

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ALTURAS, CA

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Minutes

Mike Neary welcomed everyone to York Ranch in Alturas, CA and called the meeting to order.

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. Debbie stated 2,320 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 26 ballots returned undeliverable. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots and report 415 validly cast ballots. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters. The results of the election; 4 Directors were elected for 3 year terms; Allison Jarrard, Bob Johnson, Patrick Shannahan and Emil Luedecke.

The minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were distributed to those in attendance. A motion was made by Wendy Schmaltz to approve the minutes as presented. Tom Wilson made the second and the motion was approved.

Mike Neary gave the President's Report. Mike stated that ABCA registered more than 15,000 dogs in 2017 and for the 5th straight year, registrations exceeded 14,000. Transfers have increased as well.

The Board approved a total of \$41,099 to help sponsor the National Sheepdog Finals and the National Cattledog Finals during 2017. The ABCA is the longest tenured and most dependable sponsor of both events. Funds have been allocated for livestock expenses, prize monies, and general support. The specific breakdown of these funds is contained in the financial report.

The Board of Directors approved the expenditure of \$4,500 to help with the live webcast of the 2017 National Sheepdog Finals.

The Board extended Debbie Bailey's contract from March 1, 2018 to February 29, 2020.

The Board of Directors approved changes in the fee structure and fees charged for the ABCA starting in January of 2018. The major changes were to eliminate differing charges for cash versus credit, and a slight increase in fees. The transition has gone better than anticipated.

In 2018, the Board approved the expenditure of \$16,653 in promotional and educational funds to local and state organizations and individuals for working Border Collies events. This was an increase of around \$4,000 from 2017 and is a direct effect of the promotional monies doubling from \$1 to \$2 per dog registered in Board action from 2017.

The Financial Statement was distributed and presented.

Eileen Stein provided a review of the year for the ABCA Health & Education Foundation. Eileen reported the foundation received a progress report from Dr. Hannes Lohi's team studying EAOD, which says that they have essentially identified the causal gene and its likely causative variant. Based on the results they've achieved, the research team has begun the process of developing a gene test in collaboration with a very large, well-regarded testing company. The intent is to ensure that a test is available for veterinary diagnostic purposes and breeding decisions as soon as possible. The best current estimate for availability of the test is January 2019. The crowd responded with a great, positive response. (The report can be found in this newsletter).

Amy Coapman shared the successful results of the BAER Clinic held during the National Finals in Alturas.

Mike Neary stated there would not be an inductee for the ABCA Hall of Fame 2018.

Mike Neary asked if anyone had comments or further business. Meeting adjourned.