

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

November 30, 2020

Due to logistical problems resulting from Covid-19, ABCA was unable to hold an in-person meeting of the membership this year. Directors, present by telephone at the meeting were Eileen Stein, Angie Sells, Scott Glen, Allison Jarrard, Bob Johnson, Kathy Knox, Jamie Spring, Bridget Strang. Also present Debbie Bailey.

Eileen Stein welcomed the Directors to the conference call and called the Annual Meeting to order.

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. Debbie stated 2,439 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 14 ballots returned undeliverable. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots, reporting 403 validly cast ballots. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters. The results of the election; 5 Directors were elected for 3 year terms; Eileen Stein (MD), Warren Mick (NY), Jamie Spring (SD), Kathy Knox (MO), Bridget Strang (CO).

The minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were distributed to the Directors. A motion was made by Bridget Strang to approve the minutes as presented. Bob Johnson made the second and the motion was approved.

Eileen Stein gave the President's Report. Eileen stated that ABCA registered more than 14,000 dogs and made 2200 transfers in 2019. ABCA registered dog #485,000 in 2019.

The Board of Directors approved a total of \$43,500 to help sponsor the National Sheepdog Finals and the National Cattledog Finals during 2019. 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 2019 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.

The 2019 Financial Statement was distributed and presented.

Eileen Stein, on behalf of ABCA Health & Education Foundation, provided an update on research for Early Adult Onset Deafness (EAOD). Unfortunately, there was little progress made in EAOD research in 2020 due to Covid-19, which caused lockdowns in Finland, closure of labs, and redirection of resources to Covid research.

Eileen Stein reported there was no nomination for the 2020 ABCA Hall of Fame.

Only two comments/questions were received from members, both regarding whether spouses who share a single membership were entitled to cast two separate votes. Both inquirers will be contacted and told that only one vote per membership can be accepted.

Eileen Stein asked if anyone had comments or further business. Scott Glen moved to adjourn, Angie Sells made the second. Meeting adjourned.