

**2009 American Brittany Club
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
November 28, 2009
The Meeting Place, Booneville, Arkansas
Mary Jo Trimble, Executive Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by President Hank Hartnek at 8:00 A.M.
Directors in attendance: Gorman, Pollock, Stout, Ackerman, Patterson, Brigham, Chase, Janulis, Rankin, Karbiner, Henderson, Landress, Wire. (Dow)

The first order of business was to seat the Board members elected last year:
Lisa Pollock, East Coast; Kent Patterson, East Central; Robert Wire, West Coast.
David Smith, East Coast, has resigned and asked that Darlene Dow, newly elected director for next year, be seated immediately to represent the East Region. Gary Smith, Midwest Director, has also resigned but no replacement has been named at this time.

Motion # 1: Motion by R. Gorman, second by Bo Ackerman: **I move to seat the newly elected and appointed directors.** 13 yes votes, Dow not voting. **Motion carried.**

Motion # 2: Motion by Rankin, second by Wire to approve the minutes.
All yes, **Motion carried.**

Steve Ralph, webmaster was introduced. He outlined new improvements to the website and asked BOD approval to use Pay Pal to take memberships, market books, primers, etc. Pay Pal charges @ 3 per cent. One can use check, credit card, bank transfer. Funds will be deposited in the ABC account managed by the Treasurer.

Motion # 3: Motion by Patterson, second by Landress: **I move to use Pay Pal on the ABC Website for payment/purchases of ABC services/items such as: Membership, Yearbooks, Judges Books, and Brittany Primers and any other items currently offered for sale by ABC. Funds will be deposited by Pay Pal in the ABC account managed by the ABC Treasurer.** 14 Yes votes, 0 No votes. **Motion carried.**

Conflict of Interest: President Hartnek outlined the need for a Conflict of Interest Policy for ABC. The Board discussed the policy as proposed on page 12 and 12 A of the Agenda Book. Objections were raised to individual members not being allowed to remain in the room during the discussion of proposals where they would have a conflict. Janet Chase said the Conflict of Interest Proposal presented in the Agenda Book was a standard proposal approved by the National CPA Association. It is as follows:

**AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB INC
POLICY ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

(Source: sample policy from American Institute of Certified Public Accountants which they adapted with permission from Minnesota Charities Review Council)

This conflict of interest policy is designed to help directors, officers, employees and independent contractors of the American Brittany Club, Inc. (ABC) identify situations that present potential conflicts of interest and to provide the ABC with a procedure that, if observed, will allow a transaction to be treated as valid and binding even though a director, officer, employee or independent contractor has or may have a conflict of interest with respect to the transaction. In the event there is an inconsistency between the requirements and procedures prescribed herein and those in federal or state law, the law shall control.

1. Conflict of Interest Defined: For purposes of this policy, the following circumstances shall be deemed to create Conflicts of Interest:

A. Outside Interests—

- (i) A contract or transaction between ABC and a Responsible Person or Family Member.

- (ii) A contract or transaction between ABC and an entity in which a Responsible Person or Family Member has a financial interest or of which such person serves in a decision-making capacity.

B. Gifts, Gratuities and Entertainment—A Responsible Person accepting gifts, entertainment or other favors from any individual or entity that does or is seeking to do business with the ABC, under circumstances where it might be inferred that such action was intended to influence or possibly would influence the Responsible Person in the performance of his or her duties .

2. Definitions:

- A. Responsible Person: any person serving as a member of the board of directors, officer, employee of independent contractor of ABC.
- B. Family Member: a spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, or spouse of a child, brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister of a Responsible Person.
- C. Contract or Transaction: any agreement or relationship involving the sale or purchase of goods, services, or rights of any kind, the providing or receipt of a loan or grant, the establishment of any other type of monetary relationship. This includes all forms of compensation.

3. Procedures:

- A. Before or committee action on a contract or transaction involving a conflict of interest, a director or committee member having a conflict of interest and who is in attendance at the meeting shall disclose all facts material to the conflict of interest. Such disclosure shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.
- B. A director or committee member who plans not to attend a meeting at which he or she has reason to believe that the board or committee will act on a matter in which the person has a conflict of interest shall disclose to the chair of the meeting all facts relating to the conflict of interest. The chair shall report the disclosure at the meeting and the disclosure shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.
- C. A person who has a conflict of interest shall not participate in or be permitted to hear the board's or committee's discussion of the matter except to disclose facts and to respond to questions. Such person shall not attempt to exert his or her personal influence with respect to the matter, either at or outside the meeting.
- D. A person who has a conflict of interest with respect to a contract or transaction that will be voted on at a meeting shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum for purposes of the vote. The person having a conflict of interest may not vote on the contract or transaction and shall not be present in the meeting room when the vote is taken, unless the vote is by secret ballot. Such person's ineligibility to vote shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. For purposes of this paragraph, a member of the board of directors has a conflict of interest when he or she stands for election as an officer.
- E. Responsible persons who are not members of the board of directors of ABC, or who have a conflict of interest with respect to a contract or transaction that is not the subject of board or committee action, shall disclose to the chair or chair's designee any conflict of interest that such responsible person has with respect to a contract or transaction. Such disclosure shall be made as soon as the conflict of interest is known to the responsible person. The responsible person shall refrain from any action that may affect ABC's participation in such contract or transaction.
- F. In the event it is not entirely clear that a conflict of interest exists, the individual with the potential conflict shall disclose the circumstances to the chair or the chair's designee, who shall determine whether there exists a conflict of interest that is subject to this policy.

4. Changes to Policy—Any changes to this policy by the board of directors shall be communicated immediately to all responsible persons.



Motion # 4: Motion by Patterson, Second by Brigham: **I move to accept the Conflict of Interest Proposal as outlined on page 12 and 12 A in the Agenda Book. (above).**

12 Voting Yes: Dow, Gorman, Pollock, Stout, Ackerman, Patterson, Brigham, Rankin, Karbiner, Henderson, Landress, Wire. 2 Voting No: Chase, Janulis. **Motion carried.**

Qualifications: Discussed a proposal submitted by Tom Ettinger, NNEBC, along with 28 signatures to allow dogs placing in the AKC National Gun Dog Retrieving and Non-Retrieving Stakes to be qualifying stakes for the ABC National Gun Dog Championship stakes. Concerns were raised with changing precedent of not allowing dogs in non-Brittany trials to qualify for the ABC nationals. Many issues were

discussed concerning this matter such as Magnum and Tri-Tronics awards as well as qualifications. Would point values be based on # of entries, # of Brittanys entered, etc. **No changes were made to the Qualifications.**

Motion # 5: Motion by Brigham, Second by Wire: **I move to accept the proposal to change the qualifications to allow the AKC Gun Dog Championship placement of a Brittany to be a qualifying placement for the ABC Gun Dog Nationals.** 6 Yes votes: Gorman, Pollock, Patterson, Brigham, Landress, Wire. 7 No votes: Dow, Stout, Chase, Janulis, Rankin, Karbiner, Henderson. 1 Abstained: Ackerman. **Motion Defeated.**

The BOD discussed the issue of running in a trial held on grounds within 30 days of where the nationals will be held. Board decided to leave policy as currently stated. **A typo error was mentioned in the qualifications in the policy book. National Open GD Championship: last line should read, "Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Gun Dog Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Gun Dog Championship will be ineligible to compete."** Currently says, National Amateur All Age Championship in second reference. **This will be corrected by the Policy Book Chairman.**

Renewal of Dates at Blue Mountain: We are currently under contract to use the Blue Mountain grounds through 2011. There was a discussion of current grounds preparation. It was suggested that woody growth be burned. Other grounds were discussed but dismissed. 1st V.P Tom White said he had been in contact with Larry McAnally throughout the year concerning condition and management of the area for trials. Our entries have been close to the desired limit of running close to 60 dogs during five days.

Motion # 6: Motion by Rankin, Second by Landress. **I move to renew the Blue Mountain contract beyond 2011.** 14 yes votes. 0 no votes. **Motion Carried.**

Foundation for tax deductible donations: Hank reported that he and the Treasurer are working on forming a tax deductible foundation to receive bequeaths. Rankin said he could give them the name of a judge/field trailer who is currently setting up such a foundation and could possibly advise if needed.

Sponsors: Hank reported that we have lost Tracker as a sponsor since they have been bought out by SportDog. We cannot look to SportDog as a sponsor as that would be in conflict with our contract with Tri-Tronics. Hank had sent Garmin a draft contract but had received no response from them. We have no sponsor donating anything for 2nd place in the National Championships.

1st Vice President Tom White said he would like to pay marshal's meals as we do for judges, wrangler, and reporter. He also reported that he had been given a valuable painting by Larry & Barbara Marsh which they had purchased for \$4500 in 1987. He would like to auction on E-Bay with a minimum bid of \$1500. This was donated and it was requested that the funds obtained be used to support The National Championship.

Patterson asked if there was any policy for liquidating assets. If we don't have one, we need to consider one in order to deal with items of value in the future. Tom will work with Steve Ralph in marketing the painting on our website and E-Bay. Brigham mentioned if a foundation were in place, then donors like the Marsh's could receive a tax deduction. A thank you will be sent for the painting. The Board did not feel any motions were necessary to deal with these proposals.

2nd Vice President, Marilynne Little's Report: We were able to add a new club in Montana thanks to the AKC Mentoring Program which was formed this year and conducted their first hunt test and field trial.

3rd Vice President Chris Ward-Weber's Report: The Board decided to table the suggestions for changes in the Policy Book for the 3rd Vice President's section until it was spelled out what the current language said and what changes were actually being made. Requiring DNA for Championships and National Specialty were discussed. Current AKC and American Field policies were reviewed. Mary Jo read a follow-up letter from Chris who had to be at the Specialty Show during this meeting asking for

permission to look into other venues and the reasons for doing so. The cost of the Greenwood Fairgrounds is \$600. The Cost of the Holiday Inn was \$4000 +. She wants to look at some fund raising issues in order to pay for the show without dipping into ABC's general fund. She has applied for a grant from Ft. Smith. She would also consider alternating with the Gun Dog Nationals if all other options are exhausted. She would like some extra time to look at other venues within a 50 mile radius of Booneville.

Motion # 7: Motion by Patterson, Second by Wire: **I move that the 3rd Vice President be granted some more time to find a location for the National Specialty Show.** 14 yes votes, 0 no votes. **Motion carried.**

The Secretary asked that when Committee Chairs, Officers and Directors submit their Policy Book Revisions that they please put the changes next to the current policy in their write-ups so that every Director would not have to match up the various sections in order to form their opinion as to how to vote. This would also insure correct wording when the changes are made by the Policy Book Chair.

4th Vice President: No report was presented but expenses for the Gun Dog Nationals were discussed. Ackerman asked if there was a policy regarding the payment of judges' expenses. Somehow, the Gun Dog National Secretary had thought there was a cap of \$1000 for any judge's expenses. Ackerman then asked if the Chairman or Treasurer had the authority to cap those expenses. The Secretary reported that there is no cap on judges' expenses but nothing is spelled out in the Gun Dog National Policy section as in the National Championship but the same policy had been applied to both in the past and it needs to be revised in the policy book for clarification for the future. The Secretary was asked to put into the minutes that the same policy will be followed for both until such time as it is formally revised. The President was asked to relay this information to whoever is elected as 4th Vice President next year. If there is a need to cap expenses, then that needs to be decided prior to the event, not afterwards. Policy Book spells out that Reporter's horse will be paid but this is not spelled out for judges. The President and Secretary will work with others to revise this area of the Policy Book in order to make the Board's Policy uniform for both nationals. When the revision is made the reference to 25 cents a mile should be eliminated. It was decided this was an accounting issue and mis-communication this year and the Treasurer should cut a check for the remainder of the judges' expenses over the \$1000.

Executive Secretary/Secretary's Report: Mary Jo presented the following as action items:

- 1. Delete item # 11, page 44 of Secretary's section of policy book and Item # 30, page 49 of the Executive Secretary's section of the policy book.** *(The Executive Secretary shall keep a record of the number of litters nominated, the number of litters whelped and the number of litters failed to whelp and send them to the Futurity Chairman.) This duty is now performed by the Futurity Secretaries.*
- 2. Delete # 12, page 44** *(Send Policy Notebook changes to regional club officers, directors, and Policy Committee members. These changes may be sent by electronic means.) This should be added to Executive Secretary's Duties as that is the person responsible for Votes of the BOD*
- 3. Change Item # 3 & 4, page 48** *(Furnish each Board member and each Regional Club Secretary with a copy of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting minutes within 60 days of adjournment and Furnish each Board member and each Regional Club Secretary with a copy of the minutes of each special meeting 30 days after adjournment) to read: "In coordination with the ABC Webmaster, ABC Managing Editor, and the ABC Policy Book Chairman, the Executive Secretary shall see that votes of the Directors, Policy Notebook Revisions, Minutes of the Annual BOD Meeting and any special meeting be reported on the ABC Website and in the ABC Magazine. Policy Book changes should be updated on the ABC Website as made.*
- 4. Item 11, page 48.** *The Notice to file incorporation renewal papers was turned over to a legal firm back before I became Executive Secretary. I have never performed this duty and do not receive notice from the firm that this is being done. Perhaps the Treasurer receives a notification and/or bill for services rendered. I did have contact with them when the docking suit was filed as they are listed as our official registered agent with the State of Illinois. Wording should be changed to reflect this.*

(Janet Chase has been receiving the paperwork from our Registered Agent: C.T. Corporation, Chicago. The name of the corporation and the duty to receive should be moved to the Treasurer's section of the Policy Book.)

5. **Change item # 14, page 48.** (Receive requests for and approve Regional Club Specialty show dates.) Change to read: **"Grant Regional Club Specialties blanket approval with AKC unless clubs are in arrears for fees and/or fines or as requested on an individual basis by AKC."**

6. **Delete Item # 15, page 48,** (Prepare and submit minutes of annual Board of Directors meeting for publication in "The American Brittany" magazine.) This will be covered with the changes in Action Item # 3 above.

7. **Delete Item # 19, page 49.** (Send membership cards to Life Members with a letter of congratulations.) This is covered/replaced by current Item # 35.

8. **Change Item # 27, Section D, page 49,** to read, **"Send AKC required forms for next year's nationals to AKC as soon as the 1st Vice President and 4th Vice President notify Executive Secretary who the Field Trial Secretary will be."** This adds **"4th Vice President"** and deletes **"deadline for 1st Vice President is January 30"**.

9. Consider changing **Item # 32, page 50,** to charge **\$250 for copies of mailing lists** instead of \$125. Change **"are"** to **"is"**.

10. **Change Item # 33 to reflect Hunt Test Fees to read, "The Executive Secretary shall receive all recording fees and results of all Regional Club trials, shows, and hunt tests as well as results of all National events. All fees will be sent by Executive Secretary to the Treasurer with a list of checks sent."** Also Add: **"No fees will be assessed for the National Championships, National or Summer Specialty Shows, or ABC Gamebird and ABC Gun Dog Classic/Championships. Fees will be assessed for ABC Regional Classic/Championships."**

11. **Add to Policy Book a request that Regional Clubs consider granting full memberships with all privileges to their members who are elected to the ABC HOF or Life Membership.** (It makes no sense to grant them full ABC membership and then they still have to pay to be a member of a Regional Club to be a working member.)

Motion # 8: Motion by Pollock and Second by Wire: **I move that we accept the changes to the policy book as proposed by the Executive Secretary/ Secretary.** 14 Yes votes, 0 No votes. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Janet Chase presented the current financial budget to the BOD. No revisions to the budget had been received. She asked the Board to review current levels of funding from the breed issues fund to determine if any changes need to be made. She also mentioned the work she is doing on the Conflict of Interest Policy presented by the President and the appropriateness or not of ABC forming a foundation to receive tax deductible contributions and bequests from estates.

Ionia Fence Donation: Ray Gorman approached the Board about a donation for the fence fund at the National Gun Dog Championship grounds in Ionia, MI. His proposal included a provision for matching funds from other organizations or the Ionia grounds committee. The question was asked if other breed parent clubs are contributing to the Fence fund at Ionia. It was hoped by making the funds matching that others would be more willing to contribute.

Motion # 9: Motion by Gorman, Second by Chase: **I move that by August 31, 2010, the ABC donate up to \$5000 to the Ionia Fence construction from the future grounds fund provided the funds are matched by the Ionia Fence Committee. Funds will need to be matched in order to receive the money. Money will be paid directly to the fence vendor.** 14 Yes votes. 0 No votes. **Motion carried.**

One Board member asked the Treasurer how the cost of birds is determined for The National Championship. Answer: We pay \$6 a dog that runs in the National Championships to the Blue Mountain Group who pays for the early release program. Any additional birds over the number that group buys, we pay for.

AKC Delegate Report: Judith Tighe asked the BOD to make a contribution to the AKC Canine Legislation Support Fund in the amount of at least \$500. Mary Jo addressed the issue of AKC's involvement in legislative issues in order to keep them in the forefront of the bad legislation being faced nationwide.

Motion # 10: Motion by Rankin, Second by Henderson: **I move that ABC donate \$500 from the Breed Issue's Fund to the AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund for 2010.**

The BOD would like some accounting from the AKC Delegate as to how monies from this particular AKC fund are allocated in order for this BOD to make considerations for future donations.

14 Yes votes, 0 No votes. **Motion carried.**

Marilynne Little, Nat. Championship National Auction & Raffle Chair, submitted some Policy Book changes. These were tabled for more explanation.

Bird Dog HOF Liaison: Jim Chase discussed the expansion of the Bird Dog Foundation Building. Construction costs are anticipated to be \$250,000. The Brittany Fund which is held separately has about \$46,000. When they have \$200,000 they will start construction. Total funding needed is \$500,000. Many questions were asked of Jim as to square footage, size of Brittany display, what could be displayed, etc. Jim said they had decided to allow ABC to install a plaque with Dual Champions on it which they had never allowed before being a Field Trial HOF. Lloyd Conable had donated Ella's bound set of Brittany Magazines to the Bird Dog Foundation. Jim suggested the money could come from the Corporate Sponsor Fund which has a balance of \$58,000. This does not affect the current Purina Sponsorship monies. Secretary Trimble, while not necessarily opposed to the donation, voiced concern that major decisions such as this one should have been put forth to the membership in the Agenda Book as prescribed in the Policy Book prior to Board consideration. Some directors agreed while others disagreed. Others felt the policy should be changed. President Hartnek read the specific policy as outlined on page 77, # 6, under Duties of the Agenda Chairman. No action was taken at this time on changing policy regarding the specific policy of requiring items for a vote to be included in the Agenda Book. Under the new Conflict of Interest policy just adopted, Jim Chase was asked to leave the room during the vote.

Motion # 11: Motion by Rankin, Second by Gorman: **I move to give the Bird Dog Foundation \$10,000 from the Corporate Sponsor Fund for the Brittany Building Fund.** 9 Yes votes from Dow, Gorman, Pollock, Ackerman, Janulis, Rankin, Karbner, Henderson, Landress. 1 No vote from Stout. 3 Abstained: Patterson, Brigham, Wire. Chase not voting. **Motion Carried.**

Official Book of the American Brittany Club, Jessica Carlson: A discussion took place as to the "Official" names and abbreviations of the National Championships and how they should be listed in the book, the website, and official documents, magazine, and national trophies. They are: The National Championship or NFC The National Field Championship; The National Amateur Championship, or NAFC The National Amateur Field Championship; NGDC or National Gun Dog Championship; and NAGDC or The National Amateur Gun Dog Championship. These titles were established by the BOD in the 1980's and recognized by the AKC. No Action needs to be taken, we just need to make everyone using the titles be aware of the official names of the stakes.

Jessica asked that the 4th paragraph of the Official Book of the American Brittany Club section of the policy book be deleted and the last paragraph be changed to read: *The Book of the American Brittany, Eighties Edition, was edited by Rheta Cartmell & committee. This book was printed in 1994 with a cutoff date for data of 1991. This book is an update of Section II and the Appendix from the 1970 book.*

Motion # 12: Motion by Rankin, Second by Ackerman: **I move that the last paragraph of page 57 of the Policy Book be changed as requested by the Book Chairman.**

14 Yes votes, 0 No votes. **Motion carried.**

Classics Committee, Ray Trimble: Mary Jo reported that no applications for any of the Game Bird Classics or Gun Dog Classics had currently been received. She also advised that the Gun Dog Classic could easily be held in the West Coast Region if a club applied.

National Dates Coordinator Report: Gary Smith has also resigned as National Dates Coordinator. Directors Karbner and Janulis asked that the new Coordinator look into conflicts of hour stakes between regions. Names were suggested as possible replacements for the chairman.

Futurity Report, Marvin Stout: Standards of Performance were discussed. The Board decided to leave wording as currently outlined.

Insurance Report, David Smith: Insurance Committee Chair David Smith suggested we more effectively cover insurance on our ABC trophies. He suggested we triple the value immediately. The insurance company agreed that due to the increase in silver values, the trophy insurance fee be raised. The fee would go from \$187 to \$350 a year. Brigham asked that the Gun Dog Classic print be added to the list. This is a Gatley print with plates of the winners since 1972. It was suggested that an ad be run in the magazine to try and locate missing trophies.

Motion # 13: Motion by Patterson, Second by Wire: **I move that ABC increase the premium on rotating trophies by 3 times as agreed to with the insurance company.** 14 Yes votes, 0 no votes. **Motion carried.**

Future Grounds/Long Range Planning Committee: President Hartnek said we need to set a date of March 31, 2010 to reevaluate the Future Grounds Funds and how they will be distributed based on the recommendations from the various committee members. One Director from each region serves on the committee.

Magazine Committee Report: Each of the items on page 81 of the Agenda Report were discussed and considered. Item # 4 which is a disclaimer saying that the ABC assumes no responsibility for the truthfulness of claims by its advertisers can just be added to the masthead page of the magazine.

Motion # 14: Motion by Rankin, Second by Patterson: **I move to approve Action Items # 2, 3, 5, and 7 proposed on page 81-82 of the Agenda Book.** 14 Yes votes, 0 No votes. **Motion carried. Those items are as follows:**

#2. On page 57 (Duties of the Managing Editor "The American Brittany" Magazine), #10, *"The Managing Editor shall make sure the names and records of the dog(s) and bitches that have been nominated for the Hall of Fame as provided by the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee are published each year in the October issue."*

Rational: This is being done with the complete committee reports and agenda items that are currently published in the November issue, if this item needs to stay in, it needs to be changed to read: ***"The Managing Editor shall make sure the names and records of the dogs and bitches that have been nominated for the ABC Hall of Fame, as provided by the Chairman of the ABC Hall of Fame Committee, be published each year with the Committee Reports and Agenda Items."***

3. Page 58, #13, **Delete:** *"The Managing Editor shall submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval at the annual meeting for the next year. (1986)*

6: Page 60 (Duties of the Publisher of "The American Brittany" Magazine), #8, *"The Publishing Editor is responsible for collecting and recording all monies for ads, sample issues and all back issues, as well as judges books, primer, flyers, photos, etc. and reporting same to Managing Editor and Treasurer."*

Rational: Update wording to read: ***"The Publishing Editor is responsible for recording***

all monies collected for ads, sample/back issues, as well as judges books, Brittany primers, flyers, photos, etc. and reporting these lists to the Managing Editor and Treasurer.

7: Page 60, #9, *“The Publishing Editor shall coordinate with the Managing Editor for the content and accuracy of the magazine and for making sure the magazine meets the purpose of ABC, as well as maintaining the high quality of the magazine.”*

Rational: The Publishing Editor does not have anything to do with the content of the magazine anymore, but are asked to make minor edits, which are usually included with the mailing of the magazine to them and/or by a email during transit time. This should either be deleted and/or read: ***“The Publishing Editor shall coordinate with the Managing Editor for the accuracy of the content in the magazine as well as maintaining the high quality of the magazine.”***

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss Hall of Fames, Election of Officers and Judges' Education.

Meeting was called back into order after the Executive Session.

Motion # 15: Motion by Karbiner, Second by Gorman: **I move that the following Officers be elected: Hank Hartnek, President; Judy Robin, 2nd Vice President; Dr. Jim Carter, 4th Vice President; Janet Chase, Treasurer.** 14 Yes votes, 0 No votes. **Motion carried.**

Motion # 16: Motion by Ackerman, Second by Henderson: **I move that the Board of Directors give support to the Judges' Education Committee that they will be the best people to determine the people to become ABC mentors.** 14 Yes votes, 0 No votes. **Motion carried.**

Motion # 17: Motion by Brigham, Second by Henderson: **I move to confirm all votes taken by email since the last physical meeting of the Board of Directors.** 14 Yes votes, 0 no votes. **Motion carried.**

Motion # 18: Motion by Rankin, Second by Wire: **I move that NFC/AFC Hi Proof Rum Runner and CH Jordean All Kidden' Aside JH be elected to the ABC Dog Hall of Fame and that Ron Curtis be elected to the ABC People Hall of Fame after having received the require number of affirmative votes from the respective committees and Board of Directors.** 14 Yes votes, 0 no votes. **Motion Carried.**

Karbinger discussed the importance of clubs using the ABC reporting forms when submitting results to ABC. Statistics gleaned from these forms are necessary to determine qualifications for the nationals. Stats are also being furnished to the Future Grounds Committee for their consideration.

The concept of having 2 or 3 judges at National Championships was also discussed.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble

