



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

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Welcome to Fall! In my corner of the world, the leaves are turning but the temperatures remain very mild, making for beautiful days. Unfortunately it looks as if these unseasonal temperatures won't stay around long enough to warm us in Michigan next week. But at the moment the forecast doesn't include rain.

Here we're busy making lists of things that need to be packed, tents, decorations, goodies to eat, clothes, oh and DOGS! I noted names of new members as well as old members I've never met when I was packing event tickets into the envelopes you'll pick up at Registration. I suspect Debby Furlow and I will be easy enough to spot, we'll be the two racing around trying to make sure everything is going well. Please stop and say hello, I'd love to meet you!

Your Board is still working through ideas suggested by members, currently to determine if it's possible for us to vote

electronically or by paper for Specialty Judges. Later this month we will hold the annual Members Meeting. Last year we had a quorum, the first since 2020. Please help us to do that again. You'll find more details elsewhere in the newsletter.

One of the requests that came out of the Members Survey done earlier this year was for more articles of interest in the Newsletter. If you have anything to share, please do! Maybe how you first discovered beardies, the funny idiosyncrasies your beardedie has (mine likes to curl up in the tiniest places possible), or any other beardedie related tidbits you might have. It doesn't have to be long.

Next month I plan to start a new feature in my report called "Know Your Board Members." I'm betting a lot of them have interesting stories to tell that you don't know.

Well, that's it for me today, back to packing and see you next week in Frankenmuth!

## **SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 BCCA BOARD MEETING**

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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM EST.

Roll Call: Barnes, Beddoe, Bond, Colombo, Corn, Edwards, Means, Minner, Norteman, Poliak, Taylor

Absent: none

Guests: Lisa Voss, Joanne Williamson

Discussion about the 2024 National Specialty (Colombo, Voss, Williamson). Lisa and Joanne joined the call.

The 2024 Specialty will be a concurrent specialty, run alongside the Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore's cluster shows at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa, CA. NCBCF already holds its agility trial on that show site. We would have the same ring all four days for all conformation shows.

Lisa will meet with MB-F about the logistics of a concurrent specialty. They are already the show super for the cluster. Price is unknown.

The Specialty will have four days of agility at the site – two for Beardies, two hosted by another club that would be open to all breeds. Only one day of the Beardedie trials will be the official BCCA agility day. Beardies will have early (preferred) entry to the other trial. There will be separate ribbons and rosettes plus all-breed placements at the all-breed trials.

OB is Friday, and we would offer a HIT for the BCCA Specialty then.

There are two shows on Sunday – the morning show will not have the BCCA name on it.

BCCA herding is at Jill Reifschneider's place in Patterson, CA.

There is no one host hotel in the area. Lisa submitted a list of available hotels (a lot of them). She will see if BCCA can get a Beardedie group rate. Judges get a special rate in Rohnert Park, that is only available to judges.

*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 Beardedie 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 JULY 2024 - JUNE 2027**

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NOTE: We might need to suspend the Standing Rule about running concurrent events alongside Obedience because of events at the all-breed shows, but the BCCA events do not interfere. NCBCF's trial is not subject to this rule.

Should we have a BCCA health symposium? There will be opportunities for various health tests for your dogs on-site at the show all four days, courtesy of the hosting all-breed club. Judges' education: The host all-breed club doesn't have a specific seminar, but Lisa is checking with the other clubs. We might be able to share a building on the site with any other club who wants to host a seminar.

NOTE: We cannot show altered veterans at an all-breed show. If they compete in groups, they must be intact. We need to make sure that we can show our altered veterans at our Specialty with a concurrent specialty arrangement, because there is no competition beyond the specialty (the BOB winner at the Specialty would not go on to groups in the all-breed show).

Will the BCCA or regional clubs support the entry of Bearded Collies at the non-specialty shows? They (the host club of the cluster) upgrades ribbons and rosettes for specialty shows & supported entries.

Kristin made the motion to accept the plan for the 2024 Specialty. Karen seconded the motion. The Board will vote next month on the Specialty itself.

Approval of the minutes of the August 15, 2023 board meeting as distributed.

### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

The Treasurer's Report documents are included in the emailed Board packet. 28 members did not renew or passed away (4 or 5). Having Board members call the holdout members made the difference in the high renewal rate.

### **REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

#### **GENERAL NOTES**

Individuals have inquired about adult Beardies for adoption. If there are points of contact for those inquiries, Casey will be happy to forward them somewhere.

AKC sponsored medallions – Casey will take care of those and Don will send payments.

#### **AKC UPDATES**

No new Bearded Collie approved judges for August. The announcements come out the week after each month's meeting.

New Event operations blog to stay apprised of changes: <http://akceventoperations.wordpress.com/>

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We voted on one applicant and read three new applications for the first time (see New Business below).

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion on the disposition of trophies (Corn). The report from the committee's August meeting is attached. Action items: Post in Bagpipes and ask for input to event committee chairs about the disposition of the trophies. For one-person committees, add more members (for example, conformation).

Disposition of the trophies will be offered to the relevant committees (minimum 3-5 members). The committees will recommend the disposition of the trophies in their venue (keep or pass on) within three months. If they don't want a trophy, that trophy gets back to the Board and then passed along in the step-down list.

There were three sections to the motion:

The BCCA shall pay for the shipment of each trophy to its destination. Each Venue Committee shall consist of at least three members, with additional members being appointed if necessary.

The BCCA trophies shall be offered to the relevant BCCA Venue Committees. By Dec. 20, 2023, each Venue Committee shall decide the disposition of the trophies in its purview. For each trophy, the Venue Committee shall have two options:

The Venue Committee may decide that a trophy shall continue to be offered at the national specialties. The Venue Committee then assumes responsibility for annual storage, shipment, and engraving of the trophy, and the funding of these actions. All such trophies will be shipped by the BCCA to the Venue Committee's chosen storage location.

For any trophies for which the Venue Committee does not wish to assume these responsibilities, it relinquishes all further authority for their disposition to the BCCA Board of Directors. Motion: Lynne. Second: Suzi. Passed.

Discussion on the process of online voting for Specialty judges (Norteman).

This is only for selecting Specialty judges.

The latest changes to NY State law allow for electronic voting by non-profits.

Counting the ballots and recording the votes are two separate activities. If someone votes twice, the first ballot received is the one that counts.

Paper ballots will use the same process as they traditionally have: each ballot in a blank envelope, mailed to Don inside a larger envelope.

Motion: Offer the option of electronic or paper ballots. Lynne made the motion, Carol seconded. Passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Request from the Bearded Collie Club of Maine to use the BCCA license for the following 2024 shows:

- May 18-19, 2024: Supported Entries, Southern Maine Coastal Classic Cluster, Cumberland, ME. Event chair: Karen Norteman
- June 1-2, 2024: Designated Specialty (Saturday) and Supported Entry (Sunday), Ladies' Dog Club, Wrentham, MA. Event Chair: Karen Norteman.
- June 22-23, 2024: Supported Entries, Chickadee Classic Cluster, Cumberland, ME. Event Chair: Val Maloney.

Motion: Lynne made the motion, Don seconded. Passed.

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

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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Sunday, October 22 · 7:30 – 9:30pm

Time zone: America/New\_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gzh-qtvj-cah>

New Applicant to vote on in September.

Miranda Mulders (former member)

Single Foreign Membership

Kralendijk, Bonaire Caribbean Netherlands

Sponsor: Debbie and Glenn Alexander

Casey made the motion to accept the application, Pat seconded. Passed.

New Applicants for September.

Julie McDivitt

Single Associate Membership

Sponsor: Martha Fruehwald

She's interested in assisting with an event and plans to attend various canine performance activities. Has had a bearded since 2000. Currently has a 14 month old bearded

Jacquelyn Filarecki

Single Full Membership

Sponsor: Christa McChancy (sent separately)

Has had beardedies for 36 years. Had a rescue and now has a four year old she got as a puppy. Interested in hearing more about therapy

Arija & Anthony Agostino

Joint Associate Membership

Sponsor: Michael Quinn

Has previously owned three beardedies over 26 years. Has one bearded collie currently. Has experience in healthcare and interest in supporting health causes for bearded collies. Would like to learn more about obedience and therapy, but does not compete with her bearded collie today.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Responses from the judge nominees for 2025:

Regular classes: 13 yes responses, 2 haven't responded, 2 maybes

Sweeps: 9 yes, 2 no, 2 maybes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM. We will continue to use Zoom for subsequent meetings. We will also try to have a hard stop at 10 PM ET for the East Coasters.

NOTE: the AGM will use Google Meet.

NOTE: We are using Don's Zoom account to meet this month. These codes are different than the ones we used last month.

*Next Meeting Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 8:30 PM EDT.*

Or dial: (US) +1 856-617-4064 PIN: 970 897 639#

More phone numbers:

<https://tel.meet/gzh-qtvj-cah?pin=7973502707302>

### **BAGPIPES DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is **NOVEMBER 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 **NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

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

### 2025 NATIONAL SPECIALTY HOST CLUB

Bids are now being accepted from local clubs to host the 2025 BCCA National Specialty. Please contact the National Specialty Advisor, Joanne Williamson (balgrae@ix.netcom.com), for a bid packet.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors will be selecting a nominating committee at the January board meeting. Any suggestions for this committee should be sent to Karen Norteman, webmonkey@bccca.us, by December 15, 2023.

#### BCCA Nominating Committee Responsibilities

Purpose: To nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office, board position, and AKC Delegate on a three-year rotation and procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen.

#### Duties of the Committee Chair

Activities	Date to be Accomplished	Person(s) Responsible
Notify members that they can submit names for nomination	February Bagpipes	Chair
Contact current Board	Early in February	Chair
Send nominations to the Recording Secretary	On or before March 1	Chair

1. Contact current Board members whose terms of service are ending and inquire whether they are interested in being considered for nomination. Those answering in the affirmative should be considered with all other suggested persons. There is no requirement that incumbents whose terms are ending must be asked to serve another term.
2. Determine if a nomination is needed for the AKC Delegate (in three-year rotation).
3. Contact all members of the committee to plan your approach.
4. Notify all members in the Bagpipes that the committee is accepting ideas for nominees.
5. Follow recommendations in the Guidelines for the Nominating Committee.
6. Notify the Recording Secretary of the slate by March 1.

### BALANCE SHEET AS OF SEPT 30, 2023

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	TOTAL
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
BANK ACCOUNTS	
01000 CHECKING (EDWARD JONES)	0.00
010 BCCA CHECKING	103,774.98
020 BCCA RESCUE	25,158.15
TOTAL 01000 CHECKING (EDWARD JONES)	\$128,933.13
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	\$128,933.13
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	
04000 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$0.00
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	
03000 PREPAID EXPENSE	0.00
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	\$0.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$128,933.13
OTHER ASSETS	
10000 SAVINGS	
010 CDS (EDWARD JONES)	220,000.00
020 BCCA RESCUE CD'S	50,000.00
TOTAL 10000 SAVINGS	\$270,000.00
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$270,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$398,933.13

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	
40000 DEFERRED INCOME	0.00
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$0.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00
EQUITY	
50000 RETAINED EARNINGS	294,160.29
RETAINED EARNINGS	84,208.75
NET INCOME	20,564.09
TOTAL EQUITY	\$398,933.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$398,933.13

## PROFIT/LOSS YTD COMPARISON AS OF OCT 3, 2023

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	TOTAL	
	Sep 2023	Jul - Sep, 2023 (YTD)
INCOME		
01000 MEMBERSHIP		
010 INDIVIDUALS		
1 RENEWALS	554.92	14,408.92
2 LATE FEES	55.00	225.00
3 NEW MEMBERS		190.00
TOTAL 010 INDIVIDUALS	\$609.92	\$14,823.92
020 AFFILIATE CLUBS		300.00
TOTAL 01000 MEMBERSHIP	\$609.92	\$15,123.92
02000 OTHER		
010 INTEREST	420.35	1,944.40
030 PUBLICATIONS (NON-B'TIN)		
2 ILLUSTRATED STANDARD	41.00	246.00
3 BREEDER LISTING		1,000.00
TOTAL 030 PUBLICATIONS (NON-B'TIN)	\$41.00	\$1,246.00
TOTAL 02000 OTHER	\$461.35	\$3,190.40
10000 BULLETIN		
010 SUBSCRIPTION & COPIES		
1 SUBSCRIPTIONS	117.00	8,651.00
TOTAL 010 SUBSCRIPTION & COPIES	\$117.00	\$8,651.00
020 ADVERTISING	337.50	4,307.50
TOTAL 10000 BULLETIN	\$454.50	\$12,958.50
18000 RESCUE		
010 ADOPTION	150.00	150.00
040 FUND RAISING	173.50	852.00
TOTAL 18000 RESCUE	\$323.50	\$1,002.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,849.27	\$32,274.82
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,849.27	\$32,274.82
020 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
1 SOFTWARE	30.00	30.00
TOTAL 020 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$30.00	\$30.00
040 BANKING & PAYMENT SVCS		
2 PAYPAL	742.28	742.28
TOTAL 040 BANKING & PAYMENT SVCS	\$742.28	\$742.28
TOTAL 05000 ADMINISTRATIVE	\$772.28	\$772.28
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$772.28	\$772.28
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$23,706.29	\$23,706.29
NET INCOME	\$23,706.29	\$23,706.29

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	TOTAL	
	Sep 2023	Jul - Sep, 2023 (YTD)
EXPENSES		
05000 ADMINISTRATIVE		
020 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
1 SOFTWARE	30.00	90.00
TOTAL 020 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$30.00	\$90.00
040 BANKING & PAYMENT SVCS		
2 PAYPAL	0.94	866.25
TOTAL 040 BANKING & PAYMENT SVCS	\$0.94	\$866.25
060 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
1 ACCOUNTING		500.00
TOTAL 060 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$500.00
210 AMORTIZATION		661.19
TOTAL 05000 ADMINISTRATIVE	\$30.94	\$2,117.44
06000 MISSION RELATED		
080 TROPHIES & AWARDS		
5 PRINTING	121.87	121.87
TOTAL 080 TROPHIES & AWARDS	\$121.87	\$121.87
TOTAL 06000 MISSION RELATED	\$121.87	\$121.87
11000 BULLETIN		
020 PRODUCTION	6,944.45	6,944.45
2 MAILING	1,594.94	1,594.94
TOTAL 020 PRODUCTION	\$8,539.39	\$8,539.39
TOTAL 11000 BULLETIN	\$8,539.39	\$8,539.39
19000 RESCUE		
010 VETERNARIAN	721.14	932.03
TOTAL 19000 RESCUE	\$721.14	\$932.03
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,413.34	\$11,710.73
NET OPERATING INCOME	-\$7,564.07	\$20,564.09
NET INCOME	-\$7,564.07	\$20,564.09