

ABCA Board of Directors Meeting
June 19, 2006 Conference Call
Executive Summary

Directors on the call: Mike Neary, Dan Gill, Gary Westbrook, Jim Swift, Susan Carvalho, Eileen Stein, Martin Penfold, Larry Burkes and Norma Brice.

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.

Committee Reports:

- Nominating Committee – Gary reported that the Nominating Committee -- consisting of Emil Luedecke, Bruce Fogt and himself -- has selected John Doyle, Don Helsley, Liz Hubbard, Dal Kratzer, Warren Mick, and Ivan Weir as this year's nominees for director, along with currently-serving directors Dan Gill, Jim Swift and Eileen Stein, whose terms will be expiring.
- Finance Committee – deferred to later in the meeting
- Health & Genetics Committee – Eileen reported that the Committee was working on plans for the eye exams at the finals.

ROM application. The committee previously appointed to consider an application for ROM for Jeanne Tessari's dog JoJo recommended approval after seeing the dog work. The application material and video had been provided to all directors, and upon MOTION duly made and seconded, all directors on the call voted to approve ROM for JoJo. Patty subsequently polled the two absent directors, and JoJo was approved to be registered on merit.

Financial matters. Jim gave the report of the Finance Committee (Jim Swift, Linda Fogt and Glenn Firchow). The principal matter under discussion was whether the registry should continue to maintain its investment account with U.S. Trust. Jim reported that the committee concluded that U.S. Trust is meeting our needs, that there was an 8.3% return on the account last year, and that our amount of investment was probably not substantial enough to warrant dividing it among more than one company. After discussion, upon MOTION duly made and seconded, the following three recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted: (1) stay with U.S. Trust; (2) authorize the ABCA Vice-President to get a copy of the monthly statements and for ABCA to sign a statement of objectives; and (3) maintain a minimum amount of approximately \$150,000 in the bank in Wiggins to cover cash needs, with the excess to be placed in the U.S. Trust fund.

Eye exams at the finals. Dr. Acland will be available for two days to do the eye exams at the sheep finals in Oregon. The Health & Genetics Committee strongly recommended that the eye exam requirement be continued, even now that the CEA DNA test is available, since CEA is not the only eye problem there is. It benefits the handlers to learn about the eye status of their dogs, and it benefits us to keep Dr. Acland interested in and knowledgeable about our breed. Concern was expressed about whether the ABCA should resume totally subsidizing the eye exams, and whether we could ensure that Dr. Acland himself would be available for both the sheep and cattle finals. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, it was voted to pay the expenses of Dr. Acland or

his designee and one assistant to provide yearly free exams for entered dogs at both the sheep and cattle finals, and to allow other ABC-registered dogs to be tested at the same time so long as time permits after entered dogs are tested. Dr. Acland is to be told that we strongly request that he himself attend to do the exams, and we will contact him with dates as early as possible to help ensure that will be possible.

Circumvention of disciplinary measures. Eileen reported that we won the case to compel Richard Swafford to relinquish his abcbordercollies.com website to us. There was a discussion of the methods he is using to circumvent his expulsion from the registry, by buying dogs and registering them to others or by brokering or claiming to broker dogs bred by others, which leaves him in the same position as before to misrepresent the parentage of dogs registered with us. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, it was voted to amend Rule 1 of our disciplinary rules by making anyone who assists another to circumvent disciplinary sanctions imposed by the association liable to discipline, including the loss of their registration and certification privileges. Notice will be given to Mr. Swafford and others involved that we will no longer register dogs advertised, brokered or sold by Mr. Swafford. The question of adopting a policy of requiring DNA testing on all brokered dogs was deferred for later consideration.

CBCA registration policy. Patty had received a letter from the Secretary of the CBCA saying that signature by the owner of a stud dog certifying the breeding was not necessary to register offspring with the CBCA. Mike will draft a letter seeking clarification and expressing concern about this policy, and will circulate it before sending.

Travel expenses. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, it was determined that we will follow the IRS rates for mileage reimbursements for official travel.

UKC invitation. We received a letter from the president of the UKC inviting us and a number of other dog organizations to send delegates to a meeting to discuss subjects of mutual interest. Mike's view was that there was no need to go because our interests differ from those of the other invitees. All agreed that Mike should send a letter declining the invitation.

Annual meeting. The annual general meeting will be held on Friday, September 29 in the large tent at the trial site in Klamath Falls.

Secretary's compensation. Patty left the call at Mike's request, and discussion of a raise in the Secretary's compensation took place. Patty's hard work and value to the registry was commended, and it was noted that her contract rates had not been adjusted for many years. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, an increase in fees paid to Patty from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per registration and from \$3.00 to \$3.25 per transfer was approved, as was an increase in the rent for office space from \$150 to \$200 per month. It was also agreed that the issue of her compensation should be reviewed by the Board of Directors annually.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.