

ABC Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

11-23-2025

The meeting was held in Booneville at the Jeral Hampton Meeting place. The meeting was called to order at 8:02am. It was slow to start as we were waiting on the projector from the field trial grounds.

First order of business was the results for the director's election.

West Coast-Bob West

Midwest- John Perry

Central-Ed. Janulis

East Central-Paul Renius

East Coast-Linda McCartney

Since the resignation of Burton Wice there has been an opening on the board. Ed Janulis, who won the election with over 33% of the vote, was seated at the start of the meeting to fill the seat.

Roll call was done, the following directors and other committee members were either present on zoom or in the room: Linda McCartney, Phillip Thayer, Darlene Dow, Vince Anderson, Ron Gulembo, Robin Tomasi, Steve Cosgriff, Bret Lindback, Matt Wedele, Shawn Macleod, Jim Stevens, Bruce Heiter, Helen Riggle, Ed Janulis, Leslee Masolotte.

Other people on the zoom were: Julio Rodriguez to talk about the website, Jacqui Campbell talking about Membership, Doug Tighe to talk about finance, Tim Smith to also talk about finance.

First order of business was to accept the 2024 Board of Directors meeting minutes as written.

Motion #1 Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele- I make the motion to accept the 2024 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Motion unanimously passed by the BOD

Discussion was held that the next quarterly meeting would be held March 10,2026 at 7:00pm CST.

President spoke first about looking for people to help with committees and to welcome those who have taken over committees.

Positions filled. Please take the time to welcome them into their new positions.

Finance Chair: Doug Tighe

Book of the American Brittany: Dawn Droel

Policy Book: Shawn Macleod

National Grounds: Scott Johnson

Statistics: Harlene Hoyt-Johnson

Judges Mentors: Sara Taylor

2026 Nomination Committee

Chair: Darlene Dow

EC: Jim Stevens

C: Bruce Heiter

MW: Leslee Masolotte

W: Steve Cosgriff

There was a brief discussion on finding board members or officers willing to go to IL. and clean out Mary Jo Trimble's storage unit. A couple of people have volunteered and will look for a date to make this possible.

There was discussion by the 2nd VP to start using the cards to notify members of their membership getting ready to expire. Talk about the second VP to be able to start her own committee to help with the work. The discussion was also about the continued work of merging the 3 membership databases. Also, about the problem of the membership checks being recorded and deposited correctly.

The 3rd VP came on to discuss the summer specialty which will be in Colorado hosted by Skyline Brittany Club. Also, a recap of what happened at the NSS.

Theresa Richmond, the 4th VP, spoke about the dates of the Field Trial events and the possibility of the event chairs talking about how the dates work. Looking for a way to make it easier for amateurs to attend the events they qualify for while using their vacation days. Letting people know the dates at least a year in advance to allow people to plan better.

The finance committee will continue with the discussion of which is better for the club, a 501(c)(3) or a 501(c)(7). The committee will discuss this more and a meeting will be held in January.

Next was the statisticians with her report and action items.

MOTION #2 made by Robin Tomasi seconded by Darlene Dow: I make a motion to accept Harlene's first motion in the agenda book.

YES: Linda McCartney, Darlene Dow, Phillip Thayer, Vince Anderson, Ron Gulembo, Robin Tomasi, Steve Cosgriff, Bret Lindback, Matt Wedele, Jim Stevens, Helen Riggle, Shawn Macleod, Bruce Heiter, Leslee Masolotte, Ed Janulis,

Unanimous pass

The motion from the statistician

ABC Statistician's and Statistics Committee Duties – Page 171 of policy book. The following updates should be made

#6: List of Qualifying Dogs for the National Open & Amateur All Age, the National Open & Amateur Gun Dog Championships and send to National Event Secretaries.... I am happy to do this as it is part of the statistician responsibilities moving forward. I've created a process of recording this information as I receive event reports and will provide the information to the National Secretaries, ABC website and ABC magazine. Due dates for publication may be established upon agreed time frame.

#7: The last sentence – I propose to say; The event results are due to the ABC Statistician postmarked or electronically submitted within 10 days from the end of the event.

#8: Late event reports within time frame specified by policy. The Penalty should be enforced as written in the policy.

#9: The Statistician will notify the Executive Secretary of payments in arrears in order that approvals for future events are withheld until paid. I suggest that this also be enforced as written in the policy.

#11 – Change to read: The Statistician will record and deposit all event fees to the ABC bank account. All Transactions will be reported to the Treasurer and Executive Secretary.

Another motion the statistician made was an increase in her salary from \$200.00 to \$600.00 per month.

MOTION #3 was by Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele: Motion to discuss this is executive session.

Unanimous Yes to discuss under executive session

MOTION #4 Darlene Dow seconded by Bruce Heiter- I make a motion to change the wording on AKC for the breeder's health check page from recommended to optional. Right now, AKC is using the word recommended as "mandatory".

Discussion started and another motion was made.

MOTION #5 Motion by Vince Anderson seconded by Leslee Massollotte: I make a Motion to postpone this indefinitely.

Unanimously passed by the BOD

The east coast director brought up starting to have Parent club approval forms for all ABC events. This would allow events to be tracked so the club can keep track of all the events held by regional and the parent club.

MOTION #6 Motion by Linda McCartney seconded by Helen Riggle: I make a motion to implement an ABC PCA form for all events to start January 1, 2027.

MOTION #7 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Robin Tomasi: I make a motion to postpone this indefinitely.

Unanimously passed by the full BOD

MOTION #8 Motion by Helen Riggle seconded by Linda McCartney: I make a motion to form a committee to bring the specialty shows in line with the field trials to keep the statistics and record keeping accurate going forward. This is to include independent, designated and concurrent specialties through all regions

Unanimously passed by the BOD

Lunch break at 12:30

MOTION #9 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele: I make a motion to appoint Shawn Macloed to the position of Midwest finance liaison.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

The report from the Breed Standard Committee was read and the following motion was made.

MOTION #10 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele: Motion to wait for the breed standard committee to bring forward the information and recommendations from the committee and members on the ramp for the march meeting.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

Next on the agenda was the futurity report. And the results and clubs that hosted the 2025 events.

MOTION #11 Motion by Leslee Masolotte seconded by Shawn Macloed: I make a motion that the futurity secretary/treasurer and ABC treasurer consider and develop an online payment plan to allow credit card payments for futurity litter nominations and final forfeits.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

Next was the report for the Midwest region with motions from the director

MOTION #12 Motion by Shawn Macleod seconded by Darlene Dow: I make a motion to form a committee to look into the cost of the magazine and any alternatives.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

MOTION #13 Motion by Matt Wedele seconded by Leslee Masolotte: I make a motion to investigate the setting of term limits for officers and directors serving on the American Brittany Club.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

MOTION #14 Motion by Shawn Mcloead seconded by Bret Lindback: I make a motion for the president to form a committee to check into the usability of the new ABC website.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

The Board asked to go in executive session

Motion #15 Motion by Shawn Macleod seconded by Bret Lindback: I make a motion to enter executive session.

Unanimously passed by the BOD

Board of Directors entered executive session at 3:17pm

Motion #16 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele: I make a motion to end executive session

Unanimously passed by the BOD

Board of directors exit executive session at 3:39pm

MOTION #17 Motion by Shawn Macleod seconded by Bret Lindback: I make a motion for the appointment of an independent review board. Independent of the officers and directors on the board. For the review of the conduct of the 2025 nomination committee and the election.

YES: Darlene Dow, Ron Gulembo, Bret Lindback, Matt Wedele, Shawn Macleod, Bruce Heiter.

NO: Phillip Thayer, Vince Anderson, Steve Cosgriff, Helen Riggle, Jim Stevens, Ed Janulis, Linda McCartney

Abstain: Robin Tomasi, Leslee Masolotte

MOTION #18 Motion by Robin Tomasi seconded by Darlene Dow I make a motion that the interpreted by laws were honored for the 2025 election.

In the 2025 ABC BOD election after consulting with AKC legal dept. We proceed in a way that honored both the bylaws intent and Roberts rules of order's general elections rules. We moved forward with 1 candidate on the ballot in the Eastern and East Central Region.

YES: Darlene Dow, Linda McCartney, Phillip Thayer, Bret Lindback, Vince Anderson, Ron Gulembo, Matt Wedele, Helen Riggle, Robin Tomasi, Steve Cosgriff, Jim Stevens, Shaen Macleod, Bruce Heiter

NO: Ed Janulis

MOTION #19 Motion by Leslee Masolotte seconded by Helen Riggle: I make a motion to establish a committee to maintain a list of our Brittany members who have recently passed away.

Unanimously passed by BOD

There was a long discussion on dates overlapping in regions for field trials. This concerns some regions that are struggling with entries. Date coordinators need to pay attention to field trials close together even if not in the same region.

MOTION #20 Motion by Steve Cosgriff seconded by Helen Riggle: I make a motion to change the current qualifications for the nationals to the qualifications 1-8 listed in red

Current Qualifications for National Amateur All Age Stake

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over which in any preceding year placed first in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittanys or;
2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittanys, or;
3. which during the period from previous year's close of entries and the close of entries for the stake in the current year has placed in an Amateur All Age or Amateur Limited All Age stake or placed in an All Age or Limited All Age Stake, when handled by an Amateur, in the following (or more) dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, 2nd place with 15 starters, 3rd place with 17 starters, or 4th place with 20 starters, or;
4. has placed in any hour All Age or Limited All Age Stake in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club and handled by an Amateur in which 13 or more dogs started, or;
5. has qualified for the current year National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys when handled by an Amateur, or;
6. A dog winning first place in the National Open All Age Championship when handled by an Amateur will also be qualified for life in the National Amateur All Age Championship.

7. or has qualified in a preceding year and during the period from the previous year's close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in an All Age or Limited All Age Stake when handled by an Amateur in a 13 or more-dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.

8. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC or Field Dog Stud Book. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file with Field Dog Stud Book for those Championship placements to be recorded in the Field Dog Stud Book.

Change to Qualifications for National Amateur All Age Stake

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over;
2. A dog winning first place in the National Open All Age Championship when handled by an Amateur will be qualified for life in the National Amateur All Age Championship, or;
3. A dog winning first place in the National Amateur All Age Championship will be qualified for life in the National Amateur All Age Championship, or;
4. A dog that has earned the title of Amateur Field Champion, or;
5. A dog that has earned the title of Field Champion, or;
6. During the period from previous year's close of entries and the closing of entries for the stake in the current year, has placed in an Open, Amateur, Limited, or Grand Limited All Age stake with 13 or more dogs, when handled by an Amateur, at an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.
7. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC, per the current ABC standards. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms.
8. Entries will be limited to the number of dogs that can be run in the days allotted for the event.

Current Qualifications for National Open All Age Stake

1. Open to any Brittany six (six) months of age or over which in any preceding year, placed first in the National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys, or;
2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys, or;
3. which during the period from the previous year's close of entries to the current year's closing of entries has placed in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake of 30 minutes in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which the following (or more) dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters 2nd place with 15 starters, 3rd place with 17 starters or 4th place with 20 starters, or;
4. has placed in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake of one hour or more in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which 13 or more dogs started.

5. or has qualified in a preceding year and during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in an Open or Open Limited All Age Stake with 13 or more dogs at an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.

6. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC or Field Dog Stud Book. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file with Field Dog Stud Book for those Championship placements to be recorded in the Field Dog Stud Book.

Change - Qualifications for National Open All Age Stake

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over;
2. A dog winning first place in the National Open All Age Championship will be qualified for life for the National Open All Age Championship, or;
3. A dog that has earned the title of Amateur Field Champion, or;
4. A dog that has earned the title of Field Champion, or;
5. During the period from previous year's close of entries and the closing of entries for the stake in the current year, has placed in an Open, Amateur, Limited, or Grand Limited All Age stake, with 13 or more dogs, at an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.
6. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC, per the current ABC standards. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms.
7. Entries will be limited to the number of dogs that can be run in the days allotted for the event.

MOTION #21 Motion by Steve Cosgriff seconded by Robin Tomasi: I make a motion to amend my motion to include the Open Gun Dog and Amateur Gun Dog

YES: Dalene Dow, Matt Wedele, Robin Tomasi, Ron Gulembo, Helen Riggle, Ed Janulis, Leslee Masolotte, Steve Cosgriff

NO: Linda McCartney, Phillip Thayer, Shawn Macleod, Jim Stevens, Vince Anderson, Bruce Heiter, Bret Lindback

MOTION PASSES

MOTION#22 Results

YES: Phillip Thayer, Robin Tomasi, Ron Gulembo, Helen Riggle, Leslee Masolotte, Steve Cosgriff, Ed Janulis

NO: Linda McCartney, Matt Wedle, Bret Lindback, Bruce Heiter, Vince Anderson, Jim Stevens, Shawn Macleod, Darlene Dow

Motion Does NOT PASS

The hall of fame additions for the year were.

DOG-The Whiz Kid

PERSON- Dorothy McDonald

The Board voted to keep the executive secretary in for the executive session.

Motion #23 Motion by Matt Wedele seconded by Phil Thayer: I make a motion to keep Brooke in for the executive session.

Unanimously passed by the BOD

The candidates left the room and the Board voted to go into executive session

Motion #24 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Shawn Mcleod: I make a motion to enter executive session.

Unanimously passed by the BOD

Executive session started at 5:07pm

Motion #25 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele: I make a motion to end executive session.

Unanimously passed by the BOD

Executive session ended at 5:32pm

Results for the officer election were as follows

President

Candidates who ran for the position were Joe Droel and Karen Hanson

Joe Droel won the position

2nd VP

Candidates who ran for the position were Jaquai Campbell, Reva Pietrzak, Peggy Aguiar

Peggy Aguiar won the position

Treasurer

Candidates who ran for the position were Tim Smith, Gerilyn Sennot

Tim Smith won the position

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Brooke Burlingame
ABC executive secretary