

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Membership meeting of the American Border Collie Association, Inc. was held on September 28, 1996 in Lexington, KY during the USBCHA National Finals. Mike Hubbard welcomed all members and guests. There were 1,148 eligible voting members for 1996 and with the 279 eligible ballots returned and those present for the meeting a quorum was present. The minutes of the 1995 Annual Meeting were read and approved along with the Financial Statement for 1996. Registration and membership reports were distributed. It was announced that we currently have over 85,000 dogs registered and over 7,900 members.

There was discussion about the low use of promotional funds by some states. Again the newsletter will include reminders about the money available and members would be encouraged to use their state's money to help promote the Border Collie.

During the Handler's Finals a total of \$12,195.20 was paid to the top 50 and top 20 handlers and other winners as well as \$1,000.00 paid to the breeders of the top Open and Nursery ABCA registered dogs. Florence Wilson of Gordonsville, VA was the winner of both Breeder's checks. Congratulations to all participants and winners!

It was also announced that the Register on Merit Program was completed and available for members to use.

The results of the election were announced and the new Directors elected to serve 3-year terms were: Patrick Shannahan, Idaho; Sally Lacy, Connecticut; J. P. Lalonde, Ontario; and Roger Schroeder, California.

Amanda Milliken then reported on the status of ABCA Canada. She stated that they had completed the legal process of incorporating, etc., and that they were in the process of negotiating a fee schedule with the Board of Directors of ABCA.

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Important Reminder!

**All annual memberships are due on
January 1st of each year — amount, \$10.**

Your mailing label will show the latest year that we have on record for your annual membership being paid. If your label shows the year 1900, our records indicate that you are a Lifetime Member. Please notify the Office if there is an error.

Remember, memberships must be paid by January 1st to be eligible to vote in the 1997 business of ABCA.

ABCA REGISTRATION POLICIES

A few of our members are still confused about our policies since Kennel Clubs started registering Border Collies and showing them in the "Show Ring." This was done over the objections of the majority of Border Collie people. Since the beginning of the Border Collie breed, the Border Collie has had it's own registries in which Border Collie people made decisions about the breed. The main goal behind the development of the breed is that it should be selected for what it does, not for what it looks like.

Kennel Club policies of selection for looks, by giving championships to dogs in the show ring, is a major break from the tradition of selecting the dogs for their performance. Policy was set by the Board of Directors of the American Border Collie Association, Inc. that they would not accept any dogs with any ancestor that is registered with a registry that promotes conformation showing. The Board of Directors set this policy to uphold the memberships' need for a registry of "Working Border Collies." If a dog or any of it's ancestors is registered with a registry that promotes selection for looks, it may still request registration through the Register on Merit Program which will allow proven "working" Border Collies back into the gene pool of the American Border Collie Association, Inc.

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There was then extensive discussion about the notation of eye certification on the registration forms. It was explained that the program had not been completed to properly operate with the stipulation that it was only good for two years and would need to expire on the two year anniversary date of the test. The computer consultant would again be contacted to determine the status and request a quick resolution.

There was some discussion and questions about the registry publishing a stud book much like ISDS does. It was explained that the cost was almost prohibitive and that there seemed to be few people that might actually be interested in paying the high cost of the publication.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Copies of the official minutes of the meeting are available upon request, contact the office.

ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING

Following the Annual Membership Meeting, the Board of Directors of the American Border Collie Association met. Officer elections were held. Dr. Leroy Boyd was elected President; Dave Arnold, Vice-President; and Patty Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Executive Committee was also elected and Florence Wilson, Patrick Shannahan and Roy Brown would serve for the 1997 year. New members to the Board were welcomed and updated on the business of the registry.

Dr. Boyd will be appointing new committees in the near future and their work will begin. Committee reports will be forwarded to the membership in the next newsletter.

PROMOTIONAL MONEY REQUESTS

In this newsletter is a report of dogs registered and memberships by State or Province. Following that list is a record of all promotional monies that have been used by different States and Organizations to promote the Border Collie over the past years. Promotions include eye clinics, training clinics, judging clinics, trials, 4-H promotional programs, fair booths, brochure publications, fun days, etc.

To request these funds, send a written request to the Board of Directors at the office address by February 15th of each year. Describe the project or event for which you are requesting funds. The Board of Directors will review all requests and fund the requests in a fair and appropriate manner. Give as much detail on the proposed use of funds as possible so the Directors can make a fair assessment of all proposals. Just remember, they need to be in the office by February 15, 1997. Mail to: ABCA, 82 Rogers Rd., Perkinston, MS 39573.

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

October, 1995 - September 1996

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE \$79,156.74

INCOME

Annual Memberships	\$30,035.00
Lifetime Memberships	\$27,901.25
Registration Fees	\$124,896.50
Transfer Fees	\$15,336.25
Collections	\$6,351.35
Duplicates and Corrections	\$858.55
Overpayments (Accts. Payable)	\$3,457.89
OFA Certificates	\$296.00
Return of Uncashed Check	\$206.81
Collection for Dinner at Annual Meeting	\$490.00
Return of Promotional Money (Ohio)	\$75.00
Interest	\$3,851.03

TOTAL **\$213,755.63**

EXPENSES

Office Supplies	\$2,299.47
Certificates	\$6,200.77
Printed Materials	\$2,496.07
Return Checks	\$977.00
Telephone	\$5,217.05
Postage & Postal Supplies	\$7,117.18
Charter, Legal Fees	\$291.00
Secretarial Fees	\$53,498.50
Copier Repairs	\$156.46
Copier Purchase	\$2,082.48
Printer and Ribbon	\$738.65
Office Rent	\$1,650.00
ISDS Membership / Stud Books	\$188.19
VISA Discounts	\$65.30
Bank Charges / Exchange Fees	\$879.47
Annual Meeting Expenses (\$1,894.13 for '95 and \$703.25 for '96)	\$2,597.38
Tax Preparations	\$125.00
Accounts Receivable	\$8,150.00
Refunds	\$198.00
Consultant Fees	\$500.00
Ship Trophy to Finals	\$50.21
USBCA	\$9,000.00
ABCA Payment to Trial Winners	\$8,195.20
Payment to WBC (Received from member)	\$25.00
Damages at Finals	\$100.00
Promotions Paid	\$7,125.00

TOTAL **\$119,923.38**

ENDING BANK BALANCE **\$172,988.99**

Accounts Receivable	\$4,705.80
Secretarial Fees Payable	\$10,143.50
Rent Payable	\$300.00

REGISTER ON MERIT PROGRAM

for the

American Border Collie Association, Inc.

Application requests and all documents must be filed with the Secretary through the ABCA Office.

ALL of the following conditions, one through six, **MUST** be met:

1. A pedigree of the dog should be supplied to the Secretary, giving all details available on the sire and dam, including registration numbers when available.
2. Confirmation by a Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist that both sire and dam have been PRA / CEA tested and passed clear and have received "good" rating from OFA on their hips. (This condition may be impractical or impossible to meet in some cases. The ROM Committee has the authority to wave this condition in some circumstances.)
3. Confirmation that the dog seeking registration on merit has attained a minimum age of two years and has been certified to be clear for PRA / CEA by a Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist within 30 days prior to date of application. The dog must also receive at least a "good" rating from OFA on his/her hips.
4. Fee: \$100 non-refundable. The applicant will also be required to bear whatever cost may be incurred by the committee to meet the eligibility requirements.
5. A video of the dog working livestock must be supplied to each member of the ROM Committee. That Committee will make a recommendation whether to refer to the full Board of Directors or not. If referred to the full Board, a video of the dog working livestock must be supplied to the rest of the Directors unless some of them have seen the dog and do not need a video.
6. The owner of the dog requesting registration on merit must be a member in good standing of the American Border Collie Association, Inc.

Working Qualifications

(One or the other of these options must be met:)

1. Written proof that the dog seeking registration on merit has placed in the top 10% of three open, advertised National style and size trials judged under ISDS or USBCHA rules.

or

2. To pass the working qualifications, the dog must demonstrate outstanding abilities in outrun, lift, fetch, driving, and must satisfy the Directors as to his good balance, power, and eye. At least three of the Directors must see the dog in person working livestock at a place other than his home on livestock that he is not used to.

In all cases, at least three Directors must see the dog seeking registration on merit and 11 of the 12 Directors must vote to approve the dog for registration.

NUMBER OF DOGS REGISTERED and MEMBERS as of September 15, 1996

State	Members	Dogs	State	Members	Dogs
AL	252	2,998	NJ	30	147
AK	16	118	NM	74	871
AZ	93	1,002	NY	101	1,116
AR	276	3,547	NC	291	2,241
CA	618	5,382	ND	20	390
CO	195	1,870	OH	182	1,611
CT	33	363	OK	366	3,371
DE	4	5	OR	208	2,078
DC	3	1	PA	99	1,141
FL	142	796	RI	5	58
GA	345	2,727	SC	117	819
HI	0	0	SD	64	1,596
ID	110	1,253	TN	305	4,342
IL	151	1,558	TX	742	8,022
IN	105	1,748	UT	65	771
IA	66	409	VT	25	234
KS	151	1,808	VA	238	1,864
KY	130	2,252	WA	139	1,283
LA	162	1,793	WV	26	104
ME	43	789	WI	74	931
MD	45	554	WY	62	463
MA	39	807	AB	181	2,393
MI	82	829	BC	62	814
MN	86	1,262	MB	11	94
MS	253	3,284	ON	154	3,506
MO	405	5,748	NF	0	0
MT	96	1,047	SK	67	785
NE	67	500	QC	28	526
NV	72	770	NB	4	9
NH	23	424	OTHER	11	74

CREDITS PAID OUT OF STATE FUNDS:

AB	\$300	or	600 credits	Three Rivers Stock Dog Assn., '96
AL	\$150	or	300 credits	Starkville Clinic, 100 each - 1985, 1986, 1987
AR	\$25	or	50 credits	Gene Estes, '91
	\$182	or	364 credits	AR Stock Dog Assn., '91
	\$300	or	600 credits	Arkansas Stock Dog Assn., '92
	\$100	or	200 credits	Arkansas Stock Dog Assn., '93
	\$50	or	100 credits	Mid-States Stock Dog Assn., '93
	\$50	or	100 credits	Mid-South Stock Dog Assn., '93
	\$100	or	200 credits	Arkansas Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$100	or	200 credits	Mid-States Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$100	or	200 credits	Arkansas Stock Dog Assn., '95
AZ	\$100	or	200 credits	Betty Maddux, '90, '92
	\$75	or	150 credits	AZ Stock Dog Assn., '91
	\$50	or	100 credits	AZ Stock Dog Assn., '93
BC	\$100	or	200 credits	Top Dog Event, '94
	\$40	or	80 credits	Prince George Club, '95
	\$40	or	80 credits	North Islands Border Collie Club, '95
	\$40	or	80 credits	Top Dog Event, '95
	\$75	or	150 credits	Top Dog Event, '96

CA	\$150	or	300 credits	Jim Oxford, '90
	\$150	or	300 credits	Cindy Billings, '90
	\$500	or	1000 credits	Northern California Working Sheep Dog, '94
	*\$300	or	600 credits	Returned from '94
	\$150	or	300 credits	San Pasqual Assn., '95
	\$150	or	300 credits	Zamora Hills Trial, '95
	\$150	or	300 credits	Sonoma Wine Country Trial, '95
	\$150	or	300 credits	NCWSDA, '96
	\$150	or	300 credits	Bill Evans, '96
	\$300	or	600 credits	San Joaquin Valley 2 Trials, '96
CO	\$250	or	500 credits	Mountain & Plains Assn., '93
	\$50	or	100 credits	Mountain & Plains Assn., '94
	\$100	or	200 credits	Mountain & Plains Assn., '95
CT	\$15.50	or	31 credits	NEBCA
	\$75	or	150 credits	Bittersweet Stock Dog Trial, '94
	\$20	or	40 credits	Ken Siegel/Carol Champion Trial, '95
	\$20	or	40 credits	Bittersweet Trial, '95
	\$25	or	50 credits	Bittersweet Trial, '96
GA	\$88.50	or	177 credits	Earnest Coggins, 1986, '88
	\$100	or	200 credits	Hubert Bailey, '93
	\$300	or	600 credits	Hubert Bailey, '95 US Open
	\$400	or	800 credits	US Open Championship, '96
IA	\$25	or	50 credits	Ohio Valley Stock Dog Assn.
ID	\$75	or	150 credits	Idaho Stock Dog Assn., '92
	\$50	or	100 credits	Idaho Herding Championship, '94
IL	\$25	or	50 credits	Ohio Valley Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$150	or	300 credits	Land of Lincoln Trial, '94
	\$200	or	400 credits	Ohio Valley Eye Clinic & Trial, '96
	\$100	or	200 credits	Land of Lincoln, Wallace Yoder, '96
IN	\$100	or	200 credits	Wabash Valley Stock Dog Assn., '92
	\$100	or	200 credits	Wabash Valley Stock Dog Assn., '93
	\$25	or	50 credits	Ohio Valley Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$200	or	400 credits	Ohio Valley Stock Dog Assn., '96
	\$55	or	110 credits	Dave Arnold, '90
KS	\$300	or	600 credits	Kansas Stock Dog Assn., '93
	\$50	or	100 credits	Mid-States Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$200	or	400 credits	Kansas Stock Dog Assn., '96
	\$100	or	200 credits	Marilyn Fisher, '93
KY	\$25	or	50 credits	Ohio Valley Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$112.50	or	225 credits	Heartland Border Collie Assn., '94
	\$200	or	400 credits	Ohio Valley Stock Dog Assn., '96
MA	\$64.50	or	129 credits	NEBCA
	\$200	or	400 credits	Mass. Wool Growers Assn., '92
	\$10	or	20 credits	Mass. Sheep & Woolcraft Assn., '93
MD	\$9.50	or	19 credits	NEBCA
	\$100	or	200 credits	Maryland State Trial, '96
ME	\$41.50	or	83 credits	NEBCA
MI	\$100	or	200 credits	Lyle Boyer/Dave Scovell Trial, '95
MO	\$125	or	250 credits	Gene Estes, '90
	\$125	or	250 credits	Gene Estes, '91
	\$400	or	800 credits	Mid-States, '92
	\$100	or	200 credits	Mid-States, '93
	\$250	or	500 credits	Kathy Conner, Ranch Dog Trainer, '94
	\$100	or	200 credits	Mid- States Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$75	or	150 credits	Mid-States Stock Dog Assn., '95
	\$250	or	500 credits	Starkville Clinic, 100 each 1985, '86, '87; 200 - Jim Chandler, '86
MS	\$400	or	800 credits	Mississippi Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$300	or	600 credits	Mississippi Stock Dog Assn., '95
	\$400	or	800 credits	Mississippi Stock Dog Assn., '96

MT	\$168	or	336 credits	Montana Stock Dog Assn., '93
NC	\$100	or	200 credits	60 - Ben Ousley, '87; 140 - Ousley, '90
	\$100	or	200 credits	Ben Ousley, '93
	\$100	or	200 credits	Heart of Carolina, '93
	\$100	or	200 credits	Heart of Carolina, '94
	\$300	or	600 credits	NC State Championship Trial, '96
ND	\$25	or	50 credits	Dakota Stock Dog Assn., '91
NE	\$50	or	100 credits	Nebraska Stock Dog Assn., '94
NH	\$34.50	or	69 credits	NEBCA
NM	\$50	or	100 credits	Gene Harvey, '91
	\$50	or	100 credits	Gene Harvey, '93
NJ	\$50	or	1 credit	NEBCA
	\$10	or	20 credits	New Jersey State Trial, '93
	\$10	or	20 credits	Sussex County Stock Dog Trial, '94
	\$10	or	20 credits	New Jersey State Trial, '95
NV	\$100	or	200 credits	Nevada Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$100	or	200 credits	Western Nevada Stock Dog Trial, '95
NY	\$32	or	64 credits	NEBCA
	\$300	or	600 credits	Mike Cannady Trial, '96
OH	\$100	or	200 credits	Mid-West Stock Dog Assn., '92
	\$100	or	200 credits	Mid-West Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$112.50	or	225 credits	Heartland Border Collie Club, '94
	\$50	or	100 credits	Buckeye Country Trial, '95
	\$50	or	100 credits	Finelia Farms Trial, '95
	\$225	or	450 credits	Claudie & Gary Frank Trials, '96
	*75			Unused from one of three trials
OK	\$100	or	200 credits	Oklahoma Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$100	or	200 credits	Mid-States Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$100	or	200 credits	Oklahoma Stock Dog Trial, '95
	\$300	or	600 credits	Scissortail Classic Trial, '96
ON	\$176	or	352 credits	Ontario Border Collie, 98 - 1985; 84 - 1986; 170 - 1988
	\$84	or	168 credits	NEBCA
	\$25	or	50 credits	Ottawa Club, '91
	\$500	or	1000 credits	Ontario Border Collie Club, '92
	\$200	or	400 credits	Ontario Border Collie Club, '94
	\$250	or	500 credits	Ontario Border Collie Club, '95
	\$250	or	500 credits	Mark Bustard Eye Clinic, '96
OR	\$100	or	200 credits	Oregon Sheep Dog Society, '92
	\$200	or	400 credits	Oregon, Klamath Falls Trial, '96
PA	\$6.50	or	13 credits	NEBCA
	\$50	or	100 credits	Walt Jagger, '93
	50	or	100 credits	Walt Jagger, '95
	\$150	or	300 credits	Penn State Championship Trial, '96
QC	\$75	or	150 credits	Ottawa Club, '91
RI	\$3.50	or	7 credits	NEBCA
SD	\$100	or	200 credits	Dakota Stock Dog Assn., '91
	\$200	or	400 credits	Wagon Tails Trial, '93
SK	\$35	or	70 credits	Pam Gonnott, '90
	\$160	or	212 credits	SK Stock Dog Assn., '92
	\$50	or	100 credits	Saskatchewan Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$150	or	300 credits	Saskatchewan Stock Dog Assn., '96
TN	\$188.50	or	377 credits	120 - East TN; 57 - West TN; 200 - M. Parker
	\$100	or	200 credits	West TN Trial, '92
	\$200	or	400 credits	Mid-South Stock Dog Assn., '93
	\$200	or	400 credits	West TN Stock Dog Trial, '95
	\$300	or	600 credits	Mid-South Stock Dog Assn. Trail, '96
TX	\$100	or	200 credits	Sundown Ranch Trial, American Bred, '89
	\$100	or	200 credits	Crockett Co. Stock Dog Trials, '92

	\$100	or	200 credits	Crockett Co. Stock Dog Trials, '93
	*\$100	or	200 credits	Crockett Co. Stock Dog Trials, '94
	\$100	or	200 credits	Candy Brown, Trials, '94
	\$500	or	1000 credits	Texas Sheep Dog Assn., '94
	\$100	or	200 credits	Bluebonnet Stock Dog Trial, '94
	\$500	or	1000 credits	Texas Sheep Dog Assn., Nursery, '95
	\$50	or	100 credits	Bluebonnet Trial, '95
	\$1000	or	2000 credits	Texas Sheep Dog Assn., Nursery, '96
VA	\$41	or	82 credits	Tom & Florence Wilson, '90
	\$41.75	or	83.5 credits	Ethel Conrad, '91
	\$90	or	180 credits	Blue Ridge Trial, '93
	\$100	or	200 credits	Blue Ridge Open Trial, '94
	\$150	or	300 credits	Blue Ridge Open Trial, '96
	\$300	or	600 credits	Edgeworth Open Trials, '96
VT	\$8	or	16 credits	
WA	\$100	or	200 credits	Ortig Sheep Stations, '94
	\$100	or	200 credits	Key Peninsula SDT & Clinic, '95
	\$100	or	200 credits	Ortig Sheep Station Trial, '95
	\$100	or	200 credits	Red Hat Days Trial, '96
	\$100	or	200 credits	Key Peninsula Sheep Dog Trial, '96
WI	\$71.50	or	143 credits	Wisconsin State Championship, '92
	\$50	or	100 credits	Wisconsin Stock Dog Assn., '94
	\$50	or	100 credits	Wisconsin Working Sheep Dog Assn., '95
	\$150	or	300 credits	Wisconsin Working Sheep Dog Assn., '96
WY	\$100	or	200 credits	Wyoming Roundup, '96

Total credits used to date 37, 196.50 credits or \$18,598.25 paid out

* Amounts returned unused by the organization. Credits to be added to total.

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