

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING October 6, 2001

President Rosemary Schroeder called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was not present. It was noted that the meeting was being tape-recorded and those wishing to address the meeting were asked to use the microphone and identify themselves.

President Schroeder then introduced herself and the members of the board present at the meeting: Cindy Alspaugh, Stephen Blau, Billy Carter, Susan Lybrand, Debby Ritchie, Mary Jo Steger and Lisa Voss. Gary Marple, Kathy Pavlich and Lynn Zagarella were absent.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the last annual meeting and the minutes were approved as written.

**President's Report:** The Board has approved the draft of the Illustrated Standard. It will be put up on the BCCA website for membership to review. A ballot for general membership ratification will follow in the January, 2002 *Bagpipes*.

**Recording Secretary's Report:** The Recording Secretary gave a brief report on Board activity for the year. The Board met 12 times, 11 by mail and one in person, acted on 91 motions, and voted 95 new members into the club. The Recording Secretary conducted two elections regarding judge selection.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer was absent and the report will be in the next *Bagpipes*.

**AKC Delegate's Report:** Susan Lybrand reported for Sue Glatzer who was unable to attend.

- AKC continues its efforts to improve health and welfare issues through the Canine Health Foundation and scheduled Health Conferences.
- In response to the tragedies of September 11, 2001, the AKC and the AKC Companion Animal Recovery established the AKC/CAR Disaster Relief Fund to provide support for search and rescue dogs and relief for pets of disaster victims by each contributing \$25,000 to the Fund. The public is invited to contribute to the Fund.
- Unfortunately AKC is moving to re-establish a working relationship with puppy mills, apparently due to loss of registration revenues. Members were urged to call or write in opposition.

### **Committee Reports:**

Verbal reports were made on behalf of the following committees:

**Agility:** Libby Myers-Buhite and Karen Barratt reported for the committee. The committee established two new awards to take into account championship level dogs. Statistics are available on the internet. There are now over 179 Beardies that have earned AKC legs, one MACH Champion, 19 with Masters titles, 45 Excellent titles and over 86 Open titles. There are five new agility champions this year. The full report will be in the upcoming *Bagpipes*.

**Fundraising:** Janet Fisk is now doing the ebeardie auction on the BCCA website. Scott Mandell will continue as chairperson of the committee. The committee raised approximately \$4,900 last year.

**Health:** Teri Fleming reported that CHF has now approved our Addison's DNA project for two years, with matching funds from CHF. A few other groups have joined the funding of that project. The number of DNA submissions has risen from 329 last year to 775 now. The BCCA is also sponsoring an additional Addison's project on clinical testing. As of June 30, 2001, our funds at CHF were at \$10,983. This amount does not include the recently approved BCCA donation which will ensure adequate funding for both projects for the next two years. The two projects amount to \$5,000 apiece per year. Personal donations to the Fund on behalf of the BCCA are welcome. Any monies donated through the BCCA are matched by the CHF. Further information will be included in the *Bagpipes*.

**Historian:** Beth Canner is the new historian and will have a report in the *Bagpipes*.

**Judges Education:** Chris Walkowicz reported that the committee has been working very hard on the Illustrated Standard and it is near completion. Six educational programs were held this year. Future goals are to produce more visual presentations.

**Website:** Chris Walkowicz reported for Glenn Short, who reports 200-300 hits per day on our website, ebeardie has been added to the website, meeting minutes are now available, temporary or permanent articles are constantly being added. We need more photos of all sorts for the website. Send them to Glenn or Chris by e-mail or regular mail. Any ideas are welcome.

**Obedience:** 2000 statistics were in the Spring *Bulletin*. Debby Ritchie reported that 15 Beardies earned Companion Dog titles, 4 earned Companion Dog Excellent titles. There were also 1 Utility Dog and 2 Utility Dog Excellent titles earned.

*Publications:* Amber Carpenter reported that subscriptions will continue for this year. She also thanked Susan McKean and Lillian Esposito, editors, respectively, of the *Bagpipes* and the *Bulletin*; Susan Lybrand, *Gazette* columnist, and Glenn Short and Chris Walkowicz of the website for their continued outstanding work. Lillian Esposito requested more ads and articles to be submitted. The *Bulletin* is running smoothly and is staying at or under budget.

*Rescue:* Stephen Blau presented the Rescue report for Paul Glatzer. Sixty-nine Beardies went through the Rescue Program this year – the largest number ever. Due to the widespread support, both physical and financial, of the Beardie community, we have never had to say no to the medical needs of a rescue dog. This year alone we have treated six heartworm positive dogs. We are continuing to find Beardies at auctions. Eight young Beardies were rescued just last weekend from an auction. The BCCA is setting up a committee to address the issues of puppy mills and auctions and make suggestions and recommendations to the Board. The June 30, 2001 rescue fund balance was \$9,659.72. A more detailed report on rescue will be in an upcoming *Bagpipes*.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Lisa Voss invited everyone to attend the 2002 National Specialty at The Beach Resort in Monterey, California.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alspaugh  
Recording Secretary