ANNUAL USBCHA MEETING MINUTES
10/1/2026

1. Appreciation of 2026 Finals Efforts

Special recognition/award of Geri Byrne for all her contributions to the herding community and herding dogs and hosting nine National Finals since 1997. In accepting her award, Geri thanked all those who have worked hard to make the National Finals run smoothly and successfully.

Lori also recognized and thanked the HA/ABCA committee for their work on setting courses.

2. Lori asked membership to let their directors know if they want to continue combining the annual USBCHA and ABCA annual meetings on one night.

3. Reminder that the Purina Awards presentation will happen on Saturday, Nursery awards will be at handlers' dinner on Friday. Nursery awards on Friday.

4. Financial Report

The report was made available. Anyone having specific questions about it should contact Treasurer Marianna Schreeder, who was unable to attend Finals.

Highlights of report: investment accounts have been doing very well with changes made to more conservative funds for remainder of 2026 upon advice of Financial Advisors.

Motion to accept report made by Nicole Rhodes
Seconded by Briget Strang
Voice vote approval unanimously

5. Welcome to new Directors

Incoming directors were welcomed. Thanks were expressed to all current directors for their hard work and dedication.

6. Day Qualifying

This year was a trial for using day of qualifying protocol. Members are encouraged to contact their directors with opinion about continued use of day of qualifying and any suggestions to improve it.

5. New Business

None

6. Adjourned