

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual membership meeting of ABCA was held on September 26, 1997, in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in conjunction with the National Finals Trial. Dr. Leroy Boyd, President, welcomed all members and guests and recognized Charlie Errington, President of USBCHA, Bob West with Purina, Dr. Aclund from Cornell University and his assistants-Melissa Demille and Denise Wall, and Kate McCusker and Mike McLeod with Bye 'N Away Productions. There were 1925 eligible voters for 1997 and 396 had returned their ballots which established a quorum for the meeting. Hope Hanson, Beverly Lambert and Ivan Weir tallied the votes mailed in and those present at the meeting.

Dr. Boyd gave a brief description of a grant program that was being discussed by the Board of Directors that would fund additional programs besides those funded with promotional funds to the states.

Ralph Pulfer, Amanda Milliken and Beverly Lambert were presented plaques from ABCA for serving as Directors in the past.

Dave Arnold gave a report of the Directors' visit to the ABCA office in April. He shared some of the experiences and opportunities that they participated in while visiting which included registration, filing, answering the phone and trying to read other's handwriting on applications.

Patrick Shannahan then presented medallions to Florence Wilson for being the 1996 breeder of the Open and Nursery Top ABCA registered dog. Similar medallions and \$500 checks would also be given to the 1997 winners.

Sally Lacy then introduced Dr. Aclund who had been conducting a free eye clinic sponsored by ABCA during the finals. They announced that he had examined nearly 300 dogs and had obtained much needed, valuable information in helping determine the facts about CEA and PRA in Border Collies.

Beverly Lambert then gave the results of the election of Directors. The following directors were elected to serve 3-year terms: 1) Florence Wilson, 2) Leroy Boyd, 3) Bill Berhow, and 4) Bruce Fogt.

Sally Lacy then gave a report on the proposed investment plan for ABCA. There was much discussion and questions and more details would have to be worked out by the Directors prior to any investments.

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Important Reminder!

**All annual memberships are due on
January 1st of each year — amount, \$10
Lifetime memberships — \$50**

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 1998 business of ABCA.**

There was a question about the nominating procedures for ABCA. It was stated that a nominating committee always made recommendations to the Board of Directors. Patty Rogers stated that the Directors up for re-election in 1998 were Scott Glen, Roy Brown, Dave Arnold, and Ivan Weir. She stated that all of them had only served one term and would be eligible for re-nomination.

The new ABCA had a new e-mail address and it was announced that the address was abca@datasync.com.

The financial statement was also presented and approved. Amanda Milliken then gave a brief report about the status of the Canadian registry. She stated that they hoped to be registering dogs in the very near future. She stated that ABCA had given them \$5,000 to help them get started and had agreed to process their applications for at least 2 years for \$2.50. There was still a problem to be resolved involving their Section B dogs which were not eligible for registration through ABCA.

Next, Alasdair MacRae asked for the opportunity to address the members. He asked for their support in taking disciplinary action against one of the USBCHA's members. After much discussion, it was referred to the ABCA Trials Committee to consider any action that needed to be taken by ABCA on this matter.

As the last item of business, Lyle Boyer made a motion to have two dates available to request promotional funds. It was agreed that they would be February 15 and July 15 of each year. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Income & Expense Statement

October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE \$172,988.99

INCOME

Annual Memberships	\$ 30,866.50
Lifetime Memberships	23,671.25
Registration Fees	128,433.50
Transfer Fees	17,635.75
Collections	5,757.82
Duplicates and Corrections	1,087.57
Overpayments (Accounts Payable)	4,478.33
OFA Certificates	356.00
Annual Meeting Income	782.50
Bank Error	216.89
Interest	6,443.56

Total \$ 219,729.67

EXPENSES

Accounting Fees	\$ 645.00
Accounts Receivable	7,281.72
Advertising Fees	905.00
Annual Meeting Expenses	3,313.22
Audit Fees	1,500.00
Bank Charges/Exchange Fees	801.69
Bond Fees	116.00
Certificates	3,558.35
Charter/Legal Fees	163.00
Consultant Fees	500.00
Corporate Fees	20.00
Directors' Meeting	2,624.76
Donation to Canadian Border Collie Assn.	5,000.00
Equipment Purchases (2 computers & 1 printer)	4,986.00
Equipment Repairs	219.50
Eye Clinic	90.00
Internet Fees	29.95
Membership fees	75.00
Miscellaneous Exp.	25.00
Office Rent	1,800.00
Office Supplies	1,450.27
Postage	9,022.59
Printed Materials	2,729.98
Printed Materials/Canada	83.05
Promotions Paid	9,046.50
Refunds	220.00
Return Checks	1,142.17
Secretarial Fees	65,712.00
Tax Preparations	135.00
Telephone	4,357.00
Trials Expense	13,398.00
VISA Discounts	77.53
Total	\$ 141,028.28

ENDING BANK BALANCE \$251,690.38

Accounts Payable as of September 30, 1997:

Secretary's Fees	\$ 11,477.00
Office Rent	300.00
Total Payables	\$11,777.00

Net Balance as of September 30, 1997 \$239,913.38

Canadian Border Collie Association

The Canadian Border Collie Association is now in full operation in Canada. The ABCA office has processed over 80 registrations for the Canadian Border Collie Association. Information about fees, rules and regulations can be directed to their secretary - Karen Curtis, R.R. #1, Joyceville, ON Canada K0H 1Y0. Her phone number is 613-382-4955.

The Canadian association is currently developing a new computer program that will allow them to register their Section B dogs that are not eligible for registration through the ABCA program.

The Directors of the new Canadian Association are Amanda Milliken, President; Bruce Smart; Pam Gonnert; Elvin Kopp and Jackie Ciancone.

ABCA On-Line

As noted in the Annual Report, ABCA is now on-line with e-mail. The e-mail address is abca@datasync.com. Sally Lacy as Chairman of the Education Committee is coordinating efforts to design a Home Page for ABCA as a part of US Border Collie Club's Home Page. This will be an excellent opportunity to keep members and prospective members up-to-date on current events of ABCA. Information such as: answers to frequently asked questions; Directors' positions for election; Annual Meeting dates and locations; dues reminders; and etc.

Information as follows should be appearing in the very near future on our home page:

Director's positions to be elected in 1998 are: 1. Scott Glen; 2. Roy Brown; 3. Dave Arnold; 4. Ivan Weir

All of these Directors have only served one term and would be eligible for nomination to a second term.

If you have any questions that you think should be on the internet for easy access to our members, please send them to the office or to Sally Lacy.

Promotional Money Requests

Promotional money is made available to members of the American Border Collie Association, Inc. on an annual basis. It was agreed during the Annual Meeting this year to have these funds available for request twice a year. The new **deadlines** for request are **February 15 and July 15** of each year.

Promotional money is available from a \$.50 allotment per registration to the state/province of the person requesting registration. These funds have been requested over the years by individuals and state organizations to help promote the Border Collie in their areas. These funds have been used to supplement advertising, brochures, fact sheets, trials, clinics, fun days, work days, fair booths, 4-H promotional programs, etc. To assist the Board of Directors in allocating funds to all approved requests, members from the state/area/province should coordinate requests through their state association. This would allow an even distribution to all events in that state/area/province that are requesting assistance.

Following is a list of the money available at this time by states. This changes daily, but will give you some idea of what's available. Please make your requests in writing, signed by the authorized member requesting these funds. They must be postmarked by the above dates to be considered at the following Board of Directors' meeting. Mail them to the office at ABCA, 82 Rogers Rd., Perkinston, MS 39573.

Annual Directors' Meeting

On Monday, September 29, 1997, the Board of Directors met in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Officer elections were held. Dr. Leroy Boyd was elected President, Dave Arnold was elected to serve as Vice-President, Patty Rogers was elected Secretary/Treasurer. The Executive Committee elected was Florence Wilson, Roy Brown and Patrick Shannahan.

Committee reports and updates were given by the Trials Committee, Canadian Transition team, Investment research and data storage research and proposal for TV coverage of the Finals for 1998.

It was agreed that now that ABCA is on the internet, a Web page would be helpful. More information could be available and updated more often for the membership throughout the year. This will be researched and action taken in the near future. Dr. Boyd stated that he hoped to have most committees in place by the time of the annual newsletter in December.

Alabama	\$ 1,595.00	New Hamp.	\$194.50
Alaska	\$86.50	New Jersey	\$60.50
Arizona	\$365.50	New Mex.	\$452.50
Arkansas	\$1,198.50	New York	\$476.50
California	\$1,064.00	N. Carolina	\$585.00
Colorado	\$537.00	N. Dakota	\$233.00
Connecticut	\$51.50	Ohio	\$548.50
Delaware	\$5.50	Oklahoma	\$1,683.00
District of Col.	\$1.00	Oregon	\$821.50
Florida	\$480.00	Penn.	\$351.50
Georgia	\$488.00	Rhode Is.	\$24.10
Idaho	\$456.00	S. Carolina	\$300.50
Hawaii	\$0.00	S. Dakota	\$355.00
Illinois	\$259.00	Tennessee	\$1,530.00
Indiana	\$407.00	Texas	\$1,565.00
Iowa	\$297.00	Utah	\$475.50
Kansas	\$345.50	Vermont	\$141.50
Kentucky	\$0.00	Virginia	\$248.25
Louisiana	\$1,188.50	Washington	\$193.50
Maine	\$376.50	W. Virginia	\$97.00
Maryland	\$240.50	Wisconsin	\$254.50
Mass.	\$107.50	Wyoming	\$232.00
Michigan	\$274.50	Alberta	\$823.00
Minn.	\$427.00	B. Columbia	\$106.00
Mississippi	\$360.50	Manitoba	\$78.00
Missouri	\$1,770.50	Ontario	\$352.50
Montana	\$546.50	Sask.	\$98.00
Nebraska	\$161.50	Quebec	\$164.50
Nevada	\$268.50	N. Brunswick	\$17.00

Trials Committee Report

The new trials committee for 1998 is Bruce Fogt, Chairman, Angie Pickle, Daniel Gill, and Dave Arnold. They will be busy working in conjunction with the US Border Collie Handlers Association in preparing for the 1998 National Finals Trial to be held in the Fall of 1998.

During the 1997 National Finals in Klamath Falls, Oregon, the following people received \$102 for each ABCA registered dog that qualified for the top 50 run in the Finals: Bill Evans, Beverly Lambert, Tom Wilson, Mike Hubbard, Alasdair MacRae, Kent Kuykendall, Dodie Green, Scott Glen, Bud Boudreau, Terry Parrish, Ralph Pulfer, Linda Fogt, Candy Kennedy, Bill Berhow, Larry Burch, Emil Luedecke, George Grist, Don Redding, Amanda Milliken, Wilda Bahr, Patrick Shannahan, Jo Woodbury, Suzy McAllister, Red Oliver, Lyle Boyer, Sally Lacy, Dave Ellison, Stu Ligon, Ben Ousley, Robert Lewis, Sarah Muir, Tony Diaz, Jack Knox, Ivan Weir, Florence Wilson, Buzz Shearon, Karen Child, Nora Ahlen, and Dee Sampson.

An additional \$100 per ABCA registered dog was paid to the top 20 finalists who were Bill Evans, Beverly Lambert, Tom Wilson, Mike Hubbard, Alasdair MacRae, Dodie Green, Scott Glen, Ralph Pulfer, Emil Luedecke, George Grist, Amanda Milliken, Red Oliver, Bill Berhow, Lyle Boyer, Stu Ligon, Terry Parrish, Jack Knox, and Kent Kuykendall.

The breeder of the top ABCA registered Nursery dog was Kathy Conner who was the breeder of Angie Pickle's dog. Kathy received \$500 and a medallion from ABCA. The breeder of the top ABCA registered Open Finals was Beverly Lambert. She also received \$500 and a medallion from ABCA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 1997 WINNERS!!

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