

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

September 22, 2022

Eileen Stein welcomed everyone to Minden, NV, and called the meeting to order.

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. Debbie stated 2,484 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 18 ballots returned undeliverable. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots, reporting 357 validly cast ballots. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters. The result of the election: Four Directors were elected for three-year terms; Scott Glen, Allison Jarrard, Joe Haynes and Lori Cunningham.

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were distributed to the members. A motion was made by Steve Rhidenour to approve the minutes as presented. Bridget Strang made the second and the motion was approved.

Eileen Stein gave the President's Report. Eileen stated that ABCA registered 16,182 dogs, and recorded 2,045 transfers in 2021.

The ABCA contributed \$32,685 to support the 2021 National Sheepdog Finals and the 2021 National Cattledog Finals. ABCA is the longest tenured sponsor of both events.

In 2021, the Board approved and paid out \$29,925 in promotional and educational funds to local and state organizations and individuals for working Border Collies events. Additionally the Board voted to contribute \$7,180 to three major trials: The Bluegrass, Soldier Hollow and Meeker Classic (included the webcast).

As of the start of 2022, the Board voted to modify the promotional money program in a major way. Formerly, the ABCA allocated \$2 per registration to a promotional money fund for the state or province from which the registration came. Over time, this resulted in a lot of money sitting idle in the funds of states and provinces where few trials/events were held, while very little money was available to support multiple events in some other states and provinces. To remedy this situation, the individual state and province funds were merged into a single promotional money fund, to be allocated to events no matter where located. The Board also voted to increase the money paid into this fund from \$2 to \$3 per registration, also effective 1/1/22.

The Board made modifications to the prize money awarded to current ABCA members at the Sheepdog and Cattledog Finals, effective this year. Payout to the top 30 in the Sheepdog Nursery qualifying round will be doubled to \$200, and payout to the top 50 in the first go-round of Open and the top 20 in the second go-round of Open at the Sheep Finals will also be doubled to \$200. The prize to the Breeder of the top ABCA-registered Nursery dog and the top ABCA-registered Open dog will be doubled to \$1,000, and a prize will be awarded to the Breeder of the reserve ABCA registered Nursery and Open dogs in the amount of \$500. Breeder prizes in the Cattle Finals

will be the same. A committee has been formed to consider modifications to the placing prizes at the Cattle Finals with the aim of increasing them to a comparable degree.

The Board voted to provide a one-time contribution of \$200,000 to the ABCA Health & Education Foundation, and to aim for an annual stipend of \$25,000 to the Foundation, to be reviewed by the Board each year during the spring meeting beginning in 2023. Through the years the ABCA has been a leader among breed organizations when it comes to early identification of health problems and supporting research for the benefit of our dogs. It is expected that this additional funding will enable the Foundation to continue in this role as research becomes more complex and expensive, and to be in a better position to ensure effective follow-through on projects we support.

Debbie Bailey presented the 2021 Financial Statement. Kathy Knox moved to accept the report. Scott Glen made the second, motion approved.

Eileen Stein reported that Bud Boudreau has been named to the ABCA Hall of Fame, and Dennis Gellings spoke eloquently of Bud's accomplishments and contributions to the breed while presenting him with the Hall of Fame medallion.

Eileen Stein asked if anyone had comments or further business. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.