

ABCA Board of Directors Meeting
July 28, 2008 Conference Call
Executive Summary

Directors on the call: Jim Swift, Martin Penfold, Norma Stewart, Liz Hubbard, Larry Burkes, Gary Westbrook, Robin French, Eileen Stein, Kate Ash, Mike Hanley
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.

The directors considered and fixed amounts in response to the July requests for promotional money. Two requests for grants were sent back for the applicants to obtain sponsorship by an ABCA member and re-submit.

Patty reported that Alexander, Van Loon had recommended that all balances due from previous years be cleaned up and/or written off, and that all credit balances be refunded. They recommended against maintaining these small debits and credits for members from one registration transaction to the next. It was agreed that if incorrect amounts (underpayments) were sent in with applications, the applications and checks would be returned and not processed until the correct amount was submitted.

Eileen gave a report from the Health & Genetics Committee. Dr. Todhunter was having difficulty in enrolling sufficient subjects with a wide range of hip conformations in his study of the DLS method of evaluating border collie hips. He had requested permission to include non-working dogs in the study. The Committee felt that this would not meet with ABCA's expectations for the study. As a result, it was likely that the study would not continue beyond the number of dogs already enrolled.

It was requested that the minutes note that Ann Mock's Jan was registered on merit (ROM), following a vote taken on the directors' online forum.

A discussion was held regarding the Secretary's remuneration, during which Patty was asked to leave the call. No change in compensation was made.

During Patty's absence, the Hall of Fame Committee presented its recommendations for 2008, and it was voted to induct Patty Rogers into the ABCA Hall of Fame.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.