

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of The Annual Membership Meeting
September 19, 2003 - 7:00 pm.
Sturgis, SD

Bruce Smart, President called the meeting to order and asked Patty Rogers, Secretary to make the presentation of proxies and notice of meeting. She announced that the notice was mailed and that 3,818 official notices were mailed and 621 were returned which constitutes a quorum based on the 10% requirement in the bylaws of the Association. Bruce announced that no quorum was present for the meeting itself; therefore no unannounced business could take place.

The minutes were distributed to the members present and motion was made by Bruce Fogt to accept the minutes as printed. Motion was seconded, and all approved.

The Financial statement and Audit report were distributed to the members. There was one question on the cover statement regarding inaccurate membership records.

Patty explained that that was a statement that was not removed from the previous report, but the records were now accurately reflecting membership. That problem had been corrected after last year's audit. Mike Neary made a motion to approve the Financial Statement. 2nd by Bruce Fogt. All approved.

Bruce Smart then gave his Presidential updates. He stated that ABCA had arranged with ISDS to accept ABC pedigrees and that decision was to go to the ISDS Board for their approval in the near future. This agreement had been approached because of the possibility of exporting dogs into the UK in the near future.

Don reported on the Health and Genetics Committee. The eye clinic had been held earlier in the week with Dr. Greg Acland and they had tested 172 dogs. 167 were Border Collies. He had only found 4 potentially inherited eye disease problems with the tests and some of them had been identified previously. Don also stated that the board would accept the British Veterinary Board's approval on hips. ABCA was helping to fund a hip research project with \$10,000 and one doctor would evaluate all of the hips for the study. He also made reference to the Health Survey on the web. Don also reported that the Communications committee had run several ads in Livestock magazines this past year with little results.

Next Don introduced the proposed modification of the registration policy of the association. It will be as follows: The ABCA is a working stockdog registry and believes that breeding for conformation standards rather than working ability is detrimental to the health and working ability of the Border Collie. Consequently the ABCA will only register dogs or bitches whose ancestors are registered with working registries with the same strict working goals as the International Sheepdog Society and the American Border Collie Association. Dogs or bitches registered with any registry that promotes conformation showing of Border Collies (American Kennel Club, United Kennel Club, the Kennel Club (UK), Federacion Cynologique Internationale, Australian or New Zealand Kennel Clubs, etc.) will not be registered unless they are also registered by an acceptable working registry. The ABCA will deregister any ABCA registered dog or bitch should it be named a "Conformation Champion" by a conformation registry. Don did not explain how this would be implemented.

Patty then announced the election results and stated that Martin Penfold, Dan Gill, Merle Newton, Jim Swift and Eileen Stein would serve as directors this next year.

Next Bruce Smart recognized Bruce Fogt for 6 years service as a director and Beverly Lambert for 3 years service as a director and presented each of them with a plaque.

Next was the Hall of Fame Recognition for Jack Knox as a handler into the ABCA Hall of Fame. Larry Burch from Butler, MO, introduced the recipient.

Following the induction, the meeting was adjourned.