

American Border Collie Association, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
Belle Grove Plantation, Middletown, VA
September 23, 2010
6:30 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of The American Border Collie Association was held at the trial site in a big tent located at Belle Grove Plantation, 336 Belle Grove Rd., Middletown, VA 22645 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 23, 2010. Following a light meal, Mike Hanley called the meeting to order.

Mike asked Patty Rogers for the proof of mailing and presentation of proxies. She presented a letter from Leona Dedeaux who was contracted to handle the mailing of the proxies and the tabulation of the votes. The letter stated that there were 2,251 ballots mailed to eligible voters. 40 were returned with no forwarding address, 6 were without signatures and 445 were properly signed and returned. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of the eligible voters.

Patty Rogers distributed copies of the minutes and financial statements. Mark Billadeau made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Fogt. All approved.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of the Hall of Fame Awards. Mike called on Amanda Milliken to make the presentation to Tommy Wilson. Mike stated that Guido Lombardi was unable to attend the meeting and the medallion would be presented to him later in the fall at the San Joaquin Trial in November.

Next was the presentation of the financial report from Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens, and Farve. Motion was made by Emil Luedeke to accept the report as presented. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Fogt. All approved.

Mark Billadeau gave a report from the Health Committee. Eileen had been helping with the eye clinic during the finals. Dr. Nancy Bromberg was conducting the eye clinic this year in the absence of Dr. Acland. Cost would be \$30/dog this year. There had been some discussion from last year's reports to conduct a hearing clinic, but were unable to get it arranged. Dr. Mark Neff would be at the trial site on Sunday to answer questions about the tests. He had left UC Davis, but would not be working on dogs as much, but will use canine as it relates to human hearing loss.

He also reported that Dr. Sue Taylor was doing some research on exercise induced collapse in labs and ABCA was supporting research in border collies. The goal was to find clinical markers to diagnose the syndrome. They were still looking for more candidates to include in the study. Mark stated that there would be a summary included in the newsletter later this year.

Mike Hanley gave a report on this year's activities. The fiscal year of the Association currently ends in February and will be changed to end with the calendar year. Money included \$44,000 being paid in prize money, trials and promotions. Also, \$29,000 to research and this eye clinic would be \$4-\$6,000.

Amanda Milliken asked for an update on promotional money. It was stated that the amounts available would be in the newsletter for each state. The deadlines are February 15 and July 15 each year. It was asked if the amounts could be available on the website for each state.

Mike then asked for the results of the election. New Directors would be Thad Fleming, Juan Reyes, Dale Montgomery and Eileen Stein.

Barbara Ray then asked to talk about help for clubs to host the National Finals. There needed to be seed money for any committees to request. It was suggested from the floor that a committee be formed to develop a plan to make a recommendation for both boards to vote on. Members present wanted assurance that this matter would be considered by the board of Directors. It was stated that it would be given to the Board to consider.

Bruce Fogt asked that all handlers remember to wear pink the next day and made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was 2nd and approved.