

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC . ZOOM BOD MEETING

JULY 20, 2022. MARY JO TRIMBLE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Meeting was called to order by President Robert Rankin, MD at 7:10 PM. Executive Secretary, Mary Jo Trimble called roll and established a quorum was present.

Directors in attendance were Tom Bass, Karen Hanson, Darlene Dow, Vince Anderson, Ron Gulembo, Jim Stevens, Burton Wice, Joe Droel, Bruce Heiter, Leslie Masolotte, Mary Brown, Robin Tomasi. Absent were Brett Lindback, Ed Tillson, and Jim Hammett. Others in attendance were Judy Graves, Finance Committee Chair, Jacqui Campbell, 2nd Vice President, and Lisa Pollock, 4th Vice President.

First on the agenda was Judy Graves who conducted a discussion of each of the various National Field Trials, Show and Agility budgets. Budgets had been previously emailed to the BOD for their review prior to the meeting. It was feared due to current economic factors and gasoline prices that entries would be less than previous years and the budgets were adjusted accordingly. Questions and comments were made and one correction was made.

Motion: I move to approve National Field Trials, Specialty Show and Agility Event Budgets as presented with the correction to remove the \$250 Bird Pen Repair from a previous year.

Motion by Tom Bass, Seconded by Leslie Masolotte.

10 yes votes, 2 no votes: Dow & Tomasi; 3 absent and not voting: Lindback, Tillson, and Hammett. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next topic of discussion was a discussion of ways to combat ineligible dogs entering Limited and Grand Limited Stakes. One Director reported that both Doug Ljungren, VP of AKC Performance Events, and Tom Maneely, Field Representative for AKC, laid the responsibility for making sure all entries were qualified to the Field Trial Secretaries. Knowing that Field Trial Secretaries do not always have access to that information, the Board discussed how this was to be handled. It was suggested that entry blanks should contain a blank for owners and agents to put information on when and where a dog earned his qualification to run in any limited stake similar to the line on our National Entry Blanks. It was suggested having Steve Ralph do this on a sample entry blank on the ABC website so that both clubs and individuals could access.

In addition, Clubs need to be reminded that AKC rules call for Full Registered Names be on Running Orders available to all participants at the trial and not just call names. That way individuals could know exactly who competed in any given trial. Director Wice said as Central Dates Coordinator, he would contact all his clubs asking them to use the line for where a dog qualified and put full names on all Running Orders. He will talk to National Date Coordinator Steve Ralph to contact other Regional Dates Coordinators asking them to do the same.

It was not clear if the above two items were widespread in trials or just one or two in violation of AKC rules but an attempt would be made to determine this. Unqualified entries were impacting the various ABC awards not only for the winning dog but dogs competing in other trials by giving more points to dogs than should have been entered in the trial.

Next, President Rankin announced he was appointing a committee to look into issues concerning the ABC Magazine. He had already talked to Bob Fleury who has agreed to serve on the committee as he knows more about the operation of magazine publication than anyone else in the ABC due to his many years as Magazine Committee Chair. The President then asked for volunteers of others who might be interest. Director Karen Hanson was the first to volunteer, and she was appointed Committee Chair. Jacqui Campbell said she had publication experience and would be interested. Dan Campbell, (no relation to Jacqui) had indicated in the past he had publication experience and would be interested in helping.

President Rankin announced that AKC Delegates were considering adding points to the number of dogs entered in Derby States to help qualify more dogs for Limited Stakes. Exact numbers were not currently known.

Director Hanson asked about dogs with DNA from the American Field. President Rankin said we would have to discuss a proposal at the November BOD meeting which indicated a start date for dogs to obtain AKC DNA but showing consideration to older dogs who already have American Field DNA.

Ron Gulembo, Nominating Committee Chair, asked the BOD for help finding replacements for both Executive Secretary and Recording Secretary vacancies which will begin December 31, 2022 when Mary Jo Trimble retires (again) as Executive Secretary and Jan Kilpatrick retires as Recording Secretary. If these positions are filled prior to that date, new people could be trained in the duties of those offices.

The November BOD meeting will meet in Fort Smith at the Show Site. Robin Tomasi, Karen Hanson, and Darlene Dow will pick up the ballots on Friday or Saturday morning at Booneville Post office to be counted on Saturday prior to the BOD meeting on Sunday.

Gulembo announced the Policy Book Committee would remove references to the American Field in all pages of the policy book prior to the issuance of the 2023 Policy Book.

Motion to adjourn, seconded by Leslie Masolatte @ 9:00 PM