



Official Newsletter of the
Bearded Collie Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The following message was sent to BCCA members who subscribe to club emails through Mail Chimp. I thought it bore repeating in the newsletter for those members not subscribed.

(If you would like to subscribe to the club MailChimp email list, click on this link - <http://eepurl.com/1WQtH>)

I am reaching out to our members to report the action taken by your BCCA Board of Directors at the April 28th meeting. The upcoming National Specialty scheduled for September 2020 has been cancelled. A BCCA Specialty has been scheduled for June 2021. The schedule will start off with herding at Rotti Ewe June 15th & 16th, agility trials on the 17th and 18th, with move-in to the Event Center for grooming, vendors and LogoWear on the 18th, obedience and rally on the 19th, sweepstakes on the 20th and conformation on the 21st & 22nd. The conformation judges will remain the same; obedience, rally, agility, and herding judges may change, depending on their availability.

This action was taken, as we take the well-being of our exhibitors and judges seriously, and unanimously agreed that our ability to hold the 2020 National safely was not doable considering the pandemic. Almost overnight, our world – and our sport – were turned upside down by COVID-19. As the pandemic's effect on our lives continues, there is a deepening desire to look to the future, to plan, and to remember that a return to our normal lives is not out of reach.

To that end, the world's scientists and researchers are working around the clock to produce a vaccine, find an effective treatment and develop effective containment measures. Should they be successful on any of these fronts, the world will look different, and much brighter by the time our show arrives in June 2021.

Some of you may wonder why two BCCA Specialties in one year. If we had outright cancelled the September 2020 National,

APRIL 2020 BCCA BOARD MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by President Michele Ritter at 8:54 PM EDT.

Present: Bihl, Blanchard, Colombo, Furlow, McNamara, Prassa, Remell, Ritter, Schroeder, Williamson, Woods

we would have encountered substantial cancellation fees, not to mention negating all the work that the 2020 Committee has put into this specialty. The Purina Event Center is always booked two years or more in advance, and there were no other dates available for us to use the building in 2021, that would allow us more time between a June specialty and the one that will be hosted by the Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound Club in the fall of 2021. However, we were able to use the dates that had already been reserved for Beardie Camp and add the needed days to accommodate a specialty. This was the most reasonable solution to avoid a loss of revenue. Beardie Camp will be rescheduled to June 19-23, 2022 and our thanks go to Beardie Camp/Rosie Schroeder for so generously offering the 2021 dates

The host hotel for June 2021 will be the Wildwood Hotel; rates will remain the same as the 2020 rates with free breakfast included. If you have reservations at the Wildwood for September 2020, please wait for a message via the members list that provides directions on how to cancel your reservation and/or transfer your reservation to the 2021 dates. No one will be penalized for cancelling, but we need to follow the process put forth by The Wildwood. They are currently closed, once they open, we will receive instructions to reschedule reservations.

The 2020 event committee will continue to solicit show and trophy sponsorships and sell LogoWear to raise funds for the postponed 2020 National, but will cease those efforts as of October 1st, 2020 in order that the Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound can commence with publicizing and raising funds for the 2021 National in Olympia, WA.

Wishing you and yours health and safety,
Michele Ritter

Auditing: Bergstresser, Corn, Taylor

Absent: None

Report of the Recording Secretary (Schroeder) The minutes of the March 24, 2020 board meeting were approved as distributed.

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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Report of the Corresponding Secretary (Williamson) - The Corresponding Secretary's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes. There are no new applications to be voted on at the May meeting.

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

Reports of Committees – BCCA National Specialty 2020 - Carol Serrine and Joanne Williamson joined the meeting to discuss the alternatives to hold the specialty in September as planned, Billy Carter joined later. Several scenarios were discussed with the main objective of keeping our members safe, complying with deadlines for AKC, and fulfilling contracts with hotels to avoid penalties.

Unfinished Business – There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business –

1. Motion to rescind SR 8.5.3 Account Signature The BCCA Treasurer shall be an alternate signatory on all specialty host fund accounts passed without dissension (Ritter).
2. Motion to rescind SR 1.5 Online Board List The BCCA Board Email List is a private email list owned by and operated under the auspices of the BCCA exclusively for members of the board to discuss official BCCA matters. It is expressly understood that topics discussed on the email list are confidential in nature and members of the board agree not to forward the contents of such messages, either in writing or verbally, to any person or organization not on the email list without permission. Ownership and moderator responsibilities of the email list shall be assigned to a board member by the president. The former owner shall relinquish all responsibilities to a newly assigned board member by midnight on the last day of the term of office or when requested by the president passed without dissension. (Ritter)
3. Motion to amend SR 2.3 Handling Funds All funds, with the exception of the National Specialty Host Club Account and the Beardie Camp Account, shall be handled by the BCCA Treasurer. The BCCA Treasurer shall be made an alternate signatory on all Specialty Host Fund accounts, by deleting "The BCCA Treasurer shall be made an alternate signatory on all Specialty Host Fund accounts" passed without dissension. (Ritter)
4. Motion to postpone the BCCA 2020 National Specialty to June 18 – 25, 2021 in order to protect our members during the COVID 19 pandemic. All venues scheduled will be the same as scheduled for September, passed without dissension. (Schroeder)

There were no proposed motions for the May meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 PM EDT

Next Meeting – Tuesday May 26, 2020 at 8:30 PM EDT.

MAY 2020 RECORDING SECRETARY'S NOTICES

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2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

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: Linda Taylor
 Recording Secretary: Merilynn Bergstresser
 Corresponding Secretary: David Williamson
 Treasurer: Richard Bihl

Directors, Class of 2022
 Lynne Corn
 Sandy Remell
 Audrey Woods

2021 NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGES ELECTION RESULTS

Bea Sawka: Regular Classes; Lesley Woodcock: Sweepstakes

