

American Border Collie Association, Inc.

2001 USBCHA/ABCA National Finals

The USBCHA/ABCA National Finals were held in Klamath Falls, Oregon in September. The tragedy of September 11 changed the atmosphere for the event, but the hosts provided an excellent competition and participants continued on with much enthusiasm and zeal for the culmination of the year's competitions.

The winner of the Nursery Finals was Haley Howard with Diona. Haley is a 17 year old from Alturas, CA. The breeder of her dog was Jeff Hunnewill from Wellington, NV. The Reserve Champion of the Nursery Finals was Jennifer Clark and Fly from Campo, CA.

There were two elimination rounds for the Open Finals that recognized the

top 50 then the top 20 competitors. The top 20 competed on Sunday with Alasdair MacRae and Bill ABC 95965 taking home top honors. The Reserve Champion was Scott Glen's Fly ABC 48461. Fly was also awarded the Best Drive and Best Shed of the Trial. Amanda Milliken was awarded the Best Pen with Eucher ABC 36213 and Tom Wilson was awarded the Best Gather with Dot ABC 71740.



New Registration Rates Effective January 1, 2002

The Board of Directors voted to increase registration fees effective January 1, 2002, as follows: Registration fees will be increased to \$8.00 each and transfer fees will be increased to \$8.00 each. \$1.00 of the \$2.00 increase will be placed in a foundation fund

for the National Finals (sheep and cattle) to help offset the cost of putting on the trial. The other \$1.00 will go into the general operating fund to help support more informational materials to the membership.

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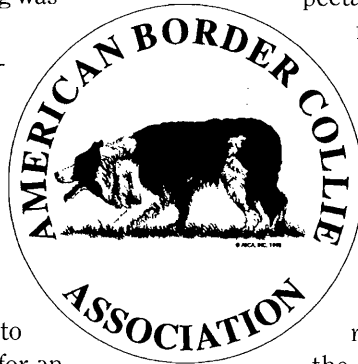
MARTHA McHARDY
Victoria, British Columbia

Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of ABCA was held on Wednesday, September 26 in Klamath Falls, OR, during the National Finals competition. The meeting was held at the Running Y Resort.

Dave Arnold, President, opened the meeting and introduced Dr. Greg Acland from Cornell University to discuss his current research project that's partially funded by the American Border Collie Association. He explained that he hopes to identify a marker for the gene that carries inherited eye diseases and this would allow breeders to make sound breeding decisions prior to breeding. He expects a test to be available for an estimated cost of \$160.00 to identify that marker. More information will be released as testing is completed.

The business meeting of the Association followed with extensive discussion on the financial management of the Association and the new computer system installed during the 2001 fiscal year. A motion was made by Amanda Milliken to review the secretarial fees paid to Patty Rogers and a



recommendation presented to the Board of Directors for action to be taken since staffing expenses exceeded the expectations of the membership. Amanda stated that the fees paid for the Secretarial services are too high and are diverting money from the breed. The money could be going to trials and the National Finals.

Sally Lacy reported from the Hip and Eye Committee that 135 dogs were tested at this year's clinic and that Cornell University was researching a new diagnosis for hip problems.

The results of the Election of Directors was reported. Ballots had been mailed and received by the accounting firm of Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens and Favre. The newly elected directors would be Donald McCaig from Williamsville, VA; Mike Neary from Brookston, IN; Denise Wall from Advance, NC; and Martha McHardy from Victoria, BC.

The final comments from the floor were to review the By-laws of the Association and update them. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Board of Directors' Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors held their annual meeting on October 23, 2001 by Conference call. With a quorum present, the following officers and executive committee were elected:

- Bruce Smart - President
- Sally Lacy - Vice-President
- Secretary/Treasurer - Patty Rogers
- Executive Committee - Don McCaig, Bruce Fogt, and Denise Wall

Bruce Smart proposed to present a plan of work to the Board to help direct their decisions for the year.

There was discussion about the existing problems with the computer system to be resolved in the immediate future.

Don McCaig proposed a Communications Committee be formed to deal with the need for a brochure to be published to provide much needed information to members and potential owners of border collies. Don McCaig, Denise Wall and Beverly Lambert were given that assignment.

Beverly Lambert proposed a fee structure change. That change would be to increase the cost of registrations and transfers by \$2.00 each with \$1.00 to go into a fund foundation for National Finals to help offset the cost of

putting on a trial. The other \$1.00 was to go into the general operating fund for brochures, etc. Beverly stated that a similar proposal would be presented to the United States Border Collie Handlers Association at their next meeting. After much discussion, it was agreed to change the fee structure with the proposal as Beverly had presented it. That change will go into effect on January 1, 2002.

It was agreed to pay the balance of the amount committed to Dr. Acland's research project for this year. That total for 2001 would be \$27,400.00.

It was agreed to have regular Directors Conference Calls every other month with items for the agenda submitted three weeks in advance to Bruce Smart.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Important Notice!

\$10 Annual membership Dues must be in the office by January 1, 2002, for you to be an eligible voter in 2002!!!!

Lifetime memberships are also available for \$100.00

Financial Statement for October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001

Beginning Balance		\$98,986.51
Income:		
Decal Sales	\$ 223.33	
Duplicates/Corrections	949.51	
Dinners at Annual Meeting	770.00	
Eye Clinic	1,421.27	
Hip Certifications	209.41	
Lifetime Memberships	13,050.57	
Annual Memberships	34,723.88	
Postage Paid	91.68	
Interest Income	1,455.60	
Other Income	2.00	
Accounts Receivable	2,837.03	
Registration Fees	117,342.85	
Transfer Fees	17,002.64	
Total Income		\$ 190,080.77
Office Operating Expenses:		
Advertising Fees	\$ 2,430.00	
Annual Meeting Expenses (2 years)	2,476.74	
Bank Service Charges	48.72	
Banking Supplies	58.84	
Bond Fees	208.38	
Certificates (Blank forms)	494.34	
Corporation Fees	215.00	
Dues	293.58	
File Storage Fees(some initial fees)	5,219.15	
Hall of Fame Expense	41.73	
Insurance	1,000.00	
Internet Fees	235.85	
Mail Processing	2,466.75	
Office Supplies	2,197.11	
Postage & Delivery	12,386.81	
Printing	5,419.77	
Accounting Fees	1,185.00	
Rent Expense	1,800.00	
Repairs	342.40	
Secretarial Fees	80,060.00	
Telephone	5,769.11	
Travel	259.84	
Undeposited Funds	16.00	
VISA Discounts	41.08	
Web Page Fees	580.00	
Total Office Operating Expenses		\$ 125,246.20
Other expenses:		
Computer System Expenses	\$ 80,881.47	
Equipment Purchases	12,946.37	
Grants Paid	17,450.00	
Promotional Money Paid	8,350.00	
Prize Money at National Finals(2 years)	34,100.00	
USBCHA for Cattle Finals	5,000.00	
USBCHA for Livestock Fund	5,000.00	
Trials Expenses	1,143.50	
Total Other expenses:		\$164,871.34
Total Expenses		- 305,521.54
Transfer from Investment Account		+ 30,000.00
Ending Balance in checking account		\$ 28,949.74

Investment Account Beginning Balance	\$ 330,868.00
Transfer to Checking Account	- 30,000.00
<u>Change in Investment Values</u>	<u>- 15,420.00</u>
Investment Account Ending Balance	\$285,448.00

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Promotional Money Request Deadline

\$.50 from each registration fee is accumulated in a fund for each state of the member that submits the registration. Those fees are available for request by individuals and/or organizations from that state. Requests must be submitted to the office, in writing, with details of the plans for the money. Each request is evaluated by the Board and awards are made based on the amount of money available and the number of requests received from each individual state. There are two deadline dates for requests - February 15 and July 15 of each year. Be sure to have your requests in on time.

New Application On-Line

Beginning in January, a new application form will be available online at www.americanbordercollie.org. This form can be printed from the website. The form will then be mailed in with proper signatures, supporting documents and fees as in the past.

The form can be duplicated for your use. Please be sure that original signatures are on the applications when submitted for processing.

Check Your Label for Membership Info!

If the information in the mailing area above does not match your records, or if you have any questions, please notify the office. It should look like the example below.

INDICATES LAST YEAR PAID

JOHN DOE	2000	←
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Perkinston, MS 39573		

If you owe Annual Dues -- mail them now!