

## **Independent Financial Evaluation - 2025**

This year we opted as a Board to have a due-diligence review of our finances. As an association it has been quite a few years since we have had such an evaluation, if ever. The results from an independent CPA did not show any concerns. This was **not an audit**, and we did not have any specific concerns. Our financial protocol is prepared at a **compilation-level** annually, professionally by a CPA that we have utilized nearly 20 years.

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The ABCA Board of Directors solicited bids and chose Christian M Cannon, CPA of VanOrden, Lund & Cannon, PLLC to perform an Independent Financial Evaluation to determine the financial wellness of the association.

<Report Below - 9/18/2025>

*I was provided copies of the American Border Collie Association, Inc.'s Tax returns, Financial Statements, QuickBooks, and their CPA's annual adjustments for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 years. I performed the following procedures:*

- *I printed the annual year end account balances and compared them to the beginning balances used by AVL, CPAs in their internal workpapers.*
- *I followed the adjustments made by the CPA firm to those beginning balances to the tax returns for each of the above-named years.*
- *I read through each tax return and considered the numbers being reported and the answers to the questions in the tax returns as well as the consistency between the years.*
- *I followed the numbers from the tax returns for the above-named years to the financial statements and reviewed for consistency.*
- *I read the disclosures included in the financial statements for all three years.*

*As I evaluated these amounts, I was able to match the amounts and between the documentation and the tax returns and the financial statements. The tax returns and financial statements appeared to be well thought through and done in a professional manner.*

*One item to consider is that the adjustments being made by the CPA firm are not being subsequently entered into the ABCA's QuickBooks. If this was done, it may make it easier for those using the QuickBooks data to match things to the tax returns*

*and financial statements and provide a more accurate interim picture of the company's financial position. The downside of doing this is that the process which is now working, would be changed and the person that maintains the QuickBooks would need to alter what they do and learn a new process. I have clients that do enter my adjustments in their bookkeeping software and some that don't. I feel that, if the leadership of the organization wants to use the QuickBooks data throughout the year, the adjustments should be made. If the leadership is comfortable seeing the financial information annually, the reporting done by the CPA firm is sufficient.*

*If you have any questions, please reach out to me.*

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