

American Border Collie Association, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
Minutes
October 23, 1998
El Reno, Oklahoma
Redlands Community College

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Leroy Boyd. He called for the proof of mailing of the notice of the meeting. It was presented by Secretary Patty Rogers as mailed by Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens, and Favre. There had been 2,460 ballots mailed to eligible voters. There were 452 eligible votes received by Alexander Van Loon, Sloan, Levens, and Favre and 34 eligible voters that had not previously voted were present at the meeting. This exceeded the requirements of 10% of the eligible voters for a quorum. Dr. Boyd announced that a quorum was present and proceeded with the meeting. Dr. Boyd stated that he wanted to vary from the agenda in order to present the original Hall of Fame inductees to the members. He called on Dave Arnold, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee to present the program.

Dave stated that the Hall of Fame idea was begun several years ago in California and he hoped that it will now be an annual event. The committee members and Board of Directors intend to keep the standards high to honor the people and dogs that have been an important part of this organization. He then read the guidelines for the Hall of Fame nominations. They are available to any member wishing to make a recommendation to the committee. Dave then called on Ralph Pulfer to present the first award.

Ralph introduced Nick ABC 1778 owned by Bill Berhow of Sheridan, Montana. Ralph read from a long list of trials, top placings, national championships, etc. that Nick had won in his lifetime. He stated that this award was quite appropriate as Nick was near his final days. Nick had also sired many dogs that had gone forward in trials and as farm dogs throughout the United States and Canada. Bill came forward to accept the award.

Next Dave introduced Don McCaig to make the next presentation. Don introduced Hope ABC 2482 owned by Bruce Fogt of Sidney, Ohio. Don stated he remembered Hope from the early years and related her successes on the trial field and as the dam of many outstanding Border Collies through the years. Bruce came forward to accept the award.

Next Dave introduced Kent Kuykendall to make the next presentation. Kent presented the Hall of Fame award to Roy ABC 3455 owned by Tom Wilson of Gordonsville, Virginia. Roy also had won many titles in his long life and sired many offspring that continued his outstanding working ability. Tom Wilson came to accept the award.

The last presenter called was Bill Berhow to introduce one dog and one person award into the ABCA Hall of Fame. The dog was Shep ABC 89. Shep had a tremendous influence in a short number of years on the trial field and as a sire. Many pedigrees today show his pedigree including Nick already inducted into the Hall of Fame. Bill stated that Shep made an impact on the dogs of the United States, but no one dog or individual has ever had more impact on the Border Collie, ABCA or USBCHA than Ralph Pulfer. Bill stated that everyone in the room directly or indirectly learned from Ralph Pulfer. He had shared his talents with training, trailing and judging with many people who in turn taught many more. He was a master of the Border Collie world and it was quite appropriate that Ralph Pulfer be the

first inductee into the ABCA Hall of Fame. Bill stated that Ralph Pulfer had completely changed his course in life many years ago and wanted to thank him for that influence. Ralph came forward to accept the award and received a standing ovation. Dave Arnold also called Ralph back up to receive a plaque that was awarded to Ralph from "His Students" which number many.

Dr. Boyd then asked the participants to take a break and all recipients come forward for pictures before resuming the meeting.

Dr. Boyd then asked Florence Wilson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee to get her committee to collect the ballots at the meeting and to complete the tally of votes for the Board of Directors. Dr. Boyd then called on Patty Rogers to read the minutes of the 1997 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Bill Berhow to approve the minutes as read. Motion was 2nd. All approved. Dr. Boyd stated that he wanted to give a few updates in regards to the minutes. Pat Collins had received her notice and other correspondence from ABCA, a web page was up on the internet to provide information to members about nominations, meetings, etc. Texas did receive their additional \$500 as requested.

Next Patty Rogers presented the financial statement. Copies were distributed to the members present. Dr. Boyd asked Sally Lacy to report on the investment program. Sally stated that \$200,000 had been deposited on January 26 and \$75,000 on August 25. State Street Global Advisors was managing the account and had a conservative plan in place with about 45% in corporate bonds, 35% in equity funds and about 20% in money market. Motion was made Don McCaig to accept the financial statement as presented. 2nd by Barbara Ligon. All approved.

Dr. Boyd then introduced Gene Sheninger who had been asked to look at the office operations and make some recommendations to improve them. Gene presented a program of overhead transparencies that related the information that he gathered during a visit to the office in Perkinson and his recommendations. The problems he looked at included paper storage, searches, retrieval of information, legal aspects of the papers, signatures, and the operational flow of things. He stated that since this was not a database, much of the paperwork was handled as often as 3 to 5 times each. This left room for mistakes as well as being time consuming. The overhead information will be available in the office. A more detailed program will be presented to the Board of Directors on Monday morning. Gene stated that some preliminary figures for the necessary updates in the program would cost approximately \$75,000.00. It was estimated that CD storage proposal would cost about \$60,000.00 Mike Boyd the computer programmer and consultant for ABCA had stated that the program had to be updated anyway. Bruce Smart asked in fees will be reviewed after all of this is in place. Gene said yes. Alice Hengst asked who would make the determination of what was actually needed. Gene stated that he would recommend that the Board of Directors appoint a team to make these evaluations and decisions. The Board will have the final decision.

Dr. Boyd stated that we want the members' input into this process involving the operations of the registry. Copies of Gene's written report would also be available from the office.

Dr. Boyd then asked for Sally Lacy to report from the Eye Committee. She stated that the US Border Collie Club had contributed the final \$1,500 from the Defense Fund toward the eye clinic held here in El Reno. Gita Bailey had managed the clinic with a computer, printer, etc. A summary of the 97 trial clinic was provided, a statement had been prepared by the committee concerning a statement of confidentiality, a statement for running in the trials to take effect in 1999 and they would be presenting a grant proposal to the Board of Directors for funding eye research. She stated that 10% more dogs

were seen this year. 25 had multifocal retinal acquired lesions, 1 had CEA, 3 were go normals, and 1 other lesions. Last year there were 2 that were suspect for PRA and only 1 this year. 1 had cataracts, 18 had lens scars, 2 corneal scars and 2 iris nelus. It was concluded that last year 10 had some problems that were from inherited effects. This year only 4.

Bruce Fogt then gave a report from the Trials Committee. Bruce thanked the committee that consisted of Dan Gill, Dave Arnold, Angie Pickle, and Jo Woodbury. He said the committee members basically handled everything. He wanted to thank the El Reno community for their hospitality as well as the Oklahoma Stock Dog Association, Bob Hooker and Kate Ogle. He wanted to give a special thanks to Pat Collins for pulling it all together. He added a special thanks to Bob West from Purina for their support of the National Finals. He said that things were going well for next year already and they would take place in Virginia between the 2nd and 3rd weekends in September.

Patrick Shannahan then gave a report on special projects. He reported on the financial support given to Dick Walton from Utah who had begun a youth program with students in Utah that were from a farm and wanted to use the dogs in everyday work. He supplied them with a dog free of charge and if they attended at least 75 % of the functions provided for their training, etc. and classes (also free of charge) he would give them the dog. He had built a library that was available for the kids to check out videos, books, etc. He had been a mentor for the program and at about 81 years of age he was still full of enthusiasm.

Dr. Boyd called on Florence to give the election results. She had totaled all votes and handed them to Patty. Dr. Boyd then read the results. They were Dave Arnold, Roy Brown, and Angie Pickle. Only would serve from these from Canada. It would be Scott Glen.

Dr. Boyd then stated that ABCA had approved it's first dog for registration through the Register on Merit program. It would be Penny Tose's Emily.

Someone asked about the policy for using promotional money. Dr. Boyd stated that the amounts were changing daily and that the amounts awarded were based on the amounts available and the amounts requested every February and July. A report on amounts registered by state and the amounts used was handed out. Following a few questions an example for figuring the amount available was completed.

Next Ted Ondrak asked for the floor. He wanted to propose to do something for the Mike Hubbard Family since the loss of their son Matt this year. He didn't know what would be appropriate, but wanted to be sure that registry did something - maybe a memorial trophy or monetary award, etc. Dr. Boyd stated that some discussion had begun on that project and that we did need to decide on a worthwhile project, maybe even another youth project or youth recognition program.

There being no further business, motion was made and 2nd to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.