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## **Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa, Maxima Mea Culpa**

My apologies, as your newsletter editor,  
for the gap in publication of Beardie  
Tales. No excuses.

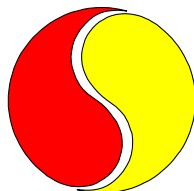
## **CBCC Board of Directors 2007**

President	Carol Freeman
Vice President	Dawn Szecsy
Treasurer	Claudia Diaz
Secretary	Nancy Steckel;
Board Members	Arlene Fenney
Bob Gleason	Cheryl Poliak
Mary Steckel	
Immediate Past Pres.	Karen Shaw

## **Mark Your Calendar**

The next general membership meeting will be held on Sunday, May 6 in Madison at the Badger Kennel Club dog show. The meeting will be held about one-half hour after Beardies show. More information to come.

Also, mark your calendar for Saturday, August 25. It is a **BEARDIE BOUNCE** at Cyndie Reinheimer's Cozy Lodge Doggy Day Care Center in West Bend, WI. More information to follow.



We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.

M. Facklam

**Chicagoland Regional Specialty  
Saturday, June 16, 2007**

## **Lake County Fairgrounds Grayslake, IL**

Mark your calendar how. Be there or be square. This is the club's seminal event of the year. See a passel of great Beardies. Watch and cheer (quietly). Enjoy the company of fellow Beardie lovers. Buy Beardie goodies. Spend money to support your club. Work on your tan. Commune with nature. Be there. For more information, read the attached minutes and watch your email for bulletins.

## **Member of the Year – George Moulton**

A few years ago our club discussed putting up a website. At that time the internet and club websites were a fairly new idea. While the club discussed 'What for?', George went ahead and designed our website....the hard way, command by command, line by line. He has maintained it since then at no cost to our club. As work and home commitments grew, George found he didn't have the time to keep it up. When we established a web committee this past Fall, George was asked to Chair the committee but because of his time constraints, he reluctantly handed over the reins. Thankfully, he has stayed on as a committee member. We are now finding out how much work went in to what George did quietly for so many years and we applaud his efforts. Once we started noticing he became the obvious choice to be picked as the Member of the Year.

Occasionally someone will write and compliment us for the website or the logo. We received another unsolicited compliment just this past week from BCCA club member Carol Serrine....' I am so impressed with the depth of organization on the Chicagoland website. The languaging and layout is

superior.' We owe it all to you George. You led us onto the 'World Wide Web' and single-handedly

created something that positively reflects on our club. You have reason to be proud. Thank you very much!

## Minutes

### Chicagoland Bearded Collie Club

November 4, 2006

Cyndie and Ed Reinheimer's

Cozy Lodge Doggie Day Care

**Roll Call:** People signing in: Nancy Steckel, Mary Steckel, Bela Szecsy, Dawn Szecsy, Karen Shaw, Carol Freeman, Cheryl Fehrer, Dennis Fehrer, Cyndie Reinheimer, Ed Reinheimer, Kathy Nimke, Ginger Nolan, Heather Archibald, Bobby Archibald, Suzanne Jelinski, Julie Weber, Pat Neale, Bob Neale, L. Matson, C. Matson, Charlotte Laning, Alden Melbourne, Laura Melbourne, Chris Schachter, Al Schachter

**Secretary's Note:** Others may have been/were in attendance who did not sign in or who left as the meeting started. They did not sign the roll call book. Due to the large number in attendance at this meeting, the secretary was unable to figure out who had and who had not signed in before members left and the meeting ended. Sorry if your name is not in the above list.

**Call to Order:** 3:15

**Business** (Old and New):

- There was discussion about the upcoming 2007 Regional Specialty: Dawn and Bela Szecsy have agreed to co-chair the event. Dawn wants to work as a team. Dawn was interested in finding out if there has been a budget set in previous years. She will check with Claudia Diaz to see what was spent last year. We urgently need some one for trophies and ribbons. We need to do advertising, especially taking advantage of the free ads allowed in the Bearded Collie Club of America's Bearded Bulletin. She would like up to date info posted on the website. She is checking into a local restaurant for a meal afterwards. There will be lunch for the judges.
- After some discussion it seems that everyone present who is a member has been signed on to the CBCC list hosted by Bob Gleason.
- The judges selection committee needs to get going on selection of judges for future Regionals.
- Volunteers were needed for the Nominating Committee. Sue Jelinski and Heather Archibald volunteered.
- There was discussion about how to keep members current about events in the club using the internet. Loralie Van Sluys has agreed to continue to edit the Newsletter. This continues to be a needed component of the club but many present felt that in this day and age that the internet is the place to keep as much information as up to date as possible. There was much confusion expressed about what the CBCC website should contain and what the role of the CBCC list should be. It was definitely felt that the club appreciates the work that George Moulton (website web master) and Bob Gleason (list moderator) have already put in. Their help will be greatly needed to make what CBCC can offer on the internet to it's members as well as to others who seek out information about the club as up

to date and current as possible. As part of the discussion Pat Neale made a motion to do what is necessary to have the CBCC purchase a domain name for CBCC OWNED by CBCC, seconded by Bob Neale, passed unanimously. Those present were not sure what this would entail or really how to go about doing this. Mary Steckel and Carol Freeman agreed to get in touch with George Moulton and Bob Gleason to see how to get started on this. Mary Steckel also volunteered to help with any updating if help was needed.

- Karen Shaw made a motion to support the entry at the Madison dog show this coming May, seconded by Charlotte Laning, passed unanimously. The show has a new site- Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Supported entry will be Sunday May 6, 2007. Trophies will be for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch. The club gets one free page in the catalog. Jean Frances Dean agreed to get something ready for the catalog, possibly related to our upcoming regional.

- **Members voted in:** Jean Francis Dean, Motion by Nancy Steckel, seconded by Charlotte Laning, unanimous

- **Members presented for Membership** to be voted on at the club's next meeting: Sharon and Michael Matusinec, Laura Melbourne, Julie Weber, and John Rakowiecki

- **Secretary Report:** An email was received from the Best Western Lakefront Hotel in Manitowoc asking us for consideration when planning future meetings, conventions or events.

- Good Shepherd Hospital and the Prairieland Samoyed Club, Inc were hosting a 'Bark for a Cure' walk.

- Booth Photography Pictures from the 2006 Regional were passed around for members to view.

- There was again discussion about developing 'Welcome Packets' or a 'Welcome Committee' to help distribute information to new members. Examples of information would be officer's names and contact information, Constitution and By-Laws, and what ever else the committee felt should be given out. Sue Jelinski and Carol Freeman agreed to work on this.

- Dawn Szecsy made a motion to support the entry and have a Puppy Sweepstakes at the Saturday July 28, 2007 Waukesha Kennel Club show, seconded by Bela Szecsy, passed unanimously. Trophies will be obtained (by Dawn) for Best in Sweeps and Best of Opposite in Sweeps. Dawn and Bela Szecsy and Cyndie Reinheimer would sponsor the supported entry trophies as they usually have done in the past. Dawn will find some one who can do Sweeps judging.

- There was some discussion about considering hosting the Bearded Collie Club Of America's National Specialty in 2009 as well as looking into possibly going to alternate years for our regional. No decisions or motions were made. These topics were brought up to the membership to get members to start thinking about the future.

- A brunch will be held at Cliffbreakers in Rockford, Illinois on Sunday January 7, 2007. The Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the brunch.

-Motion to adjourn- Bela Szecsy, seconded by Jean Francis Dean, passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted by,  
Nancy Steckel, CBCC Secretary

**Minutes of the**

# Chicagoland Bearded Collie Club

January 7, 2007

## Cliffbreakers, Rockford, IL

Roll Call: Nancy Steckel, Mary Steckel, Carol Freeman, Richard Dean, Jean Frances Dean, Arlene Fenney, Dawn Szecsy, Bela Szecsy, Bobby Archibald, Heather Archibald, Bob Neale, Pat Neale, Suzanne Jelinski, Karen Shaw, Danna Dokmo, Claudia Diaz

Call to Order: 1:20

**Approval of Minutes:** Dawn Szecsy made a motion to accept, the July and November minutes as corrected, seconded by Arlene Fenney, passed unanimously. Correction to the November 2006 minutes was the addition of the name Richard Dean to new members voted in.

**Treasurer's Report:** Claudia Diaz stated that 14 members did not renew membership as of this date. They were sent a renewal form and some were contacted by phone.

- Claudia presented reports on the 2006 Regional Specialty. Income from the event was \$2,356.00, expenses were \$3,665.06, for a loss of \$1,309.06

- Claudia presented a report for the October, 2006 Herding Event. Income was \$745.00, expenses were \$962.00, for a loss of \$217.00

- Claudia says she wants a better handle on where club money is going. Some members have become very lax about turning in receipts and expenses when requesting reimbursement from the club. She developed a form and policy statement ( CBCC Action Request Form) that would help the Treasurer better account for where money is being spent. Copies were passed around and members discussed them. Members felt it should be called Check Request and Reimbursement Form. Claudia made a motion to accept her form with suggested changes, seconded by Suzanne Jelinski, passed unanimously.

**Secretary's Report:** There were several letters from AKC regarding the Sweeps to be held in conjunction with the Waukesha Kennel Club shows in July, 2007.

- There were 2 letters from AKC indicating permission to hold Sweeps at the 2007 Regional with the Judge- Lynn Zagarello

- A Short Course for Dog Breeders is being presented at the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine on January 27, 2007

- A postcard from Pyr Photography, located in Gurnee, Ill. They do pet photography for any dog event or show. They also have pet art. They gave a contact number.

- A request from Joyce Ann Burgett (fund raising Chair for the National Specialty) for club donations to support the 2007 National Specialty

**Business:** After discussion, Bob Neale made a motion to donate \$200 to the BCCA National Specialty, seconded by JeanFrances Dean, passed unanimously.

**Rescue Report:** Mary Barthold posted a rescue report to Carol Freeman about a 4 year old Beardie. There was discussion of Bone (a Rescue group for Neardies) that also has several 'Neardies' in need of a home.

JeanFrances said you can 'link' to the site from the BCCA site.

- There was discussion that Cyndie Reinheimer (CBCC Rescue Coordinator) should open information to other club members regarding people looking for a rescue. It was also discussed that she could possibly have a list of names available to all interested members for breeder rehomes.

**Show Committee:** As of now Ed Walkowicz is a-ok and willing to steward for the June Regional on Saturday June 16, 2007.

- Free lunches will only be offered for Judges and stewards. Everyone else is on their own for lunch.
- There will be coffee and donuts in the morning.
- Mary Steckel is doing trophies and passed around a trophy donation sign-up sheet. DONATIONS Are NEEDED!
- Carol Freeman is doing ribbons/ rosettes.
- Dinner will be at RJ's Eatery outdoor gazebo (Hy 45 and Hy 132). You will need to make a reservation to join us, but you will order from the menu and pay your own bill.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee (Suzanne Jelinski and Heather Archibald) offered the following names for the 2007 slate of

Officers and Board Members:  
President Carol Freeman  
Vice President Dawn Szecsy  
Treasurer Claudia Diaz  
Secretary Nancy Steckel  
Board Members Arlene Fenney  
Bob Gleason  
Mary Steckel  
Cheryl Poliak  
Immediate Past President Karen Shaw

JeanFrances Dean made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented, seconded by Bela Szecsy, passed unanimously

- There was discussion about going to alternating years for the CBCC Regional, specifically alternating with the year that Michigan holds their show and BCCA holds 'Beardie Camp'. The Grays Lake site is up in the air anyway. Soon we will need to be making a decision about when and where to hold the Regional anyway. Karen Shaw made a motion that CBCC go to alternating years for their Regional Specialty, seconded by Mary Steckel. There was further discussion. Karen agreed to 'table' her motion to a future meeting so that others not present at this meeting would know about it and be able to voice their opinions. Carol Freeman said she would start a discussion on CBCC-L so all would be aware of this idea.
- Karen started a discussion of Member of the Year. CBCC used to yearly recognize some one. Were there any ideas of people that have provided service to the CBCC and should be acknowledged? After discussion Karen made a motion to nominate (name withheld) as 2006 Member of the Year, seconded by Mary Steckel, passed unanimously. Carol Freeman will look into getting a gift to honor this member.
- There was discussion about possibly bidding for the 2009 BCCA National Specialty. We should survey the members as to their interest as well as their willingness to put in some hard work. It takes a tremendous amount of work both before and during the event.
- There was discussion about having more 'social' type gatherings like bounces, participation in local parades, Meet the Breeds events at local shows..... This could get both 'pet' and 'show' people involved in the club. It would provide avenues for all of us to get to know each other better. People need to get the word out about these events so that interested individuals can participate. Bobby Archibald agreed to set up some type of event.

**Membership:** New members voted in : Laura Melbourne, Julie Weber, John Rakowiecki, and Sharon and Michael Matusinec. Motion to accept new members by Suzanne Jelinski, seconded by Bela Szecsy, passed unanimously. New members applying for membership: Karen Coley

### **Back to business**

- There was further discussion that some one needs to welcome new members with at least a letter and copies of the Constitution and By-Laws. We used to have a Membership Committee. Recently new applications have been sent to the Secretary because there was no Membership Committee. Suzanne

Jelinski volunteered to be on the Membership Committee. Her name will have to be put on the application form on the website.

- JeanFrances will do a catalog ad for the Badger Kennel Club show. Trophies for that supported entry will be rocks that have been painted. Karen will get them.

- The next meeting will be held at the Wisconsin Kennel Club shows after Beardie judging on Sunday March 4, 2007.

There was no motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Nancy Steckel  
CBCC Secretary