

**2007 ABC BOD ACTION ITEMS AND/OR ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
(as submitted by September 27, 2007)**

If you have questions concerning the proposals, please contact the person listed as the Officer, Committee Chair, or member who is proposing the Action Item.

Current policy book wording may be found at:
<http://clubs.akc.org/brit/forms/ABCPolicyBook.pdf>

- **Combine the Book of the 90's with the next decade so that the upcoming book will cover 1990-2010. (Book Committee, Jessica Carlson, Chair)**
- **Change page 63 to read: Order "window badges", approximately 300 (when needed). Order patches, 40 Futurity patches and 60 National Patches per year. (order early in event of error). Futurity patches shall contain both the year of whelp and the year they run. (i.e. 2004/2006) (National All Age Field Trial Secretary, Steve Ralph.)**
- **The Dual Award Committee has reviewed and discussed all suggestions and concerns in relation to the Dual Award Point System, and proposes the following revised schedule to replace the entire Dual Award Point System on ABC Policy Book page 67: (Dual Committee: Jessica Carlson, Chair)**

The ABC may designate a National Dual Dog to the dog that has amassed the most points for his or her performance in the National Specialty Show and National Championship stakes. The points upon which the dog is to be chosen shall be based on the following scales. Dogs must win points from both show and field.

Field Trial Placements:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
National Open All Age Championship	6	5	4	3
Natl. Amateur All Age Championship	5	4	3	2
National Open Gun Dog Championship	5	4	3	2
Natl. Amateur Gun Dog Championship	4	3	2	1

Specialty Show Placements:				
Best of Breed.....	6			
Best of Opposite Sex.....	5			
Best of Winners.....	4			
Winners.....	3			
Reserve Winners.....	2			
Placement in any Regular Class, Field Trial, or Veterans.....	2	1	1/2	1/4

Points are not cumulative and cannot be combined. Only the highest point value from the field and the highest point value from the show may be counted.

In case of a tie, preference will be given to field performance and to placement in the Open All Age Championship foremost, then the Amateur All Age Championship, then the Open Gun Dog Championship, then the Amateur Gun Dog Championship.

- **Change the allocation of raffle proceeds to be split evenly between the five national venues: Open All Age, Amateur All Age, Open Gun Dog, Amateur Gun Dog and the National Specialty Show. (Auction/Raffle Chairman Donna Janulis)**

- **Examine ways to fund the increase in expenses, including additional sponsors and/or a broad base raffle. (1st VP Tom White)**
- **Continue the discussion of the use of a championship series tracking collar. (1st VP Tom White)**
- **Qualifications for the 2008 Championships (Standing Action Item, Pres. R. Zook)**
- **Continue holding the All Age Championships at Booneville 2008-2010. (Pres. Ron Zook)**
- **Executive Session: Dog Hall of Fame vote, People Hall of Fame vote 2nd ballot (Standing Agenda Item, Pres. R. Zook)**
- **Executive Session: Election of Officers. Officers to be elected are: President, 2nd Vice President, 4th Vice President, Treasurer. (Pres. Ron Zook & Nominating Committee: Kent Patterson Chair.)**
- **Managing Editor Dee Hempfield has submitted the following two action items:**

Action Item 1 – I ask that the Board of Directors approve my recommendation to move the copy deadline date (page 50 of the Policy Notebook) from the first of the prior month to the following schedule:

Issue	Copy Deadline	Deadline to mail to Publisher
January	November 15	December 15
February	December 15	January 15
March	January 15	February 15
April	February 15	March 15
May	March 15	April 15
June	April 15	May 15
July	May 15	June 15
August	June 15	July 15
September	July 15	August 15
October	August 15	September 15
November	September 15	October 15
December	October 15	November 15

Action Item 2 – I ask that the Board of Directors approve my recommendation to re-word the CONTRIBUTING EDITORS (page 51/52 of the Policy Notebook) under "The American Brittany Club" Magazine Policy to read:

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS: Subscription expenses reimbursed and first class mailing of the American Brittany magazine to the contributing editor(s) for their contribution of the following monthly columns: Action at AKC; Obedience, Agility & Rally; Britts & Brittfans and yearly assistance with Brittany results published in the magazine. The magazines used for references are the "AKC Awards" and the "American Field".

- Action Items by AKC Judges Education Chairman Diana Kubitz:
 - ✓ Raise budget from current \$500 to \$700.00. With the increase in postage and copying expenses, Janet Chase suggested the increase to keep pace with these expenses.
 - ✓ I would like the American Brittany Club to propose to the AKC that judges need continuing education in our breed. To that end we'd like them to have judges take the judge's education seminar at least every 5 years. This is especially important now with the new field DVD's available. We've had an ever increasing number of complaints about judges in the past year and after checking into the matter I find that most of the complaints are legitimate and not sour grapes. Somehow the AKC has given the judges the impression that type should take precedents over movement. If we are to keep our breed dual, this misconception needs to be remedied. We had one Live and White Brittany DQ'd for being black. The dog has since been reinstated, but obviously more education is needed in those judges that are all ready approved to judge our breed.
 - ✓ I'm asking that money be set aside to purchase a projector for a laptop to be used for presentations. When we do judge's institutes these are available most of the time. When we do seminars for the ABC at the summer specialty and nationals, we have to borrow one, rent one or have everyone bring in their laptops. The Holiday Inn was ready to rent us one for \$500 for one day. The prices of these projectors have come down considerably and I feel we can now purchase one for \$500.00 - \$600.00. We would have the advantage of doing presentations at any time in any location with electricity.

- **CLASSICS/CHAMPIONSHIPS (Jim Chase, Long Range Planning Committee Chair)**

*We recommend ABC adopt the following policy regarding tracking devices:

Scouts shall not carry tracking locators

Handlers shall not carry tracking locators

Handlers and scouts shall not use radio or cell phone while handling dogs

Use of locators by riders in the gallery is not permitted, except to locate a previously lost dog with permission of judges and marshal

Trial officials and field trial committee will deal with violations

Handlers and scouts are prohibited from using ear plug listening devices

Any device that enables the handler to communicate with the scout, mounted gallery, road gallery or other persons present during the running of the dog is prohibited.

***PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES (Jim Chase, Long Range Planning Committee Chair)**

ABC president shall have the discretion to approve expenditures up to \$1500 per occurrence without requiring board approval.

***DUTIES OF 2ND VICE PRESIDENT (Jim Chase, Long Range Planning Committee Chair)**

Change the description of the duties of the 3rd VP to place more emphasis on membership development and less emphasis on new clubs.

- **Publishing Editor Ron Smith proposes that a schedule be compiled so all involved will know the deadlines at each phase of the magazine production and that they receive the results as soon as they are available.**

- **Action Items from Neveta Salmons, Policy Book Chairman**

1. **Add a section on Web Page Chairperson duties**

The Web Master shall preside over the web page.

Maintain and update the ABC web page(s) as directed by the Board.

Keep a file of the activities of the year to pass on to the next web master.

- Submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting.**
2. **Add #8 to p 79**
The Policy Notebook Committee has the authority to change items for general housekeeping that do not change policy as determined by the Board. (examples: spelling errors, spacing errors, page numbering, consistency in terms...)
 3. p 80 changes
Change events to Championships in all items
Item 8 – reads non-retrieving stake – **change to non-retrieving stakes**
Item 13 – reads The National Gun Dog – **change to The National Open Gun Dog**
Item 15 – reads the Gun Dog National – **change to the National Open Gun Dog and the Amateur Gun Dog National Events**
Item 17 – Same as above
Item 18 – Same as above
All references to National Gun Dog Championship – change to National Open Gun Dog Championship and National Amateur Gun Dog Championships
P 39-40, P 56, P 61, p 80
 4. p 17 Recording Fees section in all references to results
The results shall be sent to ABC within 10 days. – **change to ABC Executive Secretary**
In paragraph 3 same section delete 1st sentence – duplicate of paragraph 2
All references on page to secretary should be changed to ABC Executive Secretary.
Section on Send to AKC – Add the application may be done electronically.
 5. **P 20 #3 – 4 Add this may be done electronically.**
 6. **P 30 should for sake of consistency have National Open All Age and National Amateur All Age instead of National Championship Stakes # 3, 5, 11, 14, 19, 25 and P 38 # 24**
 7. **P 39 item # 6 and # 7 add events after Championship.**
 8. P 41 # 3 Last sentence when awarded to Brittany – **add a Brittany**
#11 I believe the 1st year Futurity Secretary handles this detail. Therefore it should be deleted from this page.
 9. **P 48 # 30 delete same as above someone else has this duty**
 10. **Championship Pins – 5th paragraph change or to for**
 11. **p 63 items 3 & 4 Both have the same date by August 1.** Perhaps a different date for number 3 so that the #4 date can be met would be in order
 12. **add Managing in front of Editor on # 4**
 13. p 73 next to last paragraph – both Gun Dog and All Age National Championships are now held in the fall suggest rewording
Auction for the National Gun Dog Championships shall be structured the same as the auction held at Booneville during the National All Age Championships, including proceeds handled in a like manner (25% to grounds).
 14. **p 74 change title to Duties of Program Directors for Activities at National Events**
 15. **p 75 Grounds add All Age in front of Nationals –**
 16. **p 77 in first sentence change yearly to yearbook**
Last sentence – One copy should be mailed....This is not being done who is the responsible party and let's put it in their duties.

- **Action Items from Executive Secretary Mary Jo Trimble**

1. Add line to policy book, page 23, stating: Regional Dates Coordinators have the authority to determine field trial conflicts within their region without a conflicting club's permission. This should become item # 5 with the rest of page to be renumbered.
2. I would ask the BOD to review item # 4, page 78 regarding Agenda Reports. In this day and age of the internet, you may want to reconsider the wording on this section either increasing the number of signatures required or clarifying the requirement for actual signatures on the document being submitted to the BOD for consideration.

3. In my last phone conversation with Bill Speck, he asked why we did not also make the Derby Stakes run in conjunction with the ABC American Field Classic/Championships also a recognized AKC stake. At the present time, these stakes are considered non-regular stakes under AKC because we have not asked that they be recognized. If we were to do so, they would serve as qualifying stakes for the AKC Limited Stakes. I point this out for the Board's consideration.

- **Change the date of the National Specialty Show to the weekend before Thanksgiving starting in 2009. (Submitted by Member Doug Tighe with 10 signatures)**
- **Approve the Greater Milwaukee Brittany Club as the host club for the 2011 ABC Summer Specialty. (Barbara Dayton, Summer Specialty Show Chair)**
- **A motion that was tabled on March 29, 2007, will be re-considered. This motion was to add the Dual Champion and National Qualifier Classes to the National Specialty Show (3rd VP Nancy Anderson)**

• **Action Items for Policy Book Changes: 3rd Vice President, Nancy Anderson.**

Change 2.A. to read:

The 3rd Vice President shall serve as the Show Chairman for the National Specialty Show.

E. Eliminate Part 1 and 2 and renumber parts 3, 4, 5, 6.

G. Change part 1 to read as follows:

1. Send the properly completed application and application for approval of judges, special events, disaster plans and other forms required for the national specialty show to the executive secretary for the signature of the executive secretary who will then forward the properly completed and signed application(s) to the proper department(s) of AKC. These forms must be received by AKC no later than six months prior to the National Specialty Show.
2. Eliminate this section except:
Neither the show nor judges can be advertised until AKC has approved the show and the judges.

Change I to read as follows

The 3rd Vice President shall then send a contract of acceptance of the judging assignment to the selected judges for their signatures prior to sending the applications to the executive secretary and shall retain the signed copies in the show files.

Rearrange and renumber for clarity the following:

Move all parts of #3 to #26.

Eliminate O, page and replace it with #12 on page 37.

Add S, page 35:

The 3rd Vice President (Show Chairman) shall appoint the following chairpersons for the National Specialty:

Obedience/Rally

Auction/Raffle

Chief Ring Steward

Specialty Trophies

Booths

Hospitality

Equipment and Set-up

Ribbons

Juniors

Agility (when offered by ABC at the National Specialty)

Reword #17 and 18 for clarity as follow:

17. At the National Specialty Show and the Summer Specialty Show the following classes are required: Field Trial Classes (dogs and bitches), Stud Dog Class, Brood Bitch Class, Veterans Classes (dogs and bitches).

In addition to the above:

At the National Specialty Show **ONLY** the following classes are required:

Dual Champion Classes and National Qualifier Classes.

Qualifications for Field Trial Classes shall be one field trial placement during the immediate past year or be a field champion or an amateur field champion of record with AKC.

Qualifications for Dual Champion Classes shall be Dual Champion of record with AKC.

Qualifications for National Qualifiers Classes shall be limited to dogs and bitches who have qualified to run in the American Brittany Club National Gundog Championship Field Trial, American Brittany Club National Amateur Gundog Championship Field Trial, American Brittany Club National Amateur All-Age Championship Field Trial and the American Brittany Club Open All-Age Championship Field Trial for the current and preceding years only. Dogs and bitches who qualify after the show's closing date will be eligible to show the next year only and those that qualify prior to the closing date shall be eligible for that current year and the following year. Dogs and bitches have only to be qualified to run in the National Field Trial events, not actually compete.

Dogs and bitches placing first in the Field Trial Classes, Dual Champion Classes and National Qualifiers Classes shall be eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition.

(NOTE: The addition of the Dual Champion Classes and National Qualifiers Classes will be pending if approved by the Board of Directors until approved also by AKC.)

Dual Champions are just that—Dual Champions

#18 Change it to read:

Regional club shows shall conform to the national specialty requirements with regard to offering field trial classes. They are not required to offer stud dog and brood bitch classes. Regional clubs are not permitted to offer Dual Champion or National Qualifier classes.

- **The Board should review the current level of contributions being made from the breed issues fund to determine if any changes are to be made in 2007 (Janet Chase, Trea.)**
- **I will ask David Smith to review current cash investments with me and determine if any changes are to be made. This may or may not result in any BOD action. (Janet Chase, Trea.)**
- **The following Action Items were submitted by Vicki Rittner with 10 signatures:**
 - A. *Distribute the American Brittany Club yearbook to all ABC members, and cover all printing & mailing costs by a \$5 increase in annual dues.***
 - B. Amend Article III of the club by-laws, to eliminate the “waiting period” for approved changes to annual membership dues to be implemented**
 - C. *Accept as valid “signatures”, electronic affirmations by properly identified individuals, in the form of emails or “e” signatures from petition sites (i.e. www.thepetitionsite.com) to support petitions for Agenda Items (page 76, ABC Policy Book).***
 - D. *Conduct a referendum vote by mail, to clarify the wording of Article IV in the ABC Constitution to define “Written Petition” to include “Email” or “Online” Petition, and “Mail” to include “Email”.***

E. Stipulate that all email communication from any ABC Officer, Director, or Webmaster, to any group email list (i.e. Dualbrittanys or Brittany-L) be identified in the subject line by the prefix “ABC OFFICIAL BUSINESS” vs. “PERSONAL”.

F. Eliminate Obedience and Rally competition from the National Specialty Show, and instead, offer those events in conjunction with the ABC Summer Specialty.

G. Eliminate Associate Memberships and add a Family or “Household” Membership.

H. Eliminate embroidered “patches” for the Nationals and Futurity events.

I. Recognize the National Brittany Rescue and Adoption Network (www.nbran.org) as a “full-service” Brittany Rescue organization, on par with American Brittany Rescue. All references in official ABC publications and communications shall include NBRAN and ABR, with preference given to neither as a “preferred” or “endorsed” rescue organization. Both shall be “supported” equally by the American Brittany Club, to the extent determined by the BOD and/ or the general membership.

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- **Approve all email votes taken since the last BOD meeting. (standing action item, Mary Jo Trimble, Executive Secretary.)**