

**USBCHA Annual General Meeting**  
**Belle Grove Plantation, Middletown VA**  
**Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2024**

## Minutes

President called the meeting to order at 7:15PM

1. President's report was presented (attached). Pearse thanked the membership, trial hosts, and partner organizations ABCA, CBCA, Purina
2. Treasurer Marianna Schreeder presented the Financial Report as of June 2024.
  - a. Motion to accept Cy Peterson, seconded by Rebecca Gibson. Accepted by unanimous voice vote
3. Outgoing Directors were thanked for their service
  - Terri Pelkey
  - Wyatt Fleming
  - Steve Rhidenour
  - Jennifer Boznos
  - Lori Cunningham
  - Stephanie Goracke
- Newly elected Directors were announced:
  - District 1 Haley Hunewill
  - District 2 Jan Stebbins
  - District 3 Rachel Ritland
  - District 4 Kay Stephens
  - District 5 Lori Perry
  - District 6 Shane Scallan
  - District 7 Sue Schoen
  - District 8 Billy Bishop
  - At Large Lori Chamberlain
4. Pearse discussed the CDC Regulations regarding importation of dogs and encouraged members to engage with their elected representatives at the federal level and announced that the Handlers Association will provide some suggested language to the membership.
5. There was no new business from the floor
6. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM
  - a. Motion to adjourn from Rose Kane, seconded by Russell McCord, approved by unanimous voice vote.



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Agenda

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. President's Report
3. Financial Report – Marianna Schreeder
4. Election of Directors
5. Awards:
  - a. Ethel Conrad Award
  - b. Open Team Award
  - c. Nursery Team Award
  - d. Most Promising Nursery Dog
  - e. Amateur Nursery Award
  - f. Nursery Finals Awards
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

## President's Report

The USBCHA is made up of around 1100 members spread across the USA and Canada and is the pre-eminent organization overseeing stock dog field trials in the United States, and in Canada in partnership with the CBCA.

Partnerships are what make the USBCHA work. I'd like to take some time to highlight some of those partnerships and how they influence and add to this organization.

The first partnership is with our members who support the organization through their dues and their participation in trials throughout each year. Every Open and Nursery run you enter provides \$3.50 to the USBCHA. Of that money, \$1 is allocated to the current year's National Finals Host Committee to help fund the Finals. Another \$.050 goes to the USBCHA Secretary to partially compensate her for all of the hard work she does on behalf of all of you. The remaining \$2 goes into the general fund and most of that is returned to the membership in the form of funding for the National Sheepdog and Cattledog Finals as you will see from the attached Financial Statement.

A second group of members and non-members who are vital partners with the USBCHA are those among you and across the USA and Canada who host trials. Without trial hosts, we as an organization do not exist and you as handlers have nowhere to run your dogs. As a sanctioning body, we traditionally have had very

The next partnership is with the ABCA who provide close to 50% of the funding for the National Finals, both sheep and cattle, as well as providing additional prize money for ABCA members who place. However, the ABCA also provides half of the members of the National Sheepdog Finals trials committee and the ABCA Board of Directors votes on the selection of judges for the National Finals. Our mission and goals are the same; to safeguard and develop the working Border Collie and the two organizations work closely together to advance that goal.

Last night at the ABCA meeting, Amanda Milliken provided a brief history of the relationship between the USBCHA and the CBCA. Many of our members are also CBCA members and the CBCA is the only national organization that the USBCHA will co-sanction trials with, again highlighted the alignment between the mission and goals of the two organizations.

We have just concluded a renewal of our partnership with Purina which is a one year agreement, renewable for a further four years and represents an increase in Purina's commitment to the USBCHA. Purina has been a long term supporter of the USBCHA providing sponsorship, supporting the National Finals with donations of Purina products, supporting the World Trial team with team jackets, and sponsoring the Open Field Trial dog of the year. The new agreement with Purina will significantly increase Purina's level of sponsorship. The hard work on cementing this partnership was done by Ray Voight and Karl Gunzer on behalf of Purina, and Russel McCord, Lori Cunningham and John Campbell on behalf of the USBCHA.

Last, but by no means least, I'd like to recognize the partnership between the host trial committees who put on the National Finals and the USBCHA Trials Committee.

The National Cattledog Finals will be held in one week's time in Shannon City IA. It will also be webcast and I'd encourage everyone to tune in.

**I'd like to recognize the Trials Committee:**

Art Ackelson, IA	Wyatt Fleming, MO
Bob Allen, MO	James Butler, TX
Bon Johnson, IA	Zeb Gray, IA
Jeff Livingston, IA	Zeb Gray, IA
Michael Davis, IA	

**For the National Sheepdog Finals I'd like to recognize:**

**The USBCHA/ABCA trials committee:**

Scott Glen - USBCHA  
Faansie Basson – USBCHA  
Russell McCord – USBCHA  
Lori Cunningham - ABCA  
Linda Tesdahl - ABCA  
Nancy Penley – ABCA

**The 2024 National Finals Host Committee:**

Nicole Bozich  
Rebecca Gibson  
Dee Bailes

The Host committee has been working tirelessly for the past two/three years to bring you this event, their first and hopefully not their last, and have provided us all with a first class National Finals. I cannot express enough thanks for their hard work, dedication, and perseverance. They have been ably assisted by the Trials Committee who provided support and guidance over the last year and have been responsible for the running of the trials this past week.

We'd also like to thank new partners Charles and Michelle Willfong and Willfong Farms for the sheep for this year's trial.

We have had an army of volunteers giving of their time, expertise, energy (and limbs) in support of this trial.

Cy Peterson and Nicole Rhodes and their team of Course Directors

Martha Walke and her army of scribes, score runners

Peg Anderson, Brad Smith, Josh Gibson for the care and preparation of the sheep before the trial and Peg and Brad for taking care of the sheep during the trial.

Mike Neary for contributing his expertise in sheep management.

Shona, Jori, and John for superb setout on the Open and Nursery fields.

Sue Rayburn, Sponsorships

Jeannette Shires, Hospitality

Chris Hicks, Josh Gibson, Jeff Seeger – Open Exhaust and generally keeping stuff running

Leslie Shruggs and Rose Kane Nursery Exhaust

Skylar Landis – Vendor relations

Selly Gleis and Silvia King handler's bags

Phillip and Tina D'Angelo for the beautiful art

Peggy Wilkinson for donating her painting talent to the Dream Trial

Thank you to every volunteer, handler, and anyone else who helped when asked or needed to do what needed to be done.

### **2025 National Sheepdog Finals**

The 2025 National Sheepdog Finals will be held in Alturas CA, hosted by Geri Byrne. The proposed dates are September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>. These will be finalized in the next few weeks and posted on the website.

### **2026 National Sheepdog Finals**

Ask anyone. Hosting a National Finals is the most fun anyone can have in their lifetimes. We are accepting bids for the 2026 Finals which are due by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. If you might be interested but have questions, please contact me, or Linda, or your District Director.

It has been an honor serving as President of this organization for the past two years. I'd like to express my appreciation to the 2023 and 2024 Boards of Directors and to all of the members who have participated and contributed.

**U S Border Collie Handlers Assoc Inc**

**Account Summary**

As of December 31, 2023

	<u>Jan 1, 23</u>	<u>Dec 31, 23</u>	<u>Jun 30, 24</u>
<b>Checking/Savings</b>			
<b>Ameriprise Investment Account</b>			
Ameriprise - World Trial Fund	14,469.00	0.00	0.00
Ameriprise Investment Account	276,299.00	279,442.00	279,442.00
<b>Total Ameriprise Investment Account</b>	<u>290,768.00</u>	<u>279,442.00</u>	<u>279,442.00</u>
<b>Checking - WF #7062</b>	133,664.00	135,790.00	188,087.00
<b>Savings - WF #3929</b>	50,020.00	50,095.00	50,099.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>474,452.00</u>	<u>465,327.00</u>	<u>517,628.00</u>

**U S Border Collie Handlers Assoc Inc**  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
**January through December 2023**

	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22
<b>Income</b>		
<b>ABCA Funds</b>		
<b>Cattle</b>	8,750.00	6,000.00
<b>Sheep</b>		
<b>Finals Judges</b>	10,000.00	6,600.00
<b>General Grant</b>	0.00	3,000.00
<b>Sheep Fee</b>	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Sheep</b>	20,000.00	19,600.00
<b>Total ABCA Funds</b>	28,750.00	25,600.00
<b>Dividend Income</b>	5,984.54	5,666.23
<b>Gain on Sale of Investments</b>	-758.41	-18,115.10
<b>Interest Income</b>	128.01	91.49
<b>Membership</b>		
<b>Life</b>	7,700.00	8,275.00
<b>Yearly</b>	10,925.00	8,750.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	18,625.00	17,025.00
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		
<b>Late Fees</b>	250.00	800.00
<b>Overpayments as Donations</b>	205.22	150.00
<b>PayPal</b>	91.15	302.86
<b>Miscellaneous Income - Other</b>	-966.35	39.04
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income</b>	-419.98	1,291.90
<b>National Finals Entries</b>		
<b>Cattle</b>		
<b>Nursery</b>	6,750.00	6,000.00
<b>Open</b>	10,250.00	12,500.00
<b>Total Cattle</b>	17,000.00	18,500.00
<b>Sheep</b>		
<b>Nursery</b>	14,400.00	10,150.00
<b>Open</b>	38,400.00	38,500.00
<b>Total Sheep</b>	52,800.00	48,650.00
<b>Total National Finals Entries</b>	69,800.00	67,150.00
<b>Profit Share - Sheep Finals</b>	1,349.66	26,500.00
<b>Sanctioning Fees</b>		
<b>Cattle</b>		
<b>Nursery (Current)</b>	544.00	488.00
<b>Nursery (Next)</b>	84.00	140.00
<b>Open (Current)</b>	1,352.00	1,480.00
<b>Open (Next)</b>	564.00	784.00
<b>Total Cattle</b>	2,544.00	2,892.00
<b>Sheep</b>		
<b>Nursery (Current)</b>	10,094.00	7,154.00
<b>Nursery (Next)</b>	2,856.00	2,359.00
<b>Open (Current)</b>	26,215.00	25,749.50
<b>Open (Next)</b>	20,548.50	24,143.00
<b>Total Sheep</b>	59,713.50	59,405.50
<b>Total Sanctioning Fees</b>	62,257.50	62,297.50
<b>Sponsorships</b>		
<b>Cattle</b>	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Sheep</b>	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Sponsorships</b>	2,000.00	2,000.00



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<b>Video - Sheep Finals</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
ABCA	3,925.00	4,243.00
Donations - Other	2,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	5,925.00	7,243.00
<b>less Webcast Expenses</b>	-250.00	-799.00
Video - Sheep Finals - Other	-7,075.00	-8,562.00
<b>Total Video - Sheep Finals</b>	-1,400.00	-2,118.00
<b>Videos - Judging DVD</b>		
Judging - DVD Sales	0.00	18.32
<b>Total Videos - Judging DVD</b>	0.00	18.32
<b>World Trial Fund</b>		
Auctions	19,655.45	11,618.80
Dog Sponsorships	6,180.00	0.00
Donations	36,275.07	48.06
WT - less Team Disbursements	-78,593.90	0.00
WT - less Team Entry Fees	-3,102.53	0.00
<b>Total World Trial Fund</b>	-19,585.91	11,666.86
<b>Total Income</b>	166,730.41	199,074.20
<b>Gross Profit</b>	166,730.41	199,074.20
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
<b>Accounting</b>		
Foreign Tax Paid	0.00	3.30
Professional Fees	1,600.00	1,400.00
<b>Total Accounting</b>	1,600.00	1,403.30
<b>Bank Charges</b>		
Bank Charges	-8.14	72.64
Canadian Exchange Rate	19.00	10.00
<b>Total Bank Charges</b>	10.86	82.64
<b>Computer Expense</b>		
Software Subscriptions	676.80	132.41
Web Server	1,621.00	1,512.00
<b>Total Computer Expense</b>	2,297.80	1,644.41
<b>Contract Labor</b>		
Secretary	8,591.00	8,187.75
<b>Total Contract Labor</b>	8,591.00	8,187.75
<b>Insurance</b>		
Trial Insurance	0.00	150.00
Insurance - Other	2,890.00	1,454.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	2,890.00	1,604.00
<b>Meetings</b>		
Annual Meeting	1,266.21	3,909.99
<b>Total Meetings</b>	1,266.21	3,909.99
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>		
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	166.63	651.59
Officer's Expense	2,033.02	0.00
Professional Fees - Investments	2,222.11	1,976.92
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	21,077.63	19,460.60

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	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22
<b>National Finals - Cattle</b>		
<b>Administrative</b>		
Miscellaneous	153.00	-153.00
Sponsorships	1,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	1,153.00	-153.00
<b>General</b>		
Awards	13,167.29	20,839.94
Stock Fee	5,750.00	6,000.00
<b>Total General</b>	18,917.29	26,839.94
<b>Judges</b>		
Expenses	1,943.88	2,135.06
Fees	4,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Judges</b>	5,943.88	4,135.06
<b>Total National Finals - Cattle</b>	26,014.17	30,822.00
<b>National Finals - Other Yr Exp</b>		
<b>Sheep</b>		
Host Committee (Next)	6,687.00	7,572.00
<b>Total Sheep</b>	6,687.00	7,572.00
<b>National Finals - Other Yr Exp - Other</b>	4,000.00	0.00
<b>Total National Finals - Other Yr Exp</b>	10,687.00	7,572.00
<b>National Finals - Sheep</b>		
<b>Administrative</b>		
Equipment / Equip Rental	0.00	2,439.00
Miscellaneous	336.77	32.00
Printing	39.56	0.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	376.33	2,471.00
<b>General</b>		
Announcer	4,660.00	1,800.00
Awards	41,568.54	35,863.06
Course Director	1,250.00	1,000.00
<b>Set Out</b>		
Lodging/Meals	0.00	1,341.91
Travel	0.00	2,940.28
Set Out - Other	5,600.00	6,000.00
<b>Total Set Out</b>	5,600.00	10,282.19
<b>Sheep &amp; Related Costs</b>		
Sheep Care	0.00	2,538.00
Sheep Fee	10,673.00	15,000.00
Shepherd	0.00	1,000.00
Transportation	6,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Sheep &amp; Related Costs</b>	16,673.00	18,538.00
<b>Venue Rental</b>	0.00	4,000.00
<b>Total General</b>	69,751.54	71,483.25
<b>Host Committee (Current)</b>	10,459.00	8,803.50
<b>Judges</b>		
Fees	13,200.00	10,200.00
Lodging/Meals	1,004.28	4,523.97
Travel	5,348.13	2,979.38
<b>Total Judges</b>	19,552.41	17,703.35

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<b>Travel</b>		
Fuel	923.09	1,814.01
Hotel	1,344.88	1,400.00
<b>Total Travel</b>	2,267.97	3,214.01
<b>Total National Finals - Sheep</b>	102,407.25	103,675.11
<b>World Trial Teams</b>		
World Trial Teams - Canada	5,000.00	0.00
World Trial Teams - USA	11,000.00	0.00
<b>Total World Trial Teams</b>	16,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	176,186.05	161,529.71
<b>Net Income</b>	-9,455.64	37,544.49

**U S Border Collie Handlers Assoc Inc**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23	Dec 31, 22
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
<b>Ameriprise Investment Account</b>		
Ameriprise - World Trial Fund	0.00	14,468.79
Ameriprise Investment Account - Other	279,441.56	276,298.52
<b>Total Ameriprise Investment Account</b>	279,441.56	290,767.31
<b>Checking - WF #7062</b>	135,789.91	133,663.93
<b>Savings - WF #3929</b>	50,095.43	50,020.35
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	465,326.90	474,451.59
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	465,326.90	474,451.59
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Furniture and Equipment	2,703.78	2,703.78
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	2,703.78	2,703.78
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Other Assets	413.00	413.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	413.00	413.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>468,443.68</b>	<b>477,568.37</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		
Accounts Payable	330.95	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	330.95	0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	330.95	0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	330.95	0.00
<b>Equity</b>		
<b>Net Assets - Board Designated</b>	0.00	14,500.43
Opening Bal Equity	151,203.37	151,203.37
Unrestricted Net Assets	326,365.00	274,320.08
Net Income	-9,455.64	37,544.49
<b>Total Equity</b>	468,112.73	477,568.37
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>468,443.68</b>	<b>477,568.37</b>