

2018 American Brittany Club Board of Directors Annual Meeting

The 2018 annual Board of Directors meeting took place at the Meeting place, Booneville, Arkansas November 18, 2018 with president Ed Janulis calling meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Board of Directors

East Coast-Darlene Dow

Leslie Jane Hunt

Bob Fleury

East Central-Helen Riggle

Dr. Brian Hendrickson (absent)

Ron Gulembo

Central-Bernie Crain

Steve Ralph

Joe Droel (seated for the first time)

West Coast-Bob West

Mary Brown

Robin Tomasi

Motion 1 Steve Ralph made the first motion, seconded by Ed Tillson, which was to accept minutes for 2017 as read. All accepted.

Jeri Conklin, 2nd Vice President did a report on membership. Our 2017 retention is minus 5 per cent. Previous year, numbers went down by 12 per cent. There was less than 100 persons difference Currently monthly transactions are up. Jeri suggested a reach out to regional clubs as well as ask for more articles written by young members to encourage participation.

3rd vice president, Emmy Wollenberg gave a report on the National Specialty show. While entries were down slightly, a lot of new people came to our national specialty for first time. The banquet and fund raising were also up. This will be Emmy's last year at this task. The BOD thanked her for her time and hard work at putting on some very successful events.

4th Vice president Bob Burchett gave a report on the 2108 Gun dog nationals which was an outstanding event with good sportsmanship shown by all. In spite of this, entries were down, especially in the Amateur stake. There was an average of 8 coveys produced per hour. The Invitational Derby was a class event despite small entries. Bob recommends discontinuing the event if the gun dog moves to Booneville. The caterer's meals were outstanding. A town hall meeting at the clubhouse showed most were not happy about moving the championships to Booneville and were disappointed in BOD's lack of response to their desire to keep the Championships in Ionia. Bob's predictions are a continued decline in entries. Robin Tomasi asked about plans for future. Ed Tillson complimented Bob on a well run event in 2018, and reported that Doug Lundgren is approving in behalf of AKC, ABC Walking Gun Dog Championships in the future. We will need approval from Blue Mt. management in order to add on 10 extra days for Booneville for next year's National Gun Dog Championships. The move will be made in 2019 to Booneville grounds. Darlene Dow asks for clarification on qualifications now that stakes are on

same grounds. It was stated that you are eligible to run in whichever stake(s) you qualify for. Bob Burchett has volunteered to continue to run the horseback National gun dog championships wherever it ends up. New chairperson and committee will be needed for the ABC National gun dog walking championship event. The 2019 dates are secured for Ionia.

Leslie Andreas, executive secretary, gave her resignation after one year.

Recording Secretary Jennifer Brooke Burlingame expressed some of her concerns with the mailing of sharp "aggressive" pins in mail. She has continued to mail out club brochures, medallions, and compiled the agenda book for this year's meeting. Steve Ralph asked how to improve getting reports from committees, and suggested forms to ask questions to add to agenda.

Keith Wolnewitz, gave the Treasurer's report after thanking Judy Graves and committee for all their help in bringing books up to date. The account with the First Bank of Illinois is now closed. All financials are up to date to end of October. Keith reported that certified public audits are not done on organizations of smaller size, such as our club. There is verification for all assets sitting in club accounts. Keith W. also recommended no change in the fiscal year. In the future, will use Quick Books and all records will go digital. Bernie Crain asked about quarterly reports for the BOD's consideration. Ed Tillson thanks Keith for all his hard work and future contributions to the club.

Motion 2 made by Bernie Crain, seconded by Mary Karbiner, to do away with a second signature on club checks. Any check exceeding \$5000 needs approval of president or executive secretary. All votes yes, motion carried.

Motion 3 made by Robin Tomasi, seconded by Bob West To revoke last year's decision to change from calendar to fiscal year. All votes yes, motion carried.

The ballots for the new board of directors were counted by 5 club members, with the successful candidates being Darlene Dow (East Coast), Jack Alexander (East Central), Bernie Crain (Central), Mary Karbiner (Midwest), Jim Hammett (West Coast)

Tom Milam's report was read by Steve Ralph.

Motion 4 made by Steve Ralph and seconded by Ed Tillson, line to be removed from our requirements for Championships, re: DNA "Any dog born on or after January 1, 2018 must have an AKC DNA to start in National Championship stakes." 10 yes votes (Hunt, Fleury, Ralph, Droel, Crain, Christiansen, Tillson, Karbiner, Brown, West.) 4 no votes (Dow, Gulembo, Riggle, Tomasi) Motion carried

Jane Bjork has asked to be replaced as ABC delegate to AKC. Terry Hilliard has agreed to take on the position if the BOD.

Motion 5 moved by Mary Karbiner and seconded by Ron Gulembo-To accept Terry Hilliard as the American Kennel Club delegate to replace Jane Bjork. All votes yes, motion carried.

David Webb -Gazette reporter has contributed (4 quarterly columns to the American Kennel Club's Official publication the Gazette) and will continue to contribute in 2019

AKC liaison Mary Jo Trimble 2018 was a slow year due to mid term elections. Now that it is over, we must watch states. There have been a few bills, like the hot car bill \pen raised chicken eggs banned by PETA/greyhound racing banned in Florida passed. PETA in California is still turning dogs loose at dog shows, and other despicable events. We must remain vigilant.

Ray Trimble reported that the last AKC Pointing Dog Advisory Committee was in April of 2005. The American Kennel Club was designated as a not required committee. Ray advises for the BOD to drop this committee.

Motion 6 made by Steve Ralph and seconded by Joe Droel, to drop the AKC Pointing Dog Advisory Committee. All votes yes, motion carried.

Central director report-Steve Ralph discussed some problems with a rescue group.

Motion 7 made by Steve Ralph, seconded by Bernie Crain is to remove NBRAN listing on all ABC communications. (Page 146 in policy book) 9 Yes votes (Hunt, Fleury, Gulembo, Ralph, Droel, Crain, Christiansen, Tillson, Karbiner) 5 no votes (Dow, Riggle, Brown, Tomasi, West) Motion carried.

Steve Ralph Derby Invitational- getting rid of shooting dog derby invitational to be replaced by a straight derby invitational. This proposal should go back to committee for further discussion. The All age derby invitational has been well received and attended. People have gone to Invitational and come back to the Nationals as hoped.

Dog of the Year Awards Helen Riggle

With the pilot program in 2016, there were 2 full years to catch up all the recipients of various awards. These were presented in conjunction at the ABC specialty banquet. The banquet was well attended, with 15 awards presented. The budget has been kept low. Helen asked for ABC financial support for future awards. It has been put in 2019 budget. Joe wants it to be brought out earlier at the year and reports in the ABC magazine by Jan. or Feb. perhaps moving it to the summer specialty. There will be further discussion on additional awards for adult field trial winners.

Dual Dog Award-Nancy Clenenden- nothing changed in the past year.

East Central directors report (Helen Riggle) - on Brittany breed separation to be discussed later.

Facebook Report- Robin (Tomasi) Karen Hansen live streamed much of the National specialty show on Facebook. Amanda McGavin wants YouTube exposure expanded. The job of being moderator has been easy. There is potential in the future for educational and entertaining webinars.

Futurity Committee Leslee Jane Masolette There has been issues with bitches in season, with apparent conflicting wording in the policy book. When to declare bitch in season is in question. Nominations

have remained the same, but final forfeits are down. Pro Pan dog food and Purina banner must be in all publication photos. There is a desire that in the future all show money winners can have a group picture the way the field dogs have always been presented.

Field Trial Dates will be as printed by Steve Ralph on the ABC website and in the back section of the ABC magazine.

Judy Graves-Financial committees report... (Attachment for publication) Report for the Calendar year.

Motion 8 Made by Steve Ralph, seconded by Bernie Crain, to accept Judy Graves' reappointment for the financial committee. All votes yes, motion carried.

Judy also thanked Keith Wolnewitz for all his hard work....There have been a few Pay Pal glitches. The report on this matter is confidential, and not to be seen outside of BOD and officers. Steve recommends that the policy book not be mailed to club secretary because of wasted money.

Motion 9 made by Darlene Dow, seconded by Ron Gulembo, To donate \$500 to AKC health foundation in 2019. All votes yes, motion carried.

Mary Jo is to be reimbursed for her time and effort to training new executive secretary.

Motion 10 made by Mary Karbiner and seconded by Bob Fleury, for ABC to pay a stipend of \$750 to Mary Jo Trimble, for her time and effort in training her replacement. All votes yes, motion carried.

Motion 11 moved by Steve Ralph and seconded by Leslie Jane Hunt, to accept the budget as read. 12 yes votes (Hunt, Fleury, Gulembo, Riggle, Ralph, Droel, Crain, Christiansen, Tillson, Karbiner, Brown, West.) 2 no votes (Dow, Tomasi)

Robin asked for the stipend to be removed for Executive Secretary staying for the full two weeks of the National secretary.

Steve and Tom Milam have been asked to better define the duties of the executive secretary and hospitality chairman at the Nationals. The Stake manager has the responsibility to remain on the grounds at all times.

Kent Patterson- Hall of Fame committee has offered up three dogs for consideration for election to the Hall of Fame: Bourbon XIII, Blaze Dakota Trucker, RuJem's A Touch of Bourbon.

Legal advisor Sharon Wice reports that there are no immediate problems but she is there to ask if the need arises.

Mary K. (Fund raising) The auction raised \$2550....in 2017.

Magazine committee Bob Fleury reported that the AKC new titles and wins page has expanded greatly with all the performance titles we have now and is taking up too much room. Discussion followed about solutions to this problem.

National trial report- Steve Ralph- as written

Nominating Committee -Steve Ralph BOD moved into an executive session for replacing Tom Milam as 1st Vice President.

National Gun dog grounds (Ed Tillson)- There was further discussion on the moving of championship and how it would be held.

Motion 12 made by Bob West and seconded by Andi Christensen was to make the 2019 National Amateur Gun Dog Championship (and all subsequent runnings) a horseback handled stake. 11 yes votes (Hunt, Fleury, Dow, Riggle, Ralph, Droel, Crain, Christensen, Tillson, Brown, Tomasi, West) 3 no votes (Dow, Gulembo, Karbiner).

There was also discussion on keeping the Gun Dog Nationals in Ionia for this year. There was talk of tabling discussion on the gun dog nationals until there is approval from various agencies.

Motion 13 was made by Leslie Jane Hunt, seconded by Bob West that the 2019 ABC National Gun Dog Championship be held in Michigan this year, if there has not been confirmation from officials from the American Kennel Club, Ionia grounds, and State of Arkansas as to the approvals needed for the move to Booneville, by January 1st, 2019. All votes yes, motion carried.

Mary Karbiner challenged Helen Riggle to participate as a non -member. Pennsylvania BC has a family membership which is how she is a member of ABC. ABC does or does not recognize those family memberships as a full member of the parent club.

Fund raising through agility, by parent club lending name to others to hold agility trials. Non field performance events-(Cindy Miller) discussed how fund raising works through agility clubs borrowing parent club's name by others to hold agility trials. Revenue for recording fees does not come from non performance events, but are a new way to fund raise money for National specialty show.

Ron Gulembo Policy Book Committee-There may be some simple house keeping changes made to the policy book in the future but no major overhaul is expected. Chairmen of committees need to learn what is expected of them.

Motion 14 made by Ron Gulembo, seconded by Steve Ralph, is to approve Action Number 1#. All votes yes, motion carried.

Mary Karbiner (Stats) – Mary related that the statistics are hand counted for accuracy.

Mary Jo Sportsman's Alliance -NAIA Sportsman's Alliance represent us against animal rights groups, and support should continue for their cause.

Helen Riggle- Epagneul Breton and American Brittany separation The parent club has been approached to work on new /separate breed status for the Epagneul Breton (aka French Brittany.) Gerald Giordano and Bill Kelly talked on breed differences and structure. In order for the American Kennel club to accept them as a separate breed, the ABC parent club must approve any such split. To facilitate this split, dogs are to be taken out of our stud book voluntarily by owners, probably over a 6 month period, and entered into a Foundation stock registry. The new breed would be judged by the F.C.I. 1995 standard. In present standards, structure, color and heights are all different. Joe Droel asked the question of what position the parent club in France takes. Bill Kelley is a member of the French parent club. The club in France has not taken a position. It must go through the ABC in order for the AKC to take action. The United Kennel Club is a dead end to France, and is not recognized by other registries around the world. The Canadian Kennel Club and Australian Kennel Clubs are also being petitioned to change and perhaps are waiting to see what will happen with AKC recognition. When the American Kennel Club is given the go ahead, others may follow.

Motion 15 moved by Leslie Jane Hunt, seconded by Ron Gulembo, to table discussion on the breed separation of the Brittany breed into Epagneul Breton and Brittany breed until there is more information. 9 yes votes, 5 no votes. Motion carried

Joe Droel was appointed to be chairman on separation of breed and to seek further information on the ramifications.

Motion 16 Moved by Bernie Crain, 2nd by Robin Tomasi, For president Ed Janulis to sign contract for 2 years with Arkansas Fish and Wildlife, for future National events. All votes yes, motion carried.

BOD went into an Executive Session to vote on 3 dogs presented by the Hall of Fame committee, Bourbon XIII, Blaze Dakota Trucker, RuJem's A Touch of Bourbon. After a secret vote, no dogs or persons were elected to the Hall of Fame for the year 2018.

Newly appointed officers are:

1st VP Kent Patterson to replace Tom Milam for running national all age

3rd VP National specialty chairperson, Dawn Droel

4th VP Bob Burchett has agreed to stay on to run the National Gun Dog Championship stakes

Elected Secretary Brooke Burlington will stay on in her position

Executive Secretary- Jan Kilpatrick has agreed to take on the job, with Mary Jo Trimble willing to help train through the transition period. Jacquie Campbell also willing to take on the position... Jan Kilpatrick elected with Jacquie helping for a possible replacement at a later date.

Purina liaison will be Joe Gower

Garmin award coordinator will be Bret Lindback

Motion 17 Moved by Darlene Dow 2nd by Ed Tillson to adjourn meeting. All votes yes, motion carried.