



Bearded Collie Club of Maine  
Annual Membership Meeting  
July 11, 2009

Attendees: Jeanne Ashworth, Jerry Ashworth, Connie Balogh, Gracie Ciccareli, Heather Ciccarelli, Jeff Cook, Rhonda Cook, Chris Daly, Linda Daly, Paul Fournier, Pauline Fournier, Greg Hall, Don Holt, Jeannie Holt, Carroll Kane, Jimmy Kemp, Rae LeBlanc, Pat Maloney, Val Maloney, Barbara Marshall, Ed Minden, Fran Minden, Bill Pollari, Cathy Pollari, Andrew Nelson, Karen Norteman, Jane Puffer, Kathy Walsh, Kenny Walsh, Mary Watson

President Val Maloney called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

Val welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending. She reminded everyone that annual membership dues are due. Three new families joined BCCME at the BBQ. Connie later reported that the treasury increased by \$485 (and counting) from the dues renewals and proceeds from the silent auction.

**Elections:**

Ballots were distributed and then counted. It was unanimously voted to retain the 2008-9 slate of officers through 2009-10. The slate of officers is:

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

There were no write-in votes. With the following changes shown in the Volunteers section below, our Committee Chairs remain the same:

Sunshine Chair: Kathy Walsh  
Activities Chair: Maryann Groves  
Awards Chair: Kathy Walsh  
Webmaster: Karen Norteman

## **Volunteers:**

Karen made a call for volunteers while the ballots were being distributed. Thanks to the following brave volunteers who stepped up:

Jeanne Ashworth: Sunshine Committee (Kathy Walsh, Chair)

Barbara Marshall: Fundraising Chair

Mary Watson: Newsletter Editor

## **Events:**

### **2009 Regional**

The 2009 Combined Regional with MBCC was a success, in large part due to the efforts of Kathy Walsh (show chair), Val Maloney (trophy chair), and Debbie Smith (hospitality chair). We had about 25 Beardies entered, and have heard nothing but raves from the attendees. Some came from as far away as Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Every time you do something for the first time, that first experience serves as a “shakedown cruise” for all the experiences to follow. Thus it is with the Regional. We made absolutely the right choice in deciding to go with the Ladies' Dog Club (in spite of the MA location and all the logistical hitches that Kathy and crew had to overcome). The location attracted many more people than we would have had at a show in Maine, and we hope that the good press that our exhibitors took home will result in an even bigger entry next year. We have learned how to simplify some things, and hope to make Hospitality an easier experience for next year.

Val encouraged members to take part in hosting the show in 2010. Even if you don't show in conformation or performance events, it's fun to meet up with fellow Beadie people at a dog event. You don't even have to drive to MA to be of help – there are many things that need to be done behind the scenes, in advance. The Regional can also serve as a “practice run” for the 2011 National Specialty, if BCCME gets the bid to host it.

### **2010 Regional**

The date for the 2010 Regional is June 5, 2010. The consensus seems to be that we should do the event again. Karen already has AKC's paperwork for next year's event. If we decide that we're definitely going ahead with a 2010 Regional, we need to get the paperwork filed by November.

### **2011 National Specialty**

Val distributed handouts and discussed BCCME's bid to host the 2011 National Specialty in Kennebunkport at the Colony Hotel. Nothing is finalized yet, but the details are in process. If we do get the bid, we will need help from club members to ensure that the show is a success. Many jobs are simple ones, from greeting people at the front desk and handing out welcome bags to straightening out the tunnel at the agility trial. Val will make the presentation at the BCCA Board meeting at the 2009 Specialty.

## **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