby which is an hour AKC Derby Stake and passed the motion #12, but postponed any decision on the Classics and Regional Championships.)

Motion on Nat. Specialty Trophy. Motion by Tomasi, Seconded by Tillson. Motion # 13: I move that the BOD increase the amount allocated to the ABC Summer Specialty host club for Best of Breed from \$75 to \$150 , and Best of Opposite from \$60 to \$120. All 15 YES Vote, 0 NO Votes, Motion Passed.

Motion #14 on ABC Primers: Motion by Dow, Seconded by Hanson. Motion : I move that we tell the Magazine to stop printing the ABC Primers and direct people to the website for a copy. All 15 YES votes, 0 NO Votes. Motion Passed.

Motion # 15 National Specialty Show: Motion by Tomasi, Seconded by Hanson,. I move to add to the last line of the Show Fund Allocation paragraph on page 32 of the Agenda Book the following: In the event of a loss, an amount of 25% of the loss incurred will be will be deducted from the show projects fund. 11 YES votes, 4 NO votes (voting no: Droel, Lindback, Masolotte, Bass).

Motion # 16 Separation of the Breed. Motion by Hanson, Seconded by Anderson. Motion: I move to discuss a possible separation of the French and American Brittany. All 15 YES Votes, 0 NO votes, Motion passed.

A lengthy presentation and possible proposals by Director Droel and President Rankin was put forth to the Directors. They felt they needed more information that if we split would the French Clubs be ready to become a Parent Club meeting all the requirements by AKC. They would like

another Committee Appointed to look into this and present the information in 2023 BOD meeting.

Motion # 17. Breed Separation vote: Motion by Hammett, Seconded by Anderson. Motion: I move that ABC not recommend to AKC at this time to split the breed into American Brittany and Espanuel Breton 10 YES Votes, 5 NO Votes. (Hanson, Droel, Masolotte, Tomasi, Brown voting No)

Motion # 18: Motion on Laundry at Boonville Grounds: Motion by Tillson, Seconded by Droel. I move the ABC purchase a commercial coin operated washer and dryer for the laundry room at the Booneville property. Funds to come from the Special Grounds Fund not to exceed \$3,500. 14 YES Votes, 1 NO Vote. (Wice voting no)

Motion # 19: Position Statement on EB and American Brittany split: Motion by Hanson, Seconded by Tomasi, I move the ABC recognizes that the Epagneul Breton Breed and the Brittany are separate breeds in the United States and abroad, and we discourage cross-breeding amongst the two distinctly different breeds. 8 YES Votes, 7 NO Votes. (Bass, Dow, Anderson, Wice, Lindback, Tillson, Hammett voting No. Motion passed.

BOD then went into Executive Session. On return to the general meeting, the following was announced as passed in Executive Session.

Officers Elected: 1st Vice President: Richard Beaver; 3rd Vice President Joy Crisler; 4th Vice President Mike Poehler ; Recording Secretary Jacqui Campbell; Executive Secretary Jennifer Brooke Burlingame.

Appointed to the Finance Committee: Bruce Heiter, Mary Karbiner, and Brett Lindback. No announcement of any vote yes or no on the ABC Budget was announced.

No people were nominated in time for the People Hall of Fame. No Dogs put forth by the Committee were elected by the BOD for the Dog Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble

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