

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING October 2, 2003

President Sandy Remell called the meeting to order at 7:37p.m. It was determined that a quorum was not present. It was noted that the meeting was being tape-recorded.

President Remell then introduced herself and the members of the board present at the meeting: Cindy Alspaugh, Elizabeth Hayes, Jeff Ipser, Carol Lamb, Cindy Mendonca, Rosemary Schroeder, Marilyn Snook, and Lisa Voss. ABSENT: Kathy Finley, Sharon Prassa, 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 encouraged members to keep a copy of the BCCA Handbook available at home. She also asked for suggestions on encouraging individuals to get their membership renewals in on time.

Recording Secretary's Report: The Recording Secretary gave a brief report on Board activity for the 2002-2003 year. The Board met 12 times, 11 by mail and one in person and acted on 72 motions. The Recording Secretary conducted two elections regarding judge selection for the 2004 Specialty.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: The report was for the period July 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003. She received and responded to 170 people looking for breeders/rescue, in addition to numerous inquiries on a wide variety of subjects pertaining to Beardies. Forty-two different litter listings, both on the BCCA website and the *Bagpipes*, have been prepared. As Membership Chairperson, she handled 106 new and former member applications. Email and address changes should be sent to the corresponding secretary.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported on the income and expenditure's for September and for the fiscal period of July 1, 2003 through September. Total income for September was \$11,627.00 with expenditures of \$2,670.25. For the period, total income was \$38,856.50 with expenses of \$7,583.57. A check of approximately \$3000.00 is due to Beardedie Rescue as the dues renewal period is over and those donations will be paid. The Treasurer's reports are published in issues of the *Bagpipes*.

AKC Delegate's Report: Steven Blau read Susan Glatzer's report. Sue discussed continuing concerns such as AKC's need to distinguish itself from other registries that have been created to deal with puppy mill produce, AKC's need to develop strategic planning for a three to five year period, and its need to be less dependent on monies from registrations. She also discussed a proposed program called "Working Dog Sport," that the vast majority of delegates have already spoken against. These topics are covered in her columns in the *Bagpipes*.

Committee Reports:

Reports were made on behalf of the following committees:

Agility: The full report will be published in the upcoming *Bagpipes*.

Awards: Results are published in the *Bagpipes*.

Banner Custodian: Jean Kennedy is still updating banners for clubs. Any clubs changing logos should contact Jean.

Finance: Elizabeth Hayes, Kathy Coxwell, and Gayle Pillow completed an audit for the fiscal year 2002-2003 and found everything to be in order.

Fundraising: Lisa Voss and Kathy Coxwell are the new chairs.

Health: Cindy Mendonca presented the report for Chair, Teri Fleming. BCCA's Donor Advised Fund has a current balance of \$20,033.50 in the Canine Health Foundation's programs. Project 1 is a DNA marker search for Addison's Disease. Data supports the idea of a major gene involved in Addison's Disease. Project 2 involves pre-clinical detection of Addison's and has been approved to continue for a second year. The CHIC registry has a slightly redesigned search engine making it easier to look up dogs who fulfill the testing requirements. Currently 48 Bearded Collies have met the testing requirements.

Herding: Cindy Mendonca presented the report for the Herding Committee. The committee has continued to develop and update the electronic database, through the assistance of Rosie Schroeder and Marilyn Snook. The number of dogs with missing information has been reduced from about 500 to about 50 individual dogs. 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*. In addition, the committee continues to keep in close contact with the AKC and its new Herding-Earthdog-Coursing Committee to remain as current as possible on changes in Regulations and other matters pertaining to herding.

Judges Education and Illustrated Standard: Chris Walkowicz reported there were 6 presentations to large groups of judges this past year. The committee is now discussing breeders' education programs and ways to improve the Powerpoint program. She would also like the Board to consider buying the equipment to present the program rather than renting equipment.

National Specialty Advisor: Lisa Voss congratulated the Carolinas Club on an outstanding job.

Publications: Sandy Remell announced that Lillian Esposito will continue to edit and publish the *Bulletin*. She asked members to continue to support the magazine with articles, photos, and advertisements.

Rescue: Steven Blau presented the Rescue report for Paul Glatzer. Sixty-four Beardies were placed in the past year in 36 states. The June 30, 2003 rescue fund balance was \$11,026.02. Income for the 2002-2003 fiscal year was \$16,213.16. Expenses for the period totaled \$20,098.96. The largest expense of necessity involves veterinary care before the dog is placed in a new home and often for some treatable condition that may take time to cure, but shouldn't keep the dog from being placed as soon as possible.

Standing Rules: A new committee has been formed to review the rules.

Trophy: Cheryl Poliak is the new chair. Sandy Remell discussed the need to discuss the status of trophies to be presented at the Specialty and to develop rules for their disposition.

Versatility: Joanne Williamson reported that there were seven new Versatility Excellent and eleven Versatility awards. Joanne hopes to present a proposal to the Board regarding a new Versatility Award for Performance at the National Specialty.

Website: Chris Walkowicz presented Glenn Short's report. The website is updated constantly as needed. The most active pages are the Litter List and the Rescue page. The committee is always looking for good articles and photographs for the website to be submitted to the editor (Chris).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Remell thanked Rosie Schroeder for her continuing support to the BCCA and for all of the work she has done in making the club so successful.

Nancy Shock invited everyone to the 2004 National Specialty to be held from September 28 to October 3, 2004.

Jane Cooper asked that the History Board reflect Obedience High in Trial winners.

The Beardies of the World Calendar Committee Chair, Pat Colombo, had two checks to give as donations to BCCA. One was for \$3,350.00 for Health and the other was for \$1,825.00 to Rescue.

Charles Namey asked that the Board consider making a motion to invite the President to be a guest at all the functions.

Joanne Williamson asked if the club could look into suspending people for barking dogs and not picking up feces for the duration of the shows. In discussion, Chris Walkowicz said that they could not be suspended for the current year, but it would be possible for the following year. Jane Cooper stated that Washington State has called Bench Committee hearings for such infractions.

Wendy Reinlieb asked if the BCCA could automatically withdraw funds such as dues from accounts. Jeff Ipser said that it can not be done without listing accounts in a BCCA database. He further noted that other clubs have said that our grace period is too long and causes people to procrastinate.

Chris Walkowicz asked that the club look into taking credit cards at the auction. She also suggested that the club offer a critique on a dog done by three judges for anyone who wishes it and that it could be a fundraiser. This would also function at both breeder and judges' education. Chris commended everyone who took time to come to the meeting.

Pam Harris asked if the club could do memberships by credit cards. Jeff Ipser said that companies want fixed fees plus 1 1/2% for every transaction. The fee can be higher for written transaction because the percentage of errors with written numbers is high. Chantal Andrews suggested adding a service fee for using a credit card. Janet Atkins offered information regarding the use of credit cards. Pat Kronemeyer stated that she and her husband spend several hundred dollars a year in renting machines. Lisa Voss said that the credit card would help tremendously with fundraising.

Kathy Coxwell asked that the logo be digitized.

Walt Ernst congratulated the Specialty Committees on a wonderful event and asked that the 2003 and 2004 committees get together before the end of the Specialty to discuss the various issues.

Rosie Schroeder announced that Beardie Camp will be held June 8-10, 2004 at Purina Farms in St Louis. If members have special skills that they would be willing to share, please let Rosie know that you would be willing to be part of the "teaching staff." She is also recruiting committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

No business was conducted as there was no quorum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Mendonca
Recording Secretary