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Newsletter

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EILEEN STEIN- 2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Mark Billadeau, longtime member of the ABCA Health & Genetics Committee and now one of the current Directors of the ABCA Health & Education Foundation gave a heartfelt presentation for Eileen Stein, this year's recipient of the American Border Collie Hall of Fame. Mark noted the accomplishments of many Hall of Fame recipients have been well known mostly because of their high profile trial performances. But he went on to say there are other important ways of earning the honor of ABCA Hall of Fame recipient and in those ways this year's recipient has clearly shown her excellence. Her decades of time and tireless dedication to preserving and promoting the working Border Collie, and efforts to improve the health of our breed have mostly been behind the scenes. However she will be well known and recognized for these exceptional efforts by many.

Mark citing Eileen's numerous accomplishments chose a few to share with us and those included:

Eileen was President of the US Border Collie Club for 20 years. This organization was formed in 1975 to resist recognition by the AKC, promote preservation of the working ability, and to educate the public about the breed. Back before FaceBook, the US Border Collie Club brought us the Border Collie Boards Internet Forum. Eileen has been and continues to be the Administrator of the BC Boards, has provided financial support for this site, and has created and fostered content that supports and educates the public on the working Border Collie.

Eileen became an ABCA Director in 2003 and has served a total of 12 years; 4 of those years as President. While President she oversaw the smooth transition from the original to the current Registrar of the ABCA, a major accomplishment. She has been a member of the Health & Genetics committee since 2003. As a reference point in time, 2003 was right after Optigen launched the CEA test. As the first major DNA genetics test for working Border Collies, careful integration of this test into a useful tool for breeders and buyers while preserving the diversity of the working gene pool was an extremely delicate and important task. Eileen was part of the team

educating breeders and establishing the ABCA's guidance for the use of this test.

As an Open Handler for about 20 years she knows the importance of the Finals and just like this year, Eileen has traveled to most of the Finals to work at or run the health clinics provided by the ABCA; starting when they were eye clinics and now with the BAER clinics.

Eileen has also been involved with 6 breeder investigations for fraudulent registrations; these investigations were needed to help preserve the integrity of the pedigree information, which is the central purpose of any registry. This included onsite investigations of 3 kennels. DNA samples needed to be collected at these kennels and at other locations to prove the registrations were falsified. As a lawyer, Eileen understands the demands for proof and was willing to endure the depressing and sometimes dangerous task of visiting these kennels.

Eileen has willingly provided free legal advice to the ABCA and the USBCHA for a number of issues over the years.

Eileen's most recent accomplishment was the establishment of the ABCA Health and Education Foundation, a 501C organization. She recognized we needed a means by which others besides the registry could

fund health studies and education efforts. She established and arranged the effort to get this organization started and obtained seed money for the ABCA to get it off the ground. Eileen is a founding Director and the current President of the ABCA HEF Foundation.

The crowd gave a standing ovation to Eileen Stein, sharing their admiration for such a well deserved honor.



Hall of Fame Nominations

Due To ABCA by June 15, 2018

Application forms available from the office or online at:

www.americanbordercollie.org

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BELLE GROVE PLANTATION, MIDDLETOWN, VIRGINIA

SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

Minutes

Mike Neary welcomed everyone to Belle Grove Plantation, Middletown, VA and called the meeting to order.

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. Debbie stated 2,126 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 12 ballots returned undeliverable. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots and report 368 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; Eileen Stein, Jamie Spring, Bridget Strang and Kathy Knox.

The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were distributed to those in attendance. A motion was made by Dennis Gellings to approve the minutes as presented. Stephanie Goracke made the second and the motion was approved.

Mike Neary gave the President's Report. Mike stated that for the 4th straight year, registrations have exceeded 14,000 and transfers have increased. ABCA registered the 450,000th dog during 2017 since its inception in 1983.

In 2017, the Board approved the expenditure of \$12,705 in Promotional and Educational Funds to local and state organizations and individuals for working Border Collies events. These funds are provided by the earmarked \$1 per dog registered per state or province.

Mike also reported ABCA made available a new website for members to help them with their needs. Special thanks to Warren Mick and the Communications Committee for all their hard work on this project. It was sorely needed and they did a wonderful job on making it happen.

In 2017 the Board approved a total of \$42,804 to sponsor the National Sheepdog Finals and the National CattleDog Finals. 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 Board of Directors also approved the expenditure of \$4,500 to support the live webcast of the 2017 National Sheepdog Finals.

In further business the Board of Directors approved changes in the fee structure and fees charged for ABCA transactions starting in January of 2018. The major changes were to eliminate differing prices for cash versus credit, and increase the fees slightly for Registrations, Transfers, Annual and Life Memberships (fee schedule detailed in newsletter, new forms for 2018 enclosed).

The fee change on transactions also allowed the Board of Directors to approve an increase in Promotional Monies earmarked for states and provinces from \$1 per dog registered to \$2 per dog registered. This should help members with their worthy activities that occur at a local level involving working Border Collies.

Mike noted there had been one disciplinary action as of September 2017. Tim & Julie Popplewell, Bakersfield, CA have been suspended from all ABCA member privileges for five years for submitting forged and falsified applications and documents. Furthermore, once the five year suspension has been served, their membership privileges may only be reinstated on a probationary basis for a further five year time period.

The Financial Statement was distributed and presented. After brief discussion, Eileen Stein made a motion to approve, and Peg Anderson seconded the motion. It was approved.

Eileen Stein provided a review of the year for the ABCA Health & Education Foundation. (The report can be found in this newsletter).

Mike Hanley and Peg Anderson Co-Chaired the Hall of Fame Committee. Mike Neary announced Eileen Stein is this year's Inductee to the ABCA Hall of Fame. Mark Billadeau gave the induction highlighting Eileen's many contributions to the working Border Collie breed (details can be found in the newsletter).

Mike Neary asked if anyone had comments or further business. There being no further business Bruce Fogt moved to adjourn the meeting and Stephanie Goracke offered the second. Motion was approved.

Annual Memberships Due before January 1, 2018

Annual Memberships expire on December 31st of each calendar year. To be eligible to vote in the 2018 elections, your membership must be paid **prior*** to January 1, 2018. Annual Membership fees are \$10 (\$11 if paid by credit card). Lifetime Memberships are \$100 (\$110 if paid by credit card).

** After 1/1/2018 see schedule for fee changes*

Both Annual and Lifetime Memberships offer the same benefits.

SERVICES & FEES

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES AND FEES WILL BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018.

SERVICE	FEE (U.S. Dollars)
Annual Membership	\$15.00
Lifetime Membership	\$150.00
Registration for every pup/dog:	
Before one year from date of birth	\$15.00
Over 1 year but less than 2 years	\$30.00
Over two years <i>(DNA test required for dog & both parents)</i>	\$45.00
Transfer of Ownership <i>(Send original certificate)</i>	\$15.00
Miscellaneous:	
Replacement certificate or correction	\$10.00
OFA Designation <i>(Copy of HIP Certification required)</i>	\$5.00
CEA Designation <i>(Copy of CEA DNA results required)</i>	\$5.00
American Border Collie Association Decals	\$1.00

PLEASE NOTE:

MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER OR TRANSFER A DOG.

WE ACCEPT CHECK, MONEY ORDER, VISA, MASTERCARD AND DISCOVER CARD (UIS/FUNDS)

ABCA DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Board of Directors took the following Disciplinary action in 2017:

- Tim & Julie Popplewell, Bakersfield, CA have been suspended from all ABCA member privileges for five years for submitting forged and falsified applications and documents. Furthermore, once the five year suspension has been served, their membership privileges may be reinstated only on a probationary basis for a further five year time period. Effective May 4, 2017.

- ABCA membership was revoked by a vote of the Board of Directors for John Christopher Knight for conviction of crimes of moral turpitude. Effective September 17, 2017.

HEALTH & EDUCATION

REPORT ON THE ABCA HEALTH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION -- SEPT 2017

Eileen Stein, President

The ABCA Health & Education Foundation was formed two years ago. Since that time, the HEF has moved forward in establishing itself as a viable organization and beginning work on its programs.

At the HEF's first Annual Board of Directors Meeting, held in October 2016, the five incorporating directors were elected to continue as directors, serving staggered terms. A sixth director was also elected to the board -- Bob Wagner, a cattle rancher in northern Colorado with a doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biology, who is also a founder and current vice-president of the National Cattledog Association.

Our top program priorities continue to be research into Early Adult Onset Deafness, and creation of a databank of Border Collie DNA and health information that could be used for present and future research. We are well on our way with both goals.

During calendar 2017 we voted to sponsor five BAER and sample collection clinics at different trials around the country: Zamora in CA, Fetch Gate in NY, the NCA cattle finals in WY, Meeker in CO, and the USBCHA sheepdog finals in VA. At these five clinics, a total of 301 dogs had their hearing BAER-tested at no cost to their owners. We obtained DNA sample and pedigree information for all of them, so we now have well over 350 BAER-tested dogs with full data. Work continues on our EAOD research project, which is being conducted by Dr. Hannes Lohi of the University of Helsinki in collaboration with Dr. James Mickelson at the University of Minnesota. The entire genomes of 8 Border Collies have thus far been sequenced, and a genetic association study has been completed. Clinical studies are now being prioritized, including additional BAER testing.

Currently, the HEF is on a sound financial footing. As of December 2016, the end of our last fiscal year, we had received \$50,000 from the ABCA, plus several other donations from individuals and organizations, including a couple of major "kickoff" donations. Our 2016 financial statement can be found on the HEF website, bordercolliefoundation.org.

There is still much work to be done on our website. We hope to both enlarge and streamline it over the next few months, but there is enough information there now about Border Collie health and genetics in general, and the HEF and its projects in particular, to make it worth a visit. If you would like to support the HEF (please do!) with a tax-deductible donation, or as a volunteer, the website will make that easy for you. Whenever you buy from Amazon, if you go to smile.amazon.com to make your purchase, and designate ABCA Health & Education Foundation as the charity you wish to support, a portion of the price of your purchases will be donated to HEF.

We feel the HEF has made a good start in its mission to benefit the working Border Collie and its breeders and owners. There is a lot of work still ahead, and your ideas, suggestions, participation and support are very welcome, and will make a big difference in how well we succeed.

WAYS THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT ABCA HEALTH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION

GENERAL DONATIONS

Gifts to the HEF are fully tax deductible. 100% of donations will support the activities, programs and grants of the HEF. None goes to paid fundraisers or salaries. You may make a gift online or by mail. Contact information below.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A gift to the HEF may be made in memory of a family member or friend. The HEF will send a card to the honoree's family, letting them know of your thoughtful gift in memory of their loved one.

AMAZON SMILE

If you shop at Amazon, next time please go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose the ABCA Health & Education Foundation as your charitable organization. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% for every purchase. This is a loyalty program and there is no extra cost to us or to you. You'll have access to the same products, features, services and prices as on Amazon.com. The shopping experience is identical to Amazon.com with the added benefit that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% to our Foundation!

Please remember to log on to www.smile.amazon.com each time you shop at Amazon — it uses your same Amazon log in. And please choose the ABCA Health & Education Foundation as the organization you wish to support.

Finally, please tell all your friends and family. This is a wonderful way to support our mission at no extra cost to anyone.

SUPPORT THE HEALTH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION BY VOLUNTEERING

The HEF is entirely run by volunteers. Every aspect of operation, from the business end to the programs and activities, all need the help and support of the Border Collie community. If you can share a little of your time and your talents, please contact the HEF to offer your help. The foundation needs help in the following areas:

- Creating, gathering & adapting educational content for the website. general health, specific diseases, breeding related topics, information for farmers and ranchers on training and use of stockdogs,
- Organizing and running health clinics, health testing (Baer tests, other), sample collection for health studies
- Specific jobs: Fundraising coordinator: Generate fundraising ideas, acknowledge donors. Newsletter: Biannual e-newsletter (program updates, news, announcements)

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**AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2016**

REVENUES

Annual memberships	\$ 16,087
Duplicates and corrections	3,440
Lifetime memberships	23,166
Registration fees	164,801
Transfer fees	20,856
Miscellaneous	2,420
Investment income	<u>21,310</u>
Total Revenues	<u>252,080</u>

EXPENSES

Program services	
Prize monies awarded	15,500
Promotional support to members	12,705
Research support	1,000
Trials sponsorship	24,386
ABCA Health and Education Foundation support	<u>50,140</u>
Total program services	<u>103,731</u>

Supporting Services

Advertising	100
Annual meeting expenses	1,105
Bank fees	2,947
Computer expense, technical support, and web	6,221
Depreciation and amortization	2,145
File storage	1,213
Insurance and bonding	1,548
Investigation Expenses	-
Investment fees	9,513
Office supplies	1,589
Postage and delivery	11,173
Printing and reproduction	7,606
Professional fees	4,395
Office Manager/Registrar Fees	75,600
Telephone	1,994
Travel	6,186
Other office expenses	<u>440</u>
Total supporting services	<u>133,775</u>

Total expenses 237,506

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Realized Gain (loss) on Investments	<u>(31)</u>
Total Other Income	<u>(31)</u>

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS 14,543

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR 919,867

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR 934,410

Promotional Money Available through ABCA

Promotional money is available upon a request from any ABCA member to promote the working Border Collie in their area. Funding for these projects comes from a designated fund at the rate of \$1 per dog registered.* Funds are allocated to the state or province of the Breeder. Events often include trials, clinics, fun days, school projects, etc. A Promotional Money Request Form is available on the website or through the office. The request must be submitted to the office prior to the deadlines of February 15 and July 15 of each year. Following is the amount available as of October 2017.

**Beginning with 1/2/18 rate is being raised to \$2 per dog*

STATE	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	STATE	AMOUNT AVAILABLE
AB	\$320.5	NB	\$94.5
AK	\$247.5	NC	\$397.5
AL	\$1540	ND	\$1276.5
AR	\$1305	NE	\$1788.5
AZ	\$2106.5	NH	\$831.5
BC	\$133	NJ	\$1195.5
CA	\$610	NM	\$628
CO	\$878.5	NS	\$10
CT	\$515	NV	\$877.5
DC	\$2	NY	\$209.19
DE	\$74	OH	\$3557
FL	\$618	OK	\$1994
GA	\$363	ON	\$909
HI	\$4.5	OR	\$1816.5
IA	\$838.5	PA	\$2586
ID	\$521.5	PR	\$20
IL	\$552	QC	\$1100.5
IN	\$2512	RI	\$134
KS	\$1862	SC	\$1192.5
KY	\$878	SD	\$470
LA	\$3541	SK	\$255.5
MA	\$1210	TN	\$695
MB	\$253	TX	\$2234
MD	\$295	UT	\$589.5
ME	\$1285	VA	\$704.5
MI	\$2150	VT	\$360
MN	\$475.5	WA	\$688
MO	\$1623	WI	\$244.5
MS	\$360.5	WV	\$1868
MT	\$1734	WY	\$733

Grant funds are also available from the ABCA. Grants are generally made for scientific research and educational projects, and grant monies are not allocated by state. A Grant Request Form is available on the website. The deadlines for grant requests are January 15 and June 15 each year.



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Prize Monies Paid at the National Finals Each Year

**Handler must be a current American Border Collie Association Member to compete in the USBCHA Finals.*

Dogs must be ABCA registered to collect ABCA prize monies.

Sheep Finals - Nursery Top 30 Qualifying - \$100 each

Open Top 50 1st Go Round - \$100 each

Open Top 20 2nd Go Round - \$100 each

Breeder of the Top ABCA registered Nursery and Open Dogs - \$500 each

Cattle Finals - Nursery - 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200

Open - 1st Go Round - 1st - \$200, 2nd-4th - \$100 each

Open - 2nd Go Round - 1st - \$200, 2nd-4th - \$100 each

Open Finals - 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300, 4th-\$200, 5th-10th-\$100, 11th-20th-\$50

Breeder of the Top ABCA registered Open and Nursery Dogs - \$500 each