



Official Newsletter of the
Bearded Collie Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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2019 NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE CHANGE

Pat Colombo has withdrawn as sweepstakes judge for the 2019 National, Dot Matthews Schneider (Ha'Penny) will replace her.

HEALTH COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

The BCCA Health committee has proposed that the club "partner with Embark to enhance the genetic health of the purebred bearded collie."

What is Embark and what do they do?

- Embark is a comprehensive direct-to-consumer dog DNA testing service
- They are partnered with the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Using a single cheek swab and high-density DNA microarray ("SNP chip"), they are able to test over 200,000 canine DNA markers to access a dog's genetic health, traits and ancestry/diversity information
- They are also able to provide a dog's genetic coefficient of inbreeding (COI) which gives a more accurate representation of inbreeding than a pedigree-based COI
- They are constantly expanding their digital DNA database for use in future discovery

What are the benefits to individual Bearded Collie owners and breeders?

- DNA collection via a simple cheek swab
- Comprehensive DNA test results (including CEA, PRA, as well as other disease and trait screening)
- Individual genetic COI assessments and breed relatedness (with sufficient sample numbers)
- Personalized genetic information and genetic counseling service
- Full access to their dog's genetic raw data (so that it can then be shared with medical or research groups at

owner's discretion, including the current UC Davis SLO & Addison's studies!)

- Custom 'matchmaker' breeder tool for Bearded Collie community if population sample numbers are achieved

What are the benefits to the Bearded Collie Club of America?

- Unprecedented opportunity to create an anonymous breed population database that enables discovery of causal mutation(s) of known genetic disease concerns as well as identifies emerging and previously unassociated genetic disorders
- The ability to design and implement research studies when significant sample numbers are achieved
- Quarterly reports to the Bearded Collie Club of America – these completely anonymous 'State of the breed' summaries include impact statistics, emerging disease concerns, and diversity evaluations
- Complimentary genetic testing for our National Specialty BIS winner, High in Trial winner, etc. (our choice)
- Reduced test pricing for all club members (plus the option to offer additional subsidized pricing)
- What would the cost be?
- Standard Embark DNA breeder pricing = \$179 per DNA test
- If we agree to partner with Embark, they will offer a \$40 per test discount, making it only \$139 per test
- Possible additional discounts & subsidies:
 - » The BCCA Health Committee would like to use its \$3,000 annual budget to subsidize the first 100 tests for an additional \$30 per test discount, making it only \$109 per test
 - » We hope the BCCA board, BCCA Charitable Trust, Beacon and possibly other charitable organizations will see the value in this program and agree to subsidize the program as well

This will be a proposed motion at the May board meeting, to be voted on at the June board meeting.

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 Bearded Collie owners, breeders, and the general public to learn, connect, and compete, while supporting research into breed-specific health issues and rescuing Bearded Collies in need.

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APRIL 23, 2019 BCCA BOARD MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by President Michele Ritter at 8:32 PM EDT.

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

Auditing: David Williamson; Absent: Remell

Report of the Recording Secretary (Schroeder) The minutes of the March 26, 2019 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 no new applications to be voted on in May, 2019:

Report of the Treasurer (Bihl) - The Treasurer's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.

Reports of Committees – Michele shared a report from Cindy Alspaugh regarding the 2019 national specialty.

Unfinished Business – There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

1. Motion to approve the March 29, 2019, Executive Committee decision to amend SR 4.7.1, Member of the Year, third paragraph, was approved without dissension to read as follows:

Nominations for the award will be accepted from any BCCA member in good standing. Nominations must be received by the recording secretary on or before April 15th of the year following the calendar year for which the award is made. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a 250-word (maximum) statement justifying the award for the nominee. Seated officers and board members are not eligible for the award.

2. The following new members were approved for membership.

Marie Bresbeas
 Full/Single
 Buffalo Grove, IL
 Sponsor: Mary Barthold

Michelle George
 Full/Single
 Redwood City, CA
 Sponsor: Barbara Burton

Kristen Edward
 Full/Single
 North Scituate, RI
 Sponsor: Patty Halverson

Amy & Andrew Popkin
 Full/Joint
 Doylestown, PA
 Sponsor: Jill Farrington

3. Motion to amend SR 9.4.7, Top Herding Dog Awards, by striking "Ends 60 days after run that completes the title." for THD and "for all levels. Ends 60 days after run that completes the title when title is achieved in award year." for HDOTY passed without dissension. (Herding Committee)
4. Motion to approve donating the BCCA's AKC-Canine Health Foundation's Donor Advised Fund (\$14,307.94 as of 3/31/19) to Research Grant #02488 - Addison's Disease and Symmetrical Lupoid Onychodystrophy in Bearded Collies. Provide Common Ground for Identifying Susceptibility Loci Underlying Canine Autoimmune Disorders passed without dissension. (Schroeder)
5. Motion to go into Executive Session to elect Member of the Year passed without dissension. (Schroeder)
6. Motion to accept Lillian Esposito's bid for four issues of the Beardie Bulletin for fiscal year 2020 passed without dissension. (Bihl)

There were no Proposed Motions for the May Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM EDT

Next Meeting – May 28, 2019 at 8:30 PM EDT.

MAY 2019 RECORDING SECRETARY'S NOTICES

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ELECTION RESULTS: 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

No additional nominations were received for the Board. In accordance with BCCA Bylaw Article V, Section 4 – F1 the following have been elected.

President: Michele Ritter

Vice President: Sharon Prassa

Recording Secretary: Rosemary Schroeder

Corresponding Secretary: David Williamson

Treasurer: Richard Bihl

Directors, Class of 2021

Sonja Blanchard

Debby Furlow

Molly McNamara

Directors Class of 2020 – Laura Colombo, Audrey Woods and Sandy Remell will remain on the board for 2020.

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 MEMBER

Maria Besbeas, Kristen Edward, Michelle George and Amy & Andrew Popkin.

COMMUNICATIONS

The month of May brings new programs from the AKC. Check out their website for updates to FIT Dog, AKC B.A.R.K. (Be A Reading Kid) program, and the AKC Agility Premier Cup.

The AKC has also enhanced their Puppy of Achievement program. <https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/puppy-of-achievement/>

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 LISTING

Expected Litter Birth Date: 5/20/19

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Sebring Spare No Expense ex Firstprizebears Natalie Wood

Sire: OFA CHIC #128588

Dam: OFA CHIC #116545

PROFIT & LOSS YTD COMPARISON APRIL 2019

General	Current Month		Year-to-Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
Income				
Membership				
individual	105	125	16,600	14,555
Affiliate Club			375	300
Membership Total	105	125	16,975	14,855
Other				
Interest (net of amortization)	588	519	4,602	3,276
Donations (non-Rescue)			158	20
Publications (non-Bulletin)	13		1,200	1,003
Agility Trials (net of expenses)			12,088	9,218
Miscellaneous				
Other Total	601	519	18,048	13,517
Income Total	706	644	35,023	28,372
Expense				
Administrative				
Office Supplies & Services				140
Insurance				
Professional Services			620	500
Information Technology	199		215	155
Bank & Payment Services	7	18	848	787
AKC Dues & Education			25	31
Travel				
Miscellaneous		111	-65	774
Administrative Total	206	129	1,643	2,387
Mission Related				
Breed Ed & Promotion			437	977
Charitable Donations	100		12,950	16,000
Publications (non-Bulletin)			226	675
Health				-2,600
Trophies			1,481	3,192
Herding		280	280	400
Companion			280	280
Agility				
Mission Related Total	100	280	15,654	18,924
Expense Total	306	409	17,297	21,311
General Gain/(Loss)	400	235	17,725	7,060

	Current Month		Year-to-Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
Bulletin				
Income				
Subscriptions & Copies	17	94	12,639	12,566
Advertising	3,040	3,980	22,296	24,099
Income Total	3,057	4,074	34,935	36,665
Expense				
Pre-production		2,670	11,105	8,873
Production & Mailing	5,545	7,943	17,860	23,556
Expense Total	5,545	10,613	28,965	32,429
Bulletin Gain/(Loss)	(2,488)	(6,538)	5,970	4,236
Rescue				
Income				
Donations	150	255	6,866	18,835
Adoption			2,250	2,850
Fund Raising (net of expenses)	173	152	2,752	1,986
Auction	3,256		3,256	2,874
Income Total	3,579	407	15,124	26,545
Expense				
Veterinary	1,732	386	11,081	8,694
Boarding & Grooming	312		2,816	1,347
Other			559	1,957
Expense Total	2,044	386	14,456	11,998
Rescue Gain/(Loss)	1,535	21	668	14,547
National Specialties				
Income				
2017 - St Louis				10,772
2018 - Sacramento	0		0	
Income Total	0	0	0	10,772
Expenses				
2017 - St Louis				2,500
2018 - Sacramento			2,500	
2019 - Asheville				7,500
2020 - St Louis	6,500		7,500	
Expense Total	6,500	0	10,000	10,000
National Specialties Gain/(Loss)	(6,500)	0	(10,000)	772
Club Gain/(Loss)	(7,053)	(6,283)	14,364	26,616

BALANCE SHEET APRIL 2019

Assets	Current Month	Year Ago
Checking		
Unrestricted	83,684	121,019
Restricted - Rescue	57,380	57,698
Total Checking	141,064	178,716
PayPal	0	387
Investments (CDs)	191,142	141,673
Total Assets	332,206	320,776
Liabilities & Equity		
Retained Earnings	317,843	294,160
YTD Profit/(Loss)	14,363	26,616
Total Liabilities & Equity	332,206	320,776

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>

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Ad reservations for the BEARDIE BULLETIN are due **AUGUST 1ST, 2019**.
 Contact the editor to reserve ad space Lillian Esposito,
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BAGPIPES DEADLINE

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is **JUNE 1ST, 2019**.
 Email your reports and articles to Michele Ritter
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