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THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC.

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The first Policy Notebook was compiled during 1975 and 1976. It was submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors of the ABC at the annual Board of Directors meeting on November 19, 1977. The following members formed the committee:

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Extensive revisions to update the Policy Notebook were made during the year of 1984. The revisions and recommended changes were approved by the Board of Directors at their annual Board meeting in November, 1984. This notebook contains all changes and revisions including those policies acted upon at the 1984 Board meeting. The following ABC members formed the committee for this revised edition.

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At the 1996 Board of Directors meeting a request was made to update the policy book and include any changes that have been made since the last revision. Gene Salmons volunteered to have the Policy Notebook placed on computer disk and be available for publication during 1997. Neveta Salmons did the revision work on computer files. This is the revised edition as requested by the Board of Directors. At the 1997 Board of Directors meeting a committee was appointed to review the current policy and proposed revisions and present a finding to the Board. This is the revision as determined by the committee. At the 1998 Board of Directors meeting the recommended changes, as proposed by the committee, were accepted. It was approved that new policy books would be distributed to all clubs. Committee members for this revised edition were:

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THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

The objective and purpose of the Club shall be to promote cooperation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Brittanys and to encourage high standards in breeding, training and showing of Brittanys in the field and in the show ring; to discourage the breed from becoming split into groups of "field dogs" and "bench dogs" and to strive to keep it forever a "dual dog".

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE ABC

During the calendar year 1974, the trophy chairman held a national contest to design an official seal for the ABC. The design winner was Benny Gatley.

The design was implemented by Haltom Jewelers in Fort Worth, Texas. At the 1974 Board meeting, the design and the medallion were accepted by the Board as the official seal of the ABC.

The use of the official seal medallion is limited to use on trophies in events of national stature (the championships, the futurities, the classics, and the specialty show), as well as on official letterheads and other official publications and a copyright right has been obtained.

To obtain these medallions for use in stakes of national stature, contact the executive secretary and/or treasurer.

Use of official ABC stationery is limited to official ABC business by the directors and the officers of the ABC. It is not to be used by directors or officers to conduct regional club business about regional club affairs.



BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

The Brittany Spaniel Club of North America was formed in 1936 by the original importers of the breed into this country and was later recognized by the AKC as the official representative (parent club) of the breed.

The ABC was formed May 16, 1942 in the Lafayette Room of the Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit, Michigan. There were 17 people present representing Ohio, Illinois and Michigan. Constitution and by-laws were adopted calling for a three-man Board of Directors who, in turn, served as officers. Membership in the club grew to 51 by October of 1942. The Board of Directors was increased to 5 the following year.

American Field recognized the ABC as the official sponsor of the breed in 1942, but the ABC also held AKC Shows and Trials in 1943. However, the ABC National Trials were run under both AKC and American Field for many years.

The Brittany Spaniel Club of North America by 1943 had become inactive and merged with and into the ABC and continued operating under the constitution and by-laws of the ABC as of January 1, 1944.

In 1974 the official sponsorship became the most discussed subject by the Board of Directors. The idea of bench and field championships being offered by the same regulatory body had more appeal as being nearer the true aim - promote the dual dog - and since American Field only recognized one champion, the decision was made to go with the AKC.

From 1942 through 1963 the constitution and by-laws were amended five times ranging from a 3-man Board of Directors up to a 40-man Board. The ABC was incorporated on November 10, 1959 as a nonprofit corporation in the State of Illinois.

A new constitution and by-laws was adopted November 29, 1964 calling for a 15-man Board, 3 from each of the 5 regions which the ABC operated under until the adoption of the present by-laws in November of 1975.

Since 1942 the ABC has grown from 17 members to over 3,000 and from 3 to approximately 90 regional clubs with several provisional clubs pending by the end of 1984.

During the years from 1984 through 1998 the ABC has remained approximately the same with our current 88 regional clubs and approximately 3,100 members.

In 2022, the AKC Board voted to no longer allow AKC clubs to hold events sponsored by the American Field effective July 1, 2022. This means there will no more AKC/AF dual licensed trials, and further that AKC clubs may not hold separate trials under the sponsorship of the AF/UKC or any organization affiliated with them.

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC CONSTITUTION

Approved November 29, 1964

ARTICLE I

Section 1: The organization shall be known as The American Brittany Club, Inc. and shall have the right to affiliate with The American Kennel Club and except as specifically set forth to the contrary herein shall be guided by certain features and provisions of the constitution and by-laws of The American Kennel Club.

Section 2: The Board of Directors is charged with registering the name of The American Brittany Club, Inc. with proper authorities and of resisting the unauthorized use of the name.

Section 3: The Club shall incorporate as a non-profit organization and maintain its incorporation in the state wherein it is qualified.

ARTICLE II

The objectives and purposes of the Club shall be:

To promote cooperation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Brittanys and to encourage higher standards in breeding, training and showing of Brittanys in the field and in the show ring; To discourage the breed from becoming split into groups of "field dogs" and "bench dogs" and to strive to keep it forever a "dual dog."

To promote the formation and development of regional Brittany Clubs throughout the United States as member clubs of The American Brittany Club, Inc.

ARTICLE III

The management of the business, prudential concerns, and property of this Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors of not less than five and not more than fifteen members.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: These Articles of the Constitution may be amended by a referendum vote by mail, (a) when authorized by the Board of Directors or (b) when authorized by a written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by at least 25 members in good standing, no more than 5 being members of the same regional member club.

Section 2: Within thirty days after authorization, the Secretary shall mail to every member, entitled to vote, a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments together with an appropriate ballot, and shall specify on the ballot a day certain, not less than thirty days after such mailing, on which the polls shall close.

Section 3: No ballot shall be counted unless signed by the member, and the ballot shall bear a notice to this effect.

Section 4: Only affirmative or negative votes on the proposed amendments and received by the Secretary on or before the day of closing the polls, shall be counted. The Secretary shall count the ballots and report the result to the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Provided ballots properly marked so as to be counted are received from one-fourth of the members of the Club and provided at least two-thirds of such ballots are favorable, the proposed amendment shall be carried, and shall take effect forthwith.

BY-LAWS

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC.
Approved December 2, 1975

ARTICLE I

Section 1: Membership: Membership in the Club shall consist of the following classes: Active, Associate, and Life.

a. An Active Member shall be any person interested in the improvement of the Breed of Brittanys. He shall be in good standing with the National Kennel Clubs. All Active Members of Regional Clubs in good standing may be Active Members of the Parent Club.

b. Any person may become an Associate Member, as his own choice of membership, when a member of his immediate family is an Active Member. He shall not have the privilege of voting or holding office in the Parent Club but may be appointed to committees. He shall be in good standing with the National Kennel Clubs.

c. Life Membership may be conferred upon any person who has rendered notable service to the Breed of Brittanys or The American Brittany Club, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at an Annual Meeting of the General Membership, acting on a petition signed by at least fifty (50) Active Members. Life Membership provides full privileges of membership in the Parent Club but does not carry with it obligation of duties or dues. Those persons, upon whom Honorary Memberships have been conferred pursuant to By-Laws provisions previously in effect, shall be Life Members.

Section 2: **Termination of Membership**: Membership in this Club may be terminated as follows:

A. By voluntary resignation, tendered in writing to the Executive Secretary.

B. By voluntary resignation, for failure to pay annual membership dues.

C. By the Board of Directors, when any member is terminated from privileges by The American Kennel Club for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Breed of Brittanys, field trials, shows or exhibitions.

Section 3: **Suspension of Membership**: Membership in this Club may be suspended as follows:

A. By the Board of Directors, when any member(s) is suspended of privileges by The American Kennel Club for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Breed of Brittanys, field trials, shows or exhibitions. The period of suspension shall be of like period and to run concurrently with that assessed by The American Kennel Club.

B. By the Board of Directors, should the Board sustain the suspension of any member from membership to a Regional Club, through due process by Officers and Members of such Club, for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Breed of Brittanys, field trials, shows and exhibitions. Any period of suspension shall be of like period and to run concurrently with that assessed by the Regional Club.

ARTICLE II

Section 1: **Regional Club Formation**: Any group of ten (10) or more owners of Brittanys or persons interested in the development and improvement of the Breed, of whom not more than two (2) such individuals are members of the same household, shall be eligible to organize a Member Regional Club.

Application for permission to affiliate with the Parent Club must be accompanied by a signed application for membership by each prospective member of the organizing Club along with all other documents required and specified by The American Brittany Club. A check to cover all per capita dues must accompany the signed application. If application is refused, this fee shall be refunded.

Section 2: **Incorporation**: Each regional Club shall incorporate as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State in which it operates. It should choose a name which identifies the area of the Regional Club's function and to include the words "Brittany Club" as a portion of the same.

Section 3: **Membership in Regional Clubs**: Membership in the Regional Clubs shall consist of Active, Associate, and Life Members. For full privileges of the Parent Club, Life Membership shall be conferred by The American Brittany Club pursuant to Article I, Section 1(c), of these By-Laws.

Section 4: **Geographical Territory**: Each Regional Club shall confine its activities to the area allotted it by the Board of Directors of The American Brittany Club.

Section 5: **Termination or Suspension**: The Board of Directors, after considering proper evidence, shall have the authority to suspend or expel any Regional Club for conduct of Officers and/or Members which is prejudicial to the best interests of the Breed of Brittanys, The American Brittany Club or National Kennel Clubs.

a. After the Regional Club has been given an opportunity to be heard, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors is required to suspend or expel any Regional Club for a period of not less than six (6) months and not more than five (5) years.

b. The Board of Directors, after sufficient notice, may suspend any Member Regional Club when the Active Membership of that Club falls below ten (10) members.

c. The Board of Directors, for good cause, may withhold approval for a Member Regional Club to hold field trials or specialty shows.

Section 6: **Reinstatement**: Any Regional Club wishing to be reinstated after suspension or expulsion must present its name as a former Regional Club and be handled in the same manner as prescribed in Article II, Sec. 1, above.

ARTICLE III

Dues: Annual dues for both Active Members and Associate Members shall be payable in advance in the amount established by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, annually, in the second preceding year to the effective date of such dues. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors prior to August 1 of any year immediately preceding the January 1 effective date, such dues may be modified by increase or decrease as the financial circumstances of the Club dictate. If a member enrolled in a Regional Club chooses to receive full privileges of the American Brittany Club, the Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the annual dues to be deposited with the parent Club.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: **Annual Meeting**: The Annual Meeting of the General Membership of the Club shall be held each year in conjunction with the National Championship, National Amateur Championship and/or Futurity and National Specialty Show.

Section 2: **Special Meetings**: Special Meetings of the General Membership of the Club shall be called by the President at the request of two-thirds (2/3) of the active Directors and shall be held at the time and place requested.

Section 3: **Notice of Meetings**: All Active Members and Life Members shall be notified thirty (30) days in advance of each Annual or Special Meeting of the General Membership of the Club, the time and place, by written notice mailed to each member, or by notice in the Club publication.

Section 4: **Quorum**: At all meetings of the membership, fifty (50) members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote shall be sufficient. Each Active Member and each Life Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at each Annual and Special Meeting of the General Membership of the Club.

ARTICLE V

Section 1: **Board of Directors**: The management of the affairs, business, and property of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors of fifteen (15) members, three (3) members being from each of five (5) geographical areas, hereinafter referred to as "Regions," as designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: **Election of Directors**: The Directors from each Region shall be elected by Active Members and Life Members in that Region, the conduct of said election being the responsibility of the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, members of such Committee living in that Region, and the Executive Secretary.

Section 3: **Eligibility**: Any Active Member of a Regional Club who is in good standing with such Regional Club, The American Brittany Club and National Kennel Clubs is eligible to serve as a Director. No individual shall serve concurrently as both an officer and Director or hold two or more officer positions concurrently.

Section 4: **Term of Office**: Directors shall serve for a term of three (3) years, with one-third (1/3), one (1) Director from each Region, being elected annually. They shall assume their duties January 1, following the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors at which they were elected.

Section 5: **Meetings**: The Directors shall hold meetings at such times as they deem necessary for the required and orderly conduct of Club business. At least one (1) meeting each year shall be designated as the "Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors" and shall be held at the same place and approximate time of the "Annual Meeting of the General Membership" of the Club, pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 1, above. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President at the written request of five (5) Members of the Board. Since the Club must be national in scope to serve its purpose, and since Directors reside in locations too distant to make frequent physical meetings possible, after written motion and second by Directors, ballot(s) may be taken by mail or telephone:

a. Directors shall be notified by mail at least thirty (30) days in advance of the time and place of all physical meetings.
b. Directors shall be notified by mail, telegram or telephone at least seven (7) days in advance of all meetings to be held by telephone.

Section 6: **Quorum**: Two-thirds (2/3) of the number of Directors actively serving on the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. No Director shall delegate any of his powers to a proxy.

Section 7: **Vote**: The vote of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

a. At all Physical Meetings of the Board, after a quorum has been counted, when less than the quorum is present and voting on any issue, the final tally shall be delayed until all Directors who constituted the quorum are given an opportunity to vote.

b. At all Non-Physical Meetings of the Board, or when necessary to obtain a vote from individual Directors by telephone, all votes shall be verified by mail, a period not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty (20) days shall be allowed for the return of individual ballots. A majority shall be considered to mean a majority of the ballots returned.

Section 8: **Publication of Vote**. The membership of this Club shall be notified by publication in the Club magazine, all issues voted upon by the Board of Directors, the tally of each ballot, and the individual vote of each director.

Section 9: **Vacancies**: In the event of the death, change of residence from Region in which elected, resignation or inability of any Director to perform the duties for which elected, the Board of Directors shall have the power to designate a successor to serve for the remainder of such term by a majority vote of the Board. Only persons eligible for election as a Director shall be eligible for designation.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1: **Officers**: The Officers shall be a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, 4th Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to employ an Executive Secretary. The Board of Directors shall elect a Delegate to the American Kennel Club. The Board of Directors is vested with the sole power to appoint an Editor to "The American Brittany" Magazine. (11/96)

Section 2: **Election of Officers**: Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors, by majority vote, at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors from a slate presented by the Committee on Nominations, or upon nomination from the floor by any Director(s). The consent of all nominees to serve shall be obtained prior to nomination.

a. On each odd-year of the calendar, the President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer shall be elected;
b. On each even-year of the calendar, the 1st Vice President, 3rd Vice President, 4th Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected. (11/96)

Section 3: **Term of Office**:

a. All officers shall serve for two (2) years and shall assume their duties on January 1, following the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors at which they were elected.
b. The Executive Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for the best interests of The American Brittany Club.
c. The Delegate to The American Kennel Club shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and The American Kennel Club.
d. The Editor of "The American Brittany" shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for the best interests of The American Brittany Club.

Section 4: **Eligibility**: Any Active Member of a Regional Club who is in good standing with such Regional Club, The American Brittany Club and National Kennel Clubs is eligible to serve as an Officer, Executive Secretary, Delegate to The American Kennel Club or Editor. No individual shall serve concurrently as both an officer and Director or hold two or more officer positions concurrently.

Section 5: **Responsibility**: Each Officer, Executive Secretary, Delegate, and Editor is responsible directly to the Board of Directors for the conduct of their office.

Section 6: **Duties of Officers**: Each Officer shall follow all provisions set forth by the Board of Directors in a delineation of "Duties of Officers and Executive Secretary." The Board of Directors, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, may alter these designated duties as required. The Officers shall be designated as the Officer in charge of the following affairs of the Club.

a. President: Shall coordinate the work of all Committees, working closely with the Executive Secretary, and is the officer finally responsible to the Board of Directors for the activities of the Club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall name the standing committees and shall be a member ex-officio with vote on all committees, excepting the Committee on Nominations.

b. 1st Vice President: Shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President is absent or unable to perform the duties of that office. The 1st Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of the American Brittany Club National Open All Age Championship and the National Amateur Championship and shall be a member ex-officio with vote on any committee dealing with the affairs of such office. (11/96)

c. 2nd Vice President: Shall assume the duties of the President in the event both the President and 1st Vice President are absent or unable to perform the duties of such office. The 2nd Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of the affairs of the Club pertaining to the formation of new Member Clubs and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.

d. 3rd Vice President: Shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President are absent or unable to perform the duties of such office. The 3rd Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of the affairs of the Club pertaining to the National Specialty Show and the Summer Specialty Show and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.

e. 4th Vice President: Shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President or 3rd Vice President are absent or unable to perform the duties of such office. The 4th Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of the affairs of the Club pertaining to the National Gun Dog Championship and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.

f. Secretary: Shall attend all Meetings of the General Membership, keeping minutes of all such meetings and shall maintain the corporate records of the Club. The Secretary shall fulfill the duties of the Executive Secretary in the event that office is vacant or otherwise unable to perform the duties of such office.

g. Treasurer: Shall act as Comptroller of the Corporation and shall control and account for all financial transactions and affairs of the Club, including National Championship trial events, Field and Bench Futurities, National Specialty Show, "The American Brittany" magazine, the "book fund," and all other events, activities or undertaking of the American Brittany Club. All accounts shall be deposited in banks

approved by the Board of Directors, in the name of The American Brittany Club. The Treasurer's books shall be at all times open to inspection by the Members of the Board. The Treasurer shall report to the Board quarterly, as well as at the Annual Meetings of the General Membership and Board of Directors, the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine. An annual audit shall be made of the Treasurer's books by a Public Accountant as approved by the Board of Directors.

h. Executive Secretary: In the event the Board of Directors authorizes the employment of an Executive Secretary, the Board of Directors shall fix and determine the duties of the person chosen by the Board to occupy this office, set the salary and authorize the necessary expenses. The Executive Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary of the Board of Directors and shall have no vote.

i. Delegate to the American Kennel Club: The Delegate to The American Kennel Club shall maintain liaison between The American Brittany Club and The American Kennel Club, reporting regularly to the Board of Directors and Officers the pertinent affairs affecting the Breed of Brittanys, field trials, shows or exhibitions, and The American Brittany Club.

Section 7: Editor, "The American Brittany" Magazine: The Board of Directors shall have the power to select the person to act as Editor of "The American Brittany," the Club publication, set any salary and authorize the necessary expenses. The same person may serve concurrently as Executive Secretary and Editor of the Club publication. The Editor shall not serve concurrently as an Officer or Director of The American Brittany Club.

Section 8: Vacancies: In the event of the death, resignation or inability of any Officer, the Executive Secretary, Delegate to The American Kennel Club, or Editor of "The American Brittany" to perform the duties of office, the Board of Directors shall have the power to designate a successor to serve for the remainder of such term, commencing at the time of designation, by a majority vote of the Board. Only persons eligible for election as an Officer, Executive Secretary, Delegate to The American Kennel Club, or Editor of "The American Brittany" magazine shall be eligible for such appointment.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1: **Committee on Nominations**: There shall be a Committee on Nominations, ten (10) in number, consisting of five (5) Directors and five (5) Active Members, one (1) Director and one (1) Active Member to be from each of the five (5) Regions. All Directors appointed to this Committee shall be the Directors serving their second year in office. Chairperson of this Committee shall be vested in a Director and shall rotate in order: East Coast, East Central, Central, Midwest and West Coast Regions. Five (5) members of this Committee, as a minimum, shall attend every Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and personally accomplish the duties of the Committee. The Active Members shall be appointed to this Committee by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Duties of Committee of Nominations: Prior to September 1 of each year, the Executive Secretary shall prepare an election ballot listing nominees for the Director to be elected from that Region, with at least two (2) and, if possible, more names nominated of willing candidates for each position to be filled. Names to appear on each Regional ballot will be submitted to the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations by the respective Regional Members of the Committee. Copies of the election ballot for each Region shall be mailed to each Active Member within that Region, along with a return addressed envelope, the return address being for all Regions a postal box specifically acquired for this purpose at the place of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors where such election occurs. If a postal box cannot be acquired, the Board of Directors shall determine the return address for the ballots. The Committee Chairman and a Committee Member shall obtain the ballots and bring them to the designated site where the ballots shall be tabulated by the Members of the Committee on Nominations and the Chairman. The results of the election shall be announced by the Chairman at the Annual

Meeting of the General Membership and the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. It shall nominate persons and present the names to the Board of Directors for possible election as Officers, whose terms expire in any year, having obtained consent of all nominees to serve if elected.

Section 3: Appointed Standing Committees: The President for the next ensuing year shall appoint such Standing Committees as are necessary for the functioning of the Club, such appointments to be made within a time prudent for maximum efficiency of any Committee. The Chairman of all Standing committees shall submit written report of the work of the Committee for the calendar year, delivering a copy to both the President and Executive Secretary. Without express permission for delay by the President, copies of all Committee reports shall be prepared and distributed to the Board of Directors thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. Such reports shall be read at the Annual Meeting of the General Membership and, as required, at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, and become a permanent record of the Club.

Section 4: Special Committee: Special Committees may be appointed by the President as they are required and shall serve until they complete the project for which they were appointed and final report rendered to the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Committee Membership: All Committees, excepting the Committee on Nominations, shall consist of at least the Chairman and four (4) members, of which two (2) members may be Associate Members. Each Committee is responsible to the President and the Board of Directors and shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors for action.

Section 6: Replacement of Committee Chairman or Member: In the event a Committee Chairman or Member resigns or otherwise become unable to and fails to perform the duties of the Committee, with approval of the Board of Directors, the President may appoint a new and different Chairman or Member to complete the business for which the Committee was appointed.

Section 7: Committee Vote: When necessary to obtain a vote from the members of a committee, such vote may be conducted by mail, allowing a period of not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty (20) days for the return of an individual ballot. A majority shall be considered to mean a majority of the ballots returned from those entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1: Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Club shall be a calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

Section 2: Bonding: It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to determine the bonds to be required of all persons, in addition to the Treasurer, who handle funds of the Club; to designate the bonding company; to designate those officers, employees, and members to be covered by bond. The Club shall be obligated to pay the cost of bonds procured.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1: Amendment of By-Laws: These By-Laws may be amended by a referendum vote by mail of the Active Members of the Club.

a. When authorized by the Board of Directors; or

b. When authorized by a written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the Active Members in good standing, no more than fifty percent (50%) of the petitioning Members being of the same Region.

Section 2: Vote:

a. Within thirty (30) days after authorization, the Executive Secretary shall mail to each Active Member entitled to vote, a copy of the proposed amendment(s), together with an appropriate ballot. It shall specify on the ballot a day certain, not less than thirty (30) days following such mailing, on which the polls shall close;

b. Only affirmative or negative votes on the proposed amendment(s) and received by the Executive Secretary on or before the day of closing of the polls, shall be counted. The Executive Secretary shall count the ballots and report the result to the Board of Directors, and the Secretary for appropriate revision of corporation records.

c. Provided ballots properly marked so as to be counted are received from Members entitled to vote and provided at least two-thirds (2/3) of such ballots returned are favorable, the proposed amendment(s) shall be carried, and shall take effect forthwith.

ARTICLE X

The Parliamentary authority of the Club and Board of Directors shall be "Roberts' Rules of Order Revised," in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

General Appearance: A compact, closely knit dog of medium size, a leggy dog having the appearance, as well as the agility of a great ground coverer, strong, vigorous, energetic and quick of movement. Ruggedness, without clumsiness, is a characteristic, of the breed. He can be tailless or has a tail docked to approximately four inches.

Size, Proportion and Substance
Height: 17 '/2 to 20 '/2 inches, measured from the ground to the highest point of the shoulders. Any Brittany measuring under 17 '/2 inches or over 20 '/2 inches shall be disqualified from dog show competition.

Weight: Should weigh between 30 and 40 pounds.

Proportion: So leggy is he that his height at the shoulders is the same as the length of his body.

Body Length: Approximately the same as the height when measured at the shoulders. Body length is measured from the point of the fore-chest to the rear of the rump. A long body should be heavily penalized.

Substance: Not too light in bone, yet never heavy-boned and cumbersome.

Head Expression: Alert and eager, but with the soft expression of a bird dog.

Eyes: Well set in head. Well protected from briars by heavy, expressive eyebrow. A prominent, full or pop eye should be heavily penalized. It is a serious fault in a dog that must face briars. Skull well chiseled under the yes, so that the lower lid is not pulled back to form a pocket or haw that would catch seeds, dirt and weed dust. Preference should be for the darker colored eyes, though lighter shades of amber should not be penalized. Light and mean-looking eyes should be heavily penalized.

Ears: Set high, above the level of the muzzle. Short and triangular, rather than pendulous, reaching about half the length of the muzzle. Should lie flat and close to the head, with the tip rounded very slightly. Ears well covered with dense, but relatively short hair, and with little fringe.

Skull: Medium length, rounded, very slightly wedge-shaped, but evenly made. Width, not quite as wide as the length and never so broad as to appear coarse, or so narrow as to appear racy. Well defined, but gently sloping stop. Median line rather indistinct. The occiput only apparent to the touch. Lateral walls well rounded. The Brittany should never be “apple-headed” and he should never have an indented stop.

Muzzle: Medium length, about two-thirds the length of the skull, measuring the muzzle from the tip to the stop, and the skull from the occiput to the stop. Muzzle should taper gradually in both horizontal and vertical dimensions as it approaches the nostrils. Neither a Roman nose nor a dish-face is desirable. Never broad, heavy or snippy.

Nose: Nostrils well open to permit deep breathing of air and adequate scenting. Tight nostrils should be penalized. Never shiny. Color: fawn, tan, shades of brown or deep pink. A black nose is a disqualification. A two-tone or butterfly nose should be penalized.

Lips: Tight, the upper lip overlapping the lower jaw just to cover the lower lip. Lips dry, so that feathers will not stick. Drooling to be heavily penalized. Flews to be penalized.

Bite: A true scissors bite. Overshot or undershot jaw to be heavily penalized**.**

Neck, Top-line and Body

Neck: Medium length. Free from throatiness, though not a serious fault unless accompanied by dewlaps, strong without giving the impression of being over-muscled. Well set into sloping shoulders. Never concave or ewe-necked.

Top-line: Slight slope from the highest point of the shoulders to the root of the tail.

Chest: Deep, reaching the level of the elbow. Neither so wide nor so rounded as to disturb the placement of the shoulders and elbows. Ribs well sprung. Adequate heart room provided by depth as well as width. Narrow or slab- sided chests are a fault.

Back: Short and straight. Never hollow, saddle, sway or roach backed. Slight drop from the hips to the root of the tail.

Flanks: Rounded. Fairly full. Not extremely tucked up or flabby and falling. Loins short and strong. Distance from last rib to upper thigh short, about three to four finger widths. Narrow and weak loins are a fault. In motion, the loin should not sway sideways, giving a zigzag motion to the back, wasting energy.

Tail: Tailless to approximately four inches, natural or docked. The tail not to be so long as to affect the over-all balance of the dog. Set on high, actually an extension of the spine at about the same level. Any tail substantially more than four inches shall be severely penalized.

Forequarters

Shoulders: Shoulder blades should not protrude too much, not too wide apart, with perhaps two thumbs' width between. Sloping and muscular. Blade and upper arm should form nearly a ninety-degree angle. Straight shoulders are a fault. At the shoulders, the Brittany is slightly higher than at the rump.

Front legs: Viewed from the front, perpendicular, but not set too wide. Elbows and feet turning neither in nor out. Pasterns slightly sloped. Down in pasterns is a serious fault. Leg bones clean, graceful, but not too fine. Extremely heavy bone is as much a fault as spindly legs. One must look for substance and suppleness. Height at elbows should approximately equal distance from elbow to withers.

Feet: Should be strong, proportionately smaller than the spaniels', with close fitting well arched toes and thick pads. The Brittany is "not up on his toes." Toes not heavily feathered. Flat feet, splayed feet, paper feet, etc., are to be heavily penalized. An ideal foot is halfway between the hare and the cat foot. Dewclaws may be removed.

Hindquarters Broad, strong and muscular, with powerful thighs and well bent stifles, giving the angulation necessary for powerful drive.

Hind Legs: Stifles well bent. The stifle should not be so angulated as to place the hock joint far out behind the dog. A Brittany should not be condemned for straight stifle until the judge has checked the dog in motion from the side. The stifle joint should not turn out making a cow-hock. Thighs well feathered but not profusely, halfway to the hock. Hocks, that is, the back pasterns, should be moderately short, pointing neither in nor out, perpendicular when viewed from the side. They should be firm when shaken by the judge.

Feet: Same as front feet

Coat: Dense, flat or wavy, never curly. Texture neither wiry nor silky. Ears should carry little fringe. The front and hind legs should have some feathering, but too little is definitely preferable to too much. Dogs with long or profuse feathering or furnishing shall be so severely penalized as to effectively eliminate them from competition.

Skin: Fine and fairly loose. A loose skin rolls with briars and sticks, thus diminishing punctures or tearing. A skin so loose as to form pouches is undesirable.

Color: Orange and white or liver and white in either clear or roan pattern. Some ticking is desirable. The orange or liver is found in the standard parti-color or piebald patterns. Washed out colors are not desirable. Tri-colors are allowed but not preferred. A tri-color is a liver and white dog with classic orange markings on eyebrows, muzzle and cheeks, inside the ears and under the tail, freckles on the lower legs are orange. Anything exceeding the limits of these marking shall be severely penalized. Black is a disqualification.

Gait: When at a trot the Brittany's hind foot should step into or beyond the print left by the front foot. Clean movement, coming and going, is very important, but most important is side gait, which is smooth, efficient and ground covering.

Temperament: A happy, alert dog, neither mean nor shy.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any Brittany measuring under 17 1/2 inches or over 20 1/2 inches. Black in the coat. A black nose.

The above standard was approved by the AKC on April 9, 1990 and went into effect May 29, 1990.

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS (2014)

Adopted November 30, 1996

The following principles are to be used as an educational guide and a tool for Brittany breeders for the purpose to develop more genetic and disease-free dogs, while being ethical in all matters with the public and with our peers.

Objective and Purpose

To promote cooperation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Brittanys and to encourage higher standards in breeding, training and showing of Brittanys in the field and in the show ring; to discourage the breed from becoming split into groups of "field dogs" and "show dogs" and to strive to keep it forever a "dual dog".

Ethical breeders should:

1. Comply with all ABC and AKC rules and regulations.

2. Maintain a high standard of health, care, and cleanliness for dogs under one's care.

3. Truthfully and realistically represent the Brittany being bred and/or sold in terms of quality, health, and genetic history. Refrain from breeding a bitch or using a stud until they are two (2) years old.

4. Consult with your breeder and with knowledgeable, experienced members of the ABC, regional clubs, or local kennel clubs to broaden your understanding and knowledge of the history of the breed BEFORE breeding your Brittany.

5. Breed only stock which are physically and temperamentally sound and in good health. No dog or bitch should be bred that is known to have serious inheritable defects or genetic diseases, such as: canine hip/elbow dysplasia primary epilepsy, a seizure disorder eye disorders - retinal atrophy un-descended testicles heart defects extreme shyness/viciousness other inheritable diseases or defects

6. Not attempt breeding without the ability to distinguish between correct and incorrect physical attributes. This ability requires a careful study of the breed standard, principles of genetics, and a study of both the sire and the dam's pedigrees. Breeders should study and learn the good points within our dogs, looking to both field ability and conformation.

7. Have their breeding stock OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals), GDC (Genetic Disease Control) or Penn Hip certification numbers for hips on, at least, both the sire and the dam; preferably for three (3) generations on both sides of the pedigree. In addition, other tests (brucellosis, eyes, elbows, and other unspecified tests) should be declared in agreement between owners of the sire and the dam prior to breeding.

8. Refuse to sell to commercial wholesalers, retail brokers, or research laboratories.

9. Have tails docked and dew claws removed soon after birth. Prior to the sale of the puppies, initial shots for known infectious diseases should be given and worming administered. A buyer should be supplied with a four (4) generation pedigree, registration certificate, information on all veterinary care, and instructions for the care, feeding, and training of the Brittany.

10. Remember your responsibility as a breeder does not end with the sale of the puppy. A breeder should have contact with the buyer of a pup throughout the life of the dog. This information will

enhance breeding knowledge and improve the foundation for a good long-term breeding program. This will also help your regional club to grow with new members and possible participants and workers.

11. Use spay/neuter agreements and/or considers limited registration if it is known or believed to manifest hereditary defects detrimental to the breed. THE LONG-TERM INTEREST OF THE BRITTANY SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF EVERY BREEDER.

12. Consider DNA fingerprinting for all dogs in your breeding programs. As of January 1, 2013 DNA, fingerprinting is required for all dogs competing in ABC national events. This includes the All Age and Gun Dog Championships; both Open and Amateur as well as the National Specialty Show.

13. It is recommended that Breeders will take back or handle the proper placement of any Brittany they have produced. (2010)

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB INC

POLICY ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

(Source: sample policy from American Institute of Certified Public Accountants which they adapted with permission from Minnesota Charities Review Council)

This conflict of interest policy is designed to help directors, officers, employees and independent contractors of the American Brittany Club, Inc. (ABC) identify situations that present potential conflicts of interest and to provide the ABC with a procedure that, if observed, will allow a transaction to be treated as valid and binding even though a director, officer, employee or independent contractor has or may have a conflict of interest with respect to the transaction. In the event there is an inconsistency between the requirements and procedures prescribed herein and those in federal or state law, the law shall control.

1. Conflict of Interest Defined: For purposes of this policy, the following circumstances shall be deemed to create Conflicts of Interest:

A. Outside Interests—

(i) A contract or transaction between ABC and a Responsible Person or Family Member.
(ii) A contract or transaction between ABC and an entity in which a Responsible Person or Family Member has a financial interest or of which such person serves in a decision-making capacity.

B. Gifts, Gratuities and Entertainment—A Responsible Person accepting gifts, entertainment or other favors from any individual or entity that does or is seeking to do business with the ABC, under circumstances where it might be inferred that such action was intended to influence or possibly would influence the Responsible Person in the performance of his or her duties.

2. Definitions:

A. Responsible Person: any person serving as a member of the Board of Directors, officer, employee or independent contractor of ABC.

B. Family Member: a spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, or spouse of a child, brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister of a Responsible Person.

C. Contract or Transaction: any agreement or relationship involving the sale or purchase of goods, services, or rights of any kind, the providing or receipt of a loan or grant, the establishment of any other type of monetary relationship. This includes all forms of compensation.

3. Procedures:

A. Before or committee action on a contract or transaction involving a conflict of interest, a director or committee member having a conflict of interest and who is in attendance at the meeting shall disclose all facts material to the conflict of interest. Such disclosure shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

B. A director or committee member who plans not to attend a meeting at which he or she has reason to believe that the Board or committee will act on a matter in which the person has a conflict of interest shall disclose to the chair of the meeting all facts relating to the conflict of interest. The chair shall report the disclosure at the meeting and the disclosure shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

C. A person who has a conflict of interest shall not participate in or be permitted to hear the Board's or committee's discussion of the matter except to disclose facts and to respond to questions. Such person shall not attempt to exert his or her personal influence with respect to the matter, either at or outside the meeting.

D. A person who has a conflict of interest with respect to a contract or transaction that will be voted on at a meeting shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum for purposes of the vote. The person having a conflict of interest may not vote on the contract or transaction and shall not be present in the meeting room when the vote is taken, unless the vote is by secret ballot. Such person's ineligibility to vote shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. For purposes of this paragraph, a member of the Board of Directors has a conflict of interest when he or she stands for election as an officer.

E. Responsible persons who are not members of the Board of Directors of ABC, or who have a conflict of interest with respect to a contract or transaction that is not the subject of Board or committee action, shall disclose to the chair or chair's designee any conflict of interest that such responsible person has with respect to a contract or transaction. Such disclosure shall be made as soon as the conflict of interest is known to the responsible person. The responsible person shall refrain from any action that may affect ABC's participation in such contract or transaction.

F. In the event it is not entirely clear that a conflict of interest exists, the individual with the potential conflict shall disclose the circumstances to the chair or the chair's designee, who shall determine whether there exists a conflict of interest that is subject to this policy.

4. Changes to Policy: Any changes to this policy by the Board of Directors shall be communicated immediately to all responsible persons. (2009)

POLICY BOOK SECTIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES

The management of the affairs, business, and property of the ABC is vested, by the By-Laws, in the Board of Directors.

1. It is the responsibility of each director to represent the members and the clubs in his or her region. Each director should have continuous communication to all regional clubs about what is going on at the national level so that the regional clubs and members have an opportunity to have input BEFORE action is taken.

2. Directors should be committed to attend all possible events in their region and visit with the members in order to stay in touch with the people of their region.

3. Directors represent local clubs and membership, the entire region, and the ABC. Since ABC is a member club of AKC, the Director shall actively support AKC (which in effect is our parent club).

4. Directors should attend the annual meeting of the Board for the three (3) years of their elected term in order to conduct the business of the Club based on the input of the regional clubs and the people in the region. Digital or Telephonic ”Remote Access” can be made available to officers and committee chairs exclusively in case they are unable to attend. All Board Of Directors meetings will be allowed to be conducted via video conferencing (example: Skype or Zoom) and all attendants, whether in person or via video conferencing, will be considered part of the quorum.

5. Directors should respond to ballots by mail/email in not more than twenty (20) days.

6. If vacancies should occur in the Board, the directors shall have the power to designate a successor to serve the remainder of such term. In case of a Director vacancy, the Board of Directors will go back to the last previous election ballot vote and appoint the 2nd place candidate if she or he garnered at least 33% of the votes cast. Vote totals will be kept by each Nominating Committee Chair. (2014)

7. Directors should FUNCTION on committees to which they are appointed by the President and respond to communications necessary to the operation of that committee in a timely manner.

8. Directors should work to encourage new members to join existing clubs in the region.

9. Directors should be active in National fund-raising events.

10. Directors must reside in the region of which they are a director.

11. If a director moves to another region after being elected, the Board of Directors shall designate a successor to serve for the remainder of such term. See Bylaws Article 5, Section 9.

12. Ballots sent by use of the Internet shall conform to the By-Laws sections concerning telephone ballots. See Article V, Section 5, Section 5b, Section 6, Section 8 and Section 7b with the following changes: At all Non-Physical Meetings of the Board, or when it is necessary to obtain a vote from individual Directors by use of the Internet, seven (7) days shall be allowed after the ballot is sent by the Executive Secretary by e-mail to allow

time for comments for and against the issue to be distributed among the Directors with no vote taken to insure discussion, exchange of ideas, guidelines, etc. At the end of the seven (7) day period, the Directors will than have five (5) days to send a yes or no vote to the Executive Secretary who will then have the ballot and the results of the ballot published in the next available issue of The American Brittany magazine according to Section 8 of the By-Laws. (2001)

13. The ABC will have a semi-annual Teleconference to improve goverence in motion reviews and approvals as well as work with committee leaders to improve the club image as the club has declining membership with financials in disarray with agenda to be published 30 days ahead of time. (2018)

PRESIDENT DUTIES

1. (Per By-Laws adopted December 2, 1975, Art. VI, Sec. 6a): Shall coordinate the work of all committees, working closely with the Executive Secretary and is the officer finally responsible to the Board of Directors for the activities of the club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall name the standing committees and shall be a member ex-officio with vote on all committees, excepting the committee on nominations.

2. Have the duties of an administrative officer.

3. Approve all committee chairmen appointed by the elected officers of ABC, including the Stakes Managers for all National Championship Stakes and the ABC Futurities.

4. Appoint all committee members, excepting only those committee member appointments specifically designated to be appointed by another person. Appointments shall adhere to regional and term requirements as may be specified, i.e., Nominations (Article VIII, Sec. 1), Classics, Hall of Fame, etc.

5. Initiate minor programs subject to the approval or ratification of the Board.

6. Consult and cooperate with the elected officers of ABC and with the Executive Secretary in areas where duties overlap.

7. Authentication of ABC Official Acts - Any acknowledgments, awards, commemoration, commendations, declarations, salutations, or other documents, gifts, prizes, donations or trophies, when issued or presented in the name of The American Brittany Club and requiring authenticating signature, only bear the signature of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary of the ABC, or with the knowledge, directions and concurrence of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary, the signature of that other officer under whose jurisdiction such matter is issued and distributed. (1977)

8. If a hearing with AKC is called concerning dates conflicts between two clubs, the President shall contact the AKC Delegate, copy them with all letters of communication, and decide upon the position the ABC shall maintain. The President shall direct the AKC Delegate to personally contact the Regional Dates Coordinator involved for any additional pertinent information. The President shall also contact the National Dates Chairman for input. The President shall be sure that both clubs involved are notified of the hearing which will allow the club that ABC is defending to have all possible input with the AKC delegates.

9. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting (1992)

10. Officers shall be reimbursed for telephone and postage when bills are presented, subject to Presidential approval, to be paid by the Treasurer. (1976)

11. Every reasonable effort shall be made to schedule the annual Board of Directors' meeting so it does not conflict with the championship stakes or the specialty show. In the event there is a conflict, the Board meeting will proceed as scheduled.

12. The President shall be chairman of the Hall of Fame for Distinguished Members committee. (1993)

13. Only the President and/or the Executive Secretary have the authority to sign binding contracts for the ABC. (2001)

14. Expenses up to a total, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), per year may be expended by the President without Board approval for discretionary, nonrecurring or emergency expenditures. 2007

LIST OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

According to Robert's Rules of Order, Standing Committees are constituted to perform a continuing function and remain in existence permanently or for the life of the assembly that establishes them. The members of such a committee serve for a term corresponding to that of the officers and continue their duties until their successors have been chosen. A new body is normally appointed at the beginning of each administration.

Special committees go out of existence as soon as they complete the specified task for which they were created.

STANDING COMMITTEES REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL: PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT

*Classics
* Finance (2012)
*Hall of Fame
Nominations (also subject to By-Laws Article VII, Sections 1and 2)

REGULAR STANDING COMMITTEES: (see Article VII, section 3 of the By-Laws). Every effort should be made to include a member from each region: PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT

Breed Standards
Social Media
Field Trial Dates
Futurity
*Junior Handlers
Long Range Planning /Future Grounds (Active when Board directs specific projects for study)
Magazine
Membership Promotion
National Grounds
National Rotating Obedience Trophy
Policy Book
*Summer Specialty

SINGLE APPOINTMENTS: PRESIDENT MAY MAKE APPOINTMENT WHEN NECESSARY

Activities at Nationals (Hospitality)
Agenda
AKC Breed Referrals
AKC Delegate
AKC Gazette Reporter

AKC Legislative Liaison
AKC Pointing Breed Parent Club Liaison
"Book of The American Brittany"
Derby Invitational
Dog of the Year (2015)
Donations (Treasurer)
Dual Dog Award (2008)
Hall of Fame for Distinguished Members
Health Aspects and Genetic Defects & OFA Contact
Insurance
Judges Education
Junior Achievement Award (2016)
Legal Advisor
National Fund Raising
National Yearbook (may be committee)
Purina Pro-Plan Liaison
Registry of Merit (2016)
Statistician
Trophy (two years)
Versatile Dog Award (2015)
Young Sportsman Scholarship

OTHER COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS
Bird Dog Hall of Fame Liaison
Membership Data
National Championship (All Age)
National Championship (Gun Dog)
National Specialty
Non-Field Performance (Agility & Rally)
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Liaison
Webmaster

*Rotating committees with five (5) year appointments with one person rotating off of the committee each year.

Special Committees (which go out of existence as soon as the specified task is completed) shall be appointed in addition to the above as needed according to the current needs of the Board. 11/94

1ST VICE PRESIDENT DUTIES

(Per By-Laws adopted December 2, 1975, Art. VI, Sec. 6b): Shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President is absent or unable to perform the duties of that office.

1. The 1st Vice President shall act as the Field Trial Chairman of the American Brittany National Open and Amateur All-Age Championship Field Trials, and the Derby Invitational and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.

2. Appoint the Stake Managers for the National Open Championship and the National Amateur Championship, subject to approval by the President.

   A. Approve all committee members selected by Stake Managers (It shall be the Stake Manager's duty to select a committee, in accordance with methods and procedures approved by the Board of Directors, to execute the mechanics of running each stake.).

   B. Inform the Executive Secretary of the selection and approval by the President of each Stake Manager not later than ninety (90) days prior to the dates of the stake to be run.

   C. Inform the President and the Executive Secretary of the selections of personnel composing each committee not later than ninety (90) days prior to the dates of the stake to be run.

3. Appoint a committee to select the judges for the National stakes to be run, in accordance with methods and procedures approved by the Board of Directors, not later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date the stake is to be run. Personnel of Judge's Committee must be approved by the President:
   A. Approve the judges selected by the Judges Committee.
   B. Inform the President and the Executive Secretary of the judges selected by the committee not later than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the stake to be run.

4. Appoint a Field Trial Secretary for the National Championship Stakes, subject to the approval of the President.
   A. Inform the Executive Secretary of the Field Trial Secretary appointment and approval by the President not later than January 30 prior to the year the stake is to be run.
   B. Furnish the Executive Secretary and Field Trial Secretary with information necessary to complete application forms required by the AKC not later than 120 days prior to the dates the forms must be submitted.
   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. Prior to the running of the National Open Championship and 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. Oversee or designate the purchase, receiving, and planting of birds for the National Open Championship and National Amateur Championship as necessary to achieve a fair and quality event.

7. Plan, consult and coordinate field trial activities of the National Championship Stakes with the President, Executive Secretary, Field Trial Secretary, and others as necessary.

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

9. Give appropriate guidance and counsel to all Committee Chairman and Committees that in part or wholly, deal in affairs pertinent to the Office of the 1st Vice President:

   A. Breed Standards Committee
   B. Classics Committee
   C. Field Trial Dates Committee
   D. Futurity Committee
   E. National Grounds Committee
   F. Trophy Committee
   G. Donations Committee
   H. National Program Committee.
   I. Dual Dog

10. Coordinate all activities of office with regular reports to the President and Executive Secretary.

11. The 1st Vice President shall submit an annual budget to the Finance Committee as requested. (2017)

12. Any acknowledgments, awards, commemoration, commendations, declarations, salutations, or other documents, gifts, prizes, donations or trophies, when issued or presented in the name of The American Brittany Club and requiring authenticating signature, only bear the signature of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary of the ABC or with the knowledge, direction and concurrence of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary, the signature of that other officer under whose jurisdiction such matter is issued and distributed. (1977)

13. The Board authorizes advertising and publishing a write-up and pictures of the National Open. The responsibility for attaining/securing photos of the Winners along with the write-up shall be sent to the managing editor for publication in "The American Brittany". (2006)

14. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting. (1993)

15. Officers shall be reimbursed for telephone and postage when bills are presented, subject to Presidential approval, to be paid by the Treasurer.

16. All ABC event managers provide the Treasurer with a finalized report in the format established by the Finance Committee within 30 day*s* of the end of the event. Should such report not be filed, then the Treasurer will notify the Board of Directors. 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 with conducting the events. Ex: Calcutta, Food Caterer, Saddle, Birds, Judges, Reporters, Bird Planter, Dog Wagon Driver, Placements(Derby Invitational), Grounds Fees, Hay Delivery, Stall Cleaning, and 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 event. Ex: Entry fees, camping fees, Hay Sales, Calcutta Bids, Auctions, Raffles, and ant 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. Deposits are typically made at the First Western Bank in Booneville, Ark. Before, during, and after the event. All deposits should be complete no later than 7 days following the event.

All ABC sponsored events, i.e., Futurities, Summer Specialty Show, National Specialty Show, National Open All Age Championship, National Amateur All Age Championship, Gun Dog National Open and Amateur Championships, and Classics or any other events as may arise, coordinate activities related to fund raising with the National Fund-Raising Committee and submit all anticipated and contacted solicitation and donor lists to the chairman of that committee. (2000) (2014) (2015)

The National Specialty Show, the National Gun Dog Championships, and the National Championships (All Age), shall hold their own raffle/fund raiser, therefore, allowing people to support the event/venue of their choice. Each event will be in charge of organizing their own raffle if they choose to have one which will be run under the guidelines set forth in the Policy Notebook/National Fund-Raising Committee. There will be an overall chairperson for the National Fund-Raising Committee with three on-site coordinators appointed to oversee the raffle/fundraising for the three separate venues. (2011) (2013) (2014) (2015)

Money allocated by ABC to each of the venues as "seed money" for fundraising was set forth as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each the National Gun Dog Championships and National All Age Championships and for the National Specialty Show. (2011) (2013) (2015)

17. The 1st Vice President selects the reporter/s for the National Open All Age Championship and National Amateur All Age Championship, and 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) National Derby Invitational Reporters are asked to provide their report at no cost since this is a one-day event and every effort is made to minimize expenses since the payout to placing dogs is “After Expenses”.

18. Site selection and dates for the National Open All Age Championship and the National Amateur All Age Championship must be approved by the Board.

19. Secure written permission for use of the trial grounds from applicable authority.

20. Obtain any permission, licenses or permits from the applicable authority.

21. Contact Purina Program Coordinator regarding event recognition and support, request by January 1st. (Year trial being held)

22. Arrange for field trial headquarters.

23. Championship stakes:
    A. Arrange for local publicity.
    B. Arrange for or notify local newspapers re: photographers for Championship stakes
    C. Arrange for gifts for each judge. A gift certificate from a national sports supplier, at a cost, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), or a cash gift would be appropriate.
    D. Determine location of nearest stable, if insufficient facilities exist at grounds. (1997)

24. Assign a member of the event committee to promote ABC fund raisers including the national auctions and raffle ticket sales to offset expenses incurred by the event. (2008)

25. Vendors will not be allowed to conduct auctions and/or raffles at ABC events. (2000)
(Exception: Brittany Rescue Organizations) (2002)

26. ABC events hosted by ABC/regional club(s) are responsible for attaining/securing photos of the Winners of that event along with the write-up and getting same to the managing editor of "The American Brittany" for publication. (2006)

27. Requests for donation of Garmin Collar(s) for winning handlers in the National Open and Amateur Championships will be directed to the Garmin Coordinator to avoid multiple requests.

28. 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.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT DUTIES

1. (Per By-Laws adopted December 2, 1975, Art. VI, Sec 6c): Shall assume the duties of the President in the event both the President and 1st Vice President are absent or unable to perform the duties of such office. The 2nd Vice President shall be designated as the Officer in charge of the affairs of the club pertaining to the formation of new member clubs and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.

2. Aid, assist, and encourage the formation of new clubs in areas where no regional clubs exist.

3. Aid and assist regional clubs as required insuring strong and active function.

4. When deemed necessary, appoint a committee of not less than four (4) members with the 2nd Vice President as Chairman (to meet By-Laws requirements), committee members to be members from clubs adjoining the territory applied for by a new club, to determine the qualification of the applicant. All committee members appointed must be approved by the President and Executive Secretary notified as to identification of committee members.

5. Notification to the officers and Board of Directors of any new club within thirty (30) days after receipt of completed application.

6. The 2nd Vice President is member ex-officio of and shall give guidance and counsel to Committees that in part, or wholly, deal in affairs pertinent to his office.

7. Any acknowledgments, awards, commemoration, commendations, declarations, salutations, or other documents, gifts, prizes, donations or trophies, when issued or presented in the name of the ABC and requiring authenticating signature, only bear the signature of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary of the ABC, or with the knowledge, direction and concurrence of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary, the signature of that other Officer under whose jurisdiction such matter is issued and distributed. (1977)

8. The 2nd Vice President shall obtain a letter of agreement from each club desiring provisional status with the ABC. The letter shall state that the new club is willing to take specific dates as shall be stated in the letter that are open in their particular region. (These dates shall be obtained from the Regional Dates Coordinator) Copies of this letter shall be sent to the National Dates Chairman and to the Regional Dates Coordinator. The letter shall be signed by all the officers of the new club. No club shall be considered for provisional status unless this document is provided.

9. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meetings (1993)

10. Officers shall be reimbursed for telephone and postage when bills are presented, subject to Presidential approval, to be paid by the treasurer.

11. Render assistance to small or failing regional clubs. (2004)

12. Formulate and coordinate programs to increase and strengthen ABC membership. (2004).

13. Work with regional directors in interpreting statistical information provided by the membership chairperson. (2004)

14. The Second Vice President shall be the chairperson of the Membership Promotion Committee. (2014)
*See Appendix II

15. At the first of each year, the Second Vice President shall contact each regional club to update their list of all officers for ABC. List will be sent to the Second Vice President by the end of January each year. (2016)

3RD VICE PRESIDENT DUTIES

1. (Per By-Laws adopted December 2, 1975, Art. VI, Sec.6d): Shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President, 1st Vice President or 2nd Vice President are absent or unable to perform the duties of such office. The 3rd Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of the affairs of the Club pertaining to the National Specialty Show and the Summer Specialty Show and shall be a member ex- officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.

2. National Specialty Show:

A. If the 3rd Vice President does not desire to serve as show chairman (secretary), appoint a chairman (secretary) on or before January 15 of each calendar year, such appointment to be approved by the President.

B. Approve all committee members to the show committee, to be appointed by the appointed chairman on or before March 1 or each calendar year.

C. Notify the Executive Secretary of the committee chairman and members, and the President of the committee members, not later than March 15 of each calendar year.

D. Coordinate with the show chairman (secretary) the selection of a show secretary (note, neither the show secretary nor members of their immediate family can exhibit dogs in such show).

E. 1. If veterinarian is not being paid, arrange for a gift for them. (2010)
2. Arrange for local publicity.
3. Arrange for or notify local newspaper re: photographers for specialty show.
4. 3rd Vice President is responsible for getting show results to 1st Vice President directly after the show, for the awarding of the dual dog award.

F. Coordinate with the show chairman and show secretary all preparations for the show.

G. Coordinate with the Executive Secretary all preparations for the show.
1. Send the properly completed application for approval of judges, special events, disaster plans, and other forms required for the National Specialty Show to the Executive Secretary for the signature of the Executive Secretary who will then forward the properly completed and signed applications to the proper department(s) of AKC. These forms must be received by AKC no later than six months prior to the National Specialty Show.
2. The 3rd Vice President is authorized to establish entry fees for the National Specialty Show subject to the approval of the Board of Directors for one (1) year in advance when there is a full year between the time of the committee formation and the event. During transitions of the office, when a new 3rd Vice President is elected, if a full year is not available, only 4 months are required from the time of transfer to the filing of the application with AKC.
3. Neither the show nor the judge may be advertised until AKC has approved such show and judge but can be announced after a signed commitment letter is in hand with the show chairperson. (2010)
4. Coordinate with Executive Secretary, editor, and field trial secretary for applicable advertisements, etc. in the club magazine.

H. A committee of three (3) people from each region is to be formed to get recommendations for judges for breed, obedience, and sweepstakes classes.

1. The committee names should be printed in "The American Brittany" with a vote being taken or a vote within the committee. The top 5 of 6 names would be used to select judges.

2. Any judge selected for the National Specialty conformation competition would agree not to judge any Brittany classes within six (6) months prior to the National Specialty Show. No Brittany solely owned or co-owned by the judge may be exhibited at the National Specialty Show in any class or classes. (2006)

a. A short announcement will be placed in the magazine and on the club website with the names of the judges' selection committee along with their e-mail and mailing addresses. The announcement will advise all ABC members that they can submit proposed judges' names to members of the committee.

b. A separate committee of people who compete in obedience and/or agility shall nominate judges for the National Specialty Show in these areas. Names of judges for obedience agility and rally must be able to judge both. The procedure for selection shall be the same as indicated in item (d.) below.

c. After the deadline for submission as set by the show chairman, committee members will send to the show chairman a list of ten (10) proposed judges along with qualification statements. The show chairman shall compile a list of the top ten judges (meaning named most often by the committee members) and send the resulting list along with qualification statements for those ten to the committee members for "ranking" from one to ten, with one being the most preferred. After these ranking lists are returned to the show chairman, the show chairman will compile a final list according to the rankings submitted by the committee members. The judge most preferred will be contacted for the proper judging assignment. If that judge is not available for the year proposed, the show chairman shall ask if the next year is available.

d. After the judges are approved by the AKC, the national show chairman will announce their judging assignment in the magazine and on the website along with a short biography and picture of each judge (if provided by the magazine deadline).

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3. Any judge selected for the National Specialty Sweepstakes competition would agree not to judge any Brittany classes within four (4) months prior to the National Specialty Show. No Brittany solely owned or co-owned by the Sweepstakes judge may be exhibited at the National Specialty Show in any class or classes. (2006). A dog owned or co-owned may be shown in classes where winners do not compete for Best of Breed but not in any Sweepstakes class. (i.e., Stud Dog or Brood Bitch Classes) (2010)

4. No Breed or Sweepstakes judge will be allowed to judge more than once within a ten (10) year period, at the National Specialty Show in the same capacity. (i.e., a judge hired to do Sweepstakes shall not be hired for a 10-year period to judge Sweepstakes, but could be hired for conformation, obedience, rally and/or agility and vice versa.) (2006). The ten-year moratorium does not apply to judges of obedience, rally and/or agility classes as they are performance events.

5. The show chairman may select judges three (3) years in advance of the National Specialty Show in order to be able to have well-qualified judges available and under contract.

I. The 3rd Vice President shall then send a contract of acceptance of the judging assignment to the selected judges for their signatures prior to sending the applications to the executive secretary and shall retain the signed copies in the show files.

J. Coordinate with the show secretary or superintendent to arrange for printing of premium lists, distribution of premium lists and receipt of entries

K. Coordinate with show secretary that secretary or superintendent obtains show armbands, the AKC book, ring numbers, elastics, the judge’s book, AKC approved measuring device, ring ropes and mats, etc.

L. Coordinate with the show chairman (secretary) and show secretary the selection of a ring steward it would be advisable not to use a steward who has an entry in the show nor any member of his immediate family).

M. Coordinate with the show chairman that transportation, hotel accommodations and meals (2010) are provided, as required, for the judge.

N. Coordinate with "The American Brittany" that a photographer has been arranged to provide photographs to the magazine, as well as winners, the write-up for "The American Brittany" magazine.

O. Select a photographer for the National Specialty Show and arrange for the proper photographs to be taken. Follow up with photographer to be sure pictures are sent to the magazine. Select a reporter for the show and check to be sure a write -up is sent to the editor. Arrange with the official photographer to furnish a picture of BOB to the AKC for publication in the "AKC GAZETTE" in "Spot Lighting the Shows". (This is free if AKC receives it in a timely manner and should be utilized by the ABC in advertising the winner of the National Specialty Show.

P. Coordinate with the show chairman that arrangements have been made with their committee, or other people, to set up the show ring, then dismantle it at the conclusion of the show.

Q. Coordinate with the ABC treasurer, as required, for payment of judge's expense, site rental, etc.; if independent financial records are being kept by the show committee, insure that detailed financial statement is forwarded to the ABC treasurer within thirty (30) days following such show.

R. The 3rd Vice President (Show Chairman) shall appoint the following coordinators for the National Specialty Show: Obedience/Rally, Auction/Raffle, Chief Ring Steward, Specialty Trophies, Booths, Hospitality, Equipment and Set-up, and Ribbons, Junior Handlers. These coordinators in no way replace the National Committee Chairman appointed by the ABC President.

3. Coordinate with "The American Brittany" that appropriate write-ups and photographs appear for the National Specialty Show. Summer Specialty show and all regional club specialty shows; coordinate with regional clubs that hold specialty shows to insure appropriate publicity through write-ups and photographs. (2010)

4. Aid, assist, and encourage regional clubs to establish and hold specialty shows under rules and procedures of the AKC.

5. Give appropriate guidance and counsel to all committee chairmen and committees that in part, or wholly, deal in affairs pertinent to the office of the 3rd Vice President.

A. Breed Standards Committee
B. Trophy Committee

6. With respect to both the National Specialty and the Summer Specialty Shows, prepare and promptly deliver to the Statistician a show catalogue appropriately marked to reflect the results of each such show.

7. The National Specialty Show events are to be held during the week prior to the running of the National All Age Championships or the National Horseback Gun Dog Championships. (2014, 2015, 2021)

8. The show committee shall have the authority to name the classes covered by trophies and the number of trophies in each class for the National Specialty Show. The trophy committee shall be responsible for the actual selection of the trophies. (1973) (2010)

9. Any acknowledgments, awards, commemoration, commendations, declarations, salutations, or other documents, gifts, prizes, donations or trophies, when issued or presented in the name of The American Brittany Club and requiring authenticating signature, only bear the signature of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary of the ABC, or with the knowledge, direction and concurrence of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary, the signature of that other Officer under whose jurisdiction such matter is issued and distributed. (1977)

10. The 3rd Vice President may employ the services of a professional show secretary or superintendent upon approval by the President and notification to the Board. (1984). Such notification is not required when a current contract is in place. (2010)

11. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors 6 weeks prior to the annual meeting. (1992)

12. Officers shall be reimbursed for telephone and postage expense when bills are presented, subject to Presidential approval, to be paid by the treasurer.

13. The 3rd Vice President shall submit an annual budget to the Finance Committee as requested. (2017)
14. At the National Specialty Show and the Summer Specialty Show the following classes are required: Field Trial Class (dogs and bitches), Stud Dog Class, Brood Bitch Class and Veterans Class (dogs and bitches). (11/93) Additional Classes to be considered are Best Junior Handler, High Scoring Brittany (when Obedience classes are offered) and Hunt Test Classes at the Summer Specialty. (2010).

Qualifications for Field Trial classes shall be one field trial placement during the immediate past year (from the date of closing of the specialty year prior to the current National Specialty Show (2010) or be a Field Champion, an Amateur Field Champion, or Dual Champion of record with AKC. Show, Field, or Amateur Champion date must be included on the premium. (2010) Dogs and bitches placing first in the Field Trial classes shall be eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition.

15. At the National Specialty Show, the Amateur Owner/ Handler, Dual Champion, and National Qualifier classes (dogs and bitches) may be added at the show chairperson's discretion. (2012)

Qualifications for Dual Champion Classes shall be Dual Champion of record with AKC. (2012).

At the discretion of the show chairman, the National Qualifier class can be added. (2014) Qualifications for National Qualifiers classes shall be limited to dogs and bitches who have qualified to run in the American Brittany Club National Open Gun Dog Championship field trial, American Brittany Club National Amateur Gun Dog Championship field trial, American Brittany Club National Amateur All-Age Championship Field Trial, and the American Brittany Club Open All-Age Championship field trial for the current and preceding years only. Dogs and bitches who qualify after the show's closing date will be eligible to show the next year only and those that qualify prior to the closing date shall be eligible for that current year and the following year. Dogs and bitches only have to be qualified to run in the National Field Trial events, not actually compete. (2012)

16. All dogs entered in the ABC National Specialty Show (with the exception of dogs registered with an ILP/PAL number and dogs under the age of 2 years at the start of the event) 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. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

17. Regional club specialty shows shall conform to the National Specialty requirements with regard to offering field trial classes. They are not required to offer stud dog and brood bitch classes. Regional clubs are not permitted to offer Dual Champion or National Qualifier classes.

18. The 3rd Vice President will notify, in writing, regional clubs when they are in violation of ABC policy when conducting their Specialty Shows and send a copy of that letter to the ABC Secretary. Continuing violations will result in withdrawal of approval for specialty shows with AKC. (2012)

19. The premium list for obedience exhibitors should state: Refund of entry fees for bitches in obedience and rally that come into season after the closing date of this show may be obtained by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the show secretary. This certificate must be postmarked before the opening day of the show or given to the show secretary before the start of the show. Move-ups are allowed. (2010) (2014)

20. The trophy committee shall accept donations for the show and obedience classes by individuals, breeders, and/or kennels. Donations for rotating trophy/trophies for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex shall be accepted. (1995)

21. The show site selection must be approved by the ABC Board of Directors. (1996). The 3rd Vice President should present to the Board of Directors as part of their Agenda Report each year the proposed show site for the next two (2) years. (2008)

22. The Board approved a trophy offered by Becky Rao for competition at its annual National Specialty Show only, the Becky Rao Trophy to be awarded at the National Specialty Show each year to the Best of Breed winner. For permanent possession, it must be won three (3) times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog, nor at consecutive shows. The name of the winning dog will be engraved on the trophy. The trophy is

to be maintained by the current recipient until the next year's specialty. (2006) The previous trophy donated by Dennis P. Jordan DVM Memorial Trophy was retired in 2006 as Andrea Jordon Lane met the requirements.

23. All ABC sponsored events i.e. Futurities, Summer Specialty Show, National Specialty Show, Open All Age Championship, Amateur All Age Championship, Open Gun Dog National Championship, Amateur Gun Dog Championship and Classics or any other events as may arise, coordinate activities related to fund raising with the National Fund-Raising Committee and submit all anticipated and contacted solicitation and donor lists to the chairman of that committee. (2000) (2014)

24. Assign a member of the event committee to promote ABC fund raisers including the national auctions and raffle ticket sales to offset expenses incurred by the event. (2008)

The National Specialty Show, the National Gun Dog Championships, and the National Championships (All Age), shall hold their own raffle/fund raiser, therefore, allowing people to support the event/venue of their choice. Each event will be in charge of organizing their own raffle if they choose to have one which will be run under the guidelines set forth in the Policy Notebook/National Fund-Raising Committee. There will be an overall chair of the
National Fund-Raising Committee with three on-site coordinators appointed to oversee the raffle/fund raising for the three separate venues. (2011) (2013) (2014) (2015)

Money allocated by ABC to each of the venues as "seed money" for fund raising was set forth as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each the National Gun Dog Championship and National All Age Championship and for the National Specialty Show. (2011) (2013) (2015)

25. Funds received for the National Specialty Show other than entry fees will be turned over to the Treasurer within seven (7) days of receipt. Entry fees will be sent to the Treasurer as soon as possible after closing of entries. (2015)

26. Vendors will not be allowed to conduct auctions and/or raffles at ABC events. (2000)
Exception (Brittany Rescue Organizations) 2002

27. The National Show Chairman/3rdVice President shall be eligible to handle and compete at the National Specialty Show in Agility, Obedience and Rally competitions with dogs either solely owned or co-owned by him or her. The National Show Chairman/3rd Vice President will not handle or enter into conformation competition any dogs solely owned by him or her, but dogs co-owned by him/her but not handled by him or her shall be eligible for conformation competition at the National Specialty Show. (2006).

28. Any dog owned or co-owned by the National Show Chairperson that resides with the said person shall not be eligible to be entered in conformation competition. If the 3rd Vice President/Show Chairperson is competing in Obedience, Rally or Agility, it is preferable that he or she find a Co-chair who can chair Obedience, Rally and Agility. (2010)

29. The Show Chairperson should clarify with the breed judge as to the handling of awards of merit prior to judging, i.e., will awards of merit be handed out in order of judge’s preference or just awarded in no particular order. (2010)

30. All ABC event managers provide the Treasurer with a finalized report in the format established by the Finance Committee within 30 days of the end of the event. Should such report not be filed, then the Treasurer will notify the Board of Directors.

SUMMER SPECIALTY SHOW

By action of the Board of Directors in 1968, it was voted affirmatively that each ABC region "be allowed to host a Summer Specialty show in turn". The 3rd Vice President shall have the authority for assigning the sponsoring club(s) or may assign or have assigned that responsibility to another named party such as the Summer Specialty Show Chair for the Summer Specialty show to ensure that the show shall rotate, in order from region to region. (1980) (2010)

A. Enforcement of this "rotating policy" by coordinating with the President a permanent five (5) year schedule that the Summer Specialty show will be held on a region-by-region basis.
B. Coordinating with regional inter-club councils, where same exist, or communicating with each regional club in a region to determine if the region as a whole, or a club or clubs desire to act as host for the Summer Specialty show in their region--all such arrangements to be made at least three (3) years in advance, if possible.
C. Coordinate with the President the appointment of a show chairman.
D. Coordinate with the show chairman the appointment of a show secretary and members of the show committee and have the premium list reviewed by the 3rd Vice President to ensure that classes, ribbons, and ABC class requirements are correctly noted. (2010)
E. Show Chair of the Summer Specialty shall notify the 3rd Vice President, President and Executive Secretary as to the chairman and members of the show committee. (2010)
F. The Summer Specialty Show may be held as an Independent Show or as a Designated Specialty Show in conjunction with an All-Breed Show in May, June (2012), July or August. (2002)
G. The 3rd Vice President will coordinate with the Summer Specialty show committee the selection of the All-Breed show and choice of judge.
H. Approve and coordinate President's approval of site, date, type of show to be held and the choice of judge. (2002)
I. The hosting club will notify the editor of “The American Brittany” of appropriate information for advertisements, etc.
J. Refer to Agility and Rally – (pg. 176)

The Summer Specialty show committee shall, under the direction of the 3rd Vice President or appointed committee chairperson, arrange for host clubs for the Summer Specialty show so that each region be allowed to host the show in turn. Efforts shall be toward a permanent five (5) year region-to-region rotating schedule. Arrangements should be approximately three (3) years in advance. The Board shall approve host clubs at its annual meeting each year.

The application for the show shall be sent from the ABC office. The host club shall send the date of the show and the name of the All-Breed show to the executive secretary as soon as possible so the application may be sent to AKC.

If a sweepstakes is to be held, all the information for that shall be sent to the ABC office for the form to be sent in a timely manner.

The host club is responsible for getting trophy donations themselves, but the ABC shall be responsible for a trophy for Best of Breed with a value, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), and a Best of Opposite Sex with a value, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1). If the host club's trophy donations cover the cost of all trophies, ABC will NOT buy the Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex trophies. If the host club collects more for trophies than is spent for trophies, the excess shall be passed on to the next host club for the next Summer Specialty. (1979) It is recommended the host clubs of the Summer Specialty provide Awards of Merit per AKC recommendations. (2016)

The ad for the Summer Specialty shall be sent to Magazine by the host club. There shall be no charge for this one ad. Any additional advertising for events held in conjunction, is limited to 1/4 of that page. Deadline for the ad shall be the first of the month preceding the issue it is to appear. The completed write-up will be sent to the Magazine with photos of Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best Bred-by-Exhibitor, Best Puppy and Best Junior Handler if available. The top winners (BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, and WB) will be included at no charge to the event winner. (2010)

The official ABC emblem is available by e -mail from the ABC Executive Secretary. The official ABC medallions are also available from the ABC Executive Secretary for replacement costs.

It shall be the responsibility of the Summer Specialty chairman to notify the next year's host club of the previous year's Best of Breed winner by owner's name and address. This shall enable the next host club to arrange for receipt of rotating trophy for presentation.

Only the Specialty Show held with the National Championships in November shall be called “The National Specialty Show”. The winner of the Summer Specialty Show shall be called “The winner of the Summer Specialty Show”. The Sequani's Dana Macduff Memorial Challenge Trophy was retired in 1988 by Yoko O'Shell.

At the Summer Specialty show, the following classes are required: Field Trial Classes (dogs and bitches), Stud Dog Class, Brood Bitch Class, Veterans Classes (dogs and bitches). Additional classes to be considered are Best Junior Handler, High Scoring Brittany when Obedience classes are offered, and Hunt Test Class. The holding of Sweepstakes is optional (1983) (2010)

If Obedience is offered, the premium list for obedience exhibitors should state: “Refund of entry fees for bitches in obedience that come into season after the closing date of this show may be obtained by sending a veterinarian’s certificate to the Show Secretary or Superintendent. This certificate must be postmarked before the opening day of the show or given to the Show Secretary or Superintendent before the start of the show.” (2010)

Those clubs hosting ABC events are responsible for attaining/securing photos of the winners of the event along with the write-up and sending such documents for publication to the “The American Brittany” magazine.

The Summer Specialty is the official title and IS NOT to be referred to as, or in conjunction with the word “Nationals”.

Each chairman shall keep a file of the activities of the year to pass on to the next succeeding chairman. The file shall be handed to the President at the Nationals to be passed to the next appointee. If such a file is not received, check with the last chairman. If no file is available, start one.

Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting. (1992)

4TH VICE PRESIDENT DUTIES

1. (Per By-Laws amendment adopted November 30, 1996, Art. VI, Sec 6e): Shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, or 3rd Vice President are absent or unable to perform the duties of such office. The 4th Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of the affairs of the club pertaining to the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.

The 4th Vice President shall serve as the coordinator or chair of both the ABC Brittany Horseback and Walking National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championship Field Trials or may, at their discretion, appoint a separate chairman and/or secretary to oversee the Horseback and/or Walking Gun Dog National Championships. In such cases, the appointed individuals shall serve under the direction of the 4th Vice President and report to them on all matters related to the conduct of these events. (2007, 2020, 2024)

2. Appoint the Stake Managers for the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships, (Horseback & Walking) subject to approval by the President;

   A. Approve all committee members, selected by the Stake Manager, (It shall be the Stake Manager's duty to select a committee, in accordance with Methods and Procedures approved by the Board of Directors, to execute the mechanics of running the stake.).

   B. Inform the Executive Secretary of the selection and approval by the President not later than ninety (90) days prior to the dates of the stake to be run.

   C. Inform the President and the Executive Secretary of the selections of personnel composing each committee not later than ninety (90) days prior to the dates of the stake to be run.

3. Appoint a committee to select the judges for the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships (Horseback & Walking)
   to be run, in accordance with Methods and Procedures approved by the Board of Directors, not later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date the stake is to be run. Personnel of Judges' Committee must be approved by the President.

   A. Approve the Judges selected by the Judges' Committee.

   B. Inform the President and the Executive Secretary of the Judges selected by the committee not later than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the stake to be run.

4. Appoint a Field Trial Secretary for the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships, (Horseback & Walking) subject to the approval of the President.

   A. Inform the Executive Secretary of the Field Trial Secretary appointment and approval by the President not later than Sept. 30 prior to the year the stake is to be run.

   B. Furnish the Executive Secretary and Field Trial Secretary with information necessary to complete application forms required by the AKC not later than 120 days prior to the dates the forms must be submitted.

5. The four top dogs shall be posted each day, if possible, in the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships (Horseback & Walking). This shall be done in no particular order. This posting

requirement shall be communicated to and accepted by all judges before their selection is finalized. (1995)

6. The question as to use additional liberated birds in the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships (Horseback & Walking) is up to the Field Trial Committee; (1985)

7. Plan, consult and coordinate field trial activities of the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships Horseback & Walking). with the President, Executive Secretary, Field Trial Secretary, and the Coordinator.

8. Be responsible for the welfare of the Judges while they are in attendance at the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships, Horseback & Walking) through coordination with the Stake Manager(s).

9. Give appropriate guidance and counsel to all Committee Chairmen and Committees that in part, or wholly, deal in affairs pertinent to the office of the 4th Vice President:

   A. Breed Standards Committee
   B. Classic Committee
   C. Field Trial Dates Committee
   D. Futurity Committee
   E. National Grounds Committee
   F. Trophy Committee
   G. Donations Committee
   H. National Program Committee

10. Coordinate all activities of the office with regular reports to the President and Executive Secretary.

11. The 4th Vice President shall submit an annual budget to the Finance Committee as requested. (2017)

12. Any acknowledgments, awards, commemorations, commendations, declarations, salutations, or other documents, gifts, prizes, donations or trophies, when issued or presented in the name of the ABC and required authenticating signature, shall only bear the signature of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary of the ABC, or with the knowledge, direction and concurrence of the President, Executive Secretary, or Secretary, the signature of that other officer under whose jurisdiction such matter is issued and distributed. (1977)

13. The Board authorizes advertising and publishing a write-up and pictures of the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships Horseback & Walking) each year. The responsibility for attaining/securing photos of the Winners along with the write-up shall be sent to the Magazine for publication in “The American Brittany”. (2006)

14. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting. (1993)

15. Officers shall be reimbursed for telephone and postage when bills are presented, subject to Presidential approval, to be paid by the treasurer.

16. Appoint the Field Trial Coordinator for the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships. Horseback & Walking).

17. The 4th Vice President selects the reporter/s for the National Open Gun Dog Championship and National Amateur Gun Dog Championship. Horseback & Walking). 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)

18. Site selection and dates for the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships Horseback & Walking) must be approved by the Board of Directors. (2002)

19. Funds received for the National Gun Dog Championships Horseback & Walking) other than entry fees will be turned over to the Treasurer within seven (7) days of receipt. Entry fees will be sent to the Treasurer as soon as possible after closing of entries. (2015)

The National Gun Dog Championships, Horseback & Walking) shall hold their own raffle/fund raiser, therefore, allowing people to support the event/venue of their choice. Each event will be in charge of organizing their own raffle if they choose to have one which will be run under the guidelines set forth in the Policy Notebook/National Fund-Raising Committee. There will be an overall chair of the National Fund-Raising Committee with three on-site coordinators appointed to oversee the raffle/fund raising for the three separate venues. (2011) (2013) (2014) (2015)

Money allocated by ABC to each of the venues as "seed money" for fund raising was set forth, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each the National Gun Dog Championship and National All Age Championship and the National Specialty Show. (2011)

20. All ABC sponsored events i.e., Futurities, Summer Specialty Show, National Specialty Show, Open All Age Championship, Amateur All Age Championship, Gun Dog Open and Amateur National Championships, and Classics or any other events as may arise, coordinate activities related to fund raising with the National Fund-Raising Committee and submit all anticipated and contacted solicitation and donor lists to the chairman of that committee. (2000) (2014)

21. Assign a member of the event committee to promote ABC fund raisers including the national auctions and raffle ticket sales which are used to offset expenses incurred by the event. (2008)

22. Vendors will not be allowed to conduct auctions and/or raffles at ABC events. (2000) (Exception: Brittany Rescue Organizations) (2002)

23. ABC events hosted by ABC/regional club(s) are responsible for attaining/securing photos of the Winners of that event along with the write-up and getting same to the “The American Brittany” for publication.

24. All ABC event managers provide the Treasurer with a finalized report in the format established by the Finance Committee within 30 days of the end of the event. Should such report not be filed, then the Treasurer will notify the Board of Directors.

TREASURER DUTIES

1. (Per By-Laws adopted December 2, 1975, Art. VI, Sec 6g): Shall act as Comptroller of the Corporation and shall control and account for all financial transactions and affairs of the Club, including National Championship trial events, Field and Bench Futurities, National Specialty Show, "The American Brittany" magazine, the "book fund," and all other events, activities or undertaking of The American Brittany Club. All accounts shall be deposited in banks approved by the Board of Directors, in the name of The American Brittany Club. The Treasurer's books shall be at all times open to inspection by the Members of the Board. The Treasurer shall report to the Board quarterly, as well as at the Annual Meetings of the General Membership and Board of Directors, the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine. An annual audit shall be made of the Treasurer's books by a Public Accountant as approved by the Board of Directors.

2. All accounting records and reports made by the treasurer shall be in accordance with accepted standard methods of accounting.

3. The Treasurer shall be a bondable member of the ABC, Inc., by reason of membership in an accepted regional club.

4. The annual audit of the treasurer's books is directed to be made by a public accountant, at the end of each fiscal year, report of such audit furnished to the Board of Directors not later than the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. Allocate a petty cash fund to the executive secretary to be used to pay small and incidental expenditures.

6. Require an accurate and complete accounting from all recipients of all petty cash funds.

7. Require an accurate and complete accounting of officer, agent, committee chairman, independent contractor, individual or person authorized to receive or expend funds of the Club.

8. Any regional club reimbursement which is less than $20 will be carried forward to the next quarter until their check reimbursement exceeds the $20 limit. (2015)

9. All regional 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. (2015)

10. Give appropriate guidance and counsel to all officers, committee chairman and committees that in part, or wholly, deal in affairs pertinent to the office of the treasurer:

A. Magazine Committee
B. Trophy Chairman
C. Insurance Chairman
D. Futurity Chairman

11. Prior to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, prepare an anticipated budget for the current fiscal year in such time that same can be included in the agenda for receipt by each director at least six (6) weeks in advance of the annual meeting.

12. All financial records and all correspondence pertaining to money shall be retained for from five (5) to seven (7) years thereafter. All general correspondence should be kept for three (3) years, and any records not of historical value may be destroyed after that time. Records of historical interest shall be kept indefinitely. (1964)

13. The ABC shall NOT provide regional clubs with credit information on members. (1981) Regional clubs should handle their own situation regarding checks. (1982)

14. Any acknowledgments, awards, commemoration, commendations, declarations, salutations, or other documents, gifts, prizes, donations or trophies, when issued or presented in the name of the ABC and requiring authenticating signature, only bear the signature of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary of the ABC, or with the knowledge, direction and concurrence of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary, the signature of that other officer under whose jurisdiction such matter is issued and distributed. (1977)

15. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting. (1992)

16. Officers shall be reimbursed for telephone and postage expense when bills are presented, subject to Presidential approval, to be paid by the Treasurer.

17. Request for donations are received and evaluated by the Treasurer and passed on to the Finance Committee for review. Recommendations are then made by the Finance Committee through the budget process to the Board at the annual Board meeting.

18. Any person or outside organization collecting funds in the name of the American Brittany Club shall first obtain approval of the Treasurer prior to collection. The Treasurer shall determine if funds should be deposited directly into ABC accounts, held by the organization or person and returned to ABC for deposit or held until event final report is submitted. Any expenses paid out of funds collected must have receipts attached in order to claim reimbursement. (2017)

19. BAD CHECK POLICY:

A. The Treasurer shall notify a person if a check is returned for insufficient funds or any other non-payment by the bank. All bad checks must be made good within 14 days of notification, to include a fine set by the Board of Directors. (See Appendix 1 2013) and any bank charges. If not paid within the 14-day period, the person will be placed on a status of ABC accepting only certified checks or money orders from them until the check is made good.
B. If a second check is returned within a period of 12 months, then the person will be placed on a status of ABC accepting only certified checks or money orders from them for a period of 12 months.
C. If a third check is returned within a 15-month period, the person will be placed on a permanent status of ABC accepting only certified checks or money orders from them in perpetuity unless released from that responsibility by the Board of Directors.
D. All rights to participate in any activities of the parent club shall be forfeited unless released from that responsibility by the Board of Directors until such check and/or fee is made good.
E. The Treasurer shall notify secretaries of parent club activities, a list of those individuals required to pay entry fees with a certified check or money order or who are barred from participating.

20. The Treasurer shall furnish itemized income/expense statements to the 1st Vice President, the 3rd Vice President, the 4th Vice President, and each regional Futurity Chairman for the preceding 2 to 3 years. These statements shall be distributed to the above listed personnel in such a manner that decisions for the upcoming annual events may be made in a timely manner.

21. The magazine committee shall be included in the quarterly mailing of financial statements of magazine accounts.

22. The cost of publishing the magazine shall be considered a part of the normal operations of the ABC. The magazine commitment, as such, shall be done away with, and the magazine cost shall be paid out of the general fund.

23. The American Brittany Club, Inc. shall donate to the following organizations based on the finances of the Club on a yearly basis: Bird Dog Foundation Brittany Endowment, Sportsmen's Alliance, National Animal Interest Alliance, and National Animal Interest Alliance Trust. These donations should be reviewed each year by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at the November meeting. (2014)

24. An initial donation of $5,000 shall be made to the Marvin Nelson Fund maintained by UC-Davis. Starting in 2005, this donation will be, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), on a yearly basis. (2006) ABC donations to the Marvin Nelson Fund at UC-Davis are permanently suspended. (2012)

25. An amount, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), per year shall be set aside from the Breed Issues Fund for Membership Development, subject to approval by the President. Regional clubs may apply to the President for funding to aid in their endeavors to promote membership and the breed with Meet the Breed booths, Sporting Exhibitions and the like. (2007)

26. "Registered Agent" for the American Brittany Club, Inc. be designated as Mary Jo Trimble and that the "Registered Office" for the American Brittany Club, Inc. be designated as 10370 Fleming Road, Carterville, IL 62918-3350. Revised (2018).

27. Shall prepare and file (or cause to be prepared) the annual Internal Revenue Report (currently IRS Form 990) for the ABC. (2012)

28. Prepare and file IRS 990-T (Report of Income Taxes Due) and make periodic tax payments to the Internal Revenue Service, as necessary, in the name of the American Brittany Club. (2012)

29. Shall maintain the IRS Group Exemption for the parent club as well as all regional clubs included under the group exemption. This includes gathering annual certifications from each regional club and filing electronically for them when necessary. (2012)

30. Any check written over $5,000 be approved by the President through e-mail (2018)

31. All ABC event managers provide the Treasurer with a finalized report in the format established by the Finance Committee within *30 days* of the end of the event. Should such a report not be filed, then the Treasurer will notify the Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY(Corresponding) DUTIES

1. (Per By-Laws adopted December 2, 1975, Art. VI, Sec 6h): In the event the Board of Directors authorizes the employment of an Executive Secretary, the Board of Directors shall fix and determine the duties of the person chosen by the Board to occupy this office, set the salary and authorize the necessary expenses. The Executive Secretary shall be ex-officio secretary of the Board of Directors and shall have no vote. (Art. VI. Sec 3b): The Executive Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for the best interests of The American Brittany Club.

2. Serve as recording secretary at all Board meetings.

3. In coordination with the ABC Webmaster, ABC Magazine, and the ABC Policy Book Chairman, the Executive Secretary shall see that votes of the Directors, Policy Notebook Revisions, Minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting and any special meetings be reported on the ABC Website and in the ABC Magazine. Policy Book changes should be updated on the ABC Website as made. (2009)

4. Notify Regional Clubs and Members of all Meetings, Annual or Special of the Board of Directors or Membership giving the time and the place, by mailed written notice or by notice in the Club publication 15 days in advance of such meeting.

5. Aid and assist the Committee on Nominations to prepare and mail ballots for the election of Board of Directors to the General Membership. The August 1st ABC membership mailing list will be used to determine full members eligible to vote. Each individual full member of ABC is entitled to a single vote in any election conducted by ABC (2013). All ballots for the Board of Directors election shall be numbered for each region bases on eligible voters for that region. (2014)

6. 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. (2015)

7. Provide the membership with a Director Candidate questionnaire to be included in the ballot mailings (2013).

8. Provide the Board of Directors a questionnaire for officer candidates prior to the officer election by the Board of Directors. (2013)

9. Assist the Nominating Committee and the Nominating Committee chair in picking up ballots and assisting them in whatever capacity needed to complete their duties. (2013)

10. Directed by the Board of Directors to only reveal exact totals of ballots for Regional Director to the candidates themselves and not to the general membership or Board of Directors. (2013)

11. Notify and report to the President, appropriate Officers and the Board of Directors the failure of an elected officer to properly perform his or her duty as outlined by the Constitution and By-Laws, Duties of Officers and Executive Secretary, and Roberts Rules of Order.

12. When directed by the Board of Directors, notify elected officers, regional clubs, individual members, and committees when said elected officers, regional clubs, individual members, and committees violate or fail to comply with policy as outlined and adopted by the Board of Directors. Notification shall be in writing with

copies to each Board of Directors members, and each elected officer. Notification shall be made within ten (10) days after directed by the Board of Directors.
13. As Executive Secretary cooperate with members of the Board, elected Officers, Regional Clubs and their secretaries and members for the betterment of the Brittanys and the ABC.

14. Send all Classics, Championships and National Specialty forms and fees to AKC.

15. Maintain business office for ABC with appropriate files, correspondence, etc.

16. Receive requests for parent club approval for dates of trials and Certificates of Insurance of liability insurance for $500,000 before approval may be granted.

17. Grant Regional Club Specialties blanket approval with AKC unless clubs are in arrears for fees and/or fines or as requested on an individual basis by AKC. (2009)

18. Send funeral flowers or a memorial in an amount, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), to or for any past officer, Board member, life member or People Hall of Fame member. (2006)

19. The ABC shall NOT provide regional clubs with credit information on members. (1981)
Regional clubs should handle their own situation regarding bad checks. (1982)

20. All retired ABC trophies are to be retained by the executive secretary until final disposition plans are formulated by the Board of Directors. (1978)

21. Keep officers and directors informed about ABC business throughout the year.

22. Send results of mail ballots to the Magazine for publication in the magazine.

23. Any acknowledgments, awards, commemoration, commendations declarations, salutations, or other documents, gifts, prizes, donations or trophies, when issued or presented in the name of the ABC and requiring authenticating signature, only bear the signature of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary of the ABC or with the knowledge, direction and concurrence of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary, the signature of that other officer under whose jurisdiction such matter is issued and distributed. (1977)

24. All financial records and all correspondence pertaining to money shall be retained for from five (5) to seven (7) years thereafter. All general correspondence should be kept for three (3) years, and any records not of historical value may be destroyed after that time. Records of historical interest shall be kept indefinitely. (1964)

25. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting. (1992)

26. Officers shall be reimbursed for telephone and postage when bills are presented, subject to Presidential approval, to be paid by the Treasurer.

27. As soon as the annual Board Meeting is over each year, the Executive Secretary shall:
    A. Send qualifications for next nationals to AKC.
    B. Send list of new officers and directors complete with addresses to AKC.
    C. Send list of new clubs that were voted by ABC to be given provisional status to AKC.
    D. Send required forms for next year's nationals to AKC as soon as the 1st Vice President and 4th Vice President notify the Executive Secretary who the Field Trial Secretary will be. (2009)

E. Send minutes of the annual meeting to the Board for approval so they can be approved by December 31st. (2015)
F. Request the President to make appointments for the coming year.

28. Issue a Hall of Fame certificate for each newly elected dog.

29. Check with program director about room for the Board of Directors meeting. Arrange room and set up tape recorder.

30. All requests for mailing lists are to come through the Executive Secretary office. The price for membership lists, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013) (See Appendix 1). (2009) (2013)

31. The Statistician shall receive all recording/starter fees and results of all Regional Club trials, shows and hunt tests as well as results of all National events. All fees will be sent to the Treasurer with a list of checks sent. No fees will be assessed for the National Championships, National or Summer Specialty Shows, or ABC Game Bird and ABC Gun Dog Classics/Championships. Fees will be assessed for ABC Regional Classics/Championships. (2009) (2014)

32. The Executive Secretary is to purchase and present plaques for each dog and/or person placed in the ABC Hall of Fame and/or for each individual awarded Life Membership. Regional Clubs should consider granting full memberships with all privileges to their members who are elected to the ABC Hall of Fame or Life Membership
(2009)

33. Only the President and/or the Executive Secretary have the authority to sign binding contracts for the ABC. (2001)

34. In addition to the use of the ABC Logo on official documents and stationery, the Secretary/Executive Secretary may use the ABC Logo on patches, hats, and collector items in order to promote the breed and the American Brittany Club subject to Board approval. (2004)

ELECTED SECRETARY(Recording) DUTIES

1. (Per By-Laws adopted December 2, 1975, Art. VI, Sec, 6f): Shall attend all meetings of the General Membership, keeping minutes of all such meetings and shall maintain the corporate records of the Club. The Secretary shall fulfill the duties of the Executive Secretary in the event that office is vacant or otherwise unable to perform the duties of such office.

2. Corporate records of the Club to be maintained in a permanent record:

A. Constitution and By-Laws
B. Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws
C. All tax returns, Federal or State, or copy thereof
D. Any and all Contracts, Agreements, Leases, and any and all other Legal Papers pertaining to the Club
E. Minutes of Annual Meetings of the Membership
F. Minutes of any Special Meetings of the Membership
G. Minutes of Annual Meetings of the Board of Directors
H. Minutes of any Special Meetings of the Board of Directors
I. Record of all votes by the Board of Directors by mail ballot for any year and the results thereof

3. The Elected Secretary shall keep a permanent record of all Brittanys earning Championships of Record, Field Championships, Amateur Field Championships, Dual Championships, and Obedience Titles, under Rules and Procedures of the AKC, and all other Championships awarded by other Kennel Clubs or Associations, foreign or domestic, when awarded to a Brittany owned by members of the ABC.

4. Maintain physical custody of championship pins and upon request and proof of a dog completing requirements for a championship certificate, send owner and member appropriate pin.

5. Be responsible for copying and mailing for proper distribution materials at the option of officers, Directors and Committee heads.

6. Provide membership lists which will be updated and posted to an ABC FTP site by the Membership Data Chair for club secretaries to access. Every Director shall receive full membership lists. (2014) Club Secretaries may request the Regional Club membership lists and Members at Large for their region from the ABC Secretary. ABC Officers, the Futurity Secretary, the National Field Trial Secretaries, and Magazine Chair may request a complete list of the membership of the ABC or a link to the FTP site for the entire membership list. (2013)

7. All financial records and all correspondence pertaining to money shall be retained for from five (5) to seven (7) years thereafter. All general correspondence should be kept for three (3) years, and any records not of historical value may be destroyed after that time. Records of historical interest shall be kept indefinitely. (1964)

8. Any acknowledgments, awards, commemoration, commendations, declarations, salutations, or other documents, gifts, prizes, donations or trophies, when issued or presented in the name of the ABC and requiring authenticating signature, only bear the signature of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary of the ABC, or with the knowledge, direction and concurrence of the President, Executive Secretary or Secretary, the signature of that other officer under whose jurisdiction such matter is issued and distributed. (1977)

9. Receive petitions for Life Memberships and keep on file. Balloting for Life Memberships at the annual membership meeting shall be by secret ballot. (1981)

10. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish the Magazine Chair with a biography to be published in the ABC Magazine of the person/s elected each year to be Life Members. (2015)

11. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting. (1993)

12. Officers shall be reimbursed for telephone and postage when bills are presented, subject to Presidential approval, to be paid by the treasurer.

DESIGNATION OF REGIONS

The American Brittany Club is divided into:

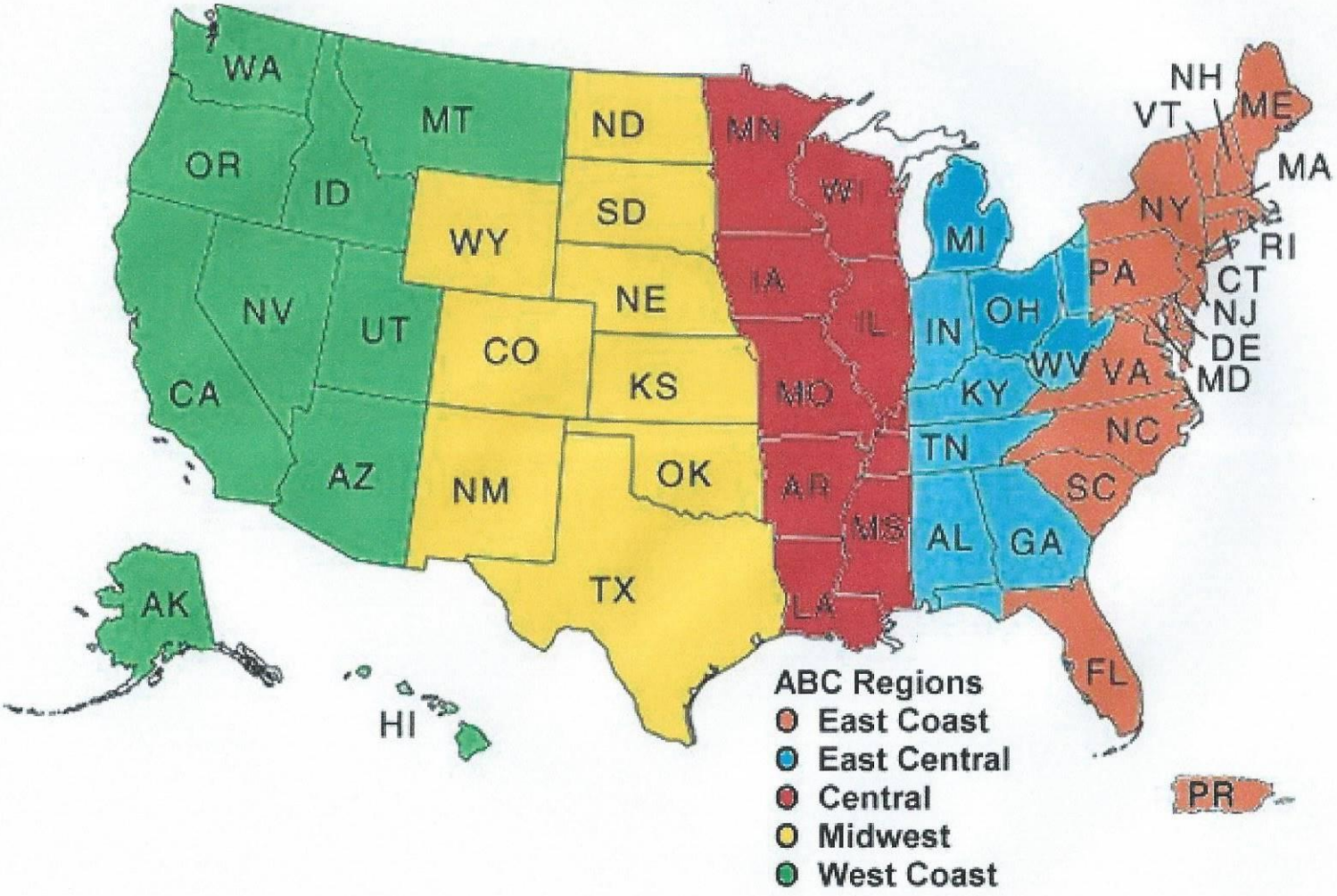
EAST COAST REGION: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania, excepting the westerly portions of such states divided by a line on a map or other geographical reference extended north as an extension of the western north-south boundary of Maryland and running generally midway between the cities of Rochester and Buffalo to the Canadian border; New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, excepting the extreme westerly part separated by a line extended southerly as an extension of the state boundary dividing Georgia and Alabama; District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

EAST CENTRAL REGION: The westerly portions of the states of New York and Pennsylvania divided by a line on a map or other geographical reference extended north as an extension of the western north-south boundary of Maryland and running, generally, midway between the cities of Rochester and Buffalo, New York, to the Canadian border; Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, excepting for that portion of such states west of a line extended on a map or other geographical reference northerly as an extension of the state boundary separating the states of Alabama and Mississippi, intersecting with the state boundary separating the states of Indiana and Illinois; Alabama, and the westerly part of Florida as separated by a line extended southerly on a map or other geographical reference as an extension of the state boundary dividing Georgia and Alabama.

CENTRAL REGION: The westerly portions of the States of Tennessee and Kentucky west of a line on a map or other geographical reference extended north as an extension of the western north –south boundary of Alabama, intersecting with the line separating the states of Indiana and Illinois; Mississippi, Louisiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Missouri, excepting the extreme northwesterly portion divided by a line extended on a map or other geographical reference north-northwesterly from the juncture of the States of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska to the junction of the states of Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota; Minnesota and Iowa , excepting the extreme westerly portion west of a line extended on a map or other geographical reference from the juncture of the states of Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas, north-northwesterly to the intersection of the juncture of the state boundaries of the states of Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota.

MIDWEST REGION: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, excepting that portion constituting a thirty (30) mile radius to the immediate northwest, west and southwest of Kansas City, Missouri, to include the general vicinity of Kansas City, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming.

WEST COAST REGION: Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii. 11/90


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ABC REGIONS AND REGIONAL CLUBS

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East Coast	East Central	Central	Midwest	West Coast
Anthracite	Bama	Badger	Alamo	Aloha
Central Maine	Buckeye	Cajun Country	Bluebonnet	California
Central New England	Georgia	Central Arkansas	Central New Mexico	Central California
Del-Val	Greater Indianapolis	Greater Milwaukee	Fort Worth	Golden Empire
Eastern New England	Heart of Dixie	Greater St. Louis	Indian Nations	Grand Canyon
Hudson Valley	Hoosier	Hawkeye	Lone Star	Greater Phoenix
Long Island*	Kentucky	Heart of Illinois	Midwest	High Desert*
Maryland	Michigan	Illinois	MO-Valley	Idaho
Mid-Florida	Michigan-Saginaw Valley	Iowa	Nebraska	Inland Empire
North Jersey	Music City	Lasalle	Neosho Valley	Montana
Northern New England	Niagara Frontier	Minnesota	Northern Colorado	Northern California
Northern Virginia	Ohio	Missouri	Northern Oklahoma	Northern Nevada*
Rappahannock	Pennsylvania	Ozark	Ringneck	Oregon
Southeastern	Western Michigan	Southern Illinois	Skyline	Sahuaro
Southern New England		St. Croix Valley	Sooner	San Diego
Susquehanna		Volunteer	Southern Kansas	Sierra View
Tarheel			Sunland	So. San Joaquin Valley
Tidewater			Texas Coastal	Wasatch Front
Upper New York			Top of Texas	Washington
			West Texas	Whid Isle

POLICY OF ABC IN ACCEPTING NEW REGIONAL CLUBS

The Board of Directors at its 1976 meeting adopted a policy that requires The American Brittany Club to consider each new club application in light of its chances for success, its ability to contribute to the betterment of the breed and its compatibility with existing Regional Clubs. Growth for the sake of growth is unwise. The Parent Club and members for forming Regional Clubs must keep in mind the desires of the Regional membership, the best interest of the breed and the welfare of each existing Regional Club. The probabilities for success of each new club applicant and its contribution to the improvement of the breed through success of ABC must be carefully and continuously evaluated.

POLICY OF ABC ON INTERNATIONAL CLUBS

The Board of Directors of The American Brittany Club during its 1975 annual meeting rejected a new club request from Japan and directed the 2nd Vice President of The ABC to respond with an explanation that while there is no provision in the Constitution and By-Laws of The American Brittany Club for foreign affiliation, individuals are welcome to become either a member-at-large or a member of a regional club located within the United States.

The ABC directed an inquiry to the AKC (A. Hamilton Rowan, Jr., Director of Field Trials) to obtain clarification of any AKC policy, rule or regulation regarding International Clubs. Mr. Rowan, in a letter dated July 15, 1976, to the ABC, indicated that while there is no AKC rule or regulation against the AKC licensing events outside the United States, any such licensing would be "strictly contrary to policies" of AKC.

It is, therefore, the policy of the ABC not to authorize and promote the formation of regional clubs abroad due to the existing AKC policy which would refuse AKC licensing of any event sponsored by foreign regional clubs of the ABC.

REGIONAL INTERCLUB COUNCILS

Regional Interclub Councils, organized in accordance with the present existing "Constitution and By- Laws for Interclub Councils", may be formed by the clubs within a region for the purpose of promoting harmony and cooperation among the clubs within that region. If such a council exists within any region, and it is functioning successfully with the majority of the clubs in the region belonging to it, then the Directors within that region and the Officers of the ABC shall establish a working relationship with that Council, and the parent club shall recognize the council as a viable organization. 2007/2008

POLICY OF ABC WITH REGIONAL CLUBS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Any Regional Club falling below ten (10) members shall be notified at the end of thirty (30) days and encouraged to bring their membership to the required number. If a Regional Club is functioning and active with less than ten (10) members, it shall be allowed to remain a Regional Club.

Each Regional Secretary receives bulletins at intervals from the Executive Secretary informing the clubs of business matters under discussion and asking opinions on same. Such items as are of general interest to all members are published in the magazine.

A Board Meeting is held annually at which the business of the Club is conducted. None but Board members may participate in these meetings unless requested by the President. Reports of both members and Board meetings are made available to the membership through the magazine and/or through the regional club secretaries. Send requests for Parent Club Permission for trials and shows, to ABC Executive Secretary. Reports and recording fees are to be sent to the ABC Statistician. (Field Trial Dates Committee is listed in the magazine. Contact the representative for your area.)
All magazine correspondence, requests for judges' books and primers shall be sent to "The American Brittany" magazine.

SUBMITTING MEMBERSHIPS TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

Regional Secretaries should keep copies of all membership letters sent to the ABC. That way you will have a record to double check which members are paid. Send all memberships to the ABC Membership Chairperson. The ABC Membership Chairperson shall also keep a copy of all membership letters received.

Regional club members may send their annual dues directly to the ABC Membership Chairperson instead of their club secretary. Dues may be paid for a multiple of years, up to three (3) years, and may be paid by check or credit card. 2001, 2004

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS

Price of memberships is: Full members: Price as approved by the Board of Directors (2013)
Associate members: Price as approved by the Board of Directors (2013)
See Appendix 1
SEND TO ABC: Full members: Price as approved by the Board of Directors (2013).
Associate members: Price as approved by the Board of Directors (2013).
See Appendix 1

Membership renewals should be sent at least 45 days prior to the 1st of the month the membership expires. Check your magazine label to determine the expiration date. (1998)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DEFINED

As long as a person is a full member of a Regional Club or has a member of his immediate family as an active member, then that person is eligible for associate membership in any club by paying the associate membership dues. (1977)

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Members-at-large are those who send their dues directly to the ABC Membership Data Chair. Because some do not wish to join the local club and because some clubs have strict requirements about accepting new members, the ABC accepts these people as members-at-large. When they first join they are notified that they may transfer to a local club if agreeable to them.. If you accept them, you receive a credit on a full year membership as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). See Appendix 1. On renewal members who pay their dues direct to ABC, no credit shall be allowed on a transfer to a regional club. (2003)

Newly forming clubs, in accordance with information provided by the 2nd Vice President, shall be allowed to be on a "Subscription" basis with the magazine. Each regular member of the club may receive the magazine for the current rate of magazine commitment. However, it shall be noted that this SHALL NOT entitle them to nominate litters for the Futurity. Those persons in newly forming clubs that wish to vote in the Director's election and/or nominate clubs that wish to vote in the Director's election and/or nominate Futurity litters shall pay the regular membership fee to the ABC. (This may be done through the newly forming club).

Do NOT combine other items with dues in your check. If the amount of your check is incorrect you will be notified and given the amount of credit or debit which should be taken care of in your next check for dues.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

The America n Brittany Club, Inc. is a member club of the American Kennel Club.

The Club is composed of many Regional Clubs located from coast to coast. Most hold a licensed AKC field trial for championship points in the spring and fall seasons. Many hold a specialty (conformation) show and hunting tests. The Regional Clubs hold meetings to discuss mutual problems, fun trials, training sessions and other events of interest to their members.

BECOMING A MEMBER: Full membership in one of the Regional Clubs carries an automatic membership in the American Brittany Club and will entitle you to the monthly magazine, **The American Brittany**. Associate Membership is available if person is a Full member of a Regional Club or immediate family member of a Full member. Full Membership cost is $50.00 per year and $5.00 per year for each Associate Member. Regional Clubs may charge higher dues. You may apply to join the Regional Club located nearest to you, or if there is none in your area, you may become a Member-at-Large of the American Brittany Club. Joining a Regional Club will afford you with the most opportunities for interaction with other Brittany owners.

GIVE A GIFT MEMBERSHIP: We are asking members to give a gift membership to a puppy purchaser, a friend or acquaintance who has a Brittany. All of us encounter people who may just need a little encouragement to become members.

Pay online with Credit Card or PayPal

www.theamericanbrittanyclub.org/ABCMembership_Individual.htm

Pay by Check through US Mail

Please send this application with payment to:
The American Brittany Club, P.O. Box 503, Orefield, PA 18069

Membership Type: ☐ **Full Membership** (includes monthly magazine) ☐ **Associate Membership**

Action: ☐ **New Membership** ☐ **Renew Membership** ☐ **Gift Membership**

Please choose from one of the following:

- ☐ This application is to apply for membership in the _____ **regional club**, (A complete list of regional clubs can be found on the ABC website www.theamericanbrittanyclub.org then select "Find a Regional Club")
- ☐ This application is to apply for membership in a regional club, but I do not know the nearest club. Please assign a club based on my address.
- ☐ This application is to be a member-at-large of the **American Brittany Club**.
- ☐ This application is a Gift Membership for: (**Please type or print**)

Name: _____ *Phone:* _____ *Email:* _____

Address: _____ *City:* _____ *State:* _____ *Zip* _____ *Country* _____

Please type, print or put your mailing label below:

Name: _____ *Phone:* _____ *Email:* _____

Address: _____ *City:* _____ *State:* _____ *Zip* _____ *Country* _____

Interests, please check all that apply: ☐ Field Trials ☐ Conformation ☐ Hunt Tests ☐ Hunting ☐ Obedience ☐ Agility ☐ Other _____

Magazine option (for **Full Membership**): ☐ I do NOT want to receive the monthly magazine with my membership.

Specify Payment Amount:

Full Membership	1 Yr/$50	2 Yr/$100	3 Yr/$150
Associate Membership	1 Yr/$5	2 Yr/$10	3 Yr/$15

Specify Payment Type:

Check Enclosed Cash Enclosed

On-Line Membership Renewals:
www.theamericanbrittanyclub.org/ABCMembership_Individual.htm

Send this application with Check payable to:
The American Brittany Club, Inc.
Deb Rudert, Membership Data Chair, PO Box 503, Orefield, PA 18069
*To pay by credit card you may call 610-248-2394.
Send email inquiries to membership@theamericanbrittanyclub.org

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MATERIAL AVAILABLE FROM ABC

1. Judge's notebooks for your field trial judge: Price as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). See Appendix 1. (Available only for your regular trial and not to other breed clubs as sold at less than cost.)

2. Flyers: Price as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). See Appendix 1.
(Tell about the Brittany and ABC and its services and acts as holder for AKC paper on pups)

3. Primers: Price as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). See Appendix 1.
(Tell about registration, trials, shows an excellent source for the new owner or club member)

4. Old magazines: Price as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). See Appendix 1.
(For distribution to potential members, and when approved by the President, Executive Secretary or Managing Editor, materials can be used at Breed Seminars and Special Events) (2005)

5. Printing of Premium lists: Contact Editor (Available at current rate)

Order from ABC, Box 616, Marshfield, MO 65706

REQUEST FOR PARENT APPROVAL
AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB
FIELD TRIAL PERMISSION FORM

For ABC office use only

NAME OF CLUB:		
Requests parent club permission for their field trial to be held on:		
Date:		
Horseback Trial:	**Walking Trial:**	
Location:		
Name of Hour Stake if a Championship or Classic:		

STAKES THAT MUST BE RUN:

**** HORSEBACK TRIALS: OP, OD, OAA or OGD (non-shooting stakes)**

***** WALKING TRIALS: OP, OD, OGD (non-shooting stakes)**

Puppy, Derby, All Age Stakes MUST BE NON-SHOOTING. No Limit on other stakes.

May be opened to all AKC Reg. Pointing Breeds at Club's Option

	Britt Only	All Breed	Horseback Stake	Walking Stake	1 hour Stake	Grand Stake
*** **Open Puppy						*N/A*
*** **Open Derby						*N/A*
**Open All-Age						*N/A*
*** ** Open Gun Dog						*N/A*
Amateur All Age						*N/A*
Amateur Gun Dog						*N/A*
Open Limited All Age						
Amateur Limited All Age						
Open Limited Gun Dog						
Amateur Limited Gun Dog						
Walking Amateur Puppy			*N/A*			*N/A*
Walking Amateur Derby			*N/A*			*N/A*

The above club agrees to run this trial under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations and under all the provisions of the American Brittany Club. ***In order for parent approval to be granted:***

(1) **This form** must be completed and returned to ABC Executive Secretary. (2) Your **fees and result forms and/or late fees** must have been submitted for last trial or show. (3) A current copy of club **insurance binder sheet** must be on file in the ABC Executive Secretary's Office.

PLEASE SEND ABC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY & AKC A COPY OF PREMIUM LIST AT TIME OF DISTRIBUTION
(AKC will fine you if you fail to do so)

Name:	**Office or FT Position:**
Street:	**Phone:**
City,State,Zip:	**Fax:**
E-mail:	**Or signature:**

E-mail completed form to ABC Executive Secretary: exec.secretary@TheAmericanBrittanyClub.org
or Mail to: American Brittany Club
Jenifer 'Brooke', Burlingame Executive Secretary
731 Maple Grove Court
Hope Mills, NC 28348
910-973-3098

AFTER THE TRIAL

Please report RESULTS using the ABC/AKC Field Trial Report Form downloaded from ABC website:
http://www.theamericanbrittanyclub.org/forms/FieldTrialReportForm.doc

- ***Send ABC Statistician $2 PER STARTER FEES & RESULTS, which must be postmarked within 10 days after last day of the trial to avoid fine.***
- ***Send AKC $3.50 PER ENTRY FEES & RESULTS, which must AKC within 7 days after last day of the trial to avoid fine.***

RECORDING/ STARTER FEES

All regional Field Trial Clubs shall pay ABC a recording fee for each dog started in their field trials (both horseback and walking). The price is as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), each time the dog is started. The field trial results shall be sent to ABC within ten (10) days after the trial or there will be a fine, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), levied with a daily charge, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), thereafter until results are received along with the recording fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), per dog started (March 1, 1994) (2001) (2013). Effective immediately all recording fees collected shall remain in the general operating fund. This shall be retroactive to January 1, 2014. (2014)

FEES: All recording fees, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), for any AKC titled event, including Specialty Shows but excluding Sweepstakes, hosted by a regional club must be paid for each dog entered to the Statistician prior to the report being published and any subsequent events authorized by ABC. (2014)

FIELD TRIAL, HUNT TEST, SPECIALTY SHOW REPORTS AND RECORDING/STARTER FEES: Trial, Specialty Show and Hunt Test reports are generally published in the order received (if the results and report arrive at the same time). Each club will be given a maximum of two (2) full pages for the write-up, placements, and pictures. If the write-up is short, available pictures may be used. If it is long, no pictures will be used. If the report and the results run over two pages, the report will be edited.

Regional clubs are not required to purchase an ad in "The American Brittany" magazine to have their field trial write-up printed.

Send a copy of the AKC judge's book or the ABC field trial form that is sent to AKC with all the trial information, the judges, date, place and placements to the Statistician with the fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each dog that starts in each stake. The results and recording fee must be sent and postmarked to the Statistician within ten (10) days of the trial, or there will be a fine levied, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), with a daily fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), to be charged thereafter until the results and recording fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), per dog started are received. (i.e., 1 dog started in 4 stakes = $8.00 recording fee) (1996) (2014)

Independent Specialty Shows held by Regional Clubs shall pay a per dog starter fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), to the ABC. The show results along with the write up, check and photos must be sent to the ABC Statistician within (30) thirty days after the show or there will be a fine levied, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), with a daily charge, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013) (See Appendix 1), thereafter until results are received. (1995) (2001) (2013) (2014)

Designated Specialty Shows held by regional clubs in conjunction (not concurrent) with All Breed Kennels Club Shows shall be exempt from the starter fee unless they want their results printed in the American Brittany Magazine. (2014) Designated shows wishing to have their results printed in the ABC magazine, will be required to follow the same procedure as the Independent Specialty Shows as directed above.

Clubs holding Hunting Tests will also pay the per-dog recording fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), to the ABC if they want the results published in the magazine. (1995) (2001) (2013) (2014)

The signed judging sheets and Secretary's page shall be sent to AKC so as to reach AKC no later than seven (7) days after the closing date of the trial. Penalty for non-compliance is a fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), and a daily fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See

Appendix 1), for each day's delay beyond the deadline, and other such penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of the AKC. A recording fee, as approved by AKC (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each first entry of a dog and a fee, as approved by the AKC (2013), (See Appendix 1), for additional entry of the same dog shall also be sent to AKC within seven (7) days. (2010)

RUNNING YOUR FIELD TRIAL

At least nine (9) months, before your trial, contact your Region's Field Trial Dates Coordinator (see magazine for name, address, and telephone number) and have your date set. Try to keep the same corresponding date each year. Parent Club permissions are not issued until the schedule is set, coordinated with the other regions, and approved by the Field Trial Chairman of the Dates Committee. START EARLY.

Before the trial: Send the request for ABC parent approval form giving date and location to the Executive Secretary. Be sure it is signed. Your date can be verified by the Executive Secretary. Proof of $500,000 liability insurance must be mailed before parent club permission will be given. (1988). Send one cop y of your premium list to ABC Executive Secretary with your regular pre-trial mailing.

After the trial: Send to ABC Statistician: Copy of the signed Judges' Reporting Sheets and AKC trial Secretary's report page, per dog started recording fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), and a write up for the magazine about your trial. It is suggested that clubs use the multiple report form that is used by AKC, when possible. (2006)

Send to AKC: (Performance Events Division, Field Trials, 5580 Centerview Drive, Suite 200 Raleigh, North Carolina 27606-3390) an application and judges panel, the required fee, disaster and emergency plan and a current membership and officer list. This must be completed at least 3 months prior to the start of the scheduled event. The application can now be made electronically.

As soon as details are set, send an ad to the magazine. Regional Clubs are not required to purchase an ad in "The American Brittany" to have their field trial write-up published in the magazine. (1978)

The ABC may grant parent approval to regional clubs whose fall and spring trials fall too close to meet the AKC date deadlines before recording fees and results are sent to the ABC. (1978)

After a club has been granted permission by the AKC to hold a licensed trial and before its premium list is printed, it must send to the AKC, for approval, copy of a Questionnaire Form (supplied by the AKC) which will give the exact location of the trial, the dates of the trial, and set exact location of the trial, the dates of the trial, and set forth the stakes to be run and their conditions, ribbon prizes, names and addresses of the judges and stakes they are to judge, names and addresses of the officers of the club, including the name and address of the Field Trial Chairman and names of the other members of the Field Trial Committee.

The place where entries are to be drawn need not be identical with the place where entries are received. Each premium list shall specify that the Field Trial Secretary is to receive entries.

Premium lists, when printed, shall contain all the information set forth on the Questionnaire Form as approved by AKC and shall be the official size, from 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches to 6 by 9 inches. Limits on entries received refer to the fact that you cannot accept more dogs than you can run. If you expect more than 70 dogs and cannot run that in two days, you must either add another day to the trial, set a limit on the number or find grounds where two stakes may be run at the same time. However, they must be decided before sending in the questionnaire form. The judging assignments as printed on the Premium List cannot be altered and no additional judges may be added prior to the opening date of the trial except under extreme emergency conditions which must be reported in full to AKC and before the trial and at the time the trial results are submitted to the AKC.

Under no circumstances can a numerical entry limitation ever be exceeded.

If no entry limitation is printed on the Premium List, the club is obligated to accept al l eligible entries, regardless of how many. Entries may be limited to a specific number or "to the number of dogs that may be run during the daylight hours on the trial dates." If you do this and are unable to complete the trial because of too many entries, the club is indicating that the trial may have been mismanaged and the matter will be investigated by AKC and a fine may result.

Entries must close no later than the published hour for the drawing which must be held not later than the night preceding the running of the first stake.

Sometimes you can avoid trouble on a large entry if you list the starting time of the first stake and list the rest "to follow". This allows you to start a stake late Saturday when the two stakes you planned for Sunday run too large.

Type of course means Single Course with Bird Field, Single Course without Bird Field, Multiple courses with Bird Field, Multiple Courses without Bird Field and Continuous Courses.

If you wish to fire over puppies, it should be so noted on the Premium List in the section applicable. If you wish to allow shotguns with blanks to be used in your trial, you must so note in the appropriate section on the forms otherwise, they are not allowed.
ABC allows the use of tracking collars at ABC events in accordance with AKC guidelines.

If you wish bitches in season to compete, you must so state on the form. CAUTION: Bitches in season must be run at the end of the stake and NO OTHER DOGS may run over those grounds on the same day.

Be sure to use correct terminology. Gun Dog Stake is a point stake that is judged on Gun Dog standards as defined in the AKC rule book. You must specify retrieving stake if you expect to kill the birds and have them retrieved.

When hosting a horseback trial, you must run an Open Puppy, Open Derby and an Open All Age Stake or an Open Gun Dog stake. These three stakes may be opened to all breeds. This is a club decision to open the stakes or close them to Brittanys only. They are non-shooting stakes. There is no limit to the number of stakes a club may run (1991) (2015)

When hosting a walking trial, you must run an Open Puppy, Open Derby and an Open Gun Dog Stake. These three stakes may be opened to all breeds. This is a club decision to open the stakes or close them to Brittanys only. They are non-shooting stakes. There is no limit to the number of stakes a club may run. (2004)

Horseback handling may be allowed in any or all stakes or your club may decide to handle on foot. The Board recommends, beginning in 1993, that each club have one walking stake per trial. (1991)

Before the trial AKC will send you judges' books in which you must enter the results of your trial. These books must be signed by your judges. Judges will also have a Judges Affirmation Form to be completed. This form is also supplied by AKC. (Deleted 2010 – no longer required by AKC) The latest
AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds booklet will also be included.

Premium lists should be mailed well in advance of your trial. Names may be obtained from the record of entrants at your preceding trials, by contacting participants in trials that precede yours, from breeders who have sold puppies in your area. Two copies of the premium list must be mailed to AKC when mailing to anticipated entrants.

The signed judging sheets and Secretary's page shall be sent to AKC so as to reach AKC no later than seven (7) days after the closing date of the trial. Penalty for non-compliance is a fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), and a daily fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each day's delay beyond the deadline, and other such penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of the AKC. A recording fee, as approved by the AKC (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each first entry of a dog and a fee, as approved by the AKC (2013), (See Appendix 1) for additional entry of the same dog shall also be sent to AKC within seven (7) days. (2010) (2013)

WHAT TO DO AFTER THE TRIAL

- Have the judges sign the AKC books.
- Send NO entry forms to AKC (Event Secretary is to keep entry forms for 1 year)
- Send winners' forms and a per-dog started fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), and write-up for “The American Brittany” magazine to ABC STATISTICIAN.
- Send results to local paper.
- Clubs should retain all AKC entry forms for a period of one year following the trial as per AKC rules effective 4/1/06.SET DATE FOR NEXT TRIAL

WHAT TO SEND TO ABC STATISTICIAN AFTER THE TRIAL

Send a copy of the signed Judges’ Reporting Sheets and AKC trial Secretary’s report page to the ABC. STATISTICIAN with the recording fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each dog started. (1989) (2001) The ABC would prefer that clubs use the ABC multiple report form that can be used with AKC. (2006)

The results and the recording fee must be **POSTMARKED** to the ABC STATISTICIAN within ten (10) days of the closing date of the trial, or there will be a fine levied, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1) with a daily fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013) (See Appendix 1), to be charged thereafter until the results are received, with the recording fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), per dog started. (March 1, 1994) Clubs should obtain a “certificate of mailing” from the post office if they wish to have proof of date of mailing in case there is a question of penalty. Recording fees and judges’ report must **BOTH** be postmarked before the 10-day deadline to avoid penalty. (2001)

The ABC would also like a report of your trial for publication in the magazine. It should be typed, double-spaced, and not to exceed three pages. Pictures of winners may be submitted. The fees for pictures are the current prices listed in the magazine. Send results, recording fees, report, pictures with payment to the ABC Statistician.

Name of Club: _____ **Stake:** _____

Place of Trial: _____ **Dates Judged:** _____ **Length of Heat:** _____

No. of Entries: _____ **Starters:** Other___Pointer___GWP___GSP___Setter___Vizsla___Brittany **Number of Starters:** _____

Stake Type: Horseback ☐ Walking ☐ **Course Type:** Single ☐ Continuous ☐ Multiple ☐

☐ **Championship Name:** _____

For dogs Whelped on Or After (give date): _____

Judges

_____ _____ _____

name address phone #

_____ _____ _____

name address phone #

1st	Name Of Dog			Breed		Date of Birth			
	A.K.C. Reg.#		DNA #			Color		Sex	
	Sire			Dam					
	Owner's Name		Owner's Address						
Amateur ☐	Handler's Name		Handler's Address						
2nd	Name Of Dog			Breed		Date of Birth			
	A.K.C. Reg.#		DNA #			Color		Sex	
	Sire			Dam					
	Owner's Name		Owner's Address						
Amateur ☐	Handler's Name		Handler's Address						
3rd	Name Of Dog			Breed		Date of Birth			
	A.K.C. Reg.#		DNA #			Color		Sex	
	Sire			Dam					
	Owner's Name		Owner's Address						
Amateur ☐	Handler's Name		Handler's Address						
4th	Name Of Dog			Breed		Date of Birth			
	A.K.C. Reg.#		DNA #			Color		Sex	
	Sire			Dam					
	Owner's Name		Owner's Address						
Amateur ☐	Handler's Name		Handler's Address						

Note: The Field Trial Secretary shall list on the back of this page the registered name and number of each dog given a Judges' Award of Merit.

JUDGES' CERTIFICATION - I certify that _____ dogs actually started in this Stake, that all information identifying each dog placed was entered prior to my signing this form, and that the placements as entered are identical with the placements awarded.

_____ _____

Judge's Signature Judge's Signature

FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION - I certify that there were _____ entries in this stake and verify the above tabulation of dogs that actually started; that the Judges have verified the awards and signed this page. This stake is authorized and run in accordance with the rules of

ABC ☐ **AKC** ☐ and this report will be submitted accordingly.

_____ _____

Date Field Trial Secretary Signature

Send this report to all organizations checked above (original to AKC, copies to other organizations)**:**

American Brittany Club
Mary Karbiner, Statistician
10741 W. Cheryl Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85351
txbritts@sbcglobal.net
($2.00 per starter)

AKC Event Operations
Performance Events
PO Box 900051
Raleigh, NC 27675-9051
($3.50 per entry)

CHECK LIST FOR FIELD TRIALS: (not in any specific order)

1. Confirm dates with ABC regional dates coordinator.
2. Send request form to ABC Executive Secretary for parent approval of trial.
3. Send to AKC Questionnaire form (Supplied by AKC)
4. Send AKC computerized form with an application fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), and parent club permission as specified by AKC before the trial date.
5. Select judges qualified by AKC
6. Select a marshal
7. Order birds
8. Obtain horses
9. Order ribbons
10. Order trophies
11. Order judge's notebooks from ABC. (Price as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). (See Appendix 1.)
12. Advertise in local paper
13. Place ad in "The American Brittany" magazine
14. Mail premium lists, send two (2) premium lists to ABC, and two (2) to AKC
15. Arrange for bird planters
16. Reserve judges' rooms
17. Reserve place for the drawing
18. Get judges' gifts
19. Plan for lunch on the grounds
20. Arrange a Saturday night get together
21. Have available bracing sheets for the gallery. (Full registered name of dogs must be listed as well as the handler)
22. Lay out courses
23. Mark bird fields
24. Put up field trial signs with direction arrows.

ABC recommends that regional clubs not accept entries for a licensed trial until the official AKC entry form has been received from AKC and mailed by the club and until the club has received the official completed form together with the entry fee; and once a regional club accepts an official entry, the entry fee not be refunded.

HORSEBACK HANDLING

The ABC's policy of optional horseback handling as reaffirmed by the Board of Directors at its 1972 meeting at which time the following resolution was adopted:

> Be it resolved that the policy of The American Brittany Club in regard to horseback handling and the abuses thereto is well known to the National Field Trial Committees, Regional Clubs and their Field Trial Committees through prior discussion at ABC Board meetings and publication in "The American Brittany". Each Regional Club and Field Trial Committee has the authority and shall not permit any such abuse at any of its trials where horseback handling is allowed."

PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING FIELD TRIAL DATES

IMMEDIATELY upon receiving your trial dates from your regional date's coordinator, determine if your club's dates are acceptable. If not, refer to the Field Trial Dates Policy section of this policy book and proceed as prescribed.

All field trial dates must be approved by the National Dates Chairman before Parent Club Approval is granted.

INSURANCE

Insurance should be obtained. To receive permission for your trial, proof of insurance should accompany your Permission for Field Trial Form. Each club must carry $500,000 liability insurance coverage. (1988)

HOW TO RUN A REGIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

SEND TO THE ABC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, the name of your club and the date of show and the name of the all-breed club with which your show is being held (or state it is being held alone). You do not need parent approval from ABC for a sanctioned match.
A Specialty Show cannot be run until the club has run at least two (2) sanctioned matches. A letter to AKC will get you a form to apply for a sanctioned event. It is an informal show with (probably) an unlicensed judge. After you do two (2) sanctioned matches satisfactorily, you can run a licensed show.
There are two (2) ways of doing this.

1. The show may be held with an all-breed club where the classes for Brittanys are considered as your specialty show. You make application to the AKC and pay a license fee, as approved by the AKC (2013), (See Appendix 1), to them. If your club owes any fees to ABC, AKC will be notified your club is not eligible to hold the event. The all-breed club takes over from there and supplies your judge, ribbons, etc. The only outlay the club might have is trophies. Some all -breed clubs kick back part of the entry fees if you have over a certain number of entries.

2. If you want to run a specialty show on your own (say with your field trial) it is more complicated and requires more expense and more effort. You still send your application, license fee and parent club permission to the AKC. You have to have printed premium lists, catalogs, etc. You must hire a licensed AKC judge, some of whom charge a very large fee.
You do all the work yourselves in arranging and putting on the show.

The AKC rule book on dog shows will give you all the requirements for putting on a show. This book may be obtained by writing The American Kennel Club, 5580 Centerview Drive, Suite 200 Raleigh, NC 27606- 3390.

Dog show ribbons may be obtained from many sources - perhaps at the same place that your trophies are ordered.

Regional Club Specialty Shows are to conform to the National Specialty Show requirements: A dog must have one field trial placement during the immediate past year or be a Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion of record to enter the Field Trial Class. The following classes must be held Field Trial Class, Stud Dog Class, Brood Bitch and Veteran Classes. (1993)

Specialty Shows must send their starter fees as outlined in Appendix 1. (2013) (2014)

AKC POLICY ON ADVERTISEMENTS IN PREMIUM LISTS
SHOW, FIELD TRIAL AND OBEDIENCE TRIALS

AKC considers the premium list to be a document giving all information necessary for a prospective exhibitor to enter a show, trial or test and not a document for advertisements unrelated to entering a show, trial or test. An

exception to this long-established policy has been a small dog food company advertisement when the dog food company supplies the entry form and/or other considerations to the club.

Therefore, any advertisements, other than those related to the event, may not be included.

The following advertisements in good taste would be considered acceptable:

- Dog food company.
- Motels and Hotels near the site of the event.
- Restaurants near the site of the event.
- AKC and CKC approved events.
- Educational programs and seminars held in conjunction with the show.

If any advertising is to be printed on the premium list, it must be submitted with the pink form and approved by AKC.

Approval will not be given for advertising of dogs, handlers, kennels, dog supplies or equipment.

“THE AMERICAN BRITTANY" MAGAZINE POLICY (2012)

DATE OF ISSUANCE: First of the month.

SUBSCRIPTION: Magazine sent to Active and Life Members, to include HOF members of the ABC and complimentary copies sent to sponsors, AKC, contributing editors, etc. (2012)

PURPOSE: The purpose of the magazine shall be for the education and entertainment of the membership. The magazine is not to be used as a vehicle to conduct the business of Regional Clubs, individual members, officers and/or Board members.

COSTS: The cost of publishing the magazine shall be considered a part of the normal operations of ABC. The magazine commitment, as such, shall be done away with and the magazine cost shall be paid out of the general fund.

MAILING: Magazines are mailed close to the end of the first week of the month. If you have not received your magazine by the 30th of the month, a replacement will be mailed upon request when available. *Check irregularities with your post office first and contact the ABC Data Membership Chairperson.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Notice of change of address must be received one month before the date of issue giving old address and new address.

THE POST OFFICE DOES NOT DELIVER SECOND CLASS MAIL IF THERE ARE ERRORS IN YOUR ADDRESS. A zip code which is off by one digit is reason enough for non-delivery. It is your responsibility to insure your address is correct. If an address change is to go into the magazine several places (ex: Director, Listings and/or Club secretary) please call special attention to same.

BILLING: Payment must accompany copy for advertising. Contract ads and Listings will be billed only one time! Do not include payment for things other than magazine accounts in your checks. Checks made payable to: American Brittany Club. (2017)

DEADLINE: Closing date for ads, photos, and material is the first of the month prior to the issue in which you wish it to appear. For example: Advertisements received by January 1 will appear in the February issue. If you missed the deadline for the next month’s issue, your material will be published in the following month’s issue.

ADVERTISEMENTS: Ads should be typed or printed legibly in the approximate layout position you wish it to appear and/or supplied electronically to the Magazine, this includes fax, e-mail, camera ready copy and files supplied on disk. Pedigrees should be photo static copies to avoid confusion in duplication and should be limited to three (3) generations. See "**ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS**" (following) for requirement details. Payment must accompany copy - there is no billing and no credit. (2012)

If a host club of an ABC officially sponsored event requests a color ad over and above the free black and white ad provided by the ABC, that host club be charged the differential cost of color vs. black and white. (The differential cost is as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). See Appendix 1)

There will be no extra charge for additional pictures if an ad is submitted photo/print ready. Photo/print ready is defined as the ad is ready to be printed without the publishing staff making any changes, corrections or insertion of file photos into the ad. (2012)

Ads for frozen semen will be decided by the Magazine Committee on a case-by-case basis. (2012)

Any ads from clubs or individuals that seek to promote and influence membership and Board thinking on issues that will come before the Board will be refused. Any ads promoting candidates for the Board, for officers, for grounds, or for Hall of Fame will be refused.

Advertising/Articles for “Not for Profit Groups” (i.e., The Marvin D. Nelson Jr. Memorial Fund, The Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame, etc.) - With any advertising/articles that are published, that “Group” will receive a statement with the actual cost of the insertion, and this will then be referred to as a “Donation” from the ABC. A copy of this statement will be supplied to the President, Executive Secretary, and the Treasurer. Limitations on these such items are half to full page black & white advertising; half to one full page black & white for a write-up/general update; and 1/8 - 1/4 black & white page announcement of election winners /dates of the ceremonies or advertisement/announcement. Nowhere in any such advertising that is seeking nominations should there be the names of current nominees, candidate names or suggested names.

ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS: Any advertisement that involves a dog service or dog for sale over two years of age requires hip evaluation from OFA (number or grade*) or PennHIP (Distraction Index) for the listed dog(s). Litter Announcements, and dogs under two years of age, require hip evaluation of both parents. If the hip evaluation listed above is not available at time of publication, then the advertisement will not be published. (2012)

*OFA grade: The phenotypic evaluation of hips done by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals falls into seven different categories. Those categories are Normal (Excellent, Good, Fair), Borderline, and Dysplastic (Mild, Moderate, Severe).

The ABC disclaims any responsibility as for the truthfulness of claims and guarantees made by the advertisers. (2012)

STAKE OUT: Ads will be carried for one (1) month at the current rate listed in the magazine.
See "**ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS**" for requirement details. (2012)

TROPHY DONATION ADS: Trophy donation ads are to be accepted only from the National Field Trial and National Specialty Trophy chairpersons. Start advertising as early as February, alternating months - February, April, June, August and September. An additional ad could be placed in the October issue to serve as a last reminder for donations.) With this early advertisement, the Gun Dog Championship could benefit as well as eliminate excessive advertising, have equitable advertising for all events and avoid confusion. (2012)

All ABC events and those sponsored/supported by the ABC that receive a free ad insertion, shall be sent to the Magazine by the host club. There shall be no charge for this one ad. Any additional advertising for events held in conjunction, is limited to 1/4 of that page. Deadline for the ad shall be the first of the month preceding the issue in which it is to appear.

PICTURES: Anyone who has a winner’s photo may have a picture printed in the magazine as space permits, if you send or e-mail a photo and submit the photo file fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). (See Appendix 1). The photo submitted must be sharp, clear and with good contrast, color or black and white. These pictures will be kept on file and used at the Magazine's discretion. All subsequent insertions are free. Policy is to try to use the picture of each dog once during a season.

ABC will not pay for any pictures published in the magazine and do not print credits for pictures except under the following conditions:

1. Photos will be allowed that have an imbedded watermark when sent to the Publisher.
2. Photo credit will be allowed if it appears with the submitted report/write-up of that event. (2012)

BOB picture is free. For additional photos, check the magazine for current rates. (2012)

Photos will not be published in the magazine unless an event report (results) has been received. (2016)

ALSO, AT RECORDING FEES (2014): FEES: All recording fees for any AKC titled event hosted by a regional club must be paid to the Statistician prior to the report being published and any subsequent events authorized by ABC. (See RECORDING FEES page 20.) (2012)

ALSO, AT RECORDING FEES PAGE 20 (2014): FIELD TRIAL, HUNT TEST, SPECIALTY SHOW REPORTS AND RECORDING FEES: Trial, Specialty Show and Hunt Test reports are generally published in the order received (if the results and report arrive at the same time). Each club will be given a maximum of two (2) full pages for the write-up, placements, and pictures. If the write-up is short, available pictures may be used. If it is long, no pictures will be used. If the report and the results run over two pages, the report will be edited.

Regional clubs are not required to purchase an ad in "The American Brittany" magazine to have their field trial write-up printed.

Send a copy of the AKC judge's book or the ABC field trial form that is sent to AKC with all the trial information, the judges, date, place and placements to the Statistician with the fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each dog that starts in each stake. The results and recording fee must be sent and postmarked to the Statistician within ten (10) days of the trial, or there will be a fine levied, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), with a daily fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), to be charged thereafter until the results and recording fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), per dog started are received. (i.e., 1 dog started in 4 stakes = $8.00 recording fee) (1996)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR will not be printed. (2012)

IN MEMORIAM: This column is limited to dogs with titles or of national importance. People whose passing should be noted by the national club shall also be featured. Write-ups should be limited to 1/2 page.

SHOW CASE: Show Case is the place to display your new title winner. Check current magazine for rates. Ad should not exceed 1/4 page (including copy and photo). All dogs completing a Dual Championship will be featured free of charge after AKC confirmation, if the owner sends in the material and if a file photo is used. Check magazine rates if a new photo is used. (2012)

LISTING: The directory lists Kennels, At Stud, and Trainers & Handlers in alphabetical order. Check current magazine for rates. Additions, changes and renewals can be made when received by the closing date. The deadline for changes is the 1st of the month preceding issue of change. At Stud will list the National winners at the top of the list, then Triple Champions, then Dual Champions with additional titles, then Dual Champions, then Field Champions, then Amateur Field Champions, then Show Champions, then Obedience Champions. A Dual Champion is defined as: an AKC Field Champion and an AKC Show Champion.

NEW CHAMPIONS: Confirmation of new Champions, title holders and group winners are taken directly from the official "AKC Awards". Notification of these wins is not necessary unless six (6) months or more has passed without your dog's title being listed. (2001)

FIELD TRIAL DATES: All field trial dates changes made by a regional club after the date schedule has been published in the magazine must be approved by the Regional Dates Coordinator and the National Field Trial Dates Chairman.

TITLES: The ABC recognizes and promotes the winning of AKC titles. The AKC recognizes CH, FC, AFC, & DC. OTCH and Agility championships should be included. They also acknowledge the winning of the National

Open All Age Championship, National Amateur All Age Championship, National Open Gun Dog Championship, and the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship. In designating titles from other registries, or kennel clubs, the titles must be individually stated. Use of terms such as *Triple or Quadruple Champion* is not acceptable and shall not be used in the magazine.
An acceptable form for such a title (Triple or Quadruple Champion and beyond) would be: Dual Ch Britt, winner, and then list the championships. This policy is not intended to minimize wins other than AKC, rather to maintain clarity. (NOTE: The winning of the National Open Championship and the National Amateur Championship is so important that it shall be spelled out totally and not abbreviated.)

CLUB SECRETARY CHANGE: Notification of a club secretary change must be received one month before the date of the issue in which it is to be published. If no change has been made in two months, notify the Executive Secretary who will notify the magazine. (2012)

MATERIAL: Articles written as contributions are always welcome as well as suggestions for subjects for articles or ideas for new features. With the approval of the Magazine Committee the Magazine may print some articles with the author's name withheld. Material and format controlled by the Magazine, subject to approval of the Magazine Committee. The Magazine is not responsible for nor necessarily agrees with the opinions expressed. The Magazine reserves the right to edit all copy.

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS: Subscription expenses will be reimbursed, and copies of the American Brittany Magazine will be sent to the monthly contributing editor(s). (2012) (2015)

COVER PICTURES: NO LIVING DOG MAY BE USED ON THE COVER OF THE MAGAZINE EXCEPT NATIONAL EVENT WINNERS (Limited to once per year per winner). Each year the following winner will appear on the cover page of the magazine: National Open All Age Champion, National Amateur All Age Champion, National Open Gun Dog Champion, National Amateur Gun Dog Champion, National Open Walking Gun Dog Champion, National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Champion, National Specialty Best of Breed Champion, National Specialty Best Junior, National Specialty High in Trial, National High in Agility.

All other Cover pages will be left to the discretion of the Magazine Committee: Dual Futurity Award winners, M.E. Stevenson Dual Dog Award Winner (if one is named), the newly elected Hall of Fame Dog or Dogs, one or two pictures of the older Hall of Fame Dogs, one page with the winners of the previous year's Classics, Summer Specialty, hunting scenes, Britts in action and puppy pictures. (1992) (2012)

Proper photo/art credit should be given if available. 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.

DUPLICATION OF KENNEL NAMES: The Board of Directors voted in 1974 that the ABC does not attempt to set up an ABC Registry of kennel names. However, the Board of Directors did decide that names that had been published in "The American Brittany" magazine under the directory in the Kennel section were not to be duplicated. In other words, if a kennel is currently advertised under one name, another person is not allowed to use that same name. (2012)

The cost of publishing the magazine shall be considered a part of the normal operations of the ABC. The magazine commitment, as such, shall be done away with, and the magazine cost shall be paid out of the general fund.

All Field Trials, all Specialty Shows, and all Hunt Tests shall pay a fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each dog started in each stake. No parent permission shall be granted a club until this per dog started fee is paid for the previous event, starting January 1, 1987.

The field trial results and recording fee shall be sent to the Statistician within ten (10) days after the trial, or there will be a fine levied, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), with an additional per day fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1); be charged thereafter until results and recording fees for each dog started in each stake are received. (Effective March 1, 1994)

Price for recording fees, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), has been set for each starter.). Effective immediately all recording fees collected shall remain in the general operating fund. This shall be retroactive to January 1, 2014. (2014)

If you advertise in "The American Brittany" magazine any dog over two years of age, you must state the OFA status of the dog's hips. The OFA certification number must accompany OFA status for ads. (A copy of the certification is no longer needed.) Any dog under two (2) years of age should state the OFA status of both parents if available.

OFA is defined as: OFA passed, Not OFA, OFA failed. (11/95)

The Magazine Advisory Committee shall determine how to show case the National Open Champion every month. (11/94)

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE DUTIES (2012)

The Magazine Management Committee was set up by the Board of Directors in 1964 (when Nicky Bissell was elected Editor) to guide and assist in directing the activities and articles of "The American Brittany" magazine. The committee (at that time) as set up as a three-member committee on a rotating basis with one member to be changed each year.

The Board of Directors in 1973 authorized the appointment of a new Magazine Management Committee to work out a program for the magazine management following the guidelines in the report submitted by John Lee to be modified to meet existing conditions. The remaining applicable guideline being that the magazine is directly responsible to the ABC Board through an appointed Magazine Management Committee with any major policy change in the magazine being approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

The Board changed the name of the Magazine Management Committee to the Magazine Advisory Committee and authorized its composure of a show person, field person, financial advisor, attorney, ABC President, Executive Secretary, Membership Data Chairperson and someone in advertising or printing with the Magazine to use the committee in an advisor y capacity according to the member's particular field, provided that if a policy question arises, the question be referred to the entire committee for a decision. (1981)

In 1984 the Committee reverted again to a Management Committee with the same make –up as above.

In 1986 the Committee reverted to the Magazine Advisory Committee.

In 2010 the Magazine Committee was redesigned to include members from different areas of interest within the Brittany community to operate monthly as a whole editorial unit. In the absence of a current Managing Editor, Magazine Committee will oversee the duties of the “Managing Editor.” The Magazine Chairman will be the final authority on any disputes that may arise during the proofreading process, or complaints lodged as result of same. (2012)

1. The chairman shall submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the Agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting (1992).

2. Suggest “The Magazine Committee shall solicit articles of interest to the hunter, pet owner and those that participate in performance events such as field trials, hunt tests, obedience, agility and rally.” (2012)

3. Disputes that cannot be solved by the members of this committee would be sent to the President for final decision. (2001) (2012)

4. The Magazine Committee will proofread the monthly copy of magazine provided by the Publisher/Printer in advance of final printing in a timely manner so that the Magazine can be mailed to the membership by the first of the month. Errors and suggested changes will be combined and forwarded to the Publisher/Printer for changes to be made to the magazine. (2012)

5. The Magazine Committee shall determine how to show case the National Open Champion every month. (11/94) (2012)

6. The Magazine Committee will review all articles representing the American Brittany Club submitted for publication in outside publications. (2013)

MANAGING EDITOR DUTIES

"THE AMERICAN BRITTANY" MAGAZINE (2012)

(Per By-Laws adopted December 2, 1975, Art 6, Sec 7): The Board of Directors shall have the power to select the person to act as Managing Editor of "The American Brittany", the Club publication, set any salary and authorize the necessary expenses. The Managing Editor shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors under direction of the Magazine Committee for the best interest of The American Brittany Club. (2012)

In the absence of a Managing Editor, the Magazine Committee, as defined above, along with the Publisher shall be responsible for the following duties of the Managing Editor. (2012)

1. The Managing Editor of the magazine must be a person with Brittany experience with a background of both field and show and should be very experienced with years of participation in Brittany affairs, hopefully on the National Level as well as the local level. The person should have personal relationship skills with the ability to maintain harmonious relations with the publishing Editor, the magazine Committee, the Board of Directors, and the ABC membership in general. Preferable: Knowledge of editing and printing requirements, knowledge of Board Policy, knowledge of various "The American Brittany" editors and their work, and a willingness to work for the Board of Directors under the direction of the Magazine Committee.

2. The Managing Editor of "The American Brittany" magazine solicits, selects, and edits material and advertising for the magazine, causing same to be printed, addressed, and mailed by the Publishing Editor to the duly paid, Life, HOF members of ABC and complimentary copies to sponsors, AKC and contributing editors. (2012)

3. The Managing Editor should see that the official communications of the ABC are published when sent by duly authorized personnel. The format chosen by the Managing Editor shall be attractive and desirable to the further promotion of the Breed.

4. The Managing Editor shall abide by the policies set forth by the Board and shall present any radical change from policy to the Magazine Committee and Board before acting. The Managing Editor shall be responsible for adhering to all policies concerning the magazine as given in the Policy Book.

5. The Managing Editor has license to accept or reject submitted articles and advertising as deemed necessary to maintain the high standard of "The American Brittany." Should conflicting opinions arise between the contributor, advertiser and the Managing Editor and impasse is reached, the Magazine Committee should be consulted and thus accept full responsibility for making decisions about the situation. Special concern should be given to statements made in articles and/or advertising which may be misleading to new readers.

6. The Managing Editor shall strive to meet the varied interests of all aspects of the Club membership in choosing material for the magazine. However, the Managing Editor shall not allow the expressing of personal opinions on Club matters or on personalities including those of the Contributing Editors.

7. The Managing Editor shall make sure the Qualifications for all National Championships are published in the next possible magazine AFTER they have been approved by the AKC. (2012)

8. The Managing Editor shall make particular effort to showcase all National events in the magazine. The National Championships especially shall be given prime location and considerable space as well as a variety of pictures.

9. The Managing Editor shall make sure the names and records of the dog(s) and/or bitch(es) that have been nominated for the Hall of Fame as provided by the Chairman of the ABC Hall of Fame Committee are published each year with the Committee Reports and Agenda Items. (2009)

10. The Managing Editor shall control the material and format of the magazine, subject to the approval of the Magazine Committee. The Managing Editor reserves the right to edit all copy. The Managing Editor is not responsible for, nor necessarily agrees with the opinions expressed in the magazine.

11. The Managing Editor shall submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the Annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting. (1992)

12. The Managing Editor shall make sure any advertisement that involves a dog service (Stud Dog or Brood Bitch) requires hip certification (OFA number or PennHIP DI) for the listed dog(s). Any advertisement that involves a dog for sale (Litter Announcement, Dog for Sale or Stake Out) requires a hip certification (OFA number or status) for the listed dog(s). Litter announcements must include hip certification for both parents. Any dog advertised, under the age of two years, must include hip certification of both parents. If the hip certification listed above is not available at time of publication, then the advertisement will not be published. (2012)

Status is defined as: “OFA Passed” (Excellent, Good, Fair), “OFA Failed” (Borderline, Mild, Moderate, Severe), “PennHIP DI (Distraction Index numbers)”, or “Hips Not Certified” for dogs under 2-years of age. (2012)

The ABC disclaims any responsibility as for the truthfulness of claims and guarantees made by the advertisers. (2012)

13. The Managing Editor shall not accept any ads from clubs or individuals that seek to promote and influence the membership and the Board of Directors' thinking on issues that will come before the Board. Any ads promoting candidates for the Board**,** for officers**,** for grounds or for the Hall of Fame must be refused.

14. The Managing Editor shall allow only National statistics to be published free. Regional statistics shall not be printed free. The charge for regional statistics shall be that of advertising - the size of which the contributor should specify and pay for.

15. The Managing Editor is responsible for making sure that the In-Memoriam column is limited to dogs with titles or of National importance. People whose passing should be noted by the National Club shall also be featured. The Managing Editor shall see that write-ups for people or dogs are limited to 1/2 page each. The Managing Editor shall be responsible for and shall adhere to other space limitations listed in the Magazine Policy pages. (See pages on magazine policy) (2012)

16. The Managing Editor is responsible for the fiscal health and cost control/effectiveness of the magazine (i.e. Limit the space of official club advertising allowed, etc.)

17. The Managing Editor is responsible for the content and accuracy of the magazine and to make sure that the magazine meets the purpose of the ABC, as well as maintaining the high quality of the magazine.

18. The Managing Editor shall receive from the Executive Secretary copies of all results and write-ups as soon as they are received from the clubs in order that the reports may be published. (2005) Results and write-ups to be published in the following months magazine, but not later than the second month's issue. (2012)

19. The Managing Editor shall publish the results of all votes of the Board of Directors in the magazine listing the vote of each Board Member. (2005) (2012)

20. The Managing Editor shall work with the regional club hosts of ABC events as well as the Chairpersons of the National ABC events to receive photos of the winners as well as the write-up for publication in the "American Brittany Magazine". (2006)

PUBLISHER DUTIES

"THE AMERICAN BRITTANY" MAGAZINE (2012)

1. The Publisher of "The American Brittany" magazine shall coordinate with the Magazine Committee to solicit, and receive material and advertising for the magazine, causing the same to be printed, addressed, and mailed to the duly paid members, Life Members, HOF Members of the ABC and complimentary copies to sponsors, AKC and contributing editors on the first part of each month. (2012)

2. The Publisher shall furnish the Treasurer with a monthly detailed list of all moneys received during the month. The Publisher shall also furnish the Treasurer a monthly itemized account of all moneys spent by that office during the month. These reports shall be made in such a manner as to allow the Treasurer to maintain accurate financial records in accordance with accepted financial practices, as specified in the Duties of the Treasurer. A copy of both these reports shall be sent to the Magazine Committee if requested. (2012)

3. The Publisher shall send all checks and money to the Treasurer for her to deposit in a bank approved by the Board of Directors.

4. All financial records and all correspondence pertaining to money shall be retained for five (5) years thereafter. All general correspondence should be kept for three (3) years, and any records not of historical value may be destroyed after that time. Records of historical interest shall be sent to the Executive Secretary and kept indefinitely. (1964) (2012)

5. The Publishing Editor is responsible for recording all monies collected for ads, sample issues, and back issues, as well as judge's books, flyers, photos, etc. and reporting these lists to the Treasurer, and Magazine Committee if requested. (2009) (2012)

6. The Publishing Editor shall be allowed to accept payment for advertising by accepting credit cards. (2001) (2004)

7. The Publisher shall be responsible for obtaining the second-class mailing permit and maintaining it in proper order.

8. The Publisher shall abide by the policies set forth by the Board and shall present any questions about the policy to the Managing Editor/chairman of the Magazine Committee, and/or the Executive Secretary.

9. The Publishing Editor shall submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Magazine Committee and to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting. (1992) (2012)

10. The Publishing Editor shall coordinate with the Magazine Committee for the accuracy of the content in the magazine and for making sure the magazine meets the purpose of ABC, as well as maintaining the high quality of the magazine. (2009) (2012)

11. The Publishing Editor shall ensure that the statement "All rights reserved, (year)" is update annually beginning with the January issue of that year. (2012)

12. The Publishing Editor shall send two sets of the twelve previous monthly issues of the magazine to be bound. Each of these sets will be a designated color. The bound sets will then be sent to the Statistician, and the Bird Dog Foundation. The company that has been used is Capitol Binding, 1812 Vinton St., Omaha, Nebraska 68108-1435, tel. 402-342-5511. (2012)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NATIONALS

The qualifications for the ABC National Open All Age Championship and the National Amateur All Age Championship are set each year for the following year by the Board of Directors of the ABC subject to the approval of AKC.

The qualifications for the National Gun-Dog Championships are also sent to AKC for their approval. (1989)

These qualifications must be sent to AKC by the Executive Secretary of the ABC immediately following the ABC Board meeting and must be printed in "The American Brittany" magazine as soon as possible after AKC approval.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Amateur (All Age) Championship
(Effective January 1, 2022)

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 Brittany's or.

2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittany's, 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 the following dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, 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 the DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Amateur All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Amateur All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.

Only persons who, in the judgment of the Field Trial Committee, are qualified as amateurs as defined in Chapter 17, Section 2, of the AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, may serve as scouts in the National Amateur All Age Championship Stake.

The National (Open All Age) Championship

(Effective January 1, 2022)

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 Brittany's, or.

2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Open All Age Championship for Brittany's, 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 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, or.

5. 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 in a 13 or more-dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club. (2014)

6. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Open All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Open All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Amateur Gun Dog Championship
(Horseback & Walking)
(Effective January 1, 2022)

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over which in any preceding year placed first in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship for Brittany's or.

2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship for Brittany's 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 a Gun Dog or Limited Gun Dog Stake of 30 minutes in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club, when handled by an Amateur, 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 any hour Gun Dog or Limited Gun Dog 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 Gun Dog Championship for Brittanys when handled by an Amateur or.

6. a dog winning first place in the National Open Gun Dog Championship when handled by an Amateur will also be qualified for life in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship, or.

7. 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 a Gun Dog or Limited Gun Dog 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. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship will be ineligible to compete.

Only persons who, in the judgment of the Field Trial Committee, are qualified as amateurs as defined in Chapter 17, Section 2, of the AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, may serve as scouts in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship Stake.

The National (Open) Gun Dog Championship
(Horseback & Walking)
(Effective January 1, 2022)

1. Open to any Brittany six (six) months of age or over which in any preceding year, placed first in the National Open Gun Dog Championship for Brittany's or.

2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Open Gun Dog Championship for Brittany's 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 Gun Dog or Open Limited Gun Dog 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 Gun Dog or Open Limited Gun Dog Stake of one hour or more in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which 13 or more dogs started or.

5. 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 Open or Open Limited Gun Dog Stake in a 13 or more-dog stake in 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. DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Open Gun Dog Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Open Gun Dog Championship will be ineligible to compete.

NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Effective January 1, 2022)
(Horseback & Walking)

In response to popular demand of the members of the ABC, the Board created the Gun Dog Championship. At the 1984 Board of Directors meeting the following policy was established governing the Gun Dog Championship. Changes have been made to reflect subsequent BOD actions.

1. The event shall be sanctioned by the ABC under the jurisdiction of the 4th Vice President. He may appoint someone as National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships Coordinator to be in charge of the Gun Dog Championship. (1995)

2. The event shall be run under AKC rules and regulations governing pointing breed field trials.

3. The ABC National Gun Dog Championships (Open and Amateur) are designated as AKC Open Limited stakes offering Grand Championship points. (2014)

4. The event shall be held annually with the 4th Vice President getting the date approved by the chairman of the field trial dates committee.

5. Entry fee for the initial event shall be an amount approved by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1) and this amount shall be governed in subsequent years by the Board of Directors of ABC.

6. Winners are to be eligible for four (4) placements with awards of trophies and ribbons, along with a permanent rotating trophy to be established for the winner. Additional companion trophies such as handler, etc., may be established by the field trial committee for the event.

7. The field trial committee should be under the jurisdiction of the 4th Vice President and should be made up of members of ABC.

8. Judges for the event shall be selected by the 4th Vice President and a judge's committee approved by the President.

9. The National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships shall be a non-retrieving stake.

10. Qualifications for the event shall be restricted to dogs that, during the twelve (12) month period previous to the closing date of the current trial, have placed in an AKC licensed regional Brittany trial in a gun dog stake whether open, amateur or limited.

11. Dogs that have been trained on the trial grounds within thirty (30) days of the date of the championship shall be ineligible to compete.

12. A complete written report and financial statement to be sent to the Board of Directors of the ABC within sixty (60) days of the trial.

13. Any changes in the above shall require prior ABC Board approval.

14. The National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships shall receive the same magazine coverage as the National Champion, National Amateur Champion, National Specialty Show winner and National Obedience winner.

15. Tracking collars will be allowed in all ABC National Events. This must be printed on the Premium Lists in accordance with AKC guidelines. Instruct all National Field trial committees that the handlers have the option to use tracking collars. Scouts shall not carry tracking locators. Handlers shall not carry tracking locators.

    Use of locators by riders in the gallery is not permitted except to locate a previously lost dog with permission of judges and marshal. Trial officials and field trial committee will deal with violations. Handlers and scouts are prohibited from using ear plug listening devices. Any electronic device that enables the handler to communicate with the scout, mounted gallery, road gallery, or other persons present during the running of the dog is prohibited.

16. In 2002 there will be a National Open Gun Dog Championship which is horseback-handled and a National Amateur Gun Dog Championship which is foot handled. (2000). In 2003, it was decided to hold the horseback event in the spring with the foot handled Amateur event to occur in the fall. In 2005, it was voted to hold both the Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championship stakes in the fall, effective in 2006.

17. Funds received for the National Gun Dog 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)

18. 20% of the Calcutta money shall go toward expenses incurred in putting on the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships. The remainder of the money shall be split in the current manner.

19. Requests for donation of Garmin/ Tri-Tronics collar(s) for winning handlers in Open and Amateur Championships should be directed to the Classics Chairman to avoid multiple requests. (2014)

American Brittany Club Derby Invitational

1. The ABC Derby Invitational is an All-Age AKC Derby stake.
   a. Dog must be under two (2) years of age on the first advertised day of the trial.
   b. Dogs must be registered with the American Kennel Club.
   c. Dogs will be judged on AKC Derby standards.

2. All dogs entered in the ABC Derby Invitational must have a AKC DNA profile on record with the AKC. The DNA # must be included on the event form or if placing will submit to the Field Trial Secretary within six (6) weeks. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

3. Length of Braces: shall be 1 hour (60 minutes).

4. Entry Fee: $150

5. Purse: 60% of entries divided 40-30-20-10 (after expenses).

6. Running: shall be run the day after the conclusion of the ABC National Championship/ABC National Gun Dog Championship

6. Drawing: shall take place on the grounds the day before the stake is to be run.

7. Qualifying Period: Derby stakes run between the previous year's ABC National Championship close of entries to the current year's ABC National Championship close of entries.

8. Stake limited to Twelve (12) dogs which will be invited based on "Invite Criteria".

9. Invitees will be contacted by National Championship chair once the Qualifying Period is closed.

10. Invite Criteria:
   a. Automatic Invitation for Champion and Runner-Up in one hour recognized Brittany Derby Championship.
   b. Additional invitees chosen by point system standings in recognized Brittany Derby stakes (horseback).

Point System

1-hour stake	45-minute stake	30-minute stake	20-minute stake
1st - 10 points x dogs run	1st - 8 points x dogs run	1st - 6 points x dogs run	1st – 4 points x dogs run
2nd - 8 points x dogs run	2nd - 6 points x dogs run	2nd - 4 points x dogs run	2nd – 3 points x dogs run
3rd - 6 points x dogs run	3rd - 4 points x dogs run	3rd - 2 points x dogs run	3rd – 1 point x dogs run

NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY DUTIES

1. Coordinate with the 1st/4th Vice President; assist by sending out ballots in selecting judges or other letters that may be requested.

2. Obtain background information and photographs of judges and send to "The American Brittany" magazine editor by August 1 (Earlier if possible).

3. Provide Executive Secretary with trial information for AKC Judges Questionnaire Form by August 1, at the very latest.

4. Provide Editor of "The American Brittany" with material for ad regarding Nationals by August 1.

5. Order blank "Name Tags", approximately 300, if necessary. (i.e., 2004/2006) (2006) (2007) (2010) (2014)

6. Check with judges as to their needed accommodations at trial and reserve rooms for all judges at motel headquarters. Check with Executive Secretary and reserve rooms if necessary.

7. Tracking collars will be allowed in all ABC national events. This must be printed on the Premium lists in accordance with AKC guidelines. Instruct all National field trial committees that the handlers have the option to use tracking collars. Scouts shall not carry tracking locators. Handlers shall not carry tracking locators. Use of locators by riders in the gallery is not permitted except to locate a previously lost dog with permission of judges and marshal. Trial officials and field trial committee will deal with violations. Handlers and scouts are prohibited from using ear plug listening devices. Any electronic device that enables the handler to communicate with the scout, mounted gallery, road gallery, or other persons present during the running of the dog is prohibited.

8. Mail premium lists and entry forms to owners of all qualified dogs, professional handlers and others who require bulk mailing.

9. Obtain ABC Judge's Books for both Championship Stakes and add necessary extra pages.

10. Obtain "field trial arrows" and arrange for posting at trial.

11. Write or check with Judges by November 1 as to mode of travel, arrival time, number in party, arrange for pick-up as required.

12. CHECK ALL ENTRIES FOR ELIGIBILITY WITH STATISTICIAN.

13. PRE-DRAWING - If the drawing for the National Stakes is two weeks before the Nationals, then an outside designee does the actual drawing of the stakes. (1993)

14. Arrange for judge's books and marshal's books to be filled out.

15. Type bracing sheets for both stakes, arranging for help as required, print or copy and assemble for distribution.

16. Keep permanent nationals' attendance lists by regions and bring to nationals. These are signed by members attending nationals each year. Arrange for a table to be set up in prominent location (lobby) for signing in, getting name badges, etc.

17. Designate somebody to distribute name badges. (2014)

18. At the conclusion of the trial, the field trial secretary shall certify to the judges' signatures on each judging sheet and shall certify to the number of entries and starters in each stake. The judging sheets, with no entry forms and a full report of the trial, shall be sent to the AKC so as to reach the AKC no later than seven (7) days after the closing date of the trial. Penalty for non-compliance is as determined by AKC and daily fee, as determined by AKC, for each day's delay beyond the deadline. Send copy of Judges Books to the Statistician. Event Secretary is to keep entry forms for one year after an event. AKC doesn't want entry forms any more

19. Write letters of appreciation to judges, and others as necessary i.e. ground managers, employees, motels, restaurants, etc.

20. Report to the treasurer on a regular basis any financial arrangements and/or transactions.

The following two pages are a checklist of the duties for the National Field Trial Secretary to aid in the performance of their job. (2012)

NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY CHECKLIST (2012)

ALL AGE & HORSEBACK GUN DOG

MAY

☐ ***ABC application*** – Send the ABC application to the ABC secretary for approval.

☐ ***Judges*** – Assist the Vice Presidents in sending out judge selection ballots to National field trial committee.

JUNE

☐ ***Judges*** - Send letter to judges requesting contact information, bio, photo, and accommodation information.

☐ ***Reporter/Secretary/Wrangler/Award Coordinator*** – Contact Reporters, Secretary regarding accommodation information.

☐ ***Wrangler/Award Coordinator (All-Age only)*** – Contact Wrangler and Award Coordinator regarding accommodation information.

☐ ***AKC application*** - Complete the AKC applications and send to ABC secretary. ABC Secretary will send approval and checks to AKC. Closing date is the Monday (All-Age)/Tuesday (Gun Dog) two (2) weeks prior to the start of the National Championships.

JULY

☐ ***Trophies*** - Contact *Trophy (Field) chair*, check if the ABC National trophies/rosettes have been ordered and confirm that arrangements are made for deliver to grounds.

☐ ***ABC Ad*** - Prepare National Ad, Wrangler information, and Entry form and send to The American Brittany magazine and ABC webmaster.

AUGUST

☐ ***Participants Chart*** - Upon receipt of information from judges, prepare Participants chart and send copy to President, Vice President, and Hospitality chair. As you update this chart with info, resend updated copy.

☐ ***Qualified Dogs*** – Create a qualified dogs list (dog & owner) for the Open & Amateur and send to The American Brittany magazine and ABC webmaster.

☐ ***Judges' Bio*** - Prepare judges' bio information (including photo) and send to The American Brittany magazine and ABC webmaster. Submit for the August (Gun Dog)/September (All-Age) issue.☐ ***Accommodations*** - Prepare Grounds & Motel Accommodations chart. Send Motel information to the motels and Grounds Information to Field Trial Chairman and Hospitality Chair.

SEPTEMBER

☐ ***Premiums*** – Create and mail premium and entry form to owners of all qualified dogs, Professional Handlers, and ABC webmaster. Obtain current ABC membership roster from Membership Chairman for addresses. Closing date is the Monday (All-Age)/Tuesday (Gun Dog) two (2) weeks prior to the start of the National Championships

OCTOBER

☐ ***Judges*** – Send accommodation confirmation to judges.

☐ ***Reporter/Secretary/Wrangler/Award Coordinator*** – Send accommodation information to Reporters, Secretary, Wrangler, and Award Coordinator.

☐ ***Drawing reminder*** - Email AKC (Thomas Maneely TAM2@akc.org) a reminder: Send the ABC National Championship drawing info to you by email following the closing date, please return the bracing as soon as possible

☐ ***Dog eligibility (All-Age only)*** – Email National Gun Dog Championship FTS to get a copy of the Running Order, this will be used to verify Qualified dogs for the Nationals (No dogs entered in the National Gun Dog Championships are eligible for the National All-Age Championships & No dogs entered in the National All-Age Championships are eligible for the National Gun Dog Championships in the current year).

NOVEMBER

☐ ***Entries*** - Receive entries and checks, acknowledging receipt of each entry by email or phone. Check all entries for eligibility with Statistician database. A field trial must complete all stakes prior to the closing date to qualify for the current year's National Championship. (2013)

On entry closing date

☐ ***Drawing*** - As soon as entries are closed, assign handlers numbers/letters to each entry. Send drawing info (numbers/letters) to AKC (Thomas ManeelyTAM2@akc.org). Upon receipt of the bracing, create the running orders for each championship. Send running orders to the ABC webmaster for publication, the two Brittany Email lists, and send by email to all entrants. Bring 150 copies of each to nationals. NOTE: You will not accept any entries after the closing date & time. Any entries received after that must be allowed by the Vice President & Field Trial Chairman.

☐ ***Judges' Books -*** Order 10 judge's books from The American Brittany magazine (5 books per stake for the judges/reporter/course marshal). Make sure to ask for "special" books that will hold the number of entries.

☐ ***Financial*** - Day after closing date, FedEx all entry checks with financial summary to ABC Treasurer.

☐ **Catering** - Compile a list of all participants (Amateur/Professional handlers) and send list to Hospitality Coordinator for the Caterer of the Nationals.

After Judges' Books arrive

☐ ***Judges' Books -*** Prepare 5 books for the judges/reporter/course marshal for each championship. Prepare 6 sets of labels for each stake, with name of dog and handler on each label, for placing in the 5 judge's books and bring 1 set for Calcutta index cards.

At Beginning of Nationals

☐ ***Clubhouse*** - Post information on bulletin board: Emergency Numbers, Running Order, and Posted Dogs.

Before the Running

☐ ***Judges*** – Meet with judges and field trial committee to discuss course, expectations, and other information.

At conclusion of National Amateur All Age Championship

☐ ***Stake Report*** - Complete the Field Trial Report form, with judges' signatures and certify it. FedEx the required AKC forms and check to AKC so it will reach the AKC no later than 7 days after the last day of the trial. Mail a copy of the required forms to the ABC Statistician.

At Conclusion of National Open All Age Championship

☐ ***Stake Report*** - Complete the Field Trial Report form, with judges' signatures and certify it. FedEx the required AKC forms and check to AKC so it will reach the AKC no later than 7 days after the last day of the trial. Mail a copy of the required forms to the ABC Statistician.

At conclusion of National Horseback Amateur Gun Dog Championships

☐ ***Stake Report*** - Complete the Field Trial Report form, with judges' signatures and certify it. FedEx the required AKC forms and check to AKC so it will reach the AKC no later than 7 days after the last day of the trial. Mail a copy of the required forms to the ABC Statistician.

At Conclusion of National Horseback Open Gun Dog Championships

☐ ***Stake Report*** - Complete the Field Trial Report form, with judges' signatures and certify it. FedEx the required AKC forms and check to AKC so it will reach the AKC no later than 7 days after the last day of the trial. Mail a copy of the required forms to the ABC Statistician.

☐ ***Financial -*** Prepare Calcutta checks and distribute upon announcement of winners or mail later if person is not present. Pay expense check requests/invoices/bills with checks from ABC treasurer. Always get a bill or invoice or expense check request to send ABC Treasurer.

After Nationals

☐ ***Financial (All-Age*** & Horseback Gun Dog) - Send ABC treasurer unused checks and check stubs with invoices.

☐ ***Letters of Appreciation*** - Prepare letters: Judges, Reporters and Sponsors = letter and photo.

☐ ***Wrangler Request Letter*** – Send letter to wrangler thanking them for their services and requesting their service for next year's National Championship.

* Penalty for non-compliance is, as approved by the Board of Directors. See Appendix 1(2013) and a daily fee, as approved by the Board of Directors. See Appendix 1(2013), for each day's delay beyond deadline.

Keep receipts for your expenditures to submit with your Expense Check Request

Report to the treasurer on a regular basis any financial arrangements and/or transactions.

When you need copies made during the nationals, use copier in clubhouse.

NATIONAL STAKE MANAGERS DUTIES

The Stake Managers are responsible to the 1st Vice President (All Age) & 4th Vice President (Gun Dog), who is the final authority and will answer all questions. The 1st/4th Vice Presidents are responsible to the Board of Directors, shall name the field trial committee. The Stake Manager may make suggestions or ask for specific people to be on such committee. An attempt should be made for various people from all regions to be on the working committee.

The following duties are those of the Stake Manager:

1. Check the Judges accommodations and include needed transportation to be certain their needs are met. Arrange for refreshments or snacks to be in their rooms when they check in.

2. Should Judge's wives accompany them, arrange with wives in attendance for their entertainment and transportation.

3. Information and announcements will be made at the Calcutta as to special procedures to be followed, if any. He shall announce the starting time and number of braces to be run each day, if possible.

4. THE STAKE MANAGER SHALL MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE AKC ARE ENFORCED IN THE CONDUCT OF THE STAKE.

5. The Stake Manager should check the courses and if any changes are considered from the manner such courses are "usually" run; the changes should be cleared with the 1st/4th Vice President.

6. The Stake Manager shall be at the grounds at all times during the running of the stake and shall insure efficient conduct throughout the running.

7. The stake manager should appoint a gallery marshal for communication between the course and the "car gallery".

8. The stake manager should appoint a "dog wagon" manager to insure required proper dogs are on the wagon and available at pick-up points to be put down when needed.

9. The Stake Manager is responsible for having coffee and soft drinks available for the judges and marshal; if any judge should prefer a mid-morning snack, he should arrange to have it available.

10. He is responsible for all problems in need of immediate decision, consulting with the 1st/4th Vice President only if his decision does not remedy the question.

11. The stake manager shall arrange for someone not involved with the Stake as a participant to take the judges to dinner (ABC pays for the judges" and wives" dinners; ABC members who accompany the judges pay for their own meals). Attempt to avoid having the judges go to dinner with the same group of persons every evening.

12. Coordinate with the Trophy Committee Chairman (who shall purchase ribbons and trophies) as to the time and place of announcement of the Winners and award of ribbons, trophies and perpetual trophies.

13. Make certain that the Field Trial Secretary is provided with the written list of winners as provided by the judges.

14. Arrange for required horses for:
A. Judges (FT Secretary to notify stake managers if judges need horses)
B. Course Marshals
C. One reporter's horse each stake. (FT Secretary to notify stake managers)

15. Arrange for snacks to follow on "dog wagon gallery" or arrange for coffee, doughnuts, soft drinks, etc. to be available from a vehicle in the gallery.

16. Arrange for gallery marshals for their stakes.

17. Arrange for a dog wagon (stake managers to coordinate with each other and 1st/4th Vice President.

18. Arrange for "dog wagon", if possible. (Stake managers are to coordinate with each other and 1st/4th Vice President.

19. Arrange for "gallery horses" to be available. (1997)

NATIONAL FUND RAISING

In 1982 the Board authorized an auction to be set up and run at the 1983 All Age Nationals. This auction should have all items donated ranging from hunting equipment, feed, art items, tack, etc. with the proceeds from the auction going into the general fund: **with 25% of the net proceeds to go to the grounds on which the current year's nationals are run.** The President appoints the chairman for each auction. (1993)

1. The Board shall recommend the improvement/development for which the donation shall be spent. (1985) The 1st Vice President shall be responsible for carrying through with the recommendations of the Board for the donation. (1985)

2. All requests for mailing lists are to come through the Executive Secretary's office. The price for membership lists is as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). See Appendix 1. (2009)

3. Items donated for the auction are accepted in good faith. Bidders bid on items at their own risk.

4. In the event **(National Specialty Show)** of a loss, an amount of 25% of the loss incurred will be deducted from the show projects fund.

5. The Nation Fund Raising Committee has the right to refuse donations not deemed appropriate to the benefit of the ABC. (2014)

6. For items donated and sold of a non-physical nature (sold from a description or brochure), with future delivery, shall be between donor and purchaser and not the responsibility of the National Fund-Raising Committee or the ABC. (2014)

7. No live animals, stud fees, fresh or frozen semen are to be allowed as donations at any ABC recognized or sponsored fund-raising event that falls under the ABC National Fund-Raising Committee guidelines for fund raisers. This will include the National All Age Championships (Open and Amateur), National Horseback & Walking Gun Dog Championships (Open and Amateur), National Specialty Show, ABC Summer Specialty Show, original six game bird Classics/ Championships and Futurities. (2013) (2014) (2020)

8. National Fund-Raising Committee members who incur expenses must have prior authorization by a committee appointee to initiate such charges. Reimbursement is by presentation of receipts to committee secretary/treasurer with approval of committee chairman and ABC treasurer. (1997) (2014)

9. Auction for the National Horseback & Walking Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships shall be structured the same as the auction at Booneville at the fall National Championships, including proceeds handled in a like manner: **(25% to respective grounds funds).** 20% of the Calcutta money shall go toward expenses incurred in putting on the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships. (2001)

10. The National Specialty Show, the National Gun Dog Championships, and the National Championships (All Age), shall hold their own raffle/fund raiser, thereby, allowing people to support the event/venue of their choice. Each event will be in charge of organizing their own raffle if they choose to have one which will be run under the guidelines set forth in the Policy Notebook/National Fund-Raising Committee. There will be an overall chair of the National Fund Raising with three on-site coordinators appointed to oversee the raffle/fund raising for the three separate venues. (2011) (2013) (2014)

11. Money allocated by ABC to each of the venues as "seed money" for fund raising was set forth as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), for each the National Gun Dog Championships and National All Age Championships and for the National Specialty Show. (2011)

PROGRAM DIRECTOR DUTIES FOR ACTIVITIES AT THE ALL AGE/GUN DOG NATIONALS

1. The program director for activities at the nationals is in charge of planning programs for the evening meetings such as slide presentations, movies, panel discussions, parties, etc.

2. Each chairman shall keep a file of the activities of the year to pass on to the next succeeding chairman. The file shall be handed to the President at the nationals to be passed to the next appointee. If such a file is not received, check with the last chairman. If no file is available, start one.

3. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting. (1992)

4. Arrange for a room for the Board of Directors meeting - facilities requiring seating for nineteen (19) around main table, with “plug-ins” for two tape recorders, and seating room for approximately (20) spectators.

5. Arrange for a room for the meeting of the general membership - banquet facilities seating approximately one hundred fifty (150) persons.

6. Arrange for a room for the Calcutta - same banquet room where general membership dinner and meeting is held is normally used.

7. Insure eating facilities are available for the non-banquet evenings.

8. Arrange for noon lunches at the grounds.

9. Arrange for an auctioneer for the Calcutta.

Each year an amount, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), is set aside as an emergency type fund for expenses for activities at the nationals and arranged by the program director. (1992) (2013)

GUIDELINES FOR NATIONALS SPENDING

MARSHAL: The course marshal is paid for his or her horse. (1995)

REPORTERS: 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 set by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1). (2014)

JUDGE: Both field and show judges should be paid travel expense to and from the trial. It has always been the judge's decision as to method of travel with the club picking up air fare or if they drove giving them the option of reimbursement of actual expense (gas, lodging, meals) or mileage, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013) (See Appendix 1). Some show judges set a flat rate that covers travel as well as the fee. Limits probably should not be set here if we are to have quality people; it must be left to the discretion, judgment and/or common sense of the Officer in charge of securing these people. The wives should be included in all cases EXCEPT for travel on a public carrier (airline). Expenses normally are from the day before the start to the morning following completion of their assignment. Occasionally a judge will stay over an extra day, but they will, as a rule, pick up that on their own but not make a big deal out of it if they didn't.

STAKES MANAGER, FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, AND FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT:

These all fall into the same category -- They should be left to the various individuals for reimbursement. In the past they have all been reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses if they have requested it. Printing, postage, telephone are the basic expenses these remarks mean, no personal expenses. Depending on where the trial is, there's liable to be some unusual expenses on site, for example, gas for the people wagon, maybe supplies to repair it, corral repairs, pump repairs, etc.

APPROVALS: The 1st/3rd/4th Vice Presidents must approve all expenses submitted and may bring them to the attention of the President before payment by the Treasurer.

ANNUAL BUDGET: The 1st Vice President and the 3rd Vice President and 4th Vice President shall submit an annual budget to the Board for consideration and approval at the annual meeting for the next annual event.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS YEARBOOK

The original purpose of the National Championships Yearbook was to show-case the National Championship Stake. It was put out by individual members in 1975 and 1976. The ABC was petitioned to assume responsibility for it at the 1976 Board meeting. In 1977 it was printed as an ABC publication.

The publication has since evolved to include a thumb-nail history of all ABC events. This annual periodical has also included the show catalog since 1977.

The President, per ABC policy, is ex-officio to all Committees and the 1st, 3rd and 4th Vice Presidents also with vote to "...any committee dealing with the affairs of such office." This includes the Nationals program. The above officers, along with the Treasurer counseling on financial details, should be party to all deliberations and decisions of the appointed members of the committee.

The Chairman shall make a standard committee report annually to the membership and the Board of Directors, setting forth the general function of the committee, changes in policy recommended, etc.
(See Agenda section)

The committee and members ex-officio shall have the authority for format and content of such program, fee schedule for all advertising, and individual edition sales price.

One copy of the Yearbook per full page ad purchased may be forwarded without charge to each advertiser in that year's edition. Copies will be furnished to the ABC archives, Executive Secretary, Editor of "The American Brittany" magazine and Program Editor. (2008)

Full page black and white ads shall be offered to all official Sponsors of the ABC Nationals, the Wrangler, and the Cover Artist for the Yearbook. Companies or individuals donating an amount, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), worth of goods to the National events may be offered a half-page black and white ad in the Yearbook at no cost, and those donating a larger amount, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), or more may be offered a full-page black & white ad.

The distribution and sales shall be as follows: On the first day of the Nationals, prior to commencement of the drawing, if possible, all printed copies (less that to be provided each paid advertiser without charge), shall be delivered to the site headquarters for the National All Age Championships. Sufficient copies shall be made available for sale at the National Specialty Show site where it is the responsibility of the Show Chairman, Show Secretary, or their designates to distribute and sell copies of the Yearbook and record the number of sales. All other sales and distribution shall be the responsibility of the Yearbook Chairman, ABC Secretary or their designate. Appropriate records shall be maintained and all receipts for printing and related expenses delivered to the ABC Treasurer. (1979) (2008)

TROPHY CO-CHAIRS DUTIES

1. A committee may be selected by the chairman to cover as many regions as possible. There will not be a need for an active committee unless the chairman wants them to help get donations for trophies.

2. Co-chairs are appointed by the President. One for show and one for field with each being responsible for raising funds for their event's trophies while working in coordination of placement of advertising in the magazine and US Postal Service mailings to clubs. A list of last years' donors is in the catalogue or published in magazine. The Board of Directors has expressed the wish that those who desire to donate be allowed to but that a hard sell campaign should not be carried on.

3. Each co-chair will be responsible for contacting all winners of rotating trophies and get them back for the nationals. If the trophies need repairing, have it done. (2012)

4. The trophy co-chairs shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. (1979)

5. Requests for donation of Garmin/ Tri-Tronics collar(s) for winning handlers in Open and Amateur Championships should be directed to the Executive Secretary to avoid multiple requests. (2014)

6. Keep a file and pass it on to the President at the close of the Nationals.

7. Submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting. (1992)

8. CAUTION: Sometimes members want to donate original trophies to the ABC to be awarded at Nationals. These CANNOT be accepted by the ABC without Board approval.

9. The National Trophy Co-Chairs are the only persons authorized to advertise for trophy donations. (Start advertising as early as February, alternating months – February, March, June, August, and September. An additional ad could be placed in the October issue to serve as a last reminder for donations). With the early advertisement, the Gun Dog Championship could benefit as well as eliminate excessive advertising, have equitable advertising for all events, and avoid confusion. (1997)

In 1989 the Board recommended that the President appoint a committee to look into the possibility of awarding a miniature iron dog to the winner of National Amateur All Age Championship with BAS Relief Plaques of the iron dog to be awarded for second, third and fourth places. During 1990 the Chairperson and Committee were able to get the miniature iron (bronze) dog and BAS relief trophies within financial limits as the last few years.

It was decided to use the miniature bronze dog for both Open and Amateur Championship winners and the BAS relief for Second, Third and Fourth in both Championships. These were well received.
At the 1990 Board Meeting, it was passed that the new bronze dog and BAS plaques be used in the National Open, National Amateur and National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships.

The Board approved a trophy offered by Jordean Kennels for competition at the National Specialty Show only, the Dennis P. Jordan, D.V.M. Memorial Trophy to be awarded at the National Specialty Show each year to the Best of Breed winner. For permanent possession, it must be won three (3) times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog, nor at consecutive shows. The name of the winning dog will be engraved on the trophy. The trophy will be maintained by the current recipient until the next year's specialty.

DUAL DOG AWARD POINT SYSTEM

W.E. Stevenson Sr. Memorial Award

The ABC may designate Dual Dog of the Annual Show and Trial to any dog that has amassed the most points for his or her performance in the National Specialty Show and Field Trials. In case of a tie, preference will be given to the Open All Age Championship, then the Amateur All Age Championship, then to the Open Gun Dog Championship.

The points upon which the dog is to be chosen shall be based on the following scales for field trials and bench show performance and the points obtained in each shall be totaled. Dogs must receive points from both the show and field. Only the higher show points received will be considered but all field points received shall be allowed in the final tabulation. (1995)

FIELD TRIAL PLACEMENTS:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Open All Age Championship	7	6	5	5
Amateur All Age Championship	6	5	4	3
National Open Gun Dog Championship	6	5	4	3
National Amateur Gun Dog Championship	5	4	3	2
National Open Walking Gun Dog Championship	5	4	3	2
National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship	4	3	2	1

SPECIALTY SHOW PLACEMENTS:				
Best of Breed	6			
Best of Opposite Sex	5			
Best of Winners	4			
Winners	3			
Reserve Winners	2			
~~Champions shown~~	~~3~~			
Award of Merit	3			
Any class placement with 5 or more entries	2	1	½	1/4
Any class placement with 4 entries	1	½	1/4	
Any class placement with 3 entries	½	1/4		
Any class placement with 2 entries	1/4			
If there is a single entry in a class	0			

~~Bench Champions entered and shown in Best of Breed competition or in any non-regular classes with single dog entries (such as Veteran's, Field Trial Class, etc.) shall receive an automatic 3 points toward the Dual Award, however no additional points are to be accumulated for placement s in Field Trial, Veterans, or any non-regular classes.~~

No points are awarded for participation in Parade of Champions, Stud Dog or Brood Bitch, or any other non-regular classes with multiple dog entries.

The single highest point value earned in the show will be the one used in calculating the award.

The W.E. Stevenson Sr. Memorial Award to remain in place for the dual dog participating in the concurrent running of the trials in Booneville and the show in Fort Smith (Revised 2008)

BEST BITCH TROPHY AT THE ALL-AGE NATIONALS

This trophy shall be called the Christy's Feather Duster trophy and shall be a non-retiring rotating trophy. The owner of the winner shall receive a keeper plaque or trophy similar to those awarded with other non-retiring trophies. The trophy was donated by Harold Gerlach of the Midwest Brittany Club and is a pair of Lalique quail on a rosewood base.

At Mr. Gerlach's request, and with the Board's approval, this award is made to the owner of the highest placing bitch in the National All Age trials with any Open placement taking precedence over any Amateur placement.

BEST BITCH TROPHY AT THE NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

This trophy shall be called the "Skye" trophy in honor of the first bitch to win the Gun Dog Nationals, NGDC/FC/AFC Perpetuators Misty Skye. It shall be a non-retiring rotating trophy. The owner of the winner will receive a keeper plaque or trophy similar to those awarded with other non-retiring trophies. The trophy was donated by Darlene Dow and is a granite laser engraving of Skye framed on a wood base. At Ms. Dow's request and with the Board's approval, this award is made to the owner of the highest placing bitch in the National Gun Dog trials. In the case of tying placements between the open and the amateur the open bitch will receive the award. (2012)

NATIONAL OBEDIENCE TROPHY CHAIRMAN DUTIES

1. Each Chairman shall keep a file of the activities of the year to pass on to the next succeeding Chairman. The file shall be handed to the President at the Nationals to be passed to the next appointee. If such a file is not received, check with the last Chairman. If no file is available, start one.

2. Submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting. (1992)

3. Keep a list of all winners in file for historic records of ABC. Send a copy of the list each year to Executive Secretary (1997).

NATIONAL OBEDIENCE TROPHY

The first winner of this distinguished trophy for 1981 was SUNSHINE BRANDY. This trophy was retired after the 1987 show by Sue and Bobby Armstrong with three (3) wins by their dogs Ch, OTCH, AFC LAFAYETTE KING TROOPER TD (2X) and LAFAYETTE TEXAS TROOPER (1).

In 1990 the Armstrong’s donated a new trophy in memory of Ch, OTCH, AFC LAFAYETTE KING TROOPER TD. It would start with the winner of the 1988 National Obedience winner.

The guidelines for the national obedience trophy are as follows:

1. The owner must be member of the ABC.

2. In 1997 this award was changed from a rotating trophy to avoid confusion. (1997)

NATIONAL GROUNDS

In 1986, the Board made the decision to do away with the rotation of the Nationals for the next six (6) years, 1987-1992.

The National All Age, Horseback Gun Dog & Derby Invitational were moved to Blue Mountain Wildlife Management Area near Booneville, Arkansas. (2019)

The Blue Mountain Wildlife Management Area, near Booneville, AR, has been reserved for the next five (5) years, (1992 being the first of the five years) with an option for five additional years. The annual dates are to start the Monday before Thanksgiving and run to conclusion (slightly more than four (4) weeks). (2018)

The grounds name has been changed to the J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain Wildlife Demonstration Area. (1992)

The National Walking Gun Dog will continue at Ionia Recreation Area located near Ionia Michigan.
The National Walking Gun Dog grounds are reserved annually with the State of Michigan, and the Ionia Field Trial Grounds Association. (2019)

NATIONAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE DUTIES

1. The Grounds Committee is charged with determining how to improve the grounds at each of the above locations and informing the Board, by written communication, regarding the improvements being made in the middle of the year.

2. Each Chairman shall keep a file of the activities of the year to pass on to the next succeeding chairman. The file shall be handed to the President at the BOD meeting, to be passed to the next appointee. If such a file is not received, check with the last chairman. If no file is available, start one.

3. Submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting. (1992)

4. The Grounds Chairman should check into the possibility of other grounds. (1992)

5. The President must sign a new contract for J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain Wildlife Demonstration Area every year to keep up our five-year lease. (1996)

ORIGINAL ABC GAME BIRD/GUNDOG CLASSICS/ CHAMPIONSHIPS

(2006) (2013) (2014)

SECTION 1: WHAT THEY ARE AND HOW THEY ARE ESTABLISHED (2001) (2005) (2013)

The Classics/ Championships are trials of national stature and prestige, ranking just below The American Brittany Club's Open and Amateur Championships. They were established to allow various regions of the United States to hold prestige trials and for all the devotees of particular game birds to demonstrate the proficiency of their Brittanys on these different birds. Originally, the events were run as just AKC Classics. In 2013, AKC offered the GRAND stake designation for 1-hour limited stakes:

1.) Grand Open Limited Gun Dog
2.) Grand Amateur Limited Gun Dog
3.) Grand Open Limited All Age
4.) Grand Amateur Limited All Age

A Classic/ Championship for any certain game bird should be established only where that is the predominant species normally found and hunted as the principal upland game bird in the area. There will be a sponsoring club responsible for sending results and write-ups to the ABC Statistician. After 20 days, a penalty, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1) plus a daily fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), will be assessed the sponsoring club. Other clubs may assist in the Classic/ Championship, but one club will be held accountable for the Regional Futurities and Classics/ Championship. Two or three local Brittany clubs interested in supporting a particular Classic/ Championship may do so, to:

1. Assure the host club of having a sufficient number of entries and attendance to hold a trial of national stature and prestige.

2. Permit rotation of the classic/championship among several interested clubs, each taking its own turn if properly qualified.

3. Any requests for Garmin Collars for winning handlers must go through the ABC Classic Committee Chair who will order collars for all Gamebird Classics/Championships and National All Age & Gun Dog Championships from The Garmin Company to avoid multiple requests.

4. ABC Classic Committee Chair will notify Purina Coordinator of Host Clubs and the dates.

Every effort should be made to encourage and secure widespread participation to make the classic/championship representative of the nation's best Brittanys.

It should be always remembered that the classics/championships are stakes of high caliber having national prestige and those responsible for the running of these stakes should conduct them in keeping with these ideals.

APPROVED CLASSICS/ CHAMPIONSHIPS (2014)

Pheasant	Prairie Chicken
Quail	Gun Dog
Chukar	Grouse-Woodcock

All these stakes will be AKC Open Limited stakes offering Grand Championship points. (2014)

CLASSIC/CHAMPIONSHIPS CHAIRMAN DUTIES

1. Preside over the ABC Classic/Championship Committee.

2. Provide information and advice to regional clubs interested in hosting a classic/championship. Send applications to those requesting clubs.

3. Assist in the promotion of the classics/championships.

4. Assure that the classics/championships remain events of the highest caliber, second only in importance to the National Championships.

5. Coordinate the efforts of the committee in improving procedures and criteria for awarding the honor of hosting the classics/championships to the regional clubs.

6. Coordinate classics/championships dates with the chairman of the field trial dates committee.

7. Report to the Executive Secretary and the President of the ABC on status of the classics/championships.

8. Submit report to Agenda Chairman in advance of Board meeting.

9. Present a report to the ABC membership and the Board of Directors at the Annual meeting of ABC.

10. Receives requests from regional clubs to hold classics/championships.

11. Upon receipt of club application to host a classic/championship, the chairman will forward all applications to members of his committee to be voted upon and to National Dates Chairman. The members of the committee vote on each application and send it back to the Chairman.

12. As soon as a classic/championship is awarded, the classics/championships chairman shall notify the host club with a copy to the Executive Secretary and the President.

13. Each chairman shall keep a file of the activities of the year to pass on to the next succeeding chairman. The file shall be handed to the President at the nationals to be passed to the next appointee. If such a file is not received, check with the last chairman. If no file is available, start one.

14. Submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting. (1992)

GENERAL RULES

1. There shall be but one classic/championship of each type in a calendar year.

2. The ABC shall retain jurisdiction over the classics/championship and accept full responsibility (except for financing) even though a local club is to be designated as host club to conduct the trial on behalf of the ABC.

3. The ABC shall assume responsibility for the Classic/ Championship. Permission for the trial shall be in the name of the ABC and ABC will pay such license fees as that organization may assess. It shall purchase insurance on the trial and on the judges and marshal. The local host club will do all the other planning and running of the Classic/ Championship, subject to the rules and procedures stated herein. The classic/championship must be announced on a separate premium list and not included as part of the premium list of the local trial, even though the local club which is to host the classic/championship may also be holding its own trial in the same locality either preceding or following the classic/championship.

4. The Classics/ Championships shall be conducted as Grand Open Limited All Age Stakes as described in the AKC club rules except for the Gun Dog Classic/ Championship and the Grouse Woodcock Classic/ Championship which shall be conducted as Open Limited Gun Dog Stakes. (See AKC field trial rule book for the current definition of Limited Stakes).

5. All Classics/ Championships shall consist of one -hour heats.

6. The host club shall decide how many days it wishes the classic/championship to run. The entry must be limited to the number of dogs that can normally be run on the grounds in that number of days. The scheduled minimum length for a classic/championship should be three days.

7. The trial must be run under the AKC rules and procedures and the host club and its field trial committee shall be charged with the responsibility of seeing that the rules are enforced.

8. The Classic/ Championship committee must consist of five (5) members at all times with each region having one representative and one member's term expiring each year. The committee shall be charged with passing on the requirements and regulations for the Classic/ Championship as well as choosing host clubs each year. Annually the President shall appoint one member for the Classic/ Championship committee to serve a five-year term and designate chairman from among the committee members. These annual appointments must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

9. Tracking collars will be allowed in all ABC National Events. This must be printed on the Premium Lists in accordance with AKC guidelines. Instruct all National field trial committees that the handlers have the option to use tracking collars. Scouts shall not carry tracking locators. Handlers shall not carry tracking locators. Use of locators by riders in the gallery is not permitted except to locate a previously lost dog with permission of judges and marshal. Trial officials and field trial committee will deal with violations. Handlers and scouts are prohibited from using ear plug listening devices. Any electronic device that enables the handler to communicate with the scout, mounted gallery, road gallery, or other persons present during the running of the dog is prohibited.

10. All ABC sponsored events i.e., Futurities, Summer Specialty Show, National Specialty Show, Open All Age Championship, Amateur All Age Championship, Gun Dog National Championships, and Classic/ Championships or any other events as may arise, will coordinate activities related to fund raising with the National Fund-Raising Committee and submit all anticipated and contacted solicitation and donor lists to the chairman of that committee. (2000) (2014)

11. Vendors will not be allowed to conduct auctions and/or raffles at ABC events. (2000)
Exception (Brittany rescue Organizations) 2002

12. Host clubs shall be responsible for attaining/securing photos of the winners of the event along with the write-up and getting same to ABC Statistician, “The American Brittany.”

APPLYING FOR PERMISSION TO RUN A CLASSIC/ CHAMPIONSHIP
AND PRE-TRIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Any Regional Club or Clubs desirous of hosting a Classic/ Championship shall make application in writing to the Classic/ Championship committee at least one year in advance of the proposed running of the Classic/ Championship. All Classic/ Championships shall be run on the bird designated (the Pheasant Classic/ Championship on pheasants, the Quail Classic/ Championship on quail, etc. with the exception of the Gun Dog Classic/ Championship which may be run on any game bird or mixture of game birds, and which shall be judged on gun dog standards.

2. The Classic/ Championship committee chairman shall thereupon forward the applicant club one copy of the "Application to Host an American Brittany Club Classic/ Championship" form. The club shall fill in all the required data and shall return SEVEN (7) copies, retaining one (1) for its files. The chairman shall then forward one (1) copy to each member of the committee who shall vote on this and any other applications. The majority vote of the committee shall determine the host club for each classic/championship and, subject to license, shall be binding on all parties thereto.

3. When the host club has been decided upon by the Classic/ Championship committee, the chairman shall notify the host club. The chairman shall also send one copy of the application form to the ABC club Executive Secretary and shall notify the "The American Brittany" magazine that approval has been given to the host club and that the dates have been approved by the national-dates committee. The Executive Secretary shall then apply to the AKC for the license to hold the classic/championship. Send the signed AKC computerized sheet to the host club to send to AKC.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the Field Trial Chairman to keep the Executive Secretary of the ABC and the chairman of the Classic/ Championship committee informed of the plans and progress of the Classic/ Championship. It is understood that the Board of Directors of the ABC have jurisdiction over the running of the Classics/ Championships and the host club's field trial committee must be guided by their recommendations as transmitted by the chairman of the Classic/ Championship committee to whom this responsibility is delegated.

STEPS TO FOLLOW AFTER APPROVAL

When notified that you are approved as the host club for a particular Classic/ Championship:

1. Be sure your dates are cleared with National Dates Chairman.
2. Send AKC the application and copy to the ABC Executive Secretary for signature and approval. ABC Executive Secretary will send application to AKC and pay the AKC fee.
3. Send in copy for advertising to "The American Brittany" thirty (30) days before you wish it to appear. Closing for magazine is the 1st of each month proceeding the month the ad is to appear. Advertising is free for the classic/championship, BUT it is the host club's responsibility to send in the ad.
4. Appoint a reporter for the Classic/ Championship to send in the report and pictures to the ABC Executive Secretary. After twenty (20) days, a penalty, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1) plus a daily fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), after the twenty (20) days will be assessed the sponsoring club. These events should be designated as The American Brittany Club _____ Classic/ Championship in “The American Brittany” magazine.

- 5.Send all entries, fees, and judges' books to AKC and the winners’ form and write-up with copies of the judges' books, write-up, and the winners’ form to the ABC Statistician.

GROUNDS

Continuous courses must be used which shall adequately provide four (4) or more consecutive one-hour courses, except the Gun Dog Classic/ Championship may have two (2) or more courses and the Grouse-Woodcock Classic/

Championship may have three (3) or more courses. Courses must permit the judges, handlers and gallery to ride on horseback, except the Grouse-Woodcock Classic/ Championship shall be a walking - only stake for the handlers. The host club of the Grouse-Woodcock Classic/ Championship shall decide if the judges shall ride on horseback or shall walk.

In the Gun Dog Classic/ Championship, the host club has the option to have it a retrieving stake or not. Also, horseback handling in the Gun Dog Classic/ Championship is at the option of the host club. (Nov.1992)

The Classic/ Championship Committee shall be responsible for approving the grounds for the six (6) Classics/ Championships. (1979)

"Any dog trained on the grounds within 30 days of the stake will be ineligible to compete" DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CLASSICS/ CHAMPIONSHIPS. (1983)

BIRDS

The ABC shall be assured that there are sufficient numbers of native birds of the named species on the grounds to allow for proper running of the continuous courses. Native birds may, however, be supplemented with released birds in such an approved manner as to reasonably assure birds on every course and in as natural a condition as possible. Should the named bird population be too low to allow proper judging a second series with released birds, or on a "marked" native bird, if this is possible, may be run at the discretion of the judges.

FACILITIES

There shall be sufficient horses, housing, and other facilities to assure the success of the classic/championship.

PLACEMENTS

Native birds must be used of the species for which the Classic/ Championship is named. No dog may be awarded first place in a Classic/ Championship without having had creditable work on birds of this particular species and this shall be the principal basis for judgment. The only exception shall be the Gun Dog Classic/ Championship where a specific bird need not be designated.

Four (4) placements shall be named and reported to AKC. Awards should be withheld for lack of merit if performances are sub-standard.

AKC championship points shall be awarded, and the winner may be designated as "Winner of the 20__ American Brittany Club_____ Classic," in the opinion of the judges, this honor and title is fully merited. The Field Trial Chairman shall see that the judges are aware of The ABC's desire to make and keep these Classics/ Championships high caliber stakes and if in the opinion of the judges the winner is not deserving of this title, it should be withheld.

If placement in this stake qualifies a dog to compete in the national championships, the judges should be so advised and shall withhold awards for lack of merit if they deem fit to do so.

TROPHIES

1. Each ABC Classic/ Championship has its own non-retiring rotating winner's trophy. The ABC Classic/ Championship trophies shall be housed in the Bird Dog Hall of Fame. The ABC shall carry insurance on the rotating trophies and be responsible for keeping them in good repair.

2. In addition to the rotating trophy there should be individual trophies and rosettes for permanent award to each dog placed. Trophies should bear the official ABC Logo Medallion; which medallions may be purchased through The ABC Executive Secretary. Trophies should be suitably engraved.

3. Cash prizes are prohibited.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR RUNNING THE EVENT

1. The ABC shall assist in all possible ways to assure a successful Classic/ Championship. Advertising shall be carried free of charge in" The American Brittany" magazine. Pre-trial articles shall be published if submitted by the host club. A feature report of the trial shall be carried in the magazine along with free pictures. This cost will be borne by the host club as a trial expense.

2. All expenses not already specifically mentioned will be borne by the host club. Any profit that is realized shall go to the host club. Losses, if any are incurred, must be met by the host club. It is felt that this shall serve as an encouragement to the host club to sponsor a successful trial.

3. Each host club should keep a full and complete record of all items of income and expense in the conduct of the Classic/ Championship and copies should be furnished the Classic/ Championship committee chairman and the Executive Secretary for the files. The purpose of this is for the host clubs to aid one another by the free exchange of information on subjects such as financial problems, to help guide the Classic/ Championship committee in its decisions and to make a fund of information available for the benefit of new host clubs. It is hoped that this will not be objectionable to any host club.

4. As an aid toward building the Classic/ Championship to its desired stature, a souvenir program should be prepared. This should list the name of each entry, its breeding, owner and handler with other general pertinent information about the dogs or the Classic/ Championship. This program should be commensurate with the ability of the host club to finance and produce it, but not a burden on any club. Suggested means of financing include the sale of advertising, sale of the program itself or by allocation of a portion of the general trial budget.

5. For the further benefit of other host clubs and the Classic/ Championship premium lists, programs and the like should be included in the report sent to the Classic/ Championship committee chairman and the Statistician following completion of the Classic/ Championship. It is hoped each host club shall cooperate for the improvement of future Classics/ Champions.

6. The completed AKC Judges’ Questionnaire for the Classics/ Championships should be copied and sent to the ABC Executive Secretary for the Club files.

7. In filling out the Classic/ Championship application include the name of the potential host club and field trial grounds to the Classic/ Championship committee. The committee represents the various regions and, in many cases, may not be familiar with all host clubs and their grounds.

8. Horseback handling is optional in all Classics/ Championships.

9. Be sure to inform the Classic/ Championship committee chairman when the field trial plans are completed. Similarly, an article describing plans should be submitted to "The American Brittany" magazine.

10. If any difficulty concerning trial dates, conflicts and such develops, the regional Classic/ Championship committee's representative or the chairman is prepared to help clear dates with the field trial dates committee.

11. At the 1997 Board of Directors Meeting, the Board voted to set a deadline on the length of time taken by the sponsoring club to get the results and the write-up to the ABC Executive Secretary. After 20 days, a penalty, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), plus a daily fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), after 20 days will be assessed the sponsoring club.

12. **Be sure and include sponsor logos in advertising and acknowledge sponsors in trial write-ups**. Only dog food sponsors are allowed on AKC premium lists. See page 26 of policy book. Contact the ABC Executive Secretary or ABC Webmaster for sponsor information and/or logos.

SECTION 2: ABC REGIONAL CLASSIC/CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ABC Board of Directors Approved Classics/Championships shall include those Open and Amateur All-Age, Open and Amateur Gun Dog, and Open and Amateur Walking Gun Dog; that request the status and are approved by the ABC Board.

The requesting championships and sponsoring organizations agree to conduct the ABC Board of Directors Approved Classics/Championships under the American Kennel Club requirements and rules in the same manner. Applying Clubs agree to supply proof of insurance annually.

The events may be run for AKC purposes as Grand open limited, Grand open, Grand amateur limited or Grand amateur stakes in both all age and gun dog at the discretion of the applying clubs.

The applying clubs agree to pay the AKC application fee, the ABC recording fee, AKC per dog fees, and to abide by the contract between Purina and the ABC. The ABC also agrees to print the trial report and results in the magazine.

In 2006 the following were approved to run under AKC.
Host clubs are listed with the approved events.
Illinois Brittany Championship Association
- Illinois Brittany Open All Age Championship
- Illinois Brittany Amateur All Age Championship
- Derby Classic (2017)

Southern Open Brittany Championship Association
- Southern Open Brittany Open All Age Championship
- Region 3 Amateur All Age Championship
- Southern Open Brittany Gun Dog Classic (Approved 2013)

Michigan Brittany Championship Association
- Michigan Brittany Open All Age Championship
- Michigan Brittany Open Gun Dog Championship
- Michigan Brittany Walking Gun Dog Championship
- Michigan Brittany Derby Classic

Prairie State Brittany Championship Association
- Prairie State Brittany Open All Age Championship
- Prairie State Brittany Gun Dog Championship

Region 5 Brittany Amateur All Age Championship
Derby Classic

International Brittany Championship Association (Tri-State Brittany Club)
International Brittany Open All Age Championship
International Brittany Amateur All Age Championship
International Brittany Open Gun Dog Classic
Derby Classic

Mid-South Championship Association
Mid-South Brittany Open All Age Championship
Region 6 Brittany Amateur All Age Championship

Southeastern Brittany Club
Tarheel Gun Dog Classic/Championship

New England Brittany Championship Association
New England Grouse/Woodcock Classic/Championship
New England Open Gun Dog Classic/Championship
New England Amateur Gun Dog Classic/Championship

Pennsylvania Brittany Championship Association
Pennsylvania Brittany Gun Dog Championship (Approved 2009)
Pennsylvania Brittany Grouse/Woodcock Championship (Approved 2009)
Derby Classic

Ringneck Brittany Club
Dakota Prairie Championship (Approved 2012)
Region 19 AAA Championship (Approved 2012)

GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING AN ABC REGIONAL CLASSIC/CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Clubs must first be approved by the ABC Board of Directors to host an ABC Regional Classic/Championship. (One-time approval) (This does not apply to clubs hosting the ABC Chicken, Pheasant, Quail, Gun Dog, Chukar, or Grouse/Woodcock Classic/Championships who are approved by the Classics' Committee.

2. Dates should also be approved by the Regional Dates Coordinator in the region where the event is held and listed on their date schedule.

3. Fill out the AKC Field Trial Application and mail to the ABC Executive Secretary four (4) months prior to the Event (application is due to the AKC 90 days prior to the event to avoid penalties.www.theamericanbrittanyclub.org/forms/AKCFieldTrialApplication.doc

A. The name of the club should be listed as The American Brittany Club
B. Event Type: Field Trial Classic
C. Under Officers of the Club, list the officers of The American Brittany Club and not your club's officers. ABC is the sponsor, you are the host. (ABC Secretary is now titled "Executive Secretary")
D. Under AKC, this is a Classic and not a Championship. In the blank for stakes, you should list the name and type of stake. For example: The Illinois Brittany All Age Championship would be listed as Illinois Brittany OAA or AAA or OLAA or ALAA Classic. AKC uses the term Gun Dog, not Shooting Dog so list those stakes as the name Michigan OGD, or OLGD, or AGD or ALGD Stake.
E. On page 3, under the stakes, the signature of the ABC Executive Secretary is required, not your club secretary. Leave that blank.
F. Page 4: Judges must have an AKC number, but AKC will probably require them to take an Open Book test if they do not already have an AKC number.

G. Fill out the Disaster Plan and leave the club officer signature blank.
H. Send completed AKC application to ABC Executive Secretary for Approval & Signature along with a check in an amount as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), to ABC. The Executive Secretary will in turn send an ABC check to AKC along with the signed application.

4. AKC Premium:

A. Do not send out premiums until your event is approved by AKC. You must receive two (2) letters of approval from AKC. One approves the event date and the other approves your judges. YOU MUST HAVE BOTH BEFORE YOU CAN BE CONSIDERED APPROVED BY AKC.
B. Sample Classic premium may be found at:
www.theamericanbrittantclub.org/Premiums/ABCClassicPremium.Example.doc
C. Send AKC and ABC a premium when you mail them. AKC will fine you if you fail to do so.
D. Entry blanks and entry fees should be received by the Field Trial Secretary before being drawn in an ABC Classic.

5. "ABC"Ad:

A. You must send an ad 45 days in advance to the American Brittany magazine where you still list ABC as the sponsor and your club as host. Ads should use the term Classic/Championship.

AFTER THE EVENT

A. Fill in the ABC trial report form.
www.theamericanbrittantclub.org/forms/FieldTrialReportForm.doc

This form will be sent to ABC, and AKC.

B. Send AKC the per-individual dog entered fee, as approved by the AKC (2013), (See Appendix 1) and ABC Statistician, the per starter fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), along with the reporting form and AKC Secretary's page.
www.theamericanbrittantclub.org/forms/AKCFieldTrialSecretaryReport.pdf

C. Results must reach AKC within seven (7) days. Results must be postmarked to ABC within ten (10) days. Failure to do so will result in fines from both AKC & ABC.

Please contact the ABC Executive Secretary if you have questions or concerns about filing your paperwork with AKC, ABC, American Brittany Club and all our national events or classics. (2006)

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB FUTURITY (2016)

History and Overview

The American Brittany Club Futurities are Field Stakes and Shows established in the late 1940's to showcase the breeding programs of Brittany breeders throughout the country**;** and designed to encourage and reward the Brittanys who are promising representatives of the breed in conformation and in the field. Such recognition is important to the breed for continued breed improvement. At its core, the Futurity is a Breeders Stake and seeks to highlight and reward the breeders who are the backbone of our Breed, as well as the owners. This will be accomplished through the awarding of a cash purse derived from both nominating fees and forfeits.

Brittany dams and their litters are nominated by their breeder within 60 days of whelping. The nominating breeder must be a full member of the ABC and sign the litter nomination form. All breeder purse winnings will be paid to this nominating breeder. Litter nominations are accepted up until 6 months after whelping, but late fees apply. The nomination application is available in the American Brittany Magazine, and can also be downloaded from the ABC website. Puppies from a nominated litter are then eligible to compete in the Field and Show Futurities held in the year that they turn 2 years old, provided a final forfeit fee has been paid by the owner. **The owner must be a current full member of the ABC at the time of the Sectional Futurity competition.**

Example: A puppy born in 2015 would be eligible to compete in 2017.

The Futurity Secretary will supply Breeders with the paperwork and instructions for the new puppy owners so that they can pay the Final Forfeit. It is the breeder's responsibility to ensure that owners receive this paperwork before the October 1st deadline of the Final Forfeit. Final forfeits are accepted until December 31st, but late fees apply.

Owners will have the option of competing in 1, 2, or all 3 Sectional Futurities (Eastern, Central & Western). Once the final forfeit(s) have been paid, the Futurity Secretary will mail a premium containing the entry form for the appropriate Sectional Futurity Field/Show events.

The standards for both the field and show events are established by the ABC Futurity Committee and approved by the ABC Board of Directors.

Futurity Committee

The Futurity Committee is comprised of the Futurity Chair, Futurity Secretary, Litter Nomination Secretary, and contain at least five members.

Futurity Chairman

The Futurity Committee Chair shall be appointed by the President and is responsible to the Board of Directors for his actions and decisions. He shall act at all times to protect the interests of the ABC; and ensure that the Futurity events are run in accordance with the ABC rules and guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

Each year, the Futurity Committee Chair is responsible for submitting a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting.

The Futurity Chairman shall appoint the Futurity Secretary to handle the duties of the Futurity. If so desired, the Futurity Chairman may appoint a Litter Nominations Secretary who may also serve as an assistant to the Futurity

Secretary. Both Secretaries serve on the Futurity Committee and report to the Futurity Chairman. Both appointments are subject to the approval of the ABC President.

Futurity Chairman Duties

1. The chairman shall act as advisor to the Litter Nominating Secretary in the acceptance of Litter Nominations and to the Futurity Secretary in the acceptance of Final Forfeits.
2. The chairman shall poll the futurity committee on all decisions concerning the acceptance or rejection of irregular Litter Nominations and Final Forfeits. If a conflict of interest arises with any member of the futurity committee, they must excuse themselves from the decision.
3. The chairman shall keep records from the figures supplied by the Litter Nominating Secretary of the number of litters nominated and report them at the annual board meeting.
4. Solicit and assist regional ABC clubs in applying to host futurities and poll committee members for selection of futurity hosts. It is recommended to secure host clubs two to three years in advance to allow clubs and participants time to plan their futurity schedules.
5. The chairman shall coordinate the dates and locations so that a futurity event shall be available to as many members as possible. Before dates and locations are finalized, they must clear the dates with the Regional Dates Coordinator and then the National Dates Coordinator.
6. As soon as the dates and grounds are accepted, they shall be sent to all ABC media. (Website, Magazine, and Facebook).
7. The chairman shall poll the Futurity Committee to obtain the approval of the judges selected by the sectional manager in each section. If a conflict of interest arises with any member of the futurity committee, they must excuse themselves from the decision.
8. The chairman must be able to act in an advisory capacity to the Sectional Managers & Secretaries.
9. The chairman must keep in touch and ensure the Sectional Managers are following ABC rules & procedures.
10. The chairman must include a summary report of the events to the Board of Directors for the annual Board Meeting.
11. Funds received for the event 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)

Litter Nominations Secretary Duties

1. The Litter Nominations secretary shall see to the printing of all necessary Litter Nomination forms.
2. He shall receive and acknowledge all Litter Nominations. He must refer any irregular nominations to the Futurity Chairman, presenting them in an anonymous manner**,** so that all decisions may be made without bias. At no time may the Litter Nominations Secretary make decisions on irregular entries or policies.
3. He shall report to the chairman on a regular (bi-monthly) basis the nominations received.
4. The money received shall be deposited as directed by the ABC Treasurer.
5. The Litter Nomination Secretary shall keep a record of the number of litters nominated and send them to the Futurity Chairman and Futurity Secretary.
6. Shall review all litter nomination submissions for accuracy and nomination eligibility.

7. Shall prepare and mail or email a Futurity Litter Nomination Packet to the nominating breeder with following information:
    a. First Forfeit Receipt,
    b. An information sheet for breeder about the Futurity
    c. An information letter for each puppy buyer about the Futurity
    d. A Futurity Mailing List Request Form
    e. ABC Membership Application
    f. Any additional futurity information deemed necessary by the ABC Futurity Committee

Futurity Secretary Duties

1. He shall see to the printing of all necessary Final Forfeit & Sectional Futurity Premiums
2. He shall receive and acknowledge all Final Forfeits.
3. He must refer any irregular entries to the chairman, presenting them in an anonymous manner**,** so that all decisions may be made without bias. At no time may the Final Forfeit/Running Secretary make decisions on irregular submissions or policies.
4. He shall report to the chairman on a regular basis the forfeits received (bi-monthly).
5. He shall see that all money is deposited as directed by the ABC Treasurer. He also shall keep a record of the number of final forfeits received and the number of futurity entries received and send them to the Futurity Chairman.
6. He must prepare a list of eligible litters for publication in the June or July issue of "The American Brittany" magazine and to be published on the ABC Website
7. About July 15 they must mail or email to each nominating breeder of a Futurity Litter a Final Forfeit packet. **This packet will include a cover letter requesting them to notify all interested persons who purchased a puppy from their futurity nominated litter, an owner's letter explaining the futurity program and a Final Forfeit form for each puppy in the litter.** This mailing must include the Standard of Performance for the Field and Show Futurities as approved by the ABC Board of Directors.
8. The forfeits should be checked for eligibility**,** consulting with the membership data chairperson**,** to insure all dogs are owned or co-owned by a full ABC member. All non-members shall be notified of the membership requirements.
9. Final forfeits fees shall be returned to those who choose not to join ABC.
10. All forfeits received without individual AKC, CKC registration numbers shall be accepted as conditional**;** and owners should be notified that the dogs cannot compete unless numbers are received prior to the opening of the show or the drawing for the trial. AKC, CKC, registration is **REQUIRED** to compete in an ABC Futurity event. (2016)
11. No refunds shall be made for dogs that the owners fail to register in time.
12. He will send a list of eligible dogs, by class, to each Sectional Futurity Secretary when the premiums are ready to be distributed.
13. He will secure an ad in the "American Btittany Magazine," advertising each of the 3 Sectional Field Events at least 45 days prior to the first event.
14. Order trophies, ribbons and judges' gifts for each section.

15. Upon verification and approval from the Futurity Chairman of all awards, the Futurity Secretary will provide the win letters to the Treasurer for distribution to the winners with the purse checks. All purse checks are to be signed by the treasurer.

16. He is responsible for sending the write-ups and any reporting requirements for the sectional futurities to the Executive Secretary, and the "American Brittany Magazine."

17. He is responsible for obtaining and sending the Dual Dog Award Winners' photos to the ABC Magazine Editor that are to be put on the cover of the ABC Magazine annually.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY, CONDITIONS AND RULES

1. All litters nominated must be registered in one of the following stud books: AKC, or CKC **,** whelped on or after January 1st through December 31st in a given calendar year. (2016)

2. The nominating breeder needs to be a current full member in Good Standing of the ABC when the litter is nominated and the closing dates of the Sectional Futurities in which puppies from their nominated litter compete. They must sign the Litter Nomination form, and any breeder purse checks will be paid to this designated nominated breeder. If the membership has lapsed at the time of the Sectional Futurity, the purse will revert back to the ABC Futurity Administrative Fees.

3. The owner of the futurity nominated litter sire is not required to be a member of the ABC, but it is encouraged.

4. All dogs competing in the American Brittany Club Futurity must be individually registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).

5. The primary owner of record is the owner who submits and signs the final forfeit. The primary owner needs to be a current full member in Good Standing of the ABC when submitting Final Forfeits and at the time of competing at the event. If the membership has lapsed at the time of the Sectional Futurity event(s), any purse winnings will revert back to the ABC Futurity Administrative Fee.

6. If a Futurity nominated puppy is sold, eligibility will continue to the new owner, provided the new owner meets the Futurity membership requirements.

7. It is recommended that all sires and dams of nominated litters have DNA profiles on file with the AKC. (2015) (2016)

Litter Nomination

Nominations of litters must be made within **60 days** after the pups have been whelped, at which time the litter nomination must be paid. Litter nominations are accepted up until the puppies are 6 months of age, but late fees apply. Payment will entitle each puppy of this particular litter to be entered in the ABC Futurities Field (All-Age or Gun Dog) and/or Show provided the Final Forfeit requirement is met. The current fees are set by the ABC Board of Directors and can be found on the futurity form in "The American Brittany" magazine and on the ABC Website. The litter nomination fee is currently set by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1).

Late litter nominations after 180 days from whelping will not be accepted. Late fees for 61-90 days and 91-180 days are set by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1). Late fees are in addition to the standard litter nomination fee. No litter nominations will be accepted after the litter turns 6 months old. The postmark will determine the fee for late nominations.

Final Forfeit

Before October 1st of the year following a pup's birth year, those owners wishing to compete in the Futurity must pay a final forfeit on entry forms furnished by the ABC. This Final Forfeit allows the dog to participate in any selected Sectional Futurity Event which includes the Field (All-Age or Gun Dog) and/or Show upon fulfillment of requirements above. The current fees are set by the ABC Board of Directors. The Final Forfeit fee for the field and show is set by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1).

For those not meeting the final forfeit deadline, a late fee, as determined by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1), for each field and each show entry (plus the regular forfeit fees) may be paid by December 31. No forfeits will be accepted after December 31st. The postmark will determine the fee for late nominations.

Futurity Event Entry

The futurities are to be held during the spring season**.** Both All-Age and Gun Dog Field Futurities, and a Show Futurity will be offered at each of the three Sectional Futurities.

On the final field entry, the participant must declare either the All Age or Gun Dog stake.

Note: a field nominated dog cannot compete in both field stakes at a Sectional Futurity and must declare Gun Dog or All-Age. They can opt to run Gun Dog in one Section and All-age in another.

Current entry fees are set by the Board of Directors and will be found on the forms provided by the ABC Futurity Secretary in the Section Futurity premium. In addition, the Entry Fee must be paid by the closing date of the Sectional Futurity in which the puppy is intending to compete. The closing date will be listed on the premium, and the date of the drawing. No dog may participate until its AKC, CKC, been received by the ABC. ***The current entry fees for the field and show events are set by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1).*** (2016)

Note: The primary owner must be a current full member of the ABC at the time of the Sectional Futurity competition, and the nominating breeder must be a current full member of the ABC to receive any purse winnings.

Show classes shall be divided by sex and age as follows:

- Senior classes shall be for dogs whelped January-April
- Intermediate classes shall be for dogs whelped May-August
- Junior classes shall be for dogs whelped September – December

FORMS of PAYMENT of FEES

1. All fees required under the ABC Futurity program must be made by check, or money order. All fees are to be paid in U.S. funds.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

An official application form must be submitted to either the Futurity Secretary or the Futurity Chairman.

Forms are available from the Futurity Secretary or on the ABC Website. Request should be made as early as possible, preferably at least a year in advance so that prospective participants can plan their travel schedules. The Futurity Chair will review the application and distribute to the ABC Futurity Committee for discussion.

Forms necessary for participation in the Futurity will be available on the ABC Website.

The trial must be planned with the following in mind and each decision must be made with the thought of what will make the best trial and show for the most people in the area.

Procedures

ABC splits 50/50 on the profits made by Sectional clubs hosting the ABC Futurities. ABC will absorb reasonable losses based on the Expenses guideline. The Futurity Chairman must approve expenditures prior to final settlement with each Sectional host clubs. Final settlement with Sectional host clubs will not be forwarded by the ABC Treasurer until all write ups, pictures, and expense documentation have been received and approved. NOTE: If the host club incurs a loss, the ABC Futurity Committee reserves the right to disallow some expenses or require more documentation. Examples of expenses that might be disallowed if an event operates at a loss: excessive food expenses not offset by food income, hospitality, etc.

Nominal costs of running a trial and show within the entry fees are acceptable expenses.

Sectional host clubs must provide their own insurance.

The futurity entry fee monies are to be mailed to the ABC Treasurer at the closing of entries for the event.

Since this is not an AKC event there are no AKC event fees. Each Sectional Futurity is allowed one black & white ad in "The American Brittany" to promote their Futurity at no-charge.

Upon receipt of the marked catalog, the Futurity Secretary shall send a listing of money amounts and recipients to the Futurity Chair for approval. This information will then be sent to the ABC Treasurer. The purse shall be figured by the ABC Treasurer. Checks shall be made out for the correct amounts to the Nominating Breeder designated on the Litter Nomination and the Primary Owner designated on the Final Forfeit. Purse checks will be mailed by the Treasurer with win letters provided by the Futurity Secretary, after results are received by the Futurity Chairman and verified for eligibility. In a case where the recipient of the award cannot be located, the award shall revert to the ABC Futurity program. The ABC Treasurer shall pay for Futurity expenses billed directly to ABC, such as trophies, judges' gifts, etc.)

All purse winnings are made to the NOMINATING BREEDER AND PRIMARY OWNER as declared on the Futurity Litter Nomination and Final Forfeit.

Host club(s) should prepare a proposed budget and submit it to the Futurity Chairman for approval. **Remember to strive to make the trial and show worthy of the classification of a National ABC event, while staying cautious of your budget.**

The Section Manager and Section Secretary are eligible to compete in the event as are dogs they bred or co-own. However, if they plan on competing, they should not be involved with the selection or hiring of the judges for the show and/or field depending on which venues they will be competing in.

SECTIONAL FUTURITY MANAGER DUTIES

1. The section manager shall have full responsibility for the running of the show and field trial subject to the ABC rules and subject to the authority of the Futurity Chairman.
2. He shall appoint a sectional futurity secretary who shall receive all final field and show entries.
3. He shall appoint a show chairman and a trial chairman. If they so desire, they may serve in the capacity of chairman of either or both events.
4. During the running of the event, they shall be in contact with the Futurity Chairman or any Futurity committee member if the chairman is unavailable to answer any questions which may arise.

SECTIONAL FUTURITY SECRETARY DUTIES

1. He must ensure that the selected Judges (field and show) have a copy of the ABC Futurity Standard of Performance at least a month prior to the events.
2. He shall receive the final entries and fees and confirm receipt of entries to participants. Entries shall close at least a week before the event is held.
3. All entries must be checked for eligibility with the listing supplied by the Futurity Secretary.
4. Any irregular entries should be checked with the Futurity Chairman and/or Futurity Secretary.
5. Any entries sent in error to the Futurity Secretary shall be honored if received before the closing date.
6. At the close of entries, the Sectional Futurity Secretary shall inform the Futurity Secretary of the number of entries in each event (Gun Dog, All-Age, and Show) and send all checks to the ABC Treasurer for deposit. It is recommended for the sectional futurity secretary to make photocopies of all checks prior to mailing.
7. The ABC Futurity Committee will provide a catalog template. This template is to be used as it includes important standard Futurity information as well as information on our sponsors.
8. When the show and trial begin, the Sectional Futurity Secretary shall perform such duties as normally fall to a field trial and/or show secretary.
9. IMPORTANT things to remember: Be sure you have the correct name of the owner on all money winners, show and field. Remember to check the AKC, CKC, registration number on all placing dogs. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES may any of these dogs start without an AKC, CKC registration number. This is the responsibility of the Sectional Secretary and/or Section Manager.
10. Within twenty (20) days of the completion of the futurity, the Sectional Futurity Secretary must send the following to the Futurity Secretary including Field and Show results also sent to the ABC Statistician:
    - All entry forms.
    - two (2) marked copies of the show catalog; with the template provided to the host club by the futurity committee.
    - one marked copy of the show judge's book that does not contain exhibitor information with the template provided to the host club by the futurity committee.
    - field trial results, signed by the field trial judges, and using the ABC Field Trial Form to include the breeder's information attached.

- full financial report to the ABC Futurity Secretary.
- write-ups for the All-Age, Gun Dog stakes and the Show.
- pictures for All-Age, Gun Dog, and Show (photos needed are: group and individual photos of all winners for show and field plus the Dual Award winner).

11. The sponsoring club is responsible for sending results photos and write-up to the ABC Futurity Secretary. These results must be sent within twenty (20) days of the completion of your event. After twenty (20) days, a penalty, as determined by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1) will be assessed the sponsoring club. Other clubs may assist, but one club will be held accountable for each sectional futurity.

FUTURITY BUDGET

Sectional Host Clubs must run the Futurity trial and show from the entry fees received. The budget shall be based on the current fees established by the Board of Directors for each field entry and each show entry. *(It is recommended to estimate the amount by taking 60-70% of the number of those who pay the Final forfeit. This shall be supplied by the Futurity Secretary after the forfeit deadline.)* The Futurity Secretary will provide the Sectional Futurity host clubs with previous year futurity budgets to use as a guide for budget planning.

Premium printing/mailing costs, judge's gifts and trophies cost are to be paid for by the ABC **but** will be included as expenses in the final settlement.

The sectional host club shall submit a claim for the expenses to the ABC Treasurer for reimbursement. Major expenses such as Judges Expenses, Grounds and show site rental, horse rental for Judges, birds, etc. must be documented by a receipt or other appropriate documentation.

FUTURITY EXPENSES

Both field and show judges should be paid travel expenses to and from the futurity, if the budget will allow. It has always been the judge's decision as to method of travel with the club picking up airfare or if driving; give them the option of reimbursement of actual expense (gas, lodging, and per diem for meals) or a flat fee. Some show judges set a flat rate that covers travel as well as the fee. If the field or show judges selected are on the grounds to judge or compete at the sectional trial or show, before or after the futurity, travel and judges expenses should be pro-rated. It is recommended that the club have a written agreement with judges (both show & field) outlining their estimated expenses and establishing the maximum amount allowable.

Section manager, show and field trial secretaries all fall into the same category. They should be left to the various individuals for reimbursement. They may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses if they request it. No personal expenses. All expenses must have receipts.

FUTURITY DATES

The futurities are to be held during the spring season, just before or after a regional trial. Both field events (all age and gun dog) will be offered. They may be run simultaneously or to follow at the host clubs' discretion. They

cannot conflict with the Futurity Show. It should be kept in mind that some amateur handlers involved may find a mid -week competition difficult.

The choice of dates should hinge on the time the best grounds can be obtained, the optimum conditions for trialing and the time that will draw the best entry. Dates for the futurities are subject to approval of the Futurity Committee after they are cleared by the Regional Dates Coordinator and then the National Dates Coordinator.

GROUNDS

The locations should be as well distributed as possible. The Eastern futurity includes the east coast and east central regions. The Central is for central and Midwest regions. And the Western for the west coast regions. It is not advisable to have the eastern on the west side of the area the same year the central is held on the east edge of their territory.

Native birds should be available enough to allow for proper running of continuous courses, if possible. They may be supplemented with released birds in such an approved manner as to reasonably ensure birds on every course and in as natural a condition as possible. Birds cannot be hobbled or shackled. Should the bird population prove too low for proper judging, a second series with planted birds may be run at the discretion of the judges.

See duties of the Futurity Chairman and Section Manager for procedures for obtaining and approving grounds.

JUDGES SELECTION

Judges should be carefully selected, and the choice made of top judges that the Sectional Host Club's budget will allow**.** The "Standard of Performance for Brittany Futurity" must be sent to the selected judges for the sectional futurity (field & show) at least a month prior to the event, and the dogs should be judged according to those criteria. **Judges should be those who recognize a class dog, because in this event dogs with future potential to improve the breed should be selected.** A judge may not officiate in more than one sectional futurity, field and/or show in the same year. If qualified, the same judge may be used for the field and show event.

**No judge should have an interest by virtue of ownership, co-ownership, of sire, dam, immediate siblings, any dogs that are eligible to compete, (or an involved stud) in a futurity event that they are asked to judge. Breeders of eligible litters may not be selected. Individuals and/or handlers may not run/show a dog under a judge whom they have had trained and or/handled by that particular judge before the futurity event. For all other questions of eligibility, the ABC rules apply. The choice of judges must be approved by the Futurity Committee. If the judges selected are also on the grounds to judge the regional trial before or after the futurity, travel expenses should be pro-rated. Every effort must be made to have receipts for reimbursed expenses.

Since the final choice of judges must be approved by the Futurity Committee, the host club must submit a list of prospective judges to the Futurity Chairman before asking that judge for a commitment.

*It is preferable to have separate judges for All Age and Gun Dog field events; however, in the case of very few entries and limited entry fees to pay expenses, the same judges may judge both the All Age and Gun Dog Field Events.

STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE ABC FUTURITIES

The ABC Futurities, Field and Show are run under the rules of the American Brittany Club Futurity Program and shall be judged on the Standard of Performance adopted by the ABC Board of Directors.

THE JUDGING OF THE ABC FIELD FUTURITY

ABC Futurity Field stakes (All-Age and Gun Dog) will run under AKC special derby rules.

ALL- AGE (Optional Horseback)

All-Age futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into Champion All Age Brittanys. The All-Age dog is a free spirit and fills up all the available country (plus a little more) in a bold and sometimes reckless manner, yet ultimately acknowledges the control exerted by his handler and courses to the front in such a pattern as to maintain periodic suitable contact with the handler. The judges should examine the total performance of the dog with range being kept foremost in mind. Range is the essential ingredient of an All-Age dog and it should take precedence over and not be compromised for a shorter performance no matter how immaculate the bird work of the latter. The dog must respond to the handler but shall not be penalized for being more independent than an adult dog. A dog that handles at the extreme edges of the course shall be preferred over one that needs a scout to keep him on course, but both shall be preferred over a dog that does not have sufficient range for an All-Age dog. The All-Age dog shall hunt the forward limits of the course with intelligence, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds. When birds are located, the dog should point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished All-Age manner.

GUN DOG (Foot Handled Only/Scout Optional Horseback)

Gun Dog futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into Champion Gun Dog Brittanys. They shall exhibit a keen desire to hunt, a bold attractive style, intelligence in seeking objectives, eagerness and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds. When birds are located, the dog should point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence and consistency of application in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished Gun Dog manner, indicating their future potential as a high-class Gun Dog. Throughout the brace, a Gun Dog must adjust his pace and range to prevailing cover conditions. When the cover is heavy and tight, he will naturally hunt closer. When the cover "opens up" he should naturally adjust to the opportunity to hunt more distant, inviting objectives that may be productive. Natural adaptability is the mark of a superb bird dog, and excessive calling or hacking by the handler to accomplish satisfactory ranging - either closer or wider - is detracting from the dog's performance. The dog must cover adequate ground but should never range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a class Gun Dog.

FUTURITY TRIAL PROCEDURE

The stake**s** are not recognized by the AKC but are run under the ABC. It shall be judged on the “Standard of performance” adopted by the ABC Board of Directors. Braces shall be ½ hour; if a second series is necessary, it is at the judges' discretion as to the length of time and the use of wild or planted birds. Since this is not an AKC event, the five minutes out of judgment rule does not have to be applied, and the judges so advised.

The drawing may be conducted as a straight from the hat procedure if you desire with the following exceptions. All bitches in heat should be declared before the drawing. The rest of the field is drawn and then the bitches in heat are drawn. If an uneven number should require that the fist bitch be run with the last dog from the regular draw, and such dog is a male, that male shall be switched with the last female in the regular draw. If this should result in handler conflict the next to the last female in the regular draw shall be switched instead, etc.

In the case of scratches, the field trial committee shall determine and announce before the running whether dogs shall be run alone or moved down to the next incomplete brace. In the case of bitches that come in heat after the stake has commenced, they shall be dropped down to the last brace. In case of any places being withheld, the money awards for those places shall revert to The ABC's general fund.

There shall be four places awarded. Placements should be awarded to the “BEST DOGS” in the stake. Finding birds on the course should be primary concern, however as these field events are conducted under rules of the AKC.

FUTURITY REPORTERS

The reporter for each field stake may be someone who is running a dog in that particular stake and must ride every brace. It is recommended that at the conclusion of the running of the field events, each stake reporter confers with both judges, if needed, to have an accurate account of what the judges observed during that event. It is preferred that the reporter is secured prior to the event’s running. Reporters may be paid a flat fee, as approved by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1), per stake for their report. This is at the discretion of the host club.

BRACING

The closing date and the date of the drawing will be listed on the premium for each Sectional Futurity. In case of scratches after the drawing, the field trial committee shall determine and announce before the running whether dogs shall be run alone or moved down to the next incomplete brace. All stakes should be so arranged that if at all possible, no more than one bye dog is drawn or run.

In the case of bitches in season: A bitch is not declared in season until the day it is scheduled to run. The bitch must be inspected by the field trial committee designee (typically an on-site vet) the morning it is scheduled to run, to be determined if it is in season. If it is declared in season, then it is dropped to the bottom of the running order and either paired with a bitch or run as a bye dog if no open brace exists.

BLANK PISTOL

The use of firearms is permitted in accordance with AKC guidelines.

TRACKING COLLARS

The use of tracking collars is permitted in accordance with AKC guidelines.

THE JUDGING OF THE ABC SHOW FUTURITY

Show classes shall be divided by sex, and there are three groups of classes: Senior (dogs whelped January - April), Intermediate (dogs whelped May - August), and Junior (dogs whelped September - December). There are 6 money placements awarded at the Futurity Show. The top 3 males and top 3 females are awarded First Money, Second Money, and Third Money in that order. First Money Male and First Money Female then compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity. Equal consideration is to be given to each of the classes regarding money placements, and then for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite in Futurity realizing that the more youthful dogs will be less mature and provided those points of immaturity are normal and appropriate for the breed at that time in development, they should not be penalized. Judges are not to anticipate what the dogs will look like in the future. Instead they are asked to judge the Futurity to the best of their ability, following the current published American Brittany breed standard, EXCEPT no dogs are to be measured at the Futurity Show. The judge should be instructed not to penalize dogs for being in field condition as many of the entries are entered in both the field and the show events. The decision of the judge is final in all matters pertaining to the show procedure and presentation of all dogs.

GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR THE FUTURITY SHOW

The AKC rules for Dog Shows applies to the Futurity events unless contrary to the provisions of the ABC Futurity program.

The Futurity Show Judge is to be familiar with the AKC Brittany standard. It is recommended**,** but not required, that the judge should have attended the ABC Judges Education seminar within the last 5 years.

Encourage equal consideration be given to each of the classes regarding Best Male in Futurity and Best Female in Futurity realizing that the more youthful dogs will be less mature**;** and provided those points of immaturity are normal and appropriate for the breed at that time in development, they should not be penalized.

Judges are not to anticipate what the dogs will look like in the future. Instead, they are asked to judge the Futurity to the best of your ability, following the Brittany breed standard.

The judge should be instructed not to penalize dogs for being in field shape as many of the entries are entered in both the field and the show events. No dogs are to be measured in the Futurity Show.

Show classes shall be divided by sex

ORDER OF CLASSES TO BE RUN

Junior Males	Males born September/December
Intermediate Males	Males born May/August
Senior Males	Males born January/April

WINNERS

The winners of the three (3) preceding classes are judged against each other and the best male is chosen, then the second best (chosen like reserve winner at a regular show) and then third best (chosen like a second reserve winner) The rule to follow is that after the judge chooses his winner, the dog that placed next below the winner is brought

into the ring to compete with the two unplaced dogs. There shall always be three (3) dogs in competition. The three (3) top males receive money prizes.

Bitches are judged in the same order as the males were judged.

Best & Best of Opposite in Futurity: the 1st Money Male and 1st Money Female compete for this award.

Be sure the judge marks his book and that absentees are noted (or marked "ABS" or "DNS") and all winners noted. The judge must sign the results sheet and two marked catalogs in use during the competition.

It is recommended that the person in charge of the show should have conducted an AKC licensed show. It has been the custom to use an AKC licensed judge, a Brittany breeder or a professional show handler.

The Futurity show may be held indoors on the trial grounds or wherever appropriate space is available.

The judge is not to see the show catalog containing the registration information of participants before or during judging. A blank judge's book must be used. A template is available from the Futurity Committee.

FUTURITY STEWARDS

Two persons are needed, one to check dogs into the ring and one to pass out armbands, round up participants and answer questions.

TROPHIES

The Futurity Secretary is responsible for acquiring all trophies and ribbons**.** They shall be uniform for all sectional futurities. The trophies and ribbons will be sent to the Sectional Futurity Secretary before the event in a timely manner.

FIELD

Rosettes for four places, the usual colors, without the AKC seal, and a trophy for each placement.

SHOW

Purple and gold rosette for BEST IN FUTURITY
Red and white rosette for BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX.
Green rosette for DUAL FUTURITY
Six sets of ribbons (or rosettes) 1st thru 4th, regular colors: blue, red, yellow and white
Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 2nd place male
Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 2nd place female
Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 3rd place male
Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 3rd place female

Any futurity trophies/ribbons, not awarded, must be returned to the Futurity Secretary.

ABC FUTURITY DUAL AWARD

The dual futurity winner in each section will receive 5% of the gross purse for that section, divided 2/3 to the owner and 1/3 to the breeder. For a dog to be eligible for a sectional futurity Dual Dog Award, points must be won in both the show and the field futurity events, by defeating dogs. The point schedule is set by the ABC Board of Directors and found in the ABC Policy Book.

DUAL FUTURITY AWARD POINT SYSTEM

The dual futurity winner in each section will receive 5% of the gross purse for that section, divided 2/3 to the primary owner and 1/3 to the nominal breeder. If no dual futurity winner is named, the 5% will revert back into the ABC Administration Fee.

All purse winnings are paid out 2/3 to the primary owner and 1/3 to the nominating breeder.

Any winnings designated and not awarded shall revert back to into the ABC Administration Fee.

Points must be won in both bench and field futurity events for a dog to be eligible for that sectional futurity dual dog award. Any winnings designated above and not awarded shall revert back to the ABC Administration Fee.

SHOW	
Best in Futurity	6 points
Best of Opposite Sex	5 points
2nd Male Money	4 points
2nd Female Money	4 points
3rd Male Money	3 points
3rd Female Money	3 points
1st in any class	2 points
2nd in any class	1 point
3rd in any class	½ point
4th in any class	¼ point
EXCEPT that if	
2 entries in a class 1st in class	¼ point
3 entries in a class1st in class	½ point
2nd in class	¼ point
4 entries in class	
1st in class	1 point
2nd in class	½ point
3rd in class	¼ point

FIELD (ALL AGE & GUN DOG)	
1st place	6 points
2nd place	5 points
3rd place	4 points
4th place	3 points

Points may be counted for only one award in the best (the highest received)

In case of a tie, Multiple Dual awards will be presented. Dual award prize money will be split between the winners and an additional trophy and ribbon will be provided at a later date.

Points must be won in both bench and field futurity events for a dog to be eligible for that sectional futurity dual award.

A dog cannot win points for getting a ribbon in a class or stake unless he defeats at least one dog.

PURSE

The base purse constitutes the litter nominations, less all secretary expenses, incurred up to the closing of the final forfeit. The base purse will be divided equally among the three sections holding futurities and divided in each section in the following manner: 1/3-all age, 1/3-gun dog and 1/3 show.

The final forfeits due on October 1st shall be allocated to the designated section and event for which paid and added to the base purse. This is called the total purse. Field forfeits will be allocated based on ratio of event entry (i.e.: ratio of All Age to Gun Dog). After the deduction of a 10% Administration Fee for the ABC, the balance will constitute the gross purse for that section.

The gross purse will be allocated based on the ratio of event entries (i.e: ratio of all age, gun dog) after the 5% deduction from the purse for the Dual Dog Award for that section. All expenses for the preparation and running of the event will be covered by the starting fees. Purse winnings will be paid to the recipients by the ABC Treasurer, after verification by the Futurity Secretary, and approval from the Futurity Chairman.

In the field the division of the purse shall be 40% for first, 30% for second, 20% for third and 10% for fourth.

In the show the division of the purse shall be:
Best in Futurity 40%
Best of Opposite Sex 30%
2nd place male (and female) 10%
3rd place male (and female) 5%

Any winnings designated and not awarded shall revert to the ABC Administration Fee.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The ABC retains a 10% administration fee from each Futurity running year purse to cover general expenses of the Futurity program. Expenses that are not specific at a running year or cannot be reasonably allocated to a specific running year will be considered an administrative expense. The Futurity Chair will pre-approve any administrative expenses.

FUTURITY PURSE CHECKS

The purse shall be figured by the ABC Treasurer. Checks shall be made out for the correct amounts to the Nominating Breeder designated on the Litter Nomination and the Primary Owner designated on the Final Forfeit. Purse checks will be mailed by the Treasurer with win letters provided by the Futurity Secretary, after results are received by the Futurity Chairman and verified for eligibility.

FUTURITY FUNDRAISING

All ABC sponsored events i.e. Futurities, Summer Specialty Show, National Specialty Show, Open All Age Championship. Amateur All Age Championship, Gun Dog National Championships, and Classics or any other events as may arise, coordinate activities related to fundraising with the National Fundraising Committee and submit all anticipated and contacted solicitation and donor lists to the chairman of that committee. (2000)

Vendors will not be allowed to conduct auctions and/or raffles at ABC events. (2000) Exception: Brittany (Rescue Organizations) (2002)

PROTESTS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY or MISCONDUCT

Any protest regarding eligibility or misconduct is handled by the Host Club Committee with regard to notification.

Junior Handler Awards

There will be a Junior Handler award in both the field and the show categories. To be eligible, the Junior or one of their parents/guardians must be a full member of the American Brittany Club. For all the events the junior, must compete with a Brittany that is owned or co-owned by the Junior Handler or a member of the Junior Handler's family who is a member in good standing of the ABC (father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, grandmother, including step and half relations). For all Junior Awards, in the case of a tie multiple awards will be presented.

Show Junior Handler: The Show Junior Handler points will be tabulated on the number of handlers defeated in AKC Junior Handler events. This is based on the AKC Junior Handler Rankings.

Field Junior Handler: The Field junior will get 5 points for every event in which they participate per dog. This includes AKC Field Trials, Hunt Tests, NVDHA, and NSTRA. A form must be signed by judges or event secretary indicating their participation in the event and the name of the dog they competed with. The Junior must compete in at least 4 events during the calendar year to be eligible for this award.

Performance Junior Handler: The Performance Junior will get 5 points for every event in which they participate per dog. This includes all AKC performance events that Brittanys are eligible to compete in (obedience, rally, agility, fly-ball, barn hunt, etc.). A form must be signed by judge(s) or event secretary indicating their participation in the event and the name of the dog they competed with. The Junior must compete in at least 4 events during the calendar year to be eligible for this award.

JUNIOR HANDLER COMMITTEE DUTIES

The committee is to encourage and assist young people in the handling of field dogs in the sport of field trialing by promoting the holding of Junior Handler's Stakes of National stature in each region each year. If this is not possible, the stake should be in a different region each year.

1. Applications from Regional Brittany Clubs wishing to host the stake should be submitted to the committee one year in advance of the running of the stake.

2. The committee will act on the applications as prescribed above.

3. Each chairman shall keep a file of the activities of the year to pass on to the next succeeding chairman. The file shall be handed to the President at the Nationals to be passed to the next appointee. If such a file is not received, check with the last chairman. If no file is available, start one.

4. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting. (1992)

THE JUNIOR HANDLER'S STAKE

OBJECTIVE

To establish a competition which shall encourage and assist in the training of young people in the handling of field dogs and to introduce them to a healthy recreation which they can pursue and enjoy during their adult years.

STAKE RULES

Eligibility
Anyone sponsored by a member of the ABC who, in the opinion of the Field Trial Committee of the trial giving club, qualifies as a Novice Junior Handler.

Novice Junior Handler: Anyone that has not reached his or her sixteenth (16th) birthday on the opening day of the trial. The handler must not be a son or daughter of a PROFESSIONAL FIELD TRIAL TRAINER or of any helper or assistant to such professional. Anyone who assists a professional field trial trainer or who has handled and placed a dog first, second, third, or fourth, in an Open All Age Stake at a licensed trial shall not be eligible to qualify as a Novice Junior Handler.

Dog Eligibility
Any Brittanys that meet AKC field trial requirements may be entered by a Novice Junior Handler. There is no age restriction on the dog so entered nor is there any requirement that the dog be owned or trained by the novice junior handler.

Stake
The stake shall be run over a single course not to exceed thirty (30) minutes duration, eight (8) minutes of which shall be devoted to game birds. Handling shall be on foot, judging on foot or on horseback.

Basis of Judgment
The primary basis of judgment shall be the handler's ability to handle his dog. The handler may enter a puppy, derby, un-broke or broke all age dog. Each age group shall be braced together with puppies running first. The judges shall be informed of the age group of the dog and if the dog is broken to wing and shot. The handler shall be under judgment and not the performance of the dog.

Judges
Anyone qualified in the opinion of the field trial committee of the trial-giving club may judge this stake except that the judge shall not be a relative of any of the handler/s or own a dog in the stake.

Awards
A suitable rotating trophy shall be awarded to the winner of this stake, to be retained for one year or until the next running of the stake, whichever is the shorter period. A replica of the trophy shall be awarded for permanent retention. Second, third and fourth shall be awarded suitable trophies for permanent retention. Ribbons shall be awarded to all placements in this event.

Place
Any member Brittany Club may apply to the ABC by letter requesting permission to sponsor the Novice Junior Handler’s Stake. The application should be submitted one year in advance of the running of the stake. The Junior Handler’s Committee shall act on applications. There shall only be one National Junior Handler Stake each year, rotated region to region if possible.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP - TOP TEN

The point system for Junior Showmanship is based on one (1) point for each Junior Handler that is beaten in competition. It is not necessary to win your class or go BEST JUNIOR HANDLER to accumulate points. (Examples: You place first in a class of 12, you get 11 points. You place fourth in a class of 10, you get 6 points. You go Best Junior Handler with a total of 23 entries, you get 22 points).

There are two traveling trophies. One trophy is held by the Junior Handler who accumulates the most points overall. The second trophy is held by the Junior Handler who is awarded the most BEST JUNIOR HANDLER awards. In order for a Junior Handler to get credit for a BEST JUNIOR HANDLER award, there must be competition. It is possible for the same Junior Handler to win both awards.

The calculating year runs from July 1 of one year to June 30 of the next year. Information is obtained from the AKC Gazette Awards. After verification, certificates are made for the overall TOP TEN Junior Handlers. The trophies are retrieved from the former winners for engraving and are sent to the current winners. We try to give as many awards as possible at the National Specialty Show based on who is entered at the show. The winning Junior Handlers are offered the opportunity to write a short article for the "American Brittany" magazine.

A raffle item at the National Specialty Show helps to raise the funds to help defray the costs of the program.

THE JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP STATISTICIAN DUTIES

1. Compile the records on a monthly basis from the AKC Gazette Awards.

2. Verify the information with the top Junior Handlers.

3. Prepare the certificates and have the trophies engraved after retrieving them from the previous winners. See that the winning Junior Handlers receive their certificates and trophies.

4. Prepare a winner's chart for publication in the "American Brittany" magazine.

5. Maintain a current mailing list with birth dates, so the Junior Handlers will receive a premium to participate in the National Specialty Show.

6. If birth dates are available, send a birthday card to each Junior Handler on his/her eighteenth birthday with congratulations on a good Junior Handler career and wishing them Best of Luck in future endeavors.

Junior Achievement Award

The Junior Achievement Award is designed to recognize young people for their varied interests with Brittanys, and to encourage well-rounded participation in all facets of dog ownership. An award will be given each year by the American Brittany Club to the one junior who in the eyes of the American Brittany Club Board of Directors most fulfills its basic premise.

The award will be presented at the American Brittany Club National Specialty. The Junior Achievement Award Chairman will be responsible for publicizing this Award and for soliciting applications. The Chair will review all applications and will send the resumes to the Board Liaison for Board distribution and decision. A plaque will be purchased and engraved with the name of the winner.

The Junior Achievement Award will be chaired by a Presidential appointee.

Qualifications:

1. The junior must be between 10 and 18 years of age for the year being nominated.
2. The junior or, his/her parents must be a member in good standing of the ABC.
3. Consideration will be given to any dog-related activity with a Brittany, such as, but not limited to:

    a) Any AKC event: conformation, obedience, tracking, agility, field trials or hunting tests.

    b) Any academic endeavor such as term papers on the history of the Brittany or school assembly speech on purebred dog ownership.

    c) Community service, such as nursing home visits, volunteering for rescue, etc.

The junior, or his/her sponsor, must submit to the Junior Achievement Chairman by September 1 a written account of the junior's qualifications and accomplishments for the previous calendar year.

Where applicable, copies of titles, certificates, grades, letters of appreciation, etc., should be submitted with the nomination to verify authenticity.

Emphasis will be on excellence in a broad spectrum of activities.

Except in very unusual circumstances, a junior may win this award only once.

Nominations should be sent to the Junior Achievement Award Chairman by September 1 of each year.

Young Sportsman Scholarship Fund (2013)

The purpose of the American Brittany Club Young Sportsman Scholarship Fund is to help fund expenses of junior members of our club who exhibit dogs in AKC dog events through stipends and scholarships. An annual secondary education scholarship may be offered to deserving juniors. The American Brittany Club, in an effort to support our Junior Members in continuing their post-secondary education as well as their involvement with the ABC, offers scholarships to its deserving Junior Members. This fund is geared to benefit junior members who participate in ALL venues of AKC events in which Brittanys are eligible to compete. The Young Sportsman is a unique individual. This special person can balance school and the sport of dogs. This individual is a full-time student in school and participates in conformation and performance events for Brittanys. The variety of the activities is important. Stipends and scholarships will be awarded to the Young Sportsmen who have demonstrated outstanding characteristics in these areas. The primary goal of the program is to promote and encourage juniors to participate in the sport of American Kennel Club purebred dog events with Brittanys, as well as to become active in the American Brittany Club and regional Brittany Clubs, and to promote a continuing interest and plans for future involvement with the Brittany Breed.

Scholarship Committee:

1. Young Sportsman Scholarship Committee Chairperson.
2. ABC Member from each region

Young Sportsman Scholarship:

The ABC will determine the number of annual secondary education scholarships based on available funds but shall not exceed three scholarships each in an amount as determined by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1). Students must complete the ABC Youth Sportsman scholarship application and send it, along with a letter of recommendation from two members in good standing of the ABC and a copy of their school transcripts to the Scholarship Committee Chair who will then forward copies of the application to the members of the Scholarship Committee for review no later than March first of each calendar year. Final recommendations of the committee will be forwarded to the Board of Directors of the ABC and will be announced at the Board of Directors meeting. The Young Sportsman Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified of their award and the award presentation shall be made at a National ABC event. Monies will be sent directly to the school of the Young Sportsman's choice to be used for books or tuition.

The criteria for awarding scholarships include the following:

1. Applicant's need
2. Applicant's academic achievement and potential
3. Applicant and/or Applicant's family must be a member of the ABC.
4. Applicant's involvement in the sport of purebred dogs.
5. Applicant must be active with a Brittany in the American Brittany Club
6. They must attend at least 2 club functions per year.
7. Applicant must demonstrate a "B" average.
8. Applicant must have acceptable attendance in school. (Juniors with poor attendance in school do not show a commitment to school and will not be considered for scholarships or stipends that may be paid for time spent away from school.)
9. They must complete the Young Sportsman scholarship application.
10. Letters of recommendation: All letters should be a brief overview of why they recommend the Young Sportsman for this scholarship. Choose either option A or B:

A. Nominated by letters of recommendation from two (2) AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB members not in the same household.
B. Nominated by letters from one (1) AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB and two (2) additional letters from any of the following, a teacher, advisor, or person of religious affirmation.

Young Sportsman Stipends to attend select events

The Young Sportsman Scholarship Committee determines criteria for dispersing funds to individuals. Juniors will be eligible for one stipend per year in an amount as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), to attend such important shows as National Specialties, National Championships, Westminster, Eukanuba National Championship, and other same important events. Proof that the junior has participated is necessary to access money from the fund. No more than 2 stipends a year will be awarded.

The criteria for awarding stipends include the following:

- Applicant and/or Applicant's family must be a member of the ABC
- Applicant's involvement in the sport of purebred dogs.
- Applicant must be an active member in the American Brittany Club
- They must attend at least 2 club functions per year.
- Applicant must demonstrate a "B" average.
- Applicant must have acceptable attendance in school. (Juniors with poor attendance in school do not show a commitment to school and will not be considered for stipends that may be paid for time spent away from school.)
- They must complete the Young Sportsman stipend application.

Young Sportsman Stipend recipients are asked to submit a brief report (and photos if possible) within 60 days of the event detailing their experience at the event.

Funding:

This scholarship is funded by the American Brittany Club and its members. The amount will not exceed an amount as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), annually.

The American Brittany Club (2013)

Application for Young Sportsman Scholarship Program

1. Name: _____
2. Home Address:_____

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3. Telephone: _____E-Mail: _____
4. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
5. High School or Institute you currently attend: _____
6. Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____
7. Have you ever been on probation, suspended or dismissed from school? _____
   If yes, explain (on a separate sheet).
8. Have you ever been suspended or investigated by the American Kennel Club? _____
   If yes, explain (on a separate sheet).
9. Clubs you belong to besides the ABC :_____

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10. Significant accomplishments in the sport of dogs: _____
11. Other accomplishments, academic, extracurricular, community or other: _____

    _____
12. To which Post-Secondary Institution have you been accepted/applied? _____

    _____
13. How long have you been actively involved in the ABC? _____

    _____
14. In essay form answer the following questions.

    a) Looking ahead to your future, write a one-page essay on how you expect your experience and involvement with your Brittany and American Brittany Clubs has impacted and may impact your life?

    b) Tell us how involved you have been, personally, in the care and training of your Brittany, and how those responsibilities will help you in other areas of your life including your continuing education.

15. Other than your sponsors, name any ABC members with whom you have interacted.

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16. Have two (2) current AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB members not in the same household or one (1) AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB and two (2) additional letters from any of the following, a teacher, advisor or person of religious affirmation. Members in good standing write brief recommendations on your behalf (on a separate sheet).

Submit your completed application to (COMMITTEE CHAIR) no later than August 1st.

I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any false or concealed information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my scholarship. Furthermore, I hereby authorize the scholarship committee of the American Brittany Club to communicate with the Financial Aid office at the university necessary in regards my application. If additional information or documentation is requested of me, I shall be pleased to furnish it. All scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school attending.

Signature_____ Date_____

Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our website? □ Yes □ No
Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our Facebook? □ Yes □ No

I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand any false information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my scholarship; furthermore, I hereby authorize the Scholarship Committee of the ABC to communicate with the financial aid officer or guidance counselor if necessary in regard to my application. If additional information or documentation is required of me, I shall be pleased to furnish it.

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the Institution of Higher Education.

Junior Signature: _____

Parent(s) / Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age):

_____

Parent's/Guardian Signature (**required for participation**)
We would like to confirm this information with your parent/guardian. Please provide a phone number and the name of your parent so we may obtain permission to contact you and post on the website.

Parent/guardian Name _____ Telephone _____

Thank you for participating in the ABC Young Sportsman Scholarship

Mail completed form and additional documentation to:
COMMITTEE CHAIR, ADDRESS....

American Brittany Club Young Sportsman Stipend (2013)

As a junior member of the ABC, you may be eligible for stipends to support your active participation in AKC events.

Fill out the following information and submit it with the required documentation to apply.

Name:	Date of birth		
Mailing address:	Telephone:		
City	State	Zip	**Required Documentation:** School Transcripts
E-mail Address			

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□$250 stipend event:	Date: _____
Dog you will compete with: _____	

Registered names of dog(s) you compete with & the venues in which you participate. Also list what titles and/or points have you personally put on the dog(s) you have listed? (On a separate sheet)

Essay (1-2 pages): write a brief essay including a description of your experiences and interests in pure bred dogs; also include what you perceive as your future role in the fancy

Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our website? Yes No
Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our Facebook? Yes No

I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand any false information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my stipend; furthermore, if additional information or documentation is required of me, I shall be pleased to furnish it.

Junior Signature: _____

Parent(s) / Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age):

_____
Parent's/Guardian Signature required for participation**.**

We would like to confirm this information with your parent/guardian. Please provide a phone number and the name of your parent so we may obtain permission to contact you and post stats on the website. *All information other than AKC junior stats will remain strictly confidential.*

ABC DOG HALL OF FAME

The selection of dogs to the ABC Hall of Fame used to be done by popular vote of the membership. Names were submitted to an Old-timers' committee who made selections based on ability, both in performance and in production records. To be ABC Hall of Fame material, the dog must have made more than just a splash in his local area - his splash should have made ripples that reached over the whole country -- or at least a good part of it. Some wins (or competition) in national events were desirable. Number of times run contrasted to number of wins was also considered. It is important that a ABC Hall of Fame dog has been of benefit to the breed. The number of winning progeny may not be as important as their quality, for instance.

From 1973 until 1975 there were no additions to the Hall of Fame due to a lack of interest in the members of the ABC. DC Doctor Joe of Kaymore 1977 was the last dog selected to the Hall of Fame by popular vote of the membership. In 1978 the Board of Directors adopted a new system for selection to the Hall of Fame. That system was revised at the 1984 Board of Directors annual meeting. The current system has the following rules and procedures:

ABC DOG HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE RULES AND POLICIES

SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND GENERAL CRITERIA

The purpose of the American Brittany Club Hall of Fame shall be to bring recognition and honor to dogs and bitches of the breed which have been outstanding in their contributions to the development and perpetuation of the Brittany in the United States. All nominees shall be animals that knowledgeable breeders will look for in pedigrees when establishing or improving breeding programs, in that they epitomized the dual ideal of the breed, achieved national recognition from Brittany fanciers for their show and trial (field or obedience) abilities through successful competition on a multi- regional or national level, and/or produced a high average of progeny from different sires or dams that were generally acknowledged as being of extraordinary quality.

SECTION 2: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2.1 The ABC Hall of Fame Committee shall be a rotating, standing committee consisting of two (2) persons appointed from each region of the ABC who are active or life members, in good standing, of the ABC and who reside in the region from which they are selected.

2.2 The President, 1st Vice President, 3rd Vice President, and statistician shall be members-ex-officio of this committee.

2.3 The appointed members of the committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. In appointing members to this committee, consideration shall be given to persons who were active in ABC during the time the nominees were alive.

2.4 Each appointment of a committee member shall be for a term of five (5) years except in the case of a vacancy in which case the appointment shall be for the period of the unexpired term. The five (5) year terms of two (2) members shall expire each year. Nothing shall prevent a person from serving consecutive terms or from holding any other office while serving on this committee.

2.5 Each appointed member and the President shall have one vote in each committee matter requiring a vote. The 1st Vice President, 3rd Vice President, and the statistician shall have no vote.

2.6 Each year the President shall designate a chairman from among the appointed members of the committee.

2.7 No members or members-ex-officio of the committee shall be eligible to vote in reference to any animal that they, anyone residing in their household or any members of their immediate family (the immediate family as defined in AKC regulations) have bred, owned or campaigned during its lifetime.

2.8 It shall be the responsibility of this committee to investigate all nominees to the Hall of Fame and evaluate all information obtained. The committee's investigation shall include direct communication with current or former ABC members of experience and repute in regions of the nominee's origin, ownership and major exhibition.

2.8 The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, may remove, with or without cause, any appointed member of the committee.

2.9 It shall be the duty of the ABC Hall of Fame (Dog) chairperson to furnish the Magazine Chair with a biography to be published in the ABC Magazine of the dog/s elected each year to the ABC Hall of Fame. (2015)

SECTION 3: QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION

Any Brittany registered with AKC and meeting the general criteria set forth in Section 1 is eligible to be nominated for election to the ABC Hall of Fame during a fifteen (15) year period beginning on the first day of the year following the year of death.

SECTION 4: NOMINATION PROCEDURE

4.1 Any member in good standing of the ABC may nominate one (1) or more Brittanys, which qualify for nomination under Section 3, for election to the ABC Hall of Fame by submitting a prescribed nomination form to the executive secretary setting forth the history of the Brittany nominated, his or her extraordinary progeny and the reasons for nomination.

4.2 Nomination forms prescribed by the Board of Directors shall be available at all times from the Executive Secretary and published from time to time in "The American Brittany" magazine.

4.3 Nominations actually received by the Executive Secretary on or before February 1 of any year, shall be considered by the committee that year for recommendation to the Board of Directors for election to the ABC Hall of Fame. Nominations received by the Executive Secretary after February 1 of any year shall be considered by the committee the next succeeding year for recommendation to the Board of Directors for election to the ABC Hall of Fame.

4.4 Once nominated, the dog or bitch shall thereafter be considered by the committee for recommendation to the Board of Directors for election to the ABC Hall of Fame for five (5) consecutive years unless sooner recommended for and elected to the ABC Hall of Fame.

4.5 If at the end of said five (5) consecutive years, the dog or bitch has not been recommended for election or has been recommended for election but not elected, the dog or bitch may be re-nominated for another consecutive five (5) year period. If after the second five (5) year period the dog or bitch has not been recommended for election or has been recommended for election but not elected, appeal may be made as permitted by SECTION 7.

4.6 The ABC Hall of Fame committee shall report annually to the Board the names of all dogs and bitches submitted for nomination to the ABC Hall of Fame for election.

SECTION 5: PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING NOMINEE FOR RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1 Within fifteen (15) days after the February 1 deadline, the chairman shall provide the statistician with a list of dogs and bitches properly nominated by the February 1 deadline. The statistician shall then compile, for each nominee, the complete record of wins of the nominee and his or her outstanding progeny and also compile lists of the top winners in position of the nominees in relation to other top dogs of the breed. Each member of the committee may request and the statistician shall supply, on a timely basis, such additional information the member has requested and which the statistician has at his or her disposal.

5.2 On or before June 15 of each year the chairman shall distribute to the members of the committee a package containing these rules and policies and a list of all nominees together with the information supplied by the statistician and any exceptional factors, pro or con, known by the chairman which may be of benefit to the members in their deliberation.

5.3 Each member of the committee shall make an in-depth examination of all nominees and on or before July 15 of each year and shall return to the Chairman a "yes" or "no" vote with respect to each nominee together with any additional information gathered by the member which might be pertinent to the selection of nominees for recommendation to the Board of Directors.

5.4 The chairman shall compile the votes and send the results to the members together with a final selection list listing the nominees, not exceeding five (5) Brittanys, no more than three (3) of either sex, receiving the highest number of affirmative votes from a majority of the members and any new or additional information submitted by the members with respect to the nominees on said final selection list.

5.5 On or before August 15 of each year each member of the committee shall return to the chairman a "yes" or "no" vote with respect to the nominees on said final selection list and those nominees receiving an affirmative vote from a majority of the members shall be recommended to the Board of Directors for election to the ABC Hall of Fame.

SECTION 6: ELECTION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1 All recommendations by the committee for election to the ABC Hall of Fame, in any year, shall be presented to that annual meeting of the Board of Directors which first convenes after the February 1 nominated deadline.

6.2 A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for election of a recommended dog or bitch to the ABC Hall of Fame.

SECTION 7: APPEAL PROCEDURES

7.1 If a dog or bitch has been nominated but after the second five (5) consecutive year period of consideration has not been recommended to the Board of Directors for election or has been recommended to the Board of Directors for election but not elected, on or before April 1, of the year following the end of the second fifth year consecutive year, an appeal on behalf of such nominee may be made to the Board of Directors by any member, in good standing, of the ABC.

7.2 The appeal shall be made by a petition signed by not less than one hundred (100) active and/or life members, in good standing, of the ABC of which not more than fifty percent (50%) shall reside in any one

(1) region of the ABC. At the time of filing the petition there shall be attached to it a statement setting forth the basis of the appeal.

7.3 On or before July 1 of the year following the filing of a timely petition, the chairman of the ABC Hall of Fame committee shall prepare a detailed report to be distributed to each director, summarizing the committees investigation of the animal, along with copies of the nomination, the animal's record as developed by the statistician, and a summary of all information received by the committee from members, upon request or voluntarily.

7.4 Not less than thirty (30) days after the filing of said petition, a vote of the Board of Directors shall be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose by the President or by ballot mailed to each director by the Executive Secretary at the direction of the President.

7.5 A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present or two thirds (2/3) majority vote of seated directors in the event of a mail ballot shall be required to grant the petition.

7.6 In the event, the petition is granted, the name of the nominee shall be presented to the Board of Directors for election to the Hall of Fame pursuant to SECTION 6, above.

7.7 In the event the petition is denied, the actions of the committee shall be final.

SECTION 8: PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

8.1 All records of historical value shall be maintained in the archives of the ABC by the Elected Secretary.

8.2 A certificate approved by the Board of Directors shall be awarded by the Board of Directors to the owners of the dog(s) and/or bitch(s) elected to the ABC Hall of Fame. The Executive Secretary shall distribute certificates to the owners of dogs and bitches elected to the ABC Hall of Fame. The certificates shall be distributed to those owners who have not received them since the procedure was dropped in 1980. An amount, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), was appropriated for ABC Hall of Fame certificates. (1984) (2013)

SECTION 9: CERTIFICATES

A Framed Certificate will be awarded to honor the dog(s) elected to the ABC Hall of Fame each year**.**

PICTURES/PAINTINGS 10:

When a dog or bitch is elected to the ABC Hall of Fame, starting with 1994, the ABC or a donor will support a painting or picture.

ABC DOG HALL OF FAME CRITERIA

To be eligible, the dog must be dead. Date of death must be within the past 15 years. Nominees should be animals that knowledgeable breeders would look for in pedigrees when establishing or improving breeding programs. They should epitomize the dual ideal and during their lifetimes have achieved National recognition from Brittany fanciers for their show and trial (field and obedience) ability through successful competition on a multi-regional or National level, and/or that produced a high average of progeny from different dams or sires who were generally acknowledged as being of extra merit.

ABC DOG HALL OF FAME HONOREES

Dogs and bitches elected to The American Brittany Club Hall of Fame
Lack of an election year indicates one of the thirteen selections by the original Hall of Fame Committee in 1965.

1965.
Kaer de Cornouaille
DC Allamuchy Valley Uno
DC Angelique de Bretagne
DC Avono Happy
DC Britt of Bellows Falls
French CH Gwennec de L'Argoat
DC Helgramite Howie d'Acajou
CH Patrice de Sharvogue
DC Patsy of Edough
DC Pierrot de Fontaine Valley
DC Pontac's Dingo
FC Torchy of Lionheart
DC Uno's Jet
DC Pacolet Cheyenne (1965)
DC Tex of Richmont (1965)
DC Towsey (1965)
DC Dingo's Little Mike (1966)
FC Ferdinand of Leeway (1966)
DC Holley Haven Duchess (1966)
Allamuchy Valley Warrior (1967)
Price's Sunflower Gal (1967)
DC Pacolet Sam (1968)
DC Belloaks Ibby (1968)
FC Jeffery of Argard (1970)
FC Way Kan Jill (1971)
Dual Ch Way Kan Jeff (1972)
DC Lund's Trooper (1975)
DC Doctor Joe of Kaymore (1977)
DC/AFC Ban-Dee (1980)
Dual Ch Pacolet Cheyenne Sam (1980)
DC Tigar's Jocko (1980)
AFC/CH Sequani's Dana McDuff (1981)
FC Goldtone's Duke (1981)
CH Sommet Des Collines CD (1981)
DC Char-Lee O-Dee (1983)
CH Copper Jill of Edwards (1983)
DC Gringo De Britt (1983)
FC Kay Cee Bandit (1984)
DC Colorado's Yankee Timer (1984)
DC Joel's Copper Jacques (1984)
FC Scipio Spinks (1984)
DC Colorado's Jumping Gypsy (1984)
DC Hello Dolly Miss Kaer (1985)
FC Holliday Britt's Bazooka (1985)
DC/AFC Hi-Spirit Bazooka Pistol (1987)
DC/AFC Jacque of Connie (1987)
FC/AFC Le Car's White Smoke (1988)
FC Country Cousin Lost River (1988)
FC/AFC Gun Runner's Far Out (1989)
DC To-Mar's Ban-Dee Sam (1990)
DC/AFC Hi Spirit Buck (1992)
FC/AFC Reed's Bonine Max (1993)
NFC/DC/AFC Cinnabar's Ami Roc De'Edwards (1994)
NFC/DC/AFC Markar's Jac's A Dan D (1994)
FC/AFC Rimarda's Trademark (1997)
DC Scipio's Little Chick (1997)
DC Royal Britt Starbuck of Auten (1998)
NFC Minnehaha's Tammy (1998)
DC/AFC Renegade's Kansas Kid (1999)
NFC Bean's Blaze (2000)
FC The Magic Moment (2000)
FC/AFC Microdot (2002)
DC/AFC R.C.'s Sundancer (2004)
NAFC/FC Jim De Bob's Sparks A Dan D (2005)
FC/AFC Jerob's Magic Tradewinds (2005)
NFC/AFC Aux Arc's Mark (2005)
FC Ajax VII (2006)
NFC, DC, AFC Tequila's Joker (2006)
NFC/DC/AFC Gambler's Ace in the Hole (2007)
FC/AFC High Scor Jac D Ruffian (2007)
2 x NFC/AFC Diamond Hill Dan (2008)
FC/AFC Shady's Chick-N-Little (2008)
Ch. Jordean All Kidden Aside, JH (2009)
NFC/FC/AFC High Proof Rum Runner (2009)
NSTRA CH Nolan's Last Bullet (2011)
FC/NFC Poki-Dot (2012)
NFC/FC/AFC Shambo's Dark Shadow (2012)
NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy (2013)
DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief (2014)
NFC R-U/NAFC/DC/AFC Shady's Tia Maria (2014)
NAGDC/FC/AFC High Hopes Fly By Nite (2017)
DC/AFC/NBOB Tequila With A Twist (2017)
FC/AFC Blaze Dakota Trucker (2019)
NFC/DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon (2019)
FC/AFC Lane's End Bowtie Annie (2022)

DC/AFC Perry's Rustic Prince (1986) DC AFC The Whiz Kid (2025)	

ABC HALL OF FAME FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

In 1993, the Board of Directors voted to form a ABC Hall of Fame for Distinguished Members of ABC, past and present. Life membership, although an honor, was not of sufficient status to properly honor those who had given exceptional service to the club from its foundation on. ABC Hall of Fame members are provided full privileges of membership in the parent club but does not carry with it obligations of duties or dues.

The following is a list of the qualifications for nomination to the ABC Hall of Fame for Distinguished Members:

1. The individual should be involved in the ABC for more than a few years, 15 years are suggested.

2. Their contribution to the club and sport has been outstanding.

3. The individual has contributed to the National Club in many ways: member, club officer, judge, breeder,

4. The individual may be living or deceased.

5. The Brittany Club and the Brittany has benefited because of that person's involvement.

6. It shall be the duty of the ABC Hall of Fame for Distinguished Members, with the President as chairperson to furnish the Magazine Chair with a biography to be published in the ABC Magazine of the person/s elected each year to the ABC Hall of Fame for Distinguished Members. (2015)

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION TO THE ABC HALL OF FAME FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

1. The committee to select nominees to be elected to the ABC Hall of Fame shall be the Board of Directors with the President as chairman.

2. Anyone wishing to nominate a person to the ABC Hall of Fame must submit that name and that person's qualifications to the President by April 1st of any year. (A nomination form will be printed in the February and March issue of "The American Brittany"). For the first two (2) years, there shall be no limit to the number of people elected. After that time, a limit may be set on the number elected to the ABC Hall of Fame.

3. A mail vote will be conducted by the President as chairperson to determine election. The first vote will be by mail to the directors. It may be taken by e-mail under confidential restraints by the President. Those people receiving 50% of the vote will then go on the second ballot. The first ballot is to be sent by June 1 of each year. The second ballot will be sent by September 1 of each year. Selection will be by 2/3 vote of the Board. All votes both written and at the Board meeting will be “yes” or “no” votes.

4. Persons not elected will not be carried over a second year. (2013) It takes more than 50% to carry on the ballot (8). It takes 2/3 of the directors (10) to elect. (1995)

5. A Framed certificate will be awarded to honor the people elected to the ABC Hall of Fame each year.

ABC HALL OF FAME FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS HONOREES

1994
William E. Averill
James B. Bell, Jr.
Marcelle Bell
Nicky Bissell
Howard Clements
Coy Conwell
Paul Dawson
Jerome Halle
Lee Holman
Rene Joubert
Dr. Chester Keough
Walter Kleeman
Lloyd Manck
Jack Meyers
LaReine Pittman
Lawrence Richardson
Maxwell Riddle
Alan Stuyvesant
Velma Tiedeman
Ray Trimble
Lucien Ufford
Dr. Fred Z. White

1995
Harold Brown
Rheta Cartmell
Catherine Murphy
John W. Lee
Joy Searcy
William E. Stevenson

1997
Ella Conable
Barbara Wade

1999
Lloyd Conable
John Webb

2000
Dr. Rita Keating

2001
Mary Jo Trimble

2002
Janet Chase
Gene Salmons
William Schreiber

2003
Al Ady

2004
Loyd Budd
Francis Clasen

2005
Jodie Engel
Judy Tighe

2006
Wade Haines
Joan Donnell
Gordon Theilen

2007
Dave Walker
Dave Lincoln
Ron Zook

2008
Rosco Staton

2009
Ron Curtis

2010
Bob Fleury

2011
Bill Tiedeman (D)

2012
Mary Karbiner
Ken Jacobson

2013
Robert Rankin
Rick Smith
Louis Thebaud

2014
Ron Harling, Sr.

2019
Delmar Smith

2020
Fred Strawson

2022
Ed Graves
Judy Graves

2024
Mary Crawford
Lyle Johnson

2025
Dorothy McDonald

LIFE MEMBERS

The following is an excerpt from the By-Laws, Article 1, Section1, of the ABC:

Life Membership may be conferred upon any person who has rendered notable service to the Breed of Brittanys or The American Brittany Club, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at an Annual Meeting of the General Membership, acting on a petition signed by at least fifty (50) Active Members. Life Membership provides full privileges of membership in the Parent Club but does not carry with it obligation of duties or dues. Those persons, upon whom Honorary Memberships have been conferred pursuant to By-Laws provisions previously in effect, shall be Life Members. A Framed certificate will be awarded to honor the people elected to Life Membership.

LIFE MEMBER HONOREES

Dr Chester Keough	1942 (d)
Rene Joubert	1942 (d)
Lawrence Richardson	1942 (d)
Maxwell Riddle	1944 (d)
Alan Stuyvesand	(d)
Paul Dawson	1951 (d)
Jack Meyers	1951 (d)
Jerome Halle	1955 (d)
Walter Kleeman	1956 (d)
Coy Conwell	1956 (d)
Lucien Ufford	1957 (d)
Howard Clements	1960 (d)
William E Averill	1960 (d)
James B. Bell	1964 (d)
Dr. Fred Z. White	1964 (d)
W.E. Stevenson	1965 (d)
Bob Buick	1965 (d)
Howard Crippen	1968 (d)
Thurmond McWharter, Sr.	1968 (d)
Henry Hollyoak	1968 (d)
Dr. R.C. Busteed	1969 (d)
John W. Lee	1969 (d)
Jack Whitworth	1970 (d)
Gerald Price	1971 (d)
Clarence Goering	1972(d)
Ruth Lee	1973 (d)
Lee Holman	1974 (d)
Nicky Bissell	1974 (d)
George Wilson	1975
John G. Lee	1976 (d)
Ellyn Lee	1976 (d)
B. Len Rix	1977 (d)
LaReine Pittman	1978 (d)
Everett Metzger	1980 (d)
Amos Greer	1980 (d)
Ejner Lund	1981 (d)
Dick Culbert	1984
Ella Conable	1985 (d)
Marcelle Belle	1986 (d)
Herman Bonine	1986 (d)
Charles Ayers	1987 (d)
Marge Ayers	1987 (d)
Velma Tiedeman	1987 (d)
M.F. "Bo" Guest	1987
Joy Watkins	1988
Lloyd Conable	1988 (d)
Harold Brown	1989
Nora Ganje	1989 (d)
Claude T Young	1989 (d)
Rheta Cartmell	1990
Catherine Murphy	1991 (d)
H.O. Patrick, Jr.	1991 (d)
Dorothy McDonald	1992
Ray Trimble	1992
Dr John Webb	1992
Judy Webb	1992
Francis Clasen	1993
Jack Hires	1993
Dub Emde	1995 (d)
Wayne Fessenden	1995
Robert Fleury	1995
Evert Davis	1997 (d)
Gene Salmons	1998
Bob Lantham	1998 (d)
Doug Birchfield	1999 (d)
Bob Heinel	1999 (d)
Janet Chase	2001 (d)
David Kenney	2003 (d)
Mary Jo Trimble	2004
Ron Zook	2005 (d)
Leslie Andreas	2009
Nancy Clendenen	2013
Lucille Sawicki	2013
Diana Kubitz	2015

AGENDA CHAIRMAN DUTIES

1. The chairman shall request all officers, Board members, regional clubs and committees for reports and items for the agenda. Every effort should be made to keep reports and agenda items to a minimum. (2016)

2. The chairman shall solicit, collect, organize and assemble the agenda items, reports and related data, and distribute same together with the agenda to the Board of Directors.

3. The agenda shall include the reports of the officers and committee chairman as well as any other pertinent data relating to agenda items.

4. In preparing the agenda, the chairman shall follow this established policy:

   Items must be submitted six (6) weeks prior to the Board meeting.

   Items must be from an ABC officer or Committee Chair, or from a Board Member or Regional Club which has first voted on the item by that club's members.

   Items from individual members should first be discussed with one or more of that person's Regional Directors before being submitted and will be supported by fifteen (15) different actual signatures of ABC members. Since agenda items need to be presented by someone to the Board, one of the regional directors shall present the Agenda Item to the Board of Directors. (1992) 2008)

5. The agenda is to be transmitted electronically to officers and directors no less than six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting unless they request a printed copy. (1992) (2015) The purpose being that directors will have the information available far enough ahead of the annual meeting to give the directors an opportunity to study and become familiar with the agenda items before the annual meeting and gather opinions from the members of their region if possible.

6. All items for the agenda will be on the agenda so all the directors can consider all items to be discussed on the agenda **"BEFORE"** they get to the nationals. Any item submitted at the last minute **WILL NOT** be considered. (1996)

7. Submit a report of activities and recommendations for the annual meeting.

   The Agenda Chairman shall be allotted an amount, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), to assemble the agenda, put in ring binders and mail first class.

Delegate to the American Kennel Club

QUALIFICATIONS

The person appointed should be willing to serve over a long period of time. He should be a long-time member of the ABC and have been involved in club operations at the national and the regional level. He should be familiar with the running of both shows and trials and with the problems involved.

He should be diplomatic yet strong as his duties shall involve persuading the AKC to grant the ABC certain things that the AKC may not be entirely in favor.

He should be able to get to New York to have physical meetings with the AKC personnel when serious problems arise.

He should be familiar with the thinking of the Board and with Board policy so that he shall be able to properly bargain with the AKC. The Board should have trust in him.
DUTIES
The duties of the Delegate to the AKC are defined as follows:

1. To perform the duties of the position as they may be defined by AKC

2. To act as liaison between the AKC and the ABC, working for the best interests of the ABC and/or any of the ABC regional clubs which may have unresolved problems with AKC. In the case of a hearing with AKC, the President shall contact the AKC Delegate, copy him with all communication and together decide upon the portion the ABC shall maintain at the hearing. The Delegate shall then contact all necessary persons and clubs for additional pertinent information so as to be fully informed before the hearing takes place. After the hearing he shall make a complete report to the Officers and the Board of Directors.

3. To attend the quarterly meetings of the AKC delegates whenever the agenda calls for the discussion of or balloting on matters that affect the ABC or its regional clubs or members.

4. To report to the Board of Directors and Officers of the ABC after each quarterly meeting advising them of the voting position taken by the Delegate on all matters pertinent to the ABC and provide minutes of those meetings as may be appropriate to the Officers and the Directors of the ABC.

5. To request the AKC to furnish minutes of all special meetings of AKC concerning ABC Regional Clubs and/or individual members. If available from AKC, distribute to the Officers and Directors of the ABC.

6. To submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the Agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting. (1992)

SELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

The delegate shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and the AKC, as long as he works effectively for the club. It should be kept in mind that when the club selects a new delegate, the paper work will take approximately six months to complete so it shall be advisable to select a new delegate if at all possible at least six (6) months before the incumbent's resignation becomes effective. Candidates shall be selected by the Board and election shall take a two- thirds (2/3) majority of the entire Board.

If the occasion should arise where a committee unexpectedly has problems with AKC, the Delegate shall be informed of all that has led up to the problem so that he may be properly equipped to serve as liaison between the committee and AKC. The AKC Delegate shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to the quarterly AKC Delegate meetings. (1976

DELEGATE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF AKC POINTING BREED PARENT CLUBS

This association met for the first time in 1985. The President attended this meeting and felt our participation worthwhile. The following guidelines were established at the 1985 Board meeting.

1. The delegate shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

2. The term of delegate shall be for two (2) years, the first term to be 1986 & 1987.

3. The delegate shall approve AKC field trial rule changes as recommended by the association.

4. Expenses for the meeting, travel, food and motel shall be paid by ABC.

AMERICAN BRITTANY JUDGES EDUCATION

1. The Judges' Education Coordinator (JEC) is the chairman of this committee and maintains and updates the judges' printed handout materials and the computer presentation used in the seminars. (2014)

2. The JEC maintains materials to be disseminated to judges and makes sure this information is available in the ABC website. (2014)

3. The JEC makes available all information needed to hold seminars to people who will be presenting the judges' education program. (Brochures are no longer sent.) (2014)

4. All judges' education seminars are to be channeled through the JEC. The ABC computer presentation and printed handout materials are to be used as educational materials at all seminars. (1997) (2014)

5. The Judges' Education Committee budget is as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). See Appendix 1.

6. The Judges' Education Committee shall determine the materials to be used in the presentations. The presentations will be updated as new materials and photos are obtained. (2014)

7. The JEC will maintain a record of individuals having taken judges' education and make that list available to clubs, the Summer Specialty and National Specialty chairs. (2014)

8. ABC Mentors shall be approved by the following method:
(Note: The ABC Mentor requirements are meant to be a guide in selecting members. The following is the criteria for being an ABC Mentor.) (2014)
1. A full member in good standing of the American Brittany Club for the past 12 years.
2. A full member of a regional Brittany Club for the past 12 years.
3. Having bred, whelped and raised Brittany litters would be considered helpful.
4. Having attended the ABC National Events that include both conformation and performance field trials
5. The applicant, to be effective, should:
    a. Be well versed in the history of the Brittany.
    b. Understand the Brittany Performance Standard.
    c. Have experience with the process of judging in conformation and performance.
    d. Be willing to have prospective judges come to their home or kennel to observe and discuss Brittanys.
    e. Attend any classes or meetings for mentors when possible.
    f. Realize that their conduct reflects on the ABC at all times.
    g. Should be unbiased.
    h. Adhere to Brittany standard and its quest to keep the breed "forever dual" in keeping with the ABC Mission Statement.

9. Effective 2009, the Board of Directors voted to give the Judges' Education Committee the ability to determine if a candidate for an ABC Mentor/Presenter meets the qualifications as outlined in the ABC Policy Book. The JEC will take a written vote by email, U.S. mail, or fax approving or disapproving of candidates with a majority vote of committee members. If a committee member casts a NO vote, they shall indicate on the ballot which of the ABC Mentor's Criteria (item # 6, number and/or letter) listed on the American Brittany Judges' Education section of the Policy Book that the candidate fails to meet. While individual votes will remain confidential as though the committee is meeting in Executive Session to discuss personnel, ballots will be sent to the ABC President, an ex-officio member of all committees, for verification of the vote, yes or no. If a candidate is rejected by a majority vote of the Judges' Education Committee, the candidate shall be notified by the JEC and advised of the reason(s) for the negative vote. (2009)

In 2010, the Board of Directors voted to allow the committee to add categories that a rejection might fall into: (1) Insufficient information and (2) Does not meet qualifications at this time. The Board also voted to revise the application to add information about field trials, hunt tests, and attitudes regarding the Dual Dog. (2010)

10. ABC has asked AKC to require judges to take judges' education in Brittanys every five years. (2014)

11. ABC recommends that regional clubs hire judges who meet the five-year criteria whenever possible. (2014)

BREED STANDARDS COMMITTEE DUTIES

1. When active, the committee should draft the proper wording for any standards change desired by the majority of the membership of the ABC.

2. An opinion poll of the membership of the ABC should be made through "The American Brittany" magazine of the contemplated changes before anything is done.

3. Any standards change shall be submitted to the Board of Directors of the ABC for its approval. Wording of the proposed standards change should be sent to AKC to be sure there is nothing in the wording which is contrary to AKC policy.

4. The second opinion poll should be made through "The American Brittany "magazine after AKC has approved the wording. If the second opinion poll of the ABC membership is favorable, a ballot must be sent to all members of the ABC.

5. The results of the general membership vote of the ABC are sent to AKC along with the exact standards change requested.

6. After the approved wording and the vote have been sent to AKC, AKC will publish it in the Gazette. AKC will allow sufficient time (about two (2) months) to elapse for any letters to be received by AKC opposing the standards change. The standard change then goes to the Board of director of AKC for their final approval. The standards change is then published a second time in the "AKC Gazette" as the official change in the breed standards.

7. Each chairman shall keep a file of the activities of the year to pass on to the next succeeding chairman. The file shall be handed to the President at the nationals to be passed to the next appointee. If such a file is not received, check with the last chairman. If no file is available, start one.

8. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting. (1992)

9. A positive 2/3 vote of the voting members shall be necessary to make any change in the breed standard.

The word "Spaniel" was dropped in 1981.

AMERICAN BRITTANY RESCUE

The information on this page is provided for informational purposes only. The American Brittany Rescue is a separate legal entity and there are no legal affiliations between the American Brittany Club, Inc. and American Brittany Rescue.

The American Brittany Rescue was formed in 1991 as a cooperative effort of Brittany owners/breeders/fanciers who believe we have an obligation not only to our own dogs and the dogs we produce, but to all the dogs of our breed. Because many rescue dogs can be traced 1-3 generations back to a recognized breeder, we believe it is the responsibility of all breeders to assist Brittanys in need, in any way they can.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

American Brittany Rescue will accept only pure-bred Brittanys, based on visual inspection or AKC papers. All dogs deemed to be pure-bred Brittanys will be rescued. They will be taken into a foster home whenever possible. If space is not immediately available rescue will refer potential adopters to the individual or institution holding the dog.

All Brittanys placed through the Brittany rescue shall be spayed or neutered before placement.

All Brittanys rescued shall be vaccinated against DHLPP and rabies and will be wormed if necessary. If a breeder can be identified, he or she will be notified and given the opportunity to take the dog back or assist in its placement. If the breeder does not wish to take the responsibility for the Brittany, it will be spayed/neutered, immunized, and placed in accordance with rescue policy.

All adoption applicants will be screened to assure that they are able to provide a loving home appropriate for a Brittany Rescue's primary goal will be to place Brittanys in homes where they will be pets and companions.

American Brittany Rescue reserves the right to refuse adoption to any applicant deemed unsuitable, based on oral interview or past history.

As often as possible, rescue will visit the adoptive home prior to placing the dog. Adoptive families will sign an agreement which obligates the adopter to provide a loving, safe, appropriate environment for the Brittany and assures that if, for any reason, they can no longer provide a home for the dog, it will be returned to Brittany rescue. No personal information will be released about the previous owners or breeders of a rescue Brittany to the adopter(s) unless mutually agreed upon by all parties.

American Brittany Rescue will provide follow up to assure the dog and its new family is doing well and will remain available for consultation at any time.
If the adoptive family becomes unable to keep their dog, Brittany rescue will take the dog back or assist in finding a new adopter, who will also be required to sign the American Brittany Rescue agreement.

Rescue volunteers will ask each adopter to make a donation which will help fund their local rescue efforts. Each rescue group will be responsible for the cost of maintaining the dogs prior to adoption (food, vaccinations, alteration and advertising).

Regional coordinators will work with local clubs to raise funds which will keep each volunteer group self-sufficient and the national coordinators will supplement these funds as possible.
American Brittany Rescue will make available educational materials which provides information about the Brittany, genetic diseases common in our breed, responsible breeding, spay/neuter, taking responsibility for the dogs we produce, and will provide referrals to responsible breeders.
NATIONAL COORDINATOR, AMERICAN BITTANY RESCUE: 822 Wild Ginger Road, Sugar Grove, IL 60554. Phone 1-866-BRIT911. E-mail info@americanbrittanyrescue.org (2013)

CHAMPIONSHIP PINS

Championship pins were awarded free beginning with the January, 1971 confirmations. The pins are given to persons who own a dog at the time its title is completed. In the case of a co-owned dog, one free pin will be given with the co-owner being allowed to purchase a pin for an amount as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). See Appendix 1. In the case of a dual title, the owner will receive a pin on the completion of the first title plus a yellow pin when they finish a dual title. (1972)

Any dog completing their dual championship after January 1, 1972, shall be entitled to three pins upon request after proper certification, one for field, one for show, and one for the dual. Any dog finishing prior to January 1, 1972, the owner may purchase a pin for an amount as approved by the Board of Directors (2013). (See Appendix 1) (1975)

If a pin is lost, it may be purchased by the original owner of that pin (dog) for an amount as approved by the Board of Directors (2013) (See Appendix 1.)

Deep Blue	Field Championship (CHAMPION)	Light Blue	Amateur Field Championship (CHAMPION)
Red	Show Championship (CHAMPION)	Yellow	Dual Championship (CHAMPION)
Dark Green	Obedience Championship (CHAMPION)	Orange	Master Hunter (1988)
Light Green	Obedience/ Rally Pins (4) *	Beige	Master Agility Champion (MACH)
Beige	Preferred Agility Champion (PACH)	Purple	Grand Field Champion (GFC)
Purple	Grand Champion (Show) (GCH) (2014)		

*1 stating CD, 1 stating CDX, 1 stating UD, 1 stating Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE)

A pin may be awarded to a dog owned by a spouse or a child of an ABC member if the member was a member at the time the Championship was achieved. Only one pin per dog will be awarded free. (1999)

Confirmation may be in the form of a copy of the certificate from AKC or publishing of the title win in the "AKC Gazette". The request for a pin MUST be accompanied by the dog's name, date championship completed, complete name and address of owner(s), and regional club affiliation. The owner must be an active member of the ABC to be eligible to receive pins.

Requests for pins should be sent to the Elected Secretary with a copy of the certificate.

ABC Dog of the Year Awards (2014)

- Awards will run from January 1st to December 31st and start in 2015.

- The DOY committee will consist of a Chair and a committee member with expertise in each of the DOY categories (field, show, obedience, agility, juniors, NSTRA, and NAVDHA)
- **All owners of a dog must be current members (full or associates) of the American Brittany Club by March 1st of the current calendar year for the dog to be eligible for the Dog of the Year Awards. (Please note: the associate membership is only available to individuals who reside in the same household as a current full member. Also, Associate Memberships do not include voting privileges in club matters.)**
- If an individual obtains ownership of an eligible dog during the calendar year they have 30 days to join the American Brittany Club, and the previous owner(s) must have met the membership requirements for the dog to be eligible for the DOY award.
- If an owner's membership lapses during the year, they have a 30-day grace period to bring their membership current or their dog will be dropped from the eligibility list. Example: If an individual's membership expires on June 1st, they have until July 1st to renew.
- If there are no eligible dogs in a category, no award will be given for that year.
- DOY Committee will provide form to be filled out for awards that require owners to submit information.
- The Dog of the Year program will be evaluated in 2016 for changes to the program starting the 2017.
- DOY award presentation will be held with an ABC event (ABC Summer Specialty, Gun Dog Nationals, National Specialty, or All-Age Nationals) Individuals unable to attend will be mailed their certificates and any trophies. All owners will receive a certificate, but only 1 trophy will be provided per dog. Co-owners of dogs can purchase duplicates of trophies for the price of the trophy, and trophies will need to be ordered ahead of time with DOY Awards Committee.
- ABC will pay for information gathering from AKC for this program.

Field Dog of the Year Awards:

Field DOY awards will be awarded in the following categories based on the following rules:

Juvenile Dog of the Year: Based on dogs defeated in Puppy & Derby stakes at any AKC Field Trial. Dogs defeated points from AKC trials hosted by clubs other than regional Brittany Clubs must be sent into the DOY committee with an attached copy of AKC win record report. In the case of a tie, the dog with the most 1st place wins will be awarded DOY. If a tie still exists then multiple awards will be presented.

Hunt Test Dog of the Year:

-Junior Hunter (10 points for each qualifying score)
-Senior Hunter (20 points for each qualifying score)
-Master Hunter (35 points for each qualifying score)
In the case of a tie, a dog with the most points in the highest Hunt Test level will be awarded DOY. If a tie still exists then multiple awards will be presented. Owner must submit form (provided by DOY Committee) with AKC awards record attached highlighting hunt test legs submitted for DOY award.

NSTRA Dog of the Year: Top Brittany in NSTRA Top Performance rankings

NAVDHA Dog of the Year:

-Natural Ability Test
- Prize III - 5 Points
- Prize II - 10 Points
- Prize I - 30 Points

-Utility Preparatory Test
- Prize III - 35 Points
- Prize II - 40 Points
- Prize I - 60 Points

-Utility Test
- Prize III - 65 Points
- Prize II - 70 Points
- Prize I - 80 Points

-Invitational Test
- Versatile Champion - 100 Points

In the case of a tie, a dog with the most points in the highest NAVDHA prize level will be awarded DOY. If a tie still exists then multiple awards will be presented. Owner must submit form (provided by DOY committee) with record of NAVDHA Prize certificates which will be verified against NAVDHA report.

Conformation Dog Awards: Conformation DOY awards will be awarded for participation in AKC events based on the following rules:

Show Dog of the Year: Based on AKC Top Dogs by Breed report based on breed competition. In the case of a tie, a dog with the most Best in Specialty wins at ABC Regional Club Specialties will be awarded DOY.

Owner Handler Series Dog of the Year: Based on AKC owner handler series rankings. In the case of a tie, the dogs with the most Owner Handler Best of Breed wins will be awarded DOY

Non-Field Performance Dog Awards:

Non-Field Performance DOY awards will be awarded for participation in events where AKC titles are awarded based on the following rules:

Obedience Dog of the Year: Notes: Average 3 highest qualifying scores in obedience trials. If the class was CDX, add a weight of 3 points to the average score. If the class was UD, add 4 points to the average score. In the case of a tie, a dog with scores from the UD class will be awarded DOY. If both dogs are from the same class, then multiple awards will be presented***. Owner must submit form (provided by DOY committee) with printouts of AKC win record with the scores submitting, underlined or highlighted, included with the Obedience form.***

MACH Agility Dog of the Year: top MACH dog in AKC MACH agility year end rankings based on Based on Score (2Q's x 10) + Points.

PACH Agility Dog of the Year: top PACH dog in AKC PACH agility year end rankings Based on Score (2Q's x 10) + Points

Special Acknowledgements of ABC Members at DOY ceremony (listed in ABC media DOY acknowledgements):
Dual Champions
UD, UDX, OGM, & OTCH
Obedience High in Trials & High Combined
MACH
PACH
RAE
MH/MHA
NAVDHA Versatile Champion
AKC Best in Shows
Owner Handler Series Best in Shows
Best Junior Wins
Wins at AKC Pointing Breed Championship

POLICY TO INCORPORATE AKC APPROVAL OF E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS FOR USE BY PARENT CLUBS YO UPDATE BY-LAWS

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.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SM

EMAIL NOTIFICATION FOR BOARD MEETINGS AND GENERAL CLUB MEETINGS AND OTHER CLUB NOTICES

Effective January 1, 2006

Unless the laws of your state prohibit the use of email in general or for specific purposes, please be advised of the following change in policy which is effective January 1, 2006:

Clubs may send members notification of club meetings (also included would be dues notices; minutes and newsletters) and board members notification of board meetings via email, provided that:

The member or board member has signed an authorization agreeing to this method of communication. Such authorization, which is revocable, will also release the club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member or board member due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

Clubs adopting this method of communication must send us a copy of the minutes of the meeting and at some future time make the appropriate bylaw amendments to the applicable sections as soon as it is practical.

Revised (2/07)

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SM

ELECTRONIC BALLOTING FOR AKC PARENT CLUBS

Effective: September 1, 2013

Unless the laws of your state prohibit the use of electronic balloting in general or for specific purposes, please be advised, effective September 1, 2013:

> Parent clubs may conduct elections, votes on breed standard revisions, bylaw amendments and any other specific questions a club's board of directors shall determine, via electronic balloting. Such balloting must be conducted by an independent organization which specializes in electronic balloting.
>
> A member must sign a written authorization agreeing to this method of balloting, which is revocable, which agrees to release the club from any liability should the ballot be received late or not received by the member, due to circumstances beyond the club's control. Members not providing written authorization will continue to receive all materials via USPS.

Clubs wishing to adopt this method of balloting must add the appropriate language to the applicable sections of their bylaws the next time other bylaw work is considered.

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Electronic Balloting Q & As

How does my club see if this is permissible?
The club must check with the Office of the Secretary of State in the state where the club is incorporated or check the law governing not-for-profit organizations incorporated in that state.

Can my club do this now and make the Bylaws change later?
The bylaws require that ballots be "sent" / "mailed" and that they be secret. As long as these components are met, the bylaws can be amended at a later date.

How does my club handle those members who want a paper ballot or who do not return a signed consent form?
Those members will continue to receive ballots via USPS.

Where does the club keep the signed consent forms?
The Secretary (or Recording Secretary) should keep the consent forms.

Is it necessary for the club to have the consent forms signed each year upon membership renewal or is the one consent form sufficient for as long as the member is in good standing?
No, but the member has the right to "opt-out" provided the request is received by the club in advance of any election deadline.

How does the club combine the two voting methods - paper and balloting for the total?
If the electronic balloting service does not include the counting of paper ballots the club must conduct the non-electronic balloting in any of the ways currently prescribed in the bylaws

Does the club have to report the votes separately to the membership or just the totals?
The club should report just the totals but obviously the club's internal records should include both counts

How does the club ensure that a member did not vote both electronically and by paper?
The club will have two lists of members: one sent to the e-balloting firm and the other maintained by the recipient of ballots received via USPS.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Instagram Page: www.instagram.com/americanBrittanyClub
Email: instagram@theamericanbrittanyclub.org

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines, procedures and restrictions with respect to content and posts to the American Brittany Club (ABC) official Social Media page as approved by the Board of Directors.

Facebook Committee:

The Social Media Committee is responsible for establishing and maintaining a professional and identifiable Internet presence for ABC on Social Media. In this ever-changing image-based media, policies will be developed and modified to stay consistent with current standards while serving the needs of the ABC.

Responsibilities of Social Media Committee:

- The Committee Chair and all committee members shall comply with the Committee purpose, goals, operating policies, and procedures.
- The primary roles of the Committee members shall be to provide expertise and input on all aspects of Brittany activities (Field, Show, Obedience, Rally, Agility, National Shoot to Retrieve Association (NSTRA), Lure Coursing, Therapy, etc.) and to execute any and all operational tasks as directed by the Committee Chair.
- Committee members shall have an understanding of social media.
- The Committee Chair shall submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual American Brittany Club Board Meeting, which normally occurs the third week of November of each calendar year. This shall be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the Agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting.
- The Social Media Committee shall create standards to ensure that all information is presented in a consistent manner.
- All content of the ABC Social Media is subject to continuous review by the Social Media Committee.

Content

- Content on the ABC Social Media page shall include, but not be limited to: promotion of the American Brittany Club, Brittany event coverage, recognition of Brittany achievements and historical information related to the Brittany. ABC business and/or motions may be announced on the ABC Social Media page with a link to the ABC Website but no discussion is to be allowed on these items on the ABC Social Media page. (2014)
- The ABC Social Media page should be a friendly, enjoyable, and informative place for all our members and Brittany enthusiasts.
- Create and monitor an ABC Facebook page (2013)
- Create and monitor an ABC You-Tube channel. (2014)

- Create and monitor an ABC Instagram (2022)
- Committee members are expected to monitor the ABC Social Media page for objectionable content. Objectionable content includes but is not limited to: negative statements towards a dog or person, non-Brittany content, and items offered for sale (other than ads from the ABC magazine). If / when any committee member becomes aware of objectionable content, they shall notify the Committee Chairperson of such objectionable content, which may be removed after review.
- Content may be removed from the ABC Social Media page when it is no longer current (i.e. event deadline reminders) as determined by the Social Media Committee Chair.
- Requests from individuals wishing to have photos removed from ABC Instagram page must be sent to instagram@theamericanbrittanyclub.org for review. Such requests will always be granted if the individual is the copyright holder of the photograph in question and will generally be granted if the requesting individual is pictured and objects to the posting of the photograph, or owns the dog pictured and objects to the posting of the photograph.
- The ABC President and/or the Board of Directors may reject proposed content or order removal of posted content. Requests from the BOD to remove content shall be directed through the ABC President.

Event Coverage

- To ensure proper coverage of events, the Social Media Committee Chair and Event Chair will designate points of contacts between the Social Media Committee and each specific event. These contacts shall work together within guidelines established to present ABC events in a professional and timely fashion. Only Social Media Committee Chair & the Social Media Committee member(s) appointed to each specific event shall be permitted to post event coverage.
- To ensure proper coverage of events, the ABC Instagram and event chair will designate points of contacts between the ABC Instagram and each specific event. These contacts shall work together within guidelines established to present and promote ABC events in a professional and timely fashion.

Best Practices/Terms of Use Disclaimer for ABC Facebook

Facebook is governed by the following set of community standards. These include but are not limited to violations that may result in the termination or suspension of your access to our social media sites. Please familiarize yourself with them. By posting on our Facebook page, you indicate that you accept the Terms of Service.

- ABC neither endorses products nor services nor the content of communications, postings or data, nor assumes any responsibility for any threatening, libelous, obscene, harassing or offensive material contained in such materials or any crime facilitated by use of the Sites. To report any violations of the Terms of Service, please use contact us at facebook@theamericanbrittany.org to notify us of a possible violation. Our moderation team will review all comments and take appropriate action for each.
- The ABC Facebook should be friendly, informative, and enjoyable for all of our members. We reserve the right but shall not be obligated to remove any material that does not comply with our Terms of Service without prior warning or further explanation. We also reserve the right to revoke posting privileges at our discretion and without warning.

- You agree that when using these forums, you will act in a manner consistent with the goals of the ABC, and by way of example, and not as a limitation, you specifically agree and understand that:

  a. You will not violate any applicable local, state, national or international law, including but not limited to any rule, regulation, decree or ordinance.

  b. You will not post information on or download information from any of the Sites unless you have all rights and authority necessary to do so.

  c. You will not post any inappropriate, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, sexually explicit, potentially libelous or slanderous, infringing, harmful, harassing, threatening, illegal or other material or information that ABC in its sole discretion views as objectionable, including but not limited to text, graphics, audio and video files.

  d. You will not defame, abuse, harass, stalk, threaten, embarrass, cause distress, unwanted attention or discomfort or otherwise violate the legal rights (including without limitation rights of privacy and publicity) of any User or representative of ABC; i e. You may express your disagreement with someone's point-of-view, to personal attacks or attacks based on another person's race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or other such condition or circumstance, are strictly prohibited;

  f. You will not impersonate another person or entity, including but not limited to an ABC representative, or communicate under a false name or a name that you are not entitled or authorized to use.

  g. You will not post surveys, contests, chain letters, pyramid schemes, unnecessarily long messages, unnecessary or repetitive posts, multiple ratings for the same item, meaningless text, spamming, offensive declarations or other similarly disruptive content.

  h. You will not falsify or delete any author attributions, legal or other proper notices or proprietary designations or labels of the origin or source of software or other material posted on the Sites.

  j. You will not attempt to "crack," "hack," "bomb," manipulate or otherwise gain unauthorized access to another User's username(s) or other information;

  k. You will not post, transmit or distribute any unsolicited advertising, promotional materials or other forms of solicitation to Users, individuals or entities, except in areas designated by ABC for such purposes;

  l. You will not harvest, mine or otherwise collect or store personal information about others, including without limitation e-mail addresses and User profiles;

  m. You agree not to collect or harvest any personally identifiable information, including without limitation usernames, from any Site or to use the communication systems provided by any Site for any commercial solicitation purpose;

  n. You agree not to solicit, for commercial purposes, Users of the Sites;

  o. Always remember that any personal information you reveal can be obtained and used by others. Anything you say here, you say at your own risk. Do not provide anyone with any information that you don't want made public;

  p. When participating in an online conversation, never assume that people are who they say they are, know what they say they know, or are affiliated with whom they say they are affiliated;

q. If we judge a submission inappropriate, we reserve the right to delete that post and all replies to it. Re-posts of previously deleted contributions will be treated in the same way. Judgments concerning posts are made at our discretion, and our decisions are considered final.

Best Practices/Terms of Use Disclaimer for ABC Instagram

The ABC Instagram follows the Instagram terms of use policy and the ABC Facebook policy for the best practices/terms of use disclaimer.

Links Disclaimer:

Links to non-ABC websites do not imply endorsement of any particular product, service, organization, company, information provider, or content.

Submission of content to ABC Social Media:

Individuals may submit items for consideration to the ABC Social Media Committee using the following guidelines:

- Image files accepted in the following formats: jpg, gif, tiff.
- A minimum dpi of 75 is preferred for optimum presentation. If you have photos that need to be edited or you need assistance, please contact the Social Media for support.
- Social Media images are best posted cropped square. Please keep this in mind when submitting photos
- Please include the following information:
  Name of photographer.
  Date and Location the photograph was taken:
- Caption: Photo description and a little bit of information about the dog/activity/etc. Please bear in mind that content posted on the ABC Social Media is available to a global audience. Social Media users are best engaged with 1 to 3 sentences. This information may appear in the caption and edited as needed. Please do not submit text in ALL CAPS.
  Disclaimer:
  I certify that I am the author or sole owner of the material I am submitting to the ABC Social Media. The ABC Social Media may reproduce, display, edit, modify, create derivative works and otherwise use the material on the ABC Social Media. I agree to indemnify the ABC for all damages and expenses that may be incurred in connection with the material.
  ****NOTE: If you are submitting a photo of your dog taken by someone else - you need permission of the photographer.
- Items are to be submitted to the Social Media Committee Chair and once verified that all necessary information has been received it will then be submitted to the committee for a vote.

Submission of content to ABC Instagram: Content submission follows the same policy as the ABC Social Media.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (2013)

A. COMPOSITION & REPORTING:

The composition of this committee will be the President & Treasurer (as ex-officio) plus 6 members who are ABC Directors and/or regional lay persons who are members in good standing with a background in financial

management and/or extensive experience within the American Brittany Club. Each region shall be represented in the appointments. Once established and operational, the committee members will elect its chair from the 8 sitting members. The chair must have extensive accounting experience. The members will serve on a rotating basis beginning with 5 years, 4 years, etc., as the current Hall of Fame does (with the exception of the office of President and office of the Treasurer who will serve ex-officio). Re-appointments of 5 years may be made at the expiration of any term. The committee shall report directly to the Board of Directors for appointment approvals.

B. SPECIFIC DUTIES

1) Establish an annual budget process as follows: Each officer & committee chair shall submit to the Treasurer his/her best estimate of revenues and expenses for the following year no later than October 1st. The Treasurer shall assemble these requests and forward them to the Finance Committee for review and analysis. This budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at its annual meeting by the Treasurer accompanied by the Finance Committee's comments & recommendations. Once the budget is adopted, should revisions (amounts exceeding 10% of a line item or $2,500 whichever is greater) be required, the requesting party shall submit it to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Directors for immediate action. Money cannot be taken from a restricted use fund without board approval unless the total is under $1000.

2) Ensure the accounting records are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and FASB standards (Financial Accounting Standards Board). As directed by the Board, the Committee shall conduct internal and/or external audits of ABC receipts and expenditures. The Committee shall insure adequate internal controls are in place to safeguard ABC assets.

3) Responsible for all financial policies and procedures as outlined in the ABC Policy Book and referenced in the By-laws. This will include any requested increase in fees or revenues for merchandise offered for resale or any other committee action requiring substantial expenditures of ABC assets.

4) Assist the Treasurer in creating an internal policy and procedures manual to be maintained as a reference guide for the office of the Treasurer. Such manual will be a living document to be updated by the Treasurer as circumstances dictate. All updates shall be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval.

5) Insure that all applicable IRS reporting requirements are met in a timely manner. This committee shall also be responsible for maintaining the ABC's group tax exemption.

6) Submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting.

7) Assign areas to be reviewed by committee members.

8) Review General Ledger activity.

9) Confirm Pay Pal memberships for correct year.

C. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet via telephone conference call as often as necessary. Votes may be taken either through e-mail or telephone conferencing. A quorum must vote consisting of a majority of the members, one of which can include the Chair. Minutes of these meetings shall be retained by the chair and forwarded to the Executive Secretary on an annual basis.

HEALTH ASPECTS, GENETIC DEFECTS AND OFA CONTACT COMMITTEE

1. Keep ABC members and breeders informed of all important health aspects, genetic defects and OFA by submitting educational articles the “The American Brittany” magazine and by giving seminars at national and local ABC events.

2. Serve as an advisor to the Managing and Publishing Editors and magazine committee.

3. Be responsible for editing all health aspects, genetic defects and OFA articles submitted for publication in “The American Brittany” magazine.

4. Conduct any health aspects, genetic defects and OFA surveys approximately once every 10 years.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

At the present time the ABC has the following insurance coverage in effect:

COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY:
Bodily injury and property liability are included in this policy. Specific limits for each occurrence can be determined from the current insurance company or Executive Secretary for current coverage limits and premium prices. This policy is written in the name of The American Brittany Club with privilege of Regional Clubs to become additional named insured. This would include all activities of the Regional Clubs such as local fun trials, family picnics, local puppy matches, as well as the regular licensed trials and bench events. Legal liability coverage is provided for the use of spectators, dog gallery wagons, and those units used to transport dogs and handlers on field trial grounds and roads immediately adjoining. There is no coverage for owned automobile vehicles. Coverage is provided to include owners of grounds, whether they are public bodies or private owners, for an additional fee. The primary coverage includes personal injury, meaning false arrest, libel and slander, wrongful entry or eviction and host liquor liability.

Regional clubs are required to carry $500,000.00 liability insurance. Proof of insurance must accompany "Permission for Trial" Form. (1988)

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE
This policy meets the legal liability obligations of the employer, the ABC, Inc., towards any employees.

BLANKET HONESTY BOND
This is a continuous bond with an anniversary date from January 1 to January 1 of each year in the amount of $50,000 per loss. Coverage is automatically provided for all people handling moneys on behalf of the ABC.

OFFICE CONTENTS
Fire, extended coverage, vandalism and malicious mischief insurance covering the office contents at the office of the Executive Secretary and of the Editor of “The American Brittany magazine.”. This includes inventory of the Official Book. (1988)

SCHEDULED PROPERTY FLOATER
This policy provides all risk coverage with no deductible for all ABC rotating trophies, including those currently in "retirement" storage. There are currently 15 such trophies covered by this policy and coverage amounts are reviewed annually with the values of individual trophies adjusted as necessitated by changing economic trends.

Removed Blanket Trip Accident Policy –per Finance Committee

LIABILITY COVERAGE

ABC is authorized to obtain a Fidelity Bond and purchase coverage for the ABC Offices and Directors. ABC is providing the Executive Secretary with Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

LONG RANGE PLANNING/ FUTURE GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1. The function of this standing committee is to study projects assigned to it by the Board of Directors with the future growth of the ABC and the maximum potential development of the club foremost.

2. Reports shall be made to the Board. Examples of projects considered in the past are: regional councils, futurities, championships, regional classics, increase of minimum club membership, fulltime executive office, permanent grounds for classics, and rotation of the national championships.

ABC MEMBERSHIP DATA CHAIRPERSON DUTIES (2012)

1. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson is appointed by and reports to the President, subject to approval of the ABC Board of Directors. Any compensation and expenses are approved by the ABC Board of Directors.

2. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson shall receive all membership dues from either the individual members or from the regional club secretaries and shall be responsible for maintaining an up-to-date ABC membership list.

3. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson shall maintain an Excel or Access Data Base of the membership. This includes:

A. Personal information name, address, phone number and email addresses
B. Membership status, full, associate, complimentary, life, and Hall of Fame members.
C. Region and regional Club or member-at-large.
D. Membership initiated by club, member, other and expiration date
E. Areas of interest (field trials, show, hunt test, hunting, obedience, agility, other)

4. The Membership Data Chairperson shall keep copies of all membership letters, Pay Pal emails and credit card receipts for a period of three years as a record to double check which members are paid and when paid.

5. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson must receive membership dues a minimum of 30 days in advance of renewals or start of new memberships if members are to receive the next month's issue of "The American Brittany" (For example: Renewal dues must reach the ABC Membership Data Chairperson by January 1 if club members are to receive the February issue.)

6. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson may accept payment for memberships by accepting credit cards (2004) or by mail and through Pay Pal. Pay Pal receipts are sent directly to the Treasurer by Pay Pal. Credit card receipts will be sent by Membership Data Chair to Marshfield for processing. Checks will be sent to the ABC Treasurer. All receipts shall be processed monthly.

7. Regional club members may send their annual dues directly to the ABC Membership Data Chairperson instead of their club secretary. Dues may be paid for a multiple of years, up to three (3) years, and may be paid by check, credit card (2005) or Pay Pal.

8. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson shall receive inquiries by phone/email/mail as to missing magazines and or membership subscriptions and questions.

9. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson shall post a monthly membership list for a regional club to access their clubs' data through use of a password. Certain ABC officers may have a password and access to whole list. The distribution of the whole list is subject to Executive Secretary's approval including the Purina annual survey.

10. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson shall provide labels to publisher of the American Brittany magazine on a monthly basis the first of each month.

11. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson shall submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting.

12. The ABC Membership Chairperson shall provide the Executive Secretary with a count of full members to receive ballots the first of July for the purpose of ordering envelopes.

13. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson shall provide the Executive Secretary with current full members list and count by region for printing Directors' Election ballot labels for use the first of August.

14. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson shall compile a quarterly report (March, June, Sept., Dec.) of memberships to be paid to regional clubs to the ABC Treasurer for distribution. (An amount, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), of each full membership goes to the regional club. An amount, as approved by the Board of Directors (2013), (See Appendix 1), of each associate membership goes to the regional club.)

15. Some people are members of more than one club. They may elect to receive a magazine for each membership or only one mailing. This should be reflected in the membership list as "No Mail" on those particular subscriptions.

16. If someone indicates they wish to be a member of a regional club but does not specify a choice, the Membership Chairperson will assign them to a club (subject to clubs' prior acceptance of such members). This is based on a regional map as described in Section 2 of the Policy Book "Designation of Regions".

17. Send labels to Marshfield to be placed on renewal postcards. These should be sent two (2) months in advance of member's expiration date.

18. Welcome postcards or emails should be sent to new members upon joining ABC.

19. Acknowledgement of renewal dues received should be sent to continuing members. (2012)

20. The ABC Membership Data Chairperson Update Hall of Fame and Life Members magazine label list to reflect newly elected members from the membership and annual Board of Directors meetings. Deceased members should be removed from the magazine label list as necessary. (2012)

NATIONAL DATES CHAIRMAN DUTIES

The National Dates Chairman receives and coordinates the field trial dates from each of the five regional dates coordinators and is directly responsible to the President. The regional date's coordinator is responsible for the

coordination of dates within their region, but the National Dates Chairman must look at the whole picture, check possible conflicts in neighboring regions and settle differences with the help of the regional date's coordinator. The Classic Chairman and the host clubs for those classics must both clear all dates through the National Dates Chairman. The Futurity Chairman and each regional manager will also clear Futurity dates through the National Dates Chairman. All field trial dates must be approved by the National Dates Chairman.

1. Field Trial Dates: All field trial date changes made by a regional club after the date schedule has been published in the magazine must be approved by the Regional Dates Coordinator and the National Field Trial Dates Chairman. (2005)

2. It is the National Dates Chairman's duty to approve dates for all Classics and all Futurities. It is the policy that no two national events will be run on the same dates.

3. Do all scheduling of walking trials. Walking trials should be considered the same as new clubs on a priority basis. Each year, a club must reapply for a date. (1993)

4. The National Dates Chairman will remain in close communication with the Executive Secretary to expedite parent approval for clubs and paperwork for national events The National Dates Chairman will keep the President and the Executive Secretary informed of conflicts on a national level.

5. The National Dates Chairman shall keep a file of the activities of the year to pass on to the next succeeding Chairman. The file shall be handed to the President at the Nationals to be passed to the next appointee. If such a file is not received, check with the last Chairman. If no file is available, start one.

6. Regional Dates Coordinators have the authority to determine field trial conflicts within their region without a conflicting club's permission.

7. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting. (1992).

8. Each regional date's coordinator shall receive a stipend annually, subject to the approval to pay for printing and postage to send dates schedules to their regional clubs. (2001)

REGIONAL FIELD TRIAL DATES, POLICY

This is the policy for the administration and organization of field trial dates by the Field Trial Dates Committee:

1. All communications regarding field trial dates scheduling between regional clubs and regional dates coordinators must be in writing and signed by an officer of the club making the request or inquiry.

2. Regional Clubs shall be awarded dates in accordance with AKC Rules for Field Trials & Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, Chapter 3, Section 2:
"Each member club or association which has held a field trial or field trials in anyone year shall have first right to claim the corresponding dates for its trial or trials to be held in the next succeeding year."

3. Regional clubs locked in on grounds that are only available on given dates will be given special consideration in date scheduling.

4. New clubs shall agree in writing that they will accept one of the open dates or the dates assigned to them by the regional dates coordinator for their spring and fall trials when applying for ABC provisional status. Open dates for spring and fall field trials will be made available to new clubs on request by the regional date's coordinator.

5. The following considerations should be the policy used to determine that two (2) clubs, within a region, should be allowed conflicting dates:

A. Location of two clubs and reason for conflict
B. Availability of grounds for conflicting clubs - exact location of the trial grounds must be furnished by both clubs to the regional dates' coordinator.
C. In order to determine what effect a conflict will have on the entries of each club – the regional dates coordinator may require both clubs to furnish a list of the number of entries for each stake run in the spring and fall trials held just previous to the date in question along with the names of each professional trainer that attended those trials with the number of dogs run by that trainer,
D. Availability of dogs to insure each club enough entries to exist.
E. A club located in one region shall not encroach into another region to run its trial or trials without first obtaining permission from the regional date's coordinators of both regions.
F. If clubs within the same region are not satisfied with the decision of the regional date's coordinator; the club may appeal as follows:

6. APPEAL PROCEDURE

A. Contact the regional date's coordinator by phone followed by a letter within the time period given in the notice. Send a copy to the National Dates Chairman.

B. The regional dates coordinator shall notify the National Dates Chairman in writing of the requested change. If the trial dates are not satisfactory worked out with the regional dates' coordinator, then the club may appeal directly to the National Dates Chairman.

C. If a club's trial dates problem is not satisfactorily resolved after following these steps, the club has an automatic appeal to the three Directors within its region for decision.

D. If a decision cannot be reached by the Directors in the region, the club has an automatic appeal to the President. The President shall then contact the National Dates Chairman, the regional dates coordinator, the three (3) Directors in the region, and the secretaries of the two clubs before deciding. The President's decision shall be final.

7. TRIAL DATES

All events that occur during the week are to be posted/scheduled through the National Dates Chairman, with the dates published in "The American Brittany," and/or the American Brittany Website current calendar for most current information. (1993) (2020)

8. WALKING TRIAL DATES

Do all scheduling of walking trials. Walking trials should be considered the same as new clubs on a priority basis. Each year a club must re-apply for a date. (1992)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES

1. There shall be a committee on nominations, ten (10) in number, consisting of five (5) directors and five (5) active members, one (1) director and one (1) active member to be from each of the five (5) regions.

2. All directors appointed to this committee shall be the directors serving their second year in office.

3. Chairperson of this committee shall be vested in a director and shall rotate in order: East Coast, East Central, Central, Midwest and West Coast Regions.

4. Five (5) members of this committee, as a minimum, shall attend every annual meeting or via Zoom of the Board of Directors and personally accomplish the duties of the committee.

5. The active members shall be appointed to this committee by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

6. Receive from the ABC Executive Secretary a candidate questionnaire for distribution.

7. The Nominating Committee Chairperson is directed by the Board of Directors to only reveal the exact totals of ballots for Board of Director to the candidate themselves and not the general membership or the Board of Directors. (2013)

BALLOT PREPARATION AND VOTING

1. Prior to September 1 of each year, the Executive Secretary shall prepare an election ballot listing nominees for the Director to be elected from that region, with at least two (2) and, if possible, more names nominated of willing candidates for each position to be filled.

2. Names to appear on each regional ballot will be submitted to the chairman of the committee on nominations by the respective regional members of the committee.

3. Copies of the election ballot for each region shall be mailed to each active member within that region, along with a return addressed envelope, the return address being for all regions a postal box specifically acquired for this purpose at the place of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors where such election occurs.

4. 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. (2015)

4. If a postal box cannot be acquired, the Board of Directors shall determine the return address for the ballots.

5. All ballots for the Board of Directors election shall be consecutively numbered for each region based on eligible voters for that region. (2014)

6. The committee chairman and a committee member shall obtain the ballots and bring them to the designated site where the ballots shall be tabulated by the members of the Committee on Nominations and the chairman.

7. The results of the election shall be announced by the chairman at the annual meeting of the general membership and the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

8. It shall nominate persons and present the names to the Board of Directors for possible election as officers, whose terms expire in any year, having obtained consent of all nominees to serve if elected.

9. A candidate questionnaire will be furnished to all candidates and same to be returned to the ABC Executive Secretary for distribution.

OFFICIAL BOOKS OF ABC

The first book published by the American Brittany Club was called The Brittany in America, written and edited by Fred Z. White, M.D., who was Secretary and Editor of "The American Brittany" magazine. The book was paid for out of the general funds of the ABC and reimbursed from sales of the book. The copyright date was 1961. The purpose of the book was to acquaint people with the Brittany who were looking for their own hunting companion, to explain what the Brittany is and what he does. The ABC owns the copyright on the Fred White book until his death when it shall revert to his heirs. This book is out of print.

The Brittany in American Revised Edition by Fred Z. White was compiled in 1965. It is an accumulation of articles, history, records, and pictures significant to the development of the breed up to that time. This book is out of print.

The Official Book of the Brittany Spaniel was edited by Nicky Bissell and published by the ABC using the same method of financing as The Brittany in America. This book, copyrighted in 1972 by the ABC, adheres to the ideas set forth by the ABC to promote the dual dog. Included is pertinent information about every dog with a dual championship title as well as all field champions, mixed champions with placements in licensed field trials. The cut-off date for records was January 1, 1971.

The American Brittany Club plans to produce two (2) books. The first is an updated and revised version of the first The Brittany in America. This book will be called An Introduction to the American Brittany. It will be for new Brittany owners, and it will address the needs and requirements of people acquiring their first Brittany. This book will be approximately half the size of The Book of the American Brittany and it is planned that it can be sold for approximately half the cost. It will include the Hall of Fame dogs and will list pertinent all-time Brittany records. This book is intended to be reprinted when needed and will only require minimal updating.

The Book of the American Brittany, Eighties Edition was edited by Rheta Cartmell and committee. The book was printed in 1994 with a cutoff date for data of 1991. This book is an update of Section II and the Appendix from the 1970 book. (2009)

POLICY BOOK COMMITTEE DUTIES

The policy notebook chairman shall preside over the Policy Notebook Committee, which committee shall:

1. Gather and publish existing/new policy of the ABC in a policy notebook

2. Maintain and update the policy notebook annually and have it posted on the ABC Website after the Policy Book Committee proofs all information

3. Receive recommended policy changes and make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning any desired policy change.

4. Policy books will be available for download from the ABC website to any Regional Club

5. Each Policy Book chairman shall keep a file of the activities of the year to pass on to the next succeeding chairman. The file shall be handed to the President at the nationals to be passed to the next appointee. If such a file is not received, check with the last chairman. If no file is available, start one.

6. Submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting.

7. All Changes including housekeeping changes to the ABC Policy Book except for spelling and numbering errors should be approved by the ABC Board of Directors. The approval can be made during a Board meeting or by email.

8. Develop a form for each chair of every committee stating their responsibilities.

ABC REGISTRY OF MERIT (ROM)

Many AKC breed clubs have established a Registry of Merit (ROM) as a club title to identify dogs and bitches in their breed who have proven themselves to be outstanding producers of champions and working dogs.

Most programs are designed to be self-reporting to a statistician, with the dog's owner responsible for submitting an application and fee. Several clubs differentiate the fee by club membership… i.e., members pay $10, and non-members pay $35 to submit a dog, and the funds are designated for a specific purpose, such as a health foundation or dog of the year type programs.

The ABC recognizes outstanding sires and dams whose influence on the breed is seen in a lasting way thru their progeny. A Registry of Merit (ROM) certificate is awarded to those Brittany sires and dams have attained titles in conformation, the field, hunt tests, obedience, agility and rally. The owner of the sire or dam in question is charged with keeping an accurate accounting of their get and to submit an application to the ROM coordinator. Copies of documentation should be submitted with the application along with a fee, to be determined by the Board (See Appendix 1) for ABC members, and a fee determined by the Board (See Appendix 1) for non-ABC members. Checks should be made payable to the American Brittany Club. Duplicate certificates for co-owners are available for a fee to be determined by the Board (See Appendix 1) per co-owner.

Certificates can be printed for a nominal cost, and this good way to honor dogs and their owners who make a significant contribution to our breed, and at the same time funding other programs.

ABC maintains a listing of all ROM dogs and owners on their website.

The ROM program will be chaired by a Presidential appointee.

Money collected from ROM fees shall be applied to the Dog of the Year Program.

ABC REGISTRY OF MERIT GUIDELINES

SIRES: A sire's progeny must earn 35 title points in order to qualify. No fewer than 5 and no more than 12 progenies can be used to make up the points. In order for each progeny to be counted, they must have either been

awarded a 3 point or higher title. Only the highest title per category counts. (So, a dog with a CH and GCH would receive 5 points for the GCH title, not 9 points for CH + GCH.) Progeny can earn points from titles in each category, i.e. conformation, field, hunt, obedience, agility and rally. Only AKC titles are accepted as part of this program.

DAMS: A dam's progeny must earn 25 title points in order to qualify. No fewer than 5 and no more than 10 progenies can be used to make up the points. In order for each progeny to be counted, they must have been awarded a 3 point or higher title. Only the highest title per category counts. (So, a dog with a CH and GCH would receive 5 points for the GCH title, not 9 points for CH + GCH.) Progeny can earn points from titles in each category, i.e., conformation, field, hunt, obedience, agility and rally. Only AKC titles are accepted as part of this program.

The following is a schedule of points that offspring earn for their sire or dam by attaining titles.

REGISTER OF MERIT POINT SCHEDULE

POINTS	CONFORMATION	FIELD	HUNT	OBED	AGILITY	RALLY
1			JH	BN		RN
2				CD	NA, NAP, NAJ, NJP, NF, NFP	RA
3				CDX	OA, OAP, OAJ, OJP, OF, OFP	RE
4	CH		SH	UD	AX, AXP, AXJ, AJP, XF, XFP, T2B, T2BP	RAE
5	GCH			UDX	MX, MXP, MXJ, MJP, MXF, MFO	
6			MH	OTCH	MACH, PACH, FTC, PAX, FTCP	
7		FC OR AFC				
8		FC + AFC				

The following application lists the get, owners, registration number and titles achieved and points.

THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB
Registry of Merit Application for Outstanding Sires & Dams

Sire/Dam (circle one) _____
DOB_____
Registration #_____
Owner(s) _____
Breeder(s) _____
Owner's Address_____
ABC Member Yes or No (circle one)
List each qualifying progeny below and the corresponding sire or dam. Please refer to the schedule of ROM points for each title the progeny has received.

Name_____
Registration #_____
Title/Date: _____ROM Points_____
Sire/Dam_____
Owner_____

Name_____
Registration #_____
Title/Date: _____ROM Points_____
Sire/Dam_____
Owner_____

Name_____
Registration #_____
Title/Date: _____ROM Points_____
Sire/Dam_____
Owner_____

Name_____
Registration #_____
Title/Date: _____ROM Points_____
Sire/Dam_____
Owner_____

Name_____
Registration #_____
Title/Date: _____ROM Points_____
Sire/Dam_____
Owner_____

Add additional sheets if needed.

ABC STATISTICIANS' AND STATISTICS COMMITTEE DUTIES

1. The duties of this committee are to maintain and supply records and information to the Executive Secretary, officers, members of the Board of Directors, editor of "The American Brittany" magazine and general membership upon request.

2. Charts shall be reduced to those dogs having five (5) wins or more in any one year, and the charts will be published in the magazine when space is available.

3. Compile the complete record of wins for each nominee to the Hall of Fame together with a list of his or her outstanding progeny upon request from the nominator.

4. The Statistician shall supply lists of the top winners in the all-time records in such categories as may help the committee in determining the position of the nominees in relation to other top dogs of the breed upon request by the committee.

5. The Statistics committee shall supply, in a timely manner, such additional information at the disposal of the committee as may be requested by members of the Hall of Fame committee.

6. The Statistician is to compile the list of qualified dogs for the National Open & Amateur All Age, the National Open & Amateur Gun Dog Championships and send to respective National Event Secretaries who in turn after verification, send to the ABC Web Master for publication in the ABC Magazine and ABC web site.

7. The Statistician shall receive all event results for Field Trials, Hunt Tests and Shows along with the required recording fees per starter in each stake/class. The event results are due to the ABC POSTMARKED within 10 days from the end of the event.

8. Should the reports not reach the Statistician POSTMARKED by the end of the 10 days, a penalty shall be levied; $25.00 the first day, then $1.00 per each day thereafter. The Statistician shall notify clubs of late penalties if due.

9. The Statistician will notify the Executive Secretary of payments in arrears in order that approvals for future events are withheld until paid.

10. Submit a report of your activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairperson in advance of the annual BOD meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairperson can have in the hands of the Directors, six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting.

11. 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.

ABC Versatile Dog and Versatile Dog Excellent Titles (2014)

- Awards will begin in 2015 and dogs that have previously qualified will be eligible for the VD and VDE titles if both they and their owners meet the qualifications.
- The Versatile Dog committee will consist of a Chair and committee members with expertise in each of the categories (field, show, & performance.)
- **All owners of a dog must be current members (full or associates) of the American Brittany Club by March 1st of the current calendar year for the dog to be eligible for Versatile Dog and Versatile Dog Excellent Title Awards for that year. (Please note: the associate membership is only available to individuals who reside in the same household as a current full member. Also, Associate Memberships do not include voting privileges in club matters.)**
- Versatile Dog Committee will provide form to be filled out for awards that require owners to submit information. Owners are responsible for tracking their dog's qualification for titles and to submit the completed application for title to the coordinator.
- The Versatile Dog program will be evaluated in 2016 for changes to the program starting the 2017.
- The Versatile Dog award presentation will be held with an ABC event (ABC Summer Specialty, Gun Dog Nationals, National Specialty, or All-Age Nationals) Individuals unable to attend will be mailed their certificates. All owners will receive a certificate.
- The Versatile Dog Coordinator shall keep a listing of all Versatile Dog Title recipients and the list shall be published on the American Brittany Club website.
- Dogs who have been awarded a Versatile Dog (VD) or Versatile Dog Excellent title may include this information as a suffix to their dogs registered name. This title is an American Brittany Club title and not an American Kennel Club title.
- Costs associated with this award will be minimal for printing and mailing of title certificates.

VERSATILE DOG (VD) VERSATILE DOG EXCELLENT (VDX) APPLICATION

Dog's Registered Name:
Dog's Registration Number:
Sire:
Dam:
Date of Birth:
Breeder:
Owner(s) and Owner's Club Affiliation:

Please indicate the highest point value in each category. There is no combination of points within a category. The dog must earn at least one point per category and must have at least one category score a 4-point value or higher. Versatility Award certificate is earned with a point total of 7 points, and a Versatility Award Excellent is earned with a point total of 10 points or higher. Documentation of points must accompany this form (i.e. Where points were awarded, copy of title certificate, etc.)

FIELD AREA

POINT VALUE

6	NATIONAL FC/AFC, CLASSICS WINNER
5	FIELD CHAMPION OR AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPION, NAVDA Versatility Champion, NSTRA Field Champion
4	MAJOR FIELD WINS, MASTER HUNTER, First place Futurity Field winner, NAVHDA Utility Test
3	Futurity Money winner
2	FIELD POINT(S), SENIOR HUNTER, NAVHDA Utility Preparatory Test
1	FIELD TRIAL PLACEMENT, JUNIOR HUNTER, NAVHDA Natural Ability Test

TOTAL FIELD AREA POINTS_____

CONFORMATION AREA

POINT VALUE

6	NATIONAL BOB OR BOS, OR BEST IN SHOW
5	SHOW CHAMPION/Futurity BIF or BOS
3	MAJOR SHOW POINTED/Futurity money winner
1	5 SHOW POINTS

TOTAL CONFORATION AREA POINTS_____

PERFORMANCE AREA

POINT VALUE

6	NHIT and NHC
5	OTCH, MACH, CT, PACH
4	UDX, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, VST, PAX, MXF
3	UD, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, T2B
2	CDX, OA, OAJ, RAE, TDX, OJP, RDX, OAP, OF
1	CD, RA, NA, NAJ, RN, NAP, NJP, TD, NF
1	Misc. performance event titles are either AKC titled or AKC recognizes other registry titles, such as Barn Hunts, Fly Ball, Lure Coursing, Herding Instinct, etc.…

TOTAL PERFORMANCE AREA POINTS _____

VERSATILE DOG TOTAL POINTS _____

ABC WEBSITE POLICY (2013)

PURPOSE: The purpose of the website shall be for the education and entertainment of the membership. The website shall provide up-to-date information and historical data provided by official ABC representatives and "The American Brittany" magazine.

INFORMATION: The following information is setup, utilized and maintained for the purpose of the website.

Domain (server & Forwarding): http://www.TheAmericanBrittanyClub.org
Hosted by GoDaddy.com (URL: https://mya.godaddy.com)

Email (Forwarding): xxx@TheAmericanBrittanyClub.org
Hosted by GoDaddy.com (URL: https://mya.godaddy.com)

Email (PayPal Filters): TheAmericanBrittanyClub@gmail.com
Hosted by Gmail (URL: www.gmail.com)

PayPal: https://www.paypal.com/us/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_account
Hosted by PayPal (URL: www.paypal.com)

Duties of the ABC Webmaster

1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to select the person to act as ABC Webmaster of the ABC Website and set any compensation and/or expense reimbursement. The ABC Webmaster shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for the best interest of The American Brittany Club.

2. The ABC Webmaster shall submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the Agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting.

3. The ABC Webmaster shall perform the following duties on **January 1st** of each year:

- Update Officers, Directors, Committees page (obtain info from ABC President & ABC Secretary).
- Update ABC email forwarding service (obtain info from ABC President & ABC Secretary).
- Update the ABC logo with the new National Champion shield (obtain from AB Magazine).
- Update main page National winner photos (obtain photos that are to be published in AB Magazine).
- Update main page National, Classic & Futurity Winners slideshow (obtain from AB Magazine).
- Update Field Trial Dates Committee on Calendar pages (obtain info from ABC Secretary).
- Update Futurity Nomination Form (obtain from AB Magazine or ABC Futurity Chair).
- Update ABC HOF Nomination Forms (obtain from AB Magazine or ABC Secretary).
- Update ABC Hall of Fame page (obtain from ABC Secretary).
- Update National pages (obtain from National FTS).

4. The ABC Webmaster shall perform the following duties on an **as needed** basis:

- Update the Calendar info after receiving approval forms from ABC Secretary or schedules from Regional Date Coordinators (not from individuals).
- Update Regional Secretary page after receiving notice from ABC Secretary or AB Magazine (send new info to AB Magazine & Secretary if needed).
- Update News items after receiving from ABC Secretary.
- Update ABC & AKC Forms when new forms are received from ABC Secretary or Committee Chair.
- Update History page from published AB Magazine write-ups.
- Update Award (Purina, Tri-Tronics, and Magnum's Masked Man) pages after receiving from Award Coordinators.
- Update National pages (qualified dogs, premium, judge's bio ...) as needed (obtain from National Secretary or Chair).
- Maintain ABC PayPal information as needed.

■ Only post information (other than what is outlined above) on website "after" it has been published in the AB magazine.

5. The ABC Webmaster shall be responsible for all ABC Domains and Email (Forwarding) accounts. The yearly Domain registration and other website expenses must be submitted to the Treasurer for approval and reimbursement. (2014)

6. The ABC Webmaster shall be responsible for the ABC PayPal and Email (PayPal filters). (2014)

7. The ABC Webmaster shall work with the ABC Secretary regarding new website content before posting. (2014)

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AGILITY TRIAL

"The ABC National Agility Trials will support the ABC National Agility Trials"

The American Kennel Club has made available to the American Brittany Club 12 licenses. Currently, 5 are used during the ABC National Specialty Show, 2 for the ABC Summer Specialty and the remaining 5 licenses based on a first come first served basis with net income from the trial being split 80/20 (ABC 80% to support the ABC National Agility Trial and 20% to be retained by the sponsor club to help offset its ABC expenses). If hosting the ABC Sumer Specialty Agility Trial, 20% will be sent to ABC and 80% retained by the host club. The Agility Trial program shall be the responsibility of the Chair of the Non-Field Performance Committee.

When an ABC Agility Trial is run in conjunction with the ABC National Specialty Show, the Chair of the Non-Field Performance Committee shall coordinate activities with the ABC 3rd Vice President.

All requests for an Agility Trial must be submitted to the Non-Field Performance Committee Chair along with the completed AKC request form. The Committee request to the ABC Executive Secretary shall identify the ABC host club, dates, breed(s), estimated revenues, and expenses. Once approved by the Committee, it shall be forwarded to the ABC Executive Secretary. This shall be the ABC club officer authorization of the event. The Chair shall send notice of the events to the ABC Treasurer along with the estimate of revenues, expenses, and ABC share. Once completed, the host club shall send a report of receipts and expenditures to the Committee Chair. The Chair shall review and send notice to the host club of amount due to ABC. Such notice shall be also sent to the ABC Treasurer.

RALLY TRIAL

"The ABC National Rally Trials will support the ABC National Specialty Show"

The American Kennel Club has made available to the American Brittany Club 12 Rally licenses annually. Currently, only 1 is used during the ABC National Specialty Show. As with Agility, these licenses be made available on a first come first serv basis with net profit from the Rally being split 80/20(ABC 80% to support the ABC National Specialty Show, and 20% to be retained by the regional sponsor club). The Rally Trial program shall be the responsibility of the Chair of the Non-Performance Committee.

All requests for an ABC Rally Trial license must be submitted to the Non-Performance Committee Chair along with the completed AKC request form. The Committee request to the ABC Executive Secretary shall identify the ABC host club, dates, breed(s), estimated revenues, and expenses. Once approved by the Committee, it shall be forwarded to the ABC Executive Secretary. This shall be the ABC club officer authorization of the event. The Chair shall send notice of the events to the ABC Treasurer along with the estimate of revenues, expenses, and ABC share. Once completed, the host club shall send a report of receipts and expenditures to the Committee Chair. The Chair shall review and send notice to the host club of amount due to ABC. Such notice shall be also sent to the ABC Treasurer.

APPENDIX I

SCHEDULE OF FEES/EXPENSES (2022)

ABC REVENUES & FEES COLLECTED

ABC Recording Fees

$ 2.00 Per **"starter"** for Field Trials or Specialty Shows unless held in conjunction with All Breed show

$ 2.00 Hunt Tests/All Breed Specialty Shows Held with an All-Breed Show or Agility Events If Submitted For Publication in "American Brittany" magazine

Pub. Rates Any event not paying starter fees wishing to be published

$ 2.00 ABC Regional Classic/Championship

Late Fees

$ 25.00 ABC Reports, 1st day
$ 1.00 ABC per day fine
$ 60.00 Futurity litter nomination 60+ days
$ 100.00 Futurity litter nomination 90+ days
$ 50.00 Field/show futurity forfeit per section

Futurity Fees

$ 50.00 Litter Nomination
$ 40.00 Field Final Forfeit
$ 40.00 Show Final Forfeit

Entry Fees

$ 225.00 National Gun Dog (Open/Amateur)
$ 225.00 National All Age (Open/Amateur)
$ 70.00 Field Futurity per Section
$ 50.00 Show Futurity per Section
$ 40.00 National Specialty Show - 1st entry
$ 30.00 National Specialty Show - 2nd entry
$ 25.00 National Specialty Show Sweepstakes
$ 150.00 Derby Invitational

Memberships

$ 50.00 Full – regional club minimum & M-A-L
$ 5.00 Associate
$ 40.00 ABC share of Full Membership
$ 3.00 ABC share of Associate Membership
($ 10.00) Club credit for direct pay Full Membership
($ 2.00) Club credit for direct pay Assoc. Member.

Retail Sales, etc.

$ 5.00 Additional Championship Pins
$ 250.00 Membership mailing lists
$ 10.00 Magazine Photo File Fee
$ 140.00 Color vs. B&W advertising page
$ 500.00 Value of Auction donation for full page yearbook ad

Materials Available From ABC

$ 1.00 Judges Field Trial Books
$ NC Flyers
$ 2.00 Old Magazine

Printing of Premium Lists—Contact Editor

EXPENSES

AKC Fees (May change without notice. Check with AKC)

$ 3.50 Field/Show per dog started/entered
$ 15.00 Application Fee – ABC and/or Regional Classics
$ 25.00 License Fee – Specialty Show
$ 35.00 Application Fee – Regional Trial
$ 25.00 Late Fee Penalty – 1st day
$ 5.00 Daily late fee fine

National Auction/Raffle Seed Money

$1,200.00 Field Nationals (All Age/Gun Dog)
$ 600.00 National Specialty

National Events Including Summer Speciality(SS)

$ 250.00 Field Report Fee (All Age/Gun Dog) **
$ 50.00 Futurity Report Fee
$ 150.00 Field Judges Gifts
$ 150.00 Best of Breed Trophy Value
$ 150.00 Best of Breed Trophy Value (SS)
$ 120.00 Best of Opposite Sex Trophy Value
$ 120.00 Best of Opposite Sex Trophy Value(SS)
$ 800.00 Current Program Dir. Emergency Fund
$ 0.25 Mileage Reimbursement
$1,000.00 ** Maximum Reporter Exp. W/Report Fee

Donations

$ 250.00 Bird Dog Foundation: Brittany Endowment
$1,000.00 Sportsmen's Alliance
$ 250.00 Each: NAIA/NAIA Trust
$ 50.00 Funeral Flowers/Memorials

Other Expenses

$ 1000.00 President's discretionary Fund
$ 50.00 Dates Coordinator's Expenses
$ 500.00 Agenda Chair document Expenses
$ 300.00 HOF Certificate Printing
$ 500.00 Judges Education
$1,475.00 Membership Development
$ **500.00** Membership Development Committee
$ 500.00 Young Sportsman Scholarship (3 per year)
$ 250.00 Young Sportsman Event Stipend
$2,000.00 Annual Young Sportsman Allocation
$ 50.00 Junior Achievement Program

Nationals Reporter*:

$ 250.00 On Completion of Report
$ 400.00 Travel (Discounted if Reporter has Dogs entered in field or show
$ 250.00 Horse Usage (Based on five (5) days running) On days that they officially report. Not to Exceed a total of $50.00 per day or $25.00 Half day for horse

* Total paid to reporter is not to exceed $1,000.00.

Other Misc. Charges & Fees

$ 15.00 Bad Check Fee + any bank charges
$ 10.00 Registry of Merit (ROM) – ABC members
$ 35.00 Registry of Merit (non-members)

APPENDIX II

ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES (2022)

2nd VP Additional Responsibilities

1.Upon being contacted by a club, or individuals within a club, who are hosting a community/ national level event where the American Brittany Club and/or Brittany could/would be showcased, the committee chair will:

a. Reach out to resources within the ABC (magazine chair/Executive Secretary/Secretary) for items available to send said host for distribution at said event.

b. Make suggestions as to additional items the club might purchase to also distribute at said event (pens/buttons/magnets/brochures, etc.).

c. Make suggestions as to raffle(s) that the club might sponsor in order to get potential.

d. Have continued contact with host individual/club during the interval to assure they have received the requested resources.

e. After event, follow-up on write-up and photos for the magazine.

2. Add a thank you letter/card from the ABC President to the host/club that worked the event and recognize their participation.

3.There needs to be more recognition of the volunteers.

4. In addition to the above, have a regional representative appointed from each region to reach out to the members in their regions each month when the new roster comes out as another layer of communication from the ABC.

5. New transactions are transmitted to the regional representatives, and they also send out welcome/renewal welcome letters.

APPENDIX III

GLOSSARY 2021

To create a better understanding, and with the constraints trying to change the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Brittany Club. The Policy Book Committee recommends a new addition to be added as APPENDIX III to the Policy Book as an **Addendum/Attachment/Supplemental/Glossary**. Additions or deletions can be made after BOD approval at any Annual Meeting or prior to.

Found throughout the Constitution and or By-Laws or specified by Article and or section

Active Member – refers to a full Member in the ABC or a Regional Club

National Kennel Clubs – refers to American Kennel Club, The American Field, Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America, and The Canadian Kennel Club

Secretary – refers to the ABC Executive Secretary – Constitution Article IV, Sections 1-2-4 (AKC only recognizes the title ***Corresponding Secretary***)

Secretary – refers to the ABC Elected Secretary – By-Law Article VI, Section 6, Part F (AKC only recognizes the title ***Recording Secretary***)

Mail – refers to mail or e-mail

Telephone – refers to by telephone, teleconference and video conference (Zoom or similar technology)

Annual Meeting – Can be held at any National Event with BOD approval – By-Law Article IV, Section 1