

**USBCHA Annual Membership Meeting
Park Ranch, Minden NV
Friday, September 23, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

Agenda

Agenda Item I. Welcome and Call to Order

President Russell McCord called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. President McCord expressed his sincere appreciation on behalf of USBCHA to the Borda and Park families for their generosity towards the 2022 Sheepdog Finals. He also thanked the trial hosts and committee members for their service and commitment to the success of the Finals event.

Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2022

President McCord presented the minutes from the June 14, 2022, Board of Directors' meeting and asked for a motion to approve. Steve Rhidenour made the motion and Marianna seconded the motion. Motion carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item III. President's Report

a. Introduction of Directors and Officers

President McCord indicated the nominations for USBCHA President, and Vice President were closed. Russell McCord reported the nomination received for President was Pearse Ward and two candidate nominations received for Vice President were Rebecca Gibson and Joe Haynes. Russell stated that the rules indicated elections were to be completed by November 5th and upon Russell's return to home he would contact the Board begin the election process. The goal would be to have the new officers notified by November 5th and the membership notified of the election results. The officer positions will be effective January 1, 2023. Russell expressed his appreciation to all the candidates and indicated their willingness to serve.

b. 2022 National Sheepdog Finals

1. Trial Committee

Russell expressed his appreciation to the Park family for their generosity of the facilities. Russell also extended his appreciation to the Borda family for the sheep. Russell also expressed sincere appreciation to Mary Minor and Sandra Massey for the hard work and dedication in hosting the Finals. Russell also expressed appreciation to Dave Imas for his efforts regarding the exhaust efforts on both the Open and Nursery fields. Also, Mike Meredith for his efforts as the Course Director on the Open field. Russell also expressed appreciation to John Palmer for his outstanding effort in setting out on the Open field. Russell also expressed appreciation to the Trial Committee for their cooperation and hard work in planning the Finals. The Trial Committee consisted of Chairman Patrick Shannahan, Sue Schoen and Bob Allen and from ABCA – Scott Glenn, Thad Fleming and Faansie Basson. Russell furthered thanked announcers – Ray Crabtree on the Open field and Sue MacDonald on the Nursery field; Nursery Course Director Gloria Atwater and Nursery set-out crew Connie Fontaine and Carol Leyh and all the many volunteers that have made the 2022 Finals a tremendous success.

2. Sponsors

Russell also thanked all the handler/dog sponsors and indicated the importance of their involvement and support of the Finals. Russell extended appreciation to Susan Orr for her continued organization of the silent auction benefitting USBCHA.

Russell continued to express appreciation to Purina, Farm Diggity, and the CBCA and its members. Russell concluded his appreciation by stating the importance of the support of ABCA and the vital partnership between USBCHA and ABCA. Russell personally expressed his appreciation to Eileen and Debbie for their friendship and support.

c. 2022 National Cattledog Finals

President McCord indicated the 2022 National Cattledog Finals are in Blakesburg, Iowa scheduled for October 13 -16, 2022 at the Sandeen Farm. Russell reported new to the Cattledog Finals this year were the introduction of Handler/Dog sponsors coordinated by Rachel Ritland and the live webcast.

1. Trial Committee

Russell indicated the Chairperson was Wyatt Fleming and trial committee members are Lyle East and Michael McNutt and from ABCA – Bob Allen - Chairperson, Bob Johnson, and Jeff Livingston. Russell indicated that Lyle East has been asked to take a leadership role in Russell's absence during the Cattledog Finals.

2. Sponsors

d. 2023 National Sheepdog Finals – Strang Ranch, Carbondale, CO

President McCord reported the 2023 National Sheepdog Finals will be hosted by the Strang Ranch in Carbondale, CO. Russell expressed his appreciation to Bridget Strang and Terry Murray for willingness to host the Finals again at the beautiful Strang Ranch in 2023. Russell also indicated appreciation to USBCHA's Finance Committee and its members for their efforts in the finalizing the bid process.

e. Other

Russell asked for any questions or comments regarding the President's report. There were none.

Agenda Item IV. Financial Report – Marianna Schreeder

Marianna Schreeder distributed the Financial Report to those in attendance. She indicated she would be happy to answer any questions regarding the information distributed. There were none.

Agenda Item V. New Business

a. Directors Election

President McCord reported the following outgoing USBCHA directors: Joe Haynes (District 1); Frank Smith (District 8) and LouAnn Twa (District 10). Russell welcomed the following individuals: Fred Templeton (District 1); Jamie Spring (District 2); Billy Bishop (District 8); Amanda Milliken (District 9); Cy Peterson (At Large) and no nomination and no votes were received for District 10.

b. 2023 World Trial

President McCord reported the 2023 World Trial is scheduled for September 14-17, 2023 at Gill Hall Estates in Ireland. Russell reported approximately \$10,000 had been raised and thanked Patricia Macrae, Mike Neary and Nancy Penley for their efforts in organizing the online auction. Russell indicated the 2020 World Trial fund balance was approximately \$14,000 and that the funds would be divided evenly between the qualified handlers to assist in offsetting travel expenses. Russell also indicated notification had been sent to the 2021 qualified handler/dog teams and that upon conclusion of the 2022 Finals notification

would be sent to the 2022 qualified handlers and an official announcement would be made to the membership.

Russell indicated the importance of sending a team to the 2023 World Trials to assist the Border Collie breed, future sales of dogs and the ABCA registry.

Russell introduced Barbara Ray, who had submitted a request to USBCHA for consideration of financial support of Team USA. Barbara spoke regarding the importance of the competition, her personal commitment to Team USA's success and the financial hardship to travel for many of the handlers and their dogs. Barbara concluded by asking the USBCHA to seriously consider financial support of Team USA.

Russell thanked Barbara for her comments and indicated the Board would take her request under consideration and that there also might be support available from Purina.

c. Ethel Conrad Award Presentation

President McCord introduced Tommy Wilson to provide a brief historical narrative regarding the Ethel Conrad Award. Tommy began by stating he knew Ethel Conrad very well and provided a history of her life and travels to Britain during the war. Tommy indicated that Ms. Conrad was a very forward-thinking individual and was considered a "pioneer of clinics". Tommy indicated Ethel's lifelong commitment to the Border Collie breed and stated that Ms. Conrad hosted the first Finals in Virginia and introduced the concept of Nursery Finals. Tommy indicated Ms. Conrad's continued devotion to the Border Collie and her appreciation of trial competition has made a lasting impact on the Border Collie competition in the United States.

Russell thanked Tommy for his comments and announced the 2022 Ethel Conrad Award recipient(s) are: Mary Minor and Sandra Massey.

Mary Minor provided brief remarks and stated her appreciation for the Award and considered it an honor to be named alongside Ethel Conrad as a pioneer.

d. Other

President McCord asked for other New Business from the floor. There was none. Russell stated following the conclusion of the meeting there will be a drawing for doorprizes from Chewy's and Gun Dog Supply.

Agenda Item VI. Old Business

a. *Ponderings from the Post* eNewsletter & Humane Rule – Section F of the Rules

President McCord reported a new social media effort to circulate USBCHA news and information to the membership– it is entitled ***Ponderings from the Post***. Russell expressed his appreciation to Tracy Hinton, Milt Scott and Mich Ferraro for their efforts in designing and developing the concept. Russell reported the first issue featured the topics of *Taking care of Livestock* and *Electronic Collars*.

b. Other

President McCord asked for any other Old Business. There was none presented.

Agenda Item VII. Member Open Session

President McCord asked for any questions and/or comments. There were none presented.

Agenda Item VIII. Adjournment

President McCord asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Bridget Strang and a second by Rebecca Gibson. Motion carried by acclamation. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.