

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING October 3, 2002

President Rosemary Schroeder called the meeting to order at 3:43p.m. It was determined that a quorum was not present. It was noted that the meeting was being tape-recorded.

President Schroeder then introduced herself and the members of the board present at the meeting: Billy Carter, Elizabeth Hayes, Jeff Ipser, Cindy Mendonca, Sharon Prassa, and Lisa Voss. ABSENT: Stephen Blau, Kathy Finley, Carol Lamb, and Mary Jo Steger.

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

President's Report: The president's remarks are included below in the information given during the AKC Delegate's time.

Recording Secretary's Report: The Recording Secretary gave a brief report on Board activity for the 2001-2002 year. The Board met 12 times, 11 by mail and one in person, acted on 91 motions, and voted 111 new members into the club. The Recording Secretary conducted two elections regarding judge selection for the 2003 Specialty judges and a special election for the 2003 Futurity judge.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: The report was for the period July 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002. Elizabeth received and responded to 34 emails and 7 phone calls for breeders/rescue. Inquiries are referred to the BCCA Website, so regional clubs and breeders are asked to make sure the information is current. Eleven letters were received from AKC and forwarded to the appropriate individuals. Three litter listing have been prepared. Email and address changes should be sent to the corresponding secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Accounts opened and administered by the previous Treasurer, Gary Marple, have been closed and consolidated into one account near Jeff Ipser's home. Total unrestricted funds in the BCCA checking account are \$113,988.26. On September 1, 2002, 302 members had not renewed their dues. Delinquent members were sent dues notices. As of September 21, 2002, 148 members still owed dues. Questions were raised regarding the end of the year reports and the auditing of the accounts. The Treasurer's reports will be published in future issues of the *Bagpipes* and an audit by the Finance Committee is upcoming now that the accounts have been consolidated in one place.

AKC Delegate's Report: Rosemary Schroeder reported that the AKC Delegate's report had not been received, but the membership would be informed later. She also reported on a proposal before AKC that, depending on the number of dogs entered in a national specialty, reserve winners would also receive points toward the championship. The BCCA Board sent a letter of endorsement to this proposal. An AKC meeting will be held in Cincinnati at the end of the month regarding clubs' dealings with media. The BCCA representatives will be Rosemary Schroeder and Paul Glatzer.

Committee Reports:

Verbal reports were made on behalf of the following committees:

Agility: Libby Myers-Buhite reported for the committee. The report was divided into 7 sections: BCCA awards, publication, internet, agility legs and titles earned in United States organizations, commendations, goals for 2002-2003, and thank yous. Statistics are available on the internet. The Diehard Trophy for overall excellence in AKC Agility in both Standard and Jumpers with Weaves at the Excellent level and the Jumper with Weaves Trophy will be presented this year for the first time. Two hundred twenty-one Beardies now have AKC agility legs. The full report will be published in the upcoming *Bagpipes*.

Fundraising: Carole Desmond and Amy Steltz are the new chairs.

Health: Kathy Pavlich had AKC DNA kits at the Specialty to give to individuals. The Board is planning to make a motion to donate \$5000 to each of the two donor-related Addison's Studies that are administered under the Canine Health Foundation.

Herding: Cindy Mendonca presented the report for the Herding Committee. The committee added several new members this year, including Marilynn Snook, who is working with Rosie Schroeder to put the statistics in a more-user friendly and technologically updated database. The committee continued to work in the interests of maintaining herding abilities in our breed and interest in competition for Beardies in the herding arena to include training columns in the *Bagpipes* and stories in the *Bulletin*, workshops at Beardedie Camp, and compiling statistics for the BCCA herding awards. In addition, Co-Chair Ann Witte was the Chair for the AKC's most recent Herding Advisory Committee.

Judges Education and Illustrated Standard: Billy Carter read Chris Walkowicz's report. She reported that the Illustrated Standard had met with rave reviews. The committee sent 565 complimentary copies (mostly to judges) and sold 577 copies. With Rosie Schroeder's expertise, a program was developed that mentors can use at presentations. Seven educational programs, including one for the AKC Advanced Herding Judges Institute, were held this year. A letter was composed to the AKC Judges Newsletter regarding the importance of properly judging the Beardie's 5 to 4 proportions as noted in our Standard.

Rescue: Sharon Prassa presented the Rescue report for Paul Glatzer. Sixty-one Beardies went through the Rescue Program during the fiscal year, 2001-2002, including Louise, the Bearded Collie whose 9/11 story was featured in the September issue of DOG FANCY Magazine. We are continuing to find Beardies at auctions and acquire them. The June 30, 2002 rescue fund balance was \$10,855.10. A donation of \$1300 was made to Rescue from the profits of Beardie Camp. A more detailed report on rescue will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Bagpipes*.

Website: Rosie Schroeder reported for Glenn Short, who reports 200+ hits per day on our website. This past year, we purchased the address www.bcca.us which redirects the user to the current address at beardie.net/bcca, so should not be used as a web link. The website is making more use of Adobe Acrobat format to insure the format of official minutes, notices, and documents are accurate and in the format supplied to us. The committee depends on BCCA members and committees to provide useful content and is always looking for good articles and unique photos. The web committee needs assistance from BCCA officers, committees, regional clubs, and members for information on changes such as email addresses, web addresses, and so on. The Breeder Listing section has only 20 listings, although the most frequently asked question is for contact information on breeders. The Rescue section is heavily used. The web site has top 10 ratings in most major search engines and has top rankings in Google, AlltheWeb, Looksmart, Lycos, and Yahoo. In the next year, the committee will look at technology.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jean Richland, the AKC Liaison for the Bearded Collie Club of Southern California, announced that the BCCSC is now licensed in conformation and obedience as well as herding.

Rosie Schroeder announced that the Board approved holding the 2004 National Specialty in Ft Collins, CO (hosted by the Rocky Mountains Bearded Collie Club) and pending final details, plans to award the 2005 National Specialty to the Great Plains Bearded Collie Club in Omaha, Nebraska.

Candy Hepner invited everyone to the 2004 National Specialty to be held from September 28 to October 2, 2004.

Pat Columbo announced that the Beardies of the World Calendar Committee had two checks to give as donations to BCCA. One was for \$2665 for Health and the other was for \$1475 to Rescue.

Lynn Zagarella asked for an update on the Addison's Disease studies. Rosie Schroeder will have Teri Fleming put an article in the *Bagpipes*.

Cindy Mendonca invited members to take copies of the BCCA Handbook and Standing Rules back to BCCA members in their local clubs.

NEW BUSINESS

No business was conducted as there was no quorum.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Mendonca
Recording Secretary