



Bearded Collie Club of Maine
Annual Membership Meeting
July 17, 2010

Attendees: Jeanne Ashworth, Jerry Ashworth, Connie Balogh, Jeff Cook, Rhonda Cook, Chris Daly, Paul Fournier, Pauline Fournier, Greg Hall, Don Holt, Jeannie Holt, Carroll Kane, Jimmy Kempf, Pat Maloney, Val Maloney, Barbara Marshall, Don Marshall, Bill Pollari, Cathy Pollari, Andrew Nelson, Karen Norteman, Dan Puffer, Jane Puffer, Kathy Walsh, Kenny Walsh

President Val Maloney called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Val welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending. She reminded everyone that annual membership dues are due. Diane Marshall is our newest member. Connie later reported that the treasury increased by \$250 (and counting) from the dues renewals and proceeds from the raffle. The treasury had approximately \$700 in it before these figures were added, which means that BCCME is currently in better fiscal shape than it has been,

Elections:

Ballots were distributed and then counted. It was unanimously voted to retain the 2009-10 slate of officers through 2010-11. The slate of officers is:

President: Val Maloney
Vice President: Pat Maloney
Treasurer: Connie Balogh
Secretary: Karen Norteman

There were no write-in votes. Our Committee Chairs remain the same:

Sunshine Chair: Kathy Walsh
Activities Chair: Maryann Groves
Awards Chair: Kathy Walsh
Webmaster: Karen Norteman
Newsletter Editor: Mary Watson

Events:

2010 National Specialty

The Rocky Mountain BCC, hosts of the 2010 National Specialty, sent a letter requesting a monetary donation from BCCME. No motion was made. They also sent a set of raffle tickets for the raffles they are offering on the BCCA2010 website at <http://www.bcca2010.com/raffles.html>. Karen has raffle tickets if anyone is interested.

2011 Regional

The date for the 2011 Regional is June 4, 2011. Because we are hosting the National Specialty in 2010, Karen asked whether we wanted to also hold a Regional, or if the double effort might be too much. Val suggested a Supported Entry. Kathy, who is also President of MBCC, said that she would run the concept y the MBCC Board to see what they thought. If we decide that we're definitely going ahead with a 2011 Regional, we need to get the paperwork filed by November. The Supported Entries have more leeway in terms of time.

2011 National Specialty

Val discussed the 2011 National Specialty in Kennebunkport at the Colony Hotel, hosted by BCCME. We need all the help we can get.

Connie reported that the Specialty account contains \$3000+ at this point. Fundraising for 2011 cannot get underway until the 2010 Specialty has concluded.

Regional Club Basket Challenge

It's now becoming a tradition for the Fundraising Committee for the National Specialty to solicit gift baskets made up of all local products to auction off at the National, with a portion of the proceeds going to the three clubs whose baskets bring in the highest bids. In 2007, the BCCME basket brought in over \$600 and nearly won the challenge – narrowly losing to the Carolinas club with their NASCAR tickets.

We are looking for donations of Maine-made goodies for this year's basket. They can be anything – not necessarily doggie-related, as long as they come from Maine. Barbara is donating a gift certificate for lobsters. Karen donated a bag of maple products. If you have any items to donate, please contact Val.

Activities:

As of now, we don't have any club activities listed for the rest of this year. We could hold an Agility Fun Day at Karen's house in Alfred. Val asked for other suggestions, and some answers included basic manners/training – maybe a grooming demo? Jerry suggested a bounce at the Portsmouth Dog Park, and we might be able to arrange one in Lewiston at their new park.

Fundraising:

Connie (with the help of Gracie Ciccarelli) announced the winners of the Silent Auction items. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated! The club's insurance bill comes due in October, and now we'll be able to cover it and some other expenses.

Awards and Brags:

Kathy handed out the two awards for which she had brags. Congratulations to Traveler and Lovejoy! If you want to receive a nice certificate featuring your Beardie's brags – even if it's something as simple as learning how to sit on command – then contact Kathy. We want to be able to honor all our Beardies, not just the show dogs!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Norteman
BCCME Secretary