

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2011 BCCA BOARD MEETING

The Bearded Collie Club of America's Board of Directors meeting was held by mail on November 21, 2011.

I. Roll Call

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

II. Officers' Reports

President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer

III. Committee Reports

IV. Unfinished Business

Results November Motions Ballot

10/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2011 meeting. (Alspaugh)

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

The above motion will be ratified at the 2012 Annual Membership Meeting.

V. Election of New Members

New Members

The following new members were voted into the club: Greg Berry and Wendy & Tim Kregor.

BCCA Applicants December

Kari Wolff
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Sponsor: Terri Stewart

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Sponsor: Paul Glatzer

VI. New Business

Motions to be Considered in December

11/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2011 meeting. (Alspaugh)

12/11-01 Motion to permit nonprofit organizations (501(c)3/501(c)4) dedicated to the welfare of the Bearded Collie to publish material about their activities and fund-raising efforts in the BCCA electronic publication free of charge. The amount of material that may be submitted at any one

time will be subject to any reasonable limitations decided on by the publications committee.
(Lott)

12/11-02 Motion to purchase quarterly reports for BCCA awards from AKC for those venues as needed to make sure our record keeping for awards is accurate. (Atkins)

12/11-03 Motion to amend SR 07/87-08 (previously amended 7/7/90, 7/1/91, 07/93-07, 03/94-04, 12/94-10, 04/08-07, and 01/11-02) to read as follows: "The BCCA Newsletter, Bagpipes, shall be sent electronically to all BCCA members with email accounts. Beginning January 1, 2012, members without email accounts may request an abbreviated paper copy which will contain only pertinent club business including the Treasurer's Report, Notices from the Recording Secretary, Board Meeting Minutes and all ballots required by the BCCA Standing Rules. The club business paper Bagpipes will be mailed first class by the 15th of every month with the exception of Newsletters for the months of March and May which shall be sent by the 10th of the month. The March Newsletter shall contain the Nominating Committee's slate of proposed candidates and the May Newsletter shall contain the resumes of candidates for contested positions. All copy submitted for publication in Bagpipes shall be received by the 1st day of the month for publication in that month's issue. Any material received after that date may be published in the following issue at the discretion of the editor. An exception is made for the treasurer's report, which shall be received by the 8th to allow the treasurer to close the month's books." (Voss)

Discussion: While a majority of BCCA members are environmentally friendly and understand the importance of receiving, saving and reading the Bagpipes via Constant Contact, there are an alarming number of those who either cannot or will not go without a paper copy. By cutting the contents of the Bagpipes down to club business only and mailing it only to those who do not have an email account, this will save the club approximately half of the \$500 a month printing and mailing costs now incurred. This is an approximate \$3,000 savings per year. The only alternative to this motion would be to post everything on the BCCA website and not mail the Bagpipes at all, or charge the people who want it mailed to them the printing and postage cost of approximately \$10 per month each (or \$110 a year based on 11 issues) in addition to their annual dues. Postage costs are going up again next year, that is if the postal service survives!

12/11-04 Motion to establish a committee including one to two board members and three members of the BCCA membership who participate in conformation, herding and performance events to study voting associated with judges at our National Specialty show and provide a recommended going forward approach for judges selection. (Minner)

Discussion: There is a disparate approach to naming judges for our National Specialty show across venues. The entire membership votes on conformation, sweeps and futurity (thru 2013). The hosting club/committee members select the agility, rally and obedience judges, and the BCCA's herding committee selects/approves the herding judges. We should have a consistent approach or at least an understanding as to why there are different protocols for judges' selection. I would like for a small committee to study how other national clubs make their selections and bring a proposal back to the board. Nothing should change as to how 2013 judges are selected, but if changes are proposed I would think that the first year of impact should be 2014.

12/11-05 Motion to allow for the additional 90-day "meritorious" grace to be applied for Linda Aronson and William and Judith Morris, who have both sought their renewals, but missed the 10/1 initial grace period. (Minner)

Discussion: Judi has been recovering from a back injury and subsequent surgery, only getting back to life as usual in the middle to end of September. Linda notes that her dues were mailed on 9/26 and she thought they would arrive on time. She's offered significant veterinary advice to the club members, and has served the club previously in several positions. She also notes losing two dogs and dealing with family illness over the summer as reasons why her dues were late.

12/11-06 Motion to allow board members who cannot be present at the Annual Board Meeting to participate via conference call. (Minner)

Discussion: Each board member brings unique perspective. Electronic participation has been vetoed by the AKC. However, direct communication channels, such as via teleconference should be entertained. It should be noted that the BCCA would incur a cost to having this conference line open - potentially for several hours to enable this interaction.

12/11-07 Motion to establish a committee to review and propose changes to the existing BCCA Bylaws and to coordinate our current Standing Rules with the Bylaws as needed. In accomplishing this task, the committee chair will be given permission to consult with a registered parliamentarian. (Minner)

Discussion: Recent events, AKC, and a parliamentary review have highlighted deficiencies and ambiguities in our Bylaws. The Bylaws have not been updated since 1996, and opportunities to clarify or strengthen language exist.

Proposed Motions for January

12/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2011 meeting. (Alspaugh)

Discussion Sheets

None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alspaugh
BCCA Recording Secretary