



2012 ABC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Mary Jo Trimble, Executive Secretary

Show Motions:

***Policy Book page 39:** delete item C dealing with a committee to select agility show judges since we do not currently have an agility competition at the Nationals.

***Policy Book Page 41, Sec. 15:** In 2011 the following line was deleted:

ONLY the following class are required: Dual Champion Classes and National Qualifier classes. This will be changed to read, "These classes are not required and are at the discretion of the 3rd VP."

***Section 21:** The BOD directs when regional clubs violate ABC Policy that they be notified by the 3rd VP with a copy to ABC that continuing violations will result in withdrawal of approval by ABC for specialty shows with AKC.

*The 2006 BOB trophy has been replaced with Best of Breed Rotating Trophy Offered by Bob & Polly West and Sanbar Kennels for the National Specialty Show with criteria spelled out.

***Page 43, Section F:** Summer Specialty shall be held in May, July or August. Add June to months listed.

***Page 44, Paragraph 7:** Delete section about the Jacques Prince Valiant Memorial Challenge trophy.

*ABC will create a new committee to oversee Agility, Rally, and Obedience.

***Membership Motions, Page 68, Change # 18:** "Welcome postcards or emails should be sent to new members upon joining the ABC and acknowledgement of renewal dues received should also be sent to continuing members."

* Page 68, #18: "Update list of Hall of Fame and Life Members magazine label list to reflect newly elected members at the membership meeting and annual Board of Directors' meeting. Deceased members should be removed from the magazine label list as necessary."

*President will appoint a Membership Committee to look at ways to increase ABC Memberships.

*Insert suggested information time line for **national field trial secretaries** in the policy book.

*Add to **Treasurer's Duties:** "Prepare and file (or cause to be prepared) the annual Internal Revenue Report (currently IRS Form 990) for the ABC. Maintain the IRS group exemption for the parent club as well as all sub's included under the group exemption. This includes gathering annual certifications from each sub club and filing electronically for them when necessary." "Prepare and file IRS 990-T (report of income taxes due**)"

*Make periodic tax payments to the internal Revenue Service as necessary in the name of the American Brittany Club.

*Voted to permanently suspend funding to **the Marv Nelson fund** at UC-Davis.

*Voted to establish a **501-C3 Foundation** and turn over applying to the IRS to attorney Sharon Wice, Judy Graves, Interim Treasurer, and the new Treasurer.

*Voted to donate \$500 to the **AKC Legislative Support Fund** to assist in fighting the bad legislation around the country.

*Voted in addition to the regular \$2000 donation to the Bird Dog Foundation to authorize up to \$1500 for a **case to hold the ABC newly restored Pheasant Classic trophy.**

*Voted to support a **retro metal sign** to hang in the Bird Dog Hall of Fame thanking **Purina** for their support over the many years to the sport of field trialing.

President Windom will serve as ABC Liaison to the Bird Dog Foundation.

*Officially established the formation of an ABC **Facebook Page.**

***Futurity**, Page 101 of the Policy Book: Changed wording to read “The litter forfeits, less all expenses incurred up to the closing of final forfeits, will be divided equally among the sections holding futurities (Base Purse). The final forfeits due on October 1st shall be allocated to the designated section and event for which paid and added to the base amount above. Field forfeits will be allocated based on ratio of event entry (i.e. ratio of All Age to Gun Dog). After the deduction of 10% Administration Fee for the ABC, the balance will constitute the purse for that section. (starting fees will be used to cover all expenses for the preparation and running of the events.)

***Magazine Policy:**

- Current policy allows **one free black and white ad** for Classics, Futurities, etc. If a host club requests a color ad, they may have one provided they cover the differential cost between black and white and color.
- Ads submitted as **Photo/print ready** where the publisher makes no changes may contain more than one picture with no additional charges.
- ABC does not pay for any pictures published in the magazine and does not print **credits for pictures** except under the two following conditions. Photos will be allowed that have an imbedded watermark, and photo credit will be allowed if it appears within the report/write-up of that event.
- Publishers duties: Include in policy book that Publisher will take care of getting **three sets of each year’s magazines** bound and distributed as follows: one set to Executive Secretary, one to Statistician, and one to the Bird Dog Foundation Library.
- Approved **Policy revisions** concerning magazine on pages 56-64 of the Agenda Book and as found in the October issue of the magazine.

***Trophy Committee:** In policy book page for Trophy Committee: Item # 3: Changed word writing to contacting. Delete Items 9, 10, 11 and information on Dennis P. Jordon D.V.M. Memorial Trophy as they are covered under 3rd VP Section.

***Obedience Trophy Committee:**

- Page 79 of Policy Book: Delete # 2 as AKC Gazette no longer exists.
- Delete Paragraph 3 concerning the Lafayette King Trooper trophy and add, “Name of Award per original BOD minutes—the Dr. W.E. Averill Memorial Obedience Trophy.

*Add to Motion on **DNA Requirements** to enter the Nationals the following: Dogs whelped prior to January 1, 2011, may provide American Field

DNA certification.

* Established a **Finance Committee** to consist of Directors and regional lay persons serving terms on a rotating basis. This committee will provide oversight of the financial affairs of the ABC and report to the Board of Directors.

*Wording will be changed in policy book for **Best Bitch Award**, The “Skye” Trophy donated by Darlene Dow & **Best Lady Handler**, the “Chester” Trophy donated by Bo and Renee Ackerman for the National Gun Dog Championships..

*ABC (John Henderson) will contact AKC about Brittanys being allowed to enter certain **Retriever events**.

* **Officers elected** to serve 2 year terms: 1st VP: Tom Robin, 3rd VP: Terry Hilliard , Sec. Mary Jo Trimble. Trea. Gerilyn Sennot (whose term will begin April 1, 2013) Judy Graves will serve as Interim Treasurer until April 1, 2013, in order to complete the tax year for 2012. Gerilyn Sennot will then complete the un-expired term of Janet Chase for the rest of 2013.

*Mary Karbiner and Ken Jacobson were elected to the **ABC Hall of Fame**. FC/NFC Poki-Dot and NFC/FC/AFC Shambo's Dark Shadow were elected to the ABC **Dog Hall of Fame**.

* **Directors Elected** by the Membership for 3 year terms: East Coast: Darlene Dow, East Central: Gilbert Hopper, Central: Jim Brigham, Midwest: Dr. Bob Rankin, West: John Henderson.