



Official Newsletter of the
Bearded Collie Club of America

May 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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LITTER LISTINGS

There have been few litters listed with the BCCA in the last years; the corresponding secretary receives frequent emails and calls from people interested in adding a beardie to their household, with few or no options where to send them, other than to the breeder business card listings.

At the 2015 AGM, several members suggested expanding the litter listing to also include litters with sires and dams that had not passed BCCA recommended health testing, as long as that information was included with the listing, with the intention of possibly expanding the gene pool of beardedies.

The board received a letter from a member last fall, questioning requiring passing health test results for sires and dams -

"Who could argue against any health screen? Seems reasonable that only the most healthiest of any breed should be consider for future generations. However, there does exist a downside. The basic issue becomes the lack of genetic diversity. As more and more dogs are culled from breeding programs with only those passing various health screens - whether it is hips/eyes/elbows/etc., the genetic material becomes more and more concentrated. With a breed that is already very limited in genetic diversity, this can have serious long-term effects on the breed. (Note: Finnish Bearded Collie Club had 77 bearded collies participate in a 2009 Helsinki University research study. One conclusion stated "The fact that 80% of the Bearded Collies in Finland carry two of the most common haplotypes indicates a very narrow gene pool and that should be carefully addressed by the breed club in their future breeding plans.

I feel it would be better to let the breeders make the decisions and trade-offs in the breedings and buyers to discuss the results with the listing breeder.

Does the board feel that these requirements will result in a better future for the breed or does it simply drive breeders into the shadows and not do the tests at all?"

The board discussed this idea at several board meetings, but no action was taken until the April board meeting, when a motion was made and passed to eliminate the fee to list litters, with the hopes that more breeders would list their litters, and help drive the public to BCCA member breeders, not commercial online breeders. In the same motion, the board also voted to eliminate the requirement for passing results/scores for BCCA recommended health tests (hips, eyes and thyroid) to list a litter. Test results/scores will continue to be included with the listing, passing or not.

2016 NATIONAL

If you won or placed at the 2015 National, you should have received a trophy solicitation letter recently, requesting sponsorship of your award for the 2016 National. Remember how pleased you were with your win last year? Wouldn't it be nice to "pay it forward" and give this year's recipient the same warm fuzzy feeling?

If you did not attend last year's National, please consider donating to the general trophy fund. Even small gifts add up!

It won't be long until September is here. Plan on joining us in Massachusetts and enjoy some terrific New England style hospitality. In the meantime, the Great Plains club is working behind the scenes on the 2017 National and gearing up fund raising efforts that will kick off after the 2016 National. The Northern California club is also working on plans for the 2018 National, held at the former McClellan Air Force Base, near Sacramento.

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

No additional nominations were received for the board; the BCCA recording secretary cast a ballot for the 2017 BCCA Officers and Directors, Class of 2018.

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Vice President – Sharon Prassa

Treasurer – Don Means

Recording Secretary – Rosemary Schroeder

Corresponding Secretary – Robin Deily

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Michele Ritter will remain on the board for one year as Immediate Past President.

The mission of the Bearded Collie Club of America is to protect the long-term welfare of the breed by providing a variety of opportunities for Beardie owners, breeders, and the general public to learn, connect, and compete, while supporting research into breed-specific health issues and rescuing Beardies in need.

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APRIL 26, 2016 BCCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Linda Taylor, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Michele Ritter at 8:30 PM, EDT.

Present: Carter, Conner, Deily, Furlow, Hobe, Means, Ritter, Szalka, Taylor, Wistrom
Absent: Andreassend

The minutes of the March 29, 2016 board meeting were approved as distributed.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary (Deily)

The following members were admitted without dissention: Janet and William DuCharme, sponsored by Maureen Larroux.

Report of the Treasurer (Means)

The Treasurer’s report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.

Reports of Committees:

Results of 2017 election for 2017 National Specialty - Michele Ritter will judge Regular Classes and Kirsten Andreassend will judge Sweepstakes.

New Business

Motion to approve a three day BCCA agility trial, December 30-31, 2016 and January 1, 2017, Amherst, NH. (Taylor) passed without dissention.

Motion to approve the Beardie Bulletin bid from Lillian Esposito. (Taylor) passed without dissention.

Motion to amend the guidelines for litter listings, by eliminating the fee to list a litter and requiring that sires and dams have passed BCCA recommended health testing (hips, eyes and thyroid). (Taylor) passed.

Motion to approve the Independence Bearded Collie Club of Greater Philadelphia’s request to use the BCCA’s license to support the entry of Bearded Collies, at the Valley Forge Kennel Club all-breed show on December 10, 2016. (Deily) passed without dissention.

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:31 p.m. There was no action taken and no minutes were created.

Membership Applications for April Vote

Judy Leon
Single/Full
Ellicott City, MD 21043
718-468-5084
Sponsor: Lillian Esposito

Nanci Silverman & Fred Slobodin
Joint/Full
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
914-419-9477
Sponsor: Lillian Esposito

Proposed Motions for May

Motion to approve the revised Versatility Awards requirements. (Taylor)

Motion to rescind standing rules 9.9.2, 9.9.3 and 9.9.4 (current Versatility Awards) as of 31 December 2016. (Taylor)

Motion to increase BCCA dues to \$30 for individual, and \$35 for joint membership. (Means)

Motion to amend the business card listing form, by eliminating the fee. (Taylor)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 PM EST.

Next Meeting – 8:30 P.M. EST, Tuesday, May 24, 2016

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Ad reservations for the performance issue of the BEARDIE BULLETIN are due **AUGUST 1ST, 2016.**

Contact the editor to reserve ad space
Lillian Esposito, lillianespo@verizon.net

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Robin Deily

Please send all changes in your email and snail mail addresses and telephone numbers to the BCCA Corresponding Secretary.

Welcome New Members Janet and William DuCharme of Auburndale, FL 33823

MEMBERSHIP RECORD CHANGES

Susan Taylor's email address changed to cocoa1201@excite.com

Ray & Kathy Harrington have a new address and phone number
166 Bebout Rd.
Venetia, PA 15367
724-348-5259

Julie Sneed has a new address and phone number
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New membership applications to be voted upon in May

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MAY 2016 RECORDING SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL NOTICES

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ELECTION RESULTS: 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BAGPIPES DEADLINE

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is **June 1ST, 2016**
Email your reports and articles to Michele Ritter, topdogs@ptd.net

BCCA PROFIT & LOSS APRIL 2016

1:32 PM • 05/03/16 • Cash Basis

	Apr 16	Jul '15 - Apr 16
Income		
2015 National Specialty		6,915.53
Bagpipes		
Litter Listings & Ads		40.00
Total Bagpipes		40.00
Beardie Bulletin		
Additional Copies	36.50	36.50
Advertising	3,365.00	18,865.00
Subscriptions		15,001.00
Total Beardie Bulletin	3,401.50	33,902.50
Breeder Listings		900.00
Donations from Members		
BCCA Designated Rescue Funds		
2015 Auction Proceeds (Rescue)		1,317.90
BCCA Designated Rescue Funds -		1,329.00
Total BCCA Designated Rescue Fund:		2,646.90
Deposit Rescue Checking Account		3,135.00
General Fund		140.00
Donations from Members - Other		885.00
Total Donations from Members		6,806.90
Illustrated Standard Sales		333.00
Investments		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	355.97	2,615.21
Total Investments	355.97	2,615.21
Member Dues		
Affiliate Clubs		375.00
New Members		625.00
Renewal Dues		
Late Fee		545.00
Renewal Dues - Other		14,990.00
Total Renewal Dues		15,535.00
Total Member Dues		16,535.00
Misc Income		326.65
Total Income	3,757.47	68,374.79
Expense		
Agility Trial Expenses		
BCCA Agility Expenses		3,000.00
Total Agility Trial Expenses		3,000.00
AKC Club Dues & Subscriptions		592.41
Bank Charges		3.00
BCCA Database Hosting		104.25
Beardie Rescue		
Misc Expenses		223.44
Vet Expenses		8,174.98
Total Beardie Rescue		8,398.42
Bulletin		
Art Direction, Editing	1,885.00	8,338.31
Postage	122.61	4,937.75
Printing	2,960.00	17,540.00
Total Bulletin	4,967.61	30,816.06
Charitable Donation		25,735.00
Contract Services		
CPA - Tax Prep		500.00
Total Contract Services		500.00
Juniors Scholarships		250.00
Meet the Breeds Booth		
AKC/Eukanuba Medallions		215.00
Meet the Breeds Booth - Other		396.44
Total Meet the Breeds Booth		611.44
National Specialty		
2016 National Seed Money		7,500.00
2017 National Specialty	500.00	500.00
Total National Specialty	500.00	8,000.00
PayPal		388.04
Postage		221.86
Roster		
Postage		234.71
Printing		927.77
Total Roster		1,162.48
Sunshine Committee		300.00
Trophies		
Maintenance		23.55
Trophies - Other		434.95
Total Trophies		458.50
Web Expenses		159.87
Total Expense	5,467.61	80,701.33
Net Income	-1,710.14	-12,326.54