

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
BELLE GROVE PLANTATION, MIDDLETOWN, VIRGINIA
OCTOBER 9, 2013 - 6:30 p.m. ET

Minutes

Eileen Stein, President, called the meeting to order, thanking everyone for their attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual meeting. Debbie stated 2,058 ballots were mailed to eligible voters, 69 were returned undeliverable. The accounting firm of Alexander Van Loon tallied the ballots, and report 408 validly cast ballots. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters.

The minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting were distributed to those in attendance. A motion was made by Emil Luedecke to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Neary seconded the motion and it was approved.

Eileen Stein offered the President's report detailing a number of activities that occurred during 2012. ABCA provided \$15,295 in promotional money to support local trials throughout North America. We also provided \$10,000 in support for the USBCHA Sheep and Cattle Finals, awarding an additional \$16,000 in prize money for those Finals. ABCA saw a slight decline in registrations in 2012; however looking at the first 6 months of 2013 should the trend continue would show a slight increase at the end of 2013.

ABCA authorized and supported a very advanced comprehensive study by Dr. Mark Neff into idiopathic epilepsy in the Border Collie. The state of the art study has now been completed and has failed to detect any chromosomal regions associated with idiopathic epilepsy. The result does not rule out a genetic influence in the working Border Collie but it does suggest that any genetic factors present are of relatively small effect. The implication -- though hard to accept -- is that we are unlikely to reduce the risk of epilepsy in our breed through selective breeding.

In closing her report, Eileen reminded everyone this was the ABCA's 30th year, Happy Birthday to us! For 27 years, Patty Rogers had been its Secretary-Treasurer. This year the torch was passed to Debbie Bailey and the office moved to Cataula, GA. Matters associated with the transition occupied much of the past year and required intensive work by many people. Thanks

to Patty for her dedication and hard work over the years and many thanks to Debbie for taking on this daunting task with great enthusiasm and competence. Thanks too are due to the Directors that went above and beyond in the time and effort they devoted this year to our service. Mike Neary added his gratitude along with the entire board for Eileen Stein's tireless effort in making this work.

The Financial Statement was presented, Amanda Milliken made a motion to approve, and Maria Amodei seconded the motion. It was approved.

Mark Billadeau offered a thorough report as chair of the Health and Genetics Committee. The projects include Epilepsy, Early Adult Onset Deafness, and Exercise Induced Collapse in Border Collies.

Debbie Bailey announced the results of the election of directors: 4 Directors were elected for 3 year terms including Dennis Gellings, Jamie Spring, Eileen Stein and Peg Anderson. In addition, Warren Mick was elected to complete the one-year term of Linda Fogt, who had resigned.

Barbara Ray, Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, announced Beverly Lambert's Imp. Pippa and George & Topsie Conboy as 2013 inductees to the ABCA Hall of Fame. (The presentation is detailed in the newsletter.)

There being no further business Emil Luedecke moved to adjourn the meeting and Barbara Ray seconded the motion, all approved.