

ABCA

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Annual Membership Meeting of the American Border Collie Association, Inc.

Runaway Farm, Klamath Falls, OR

September 23, 2009 • 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of The American Border Collie Association was held at the trial site in a big tent located at Runaway Farm, 7677 Lower Lake Road, Klamath Falls, OR, following the day's round of the USBCHA Sheep Finals on Wednesday, September 23, 2009. Following a light meal, Jim Swift introduced Dr. Mark Neff and his associates for a presentation on research done on deafness and epilepsy in Border Collies.

Following the excellent presentation, Jim Swift, President, called the meeting to order. He asked Patty Rogers for the proof of mailing and presentation of proxies. She presented a letter from Destry Hariel who was contracted to handle the mailing of the proxies and the tabulation of the votes. The letter stated that there were 2,475 ballots mailed to eligible voters. 61 were returned with no forwarding address, 4 were without signatures and 512 were properly signed and returned. This represents more than a quorum of 10% of the eligible voters.

Patty Rogers distributed copies of the minutes and financial statements. Eileen Stein made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion was 2nd by Amy Coapman. All approved.

Jim explained the Financial Statement in the absence of Kate Ash and explained that the rate increase was approved since there was actually a negative operating balance for the previous year. Roger Culbreath made a motion to approve the financial statement. Motion was 2nd by Liz Hubbard. All approved.

On site ballots were collected and counted and added to the ballots mailed in. Patty reported that the four directors elected were Leroy Boyd, Don Helsley, Liz Hubbard and Pearse Ward.

Francis stated that handlers should really be encouraged to participate in the business of the registry. Barbara Ross asked that the Board consider financing the BARE tests next year at the finals. Jim said they would take that under consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Following is a list of all of
the current directors and
their addresses:*

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Annual Memberships Due before January 1, 2010

***Reminder: Membership is required to be able to register
dogs with ABCA.***

All annual memberships expire on January 1 of each calendar year. To be eligible to vote in the 2010 elections, your membership must be paid prior to January 1, 2010. Be sure to mail your membership dues in as soon as possible. Annual membership fees are \$10 (\$11 if paid by credit card). Lifetime membership fees are also available for the cost of \$100 (\$110 if paid by credit card).

Eye Clinic at National Finals

By Amy Coapman

We had a very successful clinic! It was a busy clinic, but it went very well. We had exceptionally good help. Greg examined 236 dogs, saw 2 cases of CEA, both known or suspected. One was a go-normal but DNA affected, and Greg said that although the go-normal status was 'obvious' to him, it would be very easy for a private practice DACVO to 'pass' that dog on exam alone. The other dog carried a PRA diagnosis, and Greg was able to inform and educate the owner that it was CEA and not PRA; unfortunately that dog has severe visual impairment from the CEA. There were about 10 cases of non-hereditary retinal lesions, and one traumatic cataract in a 14 month old with no known history of trauma. The owner was completely unaware.

Dr. Angie Untisz drew blood for the Optigen CEA DNA test on about 37 dogs. There were at least a handful around the country who submitted samples directly to Optigen as this was a 20/20 satellite clinic.

ABCA Board of Directors Elect New Officers

The 12 directors of the American Border Collie Association, Inc. held elections on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. Kate Ash from Olivet, MI, was elected President, Mike Hanley from Lexington, Ky was elected Vice-President, Patty Rogers was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer and Pearse Ward, Emil Luedecke, and Michele Howard were elected to serve also on the Executive Committee along with Kate and Mike. Kate made several committee appointments including Eileen Stein and Liz Hubbard to serve on the Communications Committee; Eileen Stein, Mark Billadeau and Denise Wall to serve on the Health and Genetics Committee; Allen Hickenbottom and Emil Luedecke to serve on the Sheep Trials Committee and Norma Stewart and Angie Coker-Sells to serve on the Cattle Trials Committee. Kate will complete her appointments to the Nominating and Hall of Fame Committees at a later date.

PROMOTIONAL MONEY AVAILABLE THRU ABCA

Promotional money is available for request from any ABCA member to use to promote the working border collie in their area. Events often include trials, clinics, 4-H projects, etc. A written request stating what your request is for, how it will promote the border collie and the amount of money requested must be submitted to the office prior to the two deadlines of February 15 and July 15 each year. Funding for these projects comes from a designated fund that accumulates from each registration at the rate of \$1 per dog registered. Funds are allotted to the state of the member where the order originates.

These funds are accumulated each day as registrations are processed. The amount available by state as of November, 2009 as follows:

State/ Province	Amount Available	State/ Province	Amount Available	State/ Province	Amount Available	State/ Province	Amount Available
AB	\$ 316.50	ID	\$ 800.50	NB	\$ 91.50	PR	\$ 8.00
AK	\$ 171.50	IL	\$ 897.00	NC	\$ 1,775.50	QC	\$ 334.50
AL	\$ 1,545.00	IN	\$ 1,818.00	ND	\$ 1,208.50	RI	\$ 92.00
AR	\$ 387.00	KS	\$ 292.00	NE	\$ 1,199.50	SC	\$ 465.50
AZ	\$ 996.50	KY	\$ 775.00	NH	\$ 471.50	SD	\$ 800.00
BC	\$ 327.00	LA	\$ 4,693.00	NJ	\$ 888.50	SK	\$ 366.50
CA	\$ 974.00	MA	\$ 797.00	NM	\$ 466.00	TN	\$ 466.00
CO	\$ 235.50	MB	\$ 130.00	NS	\$ 5.00	TX	\$ 1,622.00
CT	\$ 528.00	MD	\$ 249.00	NV	\$ 790.50	UT	\$ 304.50
DC	\$ 2.00	ME	\$ 966.00	NY	\$ 425.19	VA	\$ 2,895.50
DE	\$ 55.00	MI	\$ 706.00	OH	\$ 2,416.00	VT	\$ 292.00
FL	\$ 101.00	MN	\$ 1,388.50	OK	\$ 996.00	WA	\$ 301.00
GA	\$ 364.00	MO	\$ 2,248.00	ON	\$ 777.00	WI	\$ 745.50
HI	\$ 4.50	MS	\$ 636.50	OR	\$ 641.50	WV	\$ 1,135.00
IA	\$ 411.50	MT	\$ 1,396.00	PA	\$ 1,036.50	WY	\$ 818.00

Grant funds are also available from the ABCA. These grants often don't fall into a category for promotional funds and are not allocated by state. A Grant Request form is available on the website and the deadline for grant requests is January 15 of each year.

AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2009

REVENUES

Annual Memberships	\$ 23,103.00
Lifetime Memberships	16,954.00
Registration Fees	122,066.00
Transfer Fees	19,441.00
Miscellaneous	3,587.00
Investment Income	<u>19,019.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>204,170.00</u>

EXPENSES

Program Services	
Prize Monies Awarded	\$ 15,900.00
Promotional Support to Members	19,050.00
Research Support	2,427.00
Trials Sponsorship	10,180.00
Total Program Services	<u>47,557.00</u>

General and Administrative

Advertising	2,011.00
Annual meeting expenses	3,732.00
Bank Fees	898.00
Computer and technical support	10,500.00
Depreciation and amortization	3,944.00
File Storage	822.00
Insurance and Bonding	1,270.00
Investment Fees	6,743.00
Office supplies	4,153.00
Postage and delivery	11,372.00
Professional fees	9,690.00
Rent	3,900.00
Secretarial fees	74,861.00
Telephone	4,949.00
Travel	3,605.00
Other office expenses	<u>5,146.00</u>
Total general and administrative expenses	<u>147,596.00</u>
Total expenses	<u>195,153.00</u>

OTHER INCOME

Realized gain on investments	\$ 330.00
Other income	<u>4,894.00</u>
Total other income	<u>5,224.00</u>

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	14,241.00
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	641,257.00
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$655,498.00</u>

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Calendar of Events and Deadline Dates

January 15, 2010 – Grant requests due(see website for application form)

February 15, 2010 – Promotional Money requests due

May 5-9, 2010 – National Cattledog Finals – Gering, ME

June 1, 2010 – Hall of Fame Nominations due(see website for application form)

July 15, 2010 – 2nd Round of Promotional Money requests due

September 18 – 26, 2010 – National Sheepdog Finals – Middletown, VA

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE IN ABCA OFFICE BY JUNE 1, 2010

Application forms available from the office or online at:

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