

ABCA Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2009 Conference Call
Executive Summary

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

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.

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

\$140 to Richard Manning of AL – trial
\$85 to Juanita Daniels of AR – trial
\$85 to Twila Leierer of AR – clinic & trials
\$85 to David Leierer of AR -- trials
\$150 to Jacqueline Robertson of CO – trial
\$110 to Mark Ireland of FL – trial
\$350 to Tony Phillips of GA – trials
\$200 to Kevin Taylor of KS – trial
\$450 to Kathy Knox of MO – trial
\$400 to Robert Salmon of MO – trial
\$300 to Heather Millen of NY – trial
\$600 to Cindy Barrett of OK – trials
\$200 to Janet McBride of OK – trial
\$100 to Cheryl Jagger Williams of PA – trial
\$100 to Claire Garwood of QC – trial
\$150 to Jan Thompson of TN – trial
\$150 to Richard Brandon of TN – trial
\$300 to LaNelda Strohl of TX trials
\$300 to Francis Raley of TX – trials
\$300 to Catherine Laria of TX – trial
\$250 to Carol Clawson of UT – trials
\$200 to Lynn Johnston of WA – trial

One applicant was asked to provide further information.

Annual Meeting/Sheepdog Finals. Arrangements for the annual membership meeting and events connected with the sheepdog finals were discussed at length. On MOTION duly made and seconded, it was voted to pay Mark Neff's expenses for his attendance in connection with the research presentation on epilepsy, early-onset deafness and noise phobia, and to pay incidental expenses connected with the CEA DNA blood draw at the finals. It was noted that Dr. Acland's expenses and the expenses of one assistant would be covered under

our standing eye exam policy; Eileen was designated as assistant. Dan stated that caps and visors had been ordered and were being sent directly to the site.

Health & Genetics Committee. Eileen reported that the Health & Genetics Committee was recommending that the ban on registering dogs with CEA or PRA be dropped, because the DNA test for CEA has been found to be reliable and affords a means by which breeders can avoid producing offspring with CEA, and because PRA has been found to be virtually non-existent in our breed. In conjunction with this change, our breeding recommendations would be modified to provide guidance for breeders. On MOTION duly made and seconded, the Committee's recommendation was adopted, with the change to be effective as of August 2009, and not retroactive.

Hall of Fame Committee. Eileen reported that the Hall of Fame Committee did not vote to send forward to the Board any nominations of dogs or handlers for the Hall of Fame this year. Three dogs and one handler had been proposed to the Committee, and all of those candidates would be automatically considered again next year. There was some discussion of the Hall of Fame process, but the consensus was that the present procedure of review by a committee which would decide whether to forward names for consideration by the full Board of Directors should be retained.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.