



Bearded Collie Club of Maine  
Board Meeting  
June 14, 2009

Attendees: Pat Maloney, Val Maloney, Karen Norteman, Kathy Walsh, Kenny Walsh

President Val Maloney called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM.

**Treasurer's Report**

Connie reported by email that we have \$550.17 in the bank. She had no incoming deposits or outgoing checks to report for the time period since our last meeting.

She plans to distribute cards at the BBQ for each member to fill out along with membership renewals. The cards will ask for basic membership information (name, address, contact info, etc.) so that we can have the most up-to-date information from all of our members.

**Membership Report**

Pat distributed the most recent version of the membership roster. He stated that he and Connie had not yet reconciled the list vs. members who have actually paid dues. Since we'll be processing membership renewals at the BBQ anyway, the next version of the list should be accurate.

**Activities**

**Regional Specialty:**

The Regional was a success! Everyone who spoke to any of the Board members mentioned having a great time. The food was wonderful, and people enjoyed the lunch and the raffle. We managed to pull in enough entries to have 5-point majors in both dogs and bitches for both days. The catalog ad came out nicely, and the Ladies' Dog Club was wonderful to work with.

For us, it was a learning experience. We will know better how to plan for food. It was suggested that the hospitality chair (or a member of the hospitality committee) just buy a simple menu of sandwiches/salads/munchies/drinks/dessert to make things simpler and easier. Kathy mentioned that the Framingham club will have a new show chair next year – we weren't the only club that had a great deal of trouble with this year's chair. She also mentioned that it would be helpful to get more people signed

on early to help, and to come for Friday setup. She also described what happened because the host clubs hadn't ordered enough tables or chairs, or made any effort to get tables and chairs to the clubs who requested them.

Kathy reported that we made \$47 on the raffles, after expenses. The raffles actually brought in \$287. Val brought a copy of the shipping invoice from PetEdge, which BCCME has already paid.

Karen has already received the paperwork from the AKC for next year's Regional. She asked whether the Board thought that we should do it again next year. The answer was yes, as long as we can plan things differently and start earlier. We also need to write up a canonical list of show tasks and make sure that people are assigned to each one so that no one has to get stuck doing everything, and so the work gets shared.

Val mentioned that Bob Lamm would have his Provisional license from AKC by the time of next year's Specialty. Bob judged Sweeps at the Garden State Regional last fall. We were generally happy with the judge that Ladies chose for Beardies, but we do have the option of hiring our own judge for regular classes along with a Sweeps judge.

### **2011 National Bid:**

Val, Pat, and Karen will tour the Colony Hotel in Kennebunkport on Monday. The tentative dates on the bid would be October 8-15, 2011.

Kathy mentioned that a Specialty committee really needed a committed group of 25 people to act as committee chairs. Val said that she was receiving offers of help from all over, since people are so eager to come to a Specialty in Maine.

### **2009 National:**

Val suggested that Karen include on the BBQ event announcements that we're collecting Maine items for the Regional Club Basket Challenge at this year's National. Pat is looking for a template to build the clam basket.

### **July Bounce and BBQ:**

The annual BBQ will be held on Saturday, July 11 at Val and Pat's house. We will give out our annual awards during the meeting and hold our elections.

In addition to asking for donations of Maine-made stuff for the Regional Club Basket, it was suggested that we mention annual dues, dog-friendly hotels, the silent auction, and raffles.

### **Other Activities:**

Val asked whether we could hold another Rally Fun Day with Judy Kay, Joanne Williamson, or Carolyn Ross. Maybe we could have an intro class in the morning and a show-n-go in the afternoon. Possible venues: Paw-zn-Around or the Kennel Shop in Scarborough (parking lot).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Norteman  
BCCME Secretary