

BCCA Board Meeting

July 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Colombo at 8:35 PM EDT via Google Meet.

Present: Barnes, Beddoe, Bond, Colombo, Corn, Means, Minner, Norteman, Poliak, Taylor

Absent: Edwards

Report of the Recording Secretary (Norteman) - The minutes of the June 27, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

Report of the Treasurer (Means) - The Treasurer's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes. Note that this month's copy of the budget is the correct one. The budget was discussed. Motion to accept the budget: Approved.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary (Minner)

- The Officers' List has been updated with AKC.
- The Breeder-Judges' list has also been updated with a couple who were left out. Ian is no longer listed as active – he has resigned as a judge in the USA.
- Lifetime achievement awards due to AKC in August: The Board discussed how people would be nominated. Everyone will read the information and see the list. Let Pat know if you want to nominate someone, and the Board will discuss whether we want to send nominations as a Board.

Old Business

- Trophy Distribution Committee – Lynne will be the chair for this effort.
- Committee Reports --
 - Discussion of the Membership Committee (Next Steps) –
 - The Board discussed member retention – lost only 7 members (net) over the past year.
 - Funding Beardie Camp – While we support the ideals of Beardie Camp, the Board has decided that a regional approach, working with the affiliate clubs, would be preferable. The Board would be interested in assisting with funding/supporting 1-day affiliate club events – maybe free for the first funded event, then maybe charge in subsequent years or for other breeds. Further information will be discussed with the regional clubs.
 - Discussion on the second item: more articles in the *Bagpipes/Bulletin*. How do we get contributions? It was suggested that we Board members either write pieces or tag someone to write them in order to get things started. We wholeheartedly support this recommendation.

New Business

- New Member: Joanie Alford's membership application is approved.

- There were no new member applications this month.
- Motion (Means):
 - Motion to amend Standing Rule 4.3:
 - (a) Insert the following: 4.3.2 Payments for membership dues and Beardie Bulletin subscriptions from new members who were approved during the last quarter of the fiscal year will apply both to the remainder of that year and to the following year.
 - (b) Renumber Subsection 4.3.2 as Subsection 4.3.3
 - Although this rule was in old versions of the Standing Rules, it was omitted at some point in time. The motion will be published in the August *Bagpipes* and voted upon at the next Board meeting.
- Meeting format: While using Google Meet, multiple members were kicked off the meeting and had to rejoin, some more than once. The Board decided to experiment with meeting over Zoom in August. Don has a Zoom license for his business, and will share the link.
- The Board discussed the possibility of upgrading our FileMaker Pro license so the officers who need to do so can use the BCCA database. Action item: Karen will research the cost of new FileMaker Pro software and will bring findings to the August Board meeting.

For the Good of the Order

The Board entered Executive session at 10:05 PM to discuss two items. The session ended at 10:08 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 PM.

Next Meeting: August 15 at 8:30 PM ET.

October Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting will once again be held virtually. Pat will poll Board Members for a good date and then publish this for all members.