

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
CARBONDALE, CO  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Minutes

Emil Luedecke welcomed everyone to Strang Ranch, Carbondale, CO and called the The 2018 Financial Statement was distributed and presented. meeting to order.

Emil reported that ABCA moved to a new office during the summer. The transition Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. to a new mailing address, website and updated forms are complete. Debbie stated 2,413 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 27 ballots returned undeliverable. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots, reporting 376 validly cast ballots. This Eileen Stein, President, ABCA Health & Education Foundation, provided an update on represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters. The results of the election; research for Early Adult Onset Deafness (EAOD). The mutation that causes EAOD 4 Directors were elected for 3 year terms; Tracee Treadwell (GA), Angie Coker-Sells has not been discovered yet. The scientific team working on the research project that (OK), Scott Glen (AB) and Joy Thayer (KS). ABCA HEF has been funding --- headed by Dr. Hannes Lohi at the University of

Finland and Dr. James Mickelson at the University of Minnesota -- has been working The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were distributed to those in attendance. A intensively to identify this causative mutation for the last three years, and has greatly motion was made by Peter Hall to approve the minutes as presented. Wendy narrowed the region in which it is expected to be found, but their work is still ongoing. Schmaltz made the second and the motion was approved. (The ABCA HEF statement can be found in this newsletter).

Emil Luedecke gave the President's Report. Emil stated that ABCA registered more Emil Luedecke announced the ABCA Hall of Fame 2019 is Bruce Fogt. Mike Neary than 15,000 dogs in 2018. ABCA registered dog #470,000 in 2018. Transfers have gave the presentation and award to Bruce. increased as well.

Emil Luedecke asked if anyone had comments or further business. Meeting adjourned. The Board approved a total of \$41,699 to help sponsor the National Sheepdog Finals and the National Cattledog Finals during 2018. 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 2018 National Sheepdog Finals.

In 2019, the Board approved the expenditure of \$23,928 in promotional and educational funds to local and state organizations and individuals for working Border Collies events. This was an

increase of \$5,500 from 2018 and is a direct result of the promotional monies doubling from \$1 to \$2 per dog registered in 2018.