



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

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Last month's board meeting may have set a record! As you can see from the minutes, the meeting lasted an hour and a half, ending at 10:00 pm EST. We covered a lot, had some spirited discussions, and are passing on to the members some of the items for your thoughts, comments and participation. The Nominations Committee will be chaired by Debby Furlow with committee members of Sheree Girty and Kathy Pavlich. They are currently working on nominees for officers and directors to take office in July of 2023. If you are interested in nominating someone or serving yourself, please contact one of the committee members.

We also discussed a proposal for awards submitted by the Scent Workcommittee. This would add annual BCCA Awards for Scent Work and Barn Hunt, both of which are becoming increasingly popular with club members. I would like to thank Carol Bond and her committee who worked diligently to put the language for this rule together. It is now open for your comments and will be

## **JANUARY 24, 2023 BCCA BOARD MEETING**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Colombo at 8:34 PM EST via Google Meet.

Present: Beddoe, Bergstresser, Colombo, Corn, Edwards, McNamara, Poliak, Ritter, Taylor, Williamson

Absent: Means

Report of the Recording Secretary (Bergstresser) - The minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting were amended to record Molly McNamera as absent.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary (Williamson) - The Corresponding Secretary's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes. There were three new membership applications.

Tina Duncan  
Single/Foreign  
Chertsey, Quebec, CN  
Sponsor: Debby Furlow

voted on by the Board in February. Please review the proposal (p2 of the Extra Edition) and send your thoughts, especially if you participate in one of these venues, to the club recording secretary, Merilynn Bergstresser – [mmberg50@gmail.com](mailto:mmberg50@gmail.com)

I hope you're following the fundraising efforts for the National this October. I've seen some exciting new things as well as some favorites. There are lots more planned over the coming months.

AKC is developing a Canine College for judges. Hopefully this will be an opportunity to educate judges on what they should be looking for, and rewarding! We've had a number of beardies participate in their video sessions and interviews. When it is ready, the board has approved an Ad Hoc committee to review before it is finalized. Thanks to Chantal Andrews and Deb Thomas who agreed to be interviewed.

Happy Valentine's Day! Looking forward to six more weeks of winter in Ohio!

Lisa & Dennis Florentino  
Joint/Full  
Plover, WI  
Sponsor: Patricia Halvorson

Scott & Lisa Michaeloff  
Joint/Associate  
Boca Raton, FL  
Sponsor: Kay Sakowski

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

### **Committee Reports**

- a. Analysis of National Specialty Results (Williamson) – Joanne Williamson completed an extensive analysis of National Specialty results pre and post-pandemic with suggestions.

*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 Bearded Collie owners, breeders, and the general public to learn, connect, and compete, while supporting research into breed-specific health issues and rescuing Bearded Collies in need.*

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#### CLASS OF 2023

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### AKC DELEGATE JULY 2021 - JUNE 2024

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b. Proposed Scent Work Standing Rules – The revisions to the proposed rules will be

included in the next monthly newsletter (Bagpipes) for membership comments.

#### New Business

a. Motion to approve the following new members. The motion passed.

Dorothy Johnson  
Single/Full  
Iowa City, IA  
Sponsor: Patricia Halverson

Dawn Robitaille  
Single/Foreign  
Kars, Ontario, CN  
Sponsor: Deb Quadland

Jennifer Johnson  
Single/Full  
Lewisville, TX  
Sponsor: Patricia Halverson

Kathy & Phil Ward  
Joint/Full  
Lincoln, NE  
Sponsor: Patricia Halverson

b. Motion to approve the Bearded Collie Club of Texas to use the BCCA license to host the following events in 2023:

#### FastCAT

April 28-30, 2023 (6 events)  
Bayshore Park  
5437 FM 646  
Bacliff, TX 77518

Sept 29- Oct 1, 2023 (6 events)  
Walter Hall Park  
5807 Hwy 3  
League City, TX 77573

c. Member of the Year Nomination: The Board convened an Executive session.

d. 2024 National Specialty Information: Plans are being formed to conduct the 2024 National Specialty in Santa Rosa, CA in October 2024. The Northern California Bearded Collie Fanciers have the lead and are being assisted by other California bearded collie clubs.

e. Nominations Committee: The Board approved Debby Furlow to chair the Nominations Committee assisted by Sheree Girty and Cathy Pavlich.

f. National Specialty Advisors Committee – Lisa Voss has been added to the National Specialty Advisors Committee to assist Joanne Williamson.

g. AKC Canine College Participation: An Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Pat Colombo, Debby Furlow, Lesley Woodcock, Deb Thomas, Chantal Andrews and Michele Ritter was approved to review all the interview videos.

For the Good of the Order

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 PM EST.

*Next Meeting February 21, 2023 at 8:30 PM EST*

## BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Merilynn Bergstresser • mmberg50@gmail.com*

President Pat Colombo called an Executive Committee meeting via conference call at 7pm EST Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Pat Colombo, Don Means and Merilynn Bergstresser were present on the call. The purpose of the call was to discuss BCCA participation in the AKC Meet the Breeds event at the Jacob K. Javits Center in New York City, NY on January 28-29 2023.

The Garden State Bearded Collie Clan has volunteered to run the bearded collie booth at this event. Several club members will be driving to NYC with their dogs and they have requested financial assistance for this event.

The Committee first discussed reimbursing club members for gas, meals, essentials to participate in the event. The Committee agreed that BCCA should support the club and reimburse members for these costs up to \$300.

Secondly, the Committee discussed reimbursing the club for any promotional materials required for the booth. The Committee agreed that BCCA would support the club with funds for whatever materials (pamphlets, signs, etc.)

they needed for this event and also help with a long term plan for permanent promotional materials for the future . Costs will be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 EST.

## **FEBRUARY 2023 RECORDING SECRETARY'S NOTICES**

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### **2024 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 Elsa Sell, the BCCA Herding chair, by March 15, 2023

Elsa Sell  
764 Liberty Road  
Milner, GA 30257  
[beaconbb@bellsouth.net](mailto:beaconbb@bellsouth.net)

### **BID FOR BEARDIE BULLETIN EDITOR**

Bids are now being solicited and accepted for editing the Beardie Bulletin for 2023-2024. If you are interested, please contact the Recording Secretary for bid specifications. Send your completed

## **FEBRUARY 2023 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*Joanne Williamson • [balgrae@ix.netcom.com](mailto:balgrae@ix.netcom.com)*

Welcome new members Gus & Maryann Carre, Karen Ritzenthaler, and David & Anna Marie Smith

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

From AKC

- received notice that a free litter registration can be given to the winner of Best By at National Specialties for participating parent clubs; the link leads to the form which must be completed in order to participate: <https://link.akc.org/view/5b58b95324c17c17c657ae6fi0ttj.1k9/e9cc15c8>
- received notice of the launch of an on-site show secretary program and championship points becoming available to 2nd-3rd-4th place winners in variety groups:
- <https://link.akc.org/view/5b58b95324c17c17c657ae6fhw9oz.ej/4e127393>
- received approval letters for the 2023 National Specialty herding trials.

bid, on or before March 15, 2023 to Merilynn Bergstresser, [mmberg50@gmail.com](mailto:mmberg50@gmail.com)

### **CALL FOR BCCA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS**

The Board has elected Debby Furlow to serve as the chair of the 2023 Nominations Committee. Please contact any of the nominating committee members with questions or with nominations for any of positions.

Debby Furlow - [df211@msn.com](mailto:df211@msn.com)  
Sheree Girty - [slgirty@gmail.com](mailto:slgirty@gmail.com)  
Kathy Pavlich - [kpavlich@suddenlink.net](mailto:kpavlich@suddenlink.net)

### **FINAL BALLOT FOR 2024 NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGES**

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

Regular Classes  
Lesley Tomlinson  
Gillian R. Burfitt  
Pam Douglas  
  
Sweepstakes  
Kathy Goetz-Perry  
Katherine Rudd Beard  
Laura Colombo  
Brenda Wantland

The final ballots will be emailed by February 15th via the Bagpipes, and are due to the Treasurer, Don Means, by March 30, 2023.

- received a notice that Crufts qualifier certificates are available for the beardie breed winners at the Orlando National championship show; forwarded to Pat Colombo for action.
- received the 4th quarter companion results and forwarded the file to the relevant performance committee chairs.
- received event close-out notices for the FAST CAT events held in Texas in December under the BCCA license.
- received notification of the approval of sweeps/specialty designation for the beardie classes at the Ladies Kennel Club in Wrentham, MA on June 3, 2023.
- links to various notices, newsletters including AKC Communicates, Governmental Relations, conformation judge approvals and the AKC Gazette posted to the members' list.
- Welcome letters and invitations to join the Members' and Mail Chimp lists were sent to Gus and Maryann Carre, Karen Ritzenthaler, and David and Anna Marie Smith.

- New member information was forwarded to Don Means and Michele Ritter for addition to the roster and membership data base.
- Received a request from Lucy Campbell on behalf of the National Capital Bearded Collie Club to complete an AKC form requesting approval of a non-approved individual to judge a specialty.
- Completed and submitted the form to AKC and was notified that the individual was approved.
- Received an e-mail forwarded by Robin Deily from the Dogo Argentino Club of America asking if we had a social media moderator committee. Replied that we had no separate committee and that board members were currently serving as moderators of the club Facebook page and the members' list.
- Received a membership application from Bonnie & Matt Hlasten of Fairhope, AL without a sponsor statement; am trying to contact the member they said would serve as their sponsor to complete the application.
- Received a request from a new member to check on the status of her application payment; forwarded her request to Don for action.
- Received an inquiry from a Rachel Bloecker about finding a sponsor for her membership application. Determined that one of the breeders of her current beardies is a BCCA member and provided an e-mail address for that person. Rachel agreed to contact her breeder but no application has been received to date.

#### New Membership Applications for January Vote

Dorothy Johnson	Jennifer Johnson	Dawn Robitaille	Kathy & Phil Ward
Single/Full	Single/Full	Single/Foreign	Joint/Full
Iowa City, IA	Lewisville, TX	Kars, Ontario, Canada	Lincoln, NE
Sponsor: Patricia Halverson	Sponsor: Patricia Halverson	Sponsor: Deb Quadland	Sponsor: Patricia Halverson

#### Membership Applications for February Vote

Tina Duncan	Lisa & Dennis Florentino	Scott & Lisa Michaeloff
Single/Foreign	Joint/Full	Joint/Associate
Chertsey, Quebec, Canada	Plover, WI	Boca Raton, FL
Sponsor: Debby Furlow	Sponsor: Patricia Halverson	Sponsor: Kay Sakowski

### **BCCA WEBSITE LITTER LISTINGS**

#### **Litter Birth Date: 10/10/2022**

Kirsten Andreassend & Joyce Emerson  
 6562 Rollin Brown Ct  
 Bakersfield, CA 93313  
 sebringbeardies@bak.rr.com  
 661-342-0421  
 GCH Sebring's Rollin in the Dough ex Ch Sebring Summer Breeze  
 Sire: CHIC #119886, Hips BC-4465E24M-VPI, Eyes BC-EYE187/81M-VPI, Thyroid BC-TH601/16M-VPI, Elbows BC-EL757M24-VPI  
 Dam: CHIC #149913, Hips BC-4676G25F-VPI, Eyes BC-EYE352/47F-VPI, Thyroid BC-TH788/25F-VPI, Elbows BC-EL882F25-VPI

#### **Litter Birth Date: 12/4/2022**

Rhonda Hardy  
 635 S 14th St  
 San Jose, CA 95112  
 74092 College View Cir W  
 Palm Desert, CA 92211 (winter address)  
 SeafarerBeardedCollies@gmail.com  
 408- 221-0902  
 CH Willowisp Ramsay PT Ex GCH McCrystal Everblaze HSAs RI THDN FDC CGCA CGCU TKN  
 Sire: CHIC #99825, Hips BC-4227G24M-VPI, Eyes BC-EYE 85/76M VPI, Thyroid BC-TH503/24M-VPI, Elbows BC-EL625M24-VPI  
 Dam: CHIC #165120, Hips BC-4755G26F-VPI, Eyes BC-EYE410/30 F-VPI, Thyroid BC-TH831/26F-VPI, Elbows BC-EL939F26-VPI  
 2 Black M, 1 Brown M, 1 Black F

### **BAGPIPES DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES  
 is **MARCH 1, 2023**

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, 2023**

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

## PROFIT/LOSS YTD COMPARISON AS OF FEBRUARY 2 2023

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	TOTAL	
	JAN 2022	JUL 2022 - JAN, 2023 (YTD)
INCOME		
01000 MEMBERSHIP		
010 INDIVIDUALS		
1 RENEWALS		14,615.00
2 LATE FEES		245.00
3 NEW MEMBERS	195.00	500.00
TOTAL 010 INDIVIDUALS	\$195.00	\$15,360.00
020 AFFILIATE CLUBS		310.00
TOTAL 01000 MEMBERSHIP	\$195.00	\$15,670.00
02000 OTHER		
010 INTEREST	329.70	4,391.52
020 DONATIONS (NON-RESCUE)	12.00	12.00
030 PUBLICATIONS (NON-B'TIN)		
2 ILLUSTRATED STANDARD		243.00
3 BREEDER LISTING		1,125.00
TOTAL 030 PUBLICATIONS (NON-B'TIN)		\$1,368.00
090 MISCELLANEOUS		70.00
TOTAL 02000 OTHER	\$341.70	\$5,841.52
10000 BULLETIN		
010 SUBSCRIPTION & COPIES		
1 SUBSCRIPTIONS	122.00	9,663.00
2 COPIES		28.00
TOTAL 010 SUBSCRIPTION & COPIES	\$122.00	\$9,691.00
020 ADVERTISING	1,862.00	15,122.93
TOTAL 10000 BULLETIN	\$1,984.00	\$24,813.93
18000 RESCUE		
010 ADOPTION		450.00
020 DONATIONS		315.00
040 FUND RAISING	158.00	2,975.00
TOTAL 18000 RESCUE	\$158.00	\$3,740.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,678.70	\$50,065.45
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,678.70	\$50,065.45

**PROFIT/LOSS YTD COMPARISON AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 2023**  
 Don Means • demean@msn.com

<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>05000 ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
010 GENERAL SUPPLIES & SVCS		
1 POSTAGE & MAIL SVCS		<b>310.98</b>
2 PRINTING & COPYING		157.90
TOTAL 010 GENERAL SUPPLIES & SVCS		<b>\$468.88</b>
020 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
1 SOFTWARE	30.00	235.00
TOTAL 020 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$235.00</b>
040 BANKING & PAYMENT SVCS		
1 BANK FEES		6.00
2 PAYPAL	<b>0.73</b>	1,008.57
TOTAL 040 BANKING & PAYMENT SVCS	<b>\$0.73</b>	<b>\$1,014.57</b>
060 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
1 ACCOUNTING		500.00
TOTAL 060 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		<b>\$500.00</b>
080 AKC DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS		
1 DUES		25.00
TOTAL 080 AKC DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS		\$25.00
210 AMORTIZATION		-8.26
TOTAL 05000 ADMINISTRATIVE	<b>\$30.73</b>	<b>\$2,235.19</b>
06000 MISSION RELATED		
010 BREED ED & PROMOTION		
1 JUDGES EDUCATION		191.20
2 BREED PROMOTION		215.00
TOTAL 010 BREED ED & PROMOTION		\$406.20
020 CHARITABLE DONATIONS		<b>10,000.00</b>
080 TROPHIES & AWARDS		
3 SHIPPING		50.00
TOTAL 080 TROPHIES & AWARDS		\$50.00
TOTAL 06000 MISSION RELATED		<b>\$10,456.20</b>
11000 BULLETIN		
010 PRE-PRODUCTION	<b>3,340.28</b>	3,340.28
020 PRODUCTION		11,341.25
2 MAILING		1,126.61
TOTAL 020 PRODUCTION		<b>\$12,467.86</b>
030 OTHER	<b>122.46</b>	122.46
TOTAL 11000 BULLETIN	<b>\$3,462.74</b>	\$15,930.60
19000 RESCUE		
<b>010 VETERNARIAN</b>	<b>1,137.16</b>	<b>3,454.51</b>
<b>020 GROOMING</b>		<b>16.35</b>
<b>030 BOARDING</b>	<b>114.96</b>	<b>2,571.96</b>
<b>090 OTHER</b>		<b>457.94</b>
TOTAL 19000 RESCUE	<b>\$1,252.12</b>	<b>\$6,500.76</b>
60000 NATIONAL SPECIALTIES		
<b>070 2023 - FRANKENMUTH</b>		<b>3,785.02</b>
TOTAL 60000 NATIONAL SPECIALTIES		<b>\$3,785.02</b>
PAYROLL EXPENSES		2.75
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSE		10.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,745.59</b>	<b>\$38,920.52</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>-\$2,066.89</b>	<b>\$11,144.93</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-\$2,066.89</b>	<b>\$11,144.93</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 2023**Don Means • [demeans@msn.com](mailto:demeans@msn.com)

	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
BANK ACCOUNTS	
01000 CHECKING (EDWARD JONES)	
010 BCCA CHECKING	127,872.24
020 BCCA RESCUE	14,698.68
TOTAL 01000 CHECKING (EDWARD JONES)	\$142,570.92
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	\$142,570.92
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	
04000 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	
03000 PREPAID EXPENSE	
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$142,570.92
OTHER ASSETS	
10000 SAVINGS	
010 CDS (EDWARD JONES)	189,969.13
020 BCCA RESCUE CD'S	42,000.00
TOTAL 10000 SAVINGS	\$231,969.13
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$231,969.13
TOTAL ASSETS	\$374,540.05
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
40000 DEFERRED INCOME	
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
EQUITY	
50000 RETAINED EARNINGS	294,160.29
RETAINED EARNINGS	69,234.83
NET INCOME	11,144.93
TOTAL EQUITY	\$374,540.05
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$374,540.05</b>