



Bearded Collie Club of Maine  
Membership Meeting  
February 9, 2008

Attendees: Maryann Groves, Greg Hall, Don Holt, Jeannie Holt, Pat Maloney, Val Maloney, Barbara Marshall, Don Marshall, Karen Norteman, Kathy Walsh, Kenny Walsh

President Val Maloney called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

**Treasurer's Report**

Connie was not able to attend, but she reported to Karen that the treasury has only \$300+ remaining. This is the total after the two checks for Paw-zn-Around and Camp Ketcha were written. She did not report that there was any income this month.

Maryann mentioned that the commission check from Cafepress will total about \$50-60, but Cafepress has not sent the check yet.

**Secretary's Report:**

Karen reported that Joan Ekiert has joined the BCCME Board. Anyone who would like to join the Board is welcome, and everyone may attend Board meetings.

**Animal Communication Workshop:**

Val encouraged everyone to get the word out about the workshop. Only one person has made a reservation thus far, and we need six to break even. We will have to eat the \$300 whether or not we hold the workshop, since Camp Ketcha's cancellation policy is 60 days in advance.

Publicity efforts to date include: Pet Quarters, Kittery Animal Hospital, several email lists, York County Kennel Club, Piscataqua Obedience Club, *Dog in Sight* magazine, *Downeast Dog News*, the weekly Scarborough paper, MaineToday.com, My Wonderful Dog, Happy Tails, the Kennel Shop in Sanford, and now Paw-zn-Around.

**Supported Entries:**

**YCKC:** Karen reported that we are all set for the Supported Entries at the YCKC show. She will

publish the list of trophy donations. The premium list is in the process of being printed. The two judges for Beardies at the show are Ken and Donna Buxton. Maybe we can make majors at the show this year.

**PVKC:** Karen sent the information about the trophies to the PVKC show and trophy chairs, but has not heard back from them – so no money has changed hands. PVKC will pay for rosettes for BOB, BOW, and BOS. BCCME can offer additional rosettes, and will be offering trophies. When PVKC is back in touch, we can start asking for sponsorships for these trophies.

Kathy Walsh mentioned that the Concord Dog Training Club is not offering obedience or rally at Topsfield in June.

### **2009 BCCME Regional:**

Val and Karen mentioned the possibility of offering a Regional Specialty at the PVKC shows in 2009. PVKC's shows are near the end of June at the Cumberland Fairgrounds, and the weather is likely to be better than it would be for Acton in May. The first weekend in May is also the traditional weekend for the Princeton, NJ shows, so our friends from down that way would be less likely to come to Acton than they would to Cumberland.

Another advantage of holding a Regional at the show is that the site, crews, superintendent, publicity, etc. are already in place. Garden State BCC holds a delightfully laid-back Regional in conjunction with the Ramapo KC shows. They offer lovely trophies and a free buffet lunch for all the Beardie people involved. We could model our own Regional on their example.

What we need to hold a Regional: We need BCCA's blessing, which shouldn't be difficult to obtain. We have the option of hiring our own judges for Sweeps and for regular classes. We need to publicize the show early and often. Val suggested goodie bags. We also need willing volunteers.

BCCME is not nearly large enough to hold a National. Maybe someday, in conjunction with Minuteman, we might consider it.

### **Fundraising:**

**BCCME Merchandise:** 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. Maybe BCCME should look into carrying some items to sell.

Some suggestions for items include: zippered bait pouches, camera cases, shopping bags, fanny packs. Maybe if there's enough demand, Zazzle could start carrying some of those items. Barbara suggested selling "DIBS", but they might not hold up well in shipping. We could offer them at the Acton show along with Beardie soap.

**Pet Craft Fair:** Val came up with the idea of holding a pet-related craft fair around the time of the other holiday craft fairs. We could rent table space to pet-related businesses and run a couple of tables ourselves. We could even have a "bake sale" table with some homemade biscuits. We could ask Debby Ritchie if she'd consider making a quilt. We could offer pet photos with Santa, and maybe CGC testing.

Some locations we could look into include: Planet Dog, Paw-zn-Around (we could bring dogs in), or schools or church halls in Wells/York/Kittery/Eliot (no dogs allowed).

**CGC Testing:** Karen just received her CGC Evaluator number from AKC. We could hold a CGC testing event, open it to the public, and use that as a fundraiser for the club. Karen will also donate her fees from doing CGC tests at the NEOESR picnic to the club.

**Federation of Maine Dog Clubs:** Karen is the club liaison to FMDC for BCCME, but welcomes anyone else to bid for the job. She is also the liaison for the York County Kennel Club. FMDC meets bimonthly in Augusta.

On Monday, 2/11, 30+ members of FMDC member clubs will caravan to Augusta to testify about LD2010 and LD2171, two bills being introduced to the legislature. These bills are heavily supported by HSUS/PETA. FMDC is appearing at the State House. Karen will report back and write an article for the newsletter.

**Herdling Clinic:** Maryann can arrange to borrow some sheep from Matt Mason and keep them on a friend's farm for a three-day clinic. We could offer lessons for two days and instinct testing. Several trainers we know might be interested in teaching, including Anne Witte, Terry Workman, Cindy Mendonca (maybe), Jim New. We could also see if Suzanne White or another trainer is available. Maryann will look into available dates and costs.

The Minuteman club is doing instinct testing in June. Kathy will keep us posted.

**Awards:** Kathy awarded certificates to the following Beardies:

Trav for his 3<sup>rd</sup> Award of Merit at the 2007 National Specialty  
Camille and Braeden for earning their PTs  
Maddie for her breed wins in 2007  
Webster for his Veterans wins in 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Norteman  
BCCME Secretary