



Official Newsletter of the  
Bearded Collie Club of America

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It's Spring, just kidding, April Fools! While we wait for the ridiculously overdue arrival of warm weather the 2018 AKC Point Schedules are out and in almost every region bearded numbers for conformation stayed the same or went down. Ask any bearded person and they will tell you majors seldom 'just happen'. If you want points, you must bring them yourself or coordinate with LOTS of other people to make it happen.

To further complicate matters, fewer and fewer people are showing their beardedies in conformation, preferring to compete in agility, herding, obedience, etc. Now I fully realize there are any numbers of reasons for this, but as a breeder and handler I have seen far too many worthy dogs not finish their championship. By design, conformation is supposed to be the function by which we evaluate our current and future breeding stock and ensure a Bearded Collie stays looking like a Bearded Collie. As a proponent of our breed and our sport, I often ask people why they don't show their own dog in conformation. The reply I get is usually some version of, "I'm not coordinated enough to do that," "I'll make him look bad" or "I'll never beat the professionals." Anything worth doing takes time, dedication, and practice.

If knowledgeable breeders and owners are NOT exhibiting their correctly groomed and presented dogs, then professional handlers are the ones who control how our breed is viewed and presented to the rest of the dog show world. If we have an issue with handlers over grooming, presenting or incorrectly gaiting our breed, we must give the judges a correct alternative or else take full responsibility for the shift in course.

I am in no way maligning professional handlers, this is their livelihood and most do a fantastic job juggling multiple rings, breeds, clients and assistants while doing their best to present each dog to its best advantage on little to no sleep. The owner handler has many advantages over the professional, as you may have one or two dogs to train, condition, and groom and they are responsible for dozens. It does take effort and time to perfect your skills.

My first dog show picture is laughable! The grooming is atrocious, the dogs topline is scary, the foot placement is all wrong and I'm grinning like an idiot straight at the camera (hey, at least I was happy.) Those pictures didn't get better for years, but in each one I can see a slight improvement; my fingers aren't

covering the dog's face, the grooming is better, I had the stack closer to correct and other slight but notable improvements. Then I changed breeds and started learning all over again.

Learning anything new requires you to put yourself out there and take a risk. I see people flying through an agility course with more speed, precision and grace than I could dream of achieving. I see those who have worked stock for years making herding look effortless; it all comes down to practice, practice, embarrassment, and more practice.

Case in point, I had a herding lesson recently, the lesson was more for me than the dog as my experience in this venue it not nearly what I would wish it to be. I was trying desperately to figure out what I was supposed to be doing and look cool while keeping the dog happy and engaged. Then the sheep bolted, knocked my feet out from under me and I fell flat on my back. While the rest of the class who was watching tried hard not to laugh, my beardedie had no such inhibitions. Her expression was a mix of mirthful glee and "I do not know that woman!" As I got up, brushing droppings from my jeans, back of my shirt and my hair, I am thinking I am done with this, DONE!

I was reminded of a time years ago in conformation when my new puppy peed in the judge's leather shoe during his examination, and the time I accidentally ripped out a wad of the judge's hair as she went over my dog and the incident when my shoe went flying off and hit a judge in the back of the head. Not to mention the numerous times I tripped over my dog or my own feet and fell in the ring. Yes, these things happened and every time I wanted to crawl in a hole and never come out, but then, like now, I still wanted to succeed. I wanted to prove to myself I could do it. So, embarrassment aside I will not give up on herding, and I hope those of you that make herding, agility, etc. look easy will not give up on conformation. We are such a fun and connected beardedie family and that is our greatest resource. I'm always happy to share tips and/or embarrassing stories from the show ring, and hope you will share encouragements, insights, and humor from your favorite venue. We do this to have fun with dogs and experience new things, so have a good laugh and let's get busy learning!

Until next month,  
Nicole

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**MARCH 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 8:34 PM, EDT.

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

Absent: None

Report of the Recording Secretary (Schroeder)

The minutes of the February 27, 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 is one new applicant for membership to be voted on in April.

Richard & Linda Cartwright

Full/Joint

Ellington, CT

Sponsor: Kathy Walsh

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER (BIHL)**

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Judges Education Committee – The following items were submitted for the board's consideration.

- 1) To allow the newly formed Judges Education Committee to approach/recruit skilled breeders or owners to apply to be mentors.
- 2) To allow the newly formed Judges Education Committee to review and revise the Mentor Program criteria to help in recruitment of younger mentors as described in the Guidelines presented in late 2017 to the Board and retention of current members.
- 3) To move approval of new mentors from the BCCA Board to the Judges Education Committee beginning May, 2018.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Motion to add Nicole Conner to the list of BCCA Approved Mentors (Judges Education Committee) passed with one abstention.
- 2) Motion to amend the BCCA 2018 Budget to reflect an increase of \$300/year to the website committee for improvements to our website (Bihl) passed without dissension.
- 3) Motion to rescind Standing Rule 9.6.4 (Obedience Committee) passed without dissension.
- 4) Motion to instate Standing Rule 9.6.4., as follows (Obedience Committee) passed without dissension.

9.6.4 An Obedience Medallion is awarded to the top scoring bearded collie completing a CD, CDX or UD earned out of both A and B classes during the preceding year. If a dog earns a title out of both the A and B classes, the class in which the titling leg is earned, is considered the class competed in. A dog is eligible for the medallion only for the year it completes its title. The top scoring bearded collie in each class level (A and B) is the dog with the highest combined score of the three qualifying legs for the title. Qualifying scores do not have to be accumulated in a single year.

- 5) Motion to rescind Standing Rule 9.6.5 (Obedience Committee) passed without dissension.
- 6) Motion to instate Standing Rule 9.6.5., as follows (Obedience Committee) passed without dissension.

9.6.5 A Rally Medallion is awarded to the top scoring bearded collie completing a RN, RA, RE or RM title, earned out of both A and B classes during the preceding year. If a dog earns a title out of both the A and B classes, the class in which the titling leg is earned, is considered the class competed in. A dog is eligible for the medallion only for the year it completes its title. The top scoring bearded collie in each class level (A and B) or Rally Masters is the dog with the highest combined score of qualifying legs for the title. (Note: RN, RA and RE titles require three qualifying scores each; RM title requires ten qualifying scores.) Qualifying scores do not have to be accumulated in a single year.

7) Motion to rescind Standing Rule 9.4.9 (Prassa) passed without dissension.

8) Motion to instate Standing Rule 9.4.9, as follows (Prassa):

The Jack Award for Herding Excellence is awarded to the Bearded Collie that earns the highest average points on ducks. The crystal award is engraved with the winning year and dog's name, and presented to the owner each year for ten years, starting in 2017.

The data for calculating the award is taken from the official AKC Awards and are calculated as follows.

The three highest scores earned on ducks on any course at trials held within each calendar year shall be averaged to two decimal places;

The three highest number of dogs outscored on ducks on any course at trials held within each calendar year shall be averaged to two decimal places;

These average point counts shall be added together, the one dog with the highest point average shall be deemed the winner of the Jack Award.

Should a tie occur, it shall be broken as follows:

The dog whose scores and numbers come from a higher class or classes shall be declared the winner.

Should Provision #1 not break the tie, then the dog that has the most Highs In Trial throughout the calendar year shall be declared the winner.

If no prospective winner has attained a High in Trial win, then the number of Reserve High in Trial(s) or the higher average of class placements shall determine the winner.

9) Motion to accept the bid of Lilian Esposito for the 2018/2019 Beardie Bulletin (Conner) passed without dissension.

10) Motion to send Laura Colombo and Kathy Coxwell to the AKC Education Summit. (Schroeder) Motion to amend the motion as follows: Motion to send Laura Colombo to the AKC Education Summit with Kathy Coxwell as an additional attendee, space permitting, (Connor) passed without dissension. Motion to send Laura Colombo to the AKC Education Summit with Kathy Coxwell as an additional attendee, space permitting, (Connor) passed without dissension.

11) Election of New Members: The following applicants were approved for membership.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

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

Nicole asked for board approval to hold the April Board Meeting on the 25th at 8:30 due to work commitments. The board approved.

Proposed Motions for April 25, 2018

There are no proposed motions for the April meeting

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

*Next Meeting – 8:30 PM EST, Wednesday April 25, 2018*



### **CALLING ALL CAMPERS**

**Beardie Camp is being held June 18 – 21 at Purina Farm. The deadline for registration is April 15th. For more information please visit our website at**

<http://beardedcolliclub.us/events/beardie-camp/>

## **APRIL 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.

### **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.

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Janet Horn of Houston, TX

Peggy Douglass of Ottsville, PA

Marilyn Jewell of San Mateo, CA

Jewel McDonald of Merritt Island, FL

Susan McGraw Keber of East Hampton, NY

#### **APRIL NEW MEMBERSHIP VOTE**

Richard & Linda Cartwright

Full/Joint

Ellington, CT 06029-9605

Sponsor: Kathy Walsh

#### **MEMBERSHIP RECORD CHANGES**

Jaimie Stevens

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#### **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 [megbccca@gmail.com](mailto:megbccca@gmail.com)

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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Venice, FL 34293

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Furlow

BCCA 2018 Nominating Committee Chair

### **2019 NATIONAL SPECIALTY FINAL BALLOT RESULT**

The ballots were counted April 8, 2018 by recording secretary Rosie Schroeder and Bobbie Raguse. Caroline Nicholson was elected to judge the regular classes; Pat Colombo was elected to judge sweepstakes with the preliminary ballot.

### **LITTER LISTINGS**

The BCCA does not endorse, recommend, or warrant any breeders or dogs who are included in the Litter Listing. Send updates to [megbccca@gmail.com](mailto:megbccca@gmail.com)

#### **Litter Birth Date: 2/22/2018**

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Am Can GCH Ragtyme Soul of Motion

ex Can CH Ragtyme From Here to Eternity

Sire: OFA CHIC #103880

Dam: OFA CHIC #118237

1 Black M, 7 Black F

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

AKC News - The new amended Obedience regulations [http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999\\_0318.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999_0318.pdf) and the new Conformation point schedule <http://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/resources/points-schedule/> - both effective 5/1/2018 - are available on the AKC website.

*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.*



## BALANCE SHEET MARCH 2018

Date Prepared 4/3/18

	Current Month	Year Ago
<b>Assets</b>		
Checking		
Unrestricted	126,678	117,287
Restricted - Rescue	57,677	44,543
Total Checking	184,355	161,830
Paypal	916	0
Investments (CDs)	141,788	142,497
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>327,059</b>	<b>304,327</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	294,160	305,020
YTD Profit/(Loss)	32,899	(693)
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>327,059</b>	<b>304,327</b>

## PROFIT & LOSS YTD COMPARISON MARCH 2018

Date Prepared

4/3/18

	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	0	0	14,730	15,780
Other				
Interest	368	261	2,757	1,872
Donations (non-Rescue)			20	44
Publications (non-Bulletin)			1,003	308
Agility Trials			20,684	14,912
Miscellaneous				391
Other Total	368	261	24,464	17,527
Income Total	368	261	39,194	33,307
Expense				
Non-Discretionary				
Postage & Mail Services			122	67
Office Supplies & Coping			693	
Miscellaneous	111		664	204
Trophies			3,192	248
Information Technology	155		155	412
Travel				
Bank & Payment Service	39	4	768	539
AKC Dues & Subscriptior	6	7	311	592
Professional Services		-30	500	3,022
Insurance				
Non-Discretionary Total	312	-19	6,405	5,083
Discretionary				
Breed Ed & Promotion			977	269
Charitable Donations			16,000	22,950
Health			-2,600	
Herding			120	840
Agility			11,466	7,593
Discretionary Total	0	0	25,963	31,652
Expense Total	312	-19	32,369	36,736
<b>General &amp; Administrative (G&amp;A) Net</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>(3,429)</b>
<b>Bulletin</b>				
Income				
Subscriptions & Copies			12,472	13,545
Advertising	93	100	20,119	14,066
Income Total	93	100	32,591	27,611
Expense				
Pre-production			6,203	5,749
Production & Mailing		1,388	15,614	17,751
Expense Total	0	1,388	21,816	23,500
<b>Bulletin Net</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>(1,288)</b>	<b>10,775</b>	<b>4,111</b>
<b>Rescue</b>				
Income				
Donations	1,183	255	20,601	2,669
Adoption	1,350		2,850	
Auction			2,874	1,301
Income Total	2,533	255	26,325	3,970
Expense				
Veterinary	130		8,307	
Other	704		3,491	
Expense Total	834	0	11,799	0
<b>Rescue Net</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>14,527</b>	<b>3,970</b>
<b>National Specialties</b>				
Income				
2016				9,155
2017			10,772	
Income Total	0	0	10,772	9,155
Expenses				
2017			2,500	7,000
2018				7,500
2019			7,500	
Expense Total	0	0	10,000	14,500
<b>National Specialties Net</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>(5,345)</b>
<b>Club Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>(753)</b>	<b>32,899</b>	<b>(693)</b>

### 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>

### BAGPIPES DEADLINE

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is **MAY 1ST, 2018**  
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 **MAY 1ST, 2018**.  
Contact the editor to reserve ad space, [lillianespo@verizon.net](mailto:lillianespo@verizon.net)