



Official Newsletter of the  
Bearded Collie Club of America  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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### **NATIONAL SPECIALTIES**

As you 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”. For more info on the 2021 BCCA specialty, see p2 in the Extra Edition.

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

The 2021 BCCA National is scheduled for September 18-25th, starting with herding at Packleader Farms, Gig Harbor, WA, agility at Lacey Regional Athletic Center, and obedience, rally, sweepstakes and conformation at the Hotel RL Olympia.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - ANOTHER REMINDER!!!**

If you have not yet mailed your dues, please do so as soon as possible. After July 31st, a \$5 late fee applies to all renewals through August 31st. If dues remain unpaid after that, memberships will lapse. Download the renewal form from the BCCA website, or renew online (recommended.)

### **NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

July 1st is the official start to fiscal year 2021, when new officers and board members take office. Thanks to Sharon Prassa, Vice President, Rosie Schroder, Recording secretary, and Laura Colombo, Director, for all that they have done for the club over the last few years. I will miss their input.

Welcome new board members Linda Taylor, Vice President, Merilynn Bergstresser, Recording Secretary, and Lynne Corn Director. Linda has served previously as Recording Secretary, so brings lots of experience, while Merilynn and Lynne are new to the board and will bring fresh insight.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

The board will approve committee chairs this month. If you would like to know what the various committees are and what the jobs entail, click this [link](#). There are several vacancies for committee chairs,- Historian and Meet The Breeds - if you are interested in applying/serving the club, please contact me.

Committees are an important part of the club, doing the day to day work of encouraging members to be active with their dogs, providing information on all aspects of beardie ownership, suggesting updates to rules and bringing new ideas to the board for approval.

### **AFFILIATE CLUBS**

July 1st is also the date for independent Beardie clubs to update their affiliate status with the BCCA. A fillable PDF is available at <https://tinyurl.com/ycluejr5>

Send \$25 to the treasurer; the current club membership list, the list of officers and directors, and a calendar of dates for club meetings and club sponsored events to the BCCA recording secretary, to take advantage of the benefits the BCCA offers its affiliates. If you have any questions, please contact a board member or me.

### **ANNUAL MEETING INPUT FROM MEMBERS**

Per BCCA bylaws the Annual Meeting is scheduled to held in September or October, in conjunction with the National Specialty. As the 2020 BCCA National was cancelled, I am waiting on AKC for direction as to how we may conduct an annual meeting. AKC rules allow parent clubs to hold board meetings by conference call or other electronic means, but does not address membership meetings. I should have this information for next month's message. Meanwhile topics that members would like placed on the agenda should be emailed to Merilynn Bergstresser, recording secretary, so that the agenda can be put together and published in a timely fashion. We want to hear from members about what is important to them. Remember that no club business can be conducted unless there is a quorum for the annual meeting, 68 members at last count!

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Ad reservations for the next BEARDIE BULLETIN are due **SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**.

Contact the Lillian Esposito to reserve ad space  
[lillianespo@verizon.net](mailto:lillianespo@verizon.net).

### **BAGPIPES DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next BAGPIPES is **AUGUST 1, 2020**.

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

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**JUNE 23, 2020 BCCA BOARD MEETING**

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

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Sharon Prassa at 8:39 PM EDT.

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

Auditing: Bergstresser, Corn, Taylor

Absent: none

Report of the Recording Secretary (Schroeder) The minutes of the May 26, 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 three applications to be voted on at the July meeting.

Kaylee Anagnos	Mona Thomason	Eric Weglarz
Single / Full	Full / Single	Full / Joint
Holbrook, Massachusettes	Derby, Kansas	Woodstock, Vermont
Sponsor: Ray Harrington	Sponsor: David Williamson	Sponsor: Sonja Blanchard

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

Reports of Committees – There were no Committee Reports

Unfinished Business – There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business – There was no New Business.

For the Good of the Order – Laura Colombo brought up the possibility of allowing dogs who would have been eligible for sweeps in September 2020 to compete in sweeps in June 2021. This will be discussed at the July board meeting. There was no formal proposed motion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM EDT

*Next Meeting – Tuesday July 28, 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.

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|---------------|-----------------|
| • 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 [rlbihl@icloud.com](mailto:rlbihl@icloud.com).

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

## **2023 NATIONAL SPECIALTY HOST CLUB**

Bids are now being accepted from local clubs to host the 2023 BCCA National Specialty. Please contact National Specialty Advisor Joanne Williamson - [balgrae@ix.netcom.com](mailto:balgrae@ix.netcom.com) - for a bid packet.

Nominations for Regular and Sweepstakes Judges for the 2022 National Specialty

Please send your nominations for regular and sweepstakes judges for the 2022 National Specialty to the Recording Secretary, Merilynn Bergstresser, 1092 Millwood Ct, Brentwood, TN 37027 or [mmberg50@gmail.com](mailto:mmberg50@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, 2020.

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, 2021. 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, 2021. Nominations of judges from other countries who are eligible to judge championship shows are allowed for regular conformation classes only.

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.

## **JULY 2020 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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Please send all changes to your contact information to the BCCA Corresponding Secretary. If you would like to add your kennel to the Breeder Listings, email me.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Kathy and Gary Wilson

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Sent several updates from AKC to the BCCA\_members Yahoo group list

## **NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Kaylee Anagnos

Single / Full

Holbrook, Massachusetts

Sponsor: Ray Harrington

Mona Thomason

Full / Single

Derby, Kansas

Sponsor: David Williamson

Eric Weglarz

Full / Joint

Woodstock, Vermont

Sponsor: Sonja Blanchard

*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.*

## PROFIT/LOSS YTD COMPARISON JUNE 2020

Date Prepared 7/9/2020

General	Current Month		Year-to-Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
<b>Income</b>				
Membership				
individual	35		16,520	16,600
Affiliate Club			350	375
Membership Total	<u>35</u>		<u>16,870</u>	<u>16,975</u>
Other				
Interest (net of amortization)	203	204	6,338	6,902
Donations & Grants (non-Rescue)			5,724	158
Publications (non-Bulletin)	60	33	1,744	1,491
Agility Trials (net of expenses)				12,088
Miscellaneous				
Other Total	<u>263</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>13,806</u>	<u>20,639</u>
Income Total	<u>298</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>30,676</u>	<u>37,614</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
Administrative				
Office Supplies & Services	89	137	218	137
Insurance			2,020	1,935
Professional Services				620
Information Technology		16	2,289	400
Bank & Payment Services	4	5	821	901
AKC Dues & Education			25	25
Travel				
Miscellaneous			420	-65
Administrative Total	<u>93</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>5,793</u>	<u>3,953</u>
Mission-related				
Breed Ed & Promotion			569	569
Charitable Donations			14,550	12,950
Publications (non-Bulletin)			952	226
Health		3,000	3,000	3,000
Trophies			1,178	1,481
Herding			380	280
Companion			280	280
Agility				
Mission-related Total		<u>3,000</u>	<u>20,909</u>	<u>18,786</u>
Expense Total	<u>93</u>	<u>3,158</u>	<u>26,702</u>	<u>22,739</u>
<b>General Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>(2,921)</b>	<b>3,974</b>	<b>14,875</b>
<b>Bulletin</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Subscriptions & Copies	34		12,405	12,509
Advertising	200	315	22,367	23,721
Income Total	<u>234</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>34,772</u>	<u>36,230</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
Pre-production		26	11,475	11,131
Production & Mailing			20,031	20,720
Expense Total		<u>26</u>	<u>31,505</u>	<u>31,851</u>
<b>Bulletin Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>3,266</b>	<b>4,379</b>
<b>Rescue</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	23	140	11,394	7,006
Adoption		150	1,350	2,700
Fund Raising (net of expenses)	-1,136	454	2,157	2,920
Auction			2,184	3,256
Income Total	<u>-1,113</u>	<u>744</u>	<u>17,085</u>	<u>15,882</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
Veterinary		1,615	9,104	14,238
Boarding & Grooming		482		3,958
Other			1,504	559
Expense Total		<u>2,097</u>	<u>10,608</u>	<u>18,755</u>
<b>Rescue Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(1,113)</b>	<b>(1,353)</b>	<b>6,477</b>	<b>(2,873)</b>
<b>National Specialties</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
2018 - Sacramento				
2019 - Asheville			3,373	
Income Total			<u>3,373</u>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
2018 - Sacramento				2,500
2019 - Asheville			2,500	
2020 - St Louis				7,500
2021 - Olympia	7,500		7,500	
2022 - Virginia Beach			1,000	
Expense Total	<u>7,500</u>		<u>11,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>National Specialties Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(7,500)</b>		<b>(7,627)</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>
<b>Club Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(8,175)</b>	<b>(3,985)</b>	<b>6,091</b>	<b>6,381</b>

## BALANCE SHEET JUNE 2020

Date Prepared 7/9/2020

Assets	Current Month	Year Ago
Checking		
Unrestricted	121,773	95,334
Restricted - Rescue	60,322	53,845
Total Checking	<u>182,095</u>	<u>149,179</u>
Accounts Receivable		255
Prepaid Expense	492	3,089
Investments (CDs)	165,524	191,131
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>348,111</b>	<b>343,654</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Deferred Income	17,798	19,431
Retained Earnings	324,223	317,843
YTD Profit/(Loss)	6,090	6,380
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>348,111</b>	<b>343,654</b>