

ABCA Board of Directors Meeting
March 16, 2006 Conference Call
Executive Summary

Directors on the call: Mike Neary, Jim Swift, Eileen Stein, Robin French, Susan Carvalho, Gary Westbrook, Larry Burkes and Martin Penfold.
Also on the call: Patty Rogers, Secretary.

Mike called the meeting to order and announced a quorum was present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Requests for promotional money were considered, and upon MOTION duly made and seconded the following distributions were approved:

- \$150 to James Thomas of AL – farm day (demos, shearing)
- \$200 to Gary Westbrook of AR – trial
- \$150 to Bob Roe of AR – trial
- \$400 to Betty Wheeler for TN – trials
- \$250 to Sandra Milberg of CA – trial
- \$200 to Sandy Tindall of FL – trial trophies
- \$200 to Earnest Coggins of GA – trial
- \$200 to Lynne Dimit of IN – trial
- \$350 to Laura Hanley of KY – Bluegrass trial
- \$150 to Laura Hanley of KY – Chinquapinwood trial
- \$150 to Sherry Smith of MD – trial
- \$250 to Dal Kratzer of MI – trial
- \$600 to Warren Mick of NY – trial
- \$600 to John Davis of OK – trials
- \$500 to Helen Younger of Ontario – Ontario Border Collie Club newsletter
- \$300 to Dave Murray of OR – trial
- \$500 to Walt Jagger of PA – trial
- \$750 to Texas Sheep Dog Assn of TX – trials
- \$750 to LaNelda Strohl of TX – trials
- \$200 to Libby Nieder of UT – setout equipment
- \$200 to Karen Stanley of UT – clinic
- \$350 to Lynn Johnston of WA – trial
- \$250 to Jean Bass of WI – trial
- \$250 to Clay Dietz of WY – trial

Budget. Jim Swift explained the profit and loss statement and projected budget, which had already been mailed to directors. After some discussion, on MOTION duly made and seconded, the profit and loss statement was accepted and the budget for FY 2006 was approved.

Financial recommendations. Jim reported that the Finance Committee had looked into some options. We have an investment account at U.S. Trust, which Jim described as a conservative, low risk investment that appears to suit our needs. The account has \$344,000 in it as of 2/28/06. CDs were discussed. Jim said that the Committee would be presenting specific recommendations at the next meeting.

Audit. A copy of the current audit had been provided to the directors by mail prior to the meeting. On MOTION duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the audit. Also, on MOTION duly made and seconded, it was voted to have Alexander, VanLoon continue doing our audits.

Canadian Directorship. Mike stated that no one had been found to replace Kate Broadbent as the second Canadian director. Currently our by-laws require that 2 of the 12 directors be from Canada. It has become harder to find two Canadian directors to serve, partly because Canadian members are only 4.2% of our membership, and partly because of the subsequent founding and success of the CBCA. This issue was discussed on the internet Directors Forum, and because it is a by-law, a vote of the membership will be required to change it. On MOTION duly made and seconded, it was voted to put the following by-law change on the ballot for a membership vote: "Only one director per state or province may hold office at any given time, and at least one director must be a resident of Canada." It was noted that under this proposed change, the total number of directors would remain at 12, and it would still be possible for more than one director to be a Canadian resident, but the required number of Canadian directors would be reduced from two to one.

Swafford Update. Eileen reported that our case to require Richard Swafford to relinquish the domain name abcbordercollies.com was filed and she expects a final decision within the next couple of months. Ongoing complaints and problems regarding Mr. Swafford were discussed, and it was agreed to develop a policy to deal with circumvention of disciplinary actions.

Requests for Pedigree Information. A request had been received from Dr. Melanie Chang for pedigree information to be used in connection with her canine behavioral genetics research, and from Heather Nadelman for use in a planned publication. These requests had been discussed and voted on via the internet directors forum: On MOTION duly made and seconded, it was voted that we would furnish copies of pedigrees to Dr. Chang for use in her research, provided that each pedigree requested will be printed on plain paper, will bear a stamp or notation "for research purposes only," and will be supplied only if we receive payment of a \$2.00 fee and a signed statement from the dog's owner authorizing release of the pedigree. Also, on MOTION duly made and seconded, it was voted that we would furnish copies of pedigrees to Heather Nadelman for use in her proposed publication, provided that each pedigree requested will be printed on plain paper, and will be supplied only if we receive payment of a \$2.00 fee and a written communication from the dog's owner authorizing release of the pedigree.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.