

**2021 AMERICAN BRITANNY CLUB , INC. BOD MEETING  
Unofficial Minutes by Exec. Secretary Mary Jo Trimble**

**THE MEETING PLACE, BOONEVILLE, AR**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

Meeting was called to order by President Ed Janulis at 8:20 AM. Members present in the room were East: Darlene Dow, John Perry, East Central Jack Alexander, Vince Anderson, Ron Gulembo, Central Joe Droel, Burton Wice, Midwest Mary Karbinger, Bret Lindback, Ed Tillson, West Robin Tomasi. Directors attending by Zoom TV were: Leslie Hunt, Bernie Crain, , Jim Hammett, and Mary Brown. Pres. Ed Janulis, Exec. Sec. Mary Jo Trimble, Finance Chair Judy Graves were in attendance. 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Bryce Novotny and Futurity Chair Leslee Masolotte were in attendance for their reports.

President Janulis thanked everyone for the 35 Agenda Reports that were received.

**Motion #1:** Motion by Gulembo, Seconded by Alexander: I move to approve the 2020 BOD Meeting Minutes. 14 Yes, 1 No (Karbinger) Objection will be discussed later in the meeting. **Motion Passed.**

**Membership Report:** Gulembo would like someone to help him and other Directors to simplify a list of his regional membership so he could contact them to increase communication. Tomasi suggested using Survey Monkey so people could opt out. Other suggested how to copy emails from member list or ask an IT person to do so for him.

**Executive Secretary's Report:** Trimble relayed some of the requirements an Executive Secretary should have to fill that position. Those included computer skills and the time they are willing to devote to the job. Lindback suggested that Mary Jo and a couple of other people form a search committee to find a candidate.

**Futurity Report,** Leslee Masolotte: Cost issues of birds were discussed. Futurity managers are encouraged to read policy book requirements. Discussed if someone other than breeder could make nomination. Page 34 of Agenda Book. Lindback suggested that Policy Book committee study every suggested motion for conflicts before including in the Agenda Book. Duty of Policy Book Committee was explained they put in policy what the BOD approves.”

**Futurity Motion # 2** by Gulembo, Seconded by Tillson: I move to add the words “OR AGENT “ be added anywhere the term breeder is used to define the

breeder's responsibilities to nominate puppies or the Futurity Committee's responsibility to the breeders in the ABC Policy Book. #5 Page 34 Agenda Book 1  
yes vote, 14 No votes (all Directors except Hunt), **Motion Defeated.**

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**Futurity Motion # 3:** Motion by Perry:, Seconded by Dow: I move to add the word "stake" to the last sentence under Dual Futurity Award Point System on page 123. Sentence to read "A dog cannot win points for getting a ribbon in a class or STAKE unless he defeats at least one dog." 13 Yes Votes, 2 No Votes (Droel & Lindback) **Motion Passed.**

**Futurity Motion #4:** Motion by Tillson, Seconded by Karbiner: I move that the Futurity has permission to reevaluate the entry fees and forfeit dates as needed to keep the futurity budget viable. Any changes would be submitted for approval to the ABC BOD prior to their Modification. This motion was **withdrawn** as it is already in effect in the Budget Process.

**Futurity Action item #7 page 35** dealing with the wording dealing with Measuring dogs at the Futurity was also **withdrawn** as the present rule was left standing.

**Futurity Action Item # 9, page 35** to create a Futurity Handbook was **not proposed** as there is already one in existence.

**National Specialty Show Chair Bryce Novotny** was recognized by President Janulis. Due to the hurricane in New Orleans and lack of power, Bryce presented and oral report to the Board as his home in New Orleans had dealt with the devastating storm damage and lack of power. Show went very well this week.

**Invitational Derby:** Discussion took place regarding issuing points to dogs based on the length of the derby to qualify for the Invitational Derby.

**Legislative Report Mary Jo Trimble:** Mary Jo reported on what had been done in regard to The American Field Being sold to United Kennel Club. Brittany member questions had been submitted to Steeple Bell who was to be on a podcast with UKC in hopes of getting questions answered as to their intent and future of American Field. (As it turned out, the Podcast with Steeple Bell did not materialize. AKC does send clubs alerts on national legislation. Trimble spoke with Sportsmen's Alliance just before coming to Booneville. Our contribution to them is included in the budget.

**Motion # 5: page 31:** Motion by Jim Hammett and Seconded by Gulembo: I move that for 2022 and all future years, the point calculation for the Derby Invitational shall include any horseback derby run for 20-30 minutes as follows:

1st-6 points x dogs run, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4 points x dogs run, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 points x dogs run.. 3 yes votes, (Hammett, Brown, Tomasi) and 12 No votes. **Motion Defeated.**

**Insurance: Tom Milam has resigned as ABC insurance chair.** The Executive Secretary and Treasurer have been working with him and will continue to deal as we have with insurance until such time as a new Insurance Chair is announced.

**Statistician Mary Karbiner** reported on trial stats and asked that people would be more careful of the completions of these reports.

**Motion # 6, Webmaster:** Motion by Tillson, Seconded by Dow: I move to add an “Auto-Renewal” option to the ABC Website PayPal Process, i.e., Membership-online. 14 Yes Votes, 1 No Vote (Hunt) **Motion Passed**

**Finance Committee** makeup discussed. Finance Committee Chair also presented the Budget for 2022. Committee has one member from each region plus a Chair person from one of the 5 regions. The formation and Member at Large Chair were discussed by Ms. Graves. The need for another East Coast member was discussed due to the resignation of Lucille Sawicki. The Committee submitted a name.. Additional names were submitted by Director Tomasi. The Finance Chair said she would take the names back to the Committee to consider along with their current recommendation.

**Motion # 7 Finance committee makeup:** Motion by Tomasi, Seconded by Gulembo: I move to change the (Finance) committee members from 6 to 5. Each region should only be represented once. Currently there are 2 committee members representing the central region. When the first term of a central region member expires (2022) This will bring the committee to one member per region. 7 Yes Votes, 8 No Votes (voting NO: Hunt, Alexander, Crain, Wice, Droel, Karbiner, Lindback, Tillson) **Motion Defeated.**

**Motion # 8 Budget** Motion by Alexander , Seconded by Lindback: I move to accept the budget with proposed changes discussed . 8 Yes Votes, 6 No Votes, 1 Abstained. (Voting no: Dow, Perry, Anderson, Gulembo, Droel, Tomasi, Abstaining: Brown. **Motion Passed.**

**Motion # 9:** Action Item # 14, page 37 two parts: Motion by Tomasi, Seconded by Perry. Part one “Delete any revenue neutral request will not require BOD approval unless such request exceeds \$5,000”. (PART ONE WAS TABLED)

**Part two: Add: I move that** “Money cannot be taken from a restricted use fund without board approval unless the total is under \$1000.” 10 Yes Votes, 5 No Votes, (No votes from Hunt, Alexander, Crain, Lindback, Tillson) **Motion Part two Passed.**

**Motion #10.** Motion by Tomasi, Seconded by Lindback. Item 16, page 37. I move that we add the President's discretionary Fund of \$1000 be added to the Policy Book appendix. 15 Yes Votes , 0 No votes. **Motion Passed.**

**National Magazine Cover Photo:** After a discussion of how and what should be used for National Event Cover photos, the following motion was reached.

**MOTION # 11:** Motion **by Tomasi, Seconded by Perry:** I move that cover photos will be the official win photo as provided by the ABC event chair or a candid photo submitted by the owner and approved by the Magazine Committee. Photo is to be submitted within 20 days after the National ABC event. 14 Yes votes, 1 No Vote, (Hunt voting NO). **Motion passed.**

Discussion involving **rotation of National All Age and National Gun Dog Championships.** Discussion went back and forth on how policy outlines the awarding of dates process is to be handled.

**Motion # 12:** Motion by Lindback, Seconded by Karbiner : I move that we stop the **proposed rotation** of the National All Age and National Gun Dog championships at Booneville. 6 Yes Votes, 9 No Votes (Voting No Dow, Hunt, Perry, Anderson, Gulembo, Crain, Hammett, Brown, Tomasi) **Motion Failed.**

**Motion # 13:** Motion by Perry, Seconded by Gulembo: See page 42 of Agenda Book, proposed motions # 24,#25 and # 26. I move to add the words "and dates" after the words "Site selection" in Policy book as well as also for the National Specialty Show. 10 Yes Votes, 5 No Votes (voting No Alexander, Wice, Karbiner, Lindback, Tillson.) **Motion Passed.**

Discussion of pros and cons of a **certified Audit vs an Internal Audit** done by the Finance Committee was discussed. Finance Chair Graves explained that the current process actually goes deeper than a certified audit. It would also cost in the range of thousands of dollars depending on who had checked with auditors near them. Several auditors reported that we were too small to need a certified audit. Gulembo withdrew his action items # 29, 30, and 31 page 44 of the Agenda Book dealing with finances. No motion was heard on Action Item # 32 for ANY monies or stipends paid to anyone with no amount of expenditure specified. It was pointed out that stipends are in the financial statements already.

**National Qualifications Discussion:** Perry withdrew action item # 27 , page 43 of the Agenda Book at the Nationals regarding Field Trial Chairman's Checklists. As to Action Item # 28 page 43 dealing with Drawings at the Nationals, this issue was **tabled until there is a discussion with 1st and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Presidents** prior to the

summer meeting in 2022. Qualifications had been relaxed the past few years due to Covid restrictions and cancellation of trials.

**Motion # 14:** Motion by Dow, Seconded by Karbiner. I move that we remove from all the National Field Trial Championship Qualifications the reference to Covid in 2019 – 2021

. 15 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes. **Motion Passed.**

**Motion # 15:** Motion by Alexander, Seconded by Dow: I move to change the number of dogs needed to qualify in all 30 minute stakes as follows: ... Has placed in a (name stake) 30 minute stake in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which the following ( or more) dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 15 starters, 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 17 starters 4<sup>th</sup> place with 20 starters 12 Yes Votes, 3 No Votes (voting No Hammett, Brown, Tomasi) **Motion Passed.**

#### **Email Motions:**

**Motion # 16:** Motion by Perry, Seconded by Tomasi: I move to delete E-Mail Guidelines from the Policy Book, page 153. **14 Yes Votes, 1 No vote (voting No Karbiner.) Motion Passed.**

#### **Duties of the First Vice President:**

**Motion # 17:** Motion by Tomasi, Seconded by Perry. I move to adopt the proposals on page 47-48 of the Agenda Book with the following changes.

**Proposal # 1 is tabled.** #4:: ADD C. With the Field Trial Secretary, review and approve all communications/documents to be provided to the membership and participants as it relates to the National All Age and Derby Invitational Events.

**# 5 Delete current paragraph in policy book.** Change to Prior to the running of the National Championship and the National Amateur Championship, the 1st VP shall meet with the judges to discuss possible dog posting protocols. The final decision may change year to year based on the judicial panel's preference. The final decision as to how, or if, dogs will be posted will be announced at dinner the night before each event is to start.

**#6: Delete current wording. Add: 6.** Oversee or designate the purchase, receiving, and planting of birds for the National Championship and the National Amateur Championship as necessary to achieve a fair and quality event.

**#7.** Be responsible for the welfare of the Judges while they are in attendance at the National Stake, through coordination with the respective Stakes Manager and Field Trial Secretary.

**No changes to # 9 – 16. Remove "National" before any mention of Derby.**

17. The 1st Vice President selects the reporter/s for the National Open All Age Championship and National Amateur All Age Championship **Add: and National Derby Invitational**. National Reporters shall be paid for the field report (See Appendix 1) once their report is received for publication. Reporters may also request to be paid travel expenses (See Appendix 1) to and from the trial and/or paid for their horse usage (See Appendix 1) on the days they ride as the Official Reporter. Total paid to a reporter is not to exceed an amount as approved by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1). (2014)

22. Delete: at the most suitable motel. **Add: Arrange for field trial headquarters.**

24. Funds received for the National All Age Championships other than entry fees will be turned over to the Treasurer within thirty (30) days of receipt. Entry fees will be sent to the Treasurer as soon as possible after closing of entries. (2015) **Add to Item 24: The 1st VP is responsible for the accounting of all financial activity taking place during the National Open Championship, National Amateur Championship, and Derby Invitational. The duties as assigned or designated to individuals are as follows:**

- a. **Writing and documenting of all checks associated while conducting the events. Examples: Calcutta, Food Caterer, Saddle, Birds, judges, reporters, bird planter, dog wagon driver, placements, Derby Invitational, grounds fees, hay delivery, stall cleaning, and any other miscellaneous expenses associated with the event. Approximately 40 signed checks are requested from the ABC Treasurer 90 days before the event.**
- b. **Collecting, documenting and depositing of all revenue associated with conducting the events. Examples: Entry fees, camping fees, hay sales, Calcutta bids, auctions, raffles, and any other miscellaneous revenues associated with the event. A deposit book and endorsement stamp "for deposit only" to the appropriate ABC bank account is requested from the ABC Treasurer 90 days before the event. All deposits should be complete no later than 30 days from the event.**

# 28 Add "ABC" before Garmin Coordinator.

#29 Add Contact the ABC contracted Saddle Company during the summer prior to the event to insure delivery of saddles for the National Championship and the National Amateur Championship.

**Old Business: Back to issue of what financial fund pays for improvements on ABC grounds at Booneville.**

**Motion # 18:** Motion by Alexander, Seconded by Lindback. I move that expenses of money expended for ABC owned grounds at Booneville remain paid for out of the National Grounds Fund as was originally done by the Finance Committee/Treasurer. 14 Yes Votes, 1 No Vote (Tomasi Voting No.) **Motion Passed.**

**Resignation of East Coast Director.**

Leslie Hunt, East Coast Director, notified the Board of Directors that she will be resigning effective December 31, 2021. One year remains on her term of office. Since Tom Bass was on the ballot for East Coast this year and received more than a third of the membership vote, he should be elected to serve the remainder of her term.

**Motion # 19:** Motion by Hunt, Seconded by Wice. I move to appoint Tom Bass to fill the remainder of the un-expired term of retiring Director Leslie Hunt effective January 1, 2022. 15 Yes Votes, 0 No votes. **Motion Passed..**

Secretary Trimble read the list of Directors elected by the membership:

East Coast: Darlene Dow, with Tom Bass filling vacant position of Leslie Hunt

East Central: Jim Stevens

Central: Bruce Heiter

Midwest: Leslee Massolote

West Coast: Jim Hammett

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Room was cleared for Directors to go into Executive Session.

No resumption of open meeting was held after Executive Session.

The following was announced at the Membership Meeting later in the week:

**Ed and Judy Graves elected to ABC Hall of Fame**

**Jacqui Campbell elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**FC/AFC Lane's End Bowtie Annie elected to ABC Dog HOF**

No election for President or Treasurer was held

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December 28, 2021: **An Executive Session Zoom meeting** was held for the purpose of electing a President and Treasurer for the ABC.

Results of the election are as follows:

**Robert (Bob) Rankin, MD was elected President**

**Gerilyn Sennott was re-elected as Treasurer**