



Official Newsletter of the  
Bearded Collie Club of America

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Another Westminster show is now in the record books, and we are well into a new year of dog show related activities.

Beardies comprise a relatively small population in many parts of the country, thus building sufficient numbers of points in area shows often requires considerable coordination. Thankfully, the wonders of Facebook, email, text messages and phone calls assist us in staying connected with our Beardie families. After conversing over the last month about Westminster, dog shows and puppy related topics, a particular subject repeatedly surfaced: the plight of the owner-handler.

The assertion is that the only way to be competitive in Bearded Collies, is to hire a professional handler, particularly in the conformation ring. This promotes the misconception that it is impossible for any owner-handler to win showing his or her own dog.

Let me address this by stating these observations are not new. These claims have existed, and have surfaced repeatedly for all the years I've been showing dogs. I voiced those concerns at various stages in my years showing in conformation. Creating a competitive edge is slow in coming and requires a multi-faceted approach by increasing one's knowledge of every aspect associated with the task. Skills are developed through repeated practice and collective experience, maintaining determination and perseverance, and most of all the right attitude. You would not compete in a marathon without having trained, or take an exam without having studied the course materials.

Though I was lucky enough to be introduced to the dog fancy early, I am a first generation dog person. I moved through the various stages of handling from fumbling with my lead and tripping over my own dog, to realizing my dog was FAR from perfect. I then apprenticed with an experienced handler, and went on to showing my own dogs, showing for other people, and advancing to handling multiple breeds. From then I advanced to multiple groups, Best in Show, and eventually nationally ranked various dogs. It took years to get to each of those levels. Each

advance brought a new set of challenges and opportunities, and in many ways each level was like starting over again. At each level I found there were, and will always be, those more talented and advanced than me, as well as those less skilled. There is no use in judging oneself harshly or giving others more value simply because they won. I gained more joy and personal growth by not focusing on whether I won or lost, but focusing on whether the experience brought enjoyment to my dog and to me. I reviewed each experience, what I learned and how it served to advance my competitive edge.

I have written previously about the need to consistently strive to learn something new. Breed knowledge is central to doing well in the conformation ring; even a diamond needs a fine cut and proper polishing to showcase its full brilliance. In addition, you need to understand and master the finer points of handling and presentation.

- Watch the professionals at work in the groups
- Ask a handler you admire, when he or she has time, to give you a few tips. A true professional is only too willing to help and share with people that are trying and truly want to learn.
- Periodically have someone film you showing your dog so you can see what the judge sees.
- Handling classes are NOT just for dog socialization; find a class or seminar given by an experienced handler.
- Read books on handling or attend a good handling seminar. My first and longtime favorite book was George Alston's, *The Winning Edge*, and I spent hours in the driveway practicing each exercise.
- Learn how to groom. Untrimmed and natural does NOT mean ungroomed. Learn to properly care for your Beardie's coat and bring them to the show clean, un-matted, and with clean ears and teeth.

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*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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**FEBRUARY 28, 2017 BCCA BOARD MEETING**

*Rosemary Schroeder, Recording Secretary*

The meeting was called to order by President Nicole Connor at 8:35 PM, EST.

Present: Connor, Schroeder, Prassa, Means, Deily, Andreassend, Hobe, Wistrom, Floberg, Furlow, Ritter

Absent: Cox

**REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY (SCHROEDER)**

The minutes of the January 24, 2017 Board Meeting were approved as distributed.

**REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (DEILY)**

The Corresponding Secretary's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER (MEANS)**

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

There were no committee reports.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion to approve the Executive Committee decision to enter into a Letter of Agreement between the Bearded Collie Club of America and BTC Enterprises to reserve specific dates for an auction item to be offered for the 2017 National Specialty passed without dissension. (Furlow). (Please note the BCCA and National Specialty host are under no legal or financial obligation under this agreement in the event the item does not meet the minimum bid.)
2. Motion to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Bearded Collie Club of America (BCCA) and the Bearded Collie Club of Canada (BCCC) in which the BCCC receives one b/w page to advertise their National in the Beardie Bulletin and up to two flyers in the Bagpipes; the BCCA will receive one b/w page in the BCCC's Colleague and up to two flyers in the BCCC's electronic newsletter to advertise the BCCA National and/or affiliate club event. A finalized MOU will be signed by the acting Executive Committee of both clubs and may be nullified at any time by mutual agreement of the two clubs passed without dissension. (Prassa)
  - a. This motion was amended to read, "Motion to amend the Publications Guidelines to add under Beardie Bulletin, Advertising, "A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Bearded Collie Club of America and the Bearded Collie Club of Canada in which the BCCC will receive each year one b/w page to advertise their National Specialty in the Beardie Bulletin and up to two flyers in the Bagpipes; the BCCA will receive each year one b/w page in the BCCC's Colleague and up to two flyers in the BCCC's electronic newsletter to advertise the BCCA National Specialty and/or an affiliate club event. An MOU will be signed by the acting Presidents of both clubs and may be nullified at any time by mutual agreement of the both the BCCC and the BCCA." (Conner) The amendment passed without dissention. The amended motion passed without dissention.
3. Motion to Amend the Publications Guidelines under Judges' Complimentary Copies to strike the following: "Complimentary copies of the Beardie Bulletin shall be sent to judges at the third class postage rate upon a written request by an AKC judge." and replace it with "The publications committee will be given a yearly budget to establish an on online host for a digital edition of the Beardie Bulletin to provide approved AKC judges of Bearded Collies access at no charge. BCCA members who

are approved judges will continue to receive a mailed hard copy of the Beardie Bulletin” passed without dissention. (Prassa)

### **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

There were no applications to consider in February.

Membership Applications for March Vote

Barbara Sherry

Full/Single

Boynton Beach, FL

Sponsor: Pat Colombo

### **PROPOSED MOTIONS FOR MARCH**

1. 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 9, 2017. (Deily)

2. Motion to amend the BCCA Standing Rules to add a section 9.4.9: The Ann Adler Witte Memorial Trophy is presented to the highest scoring veteran bearded collie at each year’s National Specialty herding event(s). The trophy, offered by the Great Plains Bearded Collie Club, is a ram’s horn with a Bearded Collie and Scottish thistle engraved in silver on the horn. The trophy is mounted on a wooden base on which each winner’s name is engraved. (Wistrom)

3. Motion to amend the BCCA Standing Rules to add to section 9.1.5 Perpetual Trophies: The Ann Adler Witte Memorial Trophy. (Wistrom)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM EST

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 28, 2017

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT**

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### **MARCH MEMBERSHIP VOTE**

Barbara Sherry

Full/Single

Boynton Beach, FL

Sponsor: Pat Colombo

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Ad reservations for the BROOD BITCH, VETERANS & PUPPIES issue of the BEARDIE BULLETIN are due **MAY 1ST, 2017.**

Contact the editor to reserve ad space  
Lillian Esposito, [lillianespo@verizon.net](mailto:lillianespo@verizon.net)

### **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE *continued***

While observing others, asking questions and reading are key to adding to your handling skill set, there is simply no substitute to getting out there and doing. Many of us go to agility, rally, herding, etc. classes every week to learn and practice. Think of conformation shows as a monthly or quarterly class where you and your friends gather to visit and compare notes. Plus there's a chance you could win! Most handlers will tell you that most any dog can be finished; it is a combination of the law of averages and that you truly do learn the more you do, so stay diligent and persevere. I learned the most about handling, grooming, and training from dogs with decidedly less than ideal conformation. With that in mind, learn your dogs’ faults as well as their finer points. There is no perfect dog and the advantage that most handlers have, is they know the tricks of minimizing the faults while “selling” the attributes.

There is NOTHING a professional handler can do that a dedicated owner-handler willing to learn cannot also accomplish. In many ways an owner-handler has a distinct advantage over the professional. A professional handler may be responsible for overseeing the care, training, grooming, and exhibition of dozens of dogs in different rings with conflicting schedules in a given day. An owner-handler has to manage one or two. The owner-handler has more time to train and perfect any flaws, and is generally more rested than the exhausted show-weary handler. There are a countless number of highly successful owner-handlers in the sport of dogs and particularly in Beardies. Even in extremely competitive breeds like Goldens, Aussies, and Dobermans there are very successful owners-handlers in every breed lineup. The dedication and burgeoning talent of these owner-handlers is truly inspiring. In addition, the AKC is actively promoting the owner-handler with new classes offered to highlight these individuals and encourage increased participation.

I am in no way unaware of the political undercurrents and marketing that exists in the sport of purebred dogs. It is not new and exists in every other facet of our lives, from breakfast cereals to professional sports teams. Even at the top levels a dedicated owner can excel.

Every aspect of purebred dogs is focused on some competitive facet of structure or performance of the human/canine team. Competition is not inherently a bad thing. In competing we are forced to challenge ourselves and our canine teammates to improve. There is not a single instance in which we do not have the opportunity to learn and advance. Even on the worst day we leave the dog show with the BEST participation trophy in the world...the companionship, love, and devotion of our canine teammate. Really, isn't that what it is all about!?!

Until next month,

Nicole

### **BAGPIPES DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is **April 1ST, 2017**  
Email your reports and articles to  
Michele Ritter, [topdogs@ptd.net](mailto:topdogs@ptd.net)

## LITTER LISTINGS

The BCCA does not endorse, recommend, or warrant any breeders or dogs who are included in the Litter Listing. Send updates to robin.deily@gmail.com

### Litter Birth Date: January 14, 2017

Molly McNamara, Beth Tilson & Shannon Smart

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CH Nonesuch Rockstar ex CH Orion Across The Universe From Highlander BN RE HSAs PT FDC CGC

Sire: Hips:BC-4024G24M-VPI; Eyes:BC-358172 (Tested:2011);

Thyroid:BC-TH323/13M-VPI; Elbow:BC-EL529M24-VPI

Dam: Hips:BC-4417G24F-VPI; Eyes:BC-EYE178/24F-VPI;

Thyroid:BC-TH605/24F-VPI; Elbow:BC-EL732F24-VPI

2 Black M, 2 Black F, 2 Brown F

### Litter Birth Date: January 14, 2017

Julie Patzius and Cyndi Cerjan

423 Fire Tree Lane

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Lakewood King of the Road ex CH Kinikia's Chocolate Fix At Lakewood

Sire: Hips: BC-4410G24M-VPI; Eyes: BC-EYE169/24M-VPI;

Thyroid: BC-TH568/15M-VPI CHIC#: 113920

Dam: Hips: BC-4209E24F-VPI; Eyes: BC-EYE48/27F-VPI;

Thyroid: BC-TH488/24F-VPI; CHIC#: 94167

3 Black M, 3 Brown M, 1 Black F

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## MARCH 2017 RECORDING SECRETARY OFFICIAL NOTICES

### 2016 MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Standing Rule 4.7.1 • Member of the Year. This award will recognize the BCCA member or group of members who, as a result of their activity, has made the most significant contribution to the advancement of the Bearded Collie Club of America or the bearded collie. The award will be publicly announced and presented at the National Specialty banquet in the year following the calendar year for which the honor is awarded. Nominations for the award will be accepted from any BCCA member in good standing. Nominations must be received by the recording secretary on or before March 21st of the year following the calendar year for which the award is made. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a 250 word (maximum) statement justifying the award for the particular nominee. Seated officers and board members are not eligible for the award.

### NATIONAL SPECIALTY FINAL BALLOTS

Final ballots for the 2018 National Specialty judge must be received by the Treasurer on or before March 30, 2017. Send to Don Means, BCCA Treasurer, 35859 Elkridge Run, Elizabeth, Co 80107

### 2017 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominations committee, Michele Ritter, Ruth Colavecchio, and Kathy Thomas, have selected the following names for the 2017 BCCA election of Officers and Directors, Class of 2019.

President – Nicole Conner

Vice President – Sharon Prassa

Recording Secretary – Rosemary Schroeder

Corresponding Secretary – Meg Naylor

Treasurer – Richard Bihl

Directors Class of 2019 – Sonja Blanchard, Andrea Hobe & Brian Wistrom

### ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

BCCA Bylaws Article V, Section 4D & E. Each member may nominate a candidate for officer, director, and AKC delegate positions by signing a document that is sent to the recording secretary by a date to be determined by the board each year. The name of a candidate who receives nomination signatures from five percent of the members in good standing shall appear on the ballot.

1. Nominations for each office shall be submitted as a separate document
2. A nomination document may contain the signatures of more than one member.

SR 3.2 Additional Nominations. If valid additional nominations for officer or board positions are received by the recording secretary on or before April 15th, each member shall receive a mailed ballot postmarked no later than May 1. A one page biography of each candidate will be published in the May issue of the Bagpipes. The deadline for submission is May 1st. If the form that is provided is not used, the font must be 10 points or larger with half inch margins. All publishing guidelines must be followed. The biographies will be printed as submitted, without editing, and listed alphabetically by office and board.

**BCCA PROFIT & LOSS FEBRUARY 2017**

2:39 PM • 03/03/17 • Cash Basis

**BCCA BALANCE SHEET**

2:40 PM • 03/03/17 • Cash Basis

	<u>Feb 17</u>	<u>Jul '16 - Feb 17</u>
<b>Income</b>		
2016 National Specialty	9,155.34	9,155.34
<b>Agility Trials</b>		
Bearded Collie Club of America	0.00	14,912.00
Total Agility Trials	0.00	14,912.00
<b>Bagpipes</b>		
Litter Listings & Ads	0.00	50.00
Total Bagpipes	0.00	50.00
<b>Beardie Bulletin</b>		
Additional Copies	0.00	50.00
Advertising	1,270.00	13,965.50
Subscriptions	0.00	13,465.00
Total Beardie Bulletin	1,270.00	27,480.50
<b>Donations from Members</b>		
General Fund	0.00	44.00
Total Donations from Members	0.00	44.00
Illustrated Standard Sales	0.00	258.00
<b>Investments</b>		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	224.17	1,611.26
Total Investments	224.17	1,611.26
<b>Member Dues</b>		
Affiliate Clubs	0.00	375.00
New Members	0.00	385.00
Renewal Dues		
Late Fee	0.00	530.00
Renewal Dues - Other	0.00	14,490.00
Total Renewal Dues	0.00	15,020.00
Total Member Dues	0.00	15,780.00
Misc Income	0.00	390.92
<b>Rescue</b>		
BCCA Designated Rescue Funds		
2016 Auction Proceeds (Rescue)	1,300.80	1,300.80
BCCA Designated Rescue Funds - Ot	100.00	2,414.00
Total BCCA Designated Rescue Funds	1,400.80	3,714.80
Total Rescue	1,400.80	3,714.80
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>12,050.31</u>	<u>73,396.82</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Agility Trial Expenses</b>		
BCCA Agility Expenses	0.00	7,593.30
Total Agility Trial Expenses	0.00	7,593.30
AKC Club Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	585.00
Bank Charges (NSF & Fees)	0.00	35.00
<b>Bulletin</b>		
Art Direction, Editing	0.00	5,748.66
Postage	0.00	1,403.40
Printing	5,280.00	14,959.74
Bulletin - Other	0.00	-30.00
Total Bulletin	5,280.00	22,081.80
Charitable Donation	0.00	22,500.00
<b>Contract Services</b>		
CPA - Tax Prep	0.00	500.00
Total Contract Services	0.00	500.00
<b>Herding</b>		
Database conversion	0.00	840.00
Total Herding	0.00	840.00
Juniors Scholarships	0.00	250.00
Meet the Breeds Booth	269.00	269.00
Misc Expense	0.00	128.81
<b>National Specialty</b>		
2017 National Specialty	0.00	7,000.00
2018 National Seed Money	0.00	7,500.00
Total National Specialty	0.00	14,500.00
Parliamentarian Expenses	0.00	2,552.44
PayPal	0.00	499.43
Postage	67.31	67.31
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	75.10
Sunshine Committee	0.00	200.00
<b>Trophies</b>		
Maintenance	0.00	247.61
Total Trophies	0.00	247.61
Web Expenses	0.00	395.64
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>5,616.31</u>	<u>73,320.44</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>6,434.00</b></u>	<u><b>76.38</b></u>

	<u>Feb 28, 17</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Edward Jones Checking	
Rescue	44,288.31
Edward Jones Checking - Other	118,311.13
Total Edward Jones Checking	162,599.44
Total Checking/Savings	162,599.44
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Edward Jones Certificates	142,496.74
Total Other Current Assets	142,496.74
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>305,096.18</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>305,096.18</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	244,945.81
Retained Earnings	60,073.99
Net Income	76.38
Total Equity	305,096.18
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>305,096.18</b></u>