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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, 2015

Application forms available from the office or online at:

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2014 Hall of Fame - Emil Luedecke

Mike Neary gave a moving presentation for the induction of Emil Luedecke into the ABCA Hall of Fame. The room was filled with people who have come to know Emil to be a good man from Texas with a heart of gold. Mike began by noting that Emil's breeding program has added much to the genetic base of the Border Collie breed in North America. Ben appears in the pedigrees of many solid ranch dogs as well as top trial dogs. Emil has almost exclusively trialed and handled dogs from his own line. The dogs are gritty, with the toughness and stamina to do real work on farms and ranches, while being biddable and refined enough to excel at trials. Emil has had great success at the top trials and Finals over many years. Mike noted too that Emil is a respected judge of dog trials. In addition to being a successful breeder, handler, and trainer, Emil has given much of his time to the Border Collie Community. He spent countless hours helping organize multiple USBCHA Finals, Meeker Classic and many other trials. Emil served multiple terms on the Board of Directors for the ABCA, USBCHA, and TSDA. As Mike concluded his comments paying tribute to Emil and detailing his contribution of breeding outstanding dogs, long history of service to the breed, and selflessness in helping others, the crowd rose to their feet with a standing ovation.



2014 ABCA Health & Genetics Committee Report (Summary)

Mark Billadeau, Ph.D, ABCA Health & Genetics Committee Chair

Over the past few years, ABCA has supported or funded studies on three health issues in our breed (Epilepsy, Border Collie Collapse, and Early Onset Deafness). The Health & Genetics Committee monitors progress in these studies and the scientific literature for studies on 99 Border Collies.

The Epilepsy project, in which a Genome Wide Association study was conducted looking for genetic differences between 100 epileptic and 100 normal Border Collies, was completed in 2013. The study results indicated selective breeding away from epilepsy is unlikely to substantially reduce the likelihood of producing a pup with epilepsy.

The clinical study part of the ABCA funded project on Border Collie Collapse (BCC) had been completed by the 2013 Annual Meeting. The study provided a means to clinically identify affected dogs. Following the clinical study, Dr. Jim Mickelson initiated a Genome Wide Association study at no additional cost to the ABCA. While there is evidence of BCC being inherited, this study was unable to locate any genetic differences between normal and affected dogs. Dr. Mickelson suggests this indicates that BCC is likely polygenic rather than a simple Mendelian trait (such as Autosomal Recessive). Based upon their past experiences with these types of studies, however, they

expect that with more dogs than the 55 affected and 50 normal used in the initial study, they will be able to identify likely locations of gene mutations associated with BCC.

There have been no new developments in the Early Onset Deafness (EOD) study by Dr. Neff. The results of his Genome Wide Association study strongly suggested an Autosomal Recessive inheritance for EOD but the exact location of the gene could not be identified.

The committee has been receiving increasing reports of EOD in our breed. Due to this, the ABCA funded a BAER clinic at the 2014 Finals. In addition to the clinic, the committee has prepared a confidential survey on deafness. The purpose of the survey is to gather information on the status of deafness in our breed, to identify those willing to submit samples for future EOD studies together with the current hearing status of their dog(s), and to gather sufficient pedigree information to evaluate the proposed Autosomal Recessive inheritance pattern from the genetic study. The committee will share only general information obtained from the survey, such as number of respondents, percentage of EOD in respondents, ages of onset, and so forth. The survey will shortly be available on the ABCA website.

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

STRANG RANCH, CARBONDALE, COLORADO

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 it 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.

Annual Memberships Due before January 1, 2015

Annual Memberships expire on December 31st of each calendar year. To be eligible to vote in the 2015 elections, your membership must be paid prior to January 1, 2015. 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, INC.
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2013

REVENUES

Annual memberships	\$	16,261
Duplicates and corrections		2,622
Lifetime memberships		13,390
Registration fees		149,169
Transfer fees		20,682
Miscellaneous		3,141
Investment income		<u>16,768</u>
Total Revenues		<u>222,033</u>

EXPENSES

Program services		
Prize monies awarded		15,850
Promotional support to members		10,845
Research support		5,500
Trials sponsorship		<u>18,672</u>
Total program services		<u>50,867</u>

Supporting Services

Advertising	962
Annual meeting expenses	828
Bank fees	3,015
Computer and technical support	9,687
Contract Labor	11,900
Depreciation and amortization	1,388
File storage	1,565
Insurance and bonding	1,670
Investment fees	7,584
Office supplies	1,638
Postage and delivery	12,303
Printing and reproduction	6,275
Professional development	1,200
Professional fees	4,785
Rent	2,700
Secretarial fees	73,847
Telephone	2,397
Travel	2,109
Other office expenses	<u>2,229</u>
Total supporting services	<u>148,082</u>

 Total expenses 198,949

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Realized Gain (loss) on Investments	(276)
Other Income	<u>(201)</u>
Total Other Income	<u>(477)</u>

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS 22,607

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR 777,135

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR 799,742

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 or province of the breeder. Following is the amount available as of October 2014. 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. A Promotional Money Request Form is available on the website.

State	Amount Available	State	Amount Available
AB	\$606.50	NB	\$94.50
AK	\$195.50	NC	\$422.50
AL	\$826.00	ND	\$1,661.50
AR	\$831.00	NE	\$1,534.50
AZ	\$1,586.50	NH	\$693.50
BC	\$291.00	NJ	\$880.50
CA	\$612.00	NM	\$430.00
CO	\$558.50	NS	\$10.00
CT	\$411.00	NV	\$728.50
DC	\$2.00	NY	\$145.19
DE	\$74.00	OH	\$2,825.00
FL	\$371.00	OK	\$1,855.00
GA	\$223.00	ON	\$627.00
HI	\$4.50	OR	\$1,506.50
IA	\$549.50	PA	\$1,369.00
ID	\$818.50	PR	\$20.00
IL	\$940.00	QC	\$849.50
IN	\$1,418.00	RI	\$130.00
KS	\$820.00	SC	\$925.50
KY	\$575.00	SD	\$260.00
LA	\$3,195.00	SK	\$279.50
MA	\$1,039.00	TN	\$427.00
MB	\$202.00	TX	\$1,234.00
MD	\$464.00	UT	\$283.50
ME	\$1,161.00	VA	\$329.50
MI	\$1,625.00	VT	\$350.00
MN	\$372.50	WA	\$319.00
MO	\$819.00	WI	\$481.50
MS	\$428.50	WV	\$1,582.00
MT	\$1,540.00	WY	\$1,429.00

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.