

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
CARBONDALE, CO
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

Minutes

Jamie Spring, ABCA President, welcomed everyone to Carbondale, CO and called the meeting to order.

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. Debbie stated 2,523 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 6 ballots returned ineligible. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots, reporting 321 validly cast ballots. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters. Debbie thanked the out-going Directors for their service; Kathy Knox, Eileen Stein, Bridget Strang and Jamie Spring. The result of the election: Four Directors were elected for three-year terms; Warren Mick, Peg Anderson, Bob Salmon, Nancy Penley and one Director was elected for a one-year term; Linda Tesdahl.

The minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting were distributed to the members. A motion was made by Bridget Strang to approve the minutes as presented. Mary Minor made the second and the motion was approved. Jamie Spring opened the President's Report by thanking the out-going directors. Jamie stated that ABCA registered 15,804 dogs, and recorded 2,228 transfers in 2022.

The ABCA contributed \$29,843 to support the 2022 National Sheepdog Finals and the 2022 National CattleDog Finals. The Board voted to increase the prize money and Breeder awards for both sheep and cattle, totaling \$27,900 in 2022. ABCA is the longest tenured sponsor of both events.

ABCA offered its support to the US World Trial Team with a stipend of \$1,000 per competing dog, for a total award of \$11,000.

In 2022, ABCA distributed \$43,500 in promotional and educational funds to local and state organizations and individuals for working Border Collie events. This included the support for livestream webcasts of both Meeker Classic and The Bluegrass.

The Board voted to form a committee to begin the long-term rewrite for our registry software. The current software has and continues to serve the registry well but is no longer easy to service. We feel this is a proactive response to changes in computing systems as software and programming evolve.

The ABCA Board voted to provide \$200,000 to the ABCA Health & Education Foundation in 2022. The Board also voted to consider a stipend of \$25,000 per year to the Foundation, to be reviewed by the Board each year during the spring meeting. The \$25,000 stipend was approved for 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.

The Directors took disciplinary action in 2023 voting to suspend Travis Basham of Bowling Green, KY, indefinitely, from membership in the ABCA. This was following his arrest in 2023 for alleged animal cruelty, and the confiscation of his dogs by law enforcement authorities.

Jamie Spring provided the highlights of the report provided by ABCA Health & Education Foundation. The Foundation also sponsored a two-day free BAER testing clinic at the Finals this year for ABCA and CBCA registered dogs. The complete report can be found in the newsletter.

Debbie Bailey presented the 2022 Financial Statement. Matt Walker moved to accept the report. Marianna Schreeder made the second, motion approved.

Jamie Spring reported that Scott Glen has been named to the ABCA Hall of Fame. Debbie Bailey made the presentation sharing his accomplishments and contributions. Jamie also reported that ABCA # 391799 CWS Alice, a dog that captured our admiration and hearts, was named to the ABCA Hall of Fame. Jenny Glen made the presentation, giving her heartfelt thoughts and Alice's story. At the conclusion the crowd rose to celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of Scott Glen and Alice. Highlights of both presentations can be found in the newsletter.

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