

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
BELLE GROVE PLANTATION, MIDDLETOWN, VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

Minutes

Mike Neary welcomed everyone to Belle Grove Plantation, Middletown, VA and called the meeting to order.

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. Debbie stated 2,126 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 12 ballots returned undeliverable. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots and report 368 validly cast ballots.. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters. The results of the election; 4 Directors were elected for 3 year terms; Eileen Stein, Jamie Spring, Bridget Strang and Kathy Knox.

The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were distributed to those in attendance. A motion was made by Dennis Gellings to approve the minutes as presented. Stephanie Goracke made the second and the motion was approved.

Mike Neary gave the President's Report. Mike stated that for the 4th straight year, registrations have exceeded 14,000 and transfers have increased. ABCA registered the 450,000th dog during 2017 since its inception in 1983.

In 2017, the Board approved the expenditure of \$12,705 in Promotional and Educational Funds to local and state organizations and individuals for working Border Collies events. These funds are provided by the earmarked \$1 per dog registered per state or province.

Mike also reported ABCA made available a new website for members to help them with their needs. Special thanks to Warren Mick and the Communications Committee for all their hard work on this project. It was sorely needed and they did a wonderful job on making it happen.

In 2017 the Board approved a total of \$42,804 to sponsor the National Sheepdog Finals and the National Cattledog Finals. ABCA is the longest tenured and most dependable sponsor of both events. Funds have been allocated for livestock expenses, prize monies, and general support. The Board of Directors also approved the expenditure of \$4,500 to support the live webcast of the 2017 National Sheepdog Finals.

In further business the Board of Directors approved changes in the fee structure and fees charged for ABCA transactions starting in January of 2018. The major changes were to eliminate differing prices for cash versus credit, and increase the fees slightly for Registrations, Transfers, Annual and Life Memberships (fee schedule detailed in newsletter, new forms for 2018 enclosed).

The fee change on transactions also allowed the Board of Directors to approve an increase in Promotional Monies earmarked for states and provinces from \$1 per dog registered to \$2 per dog registered. This should help members with their worthy activities that occur at a local level involving working Border Collies.

Mike noted there had been one disciplinary action as of September 2017. Tim & Julie Popplewell, Bakersfield, CA have been suspended from all ABCA member privileges for five years for submitting forged and falsified applications and documents. Furthermore, once the five year suspension has been served, their membership privileges may only be reinstated on a probationary basis for a further five year time period.

The Financial Statement was distributed and presented. After brief discussion, Eileen Stein made a motion to approve, and Peg Anderson seconded the motion. It was approved.

Eileen Stein provided a review of the year for the ABCA Health & Education Foundation. (The report can be found in this newsletter).

Mike Hanley and Peg Anderson Co-Chaired the Hall of Fame Committee. Mike Neary announced Eileen Stein is this year's Inductee to the ABCA Hall of Fame. Mark Billadeau gave the induction highlighting Eileen's many contributions to the working Border Collie breed (details can be found in the newsletter).

Mike Neary asked if anyone had comments or further business. There being no further business Bruce Fogt moved to adjourn the meeting and Stephanie Goracke offered the second. Motion was approved.