

**2012 Annual Meeting Minutes
American Border Collie Association, Inc.
September 28, 2012**

Eileen Stein, President, called the meeting to order after a light meal was served.

She thanked the caterers for the meal.

She asked Patty to present the proof of mailing of the notice of the annual meeting. Patty stated that 2159 eligible members were mailed ballots and 398 returned ballots which represented more than the 10% needed to constitute a quorum.

The minutes of the 2011 annual meeting were printed and distributed to members and others attending. Motion made by Amy Coapman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was 2nd and all approved.

Emil Luedecke made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented by Patty Rogers. There were no questions. Motion was 2nd and all approved.

Eileen reported on activities that had taken place during the year, including informing members and submitting comments regarding USDA's proposed change in their regulations requiring licensing of those who breed and sell dogs. She also noted that a substantial grant was voted for Dr. Mark Neff's epilepsy study. This will be a much more sophisticated effort to identify genetic risk factors for the disease. Eileen stated that ABCA is working to negotiate a reasonable cost for any tests that are developed because of the study.

Next Eileen explained the proposal under consideration by the Board to create an ABCA foundation for health and education. It would have a board appointed by the directors of ABCA and would be a charitable organization able to receive tax-deductible contributions. It would be a separate corporation and would probably cost about \$3000-\$5000 to set up. There would be minimal ongoing expenses, such as a separate bank account and preparation of a separate tax return, and day-to-day administration would be handled by committed volunteer members. It was proposed that, ABCA provide seed money to the foundation of at least \$100,000, which, together with whatever funds could be raised directly by the foundation, would be invested and paid out in grants as ABCA does now. Eileen said the directors wanted to have feedback from the membership about this proposal, and encouraged members to return the questionnaires that had been distributed with their ballots.

Patty then reported the results of the election. Four Directors would be elected for 3-year terms and one would be elected for a 1-year term to complete the term of Juan Reyes, who had resigned. Those elected for 3 year terms were Mike Neary, Don Helsley, Elizabeth Baker, and Barbara Ray, with Karen Stanley elected for the 1-year term.

Next was the induction into the Hall of Fame for Amanda Milliken's Hazel. The presentation was made by Beverly Lambert. Following the Hall of Fame, the floor was opened for questions. There being none, Eileen introduced Dr. Sue Taylor who gave a report on her research project at the University of Saskatchewan on Border Collie Collapse. Following her presentation, Emil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy 2nd the motion and all approved.

Minutes taken by:

Patty Rogers
Secretary