



Official Newsletter of the  
Bearded Collie Club of America  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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### **FINAL BALLOT FOR 2022 NATIONAL JUDGES**

Your votes have been counted, the results of the preliminary judges' ballot are in.

For the regular classes, the three finalists are Johan Andersson, Gillian burfitt and Kathy Pavlich. There was no preliminary voting for the Sweepstakes judges, Patty Rusko, Shannon Smart and Amy Steltz. Don't forget to vote, the ballot is included with the MailChimp email for this newsletter. Ballots should be sent to the treasurer, Rich Bihl, and postmarked by March 30.

### **2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominations Committee is chaired by Sonja Blanchard, with Rosie Schroeder and Julie Sneed making up the balance of the committee. The nominating committee selects officers and directors to be elected in the spring, for the next fiscal year, 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.). If you are interested in serving

### **JANUARY 26, 2021 BCCA BOARD MEETING**

Merilynn Bergstresser • [mmberg50@gmail.com](mailto:mmberg50@gmail.com)

The meeting was called to order by President Michele Ritter at 8:40 PM EST.

Present: Bergstresser, Bihl, Blanchard, Corn, Furlow, McNamara, Remell, Ritter, Williamson, Woods

Absent: Taylor

Report of the Recording Secretary (Bergstresser) - The minutes of the December 22, 2020 board meeting were approved as distributed.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary (Williamson) - The Corresponding Secretary's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.

Report of the Treasurer - 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.

or have a suggestion, please contact a [member of the committee](#). Remember it's *your* club, all suggestions will be considered.

### **PLANS ARE FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR THE (POSTPONED) 2020 BCCA NATIONAL**

The 2020 show committee, chaired by Carol Serrine, has contingency plans for both inside and outside conformation competition at the National. Read more about it in the Extra Edition. More information can be found on their website - <http://www.bcca2020.com/> - or Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/events/397040464578016>

### **2021 BCCA NATIONAL**

Keep up to date with the 2021 by visiting their website - <https://bcca2021.com/> - or Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/events/662611014393224>

### **New Business**

1. Motion to approve the Scent Committee Guidelines passed without dissension. (Ritter)
2. Motion to approve the Bearded Collie Club of Texas using the BCCA FastCAT license to host the following events in 2021 was postponed for further details. (Ritter)

April 24-25 (four events), Oct 2-3 (four events) & December 4-5 (four events, to be held at Walter Hall Park, 807 Hwy 3, League City, TX 77573. Superintendent/Event Chair is American Lure Course Racing, Cindy Wilderman, BCCA event committee are Gretchen and Daron Blackburn, David Williamson, Debbie and Glenn Alexander and Karen Barrett. Costs to the BCCT include ribbons and trophies. Motion was approved to postpone approval of the license pending further information, (Ritter)

*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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3. Motion to approve Linda Taylor, Chairperson, Julie Sneed, and Rosemary Schroeder as the 2021 nominating committee passed without dissension. (Ritter)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM EST

*Next Meeting February 23, 2021 at 8:30 PM EST.*

**FEBRUARY CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

David Williamson • [beardieboys@att.net](mailto:beardieboys@att.net)

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

If you would like to add your kennel to the Breeder listings, email the corresponding secretary at [beardieboys@att.net](mailto:beardieboys@att.net)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Posted to the [BCCAmemberslist@groups.io](mailto:BCCAmemberslist@groups.io)

- Several inquiries for puppies, older dogs
- Updates from AKC President Dennis Sprung posted to BCCA Members List

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Susan and Mahmoud Gaffoor

Markham, Ontario, Canada

Joint / Foreign

Sponsor: Kelly Canham

Pam Remark

Logandale, Nevada

Single / Full

Sponsor: Lisa Depies

If you would like to add your kennel to the Breeder Listings, or list a litter, email the corresponding secretary.

**FEBRUARY RECORDING SECRETARY'S NOTICES**

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**2022 NATIONAL SPECIALTY HERDING TRIAL JUDGE NOMINATIONS**

Standing Rule 8.4.1 • After a bid to host the national has been accepted by the board, the specialty herding trial chair will request recommendations for judges for each trial, test, and herding instinct test in the Bagpipes. Recommendations must be in writing or by email and include why that judge is recommended. The person making the recommendation must include the highest herding title he/she has earned. The recommendation must be received by the BCCA Herding Committee Chair within 60 days of publication of the request. The BCCA Herding Committee will discuss and review each recommendation and the chair will forward a list of recommended judges, including commentary, to the National Specialty Herding Chair within 75 days of the publication of the recommendation request. The judge(s) for each herding event will be taken from this list. Should all recommended judges be unavailable, or in an emergency, the BCCA Herding Committee will assist the local chair in finding an appropriate judge(s)."

Please send your recommendations to the BCCA Herding chair, by March 15, 2020.

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**2020 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.

**BID FOR BEARDIE BULLETIN EDITOR**

Bids are now being solicited and accepted for editing the Beardie Bulletin for 2021-2022. If you are interested, please contact the Recording Secretary for bid specifications. Send your completed bid, on or before March 15, 2021 to Merilynn Bergstresser, 1092 Millwood Ct, Brentwood, TN 37027 or email to mmberg50@gmail.com.

**CALL FOR BCCA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS**

The Board has elected Sonja Blanchard to serve as the chair of the 2021 Nominations Committee. Please contact any of the nominating committee members with questions or with nominations for any positions.

Chair, Sonja Blanchard, snuffynwally@gmail.com  
 Rosemary Schroeder, rschroeder198@gmail.com  
 Julie Sneed, dogandjulie@gmail.com

**2022 NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGES PRELIMINARY BALLOT RESULTS**

The following names were elected to be on the final ballot for the regular classes.

**Regular Classes**

Johan Andersson  
 Gillian R. Burfit  
 Kathleen M. Pavlich

**Sweepstakes**

Patricia Rusko  
 Shannon Smart  
 Amy Steltz

The final ballots will be emailed by February 15th. Ballots should be returned to the Treasurer, Rich Bihl, and must be postmarked by March 30, 2021.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR JUDGES FOR THE 2022 SPECIALTY**

Links to 2022 BCCA National Judges [Final Ballot](#) and [Biographies](#)

**IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR BALLOT COUNTED, IT MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 30H!**

**BALANCE SHEET JANUARY 2021 AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

	Current Month	Year Ago
<b>Assets</b>		
Checking		
Unrestricted	167,528	88,936
Restricted - Rescue	63,952	60,702
Total Checking	231,480	149,638
Accounts Receivable	215	0
Investments (CDs)	115,328	191,354
<b>Total Assets</b>	347,023	340,992
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	330,313	324,223
YTD Profit/(Loss)	16,710	16,769
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	347,023	340,992

**BAGPIPES DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is  
**MARCH 1ST, 2021**

Email your reports and articles to  
 Michele Ritter, [topdogs@ptd.net](mailto:topdogs@ptd.net)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Ad reservations for the next issue of the BEARDIE BULLETIN  
 are due **MARCH 15, 2021.**

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

**PROFIT/LOSS YTD COMPARISON JANUARY 2021  
AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

		Current Month		Year-to-Date	
		This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
<b>Bulletin</b>					
Income					
	Subscriptions & Copies	27		11,870	12,254
	Advertising	285	420	10,720	9,543
	<b>Income Total</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>22,590</b>	<b>21,797</b>
Expense					
	Pre-production		3,890	5,640	8,900
	Production & Mailing	4,620	125	10,764	9,292
	<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>4,620</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>16,404</b>	<b>18,192</b>
	<b>Bulletin Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(4,308)</b>	<b>(3,595)</b>	<b>6,186</b>	<b>3,605</b>
<b>Rescue</b>					
Income					
	Donations	275	150	1,302	11,165
	Adoption	300	150	600	1,200
	Fund Raising (net of expenses)	201	247	3,765	2,813
	Auction		2,184		2,184
	<b>Income Total</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>5,666</b>	<b>17,362</b>
Expense					
	Veterinary	909	1,319	1,978	9,000
	Boarding & Grooming	80		80	
	Other	37	1,120	37	1,506
	<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>10,506</b>
	<b>Rescue Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(250)</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>6,856</b>
<b>National Specialties</b>					
Income					
	2018 - Sacramento				
	2019 - Asheville		3,373		3,373
	<b>Income Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,373</b>
Expenses					
	2018 - Sacramento				
	2019 - Asheville				2,500
	2020 - St Louis				
	<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,500</b>
	<b>National Specialties Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>873</b>
	<b>Club Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(4,662)</b>	<b>(2,970)</b>	<b>16,710</b>	<b>16,769</b>

**PROFIT/LOSS YTD COMPARISON JANUARY 2021  
AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

General	Current Month		Year-to-Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
Income				
Membership				
Individual			15,935	16,395
Affiliate Club		50	325	350
Membership Total	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>16,260</u>	<u>16,745</u>
Other				
Interest (net of amortization)	-24	64	2,277	3,540
Donations (non-Rescue)			46	5,634
Publications (non-Bulletin)	33	100	1,275	1,658
Agility Trials (net of expenses)				
Miscellaneous				
Other Total	<u>9</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>3,598</u>	<u>10,832</u>
Income Total	<u>9</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>19,858</u>	<u>27,577</u>
Expense				
Administrative				
Office Supplies & Services				129
Insurance				
Professional Services				
Information Technology				
Bank & Payment Services	13	2	868	759
AKC Dues & Education			25	25
Travel				
Miscellaneous		420		420
Administrative Total	<u>13</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>893</u>	<u>1,333</u>
Mission-related				
Breed Ed & Promotion				469
Charitable Donations	100		11,750	14,550
Publications (non-Bulletin)		772	263	952
Health		1,500		3,000
Trophies & Awards				1,178
Herding		280		380
Companion		280		280
Agility				
Mission-related Total	<u>100</u>	<u>2,832</u>	<u>12,013</u>	<u>20,809</u>
Expense Total	<u>113</u>	<u>3,254</u>	<u>12,906</u>	<u>22,142</u>
<b>General Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b><u>(104)</u></b>	<b><u>(3,040)</u></b>	<b><u>6,953</u></b>	<b><u>5,435</u></b>