

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING October 6, 2011

President Susan Lybrand called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

President Lybrand then introduced herself and the members of the Board present at the meeting: Cindy Alspaugh, Elizabeth Hayes, Casey Minner, Janet Atkins, Stacey Blau, Lisa Voss, Joanne Williamson. Rosemary Schroeder, Mary Lott, Pat McDonald and Cindy Mendonca were absent. Marie Wilson, Parliamentarian, was also present.

The report of the Registration Committee was given by Casey Minner, Treasurer, indicating that there are 852 members in good standing in the club and a quorum is 10% of those members, or 86 members. It was determined that a quorum was not present.

President's Report: The 2013 BCCA National Specialty will be held at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, Missouri, hosted by the BCCA. The National Capital Bearded Collie Club will host the 2014 BCCA National Specialty in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The Board passed a motion to reestablish the Members List as a moderated list with an opening date of November 1, 2011. The Board is still discussing a regional club list to establish more dialogue and interaction between the regional and national clubs. Special thanks go to Mary Lott, Trophy Chair, for her donation of trophy cases.

Recording Secretary's Report: The Recording Secretary gave a brief report on Board activity for the previous year. The Board met 12 times, 11 by mail and one in person, acted on 70 motions, and voted 29 new members into the club. The Recording Secretary conducted two elections for the 2012 Specialty judges and the election for the 2011-12 BCCA Board of Directors.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: The Corresponding Secretary gave a brief overview of the activities performed by her predecessor during 2010-11.

Treasurer's Report: For fiscal year 2010-11, total revenue was \$111,962; total expenses \$115,737 for a loss of \$3,775. Top revenue drivers were dues and the agility trials. Postage and the printing and mailing of the roster and Bagpipes were the top expenses. It should be noted that the electronic version of the Bagpipes saves us \$1,500 per month. The BCCA has CDs in the amount of \$111,784. We earned approximately \$3,600 in interest.

AKC Delegate's Report: Kathy Coxwell reported as follows:

- AKC continues to have financial difficulties. Registrations are down. AKC is cost-cutting. The printed version of Gazette will be in December and it is going to electronic version.
- Group realignments are forthcoming with AKC expanding to 11 groups rather than 7. Herding will continue to be the last – and one of the largest -- group with 30 breeds.
- AKC Meet the Breeds will be held at the Javitz Center in November in conjunction with the International Cat Association. The Independence Bearded Collie Club will host the BCCA's booth.
- A new award for Reserve Best In Show will be instituted.
- Additional information will be contained in the Delegates Report in the November Bagpipes.

Ms. Coxwell also addressed a complaint filed with AKC against Susan Lybrand resulting in suspension by AKC for registration privileges. The BCCA Executive Committee, from which Ms. Lybrand recused herself, requested Ms. Coxwell, as AKC Delegate, to seek guidance from the AKC Club Relations Department on behalf of the BCCA. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports:

Printed reports were available for the majority of the committees. Verbal reports were made on behalf of the following committees:

Records Inspection Review: Lucy Campbell-Gracie reported that she, Pat Hyde and Stacey Blau successfully completed inspection of the Rescue Committee funds and found them in order. They were unable to complete the inspection of the BCCA's records as they were lacking documentation. Review will be completed at a later date.

Website: Lisa Voss reported that she is interviewing website designers and solicit bids at the BCCA Board's request. Anyone interested in submitting a bid should contact her. Glenn Short has retired as webmaster and Shane Peters has stepped in.

Rescue: Paul Glatzer distributed copies of the committee's report which was previously published in the July *Bagpipes*. Rescue relies on volunteers from the BCCA membership. The number of Beardies needing rescue have been declining but the cost per dog is rising. Active Rescue Committee members communicate via a Rescue list. Information on rescues is distributed through many lists. Recently five

Beardies were rescued in Joplin, MO at a considerable cost per dog. Grants requests have been submitted to The Charitable Trust with assurance that they will be acted upon quickly.

Agility: Libby Myers-Buhite reported that the committee's goals are to look into two new trophies: one for FAST and one for the fastest Beardedie. There are 171 people doing agility.

Fundraising: We have no chair for this committee. If someone is interested, please contact the President.

OFA: Irene Carson requested that CERF be included in the OFA Committee. President Lybrand reported that the BCCA Board had approved a motion to this effect at their annual Board meeting.

Bagpipes: Wendy Marciante, the new *Bagpipes* editor, was introduced.

Memorial: Paul Glatzer reported that Ruth Colavecchio retired as chair and that the new chair is Carol Bond.

Questions and discussion from the floor included possible webcast participation at annual membership meetings, rescission the BCCA's donation to the Charitable Trust, clarification of the Rescue Committee report, the Members List, the relationship between the BCCA and regional clubs, the website and the investigation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alspaugh
Recording Secretary