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## President's Message – Rosemary Schroeder

This edition of the Bagpipes contains the bios of the candidates for election. You have already received these through Constant Contact, but in case you missed reading them, you now have another chance.

By now everyone should have received his/her ballot for the Officers/Board election. We have had a few people report that they received an envelope that was open and some items were missing. You should have received:

- 1 ballot
- 1 small envelope in which to place your ballot
- 1 large envelope in which to place your small envelope and mail back to **Club Count**

If you are joint members, you should have received 2 of each of the above. In the past we always returned both joint members' ballots in one return envelope, but **Club Count** set it up for one ballot in each envelope, therefore, you and your joint member must submit yours separately.

If for any reason, you did not receive your packet, items were missing, or you threw it away by mistake, you should let Cindy Alspaugh <[stonebaybeardies@yahoo.com](mailto:stonebaybeardies@yahoo.com)> know right away. Those who notify her will be sent another ballot packet. Ballots must be received **before June 1st**.

Another important item to look for in this edition of the Bagpipes is the **Membership Renewal Notice** - more frequently called dues! Please fill out the form, print it, and mail it with your check to Casey Minner. You can also email it to Casey and pay by credit card, if you prefer. There are a couple of options at the top of the form. Please read these carefully. If you decide on Option 2, be aware that you will receive a hard copy of the Bagpipes, but an abbreviated version containing only the business portions such as minutes, announcements, etc. and that you will no longer receive the Bagpipes via Constant Contact.

I also want to remind you of the survey sent out by the By-Laws committee. If you have not responded to that survey, please take a couple of minutes to do so. To fill it out, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/BCCA-Bylaws-Revision-Survey>

The date for the venue hearing in the lawsuit has been set for June 22nd. This was delayed because of the judge's retirement and because the plaintiff asked for more time. I, therefore, don't have any information to report this month.

Last, but not least, congratulations to Pat Hastings, who was elected to judge the 2013 BCCA National Specialty, and to Chet Jezierski, who will be our sweepstakes judge.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our two and four legged moms out there! Hug your Beardies and your Moms!

Rosie

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2012 BCCA BOARD MEETING

The Bearded Collie Club of America's Board of Directors meeting was held by mail on April 21, 2012.

### I. Roll Call

PRESENT: Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, McDonald, Mendonca, Minner, Schroeder, Voss, Williamson

ABSENT: Lott

### II. Officers' Reports

President

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

### III. Committee Reports

### IV. Unfinished Business

#### Results March Motions Ballot

**03/12-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting. (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Mendonca, McDonald, Minner, Voss, Williamson **No:** None **Abstain:** None

**Present:** Schroeder

**04/12-01** Motion to request a one-time custom report of all Bearded Collie tracking titles earned from the AKC at a cost of \$120. (Minner) **WITHDRAWN BY MAKER – SEE 04/12-07**

**04/12-02** Motion to amend SR 01/99-03 to read as follows: Beginning with Trials after January 1, 1999, a "Herding Dog of the Year" award will be given to the first ranked Bearded Collie in the Started, Intermediate, and Advanced levels of the AKC Herding Trial Program each year in accordance with the then current AKC Herding regulations. ***So that this award is comparable pre and post January 1, 2012 when AKC regulations changed, eligible scores and number of dogs defeated are good for just 60 days after completion of the title in Started and Intermediate levels, and are based on the calendar year after completion of the title in Advanced.*** (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Mendonca, McDonald, Minner, Voss, Williamson **No:** None **Abstain:** None

**Present:** Schroeder

**04/12-03** Motion to amend SR 06/99-09 as to read as follows: Annual awards are established for the top herding dogs of the year to be initiated at the 1994 National Specialty starting with the top dogs for the calendar year 1993. The awards are to be given to the ~~four~~ dogs participating in AKC licensed events that attain the highest overall average qualifying score (from all three qualifying runs in attaining the title and the top three qualifying runs in the case of the Championship class) for each of the following classes: Started Class, Intermediate Class, Advanced Class, and Championship Class per any appropriate AKC Regulations at the time. This award shall be given in the year in which the title is earned, ***regardless of the year in which the other qualifying runs were obtained.*** Ties shall be broken by the average of the number of dogs defeated using the first three qualifying runs under three different judges to obtain the title. (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Mendonca, McDonald, Minner, Voss, Williamson **No:** None **Abstain:** None

**Present:** Schroeder

**04/12-04** Motion to create a Top Herding Dog Master's Award in Started, Intermediate, and Advanced levels commences 1/1/12 in accordance with new AKC regulations. The award will be given to the dog having the highest

average of the 8 qualifying runs for the Master's title, which begin after the third qualifying run for the regular title at that level. The Master's award will be given in the year in which the title is earned and the qualifying runs can come from that and previous years. Ties shall be broken by the average number of dogs defeated in the 8 qualifying runs. Documentation of the Master's title will be from whatever source AKC deems official.

**When AKC Herding Trial Qualifying Runs are Eligible for BCCA Yearly Herding Awards**

<b>Award (Year Begun)</b>	<b>Previous Years</b>	<b>Award Year (Calendar)</b>
Masters THD (12): started, intermediate, advanced	Starts after Q run for title at that level	Ends with 8 <sup>th</sup> Q run at that level
THD (93): all courses, all stock, all levels including championship	Yes	Ends 60 days after run that completes the title
HDOTY (99): all courses, all stock, levels – started, intermediate, advanced	Yes for started and intermediate only	Yes for all levels. Ends 60 days after run that completes the title
Bishop (07): sheep only, any course, any level	No	Yes

(Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Mendonca, McDonald, Minner, Voss, Williamson **No:** None **Abstain:** None  
**Present:** Schroeder

**04/12-05** Motion to amend SR October 2, 2009 ABM, Reinstatement of Futurity Program, to end the Futurity Program as of October 2012. (Voss)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Mendonca, McDonald, Minner, Voss, Williamson **No:** None **Abstain:** None  
**Present:** Schroeder

**04/12-06** Motion to approve, if necessary for the election of the 2012-13 Board of Directors, the utilization of Club Count, a ballot counting service, to mail, receive, and count the ballots and report the results of the election to the members of the Board and the candidates. (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Hayes, Mendonca, McDonald, Minner, Voss, Williamson **No:** Atkins, Blau **Abstain:** None **Present:** Schroeder

**04/12-07** Motion to approve the Executive Committee decision to reimburse Michele Ritter for obtaining the records of Bearded Collies earning AKC tracking titles from 1994-2002. (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Atkins, Blau, Hayes, Mendonca, McDonald, Minner, Voss, Williamson **No:** None **Abstain:** None  
**Present:** Schroeder

**04/12-08** Motion to approve an addendum to the services to be performed by E. Marie Wilson, Certified Professional Parliamentarian-Teacher, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, who is working as a parliamentary consultant to the Bylaws Revision Committee. The addendum includes the work necessary to complete the bylaws revision, including acting as facilitator for discussions at the 2012 annual meeting, culminating with the approval of the bylaws revision by the American Kennel Club, and the adoption of the revision and accompanying special rules of order and standing rules by the members. (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Hayes, Mendonca, McDonald, Minner, Voss, Williamson **No:** Atkins, Blau **Abstain:** None **Present:** Schroeder

## V. Election of New Members

### New Members

No new members were voted into the club.

### BCCA Applicants May

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Sponsor: Tatiana De Tommaso

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Sponsor: Kathy Pavlich

### Motions to be Considered in May

**04/12-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2012 meeting. (Alspaugh)

**05/12-01** Motion to amend SR 02/95-05 as follows: A "Register of Merit Obedience" (ROMO) is established for Beardie dams producing two or more offspring having a total of at least three obedience titles among such offspring (**at least two regular titles**) and for Beardie sires producing two or more get having a total of at least five obedience titles among such get (**at least three regular titles**). A "Register of Merit Obedience Excellent" (ROMOX) is established for Beardie dams producing offspring having a total of five or more obedience titles (**at least three regular titles**) and for Beardie sires producing get having a total of ten or more obedience titles (**at least seven regular titles**). **The regular titling classes to be counted toward these awards are CD, CDX, UD, UDX, OM, and OTCh; optional titling classes to be counted are BN, GN, GO, and VER.** (Williamson)

*Discussion: Amended language in **bold italics**. AKC added three new obedience titles in January 2009 (GN, GO, VER). These titles were added as "optional titling classes," thus, giving the hosting clubs the "option" to offer these classes without requiring that they are offered at all trials. The Beginner Novice (BN) was added in July 2010 and has become a very successful class and is being used by many obedience competitors to get their dogs ring-ready for the CD (the class which was previously the lowest level of obedience offered by the AKC). In 2010 one Bearded Collie earned the BN. In 2011, 20 Beardies competed for the BN and nine Beardies earned the BN. Three of those earning the BN went on to complete the CD title. The Graduate Novice (GN) title can be used for dogs that have a CD and are preparing for the CDX; the Graduate Open (GO) can be utilized by competitors for dogs that have the CDX and are preparing for the UD; and the Versatility (VER) title has exercises from the CD, CDX and UD classes, therefore, dogs competing in this class must be proficient at levels of obedience. We have also included the regular obedience title Obedience Master (OM) which was introduced in 2009.*

*The BCCA Obedience Committee is attempting to be proactive by including the optional titling classes in our ROMO(X) guidelines. However, we believe that it is important to require that qualifying sires/dams have offspring with a certain number of regular titles, in addition to allowing optional titles to be counted towards the ROMO(X).*

**05/12-02** Motion to approve Executive Committee decision approving 2012 regional specialties for the Great Lakes Bearded Collie Club and the Bearded Collie Club of Maine and the supported entry for the Bearded Collie Club of Maine. (Alspaugh)

**05/12-03** Motion to approve Executive Committee decision authorizing the order of 2,000 copies of the Bearded Collie Illustrated Standard. (Alspaugh)

**05/12-04** Motion to accept the bid presented by Karen Norteman to redesign the Bearded Collie Club of America's website using WordPress. (Alspaugh)

#### **Proposed Motions for June**

**05/12-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting. (Alspaugh)

#### **Discussion Sheets**

None.

This concludes the business of the BCCA Board of Directors' meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alspaugh  
BCCA Recording Secretary

## **OFFICIAL NOTICES FROM THE RECORDING SECRETARY**

### **Beardie Bulletin Editor Annual Solicitation for Bids**

Per SR 12/87-04E, bids are now being solicited and accepted for editing the Beardie Bulletin for 2012-13. If you are interested, please contact the Recording Secretary for bid specifications. Send your completed bids, on or before July 21, to: Cindy Alspaugh, 5552 Polson Lane, Iron Station, NC 28080, e-mail: stonebaybeardies@yahoo.com.

### **2012-13 Officers and Directors**

Pursuant to the BCCA By-Laws, Article IV, Section 4, each member in good standing has been sent a ballot for the election of the 2012-13 BCCA Officers and Directors. The ballots will be counted by Club Count, a ballot counting service, and the results will be reported to the Board and the candidates no later than June 8, 2012.

### **Election Results: Final Judges Ballot 2013 National Specialty**

The following persons have been chosen by the membership to judge the 2013 National Specialty:

Regular Classes: Pat Hastings  
Sweepstakes: Chet Jezierski

The ballots were counted on April 17, 2012, with BCCA members Cindy Alspaugh and Gail Romine present.

# Report from the Treasurer

Casey Minner July 2011-June 2012

## Bearded Collie Club Of America

### Income Statement

	April, 2012	Fiscal Year to Date
<i>Income</i>		
Member Dues		
Renewal Dues		\$ 17,098.00
New Members		\$ 695.00
Affiliate Clubs		\$ 375.00
		\$ 18,168.00
Donations from Members		
For Rescue	\$ 1,945.00	\$ 29,967.80
Undesignated		\$ 670.00
	\$ 1,945.00	\$ 30,637.80
Beardie Bulletin		
Subscriptions		\$ 16,779.00
Additional Copies		
Postage Charges		\$ -
Advertising	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 27,810.00
	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 44,589.00
Bagpipes		
Litter Listings & Ads		\$ 270.00
Proceeds from 2011 National		\$ 28,853.04
Agility Trials		\$ 12,130.50
2012 Futurity		\$ 885.00
Illustrated Standard Sales		\$ 1,734.00
Beardie Emblem Sales		\$ 556.00
Breeder Listings	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,450.00
Misc. Sales		\$ 739.92
Credit Card Fees		\$ 224.40
Interest Income		\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,545.00</b>	<b>\$ 140,237.66</b>
<i>Expenses</i>		
2011 Parliamentarian Expenses		\$ 4,721.27
Rescue Expense	\$ 641.73	\$ 17,781.98
Agility Trial Expense		\$ 6,470.83
Donation to CHF - Jo Parker		\$ 100.00
Donation to BCCA Trust		\$ -
2013 National Deposit		\$ 500.00
2014 National Deposit		\$ 1,000.00
Beardie Bulletin		
Art Direction, Editing	\$ -	\$ 9,820.00
Printing	\$ -	\$ 13,955.00
Postage	\$ -	\$ 3,632.13
	\$ -	\$ 27,407.13



Bagpipes		
Constant Contact		\$ 270.00
Printing		\$ 1,827.00
Postage		\$ 415.66
		<u>\$ 2,512.66</u>
AKC Club Flier/Dues/Subscriptions		\$ 25.00
AKC Quarterly Events Reporting		\$ 365.00
AKC Delegate Expense		\$ -
AKC CHF Expenses		\$ 647.80
Member's Roster- printing & postage		\$ 2,368.78
Beardie Emblem cost		\$ 270.50
Insurance		\$ 600.00
Shipping		\$ 518.70
Trophy Maintenance, Storage & Shipping		\$ 352.11
Postage		\$ 88.56
Bank Charges (NSF Checks & Fees)		\$ 187.61
Office Supplies		\$ 465.67
Telephone		\$ 704.04
Computer Equipment		\$ -
Computer Software		\$ -
Computer/Printing Services		\$ 202.14
Art Direction		\$ -
National Specialty Expenses		\$ -
Futurity		\$ 612.00
Meet The Breeds Booth		\$ 221.27
Jo Parker Memorial for 2011 Nat'l Catalog		\$ 40.00
Election Expense		\$ -
Juniors Scholarships		\$ 1,000.00
Herding Instinct		\$ 101.28
Sunshine Committee		\$ -
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 30.00	\$ 642.15
		<u>\$ 642.15</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>\$ 671.73</u>	<u>\$ 69,906.48</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<u>\$ 2,873.27</u>	<u>\$ 70,331.18</u>

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

This year's Renewal Form is fillable and, if filled out on a computer, calculates the total dollar amount due. There are three sections that are **required** to be completed before your form can be submitted:

1. **Option One** or **Option Two**, at the top of the form, where you agree or disagree to receive club communications via email.
2. Payment Method, **check** or **credit card** - by selecting one or the other, the total is calculated for the selected payment option.
3. Check the last box at the bottom of the form acknowledging you understand the selections you have made.

If any of your contact information has changed, please select the box “**check this box if any contact info changed**” directly beneath the line for your email address.

The Renewal Form is on the next page.

# BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FISCAL YEAR 2013 (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013)

## PAYMENT IS DUE BY JULY 1, 2012

**Option One:** We agree that the BCCA may provide our newsletters, ballots, and club roster via e-mail and/or the BCCA website and that we will inform the BCCA Corresponding Secretary if our e-mail address changes. We RECOGNIZE AND AGREE that our contact information may be provided by electronic means to other BCCA members. We recognize that hard copies of essential club information will be sent only to members who select Option Two.

**Option Two:** We DO NOT AGREE that the BCCA may provide our monthly newsletters, ballots, and club roster via e-mail and/or the BCCA website. We elect to receive hard copies of essential club information. We RECOGNIZE AND AGREE that our contact information may be provided by electronic means to other BCCA members. By checking this box, the Treasurer will forward this information to the Corresponding Secretary.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Email \_\_\_\_\_

*check this box if any contact info changed*

**Indicate your membership type by checking one of the two boxes**

Single \$25.00

Joint \$30.00

**Enter any donations you wish to make** (none are tax deductible)

Beardie Rescue \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

**Subscribe to the Beardie Bulletin** (not included in yearly dues above, check one of the options.)

**US only** MEDIA MAIL Standard Subscription (\$20 + \$8 postage) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 28.00

FIRST CLASS Subscription - US/Canadian members only (\$20 + \$16 postage) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 36.00

FOREIGN subscription - members living outside US/Canada (\$20 + \$28 postage) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 48.00

**Order copies of the Bearded Collie Illustrated Standard\***

US (\$13, includes postage)

Canada (\$15, includes postage)

Foreign (\$20, includes postage)

*\*contact the treasurer for shipping costs if you wish to order more than one Illustrated Standard*

**Subtotal** \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card (5% is added to credit card purchases to cover bank processing fees, in order for the treasurer to invoice you via PayPal, a valid email address is required)

**cc fee** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order payable to BCCA. For non-US members, be sure your check can be collected in US dollars through a correspondent bank located in the US. Complete and return form with payment to

**Casey Minner, BCCA Treasurer, P.O. Box 1187, Bowling Green, VA 22427**

**\* renewals using a credit card will be emailed to [bccatreasurer@verizon.net](mailto:bccatreasurer@verizon.net)\***

By submitting this form, we acknowledge that we have carefully read and fully understand the options we have chosen and the potential release of contact information arising therefrom.

No, I haven't attended another meeting, but there has been a great deal of information sent to delegates from the AKC which you need to be aware of and consider. Though I will be unable to attend the June meeting because I will be assisting with Beardie Camp, I will nevertheless write a complete report from both the delegate body meeting minutes and the Parent Club Committee.

### **OWNER-HANDLER EVENTS**

Though not intended specifically for parent clubs, those of you who belong to all breed clubs will be interested in the invitation to any all breed club who has an event scheduled after July 3, 2012 to offer the AKC Owner-Handler Series at their show. For more information, please contact Bri Tesarz at [glt@akc.org](mailto:glt@akc.org).

### **CARE AND CONDITIONS POLICY ENHANCED**

The AKC announced recent enhancements to its Care and Conditions of Dogs policy. The new policy, which takes effect June 1, 2012, includes a framework for responsible dog ownership including: Care of Dogs, Kennels and Housing and Operations. Anyone, from a single dog owner to a large kennel manager can follow these enhanced guidelines to ensure the best practices of keeping and maintaining dogs.

Enhanced guidelines include: The importance of daily positive human interaction and socialization of dogs; sufficient number of staff must be provided to carry out appropriate levels of care and conditions for the number of dogs kept; each kennel should maintain an emergency preparedness plan adequate for the type of facility owned and breed(s) of dogs maintained there; when euthanasia is necessary, it should always be performed humanely.

The complete Care and Conditions Policy is available on the AKC website at [http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=4634](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4634). Please take time to read the entire document. This is a significant step toward improving the inspection and policing of substandard and non-complying kennel operations.

### **AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OPENED**

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show will become an open show awarding Championship and Grand Championship points with this year's show set for December 16-16th 2012 in Orlando, Florida. The top 25 dogs from each breed as well as Bred-By-Exhibitor Champions and other special qualifiers will continue to be celebrated with an invitation granting special recognition.

## **AKC HUMANE FUND AWARDS FOR CANINE EXCELLENCE**

Heroes, like dogs, come in all shapes and sizes. The ACE Award is given to the dog who has performed an exemplary act or acts. The AKC will recognize 5five dogs in the areas of Companion, Law Enforcement, Search and rescue, Therapy, and Service. The dog's heroic act may be large or seemingly small, but must have significantly benefitted a community or individual.

Nominations are now open for the ACE Awards, and the deadline for submission is June 1, 2012. Nominations should be sent to Aliza Burns: ACE Awards 2012, The AKC Humane Fund, 260 Madison Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10016. More information may be obtained at <http://www.akchumanefund.org> or <http://www.akc.org/news/ace>.

### **NEW DIVISION POINT SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED**

For all of you who live up Nawth, and are looking for majors, those of us who live in Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and a few other Southun' states invite you to bring your Beardies and come on down. Majors in those states for both dogs and bitches are point plus one. Can't get much better than that ! That was the point schedule when I started in 1982 and it hasn't been that low since.

For a full schedule Please visit the AKC website at [http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=4625](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4625) . We'd love to have y'all !

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Coxwell  
AKC Delegate

## Beardie Treasure Chest ~ *NEW FEATURE!*

We are pleased to offer members this space each month to post items they wish to sell, trade or are looking to acquire. Here are the simple guidelines:

- ✓ Each submission **MUST** include:
  - Buyer's or purchaser's full name
  - Location (City, State)
  - At least one means of contact (phone or email)
- ✓ A 25-word or less description and one photo per item are permitted.
- ✓ All submissions are due to the Editor via email by or before the 1st day of the month or your item(s) may not appear until the next BP issue.
- ✓ Neither the BCCA nor BP Editor assumes any responsibility for the accuracy of the description(s), condition of the item(s), or success of the transaction(s).

Outgrown a crate or looking for a new one? Grooming table on its last leg?  
Sell or find your Beardie Treasures here!!!

## Have Ewe Herd – Ann Witte

Started A Ducks:

Woodsong's Danner Take A Hike – Nancy Thompson

Started A Sheep:

Woodsong's Cruz'N Kenda Blur – Tammy Begler

## Highland Herding – Ann Witte

### **"WHOA THERE!"**

Our Beardies are sometimes more than just dogs. Two of my boys were just watching television; they only watch when there is some activity and are really most interested in other animals rather than people. What does this tell us about our dogs?

Mainly that they are triggered into action by the actions of other animals! This then leads to a logical conundrum for them - and us. There need to be a couple of rules for herding livestock safely;

(1) The Beardie needs to STOP when the sheep run, and

(2) Any dog that is at least 3' away from the stock cannot bite that stock!

The natural inclination of any herding dog will be to run faster if the sheep run; this leads to a mad chase and we don't want that. If you will STOP the dog every time the sheep speed up at first, he will learn that it is better to pace the work by himself and this will help him to understand how to do so. Most Beardies will stop when told to; some may need to stay on a lead or line for a while until the dog has learned self-control.

Staying off the sheep does come next, since the speed is such that a human cannot keep up. Once the dog is stopping - either on command or by himself as needed - then you can contribute to the idea of maintaining distance with the commanded stops. If you will initially make your Beardie stay at least 3' off the sheep, he will quickly understand the value of staying off.

Happy Herding!

## Litter Listing – Elizabeth Hayes

***The BCCA does not endorse, recommend, or warrant any breeders or dogs who are included in the Litter Listing.***

Send updates to [Elizabeth Hayes](mailto:Elizabeth.Hayes@bcca.com)

2/14/12

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303-400-1993  
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Am. GCH Can CH Talamore Last Comic Standing X CH Meadows' Emerald At Genineye HIC, CGC  
Sire: BC-3842G31M-VPI; CERF: BC-1377; Thyroid: BC-TH235/57M-VPI  
Dam: BC-3964G26F-VPI; CERF: BC-1477; Thyroid: BC-TH341/26F-VPI  
2 Black M, 1 Brown M, 3 Black F

2/20/12

Chantal Andrew  
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352-489-8988  
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CH Runningmtn Light Fawntastic X CH Chaniam Meadhair  
Sire: BC-4062E37M-VPI; CERF: BC-360173; Thyroid: Normal, BC-TH403/37M VPI; Elbow: BC-EL547M37VPI; CHIC 77456  
Dam: BC-3663E24F-VPI; CERF: BC-1295; Thyroid: Normal BC-322/53F: CHIC 66836  
1 Black M, 4 Blue M, 2 Black F, 1 Blue F

March 4, 2012

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4 Black F; 2 Blue F  
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4 Black M; 1 Brown M; 2 Black F

April 17, 2012

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3 Black M, 1 Black F



## Membership – Elizabeth Hayes

### Welcome New Members!

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## Agility – Libby Myers-Buhite & David Williamson

Congratulations to our four AKC Champions in both the Regular and Preferred programs, both requiring 20 QQs and 750 Championship points, and our first Beardie Time 2 Beat (T2B)\* titlist!

MACH2 Diane Lipman's Paige - 25 March 2012  
CH MACH2 Wigglesworth Walk This Way CD RA MXF VX ROMAX

MACH Lori Weinberg's Blade - 19 February 2012  
MACH Cameron's On The Cutting Edge OF

MACH Glenn Alexander's Morgan – 10 March 2012  
CH MACH Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXF T2B  
PACH & PAX Lori Weinberg's Rocky - 19 April 2012  
MACH PACH Chanium Creag MXP3 MJP5 PAX XF PG1 PJ1 PR1 HIC CGC

T2B Glenn Alexander's Morgan – 17 March 2012  
CH MACH Wynsum Many Splendored Thing RN PT MXF T2B

\*Time 2 Beat is a combination course of Standard and Jumpers With Weaves. While dogs of any skill level are allowed to compete, to be successful you need to demonstrate an advanced level of skills. To earn a T2B title a dog will need 15 Qs and one hundred points. Points are awarded as follows: The first place dog will earn 10 points. All other qualifying dogs with a time that is within 10% of the time of the first place dog (the Time To Beat) will receive 9 points. Within 20% is 8 points, and so on all the way down to 90%.

Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers Regional Specialty All Breed Agility Trial  
Elk Grove, California - April 21 & 22, 2012  
By Dawn Kinney, NCBCF President and Chief Ring Steward for the Trial

Normally cool and breezy, the April NCBCF all breed agility trial surprised competitors with a 90-degree heat wave, and they responded with frequent trips to the wading pool. With over 1,000 runs over the 2 days, **Agility Chair, Sharon Prassa** and the 14 other attending Beardie owners pitched in and worked hard to make the trial a success. Although **Steve Lausmann's Izzy** could not compete because of an injury, he came to set up and tear down. **Dick and Cindy Nellipowitz with Nitro** and **Suzi and Matt Beddoe with Emma** made the long drive from Oregon to support the trial and compete. Northern California was well represented from the Sierra Foothills: **Dave and Sharon Anderson with MacKenzie**, the Central Valley: **Iris Berry with Blue**, **Carol Colavecchio with Pal**, **Sharon Prassa with Ry and Zoot**, and **Karen Ryder with Sadie**, the San Francisco Bay Area: **Sharon Baker with Dani**, **Dawn Kinney with Buffy and Wick**, and **Shannon Smart with Beckham**, and the Salinas Valley: **Nancy Layton with Scout**.

Saturday included runs in Standard, JWW, T2B and Fast. To shorten the day, FAST was omitted on Sunday. **Judges Kera Holm and Tammy Domico**, also an NCBCF member, created fun flowing courses. **Kera** said: "I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the trial this weekend; if the weather had co-operated a bit, it would have been perfect! The Beardie Teams were great, the comradeship always fabulous, and the Beardies did not even seem to know it was hot; all they wanted to do was play! Thank you so much for taking care of us during this trial. We missed Libby's laughter, but as she knows, there were no worries as to how the trial was run! Thank you so much for everything." **Tammy** wrote: "I think this year's trial went very well, relaxed and efficient. Yes, the heat was surprising to us all but for the most part People and Pups held up and had a good time. The Club did a wonderful job filling in to work and helping with course building. Always nice to see the host Club handle their responsibilities with enthusiasm and smiles."

Congratulations to **Dave Anderson and MacKenzie** who earned her Novice FAST title and to our HIT Beardies.

Saturday

**Standard and JWW Buffy and Dawn Kinney**  
MACH Dunnachie's Buffy Slays Me RN HT OF CL2-R HIC CGC VX

**T2B Beckham and Shannon Smart**  
CH Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham OA AXJ OF CL1-H TDI CGC

**FAST MacKenzie and Dave Anderson**  
Highlander Let's Dance CD RE NA NAJ HIC CGC VA

Sunday

**Standard Emma and Suzi Beddoe**  
CH Headlines Upcoming News BN RN NA NAJ CGC VA

Many thanks to **Sharon Prassa** and **Shannon Smart** for the beautiful and well-received trophies, engraved “Agility Pioneer Beardie” vases on Saturday and balance disks on Sunday. Thanks, too, to our generous trophy sponsors!

## Rally & Obedience – Marylou McLeod

### New Titles in Obedience and Rally

“Caol Ila”, L'il Clove Caol Ila owned by Ruth and Neil Bryden finished her Beginner Novice and Rally Novice titles at the Lower Camden, PA trial on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. She is now PT HT BN RN NA NAJ.

“Elton”, Brampton’s Pinball Wizard, completed his Beginner Novice title on March 25<sup>th</sup>. He also earned two Advanced Rally legs that day. His brother “Monty”, Brampton’s Flying Circus also earned two Novice Rally legs the same day. “Elton” and “Monty” are owned by Heather Gahres.

Ch Wynsum Rhythm and Brews NA NAJ NF RA “Smitty” completed his Rally Advanced title with a first place score of 97 at the Saginaw Valley KC show on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. I just found out that “Smitty” was top Novice Rally Beardie for 2011, what a wonderful surprise! “Smitty” is owned by Jan Leverenz.

My “Marley” finished his RE on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the trials in Amana, Iowa under the NEW RULES, with first place. “Marley” is now Ch Brika’s Reggae Finale HT RE NA OAJ and it’s also his 8<sup>th</sup> AKC title. “Marley” is owned and trained by Carol Freeman.

“Peggy Sue”, Ch Winberlee’s Picture Perfect RA PT CGC earned her Rally Excellent title on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with a fine score of 89 and a 4<sup>th</sup> place. She earned the title at the Terry-All Kennel Club show in Brighton, CO. “Peggy Sue” is owned by Joyce Ann Burgett.

“Danner” Woodsong’s Danner Take A Hike RA HSAsd earned his Rally Advanced title at the Turquoise Cluster in Glendale, AZ on April 7<sup>th</sup>. “Danner” is owned by Nancy Thompson.

### Cartoon

#### *MacLean and Company*



*"He says he's finished building his  
new web site"*

## BCCA Charitable Trust



The Bearded Collie Club of America CHARITABLE TRUST, is a 501(c) 3 organization that provides a means of collecting tax-deductible donations in support of the educational, health and rescue needs of Bearded Collies. The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of members of the Bearded Collie Club of America or one of its affiliates or regional clubs. Membership is not required to participate in the Trust's activities.

Tax-deductible donations of any amount are welcome and will be acknowledged in writing. We accept dedicated contributions for health and rescue and undesignated funds for other purposes such as scholarships, seminars, publications and educational conferences. Donations may be made in memory or in honor of a particular individual or dog. If you are interested in making a donation, please click the below link, complete the donation form and mail as directed on the form. All donations must be received prior to January 1 to be tax-deductible for the previous tax year.

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Donation Form: [http://www.bccacharitabletrust.org/donation\\_form.pdf](http://www.bccacharitabletrust.org/donation_form.pdf)

## BCCA Memorial Fund

Do you have a special friend you would like to be remembered for years to come? The Memorial Fund was established to provide a very special way for you to express your condolences to someone on the loss of their Beardie or one of your own by making a donation of \$30.00 or more. Best of all -- the proceeds benefit BCCA Rescue! A satin brass plate with the Beardie's name, year of birth and year of death will be permanently affixed to a walnut plaque. For more information on this wonderful program, please visit the BCCA web site.

[http://bccca.us/organization/Memorial\\_Fund.html](http://bccca.us/organization/Memorial_Fund.html)

## IMPORTANT UPDATE ~ HOST HOTEL

As National Specialty Advisor, I am writing to update the Beardie Community. After recently meeting with the Pacific Palms hotel, I am very pleased to report that our Specialty reservations have already exceeded our room guarantee by almost 40%! HOORAY for HOLLYWOOD, indeed! I certainly hope this is an early indication of how much fun in the sun we will have with all those Beardies running around the Palm trees!

### **The first question - Is the Pacific Palms hotel sold out during the BCCA Specialty?**

No, the Pacific Palms is not completely sold out, yet. As I said, we have exceeded our BCCA National Specialty guaranteed room block by nearly 40%. The room block was based on the actual number of rooms sold over the last 3 year's history of BCCA National Specialties.

### **Another Question - Do we have an alternate hotel?**

No, because the host hotel is not sold out. There are rooms available, however, since we now have brought it to the hotel's attention that we have far exceeded our room guarantee, the hotel has revised their going rate. All BCCA rooms reserved going forward until April 1st will be charged at the rate of \$159 or the "Best Possible Rate" depending on room type. This is ONLY WHILE THEIR ROOM SUPPLY LASTS!

### **WHAT DO WE DO WHEN THE HOTEL IS FULL?**

It happens every year... people book multiple rooms that they don't need, or book a room and find out they can't get off work, or have a litter of puppies they just can't leave, or decide to room together with others who already have a room booked. Well we have a plan... we have set up a BCCA Room Waiting List with the Pacific Palms for the sole purpose of helping Specialty goers connect. Here is the way it works...

### **IF YOU NEED A ROOM -**

Please contact Esther Hernandez, Reservations Manager, at the Pacific Palms, [ehernandez@pacificpalmsresort.com](mailto:ehernandez@pacificpalmsresort.com) (626) 854-2567. Esther has been kind enough to keep a BCCA Room Waiting List and will add your name and contact information. When a room is cancelled from our group, she will contact you to see if you still want it and she will take your reservation. This plan is ONLY good until August 22.

### **TO CANCEL A ROOM -**

As a courtesy to others, please don't keep a room reservation "JUST IN CASE". As soon as possible or before August 15th, if you have a room that you are NOT going to use please contact Esther in reservations to cancel your room so that she can give it to someone on the waiting list who does not have a reservation.

Please remember in all cases, if you have a room at the Pacific Palms that has not been

canceled by August 22nd, your credit card will be charged for 50% of the room nights that you have reserved. This is a non-refundable deposit towards your stay at the hotel and we are unable to intervene on your behalf.

After August 22nd, all rooms at the Pacific Palms that have not been reserved will be sold at the hotel's Best Available Rate. So call and get on that waiting list so you will pay the BCCA rate when a room becomes available.

Again please be courteous to your fellow National goers and do not book more rooms than you know you'll need. Please also check the dates you have reserved -- this year's Specialty is one week later than 2011's. If you are staying for the Award's Banquet and plan to leave the next morning, your checkout date is October 13, 2012.

Thank you for your cooperation.

All the best,

Lisa Voss

[lvossheadline@yahoo.com](mailto:lvossheadline@yahoo.com)

Our 2012 Show website includes a lot of new information about events, menus and forms. The Beardie Boutique offers some must-have show mementos ~ all under \$20!!!

Get a sneak peek at the 2012 logo-wear and iconic Welcome Bag!

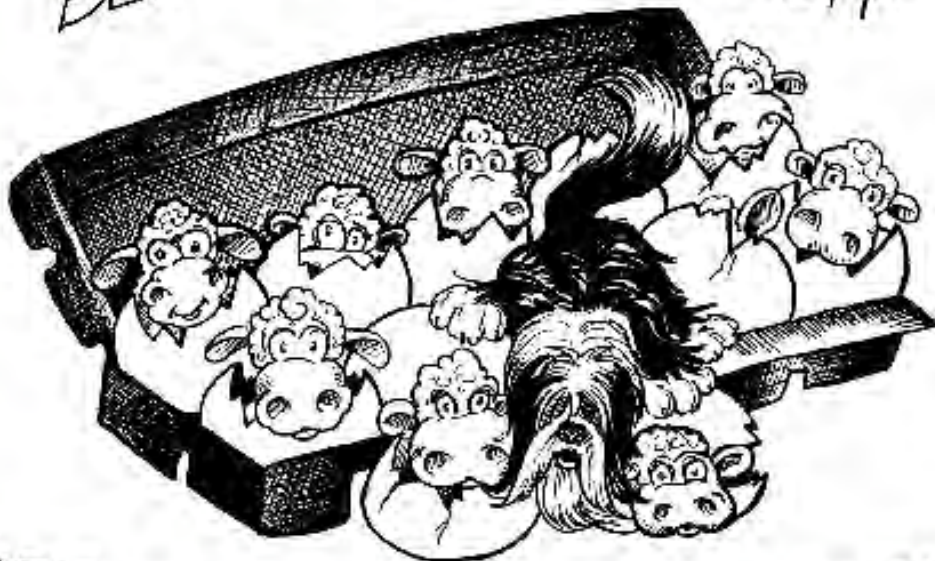
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**Supported Entry**
- **June 2, 2012**; Entries close May 16
- Boulder County Fairgrounds; Longmont, CO



*Bearded Collies to be judged by:*

*Regular Classes: Dr. Steve Keating*

*Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes:  
Mr Don Means*

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Herding - 2 Trials in 1 Day

Wed, June 6 • Judges Ted Ondrak & Marian Pott

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and

Obedience and Rally

before conformation on Friday • Judge Lora Cox

**Saturday night: BBQ Ribs & Chicken dinner- Presold tickets**

Menu: BBQ Pork Ribs, Chicken, Caesar Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes. **PRICE \$18.00**

Cake for desert - courtesy of WOOFSTOCK. Orders must be placed by June 3<sup>rd</sup>! Please send checks to: Keven Birdwell, 411 Brigham Place, Danville, CA 94526 (925) 743-0880

Judges:

Thursday: Jean Fournier

Friday: Col. Joe Purkhiser

Saturday: Joyce Vanek

Sunday: Fred Bassett

Entries close: May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Superintendent: MBF [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

**SPECIALTY SWEEPS JUDGE**

**Jill Floberg**

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Tie dyed logo items available for sale. Our logo changes each year. Collect them all.

Saturday is "Tie-Dye Day"! **Best Costume Contest on Saturday!**

Judging held prior to the groups on Saturday. Prizes awarded for best costumes:

**\$100 for Best Male & Female -\$25 Best Youth -\$25 Best Dog!**

All rings tented, music throughout the day, mardi gras "peace beads" for BOB!



Remember when dog shows were FUN??  
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The Bearded Collie Club of Southern California

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## 2012 Annual Regional Specialty

Thursday, July 5, 2012 -- Seaside Park, Ventura, CA

Sweepstakes: *Sandy Remell*

Regular & Non-Regular Classes: *Patricia (Pat) Hastings*



Followed by three days of supported entries at the same location:

**Friday, July 6, Channel City Kennel Club**

**Saturday, July 7, Santa Maria Kennel Club**

**Sunday, July 8, Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association**

Join the **BCCSC** for ringside happy-hour following regular classes

Anna Marie Yura -- Show Chair

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**BCCA**  
***Great Lakes Regional Specialty***  
*Great Lakes, Great State, Great Beardies*  
**July 6, 2012**

***Sportsmens Training Center***  
***Warren, Michigan***  
Superintendent: [www.alwaysawinner.com](http://www.alwaysawinner.com)

***Breed Judge: Ms. Eileen Ashton (Ashvale) South Africa***  
***Puppy & Veteran Sweeps: Mrs. Patricia McDonald (Chelsic) USA***



***Supported entries at Ann Arbor KC***  
***(Monroe, Michigan)***  
***July 7 - Mr. Thomas W. Coen***  
***(Join the GLBCC for a "Made in Michigan" Luncheon)***  
***July 8 - Mr. Donavon Thompson***



Summer in Seattle? Pike Market? Space Needle? Ferry to the Islands? Save the Date!

The Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound is hosting its annual Regional Specialty July 27-29.

Judging obedience, rally and junior handling on Friday will be Alan Immerman.

Judging Sweepstakes on Friday will be Kirsten Andreassend.

Judge for classes and BOB will be Chantal Andrew.

Saturday and Sunday will be two days of agility judged by Jeff Ipser.

Mark these dates ~ more info to follow

# Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound



**Regional Specialty**  
**Friday July 27, 2012**  
Argus Ranch, Auburn, Washington

Breed Judge: Chantal Andrew  
Sweepstakes Judge: Kirsten Andreassend  
Obedience, Rally, Junior Handling: Alan Immerman

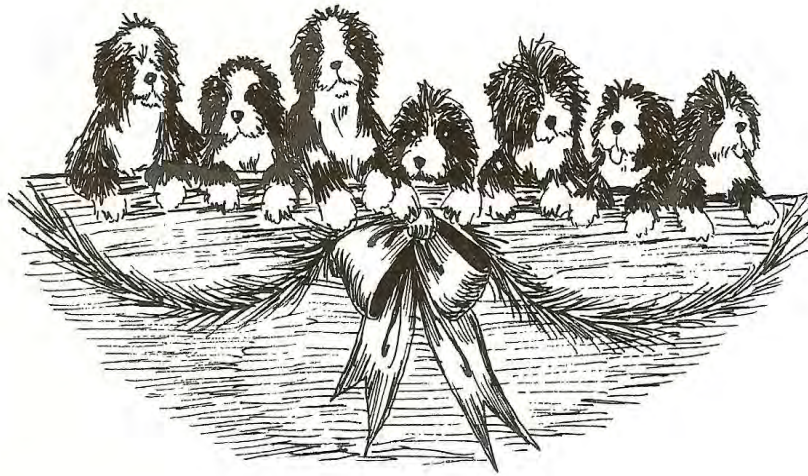
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Show Chairperson – Linda Perkins, [beardiebrat@comcast.net](mailto:beardiebrat@comcast.net) (360)791-3661

**All Breed Agility Trial**  
**Saturday and Sunday**  
**July 28-30, 2012**

Agility Judge: Jeff Ipser  
Trial Secretary: R2agility Trial Secretary Services, Robin Cohen (425) 788-2247  
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Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound – <http://www.nwbcc.org>



**The Futurity Program is coming to an end with the 2012 National Specialty. Thank you to all who have believed in and supported it during its historical run!**

The 2012 Futurity will be held in conjunction with the National Specialty in California and will be adjudicated by Breeder/Judge Cindy Alspaugh.

Questions? Contact Kim Semyan, Futurity Chair  
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Be Informed

## Next Bagpipes Deadline

**June 1, 2012- 6pm Left-Coast (PST)**

Send all submissions to [wendy.marciante@bccca.us](mailto:wendy.marciante@bccca.us)  
Submission Guidelines are noted on the next page.

## BCCA NEW Website

<http://bccca.us/>

## Join the BCCA!

Download the [Application Form](#) , [Constitution/By-Laws](#), and [Code of Ethics](#). After completing the application form (including sponsor section), send form and fee to Elizabeth Hayes, 450 Welsh Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

## Standing Rules

The Standing Rules may be [downloaded here](#). Printed copies of the Standing Rules may be obtained by mailing a self-addressed, stamped 9x12 envelope to the Recording Secretary, Cindy Alspaugh, 5552 Polson Lane, Iron Station, NC 28080. Please provide return postage for a 1 oz. package (currently 74-cents).

## Breed Brochure

"*A Lifetime of Friendship...The Bearded Collie*" is an informational brochure and is available for sale at \$3.00 for 10 copies. Make checks payable to BCCA and send to Mrs. Arlene Rubenstein, PO Box 2877, Flagstaff, AZ 86003-2877.

## Bagpipes Content Submission Guidelines

The Bearded Collie Club of America (BCCA) is comprised of Members whose interest in and involvement with their Beardies encompass the many abilities attributable to this versatile Breed. The BCCA encourages its Members to submit content for publication in the Bagpipes and offers the following guidelines:

### CONTENT:

#### May Include:

1. *Therapy articles/stories*
  - a. Beardies recently certified
  - b. Therapy stories/photos
2. *Rainbow Bridge Memorials*
3. *Regional Club activity announcements*
  - a. Bounces and local get-togethers
4. *Companion articles*
  - a. How I spend the day with my Bearded
  - b. How my Bearded has changed my/our life
  - c. Special events like birthday celebrations
5. *Everyday events shared with Beardies*
  - a. Herding
  - b. Agility
  - c. Rally
  - d. Obedience
  - e. Scent
6. *Educational*
  - a. Health Information
  - b. Foods/Treats (recipes appreciated)
  - c. Grooming Tips
  - d. Travel Tips
  - e. Training Tips
  - f. Breeders' Advice
7. *A SIMPLE ONE-LINE BRAG*
  - a. Billy Bob earned his XYZ this weekend

#### May NOT Include:

1. Brags or announcements that would ordinarily appear in either a paid ad for the Bagpipes or Bearded Bulletin.
2. Any other submission which may be deemed by the Board as one that conflicts with the Standing Rules as published and pertaining to rules governing both the Club's newsletter and Bearded Bulletin.

The following guidelines are based upon the expectation that all submissions are via email to the editor at [wendy.marciante@bccca.us](mailto:wendy.marciante@bccca.us)

If your submission is **Text**:

Please send your content in a **WORD** document – please do **NOT** use a lot of tabs or other formatting tools – they do not transfer into our Newsletter’s software and require a great deal of editing to produce an end product that looks like your submission.

If your submission is primarily **Numbers**:

Please submit this type of content in an Excel spreadsheet or pdf – please do **NOT** use a Word document. It is better to send two separate files than use Word as a means to express a lot of numbers.

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Please send in a jpeg or pdf format. Please keep in mind that only minor corrections for typos, etc., can be made to these files, so please review your content very carefully before submitting for publication.

The Editor will take every precaution possible to ensure that your submission looks fantastic and exactly how you wish to present your message. Common spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors will be corrected, but the Editor will not make changes to titles or Owner/dog names unless directed to do so **IN WRITING** by the submitter.

Please do be mindful of the deadlines and advise the Editor as quickly as is possible of any revisions you intend to make to something already submitted. In most cases, it is best to send **ONLY** the change(s) to an already submitted item, rather than the entire file. Please feel free to ask before you go to a lot of work revising your submission. We will do everything imaginable to work with you post-deadline, but cannot guarantee substantial last-minute changes.

Thank you so very much for contributing to the Bagpipes.

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# BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ

**Name** Rosemary Schroeder

**Candidate for Position of** President

**Address** 1405 Everest Road, Venice, FL 34293

**Occupation** Retired

**Joined the BCCA in** 1977

## **Summary of previous service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

I have served as BCCA Recording Secretary, Board Member, Vice President, and President. I have been editor of the Bagpipes, compiled the Roster for 12 years, maintained the membership database, compiled the information and photos for the Pioneer Booklet, served as the board liaison for the Illustrated Standard. I have been chairperson of Beardie Camp since 2000, and have served on or chaired other committees such as National Specialty Chair, Judges Education Committee, BCCA mentor, Editorial Committee, Rescue, and the Charitable Trust.

## **Experience with Bearded Collies**

I have owned Beardies since 1978 and have participated in conformation, agility, and obedience. I have done a bit of breeding, but breeding was not my main goal. My primary mentors in the breed have been Anne Dolan Smith, Suzanne Moorhouse, and Mary Jo Steger who all taught me so much about the breed and to whom I am very grateful. I have to say that I've learned something from every breeder I have ever met. I have judged sweepstakes for various local clubs across the country and have judged sweeps twice at the BCCA National Specialty.

## **Regional Club Membership/ Activities**

In the 80's I was a member of the Bearded Collie Club of Greater Cincinnati and served as president and secretary at various times. I was also co-chairman when the BCCGC hosted the BCCA National Specialty in 1987. Currently I am a new member of the Bearded Collie Club of Central Florida. I haven't been as active in that club as I should be since my time seems to be taken up with the presidency of the BCCA. I did, however, help in a small way at the BCCA booth at the Eukanuba Show in December. And then there's Beardie Camp. I am gearing up for our 7th camp this June.

## **What goals do you think the BCCA needs to pursue and what policies would you suggest to implement these goals?**

My goals for myself as President of the BCCA include the following:

- \* I am dedicated to updating our current bylaws and standing rules so that future boards and members will have clear guidance. I see this as a major necessity for the club.
- \* I would like to continue to improve communication among members through constructive implementation of the members list and through a redesign of our website to include information for all members regardless of their interests.
- \* I think it is important to digitize our records and to store them electronically where they can be accessed by those who need them and where they will be organized for easy reference and can be safely backed up. It's time we stopped shipping cartons of our records around the country with every secretary change.
- \* I want all job descriptions, committee responsibilities, and BCCA guidelines made available on the website. This includes descriptions of the roles of the officers and board as well as committee chairs, editors, webmaster, AKC delegate, etc. This is already underway, and I hope to have these ready for the new design.
- \* I believe we need to continue our research on the best ways to communicate with our members through the internet. I would like to have a reliable means of voting electronically that would both limit votes to one per member but allow also for anonymity.
- \* I would like to have the BCCA have the ability to send out emails to its members through a means of our own rather than using a service such as Constant Contact.
- \* I believe we need to define "affiliate clubs" and to enumerate the ways that the BCCA can support them or we need to do away with that term and discontinue asking the local clubs to pay dues to the BCCA.
- \* It is important to continually be mindful of our treasury and to be good stewards of the club's assets.
- \* I am supportive of therapy dogs, and encourage those who enjoy working with their Beardies toward this worthwhile cause to expand their services. I want to see them receive much support from the club as a whole and look forward to the expansion of this new venue.
- \* I hope to lead our club through these difficult times and to represent the BCCA as best I can in the current litigation that we find ourselves.
- \* I am committed to spending the necessary time to accomplish the above goals and to deal with members' questions, concerns, and suggestions. The BCCA exists to serve all members regardless of where their interests lie. While I am not a member of all the various lists that Beardie owners participate in, I do read the posts to the members list several times a day in order to answer, if needed, in a timely fashion.

# BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ

**Name** Joanne Williamson

**Candidate for Position of** Vice President

**Address** 360 Reed Farm Rd, Boxborough, MA 01719

**Occupation** Retired (since 2004) scientist

**Joined the BCCA in** 1986

## **Summary of previous service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

BCCA Board: President, 2010-2011; Immediate Past President/Vice President, 2011-2012

Standing Committees: Agility, Statistician, 1997-2012; Versatility chair, 2001-2005; Banner Custodian, 2010-2012

National Specialty: 2005 Rally/Obedience Chair; 2009 Conformation Chair; 2011 Herding and Agility chair; 2013 overall National Specialty Chair

Chair of AKC all breed agility trials which have earned the BCCA a total of over \$20,000, 2009-2012.

## **Experience with Bearded Collies**

I have owned Beardies since 1983. Although my Beardies are primarily my companions, I have enjoyed training and competing with them in conformation, agility, herding, obedience and rally. I have also bred three litters under my kennel name, Balgrae. Two of the puppies from these litters have achieved Beardie Performance firsts: the first MXJ and MACH and the first RA-RAE title holder. I have trained and handled eight of my Beardies to BCCA VA awards, six to the VX, and one to the MV and have earned BCCA National Specialty HIT awards in agility, herding, and obedience.

## **Regional Club Membership/ Activities**

Member of the Garden State Bearded Collie Clan since 1984. I served this club multiple times as President and on the Board. I was the show secretary for the B/A matches required to obtain licensed club status from the AKC and served in a variety of roles in the organization of the GSBCC annual regional Specialty and other club activities such as fund raising matches and training parties/picnics. I am also a member of the Wachusett Kennel club since 2006 and have served as club secretary and on the agility trial committee. I have been an AKC Rally judge since 2005.

## **What goals do you think the BCCA needs to pursue and what policies would you suggest to implement these goals?**

(1) I think the BCCA should set up a fund within the treasury to make sure the club can weather any major financial problems with our National Specialty without affecting the club's ability to support other major functions like rescue. I have proposed that we start this fund with some of the profits from the 2011 Nationals. Further, I have offered to run an additional weekend of all breed agility trials in April which would provide approximately \$5,000/year for the NS fund with money raised from outside the Beardie community.

(2) I believe the Board needs to encourage the Rescue committee to undertake a revision/updating of the committee's existing written guidelines. In addition, we need to investigate whether it makes sense to spin off the Rescue committee as an independent 501c3.

(3) I support the investment of club funds to update the coding of the club's web site, allow set up of a secure member's section and simplify electronic handling of routine matters like membership renewal for those members who prefer to carry out this type of business on line. In addition, I would like to see the Beardie competition data that we now must purchase from AKC in order to do the BCCA annual awards be available to members on the web site.

(4) As part of the bylaws revision process, I support creation of a non-voting membership that individuals considering club membership can choose if they wish to.

# BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ

**Name** Elizabeth Hayes

**Candidate for Position of** Corresponding Secretary

**Address** 450 Welsh Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

**Occupation** Legal Assistant

**Joined the BCCA in** 1994 or 1995

## **Summary of previous service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

Corresponding Secretary, 2002-2006

Obedience Committee member, 2005-present

National Specialty, 2010 - Obedience and Rally co-chairman

## **Experience with Bearded Collies**

I got my first Beardie in 1992 and have had them ever since. I've shown three Beardies to their breed championship and have put Rally Novice titles on two. I had been training my youngest Beardie in agility until she injured her back but hope to resume training shortly.

Currently, I have three Beardies and all of them are registered therapy dogs.

## **Regional Club Membership/ Activities**

Independence Bearded Collie Club of Greater Philadelphia - currently, vice president, past recording secretary

Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club - currently treasurer and obedience and rally chairman, past recording secretary

## **What goals do you think the BCCA needs to pursue and what policies would you suggest to implement these goals?**

Seeing to the adoption of the revisions to the bylaws in the next fiscal year and seeing to the website redesign. \

# BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ

**Name** Casey Minner

**Candidate for Position of** Treasurer

**Address** 14179 Deep Wood Ave Woodford, VA 22580

**Occupation** Project Manager

**Joined the BCCA in**

## **Summary of previous service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

Served as Treasurer FY2011-12. Served as Logowear Chair for National Specialties in 2001, 2007 and 2011.

## **Experience with Bearded Collies**

We added our first beardie to our family in 1994 with the arrival of Magic. In 1995, with our second beardie, O'Shea, my mother began doing conformation. My first puppy, Jester, was born in 1997 and together we did breed, agility, obedience and rally. Since then our family has grown to include a number of beardies and we've added herding and tracking to our repertoire of activities. On weekends, I can usually be found in the middle of a field surrounded by lots of other dog people whether it's at a show or a trial. I now share my house with 4 beardies ranging in age from 2.5yo-11yo

## **Regional Club Membership/ Activities**

I have served on the NCBCB board as well as the agility committee. I've also been active in my regional agility club.

## **What goals do you think the BCCA needs to pursue and what policies would you suggest to implement these goals?**

I think the BCCA should seek to get back to being a group of people who all care deeply and work towards the betterment of the Bearded Collie.



# BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ

**Name** Linda Taylor

**Candidate for Position of** Recording Secretary

**Address** 801 South Park, San Angelo, Texas 76901

**Occupation** Independent Business Woman (wool, mohair, and cotton) **Joined the BCCA in** 2002

## **Summary of previous service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

I have served as Recording Secretary of the BCCA from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2009. I served as the co-chair of the Fund-raising Committee for the 2009 National Specialty and will do so again in 2013. I have worked with caricature artist Mike McCartney on two projects, Bouncing Beardies logowear (2008) with proceeds going to Beardie Health and The 40th Anniversary logowear (2009) with proceeds going to celebrate our 30 year members. I currently serve as the chairperson for the BCCA Companion Dog Committee and I am the Rescue Contact of West Texas.

## **Experience with Bearded Collies**

In 2002 I purchased my first Bearded Collie. From that point on, life at my home has revolved around all things Beardie. Sharing the last 10 years with 5 incredible Beardies, two of whom are rescues, has been one of the greatest thrills of my life. My Beardies have allowed me to experience unconditional love, loyalty, devotion, laughter and just "pure dee joy". Through my experiences with Bearded Collies, I have crossed paths and become friends with wonderful people from all over the world.

## **Regional Club Membership/ Activities**

I am a charter member of the Bearded Collie Club of Texas. I have attended and participated in 8 of the last 9 National Specialties and attended Beardie Camp in 2004, 06, 08, 10, and will be attending again in June of this year. My dogs and I have enjoyed working in herding, obedience, rally, and dock diving together.

## **What goals do you think the BCCA needs to pursue and what policies would you suggest to implement these goals?**

In my opinion one of the biggest goals the Bearded Collie Club of America faces at this time is to regain the vision for the club to be united around the health and welfare of this most magnificent breed, the Bearded Collie. In order to do this the board needs to listen to the members and respond to each question that is presented. We need to establish a line of communication of continuity and openness. Most of all we all need to learn to TRUST.

# BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ

**Name** William Carter

**Candidate for Position of** Director

**Address** 37816 160th PL SE Auburn, WA 98092

**Occupation** Regional Director of Sales, Kelly Moore Paint Company      **Joined the BCCA in** 1986

## **Summary of previous service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

- BCCA Board Member, 2001-2004
- Show Chairman for three National Specialties
  - 1993 - sponsored by the BCC of the Golden West.
  - 2001 & 2006 - sponsored by the Northwest BCC of Puget Sound

## **Experience with Bearded Collies**

- Joined the BCCA in 1986 and have exhibited in conformation since that time.
- Bred five litters, each producing sound dogs with sound minds.
- Judged sweeps at one National and three Regional Specialties:
  - 2003 BCCA National, Asheville, NC
  - 2007 & 2001 Northern California BCF
  - 2000 BCCA/Great Lakes BCC

## **Regional Club Membership/ Activities**

- NWBCC club member from 1996 – present
- Show chair for six NWBCC of PS regional specialties
- Famous club Tri Tip BBQ expert at our yearly agility trial and Beardie Bounce.

## **What goals do you think the BCCA needs to pursue and what policies would you suggest to implement these goals?**

- Based on my experience chairing successful National Specialties, I would like to work with host clubs in the planning, preparing, financing and presentation of our National Specialties.
- I want to continue the work on the revision of the by-laws and standing rules with the board and the membership.
- As an experienced breeder I want to work with fellow members looking at traditional techniques and new information that will improve our breed.
- Always ask and listen to the membership for their insight into important issues.
- Create a team of experienced club members to assist the regional club sponsoring the National, in negotiating National Specialty contracts.
- Create a conversation between the board and each region of the country that occurs quarterly for two hours via chat lines that put members in a dialogue pertinent to their concerns and ideas.
- Research how other Parent Clubs conduct annual elections, with the idea of allowing/encouraging more member participation.

# BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ

**Name** Pat Colombo

**Candidate for Position of** Board of Directors

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**Occupation** Not For Profit Executive Director/Speech Pathologist

**Joined the BCCA in** 1997

## **Summary of previous service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

Chair of Junior Showmanship Committee

Chair of Awards Committee

Conformation Co-Chair 2011 Specialty

Auction Co-Chair 2013 Specialty

## **Experience with Bearded Collies**

Bred and co-bred 14 litters - Finished 22 champions

Dogs have also titled in Rally, Obedience, Herding and Agility

Participate in therapy work with developmentally disabled children and adults

Serve as Co-ordinator of the BOW Calendar Group which has raised over \$75,000 to benefit beardie health and rescue efforts worldwide.

## **Regional Club Membership/ Activities**

Previous member of GLBCC and have assisted with their regional specialty/auction

## **What goals do you think the BCCA needs to pursue and what policies would you suggest to implement these goals?**

Complete the revision of the by-laws, allow for review and input from the membership and then adopt.

Address the issue of a Code of Ethics which can be fairly administered.

Increase involvement and input from more members.

Develop a Plan of Succession for the organization so that more members are able to participate in committees, chairs are able to rotate and the entire membership feels empowered and heard.

Revise voting and modes of communication to take greatest advantage of current technology.

Support and acknowledge the participation of the many nameless club members who volunteer their time and talents behind the scenes at the national and regional levels.

Communicate - Communicate - Communicate!!!

Become better listeners.

Always base decisions on maintaining and improving our beloved breed.

# BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ

**Name** Robert Lamm

**Candidate for Position of** Board of Directors

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**Occupation** IT Manager

**Joined the BCCA in** 1991

## **Summary of previous service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

Catalog committee, 2011 BCCA National

## **Experience with Bearded Collies**

At Raintree Bearded Collies, we acquired our first Beardie in 1991, and bred our first litter in 1993. We have averaged a litter every 1-2 years, and have bred over 20 champions, including two who have been top ranked in conformation statistics and have won the national specialty. I have judged sweepstakes for the National Capital and Garden State specialties, and am approved by AKC to judge Beardies.

## **Regional Club Membership/ Activities**

I joined the Garden State Bearded Collie Clan in 1991 and have been a club officer (Secretary, Vice-President, or President) for most of the time since. I guided the club through completing the requirements to be licensed by AKC to hold specialties. We have been active in holding conformation, obedience, rally, agility, and herding events.

## **What goals do you think the BCCA needs to pursue and what policies would you suggest to implement these goals?**

The goals of the BCCA are specified in the club constitution -- in summary, to promote quality and ethical breeding; encourage local Beardie clubs; promote judging according to the approved standard; protect and advance the interests of Bearded Collies; promote sportsmanship in competition; and conduct conformation shows and performance events for Beardies. Everything the Board does should be in accordance to these goals. Overall, I believe the BCCA has been operating in accordance with these goals. But every organization should strive for continuous improvement.

I support the creation of the committee to review the by-laws and standing rules to be sure these are brought up to date and are in alignment with the stated goals of the club. I look forward to reviewing the committee recommendations. I am also looking forward to the committee report on the judges selection process to see if there are potential improvements.

I have been studying other herding breeds and have been on many other clubs' web sites looking for judges education materials. Our judges education committee has produced a lot of excellent material. I would like to work with the judges education committee to organize the presentation of this material on our site to assist prospective judges. It is important to do whatever we can to promote the education of judges and support quality judging.

We have a diverse membership with a wide variety of knowledge and experience. To make use of this knowledge and experience, the Board should continue to develop methods of communication with the membership. The creation of the members list on Yahoo groups is good start, and I think we should continue to look for ways to solicit member ideas and feedback.

# BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ

**Name** Michele Ritter, Britannia Bearded Collies      **Candidate for Position of** Director

**Address** 196 Brick Church Road, Saylorsburg, PA 18353

**Occupation** Graphic Design assistant

**Joined the BCCA in** 1980

## **Summary of previous service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

- Director, Class of 1997
- Member of committee that created the BCCA's Versatility program
- BCCA Versatility Chair, 2005 - present
- Assist the Beardie Bulletin and the National specialty show committees with promotion and design
- BCCA 2010 Member of the Year

## **Experience with Bearded Collies**

I have bred over 100 champions and strongly believe in the breed's versatility - I've participated in obedience, rally, agility, tracking and herding. My beardies have won 15 owner-handled Bests in Show and over 200 Group Firsts. I bred, owned & handled the first beardie to win TWO National Specialties and followed up with her son doing the same and have won a total of six National Specialties. Seven of the nine beardies to obtain the coveted Master of Versatility are Britannia bred Beardies, including two that I trained and handled myself. In 2005, I was selected by the AKC as their Herding Breeder of the Year.

## **Regional Club Membership/ Activities**

I was a member of the now inactive Bearded Collie Club of Greater New York, and am currently a member of the National Capital Bearded Collie Club. Together with Chet Jezierski, I developed the challenge trophies for NCBCC and oversee the engraving, cleaning and replacement of those trophies. I assisted the club with design and promotion when they sponsored the 2001 and 2007 National Specialties.

## **What goals do you think the BCCA needs to pursue and what policies would you suggest to implement these goals?**

The BCCA has undergone a tumultuous year, that has pulled our attention away from the purpose of the club - I would like the club to get back to basics - (from the Constitution)

- to encourage and promote the quality and ethical breeding of purebred Bearded Collies and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- to encourage the organization of affiliated local Bearded Collie Clubs in those areas where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to support Club activities;
- to urge members and breeders to accept the breed Standard as established by the Club and approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Bearded Collies shall be judged;
- to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and herding trials and events; and,
- to conduct specialty shows and matches, obedience trials and herding trials and events under the rules of the American Kennel Club and the Bearded Collie Club of America.

In order to do this, we need to all work together, listen to each other, put the past behind us and move on. There is lots to do:

- The Bylaws are being revised, now is the time to respond to the Revision committee's survey and offer your input.
- Local independent clubs need support applying for and running National Specialties - it's an overwhelming task that can be lightened using the experience of many successful former show chairs.
- While many members receive club information either through email or the internet, we must not forget those who do not have access to either. It's important that they also receive club communications by mail.
- The BCCA web site offers a wonderful opportunity to archive our past, not just National Specialty results but all achievements of our beardies (herding, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, versatility.) How great would it be to go [www.bcca.us](http://www.bcca.us) to look up this information, instead of searching the 'net, or pouring through old newsletters? Current club info should also be available: the newsletter & roster, announcements, ballots, etc.

## BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUME'

**Name** Carol Ann Sirrine                      **Candidate for Position of** Board of Directors

**Address** 5652 Clinton Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419

**Occupation** Executive Director, ArtStart, a 501c-3 nonprofit arts org. **Joined the BCCA** in 1997

### **Previous Service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

I am a member in good standing of the BCCA and the Great Plains Bearded Collie Club. I have served as BCCA Immediate Past President, 2010-2011; BCCA President, 2008-2010; BCCA Corresponding Secretary, 2006-2008; National Specialty advisor, 2006-2007; BCCA National Specialty Co-Show Chair, 2009; and the BCCA National Specialty Show Chair, 2005. I was awarded the Baxter Chair for Creative Writing. Currently, I am serving on the BCCA Constitution and By-laws revision committee. I also serve as the Secretary of the Bearded Collie Club of America Charitable Trust.

### **Experience with Bearded Collies**

I adopted my first Beardie, Tuffy Burwell III, in 1980 from the Humane Society in Minneapolis. Tuffy, a companion dog extraordinaire, lived to be 15 years old. In 1996 we became the proud owners of CH Liam from the Artisan Kennels, who endured our inexperience. Then followed CH Lauren, who won HIT in herding at the 2000 National Specialty and DC Lochie our herding champion. CH Ashley, Lauren's daughter followed and added glamour to the household. After the loss of Liam from leptospirosis and Lauren at age 16 years this past spring, we added Leo and Linus. Our dogs are owner handled in the show ring and herding field.

### **Regional Club Membership/Activities**

I joined the Great Plains Bearded Collie Club in 1997. I have assisted every year at herding trials, including our regional specialty, the Beardie Clan Ceilidh, and at all-breed trials. I have done just about every herding job with the exception of trial chair or trial secretary. In addition, I have helped the club with fundraising projects and trophy acquisition. The most significant contribution I have made to the club is serving as show chair for the 2005 National Specialty, hosted by GPBCC. I feel deeply attached to this club because of its members and their love of Beardies and herding.

### **Goals/Policies**

I would like to see the BCCA achieve the following goals: 1.) to demonstrate an increased awareness of the needs of its membership through improved communication tools and expanded publications that appeal to a wider range of readers; 2.) to revise and streamline the leadership model to align directors, committees and regional clubs as key decision makers; 3.) to provide training for those interested in leadership, club management, legislative and legal issues twice yearly in different regions of the US; and, 4.) to model best practices in club management through ongoing self-reflection and assessment of policies and procedures including the constitution and by-laws, standing rules, financial practices, and other governance documents/issues.

The BCCA is at a crossroads in its life as an organization which has been magnified during the past year. I believe the club has a choice to embrace change and flourish or maintain the status quo and stagnate. We cannot continue to be at odds with one another and survive. Gone are the days of artifice, hubris, conceit or manufactured feuds. Instead dialogue, healing, and the rebuilding of trust are the order of the day. The BCCA board I led in 2008-2010 opened doors to some major changes-electronic Bagpipes, establishment of the Charitable Trust, and long-range planning.. I feel an obligation to see things through and assist the club, its quite remarkable president, Rosemary Schroeder, and some very good people through this transition.

# BCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ

**Name** Kathy Coxwell

**Candidate for Position of** AKC Delegate

**Address** 110 S. Mt. Pleasant Avenue

**Occupation** Attorney

**Joined the BCCA in** 1982

## **Summary of previous service on BCCA Board/Standing Committees/National Specialty**

Education Committee during the time the AKC video was produced; Recording Secretary; President; Worked on several national specialties including North Carolina, Atlanta 1988, Minnesota, Maine. Currently a member of the show committee for California 2012. Served as auction chair for Atlanta 1988. Judges Hospitality Chair for several shows including Maine and California (2012). Nominating Committee. AKC Delegate. Beardie Camp Auctioneer. Alabama coordinator for BCCA Rescue. Performed in 2 Beardie musicals.

## **Experience with Bearded Collies**

Have had Beardies since 1982. Finished all my show dogs in conformation and put an obedience title (CD) on one. Have done Instinct testing on 3 of my Beardies. Bred a total of 4 litters and if it could go wrong, it did; everything from congenital heart problems to puppies that resembled black and white Holstein cows. Decided I was better at service and competing. Completed CGC testing on two and therapy certification on Siggy. I have owned more (some rescues) than I can count. Belong to Florida Beardie Rescue and BCCA Rescue.

## **Regional Club Membership/ Activities**

No local club nearby, but have belonged to the following clubs, some of which are no longer active: Atlanta Bearded Collie Club; Magnolia Bearded Collie Club; Carolinas Bearded Club; Bearded Collie Club of Central Florida; Bearded Collie Club of Maine; and have application in for the Bearded Collie Club of Southern California. Helped with national specialties put on by these clubs, primarily with judges hospitality and general assistance.

## **What goals do you think the BCCA needs to pursue and what policies would you suggest to implement these goals?**

1. A revision of the by-laws and standing rules is essential. The committee is presently working on this, and at this time it is the top priority. There are standing rules that should be by-laws and by-laws that should be standing rules.
2. I would like to see the BCCA have a Code of Ethics which is reasonable and enforceable. We need to strengthen what we have, but at the same time remember that morality is not something easily legislated. If we are to have a code, there must be reasonable punishment for violations. We can never think of every single thing a member might do, so making it a laundry list is not feasible. I suggest we all view the new AKC Care and Conditions policy for some initial guidance. It is available on the AKC website.
3. I would like to see a better attendance at the annual meeting. I have not researched the cost, but I have attended enough online seminars (which allow participation) to know that it would be possible to have a set-up where those who could not be there in person could participate in the meeting. Those people would not be able to vote, as AKC rules do not allow clubs to conduct business online, but they would be aware of all discussion and hear the reports. I understand that in person attendance is the ideal, and I would hope that as many people as possible would attend, but as we know, the economy has created a bind for a lot of people. We have not had a quorum in years, and that tells me that people don't come unless there is a controversy. We should all attend every meeting if we are on-site.
4. I'd like to see more people attend the Board meetings. The Board represents all of us. Unless they go into executive session to discuss the good name and character of a member, the meetings are open to the membership. The membership needs to know what the board is actually doing and how they conduct business. Members cannot speak, but it's your way to get first hand what goes on.
5. Believe me, compared to many AKC member clubs, the BCCA is in very, very good shape. We have had our ups and downs, but compared to some of the horror stories I have heard from other delegates, we are light years ahead in terms of membership participation and collegiality. We have good people and good dogs. Let's concentrate on the good things and move forward. Showing is always competitive, and those who show are very competitive. But I'd like for us to be more like the attorneys I work with (in several counties): We fight for our clients because we have been hired to do so. But when we leave the courtroom, we don't slam, bang and blame each other because one side or the other didn't win. Win and lose with dignity, not divisiveness. Leave your anger and disappointment at ringside.