

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
CARBONDALE, CO
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Minutes

The Annual meeting of the American Border Collie Association, Inc. was held at the trial site of the USBHCA/ABCA National Finals in Carbondale, CO at 7:00 p.m. at the Missouri Heights School house, 498 County Road 102, Carbondale, CO. Following light snacks, Eileen Stein called the meeting to order. She thanked the caterers for the meal and meeting room set up.

Eileen asked Patty Rogers to present the proof of mailing of the meeting notice. She presented the letter from Destry Hariel who was contracted to handle the mailing and ballot counting of the proxies. There were 2,223 mailed to eligible voters and 492 votes were cast by mail and 9 were cast on site. This constituted more than a quorum of 10% of the eligible voters.

Roger Culbreath made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. 2nd by Don Hobert. All approved.

Emil Luedecke made a presentation of the financial statement as prepared by Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens, and Favre. He stated that this was a 10 month report since the Board had voted to change the fiscal year from March 1 through February 28 to a calendar year. Motion was made by Bruce Fogt to approve the financial statement as presented. 2nd by Cy Peterson. All approved.

Eileen gave her President's update and thanked the Directors and members who had served on many committees and Patty Rogers for operation of the office. She stated that the Board welcomed input from the members. She gave an update on expenditures to include \$3,000 to be paid to Denise Wall for 3 video productions (the first would be available on the handler's webcast during the finals). \$1,000 had been awarded to a 4-H Stockdog program in Montana as well as support for Border Collie Exercise Induced Collapse and Early Onset Deafness. RFD was paid \$700 for the webcast from ABCA.

Eileen stated that the grant procedures had been clarified and that the Board had voted to discontinue the eye exam and clinic at the finals since testing for CEA was working. CEA, DNA collection clinic would be available during the finals at the reduced price. Dr. Julie Leaks had offered her veterinary services for collecting the samples. Eileen also reported that the certificates would soon be available to show the notation for CEA Normal. That cost would be \$4 plus required the original certificate be returned with the DNA report.

There were no committee reports except Eileen reported from Mark Billadeau and the Health & Genetics Committee. They had acted on two items:

1. Exercise and Collapse with the University of Saskatchewan and Michigan. It was noted that their research showed that it was not the same gene as Labradors.

2. Deafness research was still looking for markers and they have a region identified. They need to have collections from a large number of dogs. They make available the cheek swabs for the testing and will send when requested via the internet.

Next Eileen asked for the results of the voting. Patty reported that there were four regular positions that would serve a three year term and one person would serve a one year term to complete the position of Dr. Leroy Boyd. The four that would serve three year terms were Linda Fogt, Mike Hanley, Emil Luedecke, and Michele Howard. Barbara Ray would serve the one year term. A question was asked how that was determined and it was stated that it was based on the number of votes.

Eileen asked if there were any questions or comments or input from the membership. It was suggested that the Association consider supplemental support for the Optigen costs that are currently \$135 for testing at the finals. Eileen stated that she would carry that recommendation from the membership to the Board of Directors.

Emil made a motion to adjourn. Motion was 2nd. All approved.