

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

October 3, 2024

Steve Rhidenour welcomed everyone to Middletown, VA and called the meeting to order.

Debbie Bailey presented proof of mailing of the notice for the Annual Meeting. Debbie stated 2,641 ballots mailed to eligible voters, 3 ballots returned ineligible. Patricia L. Smith, CPA, tallied the ballots, reporting 335 validly cast ballots. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of eligible voters. Debbie thanked the out-going Directors for their service Mike Neary, Linda Tesdahl and Steve Rhidenour. The result of the election: Four Directors were elected for three-year terms; Sonia Craig, Michael McNutt, Mary Minor and Jamie Spring.

The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were distributed to the members. A motion was made by Mary Minor to approve the minutes as presented. Marianna Schreeder made the second and the motion was approved.

Steve Rhidenour gave the President's Report. American Border Collie Association is a member owned registry with more than 9,000 members (Life and Annual). We provide a full range of services. In 2023, we registered 13,535 dogs, recorded 1,882 transfers and replaced lost and/or updated more than 600 certificates.

ABCA contributed \$58,975 to support the National Sheepdog Finals and National Cattledog Finals in 2023. This includes \$22,500 for the Sheepdog Finals, \$10,175 for the Cattledog Finals and \$26,300 in prize money. ABCA is the longest tenured sponsor and partner for both events.

In 2023, ABCA provided support to the U.S. World Trial Team with a stipend of \$1,000 per competing dog for a total of \$11,000.

ABCA distributed \$50,475 in promotional money to fund trials, clinics and educational events conducted by state, and regional organizations and individual members to promote the working Border Collie.

In 2023, the Board of Directors voted to induct Scott Glen and CWS Alice, ABCA #391799, to the American Border Collie Hall Of Fame.

The Board voted to approve a stipend of \$25,000 for the ABCA Health & Education Foundation during the annual spring review in 2023. Through the years 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. With ABCA's support, the Foundation can continue to advance the working Border Collie.

Debbie Bailey presented the 2023 Financial Statement. Amanada Milliken moved to accept the 2023 Financial report. Sue Schoen made the second, motion approved.

Eileen Stein, President, ABCA Health and Education Foundation (HEF) provided an update on Early Adult-Onset Deafness (EAOD). The complete report can be found in the newsletter.

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