



Bearded Collie Club of Maine  
Meeting Minutes 1/20/07

Attendees: AnneMarie Ackerly, Bob Ackerly, Samantha Ackerly, Jeanne Ashworth, Jerry Ashworth, Maryann Groves, Greg Hall, Susie Jones, Pat Maloney, Val Maloney, Karen Norteman, Kathy Walsh, Kenny Walsh

President Val Maloney called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Val and Karen discussed the next fundraising efforts for the club, to start around February 1. Karen displayed a hand-knit sweater donated by Pamela McGarvey. Pam's sweaters typically raise large amounts of money at Specialty auctions. Maryann suggested that this fundraiser be in the form of a raffle, since raffle chances are much more affordable for more people than very high auction bids. It was generally agreed that this would be a good idea.

Other items to be included in the next raffle are the autographed Mabel books and services, such as Web site design, Reiki or animal communication sessions, and sheep-herding time at Maryann's.

Karen reminded members to take home the free lobsters for their Beardies. She then showed the members the book and magazine in which Dinah recently appeared. Both of these publications are local, and perhaps we can get the club some exposure through them at some time in the future.

Karen urged members to please send in photos for use on the Web site. She uses the photos she has, but would like to see more of our members' Beardies represented.

Val mentioned the supported entry at the York County Kennel Club show on May 5 and the trophies on May 6. Club members have been extremely generous in helping to underwrite the funding for the rosettes and trophies for the show. All of our contributions will appear in the premium list for the show. Karen promised to get a count of the number of towels needed for trophies and to send that number to Val. We need to get our trophies to Diane Vigeant so she can have them embroidered in time.

Maryann mentioned that Happy Tails, the new training center in Portland, has opened and is offering classes. She also mentioned wanting to get a herding day together for the club in the spring, plus a Beach Bounce sometime.

Our proposed next activity will be a Wellness Day, where people can learn about a number of ways to help promote wellness in their dogs. The topics might include Reiki, TTouch, herbs, and other things. Val mentioned that a Dachshund owner in her class at Happy Tails was very enthusiastic about attending, so this might be open to other dog owners.

Kathy, our Awards Chair, produced a large number of beautiful, nicely-mounted certificates and presented them to members who sent her brags for 2006. Congratulations to all of the members whose dogs made them proud!

Kathy, Maryann, and Val surprised Karen with a framed certificate for 2006 Member of the Year, along with a gift certificate for a local restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Norteman  
BCCME Secretary