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## 2013 Hall of Fame

### Beverly Lambert's Imp. Pippa

Amanda Milliken gave an entertaining presentation for the induction of Beverly Lambert's Imp. Pippa. Originally from Scotland, Pippa was bred by David Shennan and bought by Ian Brownlie, who said, "Pippa was really easy to train, a very intelligent dog. One of the most intelligent I have started." She went on to win the Scottish Nursery Championship. She had a great temperament and was tremendous at finding sheep; she had a great feel for them. Pippa could make a bad sheep look good. These traits in Beverly's hands made Pippa a champion. Amanda remarked that "For those that posted a good 93 it would be spoiled by Bev and Pippa's 94 -- or worse, 98 -- at every major trial in North America." Quite the team, Amanda remembers seeing Bev and Pippa sharing an ice cream cone after a triumphant run at Kingston. Amanda made a personal gift to Beverly, an oil painting of Pippa with her congratulations to close the presentation.



### George & Topsy Conboy

Bruce Fogt gave a moving presentation for the induction of George & Topsy Conboy. George, a dairy farmer, became interested in Border Collies in the early 60's. Training and trialing through the years, he was instrumental in forming the USBCHA and ABCA. Topsy served as secretary of the Handler's Association in the early years. They traveled across the U.S. supporting trials. Together they opened their hearts and their farm inviting others to take part in learning about the Border Collie. Bruce remembered many a time when George would give them a pup or a dog just to get them started. Keeping things in perspective, if a fellow handler had a run go bad George would tell them "Relax, it's just a black and white dog chasing sheep around a field!"



## Prize Monies Paid at the National Finals Each Year

Sheep Finals - Nursery Top 30 Qualifying - \$100 each  
Open Top 50 1st Go Round - \$100 each  
Open Top 20 2nd Go Round - \$100 each  
Breeder of the Top ABCA registered Nursery and Open Dogs - \$500 each

Cattle Finals - Nursery - 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200  
Open - 1st Go Round - 1st - \$200, 2nd-4th - \$100 each  
Open - 2nd Go Round - 1st - \$200, 2nd-4th - \$100 each  
Open Finals - 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300, 4th-\$200, 5th-10th-\$100, 11th-20th-\$50  
Breeder of the Top ABCA registered Open and Nursery Dogs - \$500 each



## Hall of Fame Nominations Due To ABCA by June 1, 2014

Application forms available from the office or online at:

[www.americanbordercollie.org](http://www.americanbordercollie.org)

## Annual Memberships Due before January 1, 2014

Annual Memberships expire on January 1st of each calendar year. To be eligible to vote in the 2014 elections, your membership must be paid prior to January 1, 2014. Annual Membership fees are \$10 (\$11 if paid by credit card). Lifetime Memberships are \$100 (\$110 if paid by credit card). Both Annual and Lifetime Memberships offer the same benefits.

# 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 & Topsy 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.

### AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

|                                      |    |                |  |
|--------------------------------------|----|----------------|--|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                      |    |                |  |
| Annual memberships                   | \$ | 16,759         |  |
| Duplicates and corrections           |    | 2,832          |  |
| Lifetime memberships                 |    | 13,460         |  |
| Registration fees                    |    | 150,149        |  |
| Transfer fees                        |    | 20,722         |  |
| Donations                            |    | 735            |  |
| Miscellaneous                        |    | 1,411          |  |
| Investment income                    |    | <u>15,930</u>  |  |
| Total Revenues                       |    | <u>221,998</u> |  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                      |    |                |  |
| Program services                     |    |                |  |
| Prize monies awarded                 |    | 16,000         |  |
| Promotional support to members       |    | 15,295         |  |
| Research support                     |    | 75,755         |  |
| Trials sponsorship                   |    | <u>11,722</u>  |  |
| Total program services               |    | <u>118,772</u> |  |
| Supporting Services                  |    |                |  |
| Advertising                          |    | -              |  |
| Annual meeting expenses              |    | 1,883          |  |
| Bank fees                            |    | 2,204          |  |
| Computer and technical support       |    | 9,207          |  |
| Depreciation and amortization        |    | 1,664          |  |
| Educational programs                 |    | -              |  |
| File storage                         |    | 4,957          |  |
| Insurance and bonding                |    | 1,597          |  |
| Investment fees                      |    | 7,337          |  |
| Office supplies                      |    | 1,456          |  |
| Postage and delivery                 |    | 7,450          |  |
| Printing and reproduction            |    | 2,930          |  |
| Professional fees                    |    | 4,200          |  |
| Rent                                 |    | 3,900          |  |
| Secretarial fees                     |    | 69,201         |  |
| Telephone                            |    | 2,131          |  |
| Travel                               |    | 2,001          |  |
| Other office expenses                |    | <u>745</u>     |  |
| Total supporting services            |    | <u>122,863</u> |  |
| Total expenses                       |    | <u>241,635</u> |  |
| <b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>        |    |                |  |
| Realized Gain (loss) on Investments  |    | (2,128)        |  |
| Other Income                         |    | <u>1,305</u>   |  |
| Total Other Income                   |    | <u>(823)</u>   |  |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>          |    | (20,460)       |  |
| <b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b> |    | <u>797,595</u> |  |
| <b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>       |    | <u>777,135</u> |  |

## Promotional Money Available through ABCA

Promotional money is available upon a request from any ABCA member to promote the working Border Collie in their area. Funding for these projects comes from a designated fund at the rate of \$1 per dog registered. Funds are allocated to the state of the breeder. Following is the amount available by state as of November 15, 2013. Events often include trials, clinics, fun days, school projects, etc. A written request detailing how it will promote the Border Collie, and the amount of money needed must be submitted to the office prior to the deadlines of February 15 and July 15 of each year.

| State | Amount Available | State | Amount Available |
|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|
| AB    | \$ 930.50        | NB    | \$ 92.50         |
| AK    | \$ 172.50        | NC    | \$ 539.50        |
| AL    | \$ 1,151.00      | ND    | \$ 1,561.50      |
| AR    | \$ 879.00        | NE    | \$ 1,391.50      |
| AZ    | \$ 1,492.50      | NH    | \$ 625.50        |
| BC    | \$ 265.00        | NJ    | \$ 1,291.50      |
| CA    | \$ 1,142.00      | NM    | \$ 370.00        |
| CO    | \$ 711.50        | NS    | \$ 10.00         |
| CT    | \$ 364.00        | NV    | \$ 661.50        |
| DC    | \$ 2.00          | NY    | \$ 195.19        |
| DE    | \$ 74.00         | OH    | \$ 2,521.00      |
| FL    | \$ 377.00        | OK    | \$ 1,942.00      |
| GA    | \$ 298.00        | ON    | \$ 481.00        |
| HI    | \$ 4.50          | OR    | \$ 1,394.50      |
| IA    | \$ 765.50        | PA    | \$ 830.00        |
| ID    | \$ 420.50        | PR    | \$ 13.00         |
| IL    | \$ 651.00        | QC    | \$ 692.50        |
| IN    | \$ 1,695.00      | RI    | \$ 130.00        |
| KS    | \$ 524.00        | SC    | \$ 789.50        |
| KY    | \$ 430.00        | SD    | \$ 323.00        |
| LA    | \$ 2,949.00      | SK    | \$ 191.50        |
| MA    | \$ 988.00        | TN    | \$ 386.00        |
| MB    | \$ 165.00        | TX    | \$ 1,242.00      |
| MD    | \$ 364.00        | UT    | \$ 298.50        |
| ME    | \$ 1,121.00      | VA    | \$ 662.50        |
| MI    | \$ 1,852.00      | VT    | \$ 340.00        |
| MN    | \$ 1,118.50      | WA    | \$ 381.00        |
| MO    | \$ 751.00        | WI    | \$ 611.50        |
| MS    | \$ 443.50        | WV    | \$ 1,497.00      |
| MT    | \$ 1,403.00      | WY    | \$ 1,328.00      |

Grant funds are also available from the ABCA. These grants often do not fall into a category for Promotional funds and are not allocated by state. A Grant Request Form is available on the website. The deadlines for grant requests are January 15 and June 15 of each year.