

Bearded Collie Club of Maine  
Meeting Minutes 7/23/06

Attendees: Jeanne Ashworth, Jerry Ashworth, Elinor Gosselin, Maryann Groves, Greg Hall, David Kottler, Shari Kottler, Rae LeBlanc, Pat Maloney, Val Maloney, Barbara Marshall, Don Marshall, Karen Norteman, Hilary Sangster, Kathy Walsh, Kenny Walsh

President Val Maloney called the meeting to order at 2:50 PM.

A motion to accept the minutes of the first meeting was accepted.

Val discussed the raffle to raise funds for the BCCME treasury, and thanked people for their donations. Items received thus far were on display in the kitchen, and attendees were invited to go up and take a look at the great number and variety of things received.

Connie said that she would accept money for BCCME memberships as well as in payment for the items to be auctioned off at the conclusion of the meeting. Since the club needs to wait until it has official non-profit status before she can open a bank account, she advised people that it might be some time before their checks are cashed. People seemed to feel that this would not be an issue.

Karen distributed copies of the draft Constitution and By-Laws, copies of the minutes of the first club meeting, and membership applications. All of these documents are available on the club Web site and in the Files area of the BeardieMainiacs list. She also reported that she had been working with the lawyer who was helping to set up BCCME as a non-profit organization. He (the lawyer) advised us to wait before accepting the By-Laws until the initial paperwork had been filed.

Karen also is selling two types of raffle tickets and styrofoam antenna balls as fund-raisers for the Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound. The NWBCCPS is hosting the 2006 National Specialty.

Val mentioned that there were a number of positions available for anyone who wanted to hold office or head up a committee. Some of the officers were doing "double duty," holding more than one office, and any member would be welcome to volunteer to take on any of those jobs. Karen agreed to make a list of available offices/committees.

Connie asked about adding a junior membership to our application and our by-laws. Although none of the members has children under 18, it was agreed that this would be a good idea. A motion was made and accepted. The Board will discuss this, set a price for dues, and make that addition.

Maryann discussed setting up a herding event for the club. Suzanne White is very willing to hold one, but she is a long distance away in Appleton (near Rockland). We would need to get a solid commitment from members to go, in order to make this worth the effort. Kathy mentioned that she and many people she knew were primarily interested in instinct testing rather than lessons or competition. She mentioned that she knew a number of people in MA who would be interested in joining BCCME for a herding event if instinct testing were offered. Maryann mentioned that there were not many places around within convenient driving distance, but that she would continue to pursue the idea. Matt Mason would have been willing to host it, but he is probably not able to do much now that he has taken on a new vet practice. Barbara mentioned that Ann Witte volunteered to come out to an event if we could set one up. Jim New is also willing to do an event for us.

Other ideas for activities included rally, agility, and fun matches (conformation). Val mentioned that Karen had thought about asking Joanne Williamson to come do a rally demo/workshop, if she had time available with her judging schedule.

Maryann will check with It's a Dog's World in York to see whether BCCME could rent the place for a party/Beardie fun day. IADW has an indoor training area in case of inclement weather, plus a fenced outdoor area with an agility course set up. Karen mentioned that IADW is willing to postpone Saturday classes on days when the place is rented for parties, and that they never have Sunday classes there. The southern location might entice more people from MA to come up for the event.

Pat moved to end the meeting, and the motion was accepted. The meeting ended at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Norteman  
BCCME Secretary