

American Border Collie Association, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
Klamath Falls, OR
September 23, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the American Border Collie Association was held at the trial site in a big tent located at Runaway Farm, 7677 Lower Lake Road, Klamath Falls, OR, following the round of the USBCHA Sheep Finals on Wednesday, September 23, 2009. Following a light meal, Jim Swift introduced Dr. Mark Neff, Jennifer Yokoyama, and their associates for a presentation on research done on deafness, epilepsy and sound sensitivity in Border Collies.

Following the excellent presentation, Jim Swift, President, called the meeting to order. He asked Patty Rogers for the proof of mailing and presentation of proxies. She presented a letter from Destry Hariel who was contracted to handle the mailing of the proxies and the tabulation of the votes. The letter stated that there were 2,475 ballots mailed to eligible voters. 61 were returned with no forwarding address, 4 were without signatures and 512 were properly signed and returned. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of the eligible voters.

Patty Rogers distributed copies of the minutes and financial statements. Eileen Stein made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion was 2nd by Amy Coapman. All approved.

Jim explained the Financial Statement in the absence of Kate Ash and explained that the rate increase was approved since there was actually a negative operating balance for the previous year. Roger Culbreath made a motion to approve the financial statement. Motion was 2nd by Liz Hubbard. All approved.

On site ballots were collected and counted and added to the ballots mailed in. Patty reported that the four directors elected were Leroy Boyd, Don Helsley, Liz Hubbard and Pearse Ward.

Francis Raley stated that handlers should really be encouraged to participate in the business of the registry. Barbara Ross asked that the Board consider financing the BAER tests next year at the finals. Jim said they would take that under consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.