

**Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting  
Bearded Collie Club of America  
October 7, 2010  
The Ranch, Loveland, Colorado**

President Joanne Williamson called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM. She announced that 62 members in good standing must be present for a quorum. A quorum was not present.

President Williamson then introduced herself and the Board members present introduced themselves.

Joanne asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Carol Schiernbeck made that motion. Sandy Dubin seconded. The motion passed and the reading of the minutes was waived.

The Recording Secretary summarized the results of the September ballots, as follows:

The August minutes were approved without dissent.

The new presentation of the Herding Committee on instinct testing was approved with Pat McDonald abstaining. All others eligible to vote voted "yes."

Vote on the new presentation of the JEC was postponed until October.

The motion to identify the Specialty Herding Chair as the individual to solicit judges for the Specialty Herding Trial was approved without dissent.

The motion to approve proctors was approved without dissent.

The Corresponding Secretary was unable to attend due to work demands. His annual report was read in his absence.

The Treasurer was absent due to a family emergency. No Treasurer's report was given due to his absence.

Joanne recognized Paul Warner, who asked where the year end report for fiscal 2009 is. Maryann Szalka, the chair of the review committee, explained that their review had been completed, and the annual report was complete. It has not been published as it was not finished in time for the most recent issue of Bagpipes. Mr. Warner then noted that New York law now requires that any "audit" be conducted by a Certified Public Accountant. The BCCA is incorporated in New York. Joanne asked that he send her information so that the BCCA can comply with any applicable rules and regulations.

**Committee Reports:** Four committee chairs were present.

**Agility:** Libby Meyers-Buhite reported that Joanne Williamson stepped down as co-chair when she was elected President of the BCCA. David Williamson is now the chair of the Agility committee. Libby thanked Joanne for her service to the committee.

She also thanked all who have donated trophies, ribbons, and the banner. She thanked the web designers and the publications people. She noted that her full report will be on the website and reminded us that the BAD website is linked to the BCCA website.

The committee is reworking the method by which awards are calculated in an effort to be fairer. She summarized statistics for the huge number of Beardies competing in agility.

**Therapy:** Sandy Dubin reported that Ann Weiss has stepped down from the committee. Gretchen Blackburn and Debby Furlow continue to serve. The committee receives many questions about

therapy work and has started a Yahoo group. Gretchen does an article on therapy for every Bulletin. Twenty seven Beardies passed the TDI at Beardie Camp. The committee will be proposing an increase in the number of therapy hours required for "title equity." Twelve Beardie who do therapy work entered the first therapy parade at the 2010 National, and all were excited to participate.

**Companion dogs:** Linda Taylor reported that 27 pages of the Companion issue of the Bulletin celebrated companion Beardies. She thanked Lillian Esposito for her work with the committee to create this issue of the Bulletin.

**Fundraising:** Linda Taylor reported that \$2,909.18 was raised by the sale of "Uncle Buck" medallions.

**Historian:** Maryann Szalka reported that she and Carol Lamb are seeking historical items in order to build a data base. Contact either of them if you have items of historical interest.

**Rescue:** Joanne noted that the Annual report of the rescue committee was completed and published in the Bagpipes.

**Legislation:** Claudia McNulty reported for Maria Jozwiak that the Legislation Yahoo group sent 550 e messages about proposed legislation that might impact purebred dogs. More information is available at akc.org or at naia.org. Contact Maria for more information.

There was general agreement to waive the reading of the remaining committee reports.

Joanne reiterated that no business can be transacted in the absence of a quorum.

Paul Warner suggested that both the BCCA and the Charitable Trust be audited by a CPA. Joanne noted that the Trust is a separate legal entity. There were no other suggestions from those in attendance.

Mr. Warner moved that the meeting be adjourned. Multiple seconds were offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

After the meeting was adjourned, the Specialty Chairs conducted a raffle of items donated by vendors, and many in attendance received prizes.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Freeman  
Recording Secretary