



Official Newsletter of the  
Bearded Collie Club of America  
July 2021

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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### **NATIONAL SPECIALTIES**

The "2020 BCCA National" at the Purina Event Center and Rotti-Ewe (herding) was a rousing success. Exhibitors enjoyed being able to compete and get together with friends again. Results are listed in the Extra Edition.

The 2021 BCCA National is scheduled for September 18-25th, starting with herding at Packleader Farms, Gig Harbor, WA, agility at Lacey Regional Athletic Center, and obedience, rally, sweepstakes and conformation at the Hotel RL Olympia.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - ANOTHER REMINDER!!!**

If you have not yet mailed your dues, please do so as soon as possible. After July 31st, a \$5 late fee applies to all renewals through August 31st. If dues remain unpaid after that, memberships will lapse. Download the renewal form from the BCCA website, or renew online (recommended.)

### **NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

July 1st is the official start to fiscal year 2022, when new officers and board members take office. Thanks to Richard Bihl, treasurer, and Sonja Blanchard, director, for all that they have done for the club over the last few years. I will miss their input.

Welcome new board members Don Means, treasurer, and Meaghan Edwards, director. Don has served previously as treasurer, so brings lots of experience, while Meaghan is new to the board and will bring fresh insight.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

The board will approve committee chairs this month. If you would like to know what the various committees are and what the jobs entail, click this [link](#). There are several vacancies for committee chairs, - Historian and Meet The Breeds - if you are

## **MAY 25, 2021 BCCA BOARD MEETING**

Merilynn Bergstresser • [mmborg50@gmail.com](mailto:mmborg50@gmail.com)

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

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

interested in applying/serving for these positions or others of interest to you, please contact me.

Committees are an important part of the club, doing the day to day work of encouraging members to be active with their dogs, providing information to on all aspects of beardie ownership, suggesting updates to rules and bringing new ideas to the board for approval.

### **AFFILIATE CLUBS**

July 1st is also the date for independent Beardie clubs to update their affiliate status with the BCCA. A fillable PDF is available at <https://tinyurl.com/ycluejr5>

Send \$25 to the treasurer; the current club membership list, the list of officers and directors, and a calendar of dates for club meetings and club sponsored events to the BCCA recording secretary, to take advantage of the benefits the BCCA offers its affiliates. If you have any questions, please contact a board member or me.

### **ANNUAL MEETING INPUT FROM MEMBERS**

Per BCCA bylaws the Annual Meeting is scheduled to held in September or October, in conjunction with the National Specialty. As I will not be able to attend the 2021 National, the plan is to hold the Annual Meeting via Zoom, *after* the National.

Topics that members would like placed on the agenda should be emailed to Merilynn Bergstresser, recording secretary, in order that the agenda can be put together and published in a timely fashion. We want to hear from members about what is important to them. Remember that no club business can be conducted unless there is a quorum (currently 64 members), that is 10% of the membership for the annual meeting.

*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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**AKC DELEGATE 2019 - 2021**

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Absent: Furlow

Report of the Recording Secretary (Bergstresser) -The minutes of the May 25, 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 are two applications to be voted on at the July meeting.

Cindy and Randall Kratzer  
Powel OH  
Joint/Full  
Sponsor: Arlene Fenney

Eric Workman  
Asheville, NC  
Single/Associate  
Sponsor: Dorothea Matthews

Report of the Treasurer (Bihl) - The Treasurer’s report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes. The Treasurer presented the BCCA budget for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Reports of Committees – There were no committee reports.

Unfinished Business - There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

The following applicant was approved without dissent for BCCA membership. (Williamson)

Terry and Regan Warnick  
Parker, Colorado  
Joint/Full  
Sponsor: Suzanne Easley Buck

Proposed Motions for July board meeting – Motion to approve 2022 committee chairs.

For the Good of the Order – Discussion continued from last meeting regarding the BCCA trophies. Michele has contacted all people who have donated trophies to get ideas to reduce the logistical challenge. No one that has responded seems totally opposed to retiring the trophies. We should either retire all of them all or keep all of them. Discussion to be continued.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM EST

*.Next Meeting July 27, 2021 at 8:30 PM EDT.*

**JUNE RECORDING SECRETARY’S NOTICES**

*Merilynn Bergstresser • mmberg50@gmail.com*

**BCCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Your dues are to be paid by August 1st. You should have received your membership renewal form on or before July 1st. If your dues is paid after August 1st but on or before August 31st, a \$5 penalty shall be added. If your dues are unpaid after August 31st, membership will be terminated. You must then reapply if you want to continue as a member.

**NOTICE TO BREEDERS**

If you want to be listed on the BCCA website, there will be a line on the Membership Renewal Form that will allow you to enroll for a yearly fee of \$25. All the information needed is already in our database, however, if you have a website, you will need to enter the address in the space provided on the Membership Renewal Form.

**GUIDELINES FOR BCCA BREEDER LISTING PROGRAM**

The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain the breeder listing that will be published on the BCCA Website.

The list will be maintained on a yearly basis from July 1 to June 30, to coincide with the BCCA fiscal year.

Members may enroll in the Breeder Listing program for a \$25 fee using the membership renewal form. Members may also sign up any time during the year by notifying the corresponding secretary and submitting the fee; the fee will not be pro-rated. Information to be listed on the BCCA website is limited to the following.

- Kennel Name
- Owner Name
- Address
- Email Address
- Phone
- Website

### **NOTICE TO ALL AFFILIATE CLUBS**

Each club secretary must send \$25 dues, a current membership list, a list of officers and directors, and a calendar of dates for club meetings and sponsored events to the BCCA Treasurer, Don Means, 35859 Elkridge Run, Elizabeth, CO 80107 or to [demeans@msn.com](mailto:demeans@msn.com).

There is a form available on the club website for this information, see <http://beardedcolliclub.us/wp-content/uploads/forms/BCCA-Affiliate-Club-Renewal-Form.pdf>

### **NATIONAL SPECIALTY HOST CLUB**

Bids are being accepted from local clubs to host the 2023 BCCA National Specialty. Please contact National Specialty Advisor Joanne Williamson ([balgrae@ix.netcom.com](mailto:balgrae@ix.netcom.com)) for a bid packet.

Nominations for Regular and Sweepstakes Judges for the 2023 National Specialty

Please send your nominations for regular and sweepstakes judges for the 2023 National Specialty to the Recording Secretary, Merilynn Bergstresser, [mmberg50@gmail.com](mailto:mmberg50@gmail.com). Each BCCA member is entitled to nominate one person for regular classes and one for sweepstakes. Deadline for receipt of all nominations is September 1, 2021.

**All nominations must contain the email address for the person nominated.**

A preliminary Ballot with all nominations will be emailed to the membership with the November issue of the Bagpipes and

## **JUNE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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Welcome to New Members Terry and Regan Warnick

### **LITTER LISTINGS POSTED TO THE BCCA WEBSITE**

**Projected Litter Birth Date: 07/10/2021**

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CH McCrystal Forever Timeless x Headline's Once Upon a Time, PT FDC

Sire: OFA CHIC #135124

Dam: OFA CHIC #147235

must be returned to the treasurer no later than January 15, 2022. The top three candidates from the preliminary ballot for each position will be presented to the membership in a final ballot with the February issue of the Bagpipes, with the final ballots to be returned to the treasurer no later than March 20, 2022. Nominations of judges from other countries who are eligible to judge championship shows are allowed for regular conformation classes only.

### **REGULAR CONFORMATION JUDGES ELIGIBILITY**

All nominees must be an AKC permit or approved judge, or approved to judge bearded collies in another country. In addition, a US or Canadian BCCA member who is not approved by AKC to judge bearded collies may also be nominated if he/she meets the following criteria:

- Is 21 years of age or older
- Is occupationally eligible
- Is knowledgeable of the breed with success in breeding/exhibiting/handling the breed for 15 or more years
- Has a thorough understanding of the AKC's "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" and "Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges" and the bearded collie standard
- Is approved by the AKC Judges Review Committee at the request of the BCCA
- Is willing, if elected, to take and pass the AKC's procedural and anatomy exam and submit a non-refundable \$25 processing fee to AKC.

### **SWEEPSTAKES JUDGES ELIGIBILITY**

US and Canadian BCCA members in good standing, who are not eligible to judge bearded collies in any country, may judge sweepstakes at the national specialty. Nominees for sweepstakes should have at least seven years of experience as an exhibitor in conformation or as a breeder of bearded collies and have a thorough understanding of the AKC's Rules Applying to Dog Shows and Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, and the standard of the breed, to be eligible for nomination.

Any judge officiating at the BCCA National Specialty will not be permitted on the ballot again until a two-year time period has elapsed.

### **Litter Birth Date: 05/26/2021**

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GCH CH Highland's Deacon Blues ex GCH CH Meadows' Ready To Shine

Sire: Hip BC-4604G31M-VPI; Eye BC EYE 318/31M-VPI;

Thyroid BC-TH740/31M VPI; Elbow BC EL 844M31 – VPI

Dam: Hip BC-4402G26F-VPI; Eye Normal; Thyroid BC-TH595/26F VPI

1 Black M, 4 Black F, 1 Blue F

## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Cindy and Randall Kratzer  
Powell, Ohio  
Joint / Full  
Sponsor: Arlene Fenney

Cindy and Randall have been involved with Bearded Collies for 21 years -- currently own one along with a miniature schnauzer -- Cindy grew up on a dairy farm with herding dogs -- membership would offer them opportunities to meet other owners and participate in helping to keep the breed sustained -- willing to serve where needed -- currently enjoys agility and obedience work -- strengths are in quilting, is super organized, and has good administrative skills -- not a member of any affiliate clubs -- currently involved in agility, obedience, rally, therapy, and scent work; is not a breeder -- She writes, "Our first Bearded Collie was a rescue in 2000 that was placed in our home by Lisa Wahoff. We loved Isabel for 14 years and she was good company for our Bearded Collie, Maxine. Our next Bearded Collie came from Brampton Bearded Collies in Cincinnati. We loved her dearly. Our most recent Beardie is from Arlin Kennels in Lake Villa, Illinois. We love this breed for their temperament and for the joy they bring to our lives."

Arlene Fenney, who has known them for 3 months writes, "They are affiliated with Columbus All Breed Dog Club; works (with) Encredipaws Agility. They like to hike, paddle board & bicycle. They have owned 2 previous Beardies."

Eric Workman  
Asheville, North Carolina  
Single / Associate  
Sponsor: Dorothea Matthews

Eric has been involved with Bearded Collies for 15 years -- is looking to adopt -- BCCA membership would offer him the opportunity to meet and network with other Beardie owners and breeders -- open to volunteering in any way to help further the interests of the Club -- retired homebuilder whose Beardie passed away a few years ago -- now looking to adopt and show in conformation and agility as a way to stay active in retirement.

Dorothea Matthews writes, "I have been working with Mr. Workman, along with Lillian Esposito and Michele Marini, to get him a suitable Beardie male to compete in conformation. Both Lillian and I have not been able to do that yet, but I have gotten to know him and believe he will be an excellent owner and will contribute to our breed and the sport of dogs."

## BALANCE SHEET JUNE 2021 AS OF JULY 6 2021

	Current Month	Year Ago
<b>Assets</b>		
Checking		
Unrestricted	177,964	121,773
Restricted - Rescue	66,414	60,322
Total Checking	244,378	182,095
Prepaid Expense		492
Investments (CDs)	100,205	1,655,524
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>344,583</b>	<b>1,838,111</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	330,313	324,223
Deferred Income		17,798
YTD Profit/(Loss)	14,270	6,090
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>344,583</b>	<b>348,111</b>

### BAGPIPES DEADLINE

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is **AUGUST 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 **AUGUST 15, 2021**.

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

**PROFIT/LOSS YTD COMPARISON JUNE 2021**  
**AS OF JULY 6, 2021**

General	Current Month		Year-to-Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
Income				
Membership				
Individual		35	16,100	16,520
Affiliate Club			325	350
Membership Total		35	16,425	16,870
Other				
Interest (net of amortization)	214	203	3,838	6,338
Donations (non-Rescue)			101	5,724
Publications (non-Bulletin)		60	1,328	1,744
Agility Trials (net of expenses)				
Miscellaneous				
Other Total	214	263	5,267	13,806
Income Total	214	298	21,692	30,676
Expense				
Administrative				
Office Supplies & Services		89		218
Insurance	639		2,061	2,020
Professional Services				
Information Technology	208		416	2,289
Bank & Payment Services		4	968	821
AKC Dues & Education			43	25
Travel				
Miscellaneous			40	420
Administrative Total	847	93	3,528	5,793
Mission-related				
Breed Ed & Promotion				569
Charitable Donations			11,750	14,550
Publications (non-Bulletin)	107		370	952
Health				3,000
Trophies & Awards	645		680	1,178
Herding	100		380	380
Companion			280	280
Agility				
Mission-related Total	852		13,460	20,909
Expense Total	1,700	93	16,988	26,702
<b>General Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(1,486)</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>4,704</b>	<b>3,974</b>

**PROFIT/LOSS YTD COMPARISON JUNE 2021**  
**AS OF JULY 6, 2021**

	Current Month		Year-to-Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
<b>Bulletin</b>				
Income				
Subscriptions & Copies		34	12,064	12,405
Advertising		200	22,835	22,367
Income Total		234	34,899	34,772
Expense				
Pre-production			10,500	11,475
Production & Mailing			18,366	20,031
Expense Total			28,866	31,506
<b>Bulletin Gain/(Loss)</b>		<b>234</b>	<b>6,033</b>	<b>3,266</b>
<b>Rescue</b>				
Income				
Donations	5,000	23	6,352	11,394
Adoption			600	1,350
Fund Raising (net of expenses)	-1,714	-1,136	3,602	2,157
Auction				2,184
Income Total	3,286	-1,113	10,553	17,085
Expense				
Veterinary			4,404	9,104
Boarding & Grooming			80	
Other			37	1,504
Expense Total			4,520	10,608
<b>Rescue Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>3,286</b>	<b>(1,113)</b>	<b>6,033</b>	<b>6,477</b>
<b>National Specialties</b>				
Income				
2019 - Asheville				3,373
2020 - St Louis				
Income Total				3,373
Expenses				
2019 - Asheville				2,500
2020 - St Louis				
2021 - Olympia	2,500	7,500	2,500	7,500
2022 - Virginia Beach				1,000
Expense Total	2,500	7,500	2,500	11,000
<b>National Specialties Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>(7,500)</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>(7,627)</b>
<b>Club Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(700)</b>	<b>(8,174)</b>	<b>14,270</b>	<b>6,090</b>