



Official Newsletter of the  
Bearded Collie Club of America  
August 2018

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michele Ritter • [topdogs@ptd.net](mailto:topdogs@ptd.net)

The “dog days,” I always thought, were those summer days so devastatingly hot that even dogs would lie around on the asphalt, panting.

Many people today use the phrase to mean something like that—but originally, the phrase actually had nothing to do with dogs, or even with the lazy days of summer. Instead, it turns out, the dog days refer to the dog star, Sirius, and its position in the heavens.

To the Greeks and Romans, the “dog days” occurred around the day when Sirius appeared to rise just before the sun, in late July. They referred to these days as the hottest time of the year, a period that could bring fever, or even catastrophe.<sup>1</sup>

With massive fires in California and elsewhere, debilitating heat and/or heavy rain & flooding in many part of the country, these days certainly are the Dog Days of Summer. I hope that all BCCA members and their beardies are safe and sound in their homes, and that fall brings a relief weatherwise.

Speaking of fall, it's less than two months to the National Specialty on the site of the former McClellan Air Force base in Sacramento. There are many ways to support the National

- Enter Herding, Agility, Obedience, Rally and Conformation
- Trophy Donations and Show Sponsorships
- Feature your beardie or kennel in the show catalog
- Purchase LogoWear
- Register for the welcome party & bag, health testing and meals at the National
- Donate to the auction

Temperatures are typically mid 70s - mid 80s, the end of September, beginning of October. Herding, agility and conformation will be outside, obedience and rally will be indoors. There will be a grooming tent with electricity available, if possible please bring your own tent, to make sure that those traveling from out of the area have shade available.

See you in September!

<sup>1</sup> "Why Do We Call Them the 'Dog Days' of Summer?", Becky Little, *National Geographic*

## JULY 24, 2018 BCCA BOARD MEETING

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

The meeting was called to order by President Michele Ritter at 8:42 PM EDT.

Present: Ritter, Prassa, Schroeder, Bihl, Naylor, Blanchard, Wistrom, Colombo, Remell, Woods, Conner

Absent: Naylor, Hobe

Report of the Recording Secretary (Schroeder)

The minutes of the June 26, 2018 Board Meeting were approved with three corrections:

- Correct the spelling of Kristen Andreassend to Kirsten Andreassend as sponsor of two new members
- Correct the spelling of new member Katie Lowther
- Correct the spelling of Nicole Connor to Conner.

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 applications for membership to be voted on in August.

Patricia & Gordon Bleil

Full/Joint

Prescott, AZ

Sponsor: Patricia Colombo

Marla Evans

Full/Single

Amarillo, TX

Sponsor: Kay Sakowski

Patricia Naidel

Full/Single

Osprey, FL

Sponsor: Audrey Williams

Carrie Weiss

Full/Single

Ashland, OH

Sponsor: Audrey Williams

Lou & Jo Minna

Full/Joint

Michigan

Sponsor: Carol Carlsen

Report of the Treasurer (Bihl)

The Treasurer's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes. Rich has submitted the budget for 2019 to be voted on at the August meeting.

Reports of Committees - There were no committee reports.

*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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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## **PAST PRESIDENT**

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Unfinished Business - There was no unfinished business.

## **New Business**

1. Motion to approve Michele Ritter, Rosemary Schroeder, and Richard Bihl to the 2019 Executive Committee passed without dissension. (Schroeder)
2. Motion to amend the name of the Judges Education Committee to Breed Education Committee passed without dissension. (JEC Committee)

## **Proposed Motions for August 28, 2018 –**

1. Motion to approve the annual budget for 2019. (Bihl)
2. Motion to approve the committee chairs for 2019. (Schroeder)
3. Motion to approve the Guidelines for Ringside Mentoring. (Breeders Education Committee)
4. Motion to approve the revised Committee Responsibilities for the Breed Education Committee. (Breeders Education Education Committee)

## **For Good of the Order - None**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM EDT

*Next Meeting – 8:30 PM EDT, Tuesday, August 28, 2018*

## **AUGUST 2018 RECORDING SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL NOTICES**

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### **BCCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

You will receive your membership renewal form on or before July 1st. Your dues are to be paid by August 1st. If paid after August 1st but on or before August 31st, a \$5 penalty shall be added. If your dues are unpaid after August 31st, membership will be terminated. You must then reapply if you want to continue as a member.

### **NOTICE TO BREEDERS**

If you want to be listed on the BCCA website, there will be a line on the Membership Renewal Form that will allow you to enroll for a yearly fee of \$25. All the information needed is already in our database, however, if you have a website, you will need to enter the address in the space provided on the Membership Renewal.

### **BCCA BREEDER LISTING PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain the breeder listing that will be published on the BCCA Website. The list will be maintained on a yearly basis from July 1 to June 30, to coincide with the BCCA fiscal year. Members may enroll in the Breeder Listing program for a \$25 fee using the membership renewal form. Members may also sign up any time during the year by notifying the corresponding secretary and submitting the fee; the fee will not be pro-rated.

Information to be listed on the BCCA website is limited to the following

Kennel Name	Email Address
Owner Name	Phone
Address	Website

### **NOTICE TO ALL AFFILIATE CLUBS**

Each club secretary must send \$25 dues, a current membership list, a list of officers and directors, and a calendar of dates for club meetings and sponsored events to the BCCA Treasurer, Richard Bihl, 163 Holly Hill Drive, Richmond, KY 40475 or to [rbihl@icloud.com](mailto:rbihl@icloud.com).

There is a form available on the club website for this information, see <https://beardedcollicieclub.us/wp-content/uploads/forms/BCCA-Affiliate-Club-Renewal-Form.pdf>

### **ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Directors of the BCCA will meet on Monday, October 1, 2018 during the BCCA National Specialty, time and place to be determined.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the BCCA will be held Thursday, October 4, 2018 during the BCCA National Specialty, time and place to be determined.

## **2020 & 2021 NATIONAL SPECIALTY HOST CLUBS**

Bids are now being accepted from local clubs to host the 2020 and 2021 BCCA National Specialties. Please contact National Specialty Advisor Joanne Williamson - balgrac@ix.netcom.com - for a bid packet.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR REGULAR AND SWEEPSTAKES JUDGES FOR THE 2020 NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

Please send your nominations for regular and sweepstakes judges for the 2020 National Specialty to the Recording Secretary, Rosemary Schroeder, 1405 Everest Road, Venice, FL 34293 or rschroeder198@gmail.com. Each BCCA member is entitled to nominate one person for regular classes and one for sweepstakes. Deadline for receipt of all nominations is September 1, 2018.

### **ALL NOMINATIONS MUST CONTAIN THE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE PERSON NOMINATED.**

A preliminary Ballot with all nominations will be emailed to the membership with the November issue of the Bagpipes and must be returned to the treasurer no later than January 15, 2018. The top three candidates from the preliminary ballot for each position will be presented to the membership in a final ballot with the February issue of the Bagpipes, with the final ballots to be returned to the treasurer no later than March 20, 2018. Nominations of judges from other countries who are eligible to judge championship shows are allowed for regular conformation classes only.

## **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.

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

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**Regular Conformation Judges Eligibility.** All nominees must be an AKC permit or approved judge, or approved to judge bearded collies in another country. In addition a US or Canadian BCCA member who is not approved by AKC to judge bearded collies may also be nominated if he/she meets the following criteria:

- Is 21 years of age or older
- Is occupationally eligible
- Is knowledgeable of the breed with success in breeding/exhibiting/handling the breed for 15 or more years
- Has a thorough understanding of the AKC's "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" and "Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges" and the bearded collie standard
- Is approved by the AKC Judges Review Committee at the request of the BCCA
- Is willing, if elected, to take and pass the AKC's procedural and anatomy exam and submit a non-refundable \$25 processing fee to AKC.

**Sweepstakes Judges Eligibility.** US. and Canadian BCCA members in good standing, who are not eligible to judge bearded collies in any country, may judge sweepstakes at the national specialty. Nominees for sweepstakes should have at least seven years of experience as an exhibitor in conformation or as a breeder of bearded collies and have a thorough understanding of the AKC's Rules Applying to Dog Shows and Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, and the standard of the breed, to be eligible for nomination.

Any judge officiating at the BCCA National Specialty will not be permitted on the ballot again until a two year time period has elapsed.

## **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Ad reservations for the next BEARDIE BULLETIN are due  
**NOVEMBER 1ST, 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 **SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2018**

Email your reports and articles to  
Michele Ritter, [topdogs@ptd.net](mailto:topdogs@ptd.net)

## **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

## **LITTER LISTINGS**

The BCCA does not endorse, recommend, or warrant any breeders or dogs who are included in the Litter Listing. Send updates to megbcca@gmail.com

### **Litter Birth Date: 5/8/18**

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CH Majela An Aon's Mhain Louie ex CH Chanium RunningMtn  
Crannachan PT  
Sire: OFA Chic #128407  
Dam: OFA Chic #121548  
2 Black M, 3 Black F

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

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From Here to Eternity  
Sire: OFA CHIC #103880  
Dam: OFA CHIC #118237  
1 Black M, 1 Black F – looking for show homes

### **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>