



2013 ABC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Mary Jo Trimble, Executive Secretary

- Officers elected: Pres. Dr. Bob Rankin, 2nd VP Bryce Novotney, 4th VP John Perry, Trea. Gerilyn Sennott.
- Directors elected: East Coast Karen Hanson, East Central Brian Hendrickson, Central Steve Ralph, Midwest Andi Christianson, West Joe Gower.
- Seated to fill unexpired terms and present for this meeting were Kent Patterson for Gill Hopper EC Region and Karen Hanson for Ray Gorman East Region.
- Hall of fame dog elected Just Call Me Roy. People: Dr. Robert Rankin, Rick Smith, Louis Thebaud.
- Members attending the ABC membership meeting awarded Life memberships to Nancy Clendenen & Lucille Sawicki
- Summer specialties will be hosted in 2014 by Indian Nations, 2015 in Maine and 2016 by Northern California. Each of these clubs will hold an agility event in conjunction so an additional day will not be required at the National Specialty.
- President has authorized \$300 for the AKC Health Foundation.
- BOD authorized the construction of a cabinet for the Grouse Woodcock Trophy with costs to not exceed \$1500.
- BOD authorized purchase of a digital recorder with cost to not exceed \$500.
- People HOF rules will remain the same.
- Amended Executive Secretary's duties in assisting the nominating committee to include picking up election ballots and counting votes. Vote totals may be released by nominating committee and Ex. Secretary to candidates only.
- Determined that any AKC DNA number whether temporary or permanent will be accepted for entry in national events.
- First VP Tom Robin requested anyone wanting to serve on the National Championship field trial committee to let him know as a few new people may be added.
- Add Heskett Saddles as a National Championship sponsor.
- Amend policy book to indicate the entire trial must be finished prior to the national drawing to qualify for the current year's nationals.
- Clarify in policy book that agility trials will pay the \$2 starter fees since some are not always held in conjunction with specialty shows where they have been previously assessed the same as field trials, shows, and hunt tests.
- Change policy book to reflect current process for clubs to access their updated membership lists on line with no fee.
- Change policy book to clarify that donations go to both National Animal Alliance (NAIA) and NAIA Trust.
- Add Al Ady's name to people HOF for 2003.

- BOD requests various individuals to work to standardize policy book where possible for all age and gun dog nationals.
- August 1 mailing list will be used to determine eligible voters for Director's election.
- Add to Executive Secretary's duties in policy book to prepare a questionnaire for Officer Candidates for BOD use during the election process.
- Defined new rules in number of votes a member has in any election conducted by the ABC. Each full member is entitled to a single vote. If member belongs to clubs in multiple regions, he/she must declare which club/region will be their designated home region for which a ballot will be sent.
- Amend policy book to show that the Final Forfeit Futurity Secretary will take care of all Futurity receipts and expenses with a monthly reporting to the ABC Treasurer. Authorized opening a new checking account located at Commerce Bank for the Futurity receipts and expenses and close the current checking account located at First Bank in Red Bud, IL.
- Any articles submitted for outside publication representing the American Brittany Club should be sent prior to publication to the Chair of the Magazine Committee for review by the ABC magazine proof reading committee.
- Add to policy book that no live animals, stud fees, fresh (extended) or frozen semen to be allowed as donations at any recognized or sponsored fund raising event that fall under the ABC Auction fundraising events.
- Amend policy book regarding raffle/auction section to refer to sub chairs as on-site coordinators instead.
- Motion to establish guidelines for advertising fund raisers done at any events that are recognized as being run under the auspices of the ABC.
- Accepted all recommendations of the finance committee including removing references to specific financial amounts throughout the policy book and putting all amounts on one page to facilitate future changes.
- Incorporate changes in Futurity policy passed by the BOD in 08 & 09 that were never entered in the policy book and review the Futurity policy.
- Approved joining the AKC CHIC program and strongly encourage this in our Code of Ethics.
- Accept policy on young Sportsmen's Scholarship including modifications that they will not exceed more than two stipends a year, not to exceed \$2000 a year, and recipients must be active with a Brittany.
- Allocated \$300 from the breed development fund to the Membership Committee for 2014.
- Accepted ABC Website Policy for entry into policy book.
- Approved Foundation by laws and appointed the following to the Foundation BOD: John Henderson, Kent Patterson, Mary Karbiner, Jim Brigham, and Karen Hanson. the ABC President and Treasurer will be Ex-officio members.
- Accepted gift of 39.8 acres of land across from Blue Mt. WDA.
- Voted to establish a committee to examine to make recommendations regarding a code of ethics for BOD, officers, and membership.
- Authorized a plaque to list the Quail Classic winners for the last 50 years with cost not to exceed \$700.
- Approved a rotating trophy for the ABC Chicken Classic donated by Mary Karbiner.
- Approve Facebook Policy with five modifications.