



The American Brittany Club, Inc.

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Dear Club Secretaries:

Enclosed please find the **Policy Book Disk** which reflects the changes the Board of Directors made at the 2004 BOD Meeting. A separate section is included on the disk so that you can print out the pages that were changed and insert in your hard copy of the Policy Book. If you are no longer the secretary, please pass this on to the new one along with the hardcopy of the Policy Book.

Also included is an application for **EIN #**. Every club bank account should have this number. This # is needed if you are awarded Purina support for your event. Make sure to have more than one name on your checking accounts in case of the death of one of the members. You do not want club funds to be tied up in probate.

PLEASE ask your **event secretaries** to read the **REMINDERS FROM THE ABC SECRETARY** on page 4 of the May '05 magazine for some important information.

I have enclosed a list of your club's **current membership as of May 2005**. I will include the Regional Lists on the disk. If you do not have email or computer access but could appoint someone else in the club to receive emails; it would sure help in the future for disseminating information quickly. Please have them email me to be put on the club secretaries list.

If you run your trials under both AKC and American Field sanctions, you will find the **new reporting form** to be useful. Please indicate hour stakes and amateur handlers as that helps us to determine dogs qualified for the nationals. AKC, AFTCA, & American Field have all approved our use of the form. **All ABC/AKC forms can be found at the ABC website: <http://clubs.akc.org/brit/>**
The most current **Calendar** information, as we know it, **current Purina, Tri-Tronics and Magnum award stats** will also be on the web site thanks to Webmaster Steve Ralph. Visit the site often!

If you have questions about the **Membership List**, please contact Linda Langford at ABCMembership@Verizon.net or phone 562-866-3469. We cannot correct a problem we do not know about. Remember to send your renewals to Linda and not the magazine. **When submitting dues to Linda, Send \$20 to ABC for full memberships and \$1 for Associates. New Form** is on disk or web site.

If you know of someone who wants to **run for Director**, please have them contact a member of the nominating committee from your region. . If you have **Agenda Items** please submit to Hank Hartnek by Sept. 15th. See details in the May '05 magazine, page 6 for information on election & agenda.

Please join in the promotion to give **gift memberships** to new people. See the magazine for details. This will benefit both the National and the Regional Clubs and the Breed.

On the disk are several **forms** in both **.doc & .pdf files**, the entire **policy book, changed policy book pages**, an **article** on the Brittany and **ABC Brochure** which you may want to use to share with people interested in a Brittany. Also included is a copy of the minutes of the **Pointing Breed Advisory Meeting** held this spring in Idaho. Ray Trimble was the ABC Delegate. None of the proposals will be final until voted on by AKC Board of Directors. There is a **nationwide Member-at-Large list** sorted by state on the disk. PLEASE contact the Mal's in your area and ask them to become a member of your Regional Club. Help get them involved. A **Regional Club List** of your region and their club members is included on the disk.

Thank you for all your hard work and help to me during the last few years. I do enjoy getting to work with you and hope to meet all of you at sometime.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Trimble