



Bearded Collie Club of Maine  
Board Meeting  
September 5, 2006

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

President Val Maloney called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Pat made a motion to accept the minutes of the July membership meeting. Karen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Connie submitted a printout listing the membership checks and monies received at the July meeting. She received 4 membership checks totaling \$100.00, plus an additional \$132.00 as proceeds from the auction at the meeting and donations from Barbara Marshall's treat sales.

More membership checks are expected to come in. Pat, membership chair, has some more checks, which he will give to Connie. Connie and Val will open the club checking account tomorrow at Bank of America, and Connie will deposit the funds she has collected to date. She suggested announcing the deposit on the BeardieMainiacs email list so people will be notified that their checks will finally be cashed.

Karen received the tax ID information from the IRS. She gave the document to Val for the trip to the bank.

Val suggested that Connie open a PayPal account so that people can pay for memberships, raffle items, etc. using credit cards. She explained that the accounts can be set up to deposit directly into the club's checking account, rather than lingering in a PayPal account until withdrawn. Connie will set up the PayPal account after the bank account at Bank of America has been opened.

Karen submitted a handwritten receipt for \$40 as reimbursement for the application fee sent to the state with the incorporation papers.

**Fundraising Report**

Val will start setting up the raffle items after she returns from the BCCA National next week. She

suggested one raffle for October and one for November. It was generally agreed that holding both raffles before the holidays made the most sense.

Connie suggested that the club produce its own Beardies of Maine calendar, with members' dogs photographed against typical Maine scenic backdrops. Val asked whether this might conflict with the BOW Calendar. Maryann mentioned that Clean Run magazine auctions off the chance to be featured on its cover, and asked whether we could consider doing that. Another idea was to create notecards from member dogs' photos.

Val mentioned the BCCME cookbook that Jeanne Ashworth was compiling. Maybe we could hold a pot-luck event and bring the recipes for items we brought. This wouldn't really produce too many recipes from people who don't cook.

## **Membership Report**

Pat reported that the club has 5 current memberships plus others waiting in the mail. He mentioned announcing on the BeardieMainiacs list that we are now accepting funds for memberships and that we have applications available. Karen gave Pat some printed membership applications, plus copies of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Other opportunities to attract and find new members include the "Meet the Breeds" day at Pet Quarters in Scarborough. Val also mentioned contacting Pam Fisher, the vendor who sells the Pugsley's products at local shows. Pam has a Beardie. Other new people, especially lurkers on the BeardieMainiacs list, are potential new members. It was suggested that the club run an ad in the Pets section of the *Portland Press Herald*.

## **Secretary's Report**

Karen reported that Kevin Stauff (the club's attorney) has filed the incorporation papers with the state, and is awaiting their approval. Once those have been approved, he will file the federal-level papers and we should be finished. Kevin will also help with end-of-year tax filing if we wish.

Next week, Val and Karen will attend the BCCA Board meeting while at the National. Karen says that BCCME should receive BCCA's blessing and become an official regional club. The BCCA secretary, Linda Taylor, has copies of our Constitution and By-Laws, plus a list of Board members and officers. Karen will pack extra copies of these just in case.

Maryann asked about AKC recognition, which the club will need in order to hold sanctioned matches and shows. Karen explained that the club needs to be in existence a year before even applying, at which point AKC will want copies of the Constitution, By-Laws, complete membership list, and list of activities.

Karen and Val discussed the possibility of a BCCME supported entry at the Acton shows next year. There is a strong possibility (though not a final one just yet) that York County and Penobscot Valley Kennel Clubs will combine shows to present a 4-day cluster at Acton next May. Connie asked whether we could pull Beardie people from NY, NJ, and maybe beyond to those shows with a supported entry. Karen said that if the deal goes through, we should talk up the cluster to everyone we know.

Pat had several suggestions of things we could do for the cluster (if it happens). On Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, fund the rosettes for BOB/BOS/BOW. On Saturday, do a showcase with trophies. We

could gather EZ-Ups from members, ask the show chair for an area, and hold a Beardie party. Other ideas included dinner at the Weathervane or Pat's Pizza, since they have rooms we might be able to reserve.

Val suggested that embroidered towels with the BCCME logo would make great trophies. Diane Vigeant, a Beardie owner in CO, sent Karen samples of the BCCME logo in machine embroidery. She says that the logo will cost \$10 to embroider, which Val maintained was a very reasonable price. Diane has a catalog of items she can embroider, and towels wouldn't cost us much. Karen agreed to scan the logo samples and share them with the Board. Another idea was to give bath towels as big trophies and hand towels as smaller ones. These could be funded by asking the club members for trophy donations.

## **New Business**

**Hospitality Chair:** A new office of Hospitality Chair was discussed. Karen made the motion, Connie seconded. The Hospitality Chair would coordinate events like the Beardie party at the Acton shows, or food/directions/support for people coming to a club event (such as the upcoming Rally fun day). Val will ask Hilary Sangster if she would like to take on the job.

**Specialty shows:** Pat mentioned that in Kathy Coxwell's email, she said that she looked forward to attending a Specialty in Maine someday. Although the club could not begin to consider such an undertaking until after it held matches and Regional shows and received AKC approval to hold shows, the idea was worth considering for some time in the future. He recommended that we consider the following timeline:

2007: Supported entry at Acton, fun match(es)

2008: Sanctioned show/match; Regional Specialty?

2011: maybe National Specialty, depending on when it should be held in the East

Connie mentioned that when she was involved in forming an Irish Setter club in Arizona, they followed a similar timeline with successful results. Karen said that it was definitely worth considering, especially since bids for National Specialties are taken 2 years in advance. Val mentioned that not all of the labor for Nationals is done by the host clubs; Minuteman pulled off the 1998 Specialty with help from members of many different regional clubs. She also mentioned that there were many local and semi-local businesses (such as Planet Dog, Pet Quarters, the Kennel Shop, Old Mother Hubbard) whom we could approach for sponsorship.

Everyone agreed to scout possible locations. Finding one within reasonable distance of a decent herding venue might be the one difficulty. Rae LeBlanc might have contacts in the hospitality business who knew of possible sites. Another person to ask might be Kathryn Weare, owner of the Cliff House (and Collie Club of Maine member).

Maryann asked about show superintendents and secretaries. Karen mentioned that MB-F offered all possible show services for a price, ranging from just handling registration to taking care of everything, including equipment. National Capital used MB-F for entry services/equipment/superintendent services, but Karen was the show secretary and took care of all the AKC paperwork and on-site check-ins. This saved NCBCC considerable money, enough to pay her room in Baltimore for the week and still make money. Maryann mentioned that there were agility-specific businesses that could supply equipment for the agility trial. Libby Myers-Buhite and her crew usually take care of all of the paperwork for BCCA Specialties.

**Fun Match:** Val proposed that we put one together in March at Paw-zn-Around in Saco.

**Newsletter:** Karen asked whether it might be time to publish the club newsletter. Send ideas for the name, masthead, etc, to Maryann. Maryann mentioned that people like getting printed newsletters in the mail, even though PDF is convenient. We could use both formats and put the PDFs on the Web site.

### **Old Business**

**Rally Fun Day:** It was decided that the Rally Fun Day would be held on October 7, with October 28 as the back-up day. Val will contact Paw-zn-Around about their available dates. Karen will contact Judy Kay to let her know and to ask what she would charge for the event. The charge to attendees is \$15/person. Val will mention to Hilary about coffee and donuts, lunch options, etc.

**Christmas Party:** Since there are too many things going on in December already (including the Boston shows), Maryann will look into holding our club party in January at It's a Dog's World or another location. We could hand out award certificates (plaques were discussed) for members' Beardie achievements for the year 2006.

### **Miscellaneous**

Tails Up in Falmouth is gone; Leslie has moved, and the location can no longer be used as a dog training facility.

Rae LeBlanc has a new litter of puppies. Val will get the details.

Karen handed out BCCME logo fridge magnets. Connie suggested that she order more and bring them to the BCCA Board meeting. She will if there's time. Fridge magnets would make nice welcome gifts to new members, and we could contribute them to the goodie bags at the 2007 National in Maryland.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Norteman  
BCCME Secretary