



Bearded Collie Club of Maine
Board Meeting
October 26, 2008

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

President Val Maloney called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM.

Membership Report

Connie gave Pat an updated list of paid memberships. Pat distributed the current membership list and will include phone numbers in the next draft. The original copy of the membership form did not include spaces for a phone number, but the updated forms on the Web site do ask for a phone number.

Pat reported that Kathy Bonk and Marc Tucker have joined the club, and that they included a generous donation to the club along with their membership dues. Pat will send out membership reminder cards.

Kathy mentioned that when members of Minuteman renew their memberships, they fill out a new form each year so the club always has complete, updated information. Karen pointed out that we usually get more information during renewals, but we took checks during the downpour at the BBQ and there wasn't much opportunity to keep paperwork dry. We will want to adopt the practice of re-filling out the forms each year for future years, though.

Treasurer's Report

Connie reported that we made approximately \$400 from the herding event, but that the accounting was not final yet. She and Kathy both received very positive feedback, including notes from Terry expressing how happy he was with the clinic. Kathy also ran into Katherine and Eileen and they reiterated how much they enjoyed having us. Karen also reported that Terry enjoyed himself and appreciated the embroidered sweatshirt. Connie said that Diane Vigeant got the sweatshirt to him only a few days after the order was placed.

Connie would like to open a savings account at Bath Savings, and use it to set aside the money we need to pay for our insurance each year. Bath Savings offers better terms than Bank of America (where our checking account is located).

Fundraising:

Val and Pat mentioned that new member Kathy Bonk is involved in professional fundraising and is willing to help the club.

Kathy suggested that she create the dog biscuit mix in a jar as a fundraiser. We could sell it on the Web site. She will figure out the cost to make the mix, plus the cost of shipping.

Val has some fleece lobster dog beds that we could sell online for \$40, and showed samples of painted paper Christmas ornaments. The ornaments could sell for \$7-8 plus postage.

Kathy and Connie also mentioned sheep cookie cutters in various sizes. if we can find enough of them, we could sell those online as well.

Activities

Herding Clinic: Everybody we talked to – attendees, spectators, property owners, and Terry himself – had a wonderful time.

Kathy mentioned that she was still having trouble getting some pedigrees from Beardie owners to send in for the HIC certificates. She has been in touch with Marilynn Snook about this, and hopes that Marilynn can give her an extension to get the information from the stragglers.

It was suggested that next time we get more stock in general and more sheep in particular. It was also suggested that we try ducks at some point. In addition, it would be helpful to post a schedule for the day so people would know what was happening when (not just the running order).

The idea of holding the clinic over three days was discussed. We could reserve one entire days for HICs and then devote the other two days to the clinic itself. We could have a different judge for the HICs than for the clinic. Also, would it be possible to hold clinics twice a year?

It was agreed that we should consider holding another clinic next year. If we do, we need to look for a late September date. Next year's National is in early October, and we need to schedule early to avoid conflicts.

Holiday Party: Our Christmas Party/Open House/Winter Bounce will take place on Saturday, December 13 at Val and Pat's house, from 12-4. It won't be a fancy party – just hot cider and munchies, plus bouncing in the yard for the Beardies. People can just drop in as they please.

Supported entries: We will still have a supported entry at YCKC's 2009 show. We will not have one at the PVKC show. Karen will handle correspondence with the two clubs.

Val displayed a hand-painted zippered pouch that she found, and suggested that we consider using those as trophies for next year. We could add dog treats and a toy. Karen mentioned that she could also turn some of her duplicate trophies from this year's YCKC show back to the club so we can use them again next year. Karen will make a list of the trophies we need and what we have, and then we can start looking for sponsorships.

Regional Specialty: Kathy has been in touch with Virginia Rowland, Show Chair of the Ladies' Dog

Club, about holding a Regional Specialty at their show in June. She asked Kandis Swan to be our Sweeps judge (Puppies and Veterans), and Kandis was delighted. We will use the club's choice of breed judge (Kim Cavanna) for regular classes. We will have a supported entry at the Framingham show the next day, if possible.

Kathy also reported that the Board of the Minuteman club voted to join BCCME in the Regional, so the show will be a joint effort between the two clubs after all. Minuteman owns place markers for 1st-4th places, and we can use them for the show.

Karen said that the Regional was added to the October agenda for the BCCA Board, and that she would amend the request to include Minuteman if possible. Minuteman will be added afterward if it's too late to change the current request on the agenda. She will also ask Cindy Alspaugh about the necessary paperwork associated with filing for a Specialty with AKC.

Some suggestions for trophies include: hanging grooming bags from petEdge, hand-painted brushes, White Pine leads, water buckets. Karen will make a list of the trophies needed for each show and we can decide what to ask for sponsorships.

Kathy will check with Peggy at Ladies' Dog Club about the box lunches they offer, other food, desserts, etc. Val suggested that Karen start early with pre-show publicity in the Bulletin and Bagpipes. We can also have a silent auction. We should have someone serve as Hospitality Chair – preferably someone who won't be busy showing. Karen will also make up a list of rosettes and will work with the trophy chair of the Ladies' Club. We also need to think about silent auction donations and an appropriate judge's gift for Kandis.

“Progressive Dinner:” Connie suggested that we try holding a “progressive dinner” party with a silent auction at some point in the future. She participated in one with an Irish Setter Club in Arizona and said that it was a very successful event. We could start with drinks and appetizers at one house, then move to another for the main course, then to another for dessert. Because we're so spread out here in Maine, we might have to concentrate on one particular area, such as Greater Portland.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Norteman
BCCME Secretary