

2016 ABC BOD MEETING MINUTES

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The Meeting Place, Booneville, AR

November 26, 2016

The American Brittany Club meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Dr. Robert Rankin. Directors present in person were Karen Hanson, Bob Fleury, Darlene Dow, Brian Hendrickson, Helen Riggle, Steve Ralph, Tom Jagielski, Bernie Crain, Andi Christensen, Ed Tillson, Mary Karbiner, Joe Gower, and Robin Tomasi. Ron Gulembo was connected by telephone due to his recent medical emergency. Bob West arrived at 8:30 AM.

The 2nd Vice President **Sandy Malloy** presented her report and action items. **MOTION # 1: MOTION BY HANSON, SECONDED BY HENDRICKSON: I MOVE TO ADD TO THE DUTIES OF THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT THAT AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT WILL REACH OUT TO REGIONAL CLUBS TO UPDATE THEIR LIST OF ALL OFFICERS FOR THE ABC. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO). MOTION PASSED**

MOTION # 2: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY GOWER: I MOVE THAT ABC WORK WITH LEGAL COUNCIL TO DESIGN A BREEDERS' DIRECTORY TO GO ON THE WEBSITE WITH FINAL APPROVAL BY THE ABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MOTION PASSED: 13 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSTAINED (KARBINER & GULEMBO) The President appointed Sandy Malloy, Steve Ralph, Helen Riggle, and attorney Sharon Wice to work on the design.

Third Vice President Terry Hilliard presented her report and action Items. **MOTION # 3: MOTION BY TOMASI, SECONDED BY GOWER. I MOVE THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED THAT HOST CLUBS OF THE SUMMER SPECIALTY PROVIDE AWARD OF MERITS AS PER AKC RECOMMENDATIONS. Motion passed: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (Gulembo).** The President appointed a committee composed of A. Christiansen Chair, B. Hendrickson, K. Hanson, H. Riggle, and 3rd and 4th Vice Presidents to work on a proposal that the Summer Specialty no longer be held and the National Specialty be held in the summer and move across the country.

The 4th Vice President **John Perry** reported on the Gun Dog Nationals.

Executive Secretary Trimble presented her action items.

Agenda Book: MOTION # 4: MOTION BY HENDRICKSON, SECONDED BY TOM JAGIELSKI: I MOVE TO PUT IN POLICY BOOK THAT ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO)

Judges' Education: MOTION # 5: MOTION BY HANSON, SECONDED BY HENDRICKSON: I MOVE THAT ABC ASK AKC TO RECOMMEND THAT SHOW JUDGES ATTEND ONE FIELD TRIAL OR HUNT TEST AND BE MENTORED BY A DOG OWNER WHO HAD HAD OWNED A SPORTING DOG FOR AT LEAST 12 YEARS. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO)

American Field report: President Rankin reported he was serving on a committee of Continental Breeds for the **Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America** and that the Continental breeds are exempt from requiring individuals who run in Continental Breed trials/championships to pay the \$25 individual dues paid by other non-continental breeds.

Judy Graves, Chair of the ABC Finance Committee presented the finance committee's Action Items and 2017 ABC Budget. **MOTION # 6: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY GOWER: I MOVE THAT POLICY BOOK CHANGE TO BE MADE AS FOLLOWS: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER: ANY CHECK EXCEEDING \$5,000 SHALL REQUIRE A SECOND SIGNATURE FROM THE PRESIDENT OR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO).**

MOTION # 7: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY CRAIN: I MOVE TO APPOINT LUCILLE SAWICKI TO A 5 YEAR TERM TO REPRESENT THE EAST COAST REGION ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO)

MOTION # 8: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY GOWER: I MOVE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSURANCE CHAIR TO EXPLORE AND PURCHASE ALL INSURANCE POLICIES AS WELL AS ADDING A POLICY FOR CRIME COVERAGE UNDER ONE INSURANCE AGENCY. COST NOT TO EXCEED CURRENT BUDGET FIGURE. MOTION PASSED: 13 YES, 1 NO (GOWER), 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO).

MOTION # 9: MOTION BY JAGIELSKI, SECONDED BY RALPH: I MOVE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2017. MOTION PASSED: 10 YES, 3 NO (HENDRICKSON, DOW, TOMASI), 2 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO, RIGGLE).

Lunch Break declared at 11:53 A.M. Meeting resumed at 12:19 P.M.

Ed Tillson, chair of the ABC Nat. Gun Dog Championship study committee presented his report: **MOTION # 10: MOTION BY RIGGLE, SECONDED BY GOWER: I MOVE THAT THE GUN DOG GROUNDS COMMITTEE CONTINUE THEIR RESEARCH AND COME BACK IN 2017 WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON BOTH WHERE AND WHEN (DATE) THAT THE GUN DOG NATIONALS SHOULD BE HELD. MOTION PASSED: 12 YES, 1 NO (HENDRICKSON), 2 ABSTAINED (DOW & GULEMBO).**

Magazine Committee: MOTION # 11: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY CRAIN: I MOVE TO HAVE THE MAGAZINE CHAIR CONTACT AKC REGARDING THE PUBLISHING ABC STATS OBTAINED FROM AKC ON THE INTERNET. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED. (GULEMBO)

MOTION # 12: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY JAGIELSKI: I MOVE THAT PHOTOS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN THE MAGAZINE UNLESS AN EVENT REPORT (RESULTS) HAS BEEN RECEIVED. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO)

Nominating Committee, Bob Fleury Chair read the list of Directors elected for 3 year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2017. Directors elected are: East Coast Leslie Hunt, East Central Brian Hendrickson, Central Steve Ralph, Midwest Andi Christiansen, West Coast Mary Brown.

MOTION # 13: MOTION BY HENDRICKSON, SECONDED BY RALPH: I MOVE TO APPROVE ALL EMAIL MOTIONS VOTED ON SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO).

Registry of Merit Program (ROM): MOTION # 14: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY TOMASI: I MOVE TO ALLOW KAREN HANSON TO SET UP AND MAINTAIN A REGISTRY OF MERIT (ROM) PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE CHAIRED BY A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE. MONEY COLLECTED SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE DOG OF THE YEAR PROGRAM. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO)

Junior Achievement Award: MOTION #15: MOTION BY TOMASI, SECONDED BY RIGGLE: I MOVE TO APPROVE A JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR ABC. KAREN HANSON WILL ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM: AWARD COSTS ARE NOT TO EXCEED \$50. AWARD WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY SEPT. 1, 2017. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO)

Policy Book Change: MOTION # 16: MOTION BY TILLSON, SECONDED BY HENDRICKSON: I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE POLICY BOOK CHANGES LISTED ON PAGE 99-100 OF THE AGENDA BOOK WHICH CORRECT TERMINOLOGY FROM AMERICAN FIELD TO FIELD DOG STUD BOOK. CHANGES NEEDED CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 46, 91, 107. 155. 156. 157 AND 158 MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO).

Dog of the Year Program: MOTION # 17: MOTION BY RIGGLE, SECONDED BY GOWER: I MOVE TO ADD SHOW BREEDER OF THE YEAR, FIELD TRIAL BREEDER OF THE YEAR, HUNT TEST BREEDER OF THE YEAR, AND PERFORMANCE BREEDER OF THE YEAR BE ADDED TO THE DOG OF THE YEAR PROGRAM. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO)

Motion # 18: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY HENDRICKSON: I MOVE THAT ABC WILL PAY FOR INFORMATION GATHERING FROM AKC FOR THE DOG OF THE YEAR PROGRAM. PROGRAM CHAIR IS TO CONTINUE WITH FUND RAISING TO SUPPORT THE REST OF THE PROGRAM. MOTION PASSED: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO)

Executive Session called (Time not recorded) The following was voted on in Executive Session and confirmed in the Open session following the Executive Session.

MOTION # 19: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 NOT VOTING (GULEMBO).

.....No dog or people elected to their respective Hall of Fames.

.....Officers Elected: 1st VP Tom Milam, (Elected) Secretary position Leslie Andreas, 3rd VP Emmy Wollenburg, 4th VP Bob Burchett.

.....Jennifer Brooke Burlingame will shadow the secretary position.

Brian Henderson moved for adjournment at 4:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Jo Trimble, ABC Executive Secretary