

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING October 4, 2011

President Susan Lybrand called the annual in-person meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were: Susan Lybrand, Cindy Alspaugh, Elizabeth Hayes, Casey Minner, Joanne Williamson, Janet Atkins, Stacey Blau and Lisa Voss. Absent were: Cindy Mendonca, Pat McDonald, Mary Lott and Rosemary Schroeder.

The agenda was suspended by consent to allow a presentation by Terry Johnson.

2014 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Terry Johnson submitted a bid and made a presentation on behalf of the National Capital Bearded Collie Club to host the 2014 BCCA National Specialty at the Eisenhower Conference Center in Gettysburg, PA, September 28-October 3, 2014, with herding in Birdsboro, PA and agility in Leesburg, VA. Acceptance of the bid is pending review of the contract.

Terry left the meeting and the Board returned to the agenda.

MINUTES

Atkins moved to correct the September 21, 2011 minutes to reflect Lucy Campbell-Gracie, rather than Anna Gracie, as Chair of the Junior Showmanship Committee. Seconded by Voss. Unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: President Lybrand welcomed the Board members in attendance.

Recording Secretary's Report: None.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Invitations to hold supported entries or regional specialties from several all breed clubs throughout the country have been received. Inquiries for puppies as well as litter listings are down. Linda Leek has resigned from handling the Breeders Listing.

Treasurer's Report: The annual report for last year was received and shows it was not a profitable year; there were many one-time expenses. Approximately 20 memberships were received on October 1, the last day for renewals, giving a total of 852 voting members. Forty-eight members did not renew.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Printed committee reports will be available at the Annual General Membership Meeting. Additional committee reports may be presented from the floor.

Health Committee: A report was received from Karen Drummond on the CHIC requirements survey. Of the 243 responses, the majority of performance responders recommended elbows as a requirement and breeder responders were equally divided on whether elbows should or should not be included.

2012 National Specialty: Voss, National Specialty Coordinator, reported that the hotel was trying to impose additional fees and that the contract would likely need to be renegotiated. She will report back to the Board.

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

The following new members were voted into the club: Peggy Caldwell, Lance Rasmussen & Dr. Charles Andrews, Jr., Linda Schenk and Laura Tappero.

MOTIONS BALLOTS

09/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting. (Alspaugh) Unanimously approved as previously amended.

10/11-01 Motion to Amend SR10/84-03 to read the "Records Inspection Committee" rather than "Review Committee." As amended, the SR shall read: Annually the BCCA Board shall appoint a "Records Inspection Committee" to examine the Treasurer's books and make a formal report to the membership. The committee shall consist of one board member other than the treasurer and two members from the general membership. The "Records Inspection Committee" shall present its report at the Annual Board Meeting that year. (Blau) Unanimously approved.

10/11-02 Motion to approve the Executive Committee action appointing the following BCCA members to comprise the Records Inspection Committee to review the records of the BCCA and BCCA Rescue: Lucy Campbell-Gracie, Chair; Stacey Blau and Pat Hyde. (Alspaugh) Unanimously approved.

Alspaugh moved to ratify all actions voted on by the BCCA Board of Directors for the time period of October 3, 2010 through September 21, 2011) Seconded by Voss. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 National Specialty: Joanne Williamson reported on the progress of the 2013 National Specialty to be held at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO. Proposed dates are September 28-October 5, 2013 with the theme of "Spirit of St. Louis." A list of proposed committee chairs was presented with Joanne acting as chair. Voss moved to approve the specialty plan. Seconded by Alspaugh. Unanimously approved. Blau moved to approve the 2013 National Specialty pending review of the contract by the National Specialty Coordinator. Seconded by Atkins. Unanimously approved.

Updated Standing Rules: Alspaugh moved that the updated list of Standing Rules previously forwarded to board members for their review be approved. Seconded by Hayes. Unanimously approved.

National Specialty Advance to Host Club: Voss moved to amend SR 12/89-13 (previously amended 3/14/92, 05/92-02, 7/4/92, 08/96-05, 06/01-02 and 03/10-01) as follows: "The Board shall advance the National Specialty Host Club \$7,500 seed money, \$5,000 of which shall be returned to the BCCA treasury following the Specialty. Such advance may be paid up to 36 months before the Specialty being bid. The bidding club shall represent that its committee has reviewed financials for at least two National Specialties, and has prepared a budget for the Specialty being bid." Seconded by Atkins. Unanimously passed.

Use of BCCA 2013 Agility Dates: Williamson moved to authorize use of three (3) of the eight (8) dates the BCCA has to run agility trials in 2013, the profits of which will benefit the 2013 National Specialty. Seconded by Atkins. Unanimously approved.

Membership Roster: Atkins moved to amend SR 12/91-06 (previously amended 01/95-04 and 03/11-08) to read as follows: "Beginning in fiscal year 2012-13, a printed roster of members, compiled by the Corresponding Secretary, shall be mailed bi-annually to each BCCA member no later than January of that fiscal year. Interim changes will be provided via the electronic newsletter." Seconded by Hayes. Unanimously approved.

Membership Renewals: Atkins moved to combine SR 03/91-02 (previously amended 05/97-06) and 04/90-05 as follows: "Dues Notices for Membership Renewals:

- Dues notices for membership renewals for the following year are mailed and/or emailed in May and are payable by July.
- A credit will be applied for the following year for new members approved during the last quarter of the previous year (i.e., April through June) reducing dues to \$7.00 for individual and joint memberships.
- The Treasurer will email a reminder dues notice 21 days prior to the end of the dues grace period (90 days after July 1st) to all members whose dues have not been received.
- Members who have no email on file or whose email "bounces back" to the Treasurer will be mailed a postcard reminder.
- The following statement is to appear on the Membership Application: 'Applicants names will be published in the Newsletter.' Applicants will be voted on at the next Board meeting following publication of names."

Seconded by Blau. Unanimously approved.

OFA to include CERF: Atkins moved to amend the OFA Committee to include CERF. Seconded by Minner. Unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. One item was discussed and one motion was made, as follows: Voss moved for a vote of confidence for Susan Lybrand as BCCA President. Seconded by Blau. Approved by a majority of the Board present and voting.

The Board retired from Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. and resumed discussion of New Business.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Selection of the Nominating Committee and its Procedures: Discussion was held and no motion was forthcoming. Alspaugh will forward previously submitted guidelines to the Board for their consideration.

Candidate Procedures: Discussion was held. This topic will be combined with further discussion regarding Nominating Committee procedures.

Charitable Trust: Discussion was held regarding the relationship between the BCCA and the Charitable Trust. Williamson will meet with trustees of the Charitable Trust to further explore the relationship between the two entities.

BCCA Rescue-501(c)3: Discussion was held regarding moving BCCA Rescue into a 501(c)3. Atkins and Blau will explore this possibility and report back to the Board.

AKC Archival of BCCA Materials: Alspaugh moved to approve the BCCA Historian, Gail Miller Bisher, to work with AKC to archive BCCA historical materials. Seconded by Atkins. Unanimously approved.

Website Design: Voss is researching website designers and costs to be presented to the Board for consideration.

AKC Electronic Reports for Performance Venues: Discussion was held regarding purchase of the AKC electronic reports due to the discontinuance of printing of the AKC Awards. Lybrand will look into the costs and report back to the Board.

Membership List: Atkins moved to open the Membership List on November 1, 2011. Seconded by Hayes. Unanimously passed.

Regional Club List: Discussion was held regarding establishing a list to further discussion and input between the regional clubs and the BCCA Board. No motion was forthcoming.

There being no further business, Williamson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Minner. Unanimously approved and the annual meeting of the BCCA Board was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alspaugh
Recording Secretary

BCCA Applicants for November

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Sponsor: Karen R. Shaw

Motions to be Considered in November

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

Proposed Motions for 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 is 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.