

The Following items will be on the Agenda for the Board of Directors' Meeting in Booneville. I have listed the person or committee chair who has submitted the items. Committee Members are listed in the March 2008 issue of the American Brittany Magazine if you wish to discuss any of the items with Committee Members. There are major changes to the Futurity Section of the Policy Book. There are two Dual Dog proposals. Please take the time to be an informed member and let your Regional Directors know how you feel about the various proposals. Hopefully by having these this early you will have time to read, discuss, and develop an informed opinion to share with the Directors.

Mary Jo Trimble, ABC Ex. Sec.

### **2008 Agenda Items**

1. Qualifications for the 2009 Championships ( Pres. Hank Hartnek)
2. Continue holding the All Age Championships at Booneville 2009, 2010, 2011 (Pres. Hank Hartnek)
3. While not an action item to be voted on by the BOD, I strongly suggest each officer and committee chairman review their section of the policy book and make revisions to meaning, grammar and punctuation. I further suggest this recommendation be done in sections and be voted on by the BOD during 2009 so as not to have to put all the changes in the agenda book and review and approve all the changes at next year's board meeting. (Pres. Hank Hartnek)
4. Possible acceptance of the Montana Brittany Club as an ABC Regional Club (2<sup>nd</sup> VP Marilynne Little)
5. Membership Breeders Puppy Program (EC Director David Smith) (See file at the end of Action Items)
6. Last year the BOD asked me to review and suggest changes for the way Agenda Items are submitted to them for consideration. I am suggesting the following as a starting point for discussion and a change for the policy book.

Current Policy, page 77, # 4: *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 Items from individual members must be supported by ten (10) members' signatures."*

**Suggested Change to replace # 4:** *Items must be submitted six (6) weeks prior to the board meeting. Items must be from an ABC officer, committee chair, a Board member, or a Regional Club who 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. The individual's item should be supported by five (5) actual signatures from each of the five (5) ABC Regions for a total of 25 signatures.. Since agenda items need to be presented by someone to the board, it is best to have one of the regional directors sign on and present the Agenda item to the Board. (Ex. Sec. Mary Jo Trimble)*

7 Ed Tillson has asked that the BOD remove the **Southern New Mexico Club** as an ABC Regional Club due to lack of members. I've attached his email in this regard to this agenda report. (Ex. Sec. Mary Jo Trimble)

8. I believe that the Board should add a **Dual Dog Chairman** to the list of Single Appointments by the President, page 28 of the Policy Book. This person is needed to track the winner/winners of the Dual Dog Awards, order trophies, maintain records of winners, etc. After the Policy Book is revised this year by the temporary Dual Dog Committee, I believe that this would be easily handled by one person as opposed to a full committee. (Ex. Sec. Mary Jo Trimble)

9.. The Board should review the current level of disbursements being made from the breed issues fund to determine if any changes are to be made in 2008. (Trea. Janet Chase)

10.Regional futurities—I will defer to the futurity chairman as to how to address the problems we have with expense reimbursements for the running of the regional futurities. This may or may not result in an additional action item. (Trea. Janet Chase)

11.. Larry McAnally reported there is continued encroachment of trees into the open areas along the courses and in the areas of the food plots. Tom Milam suggested looking into a tree cutter. He mentioned they had used one on the grounds in his area with great success. Tom will provide information on a 10 inch tree cutter to Larry. Costs are estimated at \$6,000 and will be split between BMCA and AR state funds. (Tom Milam, Blue Mt. Grounds Committee)

12. AKC would like clubs to reach at least 200,000 people with advertising. Two websites are recommended: [demandAKCpapers.com/org/.net](http://demandAKCpapers.com/org/.net) and [puppybuyerinfo.com/org/.net](http://puppybuyerinfo.com/org/.net) directing buyers to learn about the value of AKC papers and registered puppies. The websites advise how to recognize the false claims of scam artists or non-AKC registerable puppies. I recommend this information be part of the ABC website. (AKC Delegate Judy Tighe)

13. We would like board approval for the new ABC ringside Mentor Criteria. (Judges' Ed. Comm. Chair Diana Kubitz) (Criteria follows)

*The ABC Breeder Mentor requirements are meant to be a **guide** in selecting mentors. The Judge's Education Committee will be responsible for selecting individuals in their areas of the country that meet these criteria; individuals they feel would be good representatives of the American Brittany Club. The names of those people will be sent to the Judge's Education Chairman. The Chair will review those chosen and then invite those individuals to join the ABC Ringside Mentors. According to AKC anyone having twelve years experience may mentor and sign mentor's slips, so if someone is not chosen to be an ABC*

mentor, it does not eliminate them from mentoring. AKC does check credentials on individuals mentoring to be sure they have twelve years experience.

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 in accordance with the ABC Code of Ethics would be considered helpful.
4. Having attended at least 5 ABC National Events that include both conformation and performance (field trials). (5 Total)
5. The applicant, to be effective, should:
  - Be well versed in the history of the Brittany,
  - Be knowledgeable about the Brittany Conformation Standard,
  - Understand the Brittany Performance Standard,
  - Have experience with the process of judging in conformation and performance,
  - Be willing to have prospective judges come to their home or kennel to observe and discuss Brittanys,
  - Attend any classes or meeting for mentors when possible,
  - Realize that their conduct reflects on the ABC at all times,
  - Should be unbiased,
  - Adhere to Brittany standard and it's quest to keep the breed "forever dual" in keeping with the ABC Mission Statement.

*We thank judges for taking the time to attend Brittany events, judge's education and turning to the American Brittany club for ringside mentoring. AKC's requirements for becoming a judge are lengthy and costly, so we appreciate your efforts on our behalf.*

14. We would like board approval to have ABC's list of Ringside Mentors be by invitation from the judge's education committee. They would be added to the mentors already approved by the committee. (Judges' Ed. Comm. Chair Diana Kubitz)

15. We would like board approval to ask regional clubs to hire judges who meet the five years judge's education criteria. We feel that ABC will need to police this as much as possible ourselves until we are sure that AKC will implement this policy. (Judges' Ed. Comm. Chair Diana Kubitz)

16. We would like the board approval that judges for the Summer Specialty and National Specialty meet the five year judge's education requirement. Arrangements can be made to insure that a judge has completed the requirement by contacting the chairman. (Judges' Ed. Comm. Chair Diana Kubitz)

17. The Policy Book Committee has concurred with the President's recommendation that the entire manual be reviewed and revised during 2009. Therefore, I anticipate substantial

revisions to the Policy Book during the next year. The groundwork I have laid this year will greatly assist with changes required in 2009 and into the future so that future editing can be accomplished much more quickly and easily. (Policy Book Chair Dee Hartnek)

**18. MOTION: To consider that the existing budget of \$1,500.00 be raised to \$3,000.00 or more. (Auction Chair Mary Karbiner)**

19. As stated in the Policy Notebook, Directors Duties; All Directors should be active in national fund-raising events. Officers are also caretakers and influential in policy making. In light of the BOD's decision made in 2007 we would like to propose that the following be passed and inserted in the Policy Notebook - Under Officer's Duties beginning page 27 (Duties of the President) and where appropriate; **MOTION: All Officers should be active in national fund-raising events. (Raffle Chair Mary Karbiner)**

20. Amend the line stating "One copy of such program may be forwarded without charge to each advertiser in that year's edition."

Since several advertisers purchase more than one page of advertising, we would like to amend this line to state: "One copy of the Yearbook per full-page ad purchased may be forwarded without charge to each advertiser in that year's edition." (Yearbook Chair Jessica Carlson)

21. Amend the line stating "No unpaid or gratis advertising shall appear in such program, in effect, at the cost of the ABC."

We do allow for full-page ads for the official ABC Sponsors (Purina, TriTronics, Tracker, Christie) as well as for our Wrangler and Cover Artist. We would also like to allow advertising for significant donors to the Nationals, so our suggested amendment would read: "Full-page black & 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 \$300-499 worth of goods to the National events may be offered a half-page black & white ad in the Yearbook at no cost, and those donating \$500 or more may be offered a full-page black & white ad." (Yearbook Chair Jessica Carlson)

22. Amend the next to last paragraph, regarding distribution and sales, to read: "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 those 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 shall be 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 designates. Appropriate records shall be maintained and all receipts for printing and related expenses delivered to the ABC Treasurer." (Yearbook Chair Jessica Carlson)

23. Delete the last line, stating "One copy of the Championship Program Yearbook should be mailed to each club secretary each year. (1992)".

This has not been done in several years and since club secretaries cannot or do not make the book available to their entire membership, we view this as an unnecessary expense for ABC. (Yearbook Chair Jessica Carlson)

24. *A revision to the ABC Policy Book which up dates the Futurity Policy is included in this report for your consideration .*

*Rational: The policy book has not been updated for many years. The revisions mostly update the policy to reflect the operational aspects of the Futurity, and incorporate the addition of the Gun Dog Standard of Performance. (Futurity Chair Marvin Stout)  
(The full report is at the end of the Action Item list)*

25. The Hall of Fame Committee proudly submits for your consideration two great past Champions. **2X NFC/AFC Diamond Hill Dan & FC/AFC Shady's Chick-N-Little (Dog HOF Comm. Chair Steve Rollyson)**

26. Four received the necessary votes on the first ballot to advance to the second ballot to be voted on at the BOD meeting. These were: Ron Auten, Ron Curtis, Lyle Johnson, Rosco Staton (HOF Chair & Pres. Hank Hartnek)

27. BOD will elect/re-elect: 1st VP, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Sec., whose terms are expiring. (President Hank Hartnek)

28.

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30. The Dual Dog Special Committee has submitted two proposals to the BOD For consideration. These will somehow be attached for download separately in order for the revision notes to appear. (Dual Dog Comm. Chair Bob Rankin)

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## American Brittany Club Membership Breeders Puppy Program

- 1) All ABC Membership Breeders will be assigned a number at their request.
- 2) When a puppy is sold to a non-ABC member, a new membership is given to the purchaser by the breeder for  $\frac{1}{2}$  price (now \$15.00). The breeder pays \$15.00 to ABC and ABC foregoes the other \$15.00 normally due. Only one,  $\frac{1}{2}$  price membership will be granted for each puppy sold.
- 3) The new member is assigned a membership number incorporating the breeder's number, the year joined, and the Regional Club to which he/she is assigned. This will be for tracking purposes.
- 4) At their request, all participating breeders, in any ad they purchase in the American Brittany Magazine, will have the following added to their ad at no extra cost:  

American Brittany Club  
Membership Breeder
- 5) Lists of the Membership Breeders shall be made available to all Regional Directors. Regional Directors shall endeavor to refer potential buyers to Membership Breeders in their area.
- 6) Records of all new members shall be kept from year to year in the

Membership Breeders Puppy Program.

7) At the end of the second calendar year, following the first year of membership, all memberships resulting from the Membership Breeders Puppy Program shall be reviewed. For the two Membership Breeders who have the highest percentage of renewals, each shall receive \$250.00 from ABC National. For the two Regional Clubs which have the highest percentage of renewals shall each also receive \$250.00 from ABC National. To qualify, each potential recipient must be directly involved in 5 or more Membership Breeders Puppy Program new members.

8) All puppies sold to existing ABC members are not in the pool for figuring percentages.

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9) This **Membership Breeders Puppy Program** shall be effective for the calendar **year of 2009**, and continuing indefinitely until changed or terminated **by the ABC Board of Directors**.

## Analysis of Program

### I) The Membership Breeders

#### 1) Advantages to the Membership Breeder

- A) Additional" free" words in ads placed in the ABC Magazine.
- B) More support from Regional Directors in the placement of their puppies.
- C) Potential receipt of \$250.00

#### 2) Disadvantages to the Membership Breeder

- A) Expense of \$15.00 for each puppy sold to a now nonexisting ABC member. However, if the breed and club activities are going to advance, supporting this effort is certainly in the best interest of the Membership Breeders.

### II) The Regional Club

#### 1) Advantages to Regional Clubs

- A) New members obtained as a result of no direct costs or solicitation expense.

- B) Opportunity to expand Club activities; members days, special shoots, training in grooming, and the list goes on.
- C) For Regional Clubs covering a large geographic area, having more members possibly may afford the opportunity to have more local activities in different areas, run by members and for members in those areas.
- D) The potential of receiving \$250.00

2) Disadvantages to the Regional Clubs

A) To reap the benefits, it will require work. Existing members will have to "partner" with new members to get them involved. Also, the Clubs may have to get involved in some new activities if this where the new members want to go. However, this is in the best interest of the American Brittany Club and the Regional Clubs.

### III) ABC National

1) Advantages to National

- A) The work of getting and keeping these new members is all being done by the Membership Breeders and the Regional Clubs.
- B) National is incurring no new direct costs in the membership solicitation effort.
- C) Cash payments are to be made after the second year, so National will have the benefit of full dues having been renewed.
- D) Potential of new ad fund receipts from more breeders.

2) Disadvantages to National

A) \$15.00 received from the Membership Breeder will not cover the incremental variable cost of a new member. Possibly each new member will cost National up to an additional \$5.00 per year to service. These costs are primarily the expenses of the American Brittany Magazine and postage.

# Analysis of Costs

## Assumptions:

- A) Annual dues to stay at \$30.00
- B) Number of new yearly memberships resulting from program 500 (in the 2007 futurity, there are 108 litters, and 653 puppies; given the great number of litters that are not registered for the futurity, 500 new members is certainly a potential number).
- C) Renewal rate for the second year 75% (Although a pure guess, the Magazine alone should hold a significant number).
- D) Renewal rate for subsequent years 100% (Again a pure guess; however, if the Clubs do their job, membership should hold.)
- E) Extra cost to National, year one \$5.00 times 500 = \$2,500.00

## Total "Net Cost" to National per year class of new members

- 1) \$5.00 shortfall to service times 500 new members = \$2,500.00
- 2) Payments to Membership Breeders & to Regional Clubs =  
\$1,000.00 Total effective cost for a year of new  
members=\$3,500.00

## Income realized per each one year class in the second year

- 1) 75% renewal rate results in 375 members renewed
- 2) \$30.00 full dues less incremental variable cost of  
\$20.00 yields new funds of \$10.00 per new  
member
- 3) 375 new renewed members times \$10.00 new funds = \$3,750.00

Net Positive cash flow second year (per class) is projected to be = \$250.00

This new money should follow year after year in each year class. The reason for this Membership Breeders Puppy Program is not to make money immediately. This is not a fund raiser. It is our intent to grow and expend the Clubs; both Nationally and Regionally. By having more activities and members locally, the Regional Clubs should have greater opportunity for making money (more entry fees in all types of activities).

## General Comments

1) Why not raise the new membership to \$20.00, all paid by the Membership Breeder? This way the \$5.00 loss per new member will not be absorbed by National.

The program as proposed is subject to any changes the Board of Directors wish to make; either at the programs inception, or in later years.

The program as proposed has everyone making small financial concessions; the Membership Breeders are paying \$15.00; it will cost National \$5.00 per new member plus \$1,000.00 per year; the Regional Clubs will have to incur extra expense to provide activities to hold these new members. If the program is successful, everyone will win. It is only fair that everyone "put something up" to start the program.

2) What about extra costs to National to administer and to track the program?

If the new member resulting from the Membership Breeders Puppy Program can have his membership number so encoded as to contain year joined, the Membership Breeders number, and the Regional Club to which he belong, all the following and tracking should be able to be done by computer. There should be minimal extra expense to service this program.

To work efficiently and cost effectively, this program is predicated on our computer system being able to accommodate the proposed.

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## AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB FUTURITY

All dogs must be owned by members of the ABC or their immediate family as described by the AKC.

The ABC Futurities are established for the purpose of encouraging and benefiting breeders and owners of Brittanys. The trials and shows were inaugurated by the ABC and are conducted under their rules.

The following rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors of the ABC and are distributed to those making entries in the futurity through printing on the reverse side of all futurity entry forms.

### CONDITIONS AND RULES

Prior to 1/1/2004, nominations of the dam were to be made within 30 days after the bitch was bred, at which time the first \$10 forfeit was paid. A second \$10 forfeit was then to be paid before the litter reached 30 days of age. Beginning 1/1/2004, the first and second forfeits are to be combined into a single "first forfeit" fee which must be paid within 30 days (judged by postmark) after whelping date. This simplifies record keeping for both the ABC and the litter owner. It also eliminates any confusion caused by "failure to whelp". The ABC Board of Directors will set the fees.

#### LITTER FORFEITS

Each ABC futurity shall be open to every purebred Brittany bitch and all her progeny whelped on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year. Bitches must be owned, co-owned or leased by a member of the ABC or by a member of ~~is the~~ immediate family.

All dams nominated and all stud dogs used must be registered in a recognized stud book ~~or be eligible for registration~~ (2008) **(Must be registered at time bred). Only dogs registered in a registry recognized by ABC will be eligible. (2008) (precludes registries not recognized by ABC)**

Nominations of dams must be made within 30 days after the pups have been whelped, at which time the forfeit must be paid. Payment will entitle each puppy of this particular litter to be entered in the ABC futurities (field (all age or gun dog) and/or bench) upon fulfillment of requirements below. The current fees are set by the ABC Board of Directors and can be found on the futurity form in "The American Brittany" magazine. (2003)

Late litter nominations will be accepted as late as 90 days from whelping. **Late fees are \$30.00 for 31-60 days, an additional \$30.00 for 61-90 days. Nominations will not be accepted after 90 days from whelping. Additional late fees may be imposed from time to time by the ABC Board of Directors. (2008) (defines late fees, provides for all litters to have the same amount of time within the penalty)** The postmark will determine the fee for late nominations. (2003)

#### TRIAL AND SHOW

The trials and shows shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the ABC, and shall be announced at least 60 days before the day set for the commencement.

~~Entries for each ABC Futurity shall close October 29th for the current year's futurity. (Delete, no longer applies)~~

On or before ~~Final Forfeit forms postmarked on or before~~ September 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following a pup's birth year those ~~members-owners~~ expecting to start dogs must describe their entries on blanks furnished ~~free of charge~~ by the ABC and pay on each a forfeit for each trial and for each show in which it is planned to participate. ~~The September forfeit forms shall emphasize the advantage to nominate futurity prospects for both the All Age and the Gun Dog field events at the September forfeit date. (2008) (deleted, confusing, not required)~~ On the final field entry you must declare either all age or gun dog. Current fees are set by the Board of Directors and will be found on the forms provided. In addition, a starting fee, set by the ABC Board of Directors, must be paid before the start of the events. No dog may participate until its registration number has been received by the ABC.(2000)(2001) **All dogs must be owned by members of the American Brittany Club (ABC) or their immediate family as described by the AKC. (2008) (added to set member criteria)**

For those not meeting the September 15th deadline, a late fee of ~~\$100.00-\$50.00~~ for each field and **\$50.00 for each show entry (plus the regular forfeit fees) may be paid before December 31<sup>st</sup>. (2000) Any subsequent deadline changes must be approved by the ABC Board of Directors.(2008) (changes from \$100.00 per dog to \$50.00 per entry, adds BOD Approval)**

Show classes shall be divided by sex. 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.

PURSE

The litter forfeits, less all expenses incurred up to the closing of entries on Sept 15th, will be divided equally between the sections holding futurities. The forfeits due on September 15 shall be allocated to the designated section and event for which paid and added to the base amount above. This, after the deduction of 10% for the ABC will constitute the purse for that section. All expenses for the preparation and running of the events will be covered by the starting fees. (2000-2001)

The **base** purse will be divided in the following manner: 1/3 all age, 1/3 gun dog, 1/3 show. 2/3 of the **entire purse (Base and September forfeits)** will go to the owners of record of the winners at the time the event is held, with 1/3 to the breeders of the winners. ~~to be paid to the recipients by the national futurity secretary.~~ **Prize funds will be paid to the recipients by the National ABC Treasurer after verification by the ABC Futurity Secretary. (2008) (Revised wording)**

In the field the division of the purse shall be 40% for first, 25% for second, 20% for third and 15% 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.

DUAL FUTURITY

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. The owner's winnings must be paid to the registered owner. If no dual futurity winner is named the 5% will revert to the ABC.

~~The dual futurity winner must have placed in both field and show and the winners will be determined by the point schedule. Points must be won in both bench and field futurity events for a dog to be eligible for that sectional futurity dual dog award. (see Dual Dog point Schedule). (2008) (reworded)~~

**Any winnings designated above and not awarded shall revert to the ABC. (2008) (reference to Dual Award, same as other winnings)**

AUCTION

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 fund raising with the National Auction 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)

~~15. If an ABC futurity host club requires a cash advance, this advance must be approved by the futurity chairman and cannot exceed the ABC's share of the futurity purse. (ABC's share of the purse is 10% of the forfeits less expenses) (2008) (moved to "Budget Area")~~

**FUTURITY ORGANIZATION**

The following are recommended guidelines for those in charge of running various futurity stakes and shows. They should be followed as closely as possible. Those guidelines that state "must" must be followed as directed here.

**CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY**

**BOARD**

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**PRESIDENT**

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**Futurity Chairman and Committee**

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Futurity Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ Sectional Manager

(Final forfeits, running) ???

2nd year ??

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ Show Chairman

Futurity Secretary ????

(Litter nominations) ???

Committee

1st year ??

Field Trial

Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ ?

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ ?

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

Sectional Futurity

Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

National Level \_\_\_\_\_ ?????????????????? Sectional Level

(2008) delted from policy, not necessary)

**GENERAL PROCEDURES**

An official application form must be submitted to either the ABC Futurity Secretary or the ABC Futurity Chairman.

Forms are available from the Futurity Secretary or on the ABC Web Site. 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. (2008) (Added directive)

Forms necessary for participation in the Futurity will be available on the ABC Web Site. (2008)

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.

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 region. 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.

**Ideally** The grounds should have enough continuous courses so that no ground shall be covered more than twice a day. 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 insure 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 chairman and section manager for procedures for obtaining and approving grounds.

#### DATES

The futurities **may are to** be held during the week, just before a regional trial, or **immediately** following a regional trial **during the spring season.(2008)** Both field events(all age and gun dog) will be offered. They may be run simultaneously or to follow at the host clubs discretion.

It should be kept in mind that some amateur handlers involved may find mid -week trialing impossible. ~~The futurity may be held during the fall or the spring. (2008)~~

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 **and the regional dates coordinator (2008)**.

#### JUDGES

Judges should be carefully selected and the choice made of top judges in your area or in the adjoining areas if the budget can be stretched that far. The "Standard of Performance for Brittany Futurity" shall be sent to the selected judges for the field trial and the trial shall 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 who has agreed to judge one futurity may do a second stake in the same futurity except that a person may judge field in one event and the show in the same or another region.\*** Two judges shall be **allowed used** in the field. **No judge may officiate in more than one sectional of the field and /or show in the same year. However the same person may judge the field (all age, gun dog, or both) event in one section and the show in another. If qualified, the same judge may be used for the field and show event in the same sectional. (2008) ( Revised language)** No judge should have an interest in the stake by virtue of ownership or an involved stud. Breeders of eligible litters may not be selected. See SHOW PROCEDURES for points on the selection of a show judge. The choice of judges **may must** be approved by the futurity committee. **(2008) (redefines approval)**

\*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.

#### BUDGET

You **MUST** run your trial and show from the entry fees received. Your budget shall be based on the current fees established by the board of directors for each field entry and each show entry. The amount should be estimated by taking 60% of the number of those who pay the September 15 forfeit. which shall be supplied by the futurity secretary and/or the treasurer-soon after entries close on that date. You are requested to budget your funds carefully and, under **NO** circumstances, go over your budget without clearing it with the futurity chairman. If an ABC futurity host club requires a cash advance, this advance must be approved by the futurity chairman and cannot exceed the ABC/s share of the futurity purse. (ABC/s share of the purse is 10% of the forfeits less expenses) (2000)(2001)

**The American Field ad, trophies, judges gifts, and premium printing/ mailing costs paid by ABC will be included in the final settlement. The sectional host club shall submit a claim for the local expenses incurred 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. The host club shall use their own club checks and be reimbursed for expenditures by the ABC Treasurer. Any advance will be included in the final settlement between the host club and the ABC. (2008) (defines expenses)**

Reporter: The reporter is generally paid for his horse, **unless donated by a club member**.

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### **JUDGES**

Both field and show judges should be paid travel expenses to and from the futurity, **if the budget will allow. (2008) (added budget reference)** It has always been the judge's decision as to method of travel with the club picking up air fare or if driving give them the option of reimbursement of actual expense (gas, lodging, meals) or mileage (last set price of \$.25 a mile). **Horse rental for the field judges is also an appropriate expense.(2008) (added horse rental)** Some show judges set a flat rate that covers travel as well as the fee. **and/ or If the field or show judges selected are on the grounds to judge the regional trial or show, before or after the futurity, travel and judges expenses should be pro-rated. (2008) (Added prorated expenses)**

Section manager, Show and Field Trial Secretaries: These all fall into the same category, they should be left to the various individuals for reimbursement. They should be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses if they request it. Printing, postage, telephone are the basic expenses. No personal expenses.

### **PROCEDURES (2008)**

**Effective with the running in 2006 ABC will go 50/50 on the profit made by clubs hosting the ABC Futurities. ABC will absorb reasonable losses based on the guidelines listed. (2005) (Reinstated in 2008) (inadvertently left out of policy book) ABC will absorb losses only in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as weather problems, requiring the Futurity to be run on an additional day. Regional costs are not extenuating circumstances. (2008) (Defines ABC exposure to losses) The ABC Futurity Chairman must approve expenditures prior to final settlement with the host clubs by the ABC Treasurer. (2008) (Adds Chair approval over settlement and losses) Final settlement with regional clubs will not be forwarded by the ABC Treasurer until all write ups, pictures, and expense documentation have been received and approved. (2008)**

**Nominal costs of running a trial and show with in the entry fees are acceptable expenses. Regional host clubs must provide their own insurance . (2008) (Added to define costs)**

**The futurity entry fee monies are deposited by the sectional secretary as directed by the treasurer. The section manager or section secretary signature shall be on the futurity account and that person will be responsible for paying all (local) expenses incurred in the running using checks supplied by the treasurer. The futurity entry fee monies are to be mailed to the ABC Treasurer at the closing of entries for the event. (2008) (Removes reference to writing checks on the futurity account by the section secretary, adds clarification)**

The ABC futurity secretary is responsible for **the payment of** the "American Field" listing, printing and mailing of entry forms, **catalog printing** (2008) **(deleted from Secretary duties, catalog is responsibility of the regional club.)** and patches **as well as judges gifts(2008) ,(added to insure equality between sections)** and these amounts will be charged against your budget .There is no AKC license fee nor any recording fees to pay to the ABC. There is no charge for any publicity you might desire in "The American Brittany", nor for ads in that publication. You should submit requests directly to the magazine.

Upon receipt of the marked **show catalogue and Field Judges Report Form**, checks for the winners and breeders will be made out by the **ABC treasurer and sent to the recipients of the awards as certified by the Futurity Secretary.** ~~ABC futurity secretary, who will deliver them in person or by mail, to the recipients of the awards.~~ **In a case where the recipient of the award cannot be located, the award shall revert to ABC. (Added in case recipient cannot be located )**The ABC Treasurer shall pay for Futurity expenses billed directly to ABC (such as American Field ad, trophies, **judges gifts, etc.)****(judges gifts added to insure equality between sections)**

All owner's checks, field, show and dual, are made to the OWNER OF THE DOG **as stated on the entry form for each event. If available**, a copy of the purse payment schedule will be supplied by the treasurer and should be posted

in a prominent place at both the show and field trial. Under no circumstance is a purse payment to be made other than as described here.

No detailed budget is suggested due to variance in expenses from area to area. **Host club(s) should prepare a proposed budget and submit it to the Futurity Chairman for approval. (2008) ( added chairman approval)** ~~But~~ Remember to stay within your budget. ~~Remember to~~ **and** try and make the trial and show worthy of the classification of a national ABC event.

#### TROPHIES

The national futurity final running secretary is responsible for acquiring all trophies and ribbons and they shall be uniform for all sectional futurities. (1989)

#### FIELD

Rosettes for four places, the usual colors, without the AKC seal, and a trophy for each place.

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#### 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 not awarded should be kept in a safe place and the ABC futurity secretary notified of the location.

#### **DUTIES OF FUTURITY CHAIRMAN**

The chairman shall be appointed by the President, and shall be 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 see that the events are run in accordance with the ABC standards and rules

#### 1ST YEAR

1. The chairman shall make all decisions on the acceptance or rejection of irregular forfeits.
2. **The Chairman** shall act as advisor to the 1st year secretary in the acceptance of litter forfeits and to the futurity secretary in the acceptance of entries.
3. **The Chairman** shall keep records from the figures supplied by the secretary of the number of litters nominated, ~~whelped and of the fail to whelps (deleted, no longer required)~~ and report them to the club at the annual membership meeting.
4. During the late summer the chairman must poll his committee for the selection of futurity managers for each stake to be held the following year. The sectional managers must send their choice of grounds and dates to the chairman as soon as possible.
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 receive approval o f the futurity committee.
6. The chairman shall then clear the dates with the regional field trial dates committees.
7. The futurity chairman must then receive approval of dates from the national field trial dates chairman. The grounds and dates should be firmed by the end of the year in order that the schedule for the field trials may be built around them.
8. As soon as the dates and grounds are finally accepted they shall be sent to the editor to be listed in "The

American Brittany".

## 2ND YEAR

1. The chairman shall act as an advisor to the futurity secretary in the acceptance of entries.
2. The chairman shall poll the futurity committee to obtain the approval of the judges selected by the various managers.
3. The chairman must be able to act in an advisory capacity to the sectional managers.
4. The chairman must keep in touch and be sure the sectional managers are following scheduled procedures as closely as possible.
5. The chairman must submit a report at the conclusion of the events to the board of directors and to the annual membership meeting.

## DUTIES OF THE FUTURITY SECRETARY

~~The ABC Secretary shall act as the 1st year (litter nominations) The President may appoint an assistant for the 1st year secretary. The Litter Nomination Secretary shall be concerned with duties for the 1st year of a nominated litter. The President shall appoint the Final Running Secretary to be concerned with duties for the 2nd year of a nominated litter. The President shall appoint an American Brittany Club Futurity Secretary to handle the duties of the Futurity. He may appoint a Litter Nominations Secretary to serve as an assistant to the ABC Futurity Secretary. (2008) (Removes Executive Secretary Responsibility, redefines Presidential appointment)~~

### 1 ST YEAR - Litter Nominations Secretary

1. The **litter nomination futurity** secretary shall see to the printing of all necessary litter forms.
2. The **litter nomination futurity** secretary shall receive and acknowledge all litter forfeits.
3. The **litter nomination futurity** secretary must refer any irregular entries to the chairman for his decisions, presenting them in an anonymous manner so that all decisions may be made without bias. At no time may the secretary make decisions on irregular entries or policies.
4. The **litter nomination futurity** secretary shall report to the chairman on a regular basis the **litter nomination** forfeits received ~~and which payments are made by transfer of credits - Deleted, not required~~
5. The litter nomination secretary shall see that all money is deposited as directed by the treasurer. The ~~Executive~~ **litter nomination** secretary shall keep a record of the number of litters nominated, the number of litters whelped, ~~and the number of litters failed to whelp (deleted, no longer required )~~ and send them to the futurity chairman **and the Futurity Secretary.**
- 6. Once litter nominations close, the litter nomination secretary shall send all litter application forms to the futurity secretary for final forfeit form distribution.**

### 2ND YEAR - Final Running Secretary - **ABC Futurity Secretary**

1. The futurity secretary must prepare a list of eligible litters for publication in the June or July "The American Brittany" magazine.

2. About July 15 The futurity secretary must mail to all ~~each~~ breeders of an eligible litter **and all members requesting same** some entry forms and a cover letter requesting them to notify all interested persons who purchased a pup from his litter. ~~Entry forms should also be mailed to all who have requested them and notice made in "The American Brittany" that forms are now available from the Futurity Secretary. Deleted, not required~~ This mailing must include the criteria for judging the field futurities
3. The futurity secretary shall receive all September forfeits. (2000)
4. The money received shall be deposited as directed by the **ABC** treasurer.
5. The entries should be checked for eligibility consulting with the membership data chairperson to be sure all dogs are owned by members.
6. All non-members shall be notified of the membership requirement.
7. **sept. forfeit** fees shall be returned to those who do not choose to join.
8. All entries received without individual registration numbers shall be accepted as conditional and owners should be notified that the dogs may not compete unless numbers are received prior to the opening of the show or the drawing for the trial. Individual registration in any recognized stud book is adequate but litter registration is not.
9. No refunds shall be made for dogs that the owners fail to register in time.

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#### **DUTIES OF THE SECTIONAL FUTURITY SECRETARY**

1. The sectional futurity secretary shall receive the final entries and fees. Entries shall close uniformly a week before the event is held.
2. All entries must be checked for eligibility with the listing supplied by the futurity secretary.
3. Any irregular entries should be checked with the chairman and/or futurity secretary.
4. Any entries sent in error to the futurity secretary shall be honored if received before the closing date.
5. The sectional futurity secretary shall send checks for deposit to the treasurer as soon after receipt as practical, using transmittal forms supplied by the treasurer or futurity secretary.
6. At the time of closing of entries the sectional futurity secretary shall send an account of the number of show and field entries and the balance of the checks for deposit in the futurity fund as directed by the treasurer. **In case any checks are returned, entries involved may not compete without payment in ~~cash or the form of a certified check.~~ (Revised 2008)**
7. The sectional futurity secretary shall send all checks to the treasurer for deposit.  
**The sectional futurity secretary shall develop the show catalog from the current information provided by the ABC Futurity Secretary. (2008) (added to insure catalog conforms to current guidelines)**
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.
10. Within one week of the completion of the trial all entry forms, a list of field winners and two marked

copies of the show judge's book must be sent to the futurity secretary. Be absolutely sure the correct owners' names are given on all money winners, show and field.

11. Send a marked catalog with field and show placements to the ~~treasurer~~ ABC Futurity Chairman.
12. Send a full financial report to the ABC Futurity Final Running Secretary at the end of the trial. (The treasurer will furnish you with a sample to follow in submitting this report.)
13. Within one week of completion of the trial send the ABC futurity **secretary** your write-up and pictures for both the field and show. The **ABC** futurity secretary will be responsible for sending the write-up to the managing editor of "The American Brittany " magazine and the "American Field".
14. The sponsoring club is responsible for sending results photos and write-up to the ABC final running secretary. After 20 days, a \$25.00 penalty plus \$1.00 a day after 20 days will be assessed the sponsoring club. Other clubs may assist, but one club will be held accountable for the regional futurities. Therefore, it might be prudent for the sectional futurity secretary to be a member of the sponsoring club.
15. **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 registration number on all dogs that are listed by the futurity secretary as needing numbers. Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** may any of these dogs start without a registration number. It shall be your duty to watch these things; do them correctly yourself or check that the sectional manager does them properly.

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#### DUAL FUTURITY AWARD POINT SYSTEM

##### FIELD

1st place.....	6 points
2nd place .....	5 points
3rd place.....	4 points
4th place.....	3 points

##### BENCH

<b>Best of breed In Futurity</b> .....	6 points	(Revises language)
Best of Opposite Sex .....	5 points	
2nd <del>Male Money</del> <b>Money Male</b> .....	4 points	(Revises language)
2nd <del>Female Money</del> <b>Money Female</b> .....	4 points	(Revises language)
3rd <del>Male Money</del> <b>Money Male</b> .....	3 points	(Revises language)
3rd <del>Female Money</del> <b>Money Female</b> .....	3 points	(Revises language)
1st in any class .....	2 points	
2nd in any class .....	1 point	
3rd in any class .....	1/2 point	
4th in any class.....	1/4 point	
EXCEPT that if		
2 entries in a class		
1st in class .....	1/4 point	
3 entries in a class		
1st in class .....	1/2 point	

2nd in class..... 1/4 point  
4 entries in class  
1st in class ..... 1 point  
2nd in class..... 1/2 point  
3rd in class..... 1/4 point

Points may be counted for only one award in the bench (the highest received).

~~If there is a tie, the highest placing field dog shall be declared the winner. (repl;acd with )~~ **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. (2008) (Adds, duplicate award, instead of tie breaker)**

Points must be won in both bench and field futurity events for a dog to be eligible for that sectional futurity dual award.

~~Remember~~ A dog cannot win points ~~for getting a ribbon in a class toward the dual dog award~~ unless he defeats at least one dog **in the field and the show. (2008) (revises language)**

## REPORTERS

It is important that a full report of the trial and show be sent to the futurity secretary within one week of the completion of the trial and show. The sponsoring club is responsible for sending results and write-up to the ABC futurity secretary. Be sure to include photos with the write-up. After 20 days, a \$25.00 penalty plus \$1.00 a day after 20 days will be assessed the sponsoring club. Other clubs may assist, but one club will be held accountable for the regional futurity

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## CHECKS

~~The purse shall be figured by the ABC treasurer and checks shall be made out for the correct amounts for the various winners. All checks for the owners of the winners are signed by the treasurer and sent to the national futurity secretary for distribution. (Redundant - see page 97)~~

## TRIAL PROCEDURE

The stakes ~~is~~ **are** not recognized by the AKC but ~~is~~ **are** run under the ABC and the American Field. It shall be judged on the "Standard of performance" adopted by the ABC Board of Directors. Braces shall be 1/2 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 minute 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 American Field and not AKC a placement with out birdwork on the course is permissible.(2008)**

## STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE FOR BRITTANY FUTURITY

### **ALL-AGE ((Optional Horseback))**

Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into championship All Age Brittanys. They shall hunt the forward limits of the course with intelligence, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds.

The dog **must should** locate and 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.

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."

### **GUN DOG (FOOT HANDLED ONLY) (2008) (added Gun Dog Stake Performance Standard)**

**Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into championship Gun Dog Brittanys. They exhibit a keen desire to hunt, a bold attractive style, intelligence in quartering and seeking objectives, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds.**

**The dog should locate and 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 manner indicating their future potential as a high class Gun Dog.**

**The dog must hunt for it's handler at all times at a range suitable for a handler on foot. It must cover adequate ground, but range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from it's usefulness as a class hunting dog.**

## FUTURITY SHOW

It is recommended that the person in charge of the show should have conducted an AKC licensed specialty show **held in conjunction with a field trial**. The futurity show should be held in conjunction with the trial. It may be indoors or on the trial grounds, wherever appropriate space is available.

An AKC licensed judge does not need to be used. Most licensed judges charge more than can be afforded and many will not judge an event that is not AKC approved. It has been the custom to use a Brittany person who is an AKC licensed judge, a professional show handler who has shown quite a few Brittanys, or a breeder who has had experience judging sanction matches. The choice of a judge must be approved by the futurity **committee chairman**.

The judge should be instructed not to penalize dogs for being in field shape. ~~He should be instructed to choose dogs he feels~~  
~~are the correct size for their age, not on future show potential. (deleted ) (2008)~~ No dogs are to be measured in the futurity show.

### STEWARDS

Two persons are needed, one to check dogs into the ring and one to pass out armbands, round up participants and answer questions.

### CLASSES

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 in Futurity	The best male and best bitch compete for this award.

Be sure the judge marks his book and that absentees are crossed out (or marked "Abs" or "DNS") and all winners noted.

**The show judge shall be provided with a copy of the "Judging Procedure" in order to ensure correct class and money placement. (2008) (added to insure correct judging procedure)**

