

*2014 American Brittany Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
(unofficial until approved by the BOD)
November 29, 2014
Fort Smith, Arkansas at the Show Site*

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by the President Robert Rankin. The Executive Secretary, Mary Jo Trimble, called the roll. Directors present were:

L. Pollock, D. Dow, K. Hanson, D. Riedl, K. Patterson, B. Hendrickson, T. Jagielski, J. Brigham, S. Ralph, M. Karbinger, T. Milam, A. Christensen, R. Wire, J. Henderson, J. Gower. All Directors were present. New Board Members Christensen, Hendrickson, and Gower were seated.

Motion # 1, 2013 Minutes: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to approve the 2013 minutes.** 15 Yes, 0 No: Motion Passed.

President Rankin began with his Action Items. The first action item concerned a proposal from the Texas Coastal Club to remove all references in the Policy Book regarding event starter fees that did not require ABC approval to AKC.

Motion # 2, Event Fees: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to strike obedience, rally, and agility from the starter/recording fee structure in the policy book. If clubs holding obedience, rally and agility events want results published in the ABC magazine, they will pay the advertising display rate as published on the masthead page of the magazine.** 14 Yes, 1 No (Milam) Motion Passed. (Other starter/recording fees for field trials and shows will remain at \$2 per starter. Hunt tests remain as currently stated at \$2 per starter only if they want results published in the magazine.)

2nd Vice President Bryce Novotny addressed the BOD with his report and three (3) action items. He outlined the work of the ad hoc membership committee since its formation last year.

Motion # 3, Membership Promotion: Motion by Henderson, seconded by Dow. **I move to add the current ad hoc Membership Promotion Committee to fall under the duties and responsibilities of the 2nd Vice President.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 4, Membership Data Base Software: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Karbinger. **I move to allow Linda Langford, on a volunteer basis, to work in cooperation with the 2nd Vice President to develop a new membership data base software for the ABC.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed. Bryce indicated he would also include input from anyone who needs to work with the membership list.

Motion # 5, NBRAN (National Brittany Rescue): Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Hendrickson. **I move to recognize the NBRAN Rescue organization on the website and in the policy book.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion passed.

Terry Hilliard, 3rd Vice President addressed the Board. She indicated she had been contacted by several people and received comments on recent surveys about moving the National Specialty Show before the National Amateur All Age Championship instead of between the Amateur and Open Championships. The Fairgrounds has indicated the grounds would be available that weekend.

Motion # 6, Date of National Specialty Show: Motion by Hendrickson, Seconded by Milam. **I move to allow the 3rd Vice President, Terry Hilliard, to move the National Specialty Show events to be held the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday prior to the running of the National Amateur Championship with the Board of Directors' meeting to be held on Sunday of that weekend at a location to be determined.**

13 Yes, 2 No (Jagielski & Brigham), Motion Passed. (The National Specialty will be held on Friday and Saturday with Rally to be held on Sunday.)

Motion # 7, Nat. Specialty items: Motion by Riedl, Seconded by Milam. **I move that the first six (6) items of the 3rd Vice President's report on page 15 of the agenda book be adopted.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed. Those items are as follows:

Page 38- typo in 2-D- should read: NSS will announce their judging assignment in the magazine and on (not one) the web site.

Page 39- J. the superintendent does not supply catalogs. We use the Yearbook. Take out catalogs.

Page 40- #7- If possible, the NSS is given it's own day. The NSS/Obedience and Rally is now 3 days (and we would like more).

Page 40 the last paragraph, should read at the discretion of the show chairman, the NSS Qualifier class can be added and then continue on with the qualifications.

Page 41- #19 is redundant. that was already discussed on page 38, #5.

Page 41- #21 should also include Rally

The Board did discuss whether or not to leave Agility on Page 42 - #27. It was suggested that since we do not currently have Agility at the National Specialty Show that it be removed. However, the Non Field Performance

Committee in their report indicated that they would like to see an Agility event added to the National Specialty. Rather than remove and have to add back later on, this proposal was not adopted.

The next topic of discussion was the Secretary/Executive Secretary's action items.

Motion # 8, ABC Business/Facebook: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Jagielski, **I move that ABC business and/or motions may be announced on Facebook with a link to the ABC Website, but no discussion is to be allowed on these items on the ABC Facebook page.** 15 Yes, 0 no, Motion Passed.

Motion # 9, Garmin Collar orders: Motion by Milam, Seconded by Hendrickson. **I move to adopt #2 and #5 items on page 17 of the agenda book regarding the Secretary's report.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed. Those items are as follows:

Item #2: Policy Book page 35, #28 and #5 page 75. Delete these sections and any other place they may appear as Garmin has requested that all request for Collars come through the Executive Secretary to avoid multiple requests. Add to duties of the Executive Secretary in the policy book. (Also see Trophy Chair Section page 75 of Policy Book)

Item # 5: Change and add to page 55 of policy book, Championship Pins section; Deep Blue, Field Championship (CHAMPION); Light Blue Amateur Field Championship (CHAMPION), Red , Show Championship (CHAMPION); Yellow, Dual Championship (CHAMPION); Dark Green; Obedience (CHAMPION); Light Green, Obedience (CD) & (CDX), (UD), Rally Advance Excellence (RAE), Beige, Master Agility Champion (MACH); Beige, Preferred Agility Champion (PACH); Purple, Grand Field Champion (GFC); Purple, Grand Champion (show) (GCH) ; Orange, Master Hunter (MH)

The Board reviewed the Treasurer Gerilyn Sennott's report and action items.

Motion # 10, ABC Donation Policy: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Riedl. **I move to adopt Treasurer Sennott's proposal on page 18 of the agenda book.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

This proposal is as follows: Page 51 of the policy book – Line items # 22 and # 23 should be deleted. Page 52 of the policy book – Line item # 24 should be deleted. New Proposal: The American Brittany Club, Inc. shall donate to the following organizations based on the finances of the Club on a yearly basis: Bird Dog Foundation Brittany Endowment, Sportsmen's Alliance, National Animal Interest Alliance, National Animal Interest Alliance Trust. These donations should be reviewed each year by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at the November meeting.

The Treasurer asked Finance Committee Chair Judy Graves to point out to the Board that we currently have **seventy-five outstanding membership refund checks from numerous clubs.** Checks range in amount from \$2 to \$140 with an average of \$40. A list of those clubs was read to the Board and Judy asked them to contact clubs in their region. Judy was asked to provide an email list to the BOD so this could be accomplished. If not cashed soon, those checks will be declared null and void by the Treasurer.

The AKC Delegate Judy Tighe asked in her report for donations for the AKC Disaster Relief Fund and the AKC Legislative Fund. This was tabled until the budget discussion.

(No funds were allotted during the budget discussion.)

4th Vice President John Perry distributed his report to the Board concerning the Gun Dog Nationals. The Gun Dog Banner brought in over \$3,100 for trophy donations this year. In 2013 it was \$200. This was a huge success for the Gun Dog Nationals. He said the Nationals needed better communication as to who has the equipment such as bird bags, coffee thermos, etc. to be passed on to the next committee. He presented three action items.

Motion # 11, Woman Handler Award: Motion by Karbiner, Seconded by Henderson. **I move to discontinue the Woman Handler's Award at the National All Age and National Gun Dog due to a change in the times. The trophies should be retired to the Brittany Wing of the Bird Dog Foundation with a history of the award to be included.** 14 Yes, 1 No (Dow), Motion Passed.

Motion #12, Best Dog Awards: Motion by Milam, Seconded by Patterson. **I move to discontinue the female dog of the year award in both the All Age and Gun Dog Nationals.** 2 Yes (Patterson & Milam), 12 NO, **Motion Failed.**

No motion was necessary for the Field Trial Committee to change the award for the Runner-Up. VP Perry also presented an item that necessitated Executive Session.

Executive Session lasted from 10:00 A.M. until 10:20 A.M. No action taken following the Executive Session.

Motion # 13, Judges' Education Policy: Diana Kubitz, Judges' Ed Committee Chair, submitted an updated version of their policy to be changed/included in the Policy Book. Motion by Riedl, Seconded by Wire. **I move to adopt the Judges' Education Policy on page 32 of the Agenda Book with items # 6 and the commentary in # 13 deleted.** 15 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Policy is as follows with original # 6 & #13 deleted and renumbered with changes in red:

1. **The Judge's Education Coordinator (JEC)** is the chairman of this committee and maintains and **updates the judges' printed handout materials and the computer presentation** used in the seminars.

2. The JEC maintains materials to be disseminated to judges and makes sure this information is available on the ABC website.
3. The JEC makes available all information needed to hold seminars to people who will be presenting the judge's education program. (A side note: Brochures are no longer sent.)
4. All judges education seminars are to be channeled through the JEC. The ABC computer presentation and printed handout materials are to be used as educational materials at all seminars.
5. The Judges' education budget is as approved by the Board of Directors. See Appendix 1 (2013)
6. The Judges' Education Committee shall determine the materials to be used in the presentations. The presentations will be updated as new materials and photos are obtained.
7. The JEC will maintain a record of individuals having taken judge's education and make that list available to clubs, the Summer Specialty and National Specialty Chairs.
8. ABC Mentors shall be approved by the following method:
Note: The ABC Mentor requirements are meant to be a guide in selecting members. The following is the criteria for being an ABC mentor.

1. A full member in good standing of the American Brittany Club For the past 12 years.
2. A full member of a regional Brittany Club for the past 12 years.
3. Having bred, whelped and raised Brittany litters would be considered helpful.
4. Having attended the ABC National Events that include both conformation and performance field trials.
5. The applicant, to be effective, should:
 - a. Be well versed in the history of the Brittany.
 - b. Understand the Brittany Performance Standard.
 - c. Have Experience with the process of judging in conformation and performance.
 - d. Be willing to have prospective judges come to their home or kennel to observe and discuss Brittany's
 - e. Attend any classes or meeting for mentors when possible.
 - f. Realize that their conduct reflects on the ABC at all times.
 - g. Should be unbiased.
 - h. Adhere to Brittany standard and its quest to keep the breed "forever dual" in keeping with the ABC Mission Statement.

9. Effective 2009, the Board of Directors voted to give the Judges' Education Committee the ability to determine if a candidate for an ABC Mentor/Presenter meets the qualifications as outlined in the ABC Policy Book. The JEC will take a written vote by email, U.S. mail, or fax approving or disapproving of candidates with a majority vote of committee members. If a committee member casts a NO vote, they shall indicate on the ballot which of the ABC Mentor's Criteria (i.e. item #6, number and/or letter) listed on the American Brittany Judges' Education section of the Policy Book that the candidate failed to meet. While individual ballots will remain confidential as though the committee is meeting in Executive Session to discuss personnel, ballots will be sent to the ABC President, an ex-officio member of all committees, for verification of the vote, yes or no. If a candidate is rejected by a majority vote of the Judges' Education committee, the candidate shall be notified by the JEC and advised of the reason(s) for the negative vote. (2009) In 2010 the board of Directors voted to allow the committee to add categories that a rejection might fall into: (1) insufficient information and (2) Does not meet qualifications at this time. The Board also voted to revise the application to add information about field trials, hunt tests and attitudes regarding the Dual Dog. (2010)

10. ABC has asked AKC to require judges to take judges' education in Brittanys every five years.

11. ABC recommends that regional clubs hire judges who meet the five year criteria whenever possible.

Director Milam represents the ABC on the **Blue Mt. Field Trial Association**. He reported on proposed changes at both Conway and Blue Mountain field trial grounds regarding dog wagon & driver, burning rather than mowing, fees to be charged by the day and by the dogs run, pre-release bird cost and pay for someone to feed the birds.

Discussions are currently taking place between the Association and Fish and Game.

At this point, no vote has been taken by the Fish and Game BOD. That vote may take place this summer to be effective during the 2015-2016 field trial season.

Jim Brigham, Chairman of the **Brittany Foundation BOD**, gave an update on the progress of the Foundation during the last year. He thanked Bob Rankin and Ed and Judy Graves for their generous donations to help get their funding started. The Foundation will have a presence (page) on the ABC website. Insurance has been piggy-backed on the ABC Liability Policy. Brigham announced that Karen Hanson's one year term had expired. He asked for a BOD vote to fill the new five year term.

Motion # 14, Foundation 5 yr term: Motion by Dow, Seconded by Hendrickson.

I move to appoint Karen Hanson to the five (5) year term on the Foundation BOD.

15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 15, Auction/Raffle Report: Karbiner reported on Auction/Raffle financials that had been submitted to her up to this date. Motion by Karbiner, Seconded by Hendrickson. **I move to change the name of the Auction Raffle Committee to National Fundraising Committee.** 15 Yes, 0 no, Motion Passed.

Facebook Committee Chair, Robin Tomasi requested the BOD to allow her committee to create a U-Tube Channel. The committee can restrict the channel to no comments. These can also be put on the ABC Website. Content would be approved by the committee as to what is appropriate material.

Motion # 16, U-Tube Channel: Motion by Christensen, Seconded by Dow. **I move to create a U-Tube Channel with comments disabled. Site to be monitored by the ABC Facebook Committee.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Dow brought up a discussion of an Oversight Committee to work with all media outlets of the ABC. (Magazine, Website, Facebook). She wanted more coordination between the venues. Others agreed that more communication should take place without a formal committee trying to direct all groups. Committee Chairs should drive what needs to be shared with and/or on other venues. Dow also asked who receives the various ABC emails. The Webmaster Ralph explained that the only multi-faceted business address is the one to ABC Membership because several people/committees deal with membership issues.

Bobbie Sigmund, Chair of the Futurity Committee, discussed her Committee's Policy Book revision. She alluded to her discussion with Bernie Matthy's about futurity dogs not being FDSB registered. They are now including FDSB registration forms in the final forfeit mailing as well as the initial papers.

The **Purina and Garmin programs** were discussed and explained how they are handled. The Futurity currently has its own **website domain** which is not under the auspices of the ABC. The question was asked, "Does ABC need multiple domains for every committee that wants one?" Webmaster and other directors felt we only needed one URL which shows more of what the ABC does. Sigmund felt her domain was easier to use. It was decided that ABC needs to control all domains using the ABC name. The webmaster and Facebook Chair agreed to work together to solve this problem and consider format changes on the Website Futurity Page.

The Futurity Committee requested that **Pay Pal** be used to collect Futurity forfeits. Pros and cons of its use were discussed. The Treasurer has asked that this not be approved. It was suggested that this issue be tabled until the Futurity Chair could discuss the issue with the Treasurer and that the discussion be done as soon as possible. Litter nominations for 2015 start January 1. Steve asked for 90 days. President said 60 days or sooner. Since there was no motion on the table there was no need for a motion to table but discussion should take place.

The discussion then moved on to multiple awards in the case of a **tie for the Dual Award**. Number of dogs defeated in the show exceeds number of dogs in the field in several instances. No motion concerning this was made but Karbiner withdrew her objections.

Protests at the futurity were discussed. Futurity Committee asked that they handle any protests. Directors felt that the committee on the grounds of the host club should handle protests as that follows ABC protocol as used in our ABC National Events. ABC should develop its own policy similar to AKC's protest policies. Host clubs will be told they will deal with the issue. No motion was made and Henderson said these were discussions on line items and then we vote on the total package after it is revised.

The Futurity Committee asked that the **Dual Dogs pictures appear on the cover** of the magazine as they have been sometimes in the past. Current policy outlines what dogs/events will be used on the cover of the magazine. This was rejected by the BOD last year but could be changed this year. This is the only "national" event where participants must be a member. Some preferred leaving off the older Hall of Fame dogs and using the Dual Futurity winners.

Motion # 17, Dual Futurities on cover of magazine: Motion by Dow, Seconded by Hanson. **I move to put the Dual Futurity Award winners on the cover of the magazine.**

13 Yes, 1 No (Karbinger), 1 Not Voting (Brigham). Motion passed.

Karbinger asked if we should include purebred in front of the word dogs where applicable. Directors felt this was assumed if the dogs were registered and this was redundant. The BOD moved on.

Page 65 #5, dealing with where **futurity money is deposited**. A lengthy discussion on ABC Banking procedures and accounts was conducted. Currently, all money is deposited as directed by the treasurer. Futurity Committee would like for Futurity Secretaries to handle this bank account. Judy Graves explained that the Commerce account was created so that she could relieve the Treasurer of some of the accounting issues as she is herself an accountant. Last year's motion created the Commerce Account near the Graves home. Graves who is chairman of the Finance Committee currently explained the reasons why ABC needs multiple accounts. Graves suggested that Sigmund discuss this with the Treasurer when they discussed Pay Pal. No wording change or motion was put forward on this issue.

Page 68, #14. Mary asked why "It is recommended but NOT REQUIRED"
Nothing came of this discussion.

Page 70, #3, strike out the **Pay Pal** tabled for now. Agreed.

Page 74, #21, deals with number of days to send sectional **futurity reports** to Nat Futurity Secretary. 20 days rather than 30 would be better when results are sent to 2nd Futurity Secretary and that they are to be verified that be sent on the regular field trial form to the ABC Secretary as soon as possible. Agreed but no motion.

Reporters should confer with judges if needed should be added. Agreed but no motion.

Page 77, under Dates: Futurities should be held before/after....: change Sectional trial to Regional trial. (incorrect term correction) Sectional Futurities are subject to approval of the Regional Dates Coordinator and then the National Dates Coordinator. No argument on this change but no motion.

Page 79, strike **AKC and put ABC** approved tracking collars. Can be same as AKC or American Field but make it ABC policy. Agreed but no motion. Futurity is not run under the AKC.

Page 84, paragraph 4, Strike AKC and put ABC. No argument. Last line acceptable.

Page 88, **Administration Fee:** additional expenses must be pre-approved by Chair.

Change Futurity Auction to Futurity Fundraiser: agreed but no motion.

Page 87: **Purse changes** are already made according to R. Tomasi, member of the Futurity Committee, but was not in agenda report book. Ratio, 2nd paragraph under proposed. Leave show out on purse ratio for all age & gun dog. Cross out if applicable on Dual Dog. Add line regarding show purse minus 5%. 10 % for ABC then take out 5 % for dual dog. If no dual dog, then ABC retains that. Agreed but no motion.

Page 89: Milam would like to see finding birds should be a primary objective. 4 lines up from bottom paragraph. Current wording acceptable.

Page 47 dealing with **nomination allowed 60 days after whelp**. Straw Vote left at 60 days. No problem with increasing fees. Bullet point entry fees discussed. Litter fee \$40, Show final \$30, Field entry goes to \$60. Litter nomination starts Jan 1 everything else 2016.

Motion # 18: Futurity Proposals: Motion by Hendrickson, Seconded by Wire. **I move to accept the Futurity proposal with modifications.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Bobbie then asked that the Futurity form be a full page alternating with the half page each month. Rankin suggested a full page every other month with no half page which would keep the magazine costs the same.

Motion # 19, Futurity Ad: Motion by Dow, Seconded by Pollock. **I move that the litter nomination form be a full page run every other month in the magazine.**

15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 20, Classics Committee, Ray Trimble, Chair: The policy book needs to be corrected by not calling all the Classics Grand Championship Stakes. They are American Field Championships and AKC Classics that carry Grand Champion points.

Motion by Karbinger, Seconded by Jagielski. **I move that the verbiage on page 89 – 92 of the policy book should have Grand removed where appropriate and add Chair's Statement in Agenda Book.** 15 yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Statement on Classics and rationale follow: *The Policy book needs to update the title of this section changing the title of the first Classics Section to read: "Original ABC Game Bird/Gun Dog Classic/Championships" to further distinguish between the original Classics and the second section dealing with Championship Association*

Championship trials which are also ABC/AKC Classics. After the BOD Meeting in December, the following motion was passed: **I move that the ABC (Chukar, Grouse/Woodcock, Gun Dog, Pheasant, Prairie Chicken, Quail) Classics and the ABC National (All Age & Gun Dog) Championships be designated as AKC Grand Champion Limited stakes.**

While this motion is correct, the Grand designation has nothing to do with American Field sponsored championships. This is an AKC designation referring to points given to the above mentioned events that are also ABC Classics. The policy book currently refers in every mention of the "Original" Classics as GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS which is incorrect. **These references need to be removed and a statement added that all of these stakes will be AKC Open Limited stakes offering Grand Championship points. The title of this section of the policy book should be ABC ORIGINAL GAME BIRD/GUN DOG CLASSIC/CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

Brigham discussed the progress on the Ethics Committee's upcoming proposal. Some work is yet to be done and proposal will likely come out during the time parameters for mailing out election ballots in order to include them as it will entail a by-law change.

Motion #21, Code of Ethics Name: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Hendrickson. **I move to change the title of the Code of Ethics section of the Policy Book to Breeders' Code of Ethics.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Judy Graves presented the report of the Finance Committee and discussed her committee's action items regarding the financial outlook for the future and what needed to be done to keep the ABC in good financial status. Background on these motions can be read in a previous issue of the American Brittany Magazine in the Agenda Book Action Items.

While no formal motion was put forth, the BOD accepted the report of the Finance Committee and moved on to specific action items the committee had to be presented.

Motion # 22, Appointments to the Finance Committee: Motion by Karbiner, Seconded by Ralph. **I move that Joe Gower and Kent Patterson be appointed to the Finance Committee to replace Dan Riedl whose term is expiring and John Henderson who asked to be replaced.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 23, Recording Fees, Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move that Action Item #1, page 44 of the Finance Committee Agenda Report be adopted.** That Action Item reads as follows: **Effective immediately all recording fees collected shall remain in the general operating fund. This shall be retroactive to January 1, 2014.** 14 Yes, 1 No (Hanson), Motion Passed. (Background: Currently in the Magazine Policy Section, page 60 describes the recording fee policy. The entire four paragraphs should be moved to be added to the Recording Fee Section on page 20 with the last paragraph being deleted.)

Motion # 24, Future Grounds Fund. Motion by Milam, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to adopt Action Item # 2, page 44 of the Finance Committee's report in the Agenda Book.** 7 Yes (Patterson, Jagielski, Brigham, Ralph, Karbiner, Milam, Gower), 8 No (Pollock, Dow, Hanson, Riedl, Hendrickson, Christensen, Wire, Henderson) **Motion Failed.** Action Item # 2 reads as follows: The \$94,265 balance currently held in the board designated Future Grounds Fund be transferred to the Undesignated Fund Balance (reserve account) (No Policy Book revision is necessary for this motion.)

After the motion failed, Judy Graves was asked to rename the Future Grounds Fund to more accurately reflect the special purpose of those monies. Agreed.

The Finance Committee's Action Item # 4 dealing with Regional Club's current share of dues had a great deal of discussion with little BOD support. The Chair withdrew that Action Item from consideration.

Motion # 25, Dues Amount (action item #3): Motion by Hanson, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to increase dues January 1, 2016 to fifty (\$50).** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 26, Associate Dues: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Gower. **I move to raise the associate dues to \$5 with \$3 going to the ABC and Regional Clubs getting \$2.** (effective January 1, 2016). 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

The Board was given a revised Budget for 2015. They went over the line items and changed some of the entries as will appear in the BOD revised budget. Donations to outside organizations were reduced. These will be announced when the 2015 Budget is published. Removing color coverage of the national events would cut magazine costs over \$7,000.

Motion # 27, 2015 Budget. Motion by Milam, Seconded by Patterson. **I move to adopt the 2015 ABC Budget as amended.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion passed.

At this point in the meeting, various misc. topics printed as action items in the Agenda Book were discussed and motions followed.

Motion # 28, Membership Lists: Motion by Hendrickson, Seconded by Pollock. **I move to change the policy book to allow every director to receive full membership lists.** 9 Yes, (Pollock, Dow, Hanson, Riedl, Hendrickson, Christensen, Wire, Henderson, Gower, 6 No (Patterson, Jagielski, Brigham, Ralph, Karbiner, Milam) Motion Passed.

Motion # 29, National Patches: Motion by Riedl, Seconded by Pollock. **I move to adopt Steve Ralph's proposal #1 on page 102. (Page 69 of the Policy Book, Remove the following statement from #6 as we no longer order or sell a yearly national patch, "Order patches, approximately 100 National Patches per year. (Order them early in event of error). (i.e. 2004/2006)** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 30, Reporter Expenses: Motion by Karbiner, Seconded by Milam. **I move that National Reporters shall be paid the field report fee (see appendix) once their report is received for publication. Reporters may also request to be paid travel expenses to and from the trial and/or paid for their horse usage on the days they ride as the official reporter. Total paid to reporter is not to exceed \$1,000.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

(Suggested amounts: \$250 on completion of report, \$400 for travel which could be discounted if reporter has dogs entered in field or show, \$250 (Based on five (5) days running) Horse usage on days that they officially report. Not to exceed a total of \$50 per day or \$25 half day for horse. Total paid to reporter is not to exceed \$1, 000.) Karbiner will make a form for policy book.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss election of Officers and People and Dog Hall of Fame. Results were announced as follows:

Motion # 31 (Done in Executive Session and Announced in Open Meeting): People Hall of Fame: Ron Harling. Dog Hall of Fame: DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief and NFC R-U/NAFC/DC/AFC Shady's Tia Maria. Officers Elected: 1st VP: Tom Milam, Sec. Mary Jo Trimble, 3rd VP Terry Hilliard. 4th VP. John Perry.

Motion # 32, Remote Access at BOD Meetings: Motion by Hendrickson, Seconded by Christensen. **I move that digital or telephonic remote access can be made available to officers and committee chairs in case they are unable**

to attend. This is extended to directors in extenuating circumstances. 13 Yes, 2 No (Karbiner, Milam), Motion Passed.

Bob Fleury, Magazine Committee Chair, presented his report in booklet form to the BOD outlining what duties our publisher Webster County Printing does for us in addition to actually printing the magazine. He also reviewed possible costs if we were to add an online version of the magazine.

Motion # 33, Webmaster Duties: Motion by Riedl, Seconded by Jagielski. **I move to accept items 5-6-7 on page 112. 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion passed. Items are as follows:**

#5: The ABC Webmaster shall be responsible for all ABC Domains and Email (Forwarding) accounts. The yearly Domain registration and other website expenses must be submitted to the treasurer for approval and reimbursement.

#6: The ABC Webmaster shall be responsible for the ABC Pay Pal and Email (PayPal Filters)

#7: The ABC Webmaster shall work with the ABC Secretary regarding new website content before posting.

Motion # 34, Email Votes: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to approve Board of Director email votes taken since the last Annual BOD meeting.**

15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 35, Versatile Dog Program: Motion by Hanson, Seconded by Christensen. **I move to adopt the proposed Versatile Dog Program outlined on page 140 and 141 of the Agenda Book and create a position of Versatile Dog Coordinator.** 14 Yes, 1 No, (Karbiner), Motion Passed. Hanson said this proposal did not incur financial obligation for ABC as the only expense would be printing the certificates which she would do. Proposal is as follows:

VERSATILE DOG AWARDS

- Awards will begin in 2015 and dogs that have previously qualified will be eligible for the VD and VDE titles if both they and their owners meet the qualifications.
- The Versatile Dog committee will consist of a Chair and committee members with expertise in each of the categories (field, show, & performance.)
- **All owners of a dog must be current members (full or associates) of the American Brittany Club by March 1st of the current calendar year for the dog to be eligible for Versatile Dog and Versatile Dog Excellent Title Awards for that year. (Please note: the associate membership is only available to individuals who reside in the same household as a current full member. Also, Associate Memberships do not include voting privileges in club matters.)**
- Versatile Dog Committee will provide form to be filled out for awards that require owners to submit information. Owners are responsible for tracking their dog's qualification for titles and to submit the completed application for title to the coordinator.
- The Versatile Dog program will be evaluated in 2016 for changes to the program starting the 2017.
- The Versatile Dog award presentation will be held with an ABC event (ABC Summer Specialty, Gun Dog Nationals, National Specialty, or All-Age Nationals) Individuals unable to attend will be mailed their certificates. All owners will receive a certificate.
- The Versatile Dog Coordinator shall keep a listing of all Versatile Dog Title recipients and the list shall be published on the American Brittany Club website.
- Dogs who have been awarded a Versatile Dog (VD) or Versatile Dog Excellent title may include this information as a suffix to their dogs registered name. This title is an American Brittany Club title and not an American Kennel Club title.
- Costs associated with this award will be minimal for printing and mailing of title certificates.

American Brittany Club

VERSATILED OG (VD) VERSATILE DOG EXCELLENT (VDX) APPLICATION

Dog's Registered Name:

Dog's Registration Number:

Sire:

Dam:

Date of Birth:

Breeder:

Owner(s) and Owner's Club Affiliation:

Please indicate the highest point value in each category. There is no combination of points within a category. The dog must earn at least one point per category, and must have at least one category score a 4 point value or higher. Versatility Award certificate is earned with a point total of 7 points, and a Versatility Award Excellent is earned with a point total of 10 points or higher. Documentation of points must accompany this form (i.e. Where points were awarded, copy of title certificate, etc...)

FIELD AREA

POINT VALUE

- 6 NATIONAL FC/AFC, CLASSICS WINNER
- 5 FIELD CHAMPION OR AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPION, NAVDA Versatility Champion, NSTRA Field Champion
- 4 MAJOR FIELD WIN, MASTER HUNTER, First place Futurity Field winner, NAVHDA Utility Test
- 3 Futurity Money winner
- 2 FIELD POINT(S), SENIOR HUNTER, NAVHDA Utility Preparatory Test
- 1 FIELD TRIAL PLACEMENT, JUNIOR HUNTER, NAVHDA Natural Ability Test

TOTAL FIELD AREA POINTS _____

CONFORMATION AREA

POINT VALUE

- 6 NATIONAL BOB OR BOS, OR BEST IN SHOW
- 5 SHOW CHAMPION/Futurity BIF or BOS
- 3 MAJOR SHOW POINTED/Futurity money winner
- 1 5 SHOW POINTS

TOTAL CONFORMATION AREA POINTS _____

PERFORMANCE AREA

POINT VALUE

- 6 NHIT and NHC
- 5 OTCH, MACH, CT, PACH
- 4 UDX, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, VST, PAX, MXF
- 3 UD, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, T2B
- 2 CDX, OA, OAJ, RAE, TD, OJP, RDX, OAP, OF
- 1 CD, RA, NA, NAJ, RN, NAP, NJP, TD, NF
- 1 Miscellaneous performance event titles are either AKC titled or AKC recognizes other registry titles, such as Barn Hunts, Fly Ball, Lure Coursing, Herding Instinct, etc...

TOTAL PERFORMANCE AREA POINTS _____

TOTAL POINTS _____

Motion # 36, Dog of the Year Awards, Robin Tomasi: Motion by Hendrickson, Seconded by Ralph. **I move to accept the Dog of the Year as written but striking the sections for All Age, Amateur All Age, Gun Dog, Amateur Gun Dog sections. Change Puppy and Derby to Juvenile Dog of the Year. Strike the funding sections.**

12 Yes, 3 No (Pollock, Karbiner, Dow) Motion Passed. Since the BOD did not approve any funding for this program, Karen Hanson volunteered to donate \$1,000 for the first year, and Robin Tomasi agreed to seek outside funding for future years. Field Dog of the Year categories were considered already being awarded with the Purina All Age Dog of the Year and Masked Magnum Award and The Garmin Gun Dog Award. Proposal as modified is as follows:

American Brittany Club National Dog of the Year Awards

- Awards will run from January 1st to December 31st, and start in 2015.
- The National DOY committee will consist of a Chair and a committee members with expertise in each of the DOY categories (field, show, obedience, agility, juniors, NSTRA, and NAVDHA)
- **All owners of a dog must be current members (full or associates) of the American Brittany Club by March 1st of the current calendar year for the dog to be eligible for the National Dog of the Year Awards. (Please note: the associate membership is only available to individuals who reside in the same household as a current full member. Also, Associate Memberships do not include voting privileges in club matters.)**
- If an individual obtains ownership of an eligible dog during the calendar year they have 30 days to join the American Brittany Club, and the previous owner(s) must have met the membership requirements for the dog to be eligible for the DOY award.

- If an owner's membership lapses during the year, they have a 30 day grace period to bring their membership current or their dog will be dropped from the eligibility list. Example: If an individual's membership expires on June 1st, they have until July 1st to renew.
- If there are no eligible dogs in a category, no award will be given for that year.
- DOY Committee will provide form to be filled out for awards that require owners to submit information.
- The Dog of the Year program will be evaluated in 2016 for changes to the program starting the 2017.
- DOY award presentation will be held with an ABC event (ABC Summer Specialty, Gun Dog Nationals, National Specialty, or All-Age Nationals) Individuals unable to attend will be mailed their certificates and any trophies. All owners will receive a certificate, but only 1 trophy will be provided per dog. Co-owners of dogs can purchase duplicates of trophies for the price of the trophy, and trophies will need to be ordered ahead of time with DOY Awards Committee.

Field Dog of the Year Awards: *Field DOY awards will be awarded in the following categories based on the following rules:*

Juvenile Dog of the Year - based on dogs defeated in Puppy & Derby stakes at any AKC Field Trial. Dogs defeated points from AKC trials hosted by clubs other than regional Brittany Clubs must be sent into the DOY committee with an attached copy of AKC win record report. In the case of a tie, the dog with the most 1st place wins will be awarded DOY. If a tie still exists then multiple awards will be presented.

Hunt Test Dog of the Year

- Junior Hunter (10 points for each qualifying score)
- Senior Hunter (20 points for each qualifying score)
- Master Hunter (35 points for each qualifying score)

In the case of a tie, a dog with the most points in the highest Hunt Test level will be awarded DOY. If a tie still exists then multiple awards will be presented. Owner must submit form (provided by DOY Committee) with AKC awards record attached highlighting hunt test legs submitted for DOY award.

NSTRA Dog of the Year: Top Brittany in NSTRA Top Performance rankings

NAVDHA Dog of the Year

-Natural Ability Test

- Prize III - 5 Points
- Prize II - 10 Points
- Prize I - 30 Points

-Utility Preparatory Test

- Prize III - 35 Points
- Prize II - 40 Points
- Prize I - 60 Points

-Utility Test

- Prize III - 65 Points
- Prize II - 70 Points
- Prize I - 80 Points

-Invitational Test

- Versatile Champion - 100 Points

In the case of a tie, a dog with the most points in the highest NAVDHA prize level will be awarded DOY. If a tie still exists then multiple awards will be presented. Owner must submit form (provided by DOY committee) with record of NAVDHA Prize certificates which will be verified against NAVDHA report.

Conformation Dog Awards: *Conformation DOY awards will be awarded for participation in AKC events based on the following rules:*

Show Dog of the Year: based on AKC Top Dogs By Breed report based on breed competition. In the case of a tie, a dog with the most Best in Specialty wins at ABC Regional Club Specialties will be awarded DOY.

Owner Handler Series Dog of the Year: based on AKC owner handler series rankings. In the case of a tie, the dogs with the most Owner Handler Best of Breed wins will be awarded DOY

Non-Field Performance Dog Awards: *Non-Field Performance DOY awards will be awarded for participation in events where AKC titles are awarded based on the following rules:*

Obedience Dog of the Year: Notes: Average 3 highest qualifying scores in obedience trials. If the class was CDX, add a weight of 3 points to the average score.

If the class was UD, add 4 points to the average score. In the case of a tie, a dog with scores from the UD class will be awarded DOY. If both dogs are from the same class, then multiple awards will be presented. ***Owner must submit form (provided by DOY committee) with printouts of AKC win record with the scores submitting, underlined or highlighted, included with the Obedience form.***

MACH Agility Dog of the Year: top MACH dog in AKC MACH agility year end rankings based on Based on Score (2Q's x 10) + Points.

PACH Agility Dog of the Year: top PACH dog in AKC PACH agility year end rankings Based on Score (2Q's x 10) + Points

Junior Handler Awards: *There will be a Junior Handler award in both the field and the show categories. To be eligible, the Junior or one of their parents/guardians must be a full member of the American Brittany Club. For all the events the junior be compete with a Brittany that is owned or co-owned by the Junior Handler or a member of the Junior Handler's family who is a member in good standing of the ABC (father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, grandmother, including step and half relations). For all Junior Awards, in the case of a tie multiple awards will be presented.*

Show Junior Handler: The Show Junior Handler points will be tabulated on the number of handlers defeated in AKC Junior Handler events. This is based on the AKC Junior Handler Rankings.

Field Junior Handler: The Field junior will get 5 points for every event in which they participate per dog. This includes AKC Field Trials, Hunt Tests, NVDHA, and NSTRA. A form must be signed by judges or event secretary indicating their participation in the event and the name of the dog they competed with. The Junior must compete in at least 4 events during the calendar year to be eligible for this award.

Performance Junior Handler: The Performance Junior will get 5 points for every event in which they participate per dog. This includes all AKC performance events that Brittanys are eligible to compete in (obedience, rally, agility, fly-ball, barn hunt, etc.). A form must be signed by judge(s) or event secretary indicating their participation in the event and the name of the dog they competed with. The Junior must compete in at least 4 events during the calendar year to be eligible for this award.

Special Acknowledgements of ABC Members at DOY ceremony (listed in ABC media DOY acknowledgements):

Dual Champions

UD, UDX, OGM, & OTCH

Obedience High in Trials & High Combined

MACH

PACH

RAE

MH/MHA

NAVDHA Versatile Champion

AKC Best in Shows

Owner Handler Series Best in Shows

Best Junior Wins

Wins at AKC Pointing Breed Championship

Motion #37, Designated Specialties: Motion by Patterson, Seconded by Pollock. **I move to accept Pollock's proposal on page 142 of the Agenda Book regarding fees charged for Designated Specialties. Change the word recording to starter.** 14 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained (Brigham) Proposal as modified reads as follows: **Designated Specialty Shows held by Regional Clubs in conjunction (not concurrent) with All Breed Kennel Club Shows shall be exempt from the starter fee unless they want their results printed in the American Brittany Magazine.**

Motion # 38, Director Vacancies: Motion by Gower, Seconded by Darlene. **I move that in case of a Director vacancy the BOD will go back to the last previous election ballot vote and appoint the 2nd place candidate if they garnered 33% of the votes cast.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed. (Vote totals will be kept by each year's nominating committee chair.)

Due to the drop in entries in recent years, the BOD looked at how we can work with the qualifications to help increase entries, particularly in the Amateur Stakes.

Motion # 39, Qualifications: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to strike the line from the qualifications in all national stakes that "No dog may run in both the National All Age Championships and the National Gun Dog Championships in the same calendar year."** 10 Yes, 4 No, (Patterson, Dow, Hendrickson, Pollock) 1 abstained (Karbiner).

Motion # 40, Qualifications: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to qualify a dog who has "qualified in any previous year and during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in an (name of stakes) 13 or more dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club."** 14 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained (Dow).

Motion # 41, Directors' Ballots: Motion by Henderson, Seconded by Dow. **I move that all ballots for the BOD election shall be consecutively numbered for each region based on eligible voters for that region. President declared motion passed on a voice vote.**

Meeting adjourned. 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble, Executive Secretary