



Bearded Collie Club of Maine
Board Meeting
August 28, 2007

Attendees: Connie Balogh, Maryann Groves, Pat Maloney, ValMaloney, Karen Norteman

President Val Maloney called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Connie reported that we had \$1236.00 in our bank account. This includes the members who have renewed as well as the \$100 proceeds from the silent auction at the BBQ. She will double-check to see which members did not renew (of those whose memberships are currently up for renewal) and remind them. She accepted \$20 for Kathy Coxwell's membership and \$25 for Val and Pat's family membership at the meeting.

Our insurance policy needs to be renewed in October, at a cost of approximately \$630. Last year's bill was \$525. Connie will call the company to ask about the price increase and to find out about the additional riders the company offers for personal liability insurance for the club's officers and insurance for club equipment. It is possible that the company simply added an optional rider to our annual rate and billed us for the total.

Connie also looked into setting up a savings account at Bank of America, and found that the minimum balance was \$2500. She will look into some other banks.

Pat moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Karen seconded.

Secretary's Report

Karen received a copy of a letter from the IRS advising us that the filing rules for non-profits will be changing next year. Although we didn't have to file a tax return for 2006, we will have to file one (Form 990 or 990-EZ) for 2007. Kevin probably has also received a copy of this letter. Karen will check with Kevin at some point to make sure he's aware of the change.

Election ballots were published and distributed in the latest issue of the newsletter. Val offered to remind people to send in their ballots. Karen currently has three.

Karen attended the last York County Kennel Club meeting and reported that the Vacationland Dog Club

would be moving its show to the Cumberland Fairgrounds next year. It is possible (though not certain) that York County will cluster with Vacationland on Vacationland's show dates (May 19-20, 2008). Depending on how the weekend dates fall for each club, BCCME's supported entry might take place on Saturday at the Vacationland show. We will still furnish rosettes and trophies for Beardies for the other days in the cluster. Karen agreed to keep the club updated on the proceedings. Pat volunteered to be trophy chair for the supported entry.

Pat moved to accept the Secretary's report. Val seconded.

Activities

Paws in the Park: Val, Pat, and Karen will set up a Beardedie Rescue booth at Paws in the Park on Sunday, September 16. Paws includes a walkathon fundraiser for the Animal Refuge League, which is one of the two shelters involved in rescuing the 250+ animals from the puppy mill bust in Buxton. We'll set up in Deering Oaks Park from about 9:30 AM till 1 PM. Val asked what materials we had to hand out. Karen mentioned the rescue flyers on the BCCA Web site. Pat has copies of the club flyers we brought to Meet the Breeds in March. Karen has the Beardedie Rescue banner.

Fun Match/Handling Class: Tracy will be available to host the Fun Match/Handling Class at her new place in Kennebunk on October 13. Maryann will follow up with her about the costs and other logistics. Val will hold a grooming demo. We can also have a silent auction, parades for Rescues, Titleholders, and so on, and contests for Best Tailwagger, Best Kisser, and so on. It's important that the non-show people come and enjoy themselves too. Karen will steward. We will offer a For Exhibition Only class, and make sure everybody who attends gets something. Hodges Badge offers simple ribbons starting at about 75 cents apiece.

Herding Day: Herding is still problematic, as we have no one available within a reasonable drive of our main area. Suzanne White would be happy to have us, but the Massachusetts members might not want to drive Down East to attend. Beth Adams doesn't want to hold the event. Matt Mason and Cindi (another Aussie person) would probably be happy to have us, but they are located near Concord, NH. Matt is a vet, and very busy with his practice. Maryann will keep trying, but we might have to go either to Suzanne's or to some place in CT.

Beginning Animal Communication Workshop: This event can be opened up to non-members as a fundraiser. Attendees will be asked not to bring animals, but to bring plenty of photos of their animals. The event runs from 10-3 or 10-4 with a lunch break. This might make a good wintertime meeting, since it should be held indoors. Possible venues include Paw-zn-Around (if we still have that free half-day available), The Beehive in Alfred, the Cape Elizabeth Community Center, or the conference/retreat center at the monastery in Alfred.

Fundraising

Rally Show-and-Go, CGC Testing: Val suggested these events as possible fundraisers for the club, since they aren't too labor-intensive and we can probably get the judge (Judy Kay) or tester (Sue Walsh) quite easily – depending on their schedules. We could hold the event(s) at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center (which does have dog club matches), Happy Tails, or the Saco Armory. We could combine CGC testing with another event.

Antique Chair Auction: We don't have the time to get this done for the National, so we will start the auction soon and have it end in time for Christmas.

Cafepress: Maryann mentioned the difficulty of finding anything on the Cafepress site. It's not very well organized, so we need to publicize the site more. If we put up more diverse products (in addition to the logowear), Val could submit an A&A to the Beardie List every Wednesday as all the other clubs do for their fundraisers.

Some of the suggested designs were a herding design, "Get the flock out of here," a Maine version of the Team Beardie shirts, the photo of Dory in motion at the Vacationland show, and some of Maryann's designs (especially on cards).

Old Business

BCCA Specialty Gift Basket: Pat displayed the lobster trap basket he built – a beautiful piece of work. We need to take inventory of the items we all have collected for the basket so far, to make sure that we have few duplicates, and that we have all the items we need. People who have items for the basket should email the Board with their lists. Maryann will create some cards for the basket, and also the card that lists all of the contents of the basket.

BCCA Auction: Connie and Val will make the painted bench. Connie suggested making a second one to paint and to keep for sale as a subsequent fundraiser.

BCCME Banner: Karen still needs to talk to some vendors about the price of a club banner. Maryann suggested talking to Portland Color as one of the vendors. It might be too late to get one for the Specialty this year, but Karen will find out.

New Business

There was no new business.

Pat moved to adjourn; Karen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Norteman
BCCME Secretary