

## **2010 ACTION ITEMS FOR ANNUAL BOD MEETING**

*The following items will be topics that the ABC Board of Directors will be considering at their annual meeting. If you wish to offer input on any of these items, please contact the person making the proposal and/or contact your Regional Directors. There are 15 items listed. Some of the Action Items deal with more than one proposal where large sections of the Policy Book are being revised. \*\*\*\*\* separate the action items numbered 1 to 15. Mary Jo Trimble, ABC Ex. Sec.*

**1. Discuss Qualifications (done annually) : Pres. Hank Hartnek**

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**2. Discuss holding the AA Championships at Booneville 2011-1013: Pres. Hartnek**

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**3. Discuss recognition of Grand Canyon Brittany Club: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Judy Robin**

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**4. Items submitted by Trea. Janet Chase:**

- Consideration of any requests for revisions in budget amounts for 2011, if any,
- Review the current level of disbursements being made from the breed issues fund to determine if any changes are to be made in 2010. Details will be included in my updated report for the meeting.
- Review financial results of the 2010 Gun Dog National Championships.
- I plan to gather preliminary information for the purpose of the Board determining the appropriateness of not of ABC forming a foundation to receive tax deductible contributions and bequests from estates.

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**5. Items submitted by Judges Ed. Coordinator: Diana Kubitz**

**Action Items:**

1. We would like board approval of the revised application adding the #7 asking about information about field trials, hunt tests, hunting and feelings about the dual dog.
2. We would like the board to approve a new process concerning the approval of ABC mentors:

Obviously if we accept a mentor, there shouldn't be any reason to send the vote to the President. We believe that we need to have categories that a rejection might fall into:

- Insufficient Information: at which point the committee would advise the applicant about the information they require to make their decision.
- Does not meet the qualification at this time: at which point we would advise the applicant what needed to be accomplished to meet the criteria.
- Does not represent the best interest of the American Brittany Club: there are only a few people that I can think of that might fall into that category.
- Information about the votes would be made available to the President if he or the board had questions on any applicants; otherwise that information would remain with the committee.

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6. \$2000 donation to AKC Human Fund designatin the 501c3 “Mean Seeds” Fund.  
**AKC Delegate Judith Tighe.**

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7. \$500 donation to the AKC PAC (political action committee) to fight bad legislation.  
**AKC Delegate Judith Tighe.**

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8. Establish a committee headed by Steve Ralph to handle and smooth the transition from our magazine to our web site and that we stop publishing the Brittany Magazine December 31, 2011. I would agree to some form of quarterly news letter published electronically in the transition. **Submitted by Jim Chase, Central Director.**

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9, Approve the Wahington Brittany Club to host the 2013 ABC Summer Specialty, August 24, 2013, in Enumclaw, WA.

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10. Action items for Judges’ Education Committee submitted by **Robert Wire, West Coast Director:**

**Currently there are no restrictions for inclusion on the committee. It is recommended:**

- The Judges’ Education Committee will not include any members who are professional show handlers.
- The President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President shall be members’ ex-officio of this committee.
- The appointed members of the committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
- 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 term of one (1) member shall expire each year. Nothing shall prevent a person from serving consecutive terms or from holding any other office while serving on this committee.
- Each appointed member and the President shall have one vote in each committee matter requiring a vote. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 3<sup>rd</sup> Voce President shall have no vote.
- Each year the President shall designate a chairman from among the appointed members of the committee.
- It shall be the responsibility of this committee to investigate all nominees to be a Judges’ Mentor and evaluate all information with current of former ABC members of experience and repute in regions of the nominee’s origin, ownership and major exhibition.
- The Board of Directors, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, may remove, with or without cause, any appointed member of the committee.

I would like the Board to consider changing to the following criteria:

#### REQUIREMENTS

- An applicant must be and have been a full member in good standing of the American Brittany Club for the past 8 years
- An applicant must be and have been a full member of a Regional Brittany Club for the past 8 years

- An applicant will find it helpful for their consideration to have bred, whelped and raised a least 3 Brittany litters within the last 8 years and in accordance with the ABC Code of Ethics
- An applicant will find it helpful for their consideration to have attended at least 3 National Events that include both conformation and performance events

FURTHERMORE

- They should know and understand the history of the Brittany
  - They should know and understand the AKC Conformation Standard
  - They should know and understand the AKC/American Field Performance Standards
  - They should know and understand judging procedures for Conformation and Performance Events
- AND
- Be willing to host prospective judges at their home and/or kennel for observations and discussions regarding the Brittany breed
  - Be willing, whenever possible, to attend Mentor classes or meetings
  - Be unbiased
  - Be aware that their conduct reflects on the ABC
  - Be aware that they must adhere to the ABC Mission and its quest to maintain the “duality” potential of the breed

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**11.** The ethics committee would like to suggest that the Code of Ethics be changed to include the following:

- “11. Take back or handle the proper placement of any dog they have produced.”

Then the Code of Ethics would conclude with:

- Use spay/neuter.....
- Consider DNA..... **Sue Lehosky, Chairman Ethics Committee**

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**12.** The sale of Futurity patches in all sections has been very minimal. It seems that no one is interested in them. Due to the lack of interest, the Futurity committee recommends that we discontinue the patches for the Futurity. **Futurity Chairman Lisa Pollock.**

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**13.** Changes to the ABC Policy Book, Futurity Section **Submitted by Futurity Chairman Lisa Pollock**

Reason: Changing the second forfeit deadline to a date 2 weeks later would allow the Futurity secretary more time to process the information. The September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline date falls at a time when members of the committee travel to attend the fall game bird classics.

**1. Page 96 TRIAL AND SHOW 2nd paragraph**

On or before September 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following a pup’s birth year those **owners** expecting to start dogs must describe their entries on blanks furnished by the ABC and pay on each a forfeit for each trial and for each show in which it is planned to participate. **(2008)**

**Change to Read:**

On or before **October 1st** of the year following a pup’s birth year those **owners** expecting to start dogs must describe their entries on blanks furnished by the ABC and pay on each a forfeit for each trial and for each show in which it is planned to participate. **This payment shall be referred to as the final forfeit.**

**2. TRIAL AND SHOW 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph**

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

**Change to Read:**

For those not meeting the **final forfeit** deadline, a late fee of \$50.00 for each field and \$50.00 for each show entry (plus the regular forfeit fees) may be paid before December 31. (2000) Any subsequent deadline changes must be approved by the ABC Board of Directors. (2008)

**3. PURSE (page 97)**

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)

**Change to read:**

The litter forfeits, less all expenses incurred up to the closing of entries on **the final forfeit date**, will be divided equally between the sections holding futurities. The forfeits due on **the final forfeit date** 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. **Two thirds** of the entire purse (Base and **final** 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)

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**14. Policy Book Changes from 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Chris Ward-Weber:  
DUTIES OF THE 3RD VICE PRESIDENT**

**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 the veterinarian is not being paid, arrange for a gift for **them**.
  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 secretary and show secretary all preparations for the show.
- G. Coordinate with the ABC 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. *AKC must receive these forms 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 one (1) year in advance of when a year is available from the time of the committee formation and the event. During transitions of the office one year is not available, only 4 months from transfer to application need to be field with AKC. I Would like to add to this section rather than as item #9 page 38 in the Policy Book.**
  3. **Neither the show nor judge can be advertised until AKC has approved such show and judge. Would like to revise to “May not be advertised but can be announced after a signed commitment letter is in hand with the show chairperson.” This will allow ABC to begin coordinating site, hotel, photographer, videographer and other needed contracts.**
  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. **All names submitted must have a brief statement of the person's qualifications for judging at the national specialty show.** (Delete as redundant since this is done by the committee when nominations are brought down to 10)

- b. A separate committee of people who compete in obedience and/or rally shall nominate judges for the national specialty show in these areas. Names of judges for obedience and rally must be able to judge both. The procedure for selection shall be the same as indicated in item d below.
  - c. A separate committee of people who compete in agility shall nominate judges for the national specialty show in agility. The procedure for selection shall be the same as indicated in item d below.
  - d. 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.
  - e. After the judges are approved by the AKC, the national show chairman will announce their judging assignment in the magazine and one the website along with a short biography and picture of each judge (if provided by the magazine deadline).
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) **(Like to add "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." These would be Stud Dog and Brood Bitch classes.**
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) **I would like to exclude this requirement for Obedience & Rally & Agility, as these 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 and catalogs, distribution of premium lists, receipt of entries. **Show superintendents have been printing the premium the last few years.**
  - K. Coordinate with show secretary or **superintendent** that said secretary obtains show armbands, the AKC book, ring numbers, elastics, the judge's book, AKC approved measuring device, ring, ropes and mats, etc. **Show superintendents have been doing these things the last few years the last few years.**
  - 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** to be provided, as required, for the judge. **Over looked in Policy Book**
  - N. Coordinate with the managing editor, "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 for his 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, Ribbons, Juniors, Agility (when offered by ABC at the National Specialty). [These coordinators in no way replace the National Committee Chairman appointed by the ABC President.

3. Coordinate with the managing editor, "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. (Delete)**
4. Aid, assist, and encourage regional clubs to establish and hold specialty shows under rules and procedures of the AKC.

**It is recommended the following numbering sequence be corrected. I have however left them the same for easier reference.**

6. 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
7. With respect to both the national specialty and the summer specialty **shows' information to be provided by the chairperson of that event and copied to the 3rd VP (change)**, prepare and promptly deliver to the ABC Executive Secretary and the ABC executive secretary a show catalogue appropriately marked to reflect the results of each such show.
8. If possible the national specialty show be given its own day between the national open championship and the national amateur.

**It has been recommended item #9 be included in section G 2 above.**

10. 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)
11. 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) **I think some of this could be empowered back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. This is requiring redundant work.**
12. 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)  
**Notification is not required when a current contract is in place.**
13. 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)
14. Officers shall be reimbursed for telephone and postage expense when bills are presented, subject to presidential approval, to be paid by the treasurer.
15. The 3rd Vice President shall submit an annual budget to the board of directors for consideration and approval at the annual meeting for the next annual event. **This is not possible during transitional years when a new 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President is elected because the new 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice president does not take over until January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. I would like to add "or by**

e-mail vote during those years when a new 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice president is taking over.”

16. 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) I would like to add “Additional Classes to be considered are Best Junior, High Scoring Brittany (when Obedience is available) and Hunt Test Classes at the Summer Specialty.
17. At the National Specialty Show and 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). This sentence should be deleted as it is redundant to item #16 above.  
At the National Specialty Show ONLY the following additional classes are required: Dual Champion Classes and National Qualifier classes. Qualifications for Field Trial classes shall be one field trial placement during the immediate past year, I would like to add “from the date of closing of the Specialty year prior to the current National Specialty Show” or be a Field Champion, an Amateur Field Champion or Dual Champion of record with AKC. Qualifications for Dual Champion Classes shall be Dual Champion of record with AKC, I would like to add “the Show, Field or Amateur Championship date must be included on the premium.” 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. Dogs and bitches placing first in the Field Trial classes, Dual Champion classes and National Qualifiers classes shall be eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition.
18. Regional club shows shall conform to the National Specialty requirements with regard to offering field trial classes. They are no required to offer stud dog and brood bitch classes. Regional clubs are not permitted to offer Dual Champion or National Qualifier classes.
19. The 3rd Vice President may select judges three (3) years in advance of the national specialty show in order to acquire our top show judges.
20. 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 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. I would like to add “Move ups are allowed.”
21. 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)
22. 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)
23. 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.

24. 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 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) Please clarify what this means. Is there a current list available? If not, why do I need to supply all contacted solicitation and donor lists?
25. Vendors will not be allowed to conduct auctions and/or raffles at ABC events. (2000) Exception (Brittany Rescue Organizations) 2002
26. 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)
27. The National Show Chairman/3rd Vice 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/her. The National Show Chairman/3rd Vice President will not handle or enter into conformation competition any dogs solely owned by him/her, but dogs co-owned by him/her but not handled by him/her shall be eligible for conformation competition at the National Specialty Show. (2006) I would like to change to "any dog co-owned by National Show Chairperson that resides with said person shall not be eligible to be entered in conformation. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Show Chairperson is competing in Obedience, Rally or Agility when possible finds a Co-Chairperson who can chair Obedience, Rally & Agility."
28. I would like to add "The show Chairperson should clarify with the Breed Judge as to the handling of the awards of merit before judging, i.e. will the awards of merit be handed out in order or just awarded." This makes handling of awards of merit easier.

#### SUMMER SPECIALTY SHOW

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), I would like to add "or may assign or have assigned that responsibility to another named party such as the Summer Specialty Show chairperson" for the summer specialty show to insure that the show shall rotate, in order from region to region. (1980) This is currently being done.

- 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 for the Summer Specialty I would like to add "and have the premium reviewed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP to insure that the classes, ribbons and ABC's class requirements are correctly put in place." This will ensure all the bases are covered.
- D. Coordinate with the show chairman of the Summer Specialty and with the person co-

coordinating the event rotations the appointment of a show secretary or superintendent and members of the show committee.

- E. The **I would like to add** “Show chairperson of the Summer Specialty will notify the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP”, president and executive secretary as to the chairman and members of the show committee. **This will ensure all responsible parties are notified.**
- 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, July or August. (2002)
- G. **I would like to add** “The 3<sup>rd</sup> VP will coordinate with the Summer Show Committee” the selection of the all breed show and choice of judge. **This will ensure everyone on the committee knows what is happening.**
- H. **I would like to add** “The 3<sup>rd</sup> VP will” approve, with the president’s approval, the site, date, type of show to be held and the choice of judge. (2002) **This change will make this requirement more specific as to whose function this is.**
- I. **I would like to add** “Hosting Club will” notify the editor of “The American Brittany” of appropriate information for advertisements, etc. **This change will make it more specific as to the responsibilities.**

**The following section comes from “Summer Specialty Show” section of the Policy Book beginning on page XX. This section should be combined with the items above referring to the Summer Specialty Show.**

The summer specialty show committee shall, under the direction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president **I would like to add** “or appointed committee chairperson,” **(This is already being done.)** 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 summer specialty show may be held as an Independent Show or as a Designated Specialty Show in conjunction with an all breed show and shall be held in May, June, July or August. (2002) If held as an independent the Veteran class will be 8 years and older. The Field Trial class will be for dogs who have earned a Field Trial Placement in the calendar year prior to the show’s closing date of be a finished Field Champion.

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 of up to \$75 and a Best of Opposite Sex with a value of up to \$50. If the host club’s trophy donations cover the cost of all trophies, ABC will NOT buy the Best of Breed or the 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)

The ad for the summer specialty shall be sent to Managing Editor 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. **I would like to add** “The completed write up will be sent to the editor with photos of BOB, BOS, WD, WB, BW, Best BBE, Puppy & Junior, if available. (Top winners: BOB, BOS, BW, WD, WB photos will be included at no charge to the event winner.)” **This will ensure the results are sent to the magazine.**

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. It was replaced in 1989 by the Jacques Prince Valiant Memorial Challenge Trophy donated by Bob and Curtis Humphrey in honor of their top winning American/Canadian champion. Three Best of Breed wins at the summer specialty (same owner, not necessarily the same dog) will retire the award. It is a cast Brittany on a wooden base. (1989)

The regular classes and the non-regular classes to be held at the summer specialty shall be standardized to be the same as the national specialty, i.e. Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Veterans, and Field Trial classes. The holding of sweepstakes is optional. (1983)

**I would like to add "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 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. Contingent on hosting all breed's policies. This paragraph is included for the National Specialty Show premium and should be included to make them consistent.**

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 managing editor of "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)

At the national specialty show and the summer specialty show the following classes are required: Field Trial Class, Stud Dog Class, Brood Bitch Class and Veterans Class. (11/93)

**I would like to add "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 Best Junior, High Scoring Brittany when Obedience is available and Hunt Test." This makes the classes consistent with what was stated in classes for the National Specialty Show above.**

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15. Election of Officers, HOF People.