

2015 ABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
THE MEETING PLACE, BOONVILLE, AR
November 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Robert Rankin. New Board Directors East Coast Bob Fleury, East Central Ron Gulembo, Midwest Ed Tillson, and West Robin Tomasi, were seated. Other Directors in attendance were East Coast Darlene Dow, Karen Hanson, East Central Kent Patterson, Brian Hendrickson, Central Jim Brigham (on phone connection), Steve Ralph, Tom Jagielski, Midwest Mary Karbiner, Andi Christensen, West John Henderson, Joe Gower.

Motion # 1: MINUTES: Motion by Gower, seconded by Tillson. I move to approve the 2014 minutes as printed. **15 yes votes, Motion Passed.**

President Rankin stated that Jim Brigham was in attendance by telephone.

Motion #2: DIRECTORS ON PHONE/VIDEO AT ANNUAL MEETING: Motion by Hendrickson, seconded by Ralph: I move to strike the words in the 2014 Motion # 32 and in the policy book, "*this is extended to Directors in extenuating circumstances*" starting January 1, 2016. **13 Yes, 1 (Tomasi) No, 1 (Henderson) Abstained. Motion Passed.**

Motion # 3: National Specialty: Motion by Hanson, seconded by Hendrickson: I move to change Policy book, page 39, #7 to, "*The National Specialty Show events are to be held during the week prior to the running of the National All Age Championships.*" **15 Yes, Motion passed.**

Motion # 4: FUND RAISING & GROUNDS DONATIONS: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Gulembo: I move to strike all references to grounds donations in the policy book . (See pages 47, 4th V.P. Duties Item # 20, Page 87, 4th V.P. Duties #18, and page 81 of National Fund Raising guidelines Item # 8.) **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Following the report of the 4th Vice President, the President appointed a Committee to look into grounds that could be considered for moving the Gun Dog Nationals. John Henderson was appointed Chair with Gulembo and Tillson as members. Chair should also add members from other regions to be represented.

Motion # 5: HOF, LIFE MEMBER BIOS: Motion by Ralph, seconded by Jagielski: I move to accept the Executive Secretary's Action Item # 1 on page 19 of the agenda book. (It reads: Add to the duties of the Hall of Fame Chairs (both dog and people) to furnish the Magazine Chair a biography to be published in the ABC Magazine of those people and dogs elected each year to the ABC Hall of Fame. I would add to the policy book that the ABC Secretary also present a biography to the Magazine Chair for publication of those members elected to Life Membership.) **Motion 15 yes, Motion Passed.**

Following discussion of the Executive Secretary's Action Item # 2 concerning revision of the **Membership Data Process**, the President reaffirmed a committee to work on this consisting of the 2nd Vice President, the Executive Secretary, Webmaster (Pay Pal), Membership Data Chair, Membership Promotion Committee Chair, Magazine Committee Chair, Treasurer, Robin Tomasi and Claude Kilpatrick.

Motion # 6: Establish a Yahoo Group List for Posting Announcements: Motion by Ralph, seconded by Jagielski: I move that ABC establish an official ABC Yahoo Group for posting only with no discussion. Signup and change of email addresses would be up to the individual members. Announcements will be posted by the Executive Secretary. **13 yes, 2 (Dow and Tomasi) No, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 7: Voting for Directors' Election: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Jagielski: I move to adopt the Ex. Secretary's Action Item #4 on page 19 of the Agenda Book. *Members who belong to Regional Clubs in more than one region shall notify the ABC Executive Secretary prior to August 1 each year in which region they wish to cast their ballot. This notice shall be published in the Magazine, on the Website, and Facebook (and ABC Yahoo Group if that proposal is accepted) prior to July 1 each year. If no notice from the member is received, then a ballot will be sent based on the member's state of residence. Members who belong to only one Regional Club will receive a ballot based that Regional Club's Region.* **12 Yes; 2 No (Henderson & Tomasi); 1 Abstained (Hanson).**

The Treasurer, Gerilyn Sennott announced that this will be her final year as Treasurer. She then gave her report.

Motion # 8: Club reimbursements: Motion by Karbiner, seconded by Gulembo: I move that any club reimbursement which is less than \$20 will be carried forward to the next quarter until their check reimbursement exceeds the \$20 limit. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 9: Club reimbursement checks not cashed: Motion by Karbiner, seconded by Gulembo: I move that all club reimbursement checks must be deposited in a timely manner. After one (1) year after issuance date, the check will be voided and no replacement check will be issued. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 10: Transmittal of Agenda Book: Motion by Dow, seconded by Ralph: I move that hence forward that the Agenda Book to Directors and Officers be transmitted electronically unless they requested a print copy. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 11: ABC Foundation: Motion by Tillson, seconded by Patterson: I move that Ron Gulembo be appointed to the ABC Foundation Board of Directors. **15 Yes votes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 12: Dog of the Year Program: Motion by Karbiner, seconded by Tillson: I move to strike the word "national" in front of Dog of the Year in Policy Book. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 13: Ethics Committee Report: Motion by Dow, seconded by Ralph: I move to table the Ethics report and action items until a telephone conference can be set up by the President prior to January 31, 2016. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 14: Finance Committee Report: Motion by Ralph, seconded by Karbiner: I move to accept the Action item # 1, page 39 of the Agenda Book, as written but revised which reads: Add to the duties of all event chairs that funds received for events other than entry fees will be turned over to the treasurer within 30 days of receipt. Entry Fees will be sent to the Treasurer as soon as possible after closing of entries. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.** Judy Graves, Finance Committee Chair, presented her committee's action items and called for the BOD to approve the Internal Audit Committee's report for 2014.

Motion # 15: Finance Committee Internal Audit: Motion by Ralph, seconded by Karbiner. I move to accept the Internal Audit Report of the Finance Committee for 2014. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 16: Finance Committee appointment: Motion by Tillson, seconded by Hendrickson: I move to appoint Mary Karbiner to a full five (5) year term on the Finance Committee. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

The Finance Chair then led the BOD through an item by item discussion of the 2016 Budget.

Motion # 17: AKC Disaster Trailer Donation: Motion by Karbiner, seconded by Fleury. I move to reduce the current proposal for the AKC Disaster Trailer money to zero in the budget. **10 Yes, 5 No (Dow, Hanson, Gulembo, Christensen, Tomasi); Motion Passed.**

Motion # 18: 2016 Budget: Motion by Tillson, seconded by Jagielski: I move to accept the 2016 budget as modified with modifications to be furnished by the ABC Finance Committee Chair to the Executive Secretary. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 19: Futurity Wording: Motion by Ralph, seconded by Karbiner: I move to remove references to the word “National” from the Futurity section of the policy book. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 20: Email Votes: Motion by Ralph, seconded by Hendrickson: I move to formally approve all the email votes since the last BOD meeting. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 21: Derby Invitational: Motion by Tillson, seconded by Patterson: I move to create an American Field Derby Invitational associated with the 2016 Gun Dog and All Age Nationals to be run by the 1st and 4th Vice Presidents with guidelines and format to be determined. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 22: Housekeeping Director Duties: Motion by Dow, seconded by Gulembo: I move under duties of Directors in the policy book to change the wording from Directors should be committed to attend all possible trials.....to Directors should be committed to attend all possible events. **15 Yes, Motion passed.**

Motion # 23: Change in HBFT requirements: Motion by Hendrickson, seconded by Christensen: I move that ABC change the requirement to run an Open All Age stake in a regional horseback field trial to read that a regional club must run an Open Puppy, Open Derby, and an Open All Age or Open Gun Dog Stake. (page 23, line #1 of policy book). **8 Yes, 7 No (Fleury, Patterson, Brigham, Ralph, Jagielski, Karbiner, Tillson); Motion Passed.**

Motion # 24: Approval of Minutes: Motion by Dow, seconded by Henderson: I move that minutes will be approved by December 31st. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 25: Email Motion Guidelines: Motion by Ralph, seconded by Patterson: I move that the Guidelines suggested on page 61 of the Agenda Book be published in the policy book with the order changed from a., b., c., to B., A, C presented. Add the following statement before the Email Motion Guidelines in the Policy Book: *It is suggested that the Board of Directors follow the Email Motion Guidelines. The Guidelines will read: A. Issues considered for Email Motions should first be presented to the Board of Directors for discussion and determined if a Motion is necessary. B. Email Motions are for emergency, time sensitive and housekeeping issues only, all other issues should be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Board of Directors. C. If Email Motion is determined to be necessary, then a Second is required and the President will announce to the directors and executive secretary that the Email Motion discussion & voting process should proceed.* **15 Yes, Motion passed.**

Motion # 26: AKC requested Action on Email Notifications: Motion by Tomasi, seconded by Tillson: I move to approve Tomasi Action Item # 1, page 61 of Agenda Book. This reads: Update policy to incorporate AKC approval of e-mail communication for use by Parent Club Board of Directors and follow procedures to update the bylaws. See AKC memo dated February, 2007. **15 Yes, Motion Passed.**

Motion # 27: AKC Requested Action on Electronic Balloting:: Motion by Tomasi, seconded by Tillson. I move to adopt Tomasi’s Action Item # 2, page 61 of Agenda Book dealing with electronic balloting. It reads: Update policy & by-laws to incorporate AKC’s procedure on Electronic Balloting for AKC Parent Clubs. See AKC Memo dated September, 2013 regarding Electronic Balloting for AKC Parent Clubs.

14 Yes, 1 No (Karbiner), Motion Passed. (See policy page 63/64 of Agenda Book)

Motion # 28: Qualifications: Motion by Tillson, seconded by Ralph. I move that ABC accept American Field or AKC DNA for National Events. **12 Yes, 3 No (Hanson, Hendrickson, Tomasi) Motion Passed.**

Executive Session Declared by President Rankin: Executive Session ended at 5:30 PM
Votes taken in Executive Session: **No Dogs or People elected to Hall of Fame.**

Dr. Robert Rankin was elected President

Sandy Malloy elected as Second Vice President

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble, ABC Executive Secretary