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Minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting

American Border Collie Association, Inc.

September 28, 2012

Eileen Stein, President, called the meeting to order after a light meal was served. She thanked the caterers for the meal.

She asked Patty to present the proof of mailing of the notice of the annual meeting. Patty stated that 2159 eligible members were mailed ballots and 398 returned ballots which represented more than the 10% needed to constitute a quorum.

The minutes of the 2011 annual meeting were printed and distributed to members and others attending. Motion was made by Amy Coapman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was 2nd and all approved.

Emil Luedecke made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented by Patty Rogers. There were no questions. Motion was 2nd and all approved.

Eileen reported on activities that had taken place during the year, including informing members and submitting comments regarding USDA's proposed change in their regulations requiring licensing of those who breed and sell dogs. She also noted that a substantial grant was voted for Dr. Mark Neff's epilepsy study. This will be a much more sophisticated effort to identify genetic risk factors for the disease. Eileen stated that ABCA is working to negotiate a reasonable cost for any tests that are developed as a result of the study.

Next she explained the proposal under consideration by the Board to create an ABCA foundation for health and education. It would have a board appointed by the directors of ABCA and would be a charitable organization able to receive tax-deductible contributions. It would be a separate corporation and would probably cost about \$3000-\$5000 to set up. There would be minimal ongoing expenses, such as a separate bank account and preparation of a separate tax return, and day-to-day administration would be handled by committed volunteer members. It was proposed that ABCA provide seed money to the foundation of at least \$100,000, which, together with whatever funds could be raised directly by the foundation, would be invested and paid out in grants as ABCA does now. Eileen said the directors wanted to have feedback from the membership about this proposal, and encouraged members to return the questionnaires that had been distributed with their ballots.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS DUE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013

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

Annual memberships expire on January 1st of each calendar year. To be eligible to vote in the 2013 elections, your membership must be paid prior to January 1, 2013. Be sure to mail your membership dues in as soon as possible. Annual membership fees are \$10 (\$11 if paid by credit card). Lifetime memberships are available for the cost of \$100 (\$110 if paid by credit card).

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Patty then reported the results of the election. 4 Directors would be elected for 3 year terms and 1 would be elected for a 1 year term to complete the term of Juan Reyes, who had resigned. Those elected for 3 year terms were Mike Neary, Don Helsley, Elizabeth Baker, and Barbara Ray, with Karen Stanley elected for the 1 year term.

Next was the induction into the Hall of Fame for Amanda Milliken's Hazel. The presentation was made by Beverly Lambert. Following the Hall of Fame, the floor was opened for questions. There being none, Eileen introduced Dr. Sue Taylor who gave a report on her research project at the University of Saskatchewan on Border Collie Collapse. Following her presentation, Emil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy 2nd the motion and all approved.

2012 Hall of Fame Inductee Amanda Milliken's Hazel

The presentation was made by Beverly Lambert and following is the introduction of the 2012 Hall of Fame Inductee – Amanda Milliken's Hazel.

It's easy to look at a top hand running a very good dog and say "of course!" In Amanda Milliken's case, we've all said this very many times as she comes to the post over and over again. It seems every year, with yet another incredibly competitive young dog.

However, there is nothing inevitable about such success. The skill to become a top handler and trainer can take many years to acquire. I can tell you that finding the nice young dog can take even longer.

But every so often a lucky person finds a special dog. A dog that has so much talent that they nearly train themselves, even in the hands of a novice. In a rare few cases such a talented dog can take their neophyte handler with them from Novice to Open and sometimes beyond that to the National level.

The dog we're here to honor tonight was all of that and more. Amanda was lucky enough to breed Hazel when she was just beginning to dog trial. Hazel brought so much natural talent to their partnership (possibly Amanda contributed some as well) that in two years they went from beginner and puppy to Reserve National Nursery Champions.

Hazel and Amanda didn't stop there, but had a long and successful career in Open which included a second at the National Finals in 1995. Had this been the sum of Hazel's accomplishments, it would have made her worthy of inclusion in the ABCA Hall of Fame. As many of us are fortunate enough to know, Hazel's greatest talent was not as a trial dog, but as a mother. Hazel was the progenitor of a line of dogs that has had as great an impact on the Border Collie breed in North America as any dog in the US or Canada.

Hazel figures in the pedigrees of many top dogs all over both countries such as this year's Blue Grass Champion- Roy Taber's Craig; last year's USBCHA Nursery Champ – Dory, Elizabeth Baker's Rye, Libby Neider's Lyn, past Canadian Nursery Champions – Clive and Dave Muny's Moe, past Canadian National Champions – Eucre, Grace, Ethel and this year's champion Roz, USBCHA champion Bart, and this year's preliminary round high point scorer – Monty.

Hazel has benefitted the Border Collie breed in North America and it is very fitting that her enormous contribution should be recognized by her inclusion in our ABCA Hall of Fame.



2013 ABCA OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

On November 15, 2012 the 12 directors of the American Border Collie Association, Inc. re-elected Eileen Stein of Shady Side, MD as President and Michele Howard of Alturas, CA as Vice-President. Patty Rogers was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Board has elected Don Helsley, Mike Neary and Mike Hanley to serve on the Executive Committee along with Eileen and Michele.

**AMERICAN BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

REVENUES

Annual Memberships	\$ 17,260.00
Lifetime Memberships	\$ 13,971.00
Registration Fees	\$ 148,846.00
Transfer Fees	\$ 20,286.00
Duplicates/Corrections	\$ 2,225.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,558.00
Investment Income	\$ <u>24,463.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$ <u>228,609.00</u>

EXPENSES

Program Services	
Prize Monies Awarded	\$ 16,100.00
Promotional support to members	\$ 14,406.00
Research Support	\$ 1,000.00
Trials Sponsorship	\$ <u>11,566.00</u>
Total Program Services	\$ <u>43,072.00</u>

General and Administrative

Advertising	\$ 5,800.00
Annual meeting expenses	\$ 1,631.00
Bank Fees	\$ 1,915.00
Computer & technical support	\$ 8,485.00
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 1,845.00
Educational program	\$ 1,000.00
File Storage	\$ 1,037.00
Insurance & Bonding	\$ 1,516.00
Investment fees	\$ 6,702.00
Office supplies	\$ 1,556.00
Postage and delivery	\$ 6,930.00
Printing	\$ 5,386.00
Professional fees	\$ 4,120.00
Rent	\$ 3,640.00
Secretarial fees	\$ 63,038.00
Telephone	\$ 4,201.00
Travel	\$ 2,317.00
Other office expenses	\$ <u>968.00</u>
Total general & admin.	\$ <u>122,087.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ <u>165,159.00</u>

OTHER INCOME

Realized gain on investments	\$ 1,100.00
Total other income	\$ <u>1,100.00</u>

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$ 64,550.00

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR \$ 733,045.00

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR \$ 797,595.00

Promotional Money Available thru ABCA

Promotional Money is available upon request from any ABCA member to use to promote the working border collie in their area. Events often include trials, clinics, fun days, school 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 of each year. Funding for these projects comes from a designated fund at the rate of \$1 per dog registered. Funds are allocated to the state of the breeder (member). Following is the amount available by state as of November 15, 2012.

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.

State	Amount Available	State	Amount Available
AB	\$ 765.50	NE	\$ 1,236.50
AK	\$ 227.50	NH	\$ 570.50
AL	\$ 1,223.00	NJ	\$ 1,153.50
AR	\$ 696.00	NM	\$ 463.00
AZ	\$ 1,331.50	NS	\$ 10.00
BC	\$ 244.00	NV	\$ 591.50
CA	\$ 1,215.00	NY	\$ 323.19
CO	\$ 454.50	OH	\$ 2,176.00
CT	\$ 503.00	OK	\$ 1,563.00
DC	\$ 2.00	ON	\$ 390.00
DE	\$ 68.00	OR	\$ 1,358.50
FL	\$ 200.00	PA	\$ 816.00
GA	\$ 373.00	PR	\$ 13.00
HI	\$ 4.50	QC	\$ 624.50
IA	\$ 477.50	RI	\$ 125.00
ID	\$ 231.50	SC	\$ 634.50
IL	\$ 590.00	SD	\$ 186.00
IN	\$ 2,011.00	SK	\$ 286.50
KS	\$ 254.00	TN	\$ 413.00
KY	\$ 665.00	TX	\$ 1,346.00
LA	\$ 3,174.00	UT	\$ 329.50
MA	\$ 946.00	VA	\$ 798.50
MB	\$ 156.00	VT	\$ 337.00
MD	\$ 291.00	WA	\$ 357.00
ME	\$ 1,079.00	WI	\$ 364.50
MI	\$ 1,556.00	WV	\$ 1,425.00
MN	\$ 1,013.50	WY	\$ 1,210.00
MO	\$ 860.00		
MS	\$ 480.50		
MT	\$ 1,209.00		
NB	\$ 92.50		
NC	\$ 995.50		
ND	\$ 1,489.50		

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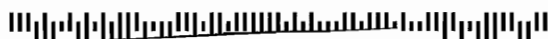
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Prize Monies Paid at the National Finals Each Year

- Sheep Finals -** \$3000 to the Nursery Top 30 Qualifying
\$5000 to the Open Top 50 1st Go Round - \$100 each
\$2000 to the Open Top 20 2nd Go Round - \$100 each
\$500 to the Breeder of the Top ABCA registered Nursery and Open Dogs
- Cattle Finals -** \$500 to the Breeder of the Top ABCA registered Open and Nursery Dogs
Nursery - 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200
Open - 1st Go Round - 1st - \$200, 2nd-4th - \$100 each
Open - 2nd Go Round - 1st - \$200, 2nd-4th - \$100 each
Open Finals - 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300, 4th-\$200, 5th-10th-\$100, 11th-20th-\$50



HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS Due in ABCA Office by June 1, 2013

Application forms available from the office or online at:

www.americanbordercollie.org