

ABCA Board of Directors Meeting

July 26, 2005 Conference Call

Executive Summary

Directors on the call: Bruce Smart, Dan Gill, Merle Newton, Norma Brice, Eileen Stein, Mike Neary, Jim Swift, Gary Westbrook.

Also on the call: Patty Rogers, Secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Hall of Fame. Dan presented the recommendations of the Hall of Fame Committee, and discussion of the nominees followed. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, Steve Clendenin and Cindy VonDette's Peg were approved for 2005 induction into the ABCA Hall of Fame.

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

- \$300 to Dale Kuhrt of AR – trials & demos
- \$170 to Lisa Webb of CO – trial
- \$200 to KBCA, Ann Keller of KY – trial
- \$120 to Patricia Bennett of KY – trial
- \$500 to Jack & Kathy Knox of MO – trial
- \$110 to Kevin Taylor of KS – trial
- \$275.81 to Betsy Hodge (N. Country Training Grp) of NY – training ring & sheep
- \$370 to Rick Cole of OK – trial
- \$370 to Nancy Duley of OK – midwest regional finals
- \$110 to Carol Anne Tholkes of SC – trial
- \$150 to Land of Lincoln BC Assn, Patti Sumner of WI -- trial

Puppy Mills. As a result of Executive Committee consideration of how best to deal with the puppy mill problem, two proposals for breeding limitations were presented for discussion. The first would prevent registration of more than seven litters born in a single calendar year by any one breeder. The second would prevent registration of more than three litters born to a single bitch within any two-year period. MOTIONS were made and seconded with respect to both proposals, followed by extensive discussion of whether these limits should be higher or lower, how they would be enforced, how easy it would be to circumvent them, whether screening could be automated or would have to be done by office staff individually, and the like. The first MOTION, that "No more than three litters born to a single bitch within any two-year period may be registered" was put to a vote, and failed on a tie vote (Yeas: Mike, Jim, Eileen, Bruce; Nays: Larry, Merle, Norma, Gary). The second MOTION, that "No more than seven litters born in a single calendar year may be registered by any one breeder," was then tabled for further investigation of the feasibility of computer software changes.

Online decision-making. A question was raised as to whether the ABCA Directors Forum on the BC Boards could be used for decision-making as well as discussion. The advantages in speed, economy and efficiency of communicating and voting in this way were discussed. On MOTION duly made and seconded, it was agreed that discussions on the ABCA Directors Forum will be considered a meeting, and that provided a quorum of directors vote, any votes taken will have the same effect as if taken during a meeting

by conference call, and will be recorded in the minutes of the next directors' conference call.

Approval of minor expenditures by the Executive Committee. On MOTION duly made and seconded, the Executive Committee was authorized to approve expenditures of up to \$1,000. Any such action will be reported to the full board at the first meeting following the decision.

Domain names. Richard Swafford did not reply to our attorney's letter demanding that he relinquish the domain name "abcbordercollies.com." The next step would be to file an ICANN proceeding to compel him to relinquish the name. Following discussion of the likely cost and results, on MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board authorized our attorney to go forward with this proceeding. Eileen will coordinate with her.

Further discussion took place about the advisability of buying up other similar domain names that could be used to deceptively imply a connection with our registry. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, up to \$300 was appropriated to buy up domain names that are so similar to our name as to cause confusion if used by someone else.

Appeals Committee procedures. The Appeals Committee, which considers on a case-by-case basis applications for registration where the dog is not clearly eligible for registration, asked for guidance about some of their procedures. Upon MOTION duly made and seconded, the Committee was authorized to choose two people acceptable to them to review the dog and report back to the Committee, with the dog's owner bearing the responsibility to make all arrangements. The Committee was reminded that the dog's owner has the right to appeal a denial of registration to the full Board.

Policy requiring registration by breeder. Patty requested clarification as to whether the recently-adopted policy that litters must be registered by their breeder applied where the breeder was overseas. After some discussion, it was agreed that where the breeder is not in the US, the new owner in the US may submit the registration application and information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.