

**ABCA Board of Directors Meeting**  
March 16, 2009 Conference Call  
Executive Summary

Directors on the call: Jim Swift, Kate Ash, Angie Coker-Sells, Dan Gill, Mike Hanley, Allen Hickenbottom, Michel Howard, Liz Hubbard, Emil Luedecke, Martin Penfold, Eileen Stein, Norma Stewart

Also on the call: Patty Rogers, Secretary.

Jim called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

\$400 to James A. Thomas of AL – Heritage Day & Spring Farm Day  
\$475 to Sandra Milberg of CA – trial  
\$175 to Lisa Webb of CO – trial  
\$65 to David Saunders of FL -- trial  
\$65 to Sandy Tindall of FL – trial  
\$65 to Mark Ireland of FL – trial  
\$235 to Dawn & Jason Boyce of GA – trial  
\$300 to Patrick Shannahan of ID – trial  
\$300 to Don Helsley of ID – trial  
\$65 to Gary Goehring of IA – trial  
\$65 to Ed Ball of IA – trial  
\$65 to Bob Johnson of IA – trial  
\$180 to Paul Tucker of KY – trial  
\$300 to Ann Keller of KY – Bluegrass trial  
\$160 to Sherry Smith of MD – trial  
\$400 to Alasdair & Patricia MacRae of MO – trial  
\$300 to Larry Moore of MO – trial  
\$375 to Danny Shilling of MO – trial  
\$360 to Leslie Scruggs of MS – trials  
\$800 to Ben Ousley of NC – trial  
\$500 to Anet Haithcox of NC – trial  
\$250 to Jack Galt of NE – trip to Cattledog Finals for 4-H kids  
\$230 to Warren Mick of NY – trial  
\$230 to Roger & Heather Millen of NY – trial  
\$500 to Garry Glidewell of OK – trial  
\$500 to Janet McBride of OK – trials  
\$500 to Dick & Cheryl Jagger Williams of PA – trial  
\$235 to Carol Anne Tholkes of SC – trial  
\$225 to Betty Wheeler (Mid-South SDA) of TN – trial  
\$225 to Carol Leeman of TN – trial  
\$200 to Catherine Laria of TX – trial  
\$350 to LaNelda Strohl of TX – trials  
\$350 to Francis Raley of TX  
\$1200 to Tom & Florence Wilson of VA – trials

\$150 to Sue MacDonald of WA – trials

\$200 to Becky Poulos (WWSDA) of WI – youth scholarships for clinics

It was agreed that promotional requests will only be considered from members from the state in which the event is held.

A financial discussion followed, based on financial reports and spreadsheets previously provided to all directors. In January, after considerable discussion of the financial data, the Board voted via the directors' online forum to raise registration and transfer fees to \$11.00 per dog, and duplicate and correction fees to \$5.00 per dog. This change was announced on the website, and through postal mailings to all life members and all annual members who had registered dogs within the last three years. It was also voted to increase the fees paid to Patty by \$.25 per transaction.

Jim explained that he had discussed with Alexander Van Loon the need to reduce the cost of our annual audit. AVL had stated that in lieu of an audit they could do a compilation of the year's financial transactions and our tax return for an estimated \$3,500. On MOTION duly made and seconded, it was agreed to make this change. Jim also reported that AVL had agreed to accept \$1,500 in compromise of a billing dispute for work they had originally billed at \$2,800.

A discrepancy had been discovered between the accounting program, which accurately recorded every transaction, and the dog program, which did not. Fees had been paid to Patty based on the dog program, resulting in some underpayments to Patty since Oct 2006. On MOTION duly made and seconded, it was voted to make good that shortfall, and to calculate future payments based on the accounting program.

The high cost of our current practice of having ballots counted by Alexander Van Loon was discussed. On MOTION duly made and seconded, it was agreed that a protocol for handling this operation in the office be developed and put in place so that the ABCA office can handle tallying the ballots from now on, with additional help to be hired if necessary.

The Board then considered requests from the USBCHA for \$10,000 from the livestock fund for the 2009 finals. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, it was agreed to pay \$10,000 out of the livestock fund (\$5,000 for sheep and \$5,000 for cattle), and to pay the prize money at the 2009 cattle finals the same as in 2008.

A letter had been received asking that the requirement for DNA parentage testing for a dog born in 2005 but not yet registered be waived. After much discussion, on MOTION duly made and seconded, the request for waiver was denied.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.