



Official Newsletter of the  
Bearded Collie Club of America

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nicole Conner - [j.nicoleconner@gmail.com](mailto:j.nicoleconner@gmail.com)

There is nothing so joyful as a Beardie. I love my dogs, I know I have said it before but lately I find myself more thankful than ever for their presence. Every morning they greet me, ready to meet the world and exuberantly enjoy all this day has to offer.

The world we inhabit seems to grow ever more uncertain and forces seem intent on division rather than unification. I hope my Beardie family can take a measure of strength and hope from our dogs and treat each day and each person we encounter as they do. Focusing on the positive everyday, finding joy and hope in place of fear, spreading love and acceptance rather than hate.

As I was mulling over my "What would my Beardie do?" insight, my attention was drawn to a couple of my puppies playing after their bath and my thoughts turned to how they are growing and changing. I actually love evaluating puppies wet. It allows me to really look at their structure.

While the lovely coat our breed possesses is an essential part of their look, it also presents a challenge to many new fanciers and breeders, who may not have learned to see and understand the structure under the hair. I was first exposed to this trick years ago, learning about Cocker Spaniels and Poodles. We would wet down and heavily soap up a dog for their bath; then pull them out of the tub and ruthlessly evaluate structure with the coat slicked down. It is an extremely enlightening experience. Like Beardies, it can be difficult to understand what is happening underneath all that hair. (Note: shaving the dog down to see structure will also work, but can be considered a bit of an extreme approach.) We would even take them out on

the driveway (still soaped up) and move them to see how all the pieces worked together, without the coat obscuring the view. Since that time I have used this tool with practically all my dogs. I would encourage you to try and incorporate this practice into your routine. I try to soap and evaluate my puppies at four, six, and week to see the structure hidden under all that cute puppy fluff. I also try to do this with every dog I bathe. I can almost guarantee you will be surprised. Over the years I have had a lot of dogs and different breeds in my tub, from beloved pets to Best in Show winners, and have learned a lot from this procedure.

Whether you are a handler, breeder or casual exhibitor you should understand the best and worst parts of your dogs. All dogs have structural strengths and faults. By understanding the good and the bad, you do your dog, the breed and the fancy the most service. For those of you attending Nationals this year I will encourage you to be brave and offer to let folks see and go over your soaped or wet dogs. Conversely, I encourage you ask if you can see and go over someone else's wet or soaped dogs. We have nothing to hide, but much we can learn. A beautiful Beardie is beautiful in any state! I also hope to see all of you attending the National at the two education seminars, let us not limit our learning!

Now I am off to re-bathe my puppies as they found a patch of dirt and had a blast making a mud hole. ;-)

Wishing you all a Joy and Beardie filled month!  
Nicole

## JULY 25, 2017 BCCA BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Nicole Connor at 8:33 PM, EDT.

Present: Connor, Schroeder, Prassa, Bihl, Naylor, Blanchard, Wistrom, Floberg, Furlow

Absent: Cox, Hobe

Report of the Recording Secretary (Schroeder)

The minutes of the June 27, 2017 Board Meeting were approved as distributed.

*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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Report of the Corresponding Secretary (Naylor)

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

Report of the Treasurer (Bihl)

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Cindy Alspaugh has contacted the board with a bid for the 2019 Specialty to be hosted by the Carolinas Bearded Collie Club in Asheville, NC. The bid is not ready to be voted on at this time since some items are still pending.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Election of New Members - The following applicants were approved for membership

Darleen & Matthew Ereux

Full/Joint

Brownstone, MI

Sponsor: Martha Fruehwald

Erik & Sarah Shanni

Associate/Joint

Deptford, NJ 08096

Sponsor: Dorothea E. Matthews (Dot Schneider)

Motion to approve the 2018 Annual Budget as presented by Don Means at the June, 2017 meeting passed without dissension. (Schroeder)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to amend standing rule 9.4.3 to add the following to the first paragraph, "The Bishop Award and the take home keepsake (2016-2025) is presented by Sydney Jones in memory of her Beardie rescue, Bishop" passed without dissension. (Schroeder)

(The first paragraph of SR 9.4.3. will now read as follows, "The Bishop Award for Herding Excellence shall be awarded to the bearded collie that earns the highest average points on sheep. The Bishop Award and the take home keepsake (2016-2025) is presented by Sydney Jones in memory of her Beardie rescue, Bishop. The award will be a lead crystal "Rising Star" with Bishop's face etched in the top. There shall be a wooden base for plaques listing the winners of this award. The winner shall be announced each year in the BCCA Newsletter and Beardie Bulletin which are published immediately following publication of the March AKC Awards.")

Motion to amend standing rule 9.4.5 to replace the year "2032" with the year "2040" passed without dissension. (Schroeder)

(SR 9.4.5. will now read as follows, "The Boone Memorial Trophy is awarded to the bearded collie dog with the highest combined score on sheep earned during the national herding event(s) each year, using qualifying scores from A, B, or C course or any combination of these courses. Individual trophies, offered on a limited lifetime basis through 2040, by Ann Witte in memory of Am/Can CH Artisan Bronze Paladin HXAs, will be small replicas of a bronze sculpture of a bearded collie facing off a Scottish blackface ram mounted on a wooden base.")

Membership Application for August Board approval

Nancy Klein, Dallas, TX

Full/Single, Sponsor: Kay Sakowski

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM EDT

*Next Meeting – 8:30 P.M. EDT, Tuesday, August 22, 2017*

**AUGUST 2017 RECORDING SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL NOTICES****BCCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Your membership renewal form was emailed on July 1st. Your dues are to be paid by August 1st. If paid after August 1st but on or before August 31st, a \$5 fee shall be added. If your dues are unpaid after August 31st, membership will be terminated.

## **ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Directors of the BCCA will meet on Monday, October 2, 2017 at Purina Farm, Grey Summit, MO. Time and place to be determined.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the BCCA will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at Purina Farm, Grey Summit, MO. Time and place to be determined.

## **NOTICE TO ALL AFFILIATE CLUBS**

Each club secretary must send \$25 dues, a current membership list, a list of officers and directors, and a calendar of dates for club meetings and sponsored events to the BCCA Treasurer, Richard Bihl, 163 Holly Hill Drive, Richmond, KY 40475 or to [rlbihl@icloud.com](mailto:rlbihl@icloud.com).

There is a form available on the club website for this information, see <http://beardedcolliclub.us/wp-content/uploads/forms/BCCA-Affiliate-Club-Renewal-Form.pdf>

## **2019 & 2020 NATIONAL SPECIALTY HOST CLUBS**

Bids are now being accepted from local clubs to host the 2019 and 2020 BCCA National Specialties. Please contact the National Specialty Advisory committee chairs Joanne Williamson [balgrae@ix.netcom.com](mailto:balgrae@ix.netcom.com), Jill Floberg [brightybeardie@aol.com](mailto:brightybeardie@aol.com), or Billy Carter [bilycarter1@me.com](mailto:bilycarter1@me.com) for a bid packet.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR REGULAR AND SWEEPSTAKES JUDGES FOR THE 2019 NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

Please send your nominations for regular and sweepstakes judges for the 2019 National Specialty to the Recording Secretary, Rosemary Schroeder, 1405 Everest Road, Venice, FL 34293 or [rschroeder198@gmail.com](mailto:rschroeder198@gmail.com). Each BCCA member is entitled to nominate one person for regular classes and one for sweepstakes. Deadline for receipt of all nominations is September 1, 2017.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST CONTAIN THE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE PERSON NOMINATED.

A preliminary Ballot with all nominations will be emailed to the membership with the November issue of the Bagpipes and

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*Meg Naylor • [meg@bccca.us](mailto:meg@bccca.us)*

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

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Darlene & Matthew Ereaux and Erik & Sarah Shanni.

## **AUGUST NEW MEMBERSHIP VOTE**

Nancy Klein  
Full/Single  
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Sponsor: Kay Sakowski

must be returned to the treasurer no later than January 15, 2018. The top three candidates from the preliminary ballot for each position will be presented to the membership in a final ballot with the February issue of the Bagpipes, with the final ballots to be returned to the treasurer no later than March 20, 2018. Nominations of judges from other countries who are eligible to judge championship shows are allowed for regular conformation classes only.

Regular Conformation Judges Eligibility. All nominees must be an AKC permit or approved judge, or approved to judge bearded collies in another country. In addition a US or Canadian BCCA member who is not approved by AKC to judge bearded collies may also be nominated if he/she meets the following criteria:

- Is 21 years of age or older
- Is occupationally eligible
- Is knowledgeable of the breed with success in breeding/exhibiting/handling the breed for 15 or more years
- Has a thorough understanding of the AKC's "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" and "Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges" and the bearded collie standard
- Is approved by the AKC Judges Review Committee at the request of the BCCA
- Is willing, if elected, to take and pass the AKC's procedural and anatomy exam and submit a non-refundable \$25 processing fee to AKC.

Sweepstakes Judges Eligibility. U.S. and Canadian BCCA members in good standing, who are not eligible to judge bearded collies in any country, may judge sweepstakes at the national specialty. Nominees for sweepstakes should have at least seven years of experience as an exhibitor in conformation or as a breeder of bearded collies and have a thorough understanding of the AKC's Rules Applying to Dog Shows and Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, and the standard of the breed, to be eligible for nomination.

Any judge officiating at the BCCA National Specialty will not be permitted on the ballot again until a two year time period has elapsed.

## **MEMBERSHIP RECORD CHANGES**

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### **BCCA PROFIT & LOSS JULY 2017**

Income		Expense	
Beardie Bulletin		Beardie Rescue	
Advertising	5,483.25	Adoption	139.56
Subscriptions	10,160.00	Vet Expenses	310.80
Total Beardie Bulletin	15,643.25	Total Beardie Rescue	450.36
Breeder Listings	550.00	Bulletin	
Donations from Members		Printing	4,060.00
General Fund	20.00	Total Bulletin	4,060.00
Total Donations from Members	20.00	Contract Services	
Illustrated Standard Sales	143.00	CPA - Tax Prep	500.00
Investments		Total Contract Services	500.00
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	42.57	Meet the Breeds Booth	
Total Investments	42.57	AKC/Eukanuba Medallions	110.00
Member Dues		Total Meet the Breeds Booth	110.00
Affiliate Clubs	250.00	PayPal	508.81
New Members	30.00	Sunshine Committee	200.00
Renewal Dues		Total Expense	5,829.17
Late Fee	5.00	Net Income	22,496.65
Renewal Dues - Other	11,195.00		
Total Renewal Dues	11,200.00		
Total Member Dues	11,480.00		
Rescue			
BCCA Designated Rescue Funds	447.00		
Total Rescue	447.00		
Total Income	28,325.82		

### **BCCA BALANCE SHEET AS OF AUGUST 3, 2017**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Assets		Equity	
Checking/Savings		Retained Earnings	294,160.29
Edward Jones Checking		Net Income	22,496.65
Rescue	43,165.67	Total Equity	316,656.94
Edward Jones Checking - Other	125,063.51	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>316,656.94</b>
Total Edward Jones Checking	168,229.18		
Total Checking/Savings	168,229.18		
Other Current Assets			
Edward Jones Certificates	142,496.74		
PayPal Account	5,931.02		
Total Other Current Assets	148,427.76		
Total Current Assets	316,656.94		
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