



Official Newsletter of the  
Bearded Collie Club of America

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nicole Conner - [j.nicoleconner@gmail.com](mailto:j.nicoleconner@gmail.com)

I've been thinking about a particular Shakespeare quote these last few weeks, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages." Only in this case the 'man' is Mother Nature and I personally think she is trying to act all parts and seven ages at once. We recently had a pretty nasty ice storm that left us without power for four days and damaged several of our large oak trees. Yesterday was sunny and quite warm with a high of 83 degrees and today the high won't get above 60 degrees with a strong north wind. While this is quite normal for Texas weather, the rest of the country has been faced with even more ridiculous weather of late! Snow, ice, wind, flooding and all the associated evacuations, power outages, and school closings. My thoughts are with those of you still struggling through these weather related challenges. It is officially spring break for most of the country and I can only hope Mother Nature takes a cue from kids across the country and takes a few days to just relax and enjoy some free time!!

Meanwhile there is LOTS of activity in Beardiedom!

Thanks to our nominating committee we have excellent candidates for our 2019 BCCA Board. It is always a blessing to find people willing to serve and we thank all who have stepped up to the challenge!

2017 Member of the Year nominations are now open and this is a perfect opportunity for us to honor a member or group of

members who have gone above and beyond for our club and our breed last year. While none of us do this for recognition, gratitude is always appropriate so be sure to send those nominations to Rosie Schroder by March 21st!

Final ballots for the 2019 National Specialty regular class judge are due March 30th. This is a significant milestone for our club as 2019 is the 50th Anniversary of the BCCA and is being held in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina.

Beardie Camp 2018 is fast approaching and offers a plethora of exciting activities for you and your Beardies. In addition to the class/clinic favorites of past years, this year will include two HT/PT tests and two AKC agility trials! The Beardie Camp Committee Chairs have once again outdone themselves!

Last but certainly not least, I hope you are all planning to attend our 2018 National Specialty in California. For those of you still struggling with the extended winter, I offer this teaser taken from the National Specialty web page, "Fall in Sacramento is one of our favorite seasons. Temps are dropping into the 70s and 80s and the sun is just beginning to travel a bit lower in the sky. With no humidity, this makes a comfortable time for both humans and Beardies."

Be safe, stay warm and hug those Beardies!

Till next month,  
Nicole

## ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS BEARDED COLLIE HEALTH SURVEY

*The Health committee is pleased to announce that the Bearded Collie Health Survey is up and running on the OFA Website. It is easy to complete, totally anonymous and provides real time results. We are hoping that all bearded collie owners will participate. Please feel free to share!*

*To access the survey, click on this link -*

<https://www.ofa.org/about/educational-resources/health-surveys>

*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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**FEBRUARY 27, 2018 BCCA BOARD MEETING**

Rosie Schroeder • [rschroeder198@gmail.com](mailto:rschroeder198@gmail.com)

The meeting was called to order by President Nicole Connor at 8:33 PM, EST.

Present: Connor, Prassa, Schroeder, Bihl, Naylor, Blanchard, Hobe, Wistrom, Floberg, Furlow, Colombo

Absent: None

**REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY (SCHROEDER)**

The minutes of the January 23, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as distributed.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary (Naylor)

The Corresponding Secretary's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes. There are five new members to be voted on in March.

Janet Horn  
Associate/Single  
Houston, TX  
Sponsor: David Williamson

Peggy Douglass  
Full/Single  
Ottsville, PA  
Sponsor: Karen Adamson

Marilyn Jewell  
Full/Single  
San Mateo, CA  
Sponsor: Lisa Voss

Jewel McDonald  
Full/Single  
Merritt Island, FL 32953  
Sponsor: Kristen Webb

Susan McGraw Keber  
Full/Single  
East Hampton, NY  
Sponsor: Karen Adamson

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER (BIHL)**

The Treasurer's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Motion to approve the Rescue Committee Document of Standard Operating Procedures was approved without dissension. Copy Attached

**NEW BUSINESS – NONE****FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Brian announced that the herding tests for Beardie Camp have been approved by AKC.

**PROPOSED MOTIONS FOR MARCH 27, 2018**

Motion to amend the BCCA 2018 Budget to reflect an increase of \$300/year to the website committee for improvements to our website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM EST

*Next Meeting – 8:30 PM EST, Tuesday March 27, 2018*

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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Please send all changes to your email and snail mail addresses and telephone numbers to the BCCA Corresponding Secretary.

**MARCH NEW MEMBERSHIP VOTE**

Janet Horn  
Associate/Single  
Houston, TX 77030  
Sponsor: David Williamson

Margaret (Peggy) Douglass  
Full/Single  
Ottsville, PA 18942  
Sponsor: Karen Adamson

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Sponsor: Lisa Voss

Jewel McDonald  
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Sponsor: Kristen Webb

Susan McGraw Keber  
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Sponsor: Karen Adamson

## MEMBERSHIP RECORD CHANGES

Kevin Cronin & Peg Caldwell  
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## COMMUNICATIONS

Are you interested in AKC's Scent Work program? Click this [link](#) on the AKC website and find out how to get started.

AKC has launched their new cable network called AKC.TV. Included is dog training, videos, original programming, and live coverage of AKC events. Link to [AKC.TV](#)

## BREEDER LISTING

If you missed adding your kennel to The Breeder Listings when you renewed your membership, it is not too late. Email me at [megbcca@gmail.com](mailto:megbcca@gmail.com).

## MARCH 2018 RECORDING SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL NOTICES

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### 2018 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominations Committee, comprised of Chair Debby Furlow, Billy Carter and Linda Taylor have submitted the following names for the 2018 election:

#### Officers

President: Michele Ritter  
Vice President: Sharon Prassa  
Recording Secretary: Rosemary Schroeder  
Corresponding Secretary: Meg Naylor  
Treasurer: Richard Bihl

#### Directors, Class of 2020

Laura Colombo  
Audrey Woods  
Sandy Remell

#### AKC Delegate (2018-2020)

Kathy Coxwell

The BCCA Bylaws, Article V, Sections 4 D & E, state "Each member may nominate a candidate for officer and director positions by signing a document that is sent to the recording secretary by a date to be determined by the board each year

(April 15, 2018). The name of a candidate who receives nomination signatures from five percent of the members in good standing shall appear on the ballot.

1. Nominations for each office shall be submitted as a separate document.
2. A nomination document may contain the signatures of more than one member.

The nominating committee shall verify that each candidate meets the requirements for the position for which nominated and shall secure from each candidate a written consent to serve if elected."

The BCCA membership number currently stands at 690, 35 signatures (5%) are required to support each petition. All additional nominations should be mailed to

Rosemary Schroeder, Recording Secretary  
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Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Furlow  
BCCA 2018 Nominating Committee Chair

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Ad reservations for the BEARDIE BULLETIN are due **MAY 1, 2018**.  
Contact the editor to reserve ad space Lillian Esposito,  
[lillianespo@verizon.net](mailto:lillianespo@verizon.net).

### BAGPIPES DEADLINE

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is **APRIL 1ST, 2018**.  
Email your reports and articles to Michele Ritter, [topdogs@ptd.net](mailto:topdogs@ptd.net)

### BCCA BALANCE SHEET FEBRUARY 2018

Date Prepared 3/1/18

	Current Month	Year Ago
<b>Assets</b>		
Checking		
Unrestricted	127,328	118,295
Restricted - Rescue	55,978	44,288
Total Checking	183,306	162,583
Paypal	0	0
Investments (CDs)	141,905	142,497
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>325,211</b>	<b>305,080</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	294,160	305,020
YTD Profit/(Loss)	31,050	60
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>325,210</b>	<b>305,080</b>

# BCCA PROFIT & LOSS YTD COMPARISON FEBRUARY 2018

Date Prepared 3/1/18

		Current Month		Year-to-Date	
		This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
<b>General &amp; Administrative (G&amp;A)</b>					
Income					
Membership					
individual				14,430	15,405
Affiliate Club				300	375
Membership Total				14,730	15,780
Other					
Interest	470	224	2,389	1,611	
Donations (non-Rescue)			20	44	
Publications (non-Bulletin)			1,003	308	
Agility Trials			20,684	14,912	
Miscellaneous				391	
Other Total	470	224	24,096	17,266	
Income Total	470	224	38,826	33,046	
Expense					
Non-Discretionary					
Postage & Mail Services		67	122	67	
Office Supplies & Coping			693		
Miscellaneous	111		553	204	
Trophies			3,192	248	
Information Technology		16		412	
Travel					
Bank & Payment Services	5		729	534	
AKC Dues & Subscriptions			305	585	
Professional Services			500	3,052	
Insurance					
Non-Discretionary Total	115	83	6,094	5,102	
Discretionary					
Breed Ed & Promotion	170	269	977	269	
Charitable Donations			16,000	22,950	
Health	-100		-2,600		
Herdng			120	840	
Agility			11,466	7,593	
Discretionary Total	70	269	25,963	31,652	
Expense Total	185	352	32,057	36,755	
<b>General &amp; Administrative (G&amp;A) Net</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>(128)</b>	<b>6,769</b>	<b>(3,708)</b>	

		Current Month		Year-to-Date	
		This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
<b>Bulletin</b>					
Income					
Subscriptions & Copies				12,472	13,545
Advertising	1,137	1,270	20,026	13,966	
Income Total	1,137	1,270	32,498	27,511	
Expense					
Pre-production			6,203	5,749	
Production & Mailing		5,280	15,614	16,363	
Expense Total		5,280	21,816	22,112	
<b>Bulletin Net</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>(4,010)</b>	<b>10,682</b>	<b>5,399</b>	
<b>Rescue</b>					
Income					
Donations	36	100	19,418	2,414	
Adoption	300		1,500		
Auction		1301	2,874	1,301	
Income Total	336	1,401	23,792	3,715	
Expense					
Veterinary	526		8,177		
Other	293		2,787		
Expense Total	818		10,964		
<b>Rescue Net</b>	<b>(482)</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>12,828</b>	<b>3,715</b>	
<b>National Specialties</b>					
Income					
2016		9,155		9,155	
2017			10,772		
Income Total		9,155	10,772	9,155	
Expenses					
2017			2,500	7,000	
2018				7,500	
2019			7,500		
Expense Total			10,000	14,500	
<b>National Specialties Net</b>		<b>9,155</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>(5,345)</b>	
<b>Club Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>31,050</b>	<b>60</b>	