

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting  
Of the Bearded Collie Club of America  
October 9, 2009

President Carol Serrine called the meeting to order at 7:35. It was determined that a quorum was not present.

President Serrine then introduced herself and the members of the Board present introduced themselves: Carol Serrine, Glenn Alexander, Cindy Alspaugh, Stacey Blau, Carol Freeman, Pat McDonald, Maryann Szalka, Lisa Voss.

Alspaugh moved, Alexander seconded, that the reading of the minutes be waived and approved as presented. The motion passed.

**President's report:** Carol Serrine reported that the Board's achievements were summarized in her May President's letter in Bagpipes. In fiscal 08-09, the Board created a strategic plan from the results of a member survey, developed a mission statement, donated to causes related to Beardie Health, created the BCCA Charitable Trust, and planned the 2009 Specialty. The Board chose to continue to pursue its strategic plan for 2009-10.

Carol discussed the BCCA Charitable Trust in more detail. She reported that Operating Procedures were drafted by Glenn Alexander, Cindy Alspaugh, Carol Freeman, Don Means, and Linda Taylor. The following people were elected to serve as trustees:

Board Member Trustees: Carol Freeman and Don Means, 4 year terms; Cindy Alspaugh and Glenn Alexander, two year terms.

Member At Large Trustees: Linda Taylor and Joanne Williamson, 4 year terms, and Rosie Schroeder, 2 year term.

**Recording Secretary:** The Board met twelve times; once in person and eleven times by mail. The Board acted on 39 motions and elected 62 new members. The Recording Secretary conducted two elections for 2010 Specialty judges.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Karen Norteman reported that she has been contacted by over 24 potential new members and receives frequent and widely varied correspondence.

**Treasurer:** Carol Freeman read Don Means' annual summary in his absence. The BCCA had a bottom line profit of \$5,325.21. Total income for fiscal 2008 was \$103,882.63. Total expenses were \$104,012.11. Total other income was \$5529.69.

Publications remain our highest expense. The Board has discussed going on line with Bagpipes. The dues renewal process needs to be streamlined. Sixty three people did not renew their memberships; that number is about average.

### **Committee Reports**

Reports were made or read for the following committees:

**Agility:** Libby Meyers-Buhite reported that the committee is discussing equalizing awards based on geographical differences in competitions. A FAST award will be proposed to the Board. The BCCA has received \$13,565 in ads from BAD members.

Since 1994, 427 Beardies have received AKC agility legs. 173 Beardies competed in agility in all venues last year.

**AKC Gazette columnist:** Carol Serrine read Susan Lybrand's report. She thanked Susan for serving. Gail Miller is the new AKC Gazette columnist.

**Bagpipes:** David Williamson thanked writers who submit on time. He said that going on line with Bagpipes was a good idea.

**Companion:** Carol Serrine reported that Linda Taylor is working on ideas for this new committee. Companions were featured in the last Bulletin. Linda and Chantal Andrew are working on a list of opportunities BCCA membership offers companion owners.

**Futurity:** Carol Serrine read statistics reported by Susan Lybrand.

**Health:** Maryann Szalka reported that the committee takes a role in education. Maryann writes health articles for the Bagpipes. Every health-related article printed in Bagpipes and the Bulletin is also available online. The committee also encourages members to use the information available at BEACON's website. The committee helped raise money for an ACORN grant to Dr. Anita Oberbauer's Addison's research. Our money held in the AKC CHF is diminishing due to the low interest rates. Maryann reminded everyone that the BCCA encourages breeders to test eyes and thyroids as well as get the required hip certification. Eye problems are becoming a problem in Beardies and the committee wants CERF and thyroid testing to be required

**Herding:** Ann Witte reported that the new herding committee chair is Elsa Sell. Committee members are: Barbara Claxton, Mary Lott, Cindy Mendonca, Marilyn Snook, Brian Wistrom, and Ann Witte. Changes in instinct testing were controversial. Elsa opened them up for comments and some changes were made based on member input. The form gathers more statistics than were available in the past and raw data is coming in. The committee has about 18 months of data now.

Since 2003, 497 Beardies were tested for instinct; the majority passed. The committee now gets all test results; before it received only the passes. 311 Beardies went on to get test-only titles; 122 went on to trial level titles and 10 have received the HC. There will be a herding test manual available on the website soon.

If you are taking your Beardedie to an instinct test, you need only provide your AKC registration papers unless the dog is foreign-born. Handlers of foreign-born dogs need to supply a three generation pedigree.

**Legislation:** Maria Jozwiak reported that she has started a Laws Alert web group to try to keep up with all of the legislation proposed around the country that might affect dogs and their owners. She sends on relevant Court decisions.

**Obedience:** Maryann Szalka reported a great turnout at this Specialty. Top Rally Dog statistics are compiled. There is a new ROM for rally parents.

**Publications:** Carol Serrine reported for Sharon Prassa that the committee needs to capture increases in postal rate increases promptly. The Board is working on new rules to address that concern.

**OFA:** Carol Serrine reported statistics for Irene Carson.

**Rescue:** Paul Glatzer reported that rescue's needs are constant and often arise as emergencies. There is an active group that shares rescue information. Rescue's funding comes from the auction at the National, adoption fees, memorial donations, and the dues check-off. Ruth Colavecchio collects names and funds for memorial plaques; there are now 8 plaques. Paul explained that rescue funds were kept separate to be protected in the event of a successful lawsuit against the BCCA. Rescue is concerned about the impact the Charitable Trust will have on funding. Overall, rescue is functioning well.

**AKC delegate:** Sue Glatzer reported that the BCCA Board has always been responsive to her requests. She pointed out that the delegate needs some flexibility to use her judgment as issues arise in delegate meetings.

**Sunshine:** Pat McDonald reported that she has sent 71 cards to any BCCA member needing a note.

**Tracking:** Carol Serrine reported for Antonia Tuck that no Beardies received a tracking title in 2009.

**Versatility:** Carol Serrine referred to Michele Ritter's report regarding Beardies earning Versatility titles.

**Awards:** There is a new award, the Andrew award for top therapy dog, and a new ROM for parents of rally title holders.

**Therapy:** Sandy Dubin reported that the first-time Andrew award winner would be honored at the banquet. Gretchen Blackburn has made sure articles on therapy were included in the Bulletin. Committee members are Gretchen Blackburn, Sandy Dubin, Debby Furlow, and Ann Weiss.

**Announcements:**

The 2010 National Specialty will be held in Colorado on October 4-10. This is the RMBCCC's fourth National Specialty.

The 2011 National Specialty will be held in Maine on October 1-7.

Kathy Coxwell and the Glatzers are working on the AKC's first Meet the Breeds event to be held in New York on the weekend of October 17-18.

Southern California is doing a meet the breed booth at the Eukanuba National shows December 12-13. The BCCA is supporting the entry and sponsoring medallions in three venues.

**Suggestions:**

Ann Witte commented that the Board should consider using Purina Farms for the National Specialty.

Gloria Marshall commented that the BCCA has been blessed by Paul Glatzer's work with rescue.

David Williamson commented that the BCCA has many active volunteers.

**New Business**

No business was conducted as there was no quorum present.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Freeman  
Recording Secretary.