



Official Newsletter of the
Bearded Collie Club of America
March 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It's March and (hopefully) the end of winter is in sight; the 20th is the first day of Spring, although I doubt winter will be done with us that soon. The show scene has been quite active in Florida, not so much anywhere else.

National Capital Bearded Collie Club has their independent specialty scheduled for Friday, April 23rd, with a supported entry on Sunday, the 25th. It's outdoors on grass, which is the safer choice for events while COVID still has us in its grip.

FINAL BALLOT FOR 2022 NATIONAL JUDGES

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, one will be selected on the final ballot. Don't forget to vote, the ballot is included with the MailChimp email

FEBRUARY 26, 2021 BCCA BOARD MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by President Michele Ritter at 8:30 PM EST.

Present: Bergstresser, Bihl, Blanchard, Corn, Furlow, McNamara, Remell, Ritter, Taylor, Williamson, Woods
Absent: None

Report of the Recording Secretary (Bergstresser) - The minutes of the January 26, 2021 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. There is one application to be voted on at the March meeting.

Anne and Sarah Marfisi
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Joint / Full

Sponsor: Meaghan Edwards

for this newsletter. Ballots should be sent to the treasurer, Rich Bihl, and postmarked by March 30.

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>

Report of the Treasurer (Bihl) - The Treasurer's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.

Reports of Committees

1. 2020 BCCA National Specialty Committee. Carol Serrine, chair, submitted an update on the status of the National at Purina Farms, MO, 16-22 June 2021. Currently there is a limit of 50 people in the building at one time so events will be scheduled appropriately. A survey will be coming out for members regarding attending the event.

2. Nominations Committee report (Blanchard)

Officers

President, Michele Ritter
Vice President, Linda Taylor
Treasurer, Don Means
Recording Secretary, Merilynn Bergstresser
Corresponding Secretary, David Williamson

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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Class of 2023 Directors

Meaghan Edwards, Debby Furlow & Molly McNamara

AKC Delegate July 2021 – June 2024

Kathy Coxwell

Unfinished Business - There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

1. The following applicants were approved without dissent for BCCA membership. (Williamson)

Susan and Mahmoud Gaffoor Pam Remark
Markham, Ontario, Canada Logandale, Nevada
Joint/Foreign Single/Full
Sponsor: Kelly Canham Sponsor: Lisa Depies

2. Motion to approve the Bearded Collie Club of Texas using the BCCA FastCAT license to host the following events in 2021 was approved without dissent. (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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM EST

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

FEBRUARY CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Please send all changes to your telephone numbers, email, and snail mail addresses to the corresponding secretary. If you would like to add your kennel to the breeder listings, or list a litter, email the corresponding secretary.

Welcome new members Susan and Mahmoud Gaffoor, and Pam Remark.

COMMUNICATIONS

Posted to the BCCAmemberslist@groups.io

- Several inquiries for puppies
- Posted to BCCA Members List
 - Teacher resources from AKC
 - February edition of the AKC Gazette
 - Sharing AKC registration with new puppy owners
 - Opt-in for text messaging from AKC government relations department
 - AKC licensed breeders' rules update

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Anne and Sarah Marfisi
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Joint / Full
Sponsor: Meaghan Edwards

BAGPIPES DEADLINE

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

Email your reports and articles to Michele Ritter, 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

MARCH RECORDING SECRETARY'S NOTICES

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2021 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Chair Sonja Blanchard, Rosemary Schroeder, and Julie Sneed have submitted the following nominations for the 2021 election:

Officers

President: Michele Ritter
Vice President: Linda Taylor
Recording Secretary: Merilynn Bergstresser
Corresponding Secretary: David Williamson
Treasurer: Don Means

Directors, Class of 2023

Deborah Furlow
Molly McNamara
Meaghan Edwards

AKC Delegate 2021 – 2024

Kathy Coxwell

The BCCA Bylaws, Article V, Sections 4 D & E, state “Each member may nominate a candidate for officer and director positions by signing a document that is sent to the recording secretary by a date to be determined by the board each year (April 15, 2021). The name of a candidate who receives nomination signatures from five percent of the members in good standing shall appear on the ballot.

1. Nominations for each office shall be submitted as a separate document.
2. A nomination document may contain the signatures of more than one member.

The nominating committee shall verify that each candidate meets the requirements for the position for which nominated and shall secure from each candidate a written consent to serve if elected.”

The BCCA membership number currently stands at 649, so 33 signatures (5%) are required to support each petition.

All additional nominations should be mailed to

Merilynn Bergstresser
Recording Secretary
1092 Millwood Ct
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Respectfully submitted,
Sonja Blanchard, BCCA 2021 Nominating Committee Chair

2023 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.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR THE 2022 SPECIALTY JUDGES

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

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

**PROFIT/LOSS YTD COMPARISON JANUARY 2021
AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

General	Current Month		Year-to-Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
Income				
Membership				
Individual		30	15,935	16,425
Affiliate Club			325	350
Membership Total	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>16,260</u>	<u>16,775</u>
Other				
Interest (net of amortization)	350	478	2,627	4,018
Donations (non-Rescue)			46	5,634
Publications (non-Bulletin)	13		1,288	1,658
Agility Trials (net of expenses)				
Miscellaneous				
Other Total	<u>363</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>3,961</u>	<u>11,310</u>
Income Total	<u>363</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>20,221</u>	<u>28,085</u>
Expense				
Administrative				
Office Supplies & Services				129
Insurance				
Professional Services				
Information Technology				
Bank & Payment Services	14	5	882	764
AKC Dues & Education			25	25
Travel				
Miscellaneous				420
Administrative Total	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>1,338</u>
Mission-related				
Breed Ed & Promotion		100		569
Charitable Donations			11,750	14,550
Publications (non-Bulletin)			263	952
Health				3,000
Trophies & Awards				1,178
Herding	280		280	380
Companion	280		280	280
Agility				
Mission-related Total	<u>560</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>12,573</u>	<u>20,909</u>
Expense Total	<u>574</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>13,480</u>	<u>22,247</u>
General Gain/(Loss)	<u>(211)</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>6,741</u>	<u>5,838</u>

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

		Current Month		Year-to-Date	
		This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
Bulletin					
Income					
	Subscriptions & Copies		34	11,870	12,288
	Advertising	160	6,862	10,880	16,405
	Income Total	160	6,896	22,750	28,693
Expense					
	Pre-production			5,640	8,900
	Production & Mailing			10,764	9,292
	Expense Total	0	0	16,404	18,192
Bulletin Gain/(Loss)		160	6,896	6,346	10,501
Rescue					
Income					
	Donations		4	1,302	11,169
	Adoption			600	1,200
	Fund Raising (net of expenses)	680	118	4,445	2,930
	Auction				2,184
	Income Total	680	122	6,347	17,483
Expense					
	Veterinary			1,978	9,000
	Boarding & Grooming			80	
	Other			37	1,505
	Expense Total	0	0	2,095	10,505
Rescue Gain/(Loss)		680	122	4,251	6,978
National Specialties					
Income					
	2018 - Sacramento				
	2019 - Asheville				3,373
	Income Total	0	0	0	3,373
Expenses					
	2018 - Sacramento				
	2019 - Asheville				2,500
	2020 - St Louis				
	Expense Total	0	0	0	2,500
National Specialties Gain/(Loss)		0	0	0	873
Club Gain/(Loss)		629	7,421	17,339	24,190

BALANCE SHEET FEBRUARY 2021

	Current Month	Year Ago
Assets		
Checking		
Unrestricted	167,502	96,255
Restricted - Rescue	<u>64,632</u>	<u>60,824</u>
Total Checking	<u>232,134</u>	<u>157,079</u>
Accounts Receivable	215	0
Investments (CDs)	115,303	191,334
Total Assets	<u>347,652</u>	<u>348,413</u>
Liabilities & Equity		
Retained Earnings	330,313	324,223
YTD Profit/(Loss)	17,339	24,190
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>347,652</u>	<u>348,413</u>