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2000 Annual Meeting

The 2000 Annual meeting of the American Border Collie Association, Inc. was held in El Reno, Oklahoma, on October 27 following the day's running of the National Finals Trials. The meeting opened with dinner and immediately following the meal, Dave Arnold, President, opened the meeting.

Dave began the meeting with the introduction of the Hall of Fame 2000 ceremony. Mike Neary was asked to come forward to make the presentation to the only person to be inducted for 2000, Dr. Leroy Boyd. Mike also introduced Dr. Boyd's mother who was attending the meeting. Next, Lyle Boyer was introduced to make the presentation of Bill Berhow's Jen.

Following a brief photo session, the meeting began with reading of the minutes and financial statements. Dave gave an update on some of the projects that ABCA had been involved in during the 2000 year. He asked Sally Lacy to give a report from the Hip and Eye Committee. He also asked Terri Warner to give a report on her project in Colorado with 4-H students. Dave also included a brief update on the installation of a new computer program that began in the ABCA office on October 1.

The Nominating Committee's report was given and the tally of the votes of those present at the meeting was added to those mailed in to Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens and Farve. The newly elected Board members were Bruce Fogt, OH; Candy Kennedy, CA; Beverly Lambert, CT; and Leslie Scruggs, MS.

Next was some general discussion from the membership which included requests for more updates on the web site, more information in newsletters and more funding for the National Finals. There was also a concern expressed for the need for an annual budget with more reporting to the membership. Some suggestions were made involving the promotional money requests and a concern for more information to be made available to members about those funds. It was agreed that all of these suggestions would be taken to the Board of Directors for their consideration in operations for the coming year(s).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Due on January 1st of each year

Annual membership fees are \$10
Lifetime membership fees are \$100

Remember, membership renewals must be postmarked by December 31, 2000 to be eligible to vote in the 2001 business of ABCA.

The Board of Directors Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors met on November 21, 2000 to elect officers and executive committee members for the 2001 fiscal year. Dave Arnold was elected President again, Bruce Smart – Vice-President, Patty Rogers – Secretary/Treasurer, and the Executive Committee members will be Bruce Fogt, Sally Lacy and Angie Pickle. Other committees will be appointed in the near future. Rusty Child will serve as Chairman of the Trials Committee for 2001. It was also determined that a Budget Committee would begin work immediately in establishing a budget for the 2001 year also.

The regular meetings of the Board were determined to be on the 3rd Tuesday of odd months unless special meetings were required. More information will be posted to the web site as the year progresses and decisions are made.

The LaPlata County 4-H Stock Dog Project

Submitted by Terri Warner

The LaPlata County 4-H Stock Dog Project was awarded \$3,000 from the ABCA in the year 2000. This is the 5th year of the project and it has 12 members between the ages of 10 and 17. These participants meet year-round and twice a week from April through August to train their stock dogs. The project emphasizes not only stock dog training, but proper handling of stock, proper care of the dogs and how to have a life long companion.

The project is a county project in which each member is not only required to train their dogs, but to be interviewed by a judge on what they have learned and accomplished. They keep record books that are also judged. The judging is done at the county fair in which a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion are chosen. Finally each participant must be involved in a demonstration at the dog trial during the fair.

The funding was divided into 2 parts. The first was to fund clinics with top stock dog trainers in the country. This year, Bill Berhow gave clinics in April and in August. ABCA

required that the clinics be given to the participants in the 4-H stock dog program who have registered Border Collies. Each member currently has a registered Border Collie.

However, for those families who did not have registered dogs, the second part of the program was designed. It was a puppy placement program in which the funds purchased registered Border Collies for qualified 4-H participants. All of those kids receiving puppies were required to have strict attendance, stay with the program for 2 years of training, participate in the record keeping and fulfill the 4-H requirements of their project as well. The scholarship program placed the puppies in a working environment. Two of the 4-H members received dogs through the puppy program.

Currently 5 members of the 12 have successfully competed in dog trials winning novice, pro-novice, and open classes. We believe we are one of the few stock dog projects in the country of this kind.

New Computer Systems Installed in the ABCA Office

Installation began on October 1, 2000, of a totally new computer system for the operations of the ABCA office in Perkinston, MS. It included a network system that will eventually integrate all of the registration and financial portions of the operations into one system. The ultimate goal was to provide more efficient service to the members with the new system.

There will be a time of transition as the change is made, and the membership's patience is being greatly appreciated. In the future, more reports and information should be more readily accessible to the membership from the office.

The new system also brought a new look to the certificates generated. Service to the membership is of utmost importance, so your input on the new system is requested.

2000 Hall of Fame

The 2000 Hall of Fame ceremony took place during the Annual Meeting in El Reno, OK, on October 27, 2000. The Hall of Fame began in 1998 as a way to recognize outstanding members and dogs for their accomplishments and contributions to the Association.

Dr. Leroy Boyd was the only person to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2000. He was nominated by Dr. Mike Neary from Indiana. Mike was also able to make the presentation during the meeting. Following is a portion of the nomination submitted for Dr. Leroy Boyd.

Dr. Leroy Boyd

"Leroy Boyd has more than exceeded the qualifications for induction into the Hall of Fame through his years of service and leadership to the ABCA and to the increased popularity of the Border Collie in North America.

Dr. Boyd has a lifetime of respect in the U.S. livestock industry. He has served the sheep, beef, and horse industries for decades as a respected teacher, researcher, and extension educator. He has judged, advised, and consulted with livestock producers all over the U.S. He is truly one of the finest stockmen I have ever known. His blend of academic knowledge, common sense, and the ability to see opportunities where others see insurmountable problems, make him a truly unique individual. He has used these same qualities to help advance the ABCA and the working Border Collie dog in the U.S.

It would not be accurate to say that the ABCA would not have come about without Dr. Boyd's leadership and service to the organization. However, it is fair and reasonable to suggest that the ABCA would not have realized the level and the speed of such success without his leadership, service, and most importantly, his vision of a successful Border Collie registry."

Dr. Boyd was one of the author's of the constitution and bylaws of the ABCA which included "the unique return of promotional monies to the states and provinces..." Dr. Boyd's Zac was the first dog registered in the registry and is ABCA 1.

He served as one of the 11 charter directors and was elected to serve additional three-year terms in 1984, 1987, 1994, and 1997. He was elected President in 1988, 1989, 1996 and 1997.

"During his terms as a board member and as President, the ABCA attained a growth and prosperity that few, if any, could envision. Many other members and directors were of immeasurable factors in this growth, but much of the long term success of the ABCA can be attributed to Leroy Boyd's vision of the registry and the program development that arose from it.

He was the first to push for a computerized system of registration, storing of historical data, and of running the tasks of the office. Dr. Boyd realized before the surge in computer use and the advent of personal computers by the average person, that a computerized version of pedigree generation and data recording was crucial for genetic record keeping of the breed and to provide prompt and reliable service to the members. The quick turnaround of ABCA papers, at an affordable price to members, is a result of the development of the computer system and is one of the main reasons the ABCA has experienced such success.

He also had the foresight to realize how important it

was to the development of the Border Collie breed in the U.S. To encourage the breeding and training of American bred dogs. He was, and is currently, a strong supporter of the ABCA giving financial contributions to the USBCHA to support the Nursery dog program. It was also his idea, and one that was adopted by the ABCA board, to award \$500 to the breeder of the National Finals Open and Nursery Champions to encourage the attention to American breeding programs. He also strongly supported the awarding of promotional monies to educational activities such as training clinics, that encourage members to learn to train their own dogs for either trial or stock work. We have come a long ways in North America in regards to raising and training dogs that are the equal of imported dogs. Dr. Boyd has played an important role in this development.

The primary reasons the ABCA has become such a resounding success is because it is: a democratic, member driven registry; it is a reliable keeper of genetic records for members; the service to members is fast, friendly, and affordable; and the registry has done a good job in promotion of Border Collies and especially American bred ones. Leroy Boyd has had a major role for the 18-year history of the ABCA in envisioning and implementing programs that have made all the aforementioned attributes of the ABCA possible. His leadership and service to the Border Collie breed and to the ABCA has been invaluable. He has been one of the most important people in the development of the ABCA and deserves an induction into the ABCA Hall of Fame." Thank you, Dr. Boyd.

Jen ABCA 5728 **Owned by Bill Berhow**

Jen has added a valuable genetic base to the American Border Collie and has contributed greatly to the increased popularity and success of the breed in the United States. Following is a partial list of her outstanding trial record.

Her first Open trial win was in 1987 at the age of 2 years in Del Rio, Texas, at the Texas Winter Olympics. She also won the Virginia Triple Crown; Blue Ridge Open twice; Masters Cup in Buellton, CA; Gordonsville, VA Trial; Oatlands Open Trial; American Grand Finals in Moultrie, GA; SAILA in Tuscon, AZ; San Diego Trial; Mountain & Plains Fall Trial, Colorado; Meeker Classic twice, in Meeker, CO; Lakedale Open Double Lift at Elvin Kopp's trial; Reserve National Champion in 1991 at Sheridan, WY; and 2nd and 3rd Place in two consecutive years with the Purina Outstanding Herding Dog Award Program. Bill Berhow accepted the award for Jen from Dave Arnold, President.

Promotional Money

Promotional money is available to members in all states accumulated from a \$.50 fee from each dog registered. The money was set aside to help different areas promote the Border Collie on a local basis. Members can request funding from the available promotional fees on February 15 and July 15 of each year.

Events that have been funded in the past include training clinics, demonstrations, judging clinics, libraries for clubs, fun day events, trials, etc. Often clubs want to request funding. If the club includes members from more than one state, a member from each state involved must make or sign the original request authorizing their state funds to go into that event. The Board of Directors will review all requests and determine the amount to be awarded based on the need and on the amount of money available in the state. Eye clinics can be funded from promotional money also, but a report is required to be submitted before final distribution of funds is made.

Grant Funds

Grant funds are available upon request. The American Border Collie Association, Inc. provides annual grants to assist individuals and organizations in their projects which benefit or promote the Border Collie as a stockdog and the Association as it's registry. Applications are due in the ABCA office by January 15 and June 15 of each year to be reviewed by the Grants Committee. For more information on Grants, contact the office for the policy.



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