



Bearded Collie Club of Maine  
Board Meeting  
December 30, 2007

Attendees: Connie Balogh, Pat Maloney, Val Maloney, Karen Norteman

President Val Maloney called the meeting to order at 1:50 PM.

**Secretary's Report**

Karen reported that Maryann (who was unable to attend the meeting) has offered to split the profits from her Cafepress site for Christmas cards and her other artwork. After paying the premium shop fee, she will split the profits 50-50 with the club. The club will realize a donation of about \$50 due to Maryann's generosity.

If we start the publicity and add items earlier in the year, both Maryann's shop and the BCCME mercantile on Cafepress might do even better in the coming year. We might consider upgrading the BCCME mercantile to a premium shop, so we can offer items in more than one design. The cost of the upgrade is about \$35 and is a one-time fee.

Karen also reported that she learned that a club does not need to become an AKC member club in order to hold a sanctioned match or even a show – just that the paperwork needs to be done properly and that we would need to pay a fee of \$15 along with our application to hold the match or show. In addition, Kathy Coxwell told Karen that BCCME does not need BCCA's permission to hold a Supported Entry at a show, or for a match – but that we do need to ask when it comes time to hold a Regional Specialty.

**Membership Report**

Pat reported that he is updating the current membership list and will have a new one available shortly. Connie reported that except for the Ackerley family, who attended one meeting a year ago, everyone on the list has renewed membership for the coming year. Pat's new list will reflect that information.

He received a membership check from Brad and Maggie Traver (they had sent their membership application in earlier) and gave it to Connie to deposit.

**Treasurer's Report**

Connie reported that we had \$516.00 in our bank account, not counting the membership check from the

Travers or two additional checks for trophies for our Supported Entry in May. She recently wrote a check for \$70 to Karen for the rosettes for the Supported Entry. After all the checks have been cashed and deposited, the treasury will have \$530 total.

Val and Pat have bought the plates and some of the boxes that will be painted and used as trophies, and have spent about \$190 so far. Connie wrote them a check for \$95 to cover half of the expenses to date.

### **Supported Entries:**

Val mentioned that we need to start advertising for the Supported Entries as early and as often as possible. There are people who would have come to the show in Acton this past year if they'd known about it. The PVKC show in June happens at a generally good time – school is out, and people might consider making a vacation trip to Maine around the show.

Karen mentioned that she contacted the Bagpipes editor about the two supported entries for 2008, but has had no response.

**YCKC:** Karen reported that YCKC member Maria Micheliche has made a hand-painted turkey feather with a Beardie on it for use as a trophy in our Supported Entry. Maria painted feathers for some of the other breeds having Specialties or Supported Entries at the show, and the artwork is beautiful. Our trophy list is ready for publication in the YCKC Premium List, which goes to press in mid-January.

Karen will give Val a Shaker box (unfinished) from Frye's Measure Mill that she can paint and use as a trophy. She will also make a final copy of the trophy list for YCKC and post it so everyone can read it.

**PVKC:** Karen contacted the trophy chair of PVKC and told her that we would be offering trophies along with our rosettes at that show, too. We will be offering BBQ aprons with the printed YCKC logo on Saturday, and printed frosted glass beer mugs on Sunday.

### **Activities**

**Pre-Christmas Bounce:** The gathering was small, but congenial. Val reported that the Beardies did well both indoors and outdoors. Pat mentioned that Bob LeBlanc and Jerry Ashworth kept the dogs running around outside so that when they did come in, they were all tired (and thus, too busy sleeping to get into any trouble).

**Beginning Animal Communication Workshop:** Val is looking into using the conference room at Camp Ketcha for a workshop on 2/23 (and plan for a snow date). They normally charge \$200 for 4 hours and \$300 for 8 hours, but their rates to non-profits are \$120 and \$225, respectively. We would plan for an 8-hour day to include time for setup, cleanup, and lunch. The workshop would run from 10-3 and would cost \$75. We would ask for a deposit in advance (maybe half?) to hold a space and ask participants to bring multiple photos of animals. The only animal allowed at the workshop would be Traveler (as demo dog).

**Valentine Party:** Val suggested asking Maryann to check into Paw-zn-Around for the Valentine Party. Tentative date is February 9 (probably should make a snow date as well). the party would run from 12-4, plus setup and cleanup time. We'll have a meeting and awards, games, and a dessert potluck. Karen will contact Kathy Walsh about awards.

**Sanctioned Match:** Val asked about the possibility of holding a sanctioned match in March. Karen replied that as far as AKC is concerned, clubs that are not AKC member clubs may old matches and

shows, but they have to pay a fee with their application. Minuteman BCC indicated an interest in combining forces to hold a match in Massachusetts.

Some possible venues could include It's a Dog's World (\$200 for a day), the Saco or Westbrook Armories, the Great Room at Camp Ketcha, Biddeford Ice Arena, or the arena at the Brothers of Christian Instruction in Alfred. The Brothers rent out some of their facilities for retreats and offsite meetings, but Karen was not sure whether they rented the arena as well.

**Meet the Beardies:** We would still like to hold one at Pet Quarters sometime.

**Regional Specialty:** Val has had inquiries about BCCME holding a Regional. If we plan to hold one in 2009, we need to start planning now. We could hold one in conjunction with the PVKC shows in Cumberland in June, in the same manner as the way GSBCC holds their Regional at the Ramapo KC shows in October. We do need to start forming committees now. Val recommended that the club advertise in the Bagpipes and Bulletin.

**Meet the Breeds (All-Breed):** Karen will ask Jay (YCKC president) whether there will be another Meet the Breeds in Saco this year. BCCME went last year and set up a booth, with Dinah, Trav, and Mac on hand to meet and greet the crowds.

## **Fundraising**

Val mentioned the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley. That club buys her jewelry and numerous other items, and has a person dedicated full-time to running the site and managing inventory and orders. She has contacted the BMD club person and will ask her about some of their ideas to see what might work for us as fundraisers without our incurring huge up-front costs.

## **Old Business**

**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.

**Rally Show-and-Go, CGC Testing:** Not discussed this time.

**Antique Chair Auction:** We need to get this going, and maybe do another painted bench and some more basket raffles. Connie also suggested painting a set of folding bookshelves with a Bearded design. The UPS Store or another shipping place could give us an estimate of the cost of shipping the chair or the bench. Cost would be borne by the winner(s).

## **New Business**

**New Board Member:** The Board discussed asking Joan Ekiert whether she'd like to join the BCCME Board. Joan lives in NH, so the distance might be a problem for her – but if she accepts, her enthusiasm, energy, and good ideas would be great assets to the Board and to the club. Karen mentioned that the club By-Laws allow us to add as many additional Board members as desired, in addition to the officers of the club.

**Pet Craft Fair:** Val came up with the idea of holding a craft fair around the time of the other holiday craft fairs, only with a pet-oriented theme to it. Crafters who make items such as dog biscuits, handmade leashes, coats, dog beds, catnip toys, etc. could rent space/tables to display their wares. We

could publicize the event in the papers and over the public access cable channels in the same way that other craft fairs are publicized, plus posters in Pet Quarters and the other pet supply places. The Great Room at Camp Ketcha might be a great place to hold such an event.

**Agility Demo, Tracking Demo:** These might be activities we can try in 2008. Connie knows someone who could hold the tracking demo for us.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Norteman  
BCCME Secretary