

2006 American Brittany Club, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting
The Meeting Place, Booneville Arkansas
November 25, 2006

(As will be submitted to the ABC Board of Directors for their approval.)

Call to order at 8:10 by President Ron Zook

Directors in Attendance: Ray Gorman, Bobbie Sigmund, David Smith, Ron Lisius, Bo Ackerman, Jim Chase, Jim Brigham, Ed Janulis, Dave Lincoln, Gary Smith, Hal Engel, Hank Hartnek, Gordon Theilen. Ed Tillson & Kent Patterson were needed at the grounds and their absence was excused.

Ron Zook introduced and **seated new BOD members**, Central Director Ed Janulis, East Coast Director Bobbie Sigmund, Midwest Director Gary Smith.

Motion # 1, 2005 Minutes: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Sigmund *to accept the 2005 Board Minutes as published in the agenda book.*

3rd Vice President Nancy Anderson gave her report that contained 5 action items.

Motion # 2, National Specialty Show: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Sigmund: *I move to accept the 4 action items, page 11 of the 2006 Agenda Book with the duplication of the word "obedience" omitted in item # 3.* All present yes, Tillson & Patterson absent. Motion passed.

Action Items approved are as follows:

1. *Any judge selected for the national specialty conformation competition would agree to not judge any Brittany classes within six (6) months prior to the national specialty show. No Brittany solely owned or co-owned by the judge may be exhibited at the national specialty show in any class or classes.*
2. *Any judge selected for the national specialty sweepstakes competition would agree to not judge any Brittany classes within four (4) months prior to the national specialty show. No Brittany solely owned or co-owned by the sweepstakes judge may be exhibited at the national special show in any class or classes.*
3. *No judge will be allowed to judge more than once within a ten (10) year period at the national specialty show in the same capacity. (i.e. a judge hired to do sweepstakes shall not be hired for a ten-year period to judge sweepstakes but could be hired for conformation, obedience, rally and/or agility and vice versa.)*
4. *The show chairman may select judges three (3) years in advance of the national specialty show in order to be able to have well-qualified judges available and under contract.*

Motion # 3, Additional changes listed on page 12-13 of the Agenda Book: Motion by Brigham, seconded by Engel: *I move that we adopt the proposals of the 3rd Vice President as listed on pages 12-13, # 1-5, of the Agenda Book.* Proposals are: (Add another section after 2.H (which will change the lettering and numbering) All present yes, Tillson & Patterson absent. Motion passed.

2.1 Procedure for selection of judges for the national specialty shows

- 1. A short announcement will be placed in the magazine and on the club website with the names of the judges selection committee along with their email and mailing addresses. The announcement will advise all ABC members that they can submit proposed judges' names to member of the committee. All names submitted must have a brief statement of the person's qualifications for judging at the national specialty show.**
- 2. A separate committee of people who compete in obedience and/or rally shall nominate judges for the national specialty show in these areas. Names of judges for obedience and rally must be able to judge both. The procedure for selection shall be the same as indicated in # 4 below.**
- 3. A separate committee of people who compete in agility shall nominate judges for the national specialty show in agility. The procedure for selection shall be the same as indicated in # 4 below.**
- 4. After the deadline for submission as set by the show chairman, committee members will send to the show chairman a list of ten proposed judges along with qualification statements. The show chairman shall compile a list of the top ten judges (meaning named most often by the committee members) and send the resulting list along with qualification statements for those ten to the committee member for "ranking" from one to ten, with one being the most preferred. After these ranking lists are returned to the show chairman, the show chairman will compile a final list according to the rankings submitted by the committee members. The judge most preferred will be contacted for the proper judging assignment. If that judge is not available for the year proposed, the show chairman shall ask if the next year is available.**
- 5. After the judges are approved by the AKC, the national show chairman will announce their judging assignment in the magazine and on the website along with a short biography and picture of each judge (if provided by the magazine deadline).**

Motion # 4, additional National Specialty wording changes: Motion by Dave Lincoln, seconded by Bobbie Sigmund, all present yes, Tillson & Patterson absent, Motion passed: ***I move to strike "If she wants a committee, she can appoint one" on page 37, Section 19, second sentence as this conflicts with Section 2.H on page 34 and to eliminate # N, page 35 completely as there is limited space on the tables at the rings and judges often do not wish to wear corsages because they interfere while judging.***

Nancy then proposed that wording be added to the policy book that in order to enter the Field Trial Class at the national specialty show that a dog must have an adult placement. Since this was not in the Agenda Book, Mary Jo asked if this be dealt with at a later date so that the membership could submit input and comment on how this would impact local specialty shows as she had received questions regarding this but did not bring the comments since it was not published prior to the meeting. Ron suggested Nancy work on a written proposal.

Motion # 5 Consideration of Adult Field Trial Placement to enter Field Trial Class, Motion by Gary Smith, seconded by Dave Lincoln: ***I move that the 3rd Vice President***

put her proposal to require an adult placement to enter the field trial class at the national specialty show in writing and then submit to the Board of Directors for consideration. All present yes, Tillson & Patterson absent, Motion passed
Nancy also suggested that the motion contain a provision to exempt regional specialty shows from having to require an adult placement to enter the field trial class.

At this time the President relayed comments he had heard at the show regarding the **dates of the National Specialty Show** being held at some time other than the weekend following Thanksgiving. Some considerations might be either the weekend before the National Amateur or the weekend after the National Open or possibly hold in conjunction with the National Gun Dog Championship. Ron suggested bringing some discussion to the BOD about changing the date and or location if so desired by the membership. He suggested putting a tally sheet with options on it for people to sign at the show this weekend. Ron then appointed Nancy to head this committee with Bobbie Sigmund working with her to study this consideration.

2nd Vice President Marilynne Little gave her report: She first announced that she would be resigning as Chairman of the auction committee. She hoped at some time to come back and work on the committee. Donna Janulis was the co-chair this year and she suggested that Donna remain as Chairman.

Marilynne has developed a guidebook to help with the transition.

The Black Prairie Club has completed requirements for new club application. They have 35 members and she asks the BOD recognize them as an ABC Club seeking sanction from AKC.

She had originally proposed that the **Wasatch Front Club** be dissolved for lack of members or activities. After the Agenda Book was published, someone came forward and is attempting to revive that club so she withdrew her proposal to dissolve.

The proposed **North Dakota Club** had decided to not pursue forming a new club as they are so spread out logistically and it is impossible for them to fulfill AKC requirements at this time.

Motion # 6, Black Prairie Club, Motion by Jim Chase, seconded by Gary Smith: ***I move to accept the Black Prairie Club as a provisional ABC Regional Club.*** All present yes, Tillson & Patterson absent. Motion Passed.

President Zook thanked Marilynne for her work particularly on the Auction and the successful calcuttas.

Ron Zook's President's Report: Discussed the letter he had sent to Larry McAnally regarding release of birds during the All Age Nationals. Further discussion on this when 1st VP Tom Milam is in attendance.

Qualifications : Ron mentioned a couple of inquiries he had regarding wording in the national qualifications. Qualifications state if a dog is entered in the GD Nationals then it cannot be entered in the All Age Nationals and vice versa. Should the word be "entered" or "run"? He had interpreted that it meant "entered". The Board concurred with his interpretation.

Ray Gorman brought up the issue of number of dogs qualifying in hour stakes. If we are trying to build hour stakes, it would help to modify the number of dogs needed in order to ease the requirements to help out areas where it is difficult to get 20 dogs. East Coast had trouble in both all age and gun dog hour stakes getting 20 dogs. West Coast only had about 4 hour stakes that had 20 all age dogs. Other than in the Central/Midwest area was there a concentration of stakes with more than 20 dogs and we find ourselves playing numbers games in order to meet the minimum. It was mentioned that Brittany Club members need to support each others trials but due to distance and other factors often elect to attend other breed trials.

Some comments were made that some Brittany trials open to all breeds often fill with other breeds thus reducing the number of Brittanys in the trials. **Motion # 7**, Qualifications for hour stakes, Motion by Gorman, Seconded by Chase: *I move that in hour stakes, 13 dogs would qualify first place, 15 dogs would qualify 2nd place, 17 dogs would qualify 3rd place, and 20 dogs would qualify all four placements*. D. Smith, Gorman, Sigmund, Brigham, Chase, Lincoln, Engel, Hartnek voted yes; Ackerman, Janulis, G. Smith, Theilen voted no, Lisius abstained, Tillson & Patterson absent. Motion passed 8 to 4. We will have to continue to be flexible. Gas prices decreased entries this year. Loosening the qualifications may bring too many increased entries. We will have to stay flexible and deal with situations as they arise.

The next consideration under the President's Report was the continuation of running at the Blue Mountain Area. Grounds conditions were discussed.

While cover was high this year, it was pointed out that they had an unusual amount of rain this fall and DNR did feel like the higher cover had given the quail a place to get away from predators. Some of the culverts do need worked on. **Motion # 8, Running at Blue Mt Grounds**, Motion by Dave Lincoln, seconded by Gary Smith: *I move that the ABC National All Age Championships continue to run at the Blue Mt. Field Trial Grounds at Booneville, AR. during 2007 – 2009*. All present yes except Janulis who voted no, Tillson & Patterson absent. Motion passed.

Liability Issues: Liability issues regarding misconduct were discussed. These issues had been discussed by the President with ABC Attorney Gene Issacs. The AKC Misconduct Handbook Rules should be followed by any regional club if they feel that a person's actions are not in line with these provisions. No specific action was taken on this issue.

The BOD considered **a proposal by the Tarheel and Southeastern Brittany Clubs**. The proposal read, "That dogs qualified to run in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship be allowed to run either in the Walking National Amateur Gun Dog Championship or the riding National Open Gun Dog Championship." Rationale for this proposal was to benefit some of the older handlers who had difficulty walking for an hour in the Amateur stake. **Motion # 8, SE & TAR Proposal**, Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Ackerman: *I move that the Board not approve the proposal submitted by the Tarheel and Southeastern Clubs*. D. Smith, Lisius, Ackerman, Brigham, Chase, Janulis,

Lincoln, G. Smith, Engel, Theilen, Hartnek voted yes, Gorman, Sigmund, Lisius voted no, Tillson & Engel absent. Motion to defeat proposal passed 10 to 3.

At 10:15 AM the BOD broke to return to the grounds for the announcement of the National Amateur Championship Winners and presentation of awards, followed by lunch on the grounds. Meeting reconvened at 12:45 P.M. Directors Patterson and Tillson are now in attendance.

Consideration of tabled Dual Dog Motion. President Zook suggested we defeat the motion, then we can establish a new committee and let them work it out and bring it back to us as there was a considerable amount of discussion and objections at the Membership Meeting. Brigham called the question. **Motion # 9, Dual Dog Proposal**, Motion by Gorman, seconded by *Hartnek to adopt the Dual Dog proposal as outlined by Jessica Carlson. (Motion previously submitted to the BOD by email and then tabled.)* All Directors voting No. Motion defeated. **Motion # 10, Include AGD Nationals in Dual Dog Award**, Motion by Brigham, seconded by Chase:

I move that we include the National Amateur Gun Dog in the point system for the Dual Dog Award and that this motion be retroactive. 14 yes votes, R. Gorman abstained. Motion passed. The President will appoint a committee to work with MS Carlson in revising the Dual Dog Proposal and bring back to the BOD at a later date. Committee members will be published in the Feb. or March issue of the magazine along with other committee appointments.

1st Vice President Tom Milam addressed the Board. He had no written report but reviewed issues dealing with All Age Nationals. He said the Board might want to consider putting out another 1000 birds next year in addition to the regular release. Secretary Trimble did confirm with Tom that the fee increase for nationals was not based on the additional release of birds but was based on increased expenses for both the All Age and Gun Dog Nationals. Treasurer Janet Chase affirmed that the Gun Dog Nationals did suffer a loss last year and the fee increase was needed to support the trial. Members had thought the entry fee increase was based on the bird release, which was not correct. Tom said he was not running for reelection. He felt it was time to put someone in with fresh ideas. **Motion # 10, Bird Release**, Motion by Chase, 2nd by Ackerman: *I move that we release 1000 birds at the All Age Nationals in the same time frame as this year.* All yes, motion passed. The Board gave Tom Milam a round of applause and thank you for his service to the ABC as our 1st Vice President.

Gun Dog National complaints: Ed Tillson spoke as a judge of the NOGD and what had transpired indicating some of the decisions as to management of the trial were made by the committee and not by the judges. The Board agreed that committees may need more guidance from ABC. One of the main issues was whether or not someone could catch up after a find. This needs to be dealt with prior to the running and make sure everyone is in agreement on the issue. Direction to the committee from the 4th Vice President would be helpful. We also

have to address issues established by DNR that people cannot ride to the finds but somehow owners should be allowed to see their dogs on point. All judges agreed on decisions that were made on pickups. During this discussion, a comment was made that a judge had once told a handler that dogs could not wear bells. Mike Aldrich, AKC Rep in attendance, said bells are allowed under AKC rules and judges should be aware of this policy.

Executive Secretary/Secretary Mary Jo Trimble's Report: Mary Jo reported that her major issue of the year was getting the new ABC Regional Classics submitted in accordance with AKC Policy. As a result, she has developed a list of guidelines which will be published in the policy book and put on the ABC website as well as distributed to clubs hosting the Regional Classics. Connie Thomas of AKC has also offered to walk first time secretaries through the process if they have problems. ABC is considered the sponsor of these events and the Championship Associations are the host clubs. Paperwork must be filed in the name of the American Brittany Club with the AKC and advertising should reflect the same. Guidelines also include a statement that Regional Dates Coordinators should approve the dates prior to the ABC sending approval to AKC. **Motion # 11, Regional Classic Guidelines**, Motion by Brigham, seconded by Engel: *I move we approve the Guidelines for Regional Classics as listed on page 16 of the Agenda Book to be inserted in the policy book and also authorize the Secretary to make additional or updated items as needed or required.* All yes, Motion passed.

The International has now added an Amateur All Age Stake to their trial. They have asked that we approve this as a regional classic as is their Open All Age Stake. **Motion # 12**, Add Amateur All Age Stake at International as a Regional Classic, Motion by Chase, Seconded by Sigmund: *I move that the International Amateur All Age Stake be made a regional classic.* All yes, motion passed. (**SIDE NOTE:** I incorrectly asked that the Amateur all age stake be added and I should have asked for the Open Shooting Dog/Gun Dog Stake be added as the Amateur All Age is already an approved classic. The BOD by an email vote made by G. Smith and seconded by Sigmund amended the motion to read: *I move that the International Shooting Dog/Gun Dog stake be made an ABC regional classic.* 13 yes, 2 not voting. Amendment passed.)

Email Votes: The Secretary then asked if the Board would confirm all votes taken by email since the last physical meeting. **Motion # 13**, Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Hartnek: *I move that we confirm all email ballots taken since the last physical meeting of the BOD.* All yes, motion passed.

Policy Book: The Secretary reported the difficulty people were having keeping their hard copy policy book current with all the changes made each year. In the past, she has listed each page to be changed and placed those on the website and mailed new book and changes on disk to each club secretary. If all the policy book pages are passed that are proposed this year, over 60 pages will be changed. She requested that clubs be directed to

obtain the most current addition of the book by downloading from the ABC website. If a club does not have internet access, they may request a disk from the ABC Secretary.

Motion # 14, Policy Book, Motion by Gary Smith, Seconded by Jim Brigham: *I move that unless specifically requested by a club, policy books will be available for download from the ABC website.* All yes, Motion passed.

Secretary's proposed Housekeeping changes in policy book to reflect current practices: Motion # 15, Changes in Policy Book, Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Sigmund: *I move to accept all changes to policy book as listed on page 16-17 of the Agenda book, Section # 7 parts A through I except H with a limit on funeral flowers to be \$50 in part C.* All yes, Motion passed. Changes include:

- A. *Change references to AKC Blue book on page 17 & 19 (and other references) to the Blue Book to **signed Judges' Reporting Sheets and AKC trial Secretary's report page** Would also like a statement to the effect that ABC would prefer that people use the ABC **multiple report form** that can be used with AKC, AF, and AFTCA. I do not wish to require the clubs to use the ABC Form but would like to suggest it be used.*
- B. *Need to place # 8, p. 24 & 25 under Regional Dates Coordinator who is actually **scheduling Walking Trials**. This would reflect current practice, as the Nat. Dates Coordinator does not schedule walking trials. This is done by Regional Dates Coordinators.*
- C. *Page 46, # 17, add People Hall of fame to list of those to whom the Secretary should send **funeral flowers**. May want to raise the \$25 limit as well. (Raised to \$50)*
- D. *Need to change page 47, # 34 to reflect current policy. The Executive Secretary shall forward **copies of reports** to the ABC Magazine. The Executive Secretary will notify clubs of **late penalties** if due. (The magazine no longer does this.)*
- E. *Need to change page 58, # 14 to say reflect current policy. Change "magazine" in first line to **Membership Chair**.*
- F. *Need to change page 65 to reflect current policy of having co-chairs appointed by the President, one show and one field and state that they are responsible for raising funds for their event's **trophies** while working in coordination in the placement of advertising in the magazine and US Postal Service mailings to clubs. I would also suggest removing # 3 as no one has ever sent me a list of trophies to be purchased. I would move #4 to the respective event coordinators and have the National FT Chairs (or Secretaries) request the collars from Tri-tronics and Tracker and write the Thank-You notes. Section #13 also needs to reflect wording for Co-Chairs. Title should be changed to **Duties of the Trophy Co-Chairpersons**.*
- G. *Since American Field has denied our **Derby Championship** on page 87, do you wish to leave this page in policy in case they change their mind or*

should we remove it? (No change: BOD decided to leave the page in the policy book.)

- H. *omitted. (Directors said they would take care of getting the National Winner's Plaque made as originally moved at a previous meeting. Ed Tillson said he would take care of doing the National Winner's Plaque and will look at costs and report back for approval. No plans for the HOF plaque were made)*
- I. *Page 135 needs to reflect current **address of the ABR coordinator**.*

Treasurer Janet Chase: Janet gave the treasurers report. She reviewed donations that we make. She stated she would like to use Director David Smith, with his banking background, as a consultant for investment issues.

Gordon discussed using interest for research money if fund continues to grow. Since ABC does not control the fund, we will not dictate how the Marv Nelson fund is to be used or managed. **Motion # 16, Treasurer's Report**, Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Hartnek: *I move we approve the Treasurer's report.* All yes, Motion passed. **Motion # 17, Donations**, Motion by Chase, Seconded by Brigham, *I move we raise the ABC Donation to the Sportsmen's Alliance to \$3000 and the Bird Dog Foundation and Marv Nelson fund to \$2000 effective 2006.* 12 yes votes, Lincoln, D. Smith opposed. Motion passed. Pros and cons of the donations to the Bird Dog Foundation and Sportsmen's Alliance were discussed prior to the vote. Jim Chase outlined some of the plans for an all Brittany wing at the Bird Dog Foundation. Ron Zook pointed out that the other continental breeds would likely want us to join in with construction of a wing they are planning.

The President and Board thanked Director Hank Hartnek for the excellent job of producing the Agenda Book the last couple of years and for continuing next year.

The AKC Hunt Test Advisory Committee will meet in 2007. ABC Delegate will be John Tiller of OK who proposed the motion ABC passed a couple of years ago asking that Hunt Test dogs be allowed to wear tracking collars.

Judges' Education Chairperson Diana Kubitz's Report: Diana had one action item for consideration. She proposed ABC reimburse Linda Elbert for her trip to New York to conduct a judges' education seminar as she encountered some extra expenses in traveling to pick up a dog for the demonstration. **Motion # 18, Elbert Expenses**, Motion by Gorman, Seconded by Hartnek: *I move that Linda Elbert be reimbursed \$200 for her trip to New York. Money should come from the budget set aside for Judges' Education Committee.* All yes.

Futurity Reports: Mary Jo presented the **Future of Futurities survey report for Judy Robin** and addressed some of the current problems and issues involved with the futurity program. Ron Lisius complimented the hard work Judy had done on this committee and as 1st Futurity Secretary. Ron Lisius discussed his report and outlined the process as it has changed. He indicated one of the major problems has been getting clubs to step forward

before Sept 15 deadline to announce where the regional futurities will be held. Ron asked for a consensus opinion from the BOD as to how we should designate futurity patches. Should they be the year the pups are born, the year they run in the futurity, or a combination of both. The BOD preferred the patches contain both dates to clear up confusion by the participants. **Motion # 19, Futurity Patch Dates**, Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Sigmund: *I move that the Futurity patches contain both the year of whelp and the year they run. i.e. 04/06 or 2004/2006.* All yes. Motion passed.

Ron Lisius and Final Futurity Forfeit Secretary Salmons had several action items for the Board. No action was taken on the suggestions at this time.

The President introduced Marvin Stout who will be a new Director and the next Futurity Chairman as Ron Lisius will be retiring both from the BOD and the Futurity Chairman's position. Marvin would like to pick his own team to work on the futurity program. As there has been a lot of discussion and comments both from the general membership and the futurity committee, it was felt that instead of making any changes at this time, that the new chairman and his committee look into the suggestions of the membership made on the survey and Neveta's proposals and come back to the Board with an overall proposal for updating and putting new life into the futurity. **Motion # 20, Futurity**, Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Sigmund: *I move that we not act on recommendations made by Neveta Salmons and Ron Lisius at this time and we turn over all futurity issues to the new chairman and allow him to develop a new futurity process and do all the changes at one time.* All yes, Motion carried.

Jim Brigham brought up the issue of the 90 day drop dead date in the futurity rules which allows for NO nominations after that cutoff date.

Supplemental nominations were discussed with increased fees for late nominations. **Motion # 21, Overturn the 90 Day Cutoff**, Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Patterson: *I move to grant a one time exception to the 90 day limit to nominate futurity litters for dogs whelped in 2006. The fee would be \$90 after 90 days.* 14 yes votes, Gorman voted no. Motion passed.

Long Range planning Jim Chase. Jim Chase proposed not requiring all age stakes in horseback trials and/or providing an exception to the rule for the Ringneck Club when the Pheasant Classic and Chicken Classic run so close together. Pros and cons of the proposal were discussed. No action was taken.

Managing Editor Dee Hempfield's Report: Mary Jo explained Dee's proposal regarding ads for Classics and the Not for profit ad limitations. Dave Lincoln suggested we adhere to the 1/4 page policy for In Memoriam as some vary from 1/4 to a full page and should be uniform

Motion # 22, Ads for NFP Groups, Motion by D. Smith, Seconded by Brigham: *I move to accept agenda item # 1 on page 71 of the Agenda Book.* All yes, Motion passed. That proposal says, *'Advertising/Articles for "Not for Profit Groups" (i.e. The Marvin D. Nelson Jr. Memorial Fund, The Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame, etc.) – With any advertising /articles that are published, they will receive a statement with the actual cost of the insertion and this will then be referred to as a "Donation" from the American Brittany Club. A copy of this statement will be supplied to the President,*

Executive Secretary, and the Treasurer. Limitations on these such items are half to full page black & white of advertising; half to one full page black & white for a write-up/general update; and 1/8 –1/4 black & white page announcement of electees/dates of the ceremonies or advertisement/announcement. Nowhere in any such advertising that is seeking nominations, no current nominees, candidate names or suggested names be listed.”

Motion # 23, Ads for clubs hosting ABC Events: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Lincoln :I move we accept # 2, page 71-72 of the Agenda Book. All yes, Motion passed. The proposal: “The ad for the “Summer Specialty” (insert national event name here) shall be sent to the Managing Editor by the host club. There shall be no charge for this one ad. Any additional advertising for events held in conjunction, is limited to ¼ of that page. Deadline for the ad shall be the first of the month preceding the issue it is to appear.

- a) In the policy book, page 108, paragraph 5; please change to the above wording.*
- b) In the 6th paragraph on page 108, “ABC office”, needs to be changed to “ABC Executive Secretary”.*

Motion # 24, National Write-ups and Photos: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Sigmund: **I move that we accept Sec 3, page 72 of the Agenda Book.** All yes, Motion carried. The proposal: *I ask that the following be approved as a new item and added to the Magazine Policy, and if passed, that it also be updated or added to the specific sections in the Policy Book, if it is not already present (i.e. National Specialty Show, Summer Specialty Show, National Gun Dog and National All Age Championships.*

- a) American Brittany Club events and those hosted by a Regional Club (s) are responsible for attaining/securing photos of the Winners of that event along with the write-up the publication in the American Brittany magazine.*

**** The following sections currently have some form of the above wording, but I would like to make the following text change.**

Classics/Championships (page 82) number 3, I would like to insert the words “the managing editor of “before “the American Brittany”...

Futurities (page 99) number 13, I would like to insert the words “the managing editor of” before “The American Brittany magazine.....

Ron Zook reported that the Publisher at Marshfield had purchased new software called In Design and replaced their own antiquated Quark. Dee needs to now upgrade her software. It will cost around \$1200. **Motion # 25, Magazine Software,** Motion by Theilen, Seconded by Hartnek: I move to upgrade the Managing Editor’s software to work with the publisher’s program at a cost of approximately \$1200.

Membership Data Report: Mary Jo asked the Directors to please study Linda Langford’s report and see which clubs in their region are in need of more members and/or support. Small membership does not always mean an inactive club as some operate very well with few members. Jim Brigham asked if there was a way to only get one magazine when one is a member of more than one club. Mary Jo told him to just contact Linda Langford and ask to be put on a no magazine list for one or more of the clubs and to so inform secretaries in the regions in case others want to do the same.

Policy Book Chairman Neveta Salmon's Report: Several parts of the suggested items were not specific and nothing specific was spelled out as to exactly how the policy book should be changed. Director Smith asked if there was a committee to work with the Chairman on this. He was told there was but neither of the committee members present at the BOD meeting had worked on the original agenda items. He then made **Motion # 26, Policy Book Changes**, Motion by D. Smith, Seconded by Theilen: ***I move that the Policy Book Changes on pages 82-83 of the Agenda Book be sent back to the Policy Book Committee for approval and specific wording and then be sent back to the Board for approval. All yes, Motion carried.***

Ron Zook asked to digress and to go back to the Futurity Discussion. He asked the Board to approve his selection of Marvin Stout as the futurity Chairman. **Motion # 27, Futurity Chair**, Motion by Theilen, Sigmund Seconded: ***I move to approve Marvin Stout as futurity chair with authority to appoint the Futurity Committee and modify the nomination process.*** All yes, Motion carried.

Summer Specialty Chair Barb Scott's Report: The Secretary told the Board that Barb Scott was complimented for jumping in and securing hosts not only for the first year but the following two years. She is doing an excellent job. While **no formal motion was made, the BOD accepted Scott's proposal for California to host the 2008 Summer Specialty.** Barb asked the BOD to decide which of two clubs should host the 2009 Summer Specialty with the other being asked to host in 2010. **Motion # 28, 2009 Summer Specialty Host**, Motion by Patterson, Seconded by Smith: ***I move to select the Central New England Club as the 2009 Summer Specialty Host.*** Much discussion followed this motion as to the rotation process and where the recent events had been held. D. Smith, Gorman, Sigmund, Patterson, Chase, Janulis, G. Smith voted yes; Lisius, Ackerman, Brigham, Tillson, Lincoln, Engel, Theilen, Hartnek voted No. Motion defeated 8 to 7.

Motion # 29, 2009/2010 Summer Specialties: Motion by D. Smith, Seconded by Lincoln, ***I move that the 2009 Summer Specialty be hosted by Skyline and the Central New England Club be given first option to host the 2010 Specialty.*** 13 yes votes with Sigmund & Patterson voting no. Motion passed.

Yearbook Report, Judy Tighe: Judy will not be continuing as Chairman of the Yearbook Committee next year. The Board thanks Judy for her hard work on the book the last few years. Ron Zook said that Jessica Carlson will take Judy's place as Chairman of the Yearbook Committee.

Website Report Steve Ralph: Ron Lisius led the Board in thanking Steve for the excellent job he has done in developing the ABC website.

Director David Smith who is a state legislator from New Hampshire stated that one of the most important sections of the Agenda Book was Mary Jo's Legislative Report. He talked about the Animal Rights push for legislation throughout the country. The local groups have got to stay on top on of legislation in their areas and state. Every club needs a legislative chair. He would like to see more volunteers on the ABC Committee and he would volunteer as one himself. His CNE Club was instrumental in keeping the Vermont ear cropping bill in the house committee after it had sailed through the Senate. Mary Jo pointed out that Senator Santorum was defeated but PAWS will probably be back next year. Dr Theilen agreed 100% that we need a grass roots level movement within not only our Brittany Clubs but other dog clubs. He thanked Mary Jo for her email alerts. While she can pass on alerts, the local groups have got to fight to stop bad legislation in their states. Ron asked David Smith to head up a legislative committee and create some activities.

Motion # 30, Donation to Ionia Fence, Motion by Ray Gorman, Seconded by Sigmund: *I move we give \$1500 to the Ionia Grounds Committee for the fence construction along Riverside Drive. \$500 should come from the ABC Grounds Fund account and \$1000 from the General Fund.* All yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 31, Executive Session, Motion by Gorman, Seconded by G. Smith: *I move we go into Executive Session.* All yes. Motion carried.

The Board remained in Executive Session from 5:05 P.M. until 5:20 P.M.

Motion # 32, Officer Election, Motion by Theilen, Seconded by Hartnek, *I move to elect the following officers: Tom White 1st Vice President, Nancy Anderson 3rd Vice President, and Mary Jo Trimble Secretary.* Motion passed.

Motion # 33, Dog HOF, Motion by Theilen, Seconded by Hartnek, *I move that FC Ajax VII and NFC, DC, AFC Tequilla's Joker be elected to the ABC Dog Hall of fame as they have received the necessary amount of votes to be elected from those voting.*

Motion # 34, People HOF, Motion by Theilen, Seconded by Hartnek, *I move that Wade Haines, Joan Donnell, and Gordon Theilen be elected to the ABC People Hall of Fame as they have received the necessary amount of votes to be elected from those voting.*

Motion # 35, Destroy HOF Ballots, Motion by Gorman, Seconded by Patterson, *I move to destroy all Hall of Fame Ballots* Motion carried.

The Board of Directors and Officers extend our appreciation and thanks to outgoing Directors Ron Lisius, Hal Engel, and Ed Tillson.

Motion # 36, Motion to adjourn, Motion by Hartnek, Seconded by Gorman, *I move to adjourn.* All yes. Meeting adjourned 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble, Secretary