

ABCA Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2008 Conference Call
Executive Summary

Directors on the call: Jim Swift, Gary Westbrook, Dan Gill, Kate Ash, Liz Hubbard, Mike Hanley, Larry Burkes, Eileen Stein, Norma Stewart, Martin Penfold, and Ivan Weir
Also on the call: Patty Rogers, Secretary.

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

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
\$400 to Robert Roe of AR – trial
\$50 to Twila Leierer of AR – trials, clinics, demos
\$50 to David Leierer of AR – trials, clinics, demos
\$200 to Tom & LisAnn Spencer of CA – trials
\$300 to Geri Byrne of CA – trial
\$300 to Sandra Milberg of CA – trial
\$375 to Lisa Webb of CO – trial
\$200 to Quinn & Sandy Tindall of FL – trial
\$200 to Steve Nagel of FL – trial
\$400 to Carol Ann Tholkes of SC – trial
\$150 to Patty Koller of IA – trials
\$150 to Bill Johnson of IA – trial
\$200 to Pat Christiansen of KS – trial
\$650 to Ann Keller of KY – Bluegrass trial
\$75 to JoAnn McCannell of MB – trial
\$200 to Sherry Smith of MD – trial
\$200 to Kate Ash & Dal Kratzer of MI – trial
\$400 to Leslie Scruggs of MS – trials
\$450 to Tim Gifford of NE – trial
\$600 to Warren Mick of NY – trial
\$175 to Claudia Frank of OH – trial
\$500 to Claudia Frank of OH – Bluegrass trial
\$400 to Janet McBride of OK – trials
\$200 to Lora Withnell of OR – trial
\$500 to Walt Jagger of PA – trial
\$100 to Bev Sommer of SK – clinic & demos
\$500 to Chris Mathis of TN – trial & goat days
\$600 to LaNelda Strohl of TX – trials
\$600 to Francis Raley of TX – trials
\$425 to Lynn Johnston of WA – trial
\$425 to Sue McDonald of WA – trials

The Board also voted \$500 in grant money to Ellen Nieslanik of CO for promotion and education in connection with the Meeker Classic.

Finance Committee report. Gary presented the Finance Committee report, which indicated a drop in registrations. Possible reasons for this were discussed, including the

new policy requiring that only the breeder can register pups, and Patty's impression that some suspected puppy mills appear to have stopped or slowed registration with the ABCA following disciplinary actions they had become aware of.

Funding for Cattledog and Sheepdog Finals. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, it was agreed to pay \$5,000 from the livestock fund to both the Cattledog Finals and the Sheepdog Finals, for a total of \$10,000.

As regards additional general support for the Finals, the decline in ABCA revenues and the improved financial position of the USBCHA were discussed. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, it was agreed that no money would be allocated for additional general support at this time, but that we would consider a request from the USBCHA for a specific amount at a time closer to the finals.

As regards ABCA prize money for the Finals, there was a discussion regarding the disproportion between the number of competitors in the sheepdog and cattledog finals, and the amount of prize money allocated to each. Last year ABCA awarded \$11,000 in prize money to handlers at the sheepdog finals and \$9,200 to handlers at the cattledog finals, while there were 222 dogs competing in the last sheepdog finals but only 76 dogs in the upcoming cattledog finals. Upon MOTIONS duly made and seconded, it was voted to award \$5,000 in prize money to the 2008 cattledog finals and \$11,000 in prize money to the 2008 sheepdog finals.

Finally, upon MOTION duly made and seconded, the purchase of 250 ABCA caps for distribution to the finals handlers was authorized for approximately \$1,400.

ROM application for Rose Anderson's Shen. Gary, Mike and Kate served as the ROM Committee for this dog. All three had seen the dog and recommended the dog for ROM, and video of the dog had been provided to all directors. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, Shen was approved for registration on merit, pending certification that the dog had not received an AKC conformation championship, with all directors voting in favor on a roll call vote. This certification was subsequently received, and Shen has been registered.

Patty reported that she had been contacted about a ROM application for Anne Mock's Jan, and that after she receives a completed application she would forward it to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.