

BCCA PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

As President for the last year, I can report that the club has been functioning efficiently, amending, updating and adding new standing rules to "keep up with the times." Both past and current recording secretaries Rosie Schroeder and Merilynn Bergstresser, and Rich Bihl, treasurer, along with the rest of the board, help keep the club running smoothly. Hopefully this will continue.

In July, we said goodbye to outgoing vice president Sharon Prassa, recording secretary Rosie Schroeder and board member Laura Colombo, who have contributed their time and thoughts on all matters beardie. They have all served the maximum of time allowed by the bylaws.

What would the club do without members willing to serve? When the next Nominations committee is formed in December, do consider donating your time to the club. Without volunteers, there will be no club, no National, no awards, no Bulletin, no newsletter, and much more would be gone.

Of course, none of that would stop us from "doing stuff" with our beardies, but in addition to the joy and bonding that occurs when participating in all the activities beardies can excel at, it's good to get recognition too!

EMBARK

Initiated by the Health committee, the BCCA set up a partnership with Embark for genetic testing and applied for, and received, grants from the BCCA Charitable Trust to help with defraying the cost of testing (\$3000) and education (\$2000.) All the subsidies to help reduce the cost of testing have been used.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

\$10,000 was donated to the BCCA Charitable Trust and \$1400 to AKC Reunite, to help AKC provide aid to dogs who were misplaced or injured during the California wildfires or other disasters.

NATIONAL SPECIALTIES

As you know, the 2020 National has been cancelled "out of an abundance of caution" due to COVID-19. The show committee worked hard to offer a great National experience, but all is not in vain. Instead, a BCCA specialty (not a National) will be offered June 15 - 22 at the Purina Event Center, in Gray Summit, MO, with herding off site at Rottie-Ewe. Fund-raising for this event will continue until October 1st, 2020, at which time, the 2021 National will go "live".

There are many options to help raise funds for the specialty at <https://bcc2020.com> but you have to act fast, as fund-raising stops tomorrow!!!

AFFILIATE CLUBS

The BCC of Maine, Great Lakes BCC and Independence BCC of Philadelphia were approved to use the BCCA license to hold specialties and/or supported entries. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, The BCC of Maine and Great Lakes BCC events were cancelled, but they will be back next year!

RESCUE

Rescue had income of \$18,198 from donations, fund-raising and adoptions, and expenses of \$10,608, primarily veterinary costs. The restricted rescue fund has a \$62,698 balance as of September 2020.