

2017 ABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. A new Membership Database Committee made up of members who are committed to evaluating options for a membership database solution. Page 9, Agenda Book.
2. Tabled Sandy Malloy's # 3 action item to seek legal opinion on an online breeders' list, page 10 of the Agenda Book.
3. High in Trial Agility Winner to be added on the Cover of the magazine.
4. Appointed a committee to study future Derby Invitational's.
5. Motion to go into Executive Session.
6. MJ Trimble may continue serving on Notification List as Legislative Liaison for posting announcements.
7. Elected Secretary will be in charge of Championship Pin program.
8. Any dog born on or after January 1, 2018 will have to have DNA on file with AKC to start in the National Championships.
9. Revised #8 Duties of the Treasurer regarding any person or outside organization collecting funds in the name of the ABC. Action Item # 1, page 25 of the Agenda Book.
10. Revised Bad Check Policy as spelled out on page 25-26 of Agenda Book with rewording of parts C & D with D to read All rights to participate in any activities of the parent club shall be forfeited unless released from that responsibility by the BOD and/or until the fee is made good.
11. Action Item #3, page 26 Agenda Book, to put to the membership as a by-law change to be mailed with ballots next year to change the Article VIII, Section 1: Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Club shall be September 1 to August 31.
12. All ABC event managers provide the Treasurer with a finalized report in the format established by the Finance Committee within 30 days of the end of the event. Should such report not be filed, then the Treasurer will notify the BOD. Applies to 1st, 3rd, and 4th Vice Presidents.
13. Removed some non-current statements from the policy book regarding Treasurer's duties. Action Item# 5, Agenda Book page 26.
14. Appointed Joe Gower and Bernie Crain to 5 year terms on the Finance Committee.
15. Approved the 2018 Budget as written by the Finance Committee.

16. No advance notice was received from an absent director so no teleconference equipment was available to provide access and therefore access to meeting by teleconference was denied.
17. Voted to get a cost estimate on a Certified Outside Audit and await new Treasurer's decision before taking any action.
18. Defeated a motion to provide an independent third party to provide teller duties for all ABC Elections.
19. Voted to go forward holding the National Gun Dog Stakes at Booneville but no sooner than 2019.
20. ABC BOD will hold a Semi-Annual teleconference meeting with an Agenda published 30 days ahead of time.
21. Motion to change qualifications to include non-Brittany trials, all AKC pointing breed trials, following same qualifying numbers currently used in Brittany trials was defeated.
22. Motion to change the current National Amateur Gun Dog Championship to a horseback stake in 2018 was defeated.
23. Approved all email motions passed during the year.
24. Moved to contact AKC and ask permission to run both a National Amateur and Open Walking Gun Dog Championship In addition to the Horseback National Gun Dog Stakes.
25. The BOD elected the following Officers: Jeri Conklin 2nd Vice President; Keith Wolnewitz as Treasurer; Leslie Andreas as Executive Secretary; Brooke Burlingame as Elected Secretary. No nominees for President as yet.
26. No people elected to the Hall of Fame. NAGDC/FC/AFC High Hopes Fly by Nite (Zoey) and DC/AFC/NBOB Tequila With a Twist were elected to the Dog Hall of Fame.
27. Directors elected by the membership:
 - East Coast: Bob Fleury
 - East Central: Ron Gulembo
 - Central: Ed Janulis
 - Midwest: Ed Tillson
 - West: Robin Tomasi