

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

September 12, 2014

Minutes

Eileen Stein, President, called the meeting to order, exclaiming what a great turnout!

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. Debbie stated 2,099 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 23 votes returned undeliverable. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots and report 338 validly cast ballots. Additionally, 54 votes were cast during the Annual Meeting. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters. The results of the election; 4 Directors were elected for 3 year terms including Mike Hanley, Allen Hickenbottom, Sonia Craig and Warren Mick.

The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were distributed to those in attendance. A motion was made by Dennis Gellings to approve the minutes as presented. Barbara Ray seconded the motion and was approved.

Eileen Stein offered the President's Report stating that in 2014 ABCA has provided \$13,785 in promotional money to support local trials and similar events throughout North America. We also provided a total of \$19,000 in support to the USBCHA Sheep and Cattle Finals. In addition, we awarded \$5,000 in prize money for the Cattle Finals and will be awarding \$11,000 in prize money at these Sheep Finals.

Eileen reported that we reached a milestone in February 2014 when we registered our 400,000th dog. Adding that for the first 8 months of 2014 compared to the same period of 2013, we have an increase of 1,091 more dogs registered and 185 more memberships (annual & life combined).

Eileen explained that at the beginning of 2014, Debbie Bailey had completed four months of her six-month contract as ABCA's new Registrar/Office Manager. Although this was originally intended to be an interim contract, the Board concluded that conducting another search, training a new contractor, and moving the office for a second time in less than a year would be extremely burdensome and not in the best interests of the Association, particularly when Debbie had put in so much time and effort and had proven so successful in mastering and providing the services required. Consequently, the Board voted to dispense with the second search, and to offer Debbie an ongoing, full-year contract.

Eileen reported, the Board voted to sponsor a BAER clinic at this year's Sheep Finals, and to underwrite the full cost of BAER testing, both as a service to the membership and to aid in

accumulating data for research into Early Onset Deafness (EOD) in adult border collies. We are grateful that Elizabeth Baker served as our representative, working tirelessly to help organize the clinic. Elizabeth added that 61 tests were completed with zero failures and 5 abnormal (as compared with the general population tested, but with no significant deafness at this time).

In closing her report, Eileen noted we owe a lot to the Directors who have dealt with the problems arising during the year and set the policies and direction of the Association. Every one of them has contributed during the past year. Eileen gave special mention to the two directors whose terms are ending and who were not eligible to run for re-election because they have served two consecutive full terms. They are Emil Luedecke and Michele Howard. We are very grateful to them for their insight and hard work and unfailing willingness to step up and do whatever had to be done. Eileen also gave special mention to Debbie Bailey, who took over the office at a difficult time and has worked heart and soul to understand what needed to be done, and to get it done, and to make significant improvements in our systems and methods and practices along the way.

The Financial Statement was distributed and presented. After brief discussion, Barbara Ray made a motion to approve, and Emil Luedecke seconded the motion. It was approved.

Mike Hanley, Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, was unable to attend this year and in his absence, Eileen announced Emil Luedecke as this year's inductee to the ABCA Hall of Fame. Mike Neary made the presentation. (detailed in the newsletter)

There being no further business Dennis Gellings moved to adjourn the meeting and Barbara Ray offered the second. Motion was approved.