

Minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting Bearded Collie Club of America

The BCCA Board of Directors met Monday, October 3, 2010 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, Colorado. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by President Joanne Williamson.

Roll Call:

Present: Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson, J. Williamson.

Absent: Medo.

The agenda was suspended by consent to allow presentations by three members.

Anna Marie Yura, for the Bearded Collie Club of Southern California, presented a detailed plan for the 2012 National Specialty. Her handout included the official logo, information about the host hotel, a detailed fundraising plan, and a budget. She asked that seed money of \$7500 be released at the end of the 2010 Specialty to support planning and further fundraising. Anna Marie then left the meeting.

Lisa Voss moved that the BCCA release \$7500 to the Bearded Collie Club of Southern California after the end of the 2010 Specialty. Stacey Blau seconded. After further discussion, Lisa amended the motion as follows: to release \$3750 after the end of the 2010 Specialty and \$3750 by March of 2011. David Williamson seconded the amendment. The amended motion passed without dissent.

Susan Lybrand, for the Judge's Education Committee, answered questions about the new JEC presentation. The Board reviewed a part of the presentation that was submitted for approval. Susan then left the meeting.

Maryann Szalka and David Williamson showed a portion of the Judge's Education presentation that they had collaborated to revise by removing the written text and adding a voice over. After discussion, the pending motion to approve the JEC presentation was withdrawn by Carol Freeman. Maryann and David will express to the JEC the Board's appreciation for the work that has been done, and offer to work with them to revise the presentation. Maryann and David will report back to the Board by January 1, 2011.

Carol Serrine presented the new facility at Purina Farms as a possible venue for 2013. She has tentatively reserved the dates of September 29 to October 4, 2013, but the Board would need to identify a show chair and committee chairs. Carol also submitted information about the site that was included in the Board book for the meeting.

After discussion, Maryann Szalka moved that Carol Serrine head an exploratory committee that will report to the Board by April 1, 2011 on the prospect of having the 2013 Specialty at Purina Farms. The motion was seconded by Lisa Voss and passed unanimously.

The Board then returned to the agenda. Carol Freeman moved that the reading of the September minutes be waived. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Officer's Reports:

President's Report: Joanne reported that she will establish and moderate a Member's List for all BCCA members in good standing. Rules of conduct will be sent to members. The list will be offered for a period of six months, then re-evaluated to see what benefits and obstacles it presents.

Joanne will establish a Breeder's Committee, to focus on issues that are important to breeders. Discussion of the make-up and responsibilities of this new committee followed.

Joanne also informed the Board that parent clubs have the right to request that AKC retire the kennel names of long-standing breeders. She plans to offer this honor to the families of long-standing breeders who pass away during her tenure.

Recording Secretary's Report: Carol Freeman moved that the reading of the Recording and Corresponding Secretary's reports be waived. Maryann Szalka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: David Williamson noted that the Board received a thank you note from Carol Scott for our expression of sympathy after her husband's death.

Unfinished Business:

09/10-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010 Board Meeting. (Freeman.)

Yes: Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson.

Present: J. Williamson.

**10/10-01 Motion to approve the following donations as recommended by the Health committee:
Amended by Maker as follows:**

I propose the BCCA support the following AKC-CHF ACORN and OAK grants this year, just as we have sponsored others in the past. Total funding requested \$3500 .

ACORN grant 01390-A in the amount of \$2000.

Rationale: Immune hemolytic anemia is quite common in Beardies and a more effective and safer treatment would be beneficial for dogs and owners.

OAK grant 01272 in the amount of \$1500.

Rationale: Stem cell therapy is an exciting new field and can be used to treat multiple medical conditions. Several Beardies have already benefited from this type of treatment.

01390-A: *The Use of Mycophenolate in the Treatment of Primary Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia*

Primary Investigator: Dr. Laura West, DVM

Institution: Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego

Total Grant Amount: \$12,679.00

Project Abstract:

Immune mediated hemolytic anemia (IMHA) is an autoimmune condition caused by the body attacking its own red cells. Approximately 1 in every 3 affected dogs die from the disease or its complications (either naturally or through humane euthanasia). The mainstay of treatment

is suppression of the immune system to stop the destruction of the red cells; this typically involves the use of prednisone (a corticosteroid) and a second immunosuppressive medication. However, the most effective treatment strategy remains unknown. Mycophenolate is an immunosuppressive drug used in human medicine for autoimmune diseases and prevention of rejection of liver or kidney transplants. It is currently being used with increasing frequency in veterinary medicine for the treatment of autoimmune conditions, including IMHA. The purpose of our study is to report the use of mycophenolate in the treatment of naturally occurring IMHA in client owned animals while providing additional standard of care therapies (blood transfusions, prednisone, low dose aspirin for clot prevention, and symptomatic therapies). We will determine the survival rate for our patients as well as average length of hospitalization, transfusion requirements, time to resolution of the anemia, and long term survival. We will compare our findings to IMHA cases treated at our hospital in 2009 without the use of mycophenolate as well as to previously published values in the literature. Our goal will be to determine if the use of mycophenolate in the treatment protocol appears to have a benefit and if further studies investigating the use of this drug are warranted.

01272: Isolation and Characterization of Canine Induced Pluripotential Stem Cells (iPS)

Primary Investigator: Dr. Jorge Piedrahita, PhD

Institution: North Carolina State University

Total Grant Amount: \$82,610.00 Requested Sponsorship: \$2,500

Project Abstract:

Background: Stem cells have tremendous promise to alleviate clinical conditions in dogs such as spinal cord damage, hematopoietic malignancies, and cardiac and hepatic disease. While a range of adult stem cells have been isolated and studied, most of these have a limited capacity to differentiate outside a living organism and inside a living organism. Recently, approaches have been developed to convert differentiated cells into cells resembling embryonic stem (ES) cells by the use of "reprogramming" factors. These cells referred to as induced pluripotential stem cells (iPS) have the ability, like ES cell, to differentiate into multiple tissue types. As virtually any cell can be converted to an iPS cell this means that it is now possible to isolate patient-derived stem cells.

Objective: The researchers will utilize this technology for the development of canine iPS. Briefly, adipocyte-derived mesenchymal cells and keratinocytes will be transformed with the required reprogramming factors and plated under a condition that allows development of iPS cells. Colonies will be selected, expanded, and studied for their ability to differentiate outside a living organism into multiple tissue types. The development of patient-specific pluripotential stem cells is a critical step toward the successful scientific application of this promising technology.

The following paragraphs were taken directly from the AKC CHF web site and will explain the ACORN and OAK grants if you are not familiar.

CHF's grant process is distinctive in that it gathers information about canine health priorities from our AKC Parent Clubs. We listen to the concerns of the dog owners/breeders and encourage our investigators to submit applications to the Foundation based on this closely monitored feedback. The

unique alliance with the Parent Clubs also allows us to work together to fund the research and provide samples for faster, more efficient research.

We impact the health of your dogs through two types of research grants, OAKs and ACORNs. OAKs are traditional grants that are funded on an annual cycle. Major goals of our OAKs, which generally last more than a year and are \$12,000 or more, are to target our "three pronged" approach: prevention, treatment and cure.

ACORNs, or seed research projects, are designed to allow researchers to complete small, relatively short timeframe projects and generate preliminary data for possible future OAK proposals. Generally lasting for less than a year and only funded up to \$12,000, the Foundation's Grants Committee will review and fund these projects throughout the year. This is a program unique to CHF and has received positive feedback from investigators who are able to begin research without the delays usually associated with traditional grant cycles.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Health Committee,

Amended 9/20/10 - removed request for funding Oak Grant 00970 in the amount of \$2500

Maryann Szalka

Yes: Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson.

Present: J. Williamson

**10/10-02 Motion to approve the bid of Lillian Esposito to publish the Beardie Bulletin.
(Freeman)**

Yes: Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson.

Present: J. Williamson.

10/10-03 Motion to approve the letter prepared by the Judge's Education Committee regarding trimming, as follows: (Freeman, for the JEC.)

To all Bearded Collie, Herding and BIS judges.

The dilemma that faces the JEC of the Bearded Collie Club of America is how to resolve the issue of trimming in our NATURAL breed. The breeders have to rely on judges to adhere to the standard which clearly states (three times) that scissoring is a severe fault. Should a judge award the ribbon to a lesser quality Beardie that is not trimmed or award the ribbon to one that has a man made fault?

The problem is not only a few trimmed dogs, but is exacerbated when exhibitors who are new to the sport copy the winners assuming that is the only way to win. It is bad enough that we have to deal with teasing and sprays, but now we are seeing dogs sculpted to the degree they no longer resemble the natural dog that the Bearded Collie was meant to be. This is clearly opposed to the standard.

Mr. Wade has advised us that he will support any judge who requests an exhibitor with a teased, artificially parted or sprayed dog be asked to exit the ring, remove the offense, and return to the ring when accomplished. However, you can't ask the sculpted dog to leave the ring and grow a coat. We ask you to consider the natural dog first, if present, and to penalize the dog that is trimmed to the extent of withholding ribbons for artificially changing the appearance of the dog. This appears to be the only method by which we can halt the sculpting of our breed. If the dog is correct, he/she will not need trimming.

We look the other way for tidying up the feet, else some dogs would be wearing "snow shoes" in the ring. However it now appears that neatening has been taken to the extreme, and has progressed to the characteristic beard, ears, tails, underline etc.

It is a hard decision to make, but the onus to uphold our standard is placed on your shoulders. Please stop this runaway train before it derails. Please stop this trend before we no longer recognize our breed!

Sincerely

Judges Education Committee

Bearded Collie Club of America

Yes: Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson.

Present: J. Williamson.

10/10-04 Motion to purchase a package subscription to ConstantContact on a month-to-month basis at a cost of \$48.71 per month. One component, Email Marketing, is for the purpose of emailing the Bagpipes; the second component, Online Survey, is for surveying/polling the membership. The third component, MyLibrary, is for 50mb of server space to store and use images, PDF files, clip art, etc. for inclusion in emails. (D. Williamson)

Discussion: The cost can be reduced by prepaying in 6-month or 12-month options. Cost is further reduced by declaring the BCCA's non-profit and tax-exempt status when prepaying in the longer term options. Non-profit and tax-exempt status is not applicable when purchasing the month-to-month basis.

Yes: Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson.

Present: J. Williamson.

10/10-05 Motion to post [the following] information regarding herding events and mentors on the BCCA website. (Freeman, for the herding committee.)

BCCA Herding Mentors for AKC Conformation Judges

Below is a list of individuals who meet the BCCA Herding Committee criteria to be herding mentors for AKC conformation judges.

The best locations for conformation judges to observe Beardies in AKC herding events are at the national specialties or regional specialties that hold herding trials.

National Specialty Schedule for the next 3 years is below:

2010 - There will be a one-day AKC herding test and trial at Valdemar Farms in Ft. Lupton, CO., on Monday October 4th. The following will be offered: A course started, intermediate, and advanced (both sheep and ducks); B course started, intermediate, and advanced (sheep only); herding test and pre-trial test. Judge – Carol Hartnagle

2011 - Herding Test, Trial including A course ducks and sheep, and possibly instinct tests to be held in New Braintree, MA at Two Shadows Farm on Sat and Sun, October 1 and 2, 2011. Arrangements for a possible trial and instinct test on Friday, September 30, 2011 are being worked on. Judges are being selected.

2012 - Herding Test/Trial/ and or/ Instinct Test for the 2012 Nationals to be held in Southern California on Saturday October 6 & Sunday October 7, 2012. The site has not yet been arranged for. Judges – Joel Levinson and Adrian Lopez.

Regional Specialty Schedule (as of 9/8/10)

Great Plains Bearded Collie Club. All are at Gaelyn Glen Farm, Springfield, Nebraska. All will have Course A sheep all evels and Course B sheep Started and Intermediate.

October 22, 23, 24 of 2010

May 7 & 8 of 2011

June 3, 4, 5 of 2011 (Beardies Only)

October 21, 22, 23 of 2011

Mentor Name	Location	Email or Phone
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BCCA Herding Chair – contact for assistance		
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After discussion, Freeman accepted a friendly amendment from Cindy Mendonca to remove “the following” (bracketed language) from the motion. Serrine seconded the amendment, which passed without dissent. The amended motion was then passed by the following vote:

Yes: Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson.
Present: J. Williamson.

Election of New Members:

Welcome new members Kristen Webb and Cristie Needham.

New Business

Carol Freeman moved to ratify all acts of the Board and the Executive Committee since the 2009 Annual Board Meeting on October 5, 2009. The motion was seconded by Rosie Schroeder and passed unanimously.

Maryann Szalka moved that an audit committee of Maryann Szalka, Kirsten Andreassend, and Michele Ritter be approved. Mary Lott seconded. The committee was approved without dissent. Maryann noted that David Medo had forwarded his records, and Don Means had agreed to attend the audit. Stacey Blau stated that she had the records of Rescue, and arranged to meet with the audit committee.

We discussed guidelines for electronic submissions. Maryann has found a site that will allow us to post information for any Board member to access, avoiding the problems we had trying to send and watch the JEC presentation.

Rescue update: Stacey Blau has the Rescue records for the audit committee. She noted that the annual report prepared by Paul Glatzer was printed in the September Bagpipes. Joanne reported that Paul Glatzer has expressed his willingness to work with her to update the rescue guidelines. She will contact him after the Specialty.

Carol Sitrine expressed concern that the litter listing changes were passed without adequate discussion. The concerns expressed by some members after the motion passed were noted. After discussion, no motion was made.

Joanne reported that the BCCA's savings for distributing the Bagpipes on line will be \$12,000 to \$15,000 annually. Rosie asked that we consider distributing the roster on line also. No motion was made.

Executive session:

Two items were discussed. One motion was made, as follows:

The judging restrictions in the 2011 Futurity judge's contract are suspended. The judge elected had signed a contract to judge Sweepstakes within the restricted time frame before she was nominated to judge Futurity at the National. This is a one time only suspension of the restriction and is due to the fact that Futurity nominations were not sought for 2011 within the normal time frame. The motion was made by Cindy Mendonca, seconded by Pat McDonald. All members voted yes except Lisa Voss, who abstained, and Joanne Williamson, who voted "present."

There being no further business, David Williamson moved we adjourn. There were numerous seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Freeman
Recording Secretary