



Official Newsletter of the
Bearded Collie Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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THE STATE OF THE BCCA

As President for the last year, I can report that the club has been functioning efficiently, amending, updating and adding new standing rules to “keep up with the times.” Both Rosie Schroeder, recording secretary and Rich Bihl, treasurer, along with the rest of the board, help keep the club running smoothly. Hopefully this will continue.

In July, we will say goodbye to outgoing vice president Sharon Prassa, recording secretary Rosie Schroeder and board member Laura Colombo, who have contributed their time and thoughts on all matters beardedie. They have all served the maximum of time allowed by the bylaws.

What would the club do without members willing to serve? When nominations open next February, do consider donating your time to the club. Without volunteers, there will be no club, no National, no awards, no Bulletin, no newsletter, and much more would be gone.

Of course, none of that would stop us from “doing stuff” with our beardies, but in addition to the joy and bonding that occurs when participating in all the activities beardies can excel at, it's good to get recognition too!

EMBARK

Initiated by the Health committee, the BCCA set up a partnership with Embark for genetic testing and applied for, and received, grants from the BCCA Charitable Trust to help with defraying the cost of testing (\$3000) and education (\$2000.)

MAY 2020 BCCA BOARD MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by President Michele Ritter at 8:35 PM EDT.

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

Absent: Blanchard Auditing: Corn

Report of the Recording Secretary (Schroeder) The minutes of the April 28, 2020 board meeting were approved as distributed.

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

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

\$10,000 was donated to the BCCA Charitable Trust and \$1400 to AKC Reunite, to help AKC provide aid to dogs who were misplaced or injured during the California wildfires or other disasters.

NATIONAL SPECIALTIES

As you probably already know, the 2020 National has been cancelled “out of an abundance of caution” due to COVID-19. The show committee worked hard to offer a great National experience, but all is not in vain. Instead, a BCCA specialty (not the 2021 National) will be offered June 15 - 22 at the Purina Event Center, in Gray Summit, MO, with herding off site at Rottie-Ewe. Fund-raising for this event will continue until October 2020, at which time, the 2021 National will go “live”.

There are many options to help raise funds for the specialty at <https://bccca2020.com>.

AFFILIATE CLUBS

The BCC of Maine, Great Lakes BCC and Independence BCC of Philadelphia were approved to use the BCCA license to hold specialties and/or supported entries. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, The BCC of Maine and Great Lakes BCC events were cancelled, but they will be back next year!

RESCUE

Rescue had income of \$18,198 from donations, fund-raising and adoption, and expenses of \$10,608, primarily veterinary costs. The restricted rescue fund has a \$61,435 balance as of May 2020.

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

Reports of Committees – The Health Committee reported that Embark now has 223 dogs enrolled.

Unfinished Business – There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business –

The following applicants were approved for membership:

Kathy & Gary Wilson
 Joint/Full
 Westminster, MD
 Sponsor: Kathleen Dimond

There were no proposed motions for the June meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM EDT

Next Meeting – Tuesday June 23, 2020 at 8:30 PM EDT.

MAY 2020 RECORDING SECRETARY'S NOTICES

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BCCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You will receive your membership renewal form during June. Dues are due July 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 is 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 form.

GUIDELINES FOR BCCA BREEDER LISTING PROGRAM

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
- Owner Name
- Address
- Email Address
- Phone
- 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.

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

