

ABC BOD PHONE CONFERENCE
APRIL 9, 2015
7:00 P.M. CDT

President Dr. Bob Rankin called the phone conference to order at 7:05 P.M., April 9, 2015.

Directors in attendance were: Bob Fleury, Darlene Dow, Karen Hanson, Ron Gulembo, Kent Patterson, Brian Hendrickson, Tom Jagielski, Jim Brigham, Steve Ralph, Mary Karbiner, Andi Christensen, Robin Tomasi, Joe Gower. Directors absent: Ed Tillson and John Henderson. Officers Present: President Rankin, Ex. Secretary Mary Jo Trimble, Treasurer Gerilyn Sennott, 1st Vice President Tom Milam, and 4th Vice President John Perry. Also in attendance was Finance Committee Chair Judy Graves.

Finance Committee Chair Judy Graves presented the 2015 revised ABC Budget and Budgets submitted by Vice Presidents in charge of the National All Age Championship, the National Gun Dog Championship, and the National Specialty Show. Numerous questions were asked and explained and various ways to continue to cut expenses were discussed. Directors Brigham and Ralph will present a written motion to the BOD to accept the revised reports by email vote. Judy Graves will furnish the revised x-cel spreadsheet to be included with the motion and all will be posted on the website.

Officers signed off the discussion following the budget discussion.

The next topic of discussion was ways to improve participation in the ABC Futurity. Suggestions were made with one being looking at bringing back some form of runoff event following the 3 sectional futurities. A committee was appointed to look into this and other suggestions as well. Committee members are Chairperson Hanson, Dow, Christensen, Hendrickson, and the 3 Vice Presidents.

Bryan Hendrickson reported on the results of a committee composed of himself, Fleury, Dow and Ralph who were charged with discussing email voting. Illinois does allow Illinois corporations to use email voting, and ABC is an Illinois chartered corporation. Votes are not required to be unanimous as they are in some states. Suggestions were to keep email votes limited to those falling into emergency, time sensitive, or housekeeping categories. It was suggested that anyone proposing an email motion run it past the President and other BOD members as to whether it falls into one of those categories and receive comments as to wording prior to formally making any motion for publication of an email vote.

Steve Ralph reported on the suggestions of a committee composed of himself, Karbiner, Hanson, and Henderson to look for a candidate to shadow the Secretary/Ex. Secretary Mary Jo Trimble. One name was presented. Joe Gower will contact the individual to see if they are willing to do so.

The BOD will have another phone conference to further discuss Futurity issues on Wednesday evening,
7:00 P.M. CDT, April 29, 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Jo Trimble
Ex. Secretary

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES 4/12/15:

Following the meeting, President Rankin notified me that he had also added Directors Fleury, Patterson, Ralph, and Tillson to the Committee to look into ways to increase participation in the ABC Futurities.