

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees
Of the Bearded Collie Club of America Charitable Trust
March 6, 2010
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Dallas, Texas**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Glenn Alexander.

Roll Call:

Present: Glenn Alexander, Cindy Alspaugh, Carol Freeman, Don Means, Rosie Schroeder, Linda Taylor, Joanne Williamson.

Absent: None.

Election of Officers

The proposed slate of officers was elected by consent:

Glenn Alexander, Chairman

Linda Taylor, Vice Chairman

Don Means, Treasurer

Carol Freeman, Secretary.

Amendments to Operating Procedures

Don Means reported that our tax advisor, Ed Sledzic, recommended that we revise the Trust's Operating Procedures to take out the words "Board of" when referring to the Trustees, in order to avoid confusing the Trustees with the Board of Directors of the Bearded Collie Club of America. An amended copy of the Operating Procedures was distributed. Carol Freeman moved that the amended Operating Procedures be adopted, Cindy Alspaugh seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Don then reported that we should hear from the IRS about our charitable status in four to six weeks. Cindy Alspaugh delivered the original, signed Trust document to Carol Freeman.

Publicity

Linda Taylor reported that we have received some exposure in the Bulletin and the Bagpipes thanks to donated ads from Lillian Esposito and David Williamson. The dues renewal form also invites donations to the Trust. Linda suggested that we need a color brochure to hand out at events like Beardie Camp. A donor has offered to cover the cost, and Michele Ritter has offered to work on the layout. Linda will continue to pursue a finished brochure.

We discussed other ways to use a brochure. Carol Freeman will ask the BCCA Board to send the monthly AKC New Title listings to the Trust, so that Trustees may contact those people to congratulate them and to provide information about the Trust. We also agreed to contact new members of the BCCA as reported monthly by the Corresponding Secretary of the BCCA. We will consider asking the BCCA Treasurer to mail the brochure with the annual Membership Roster.

Don Means and Cindy Alspaugh will contact Karen Norteman, and work on a website for the Trust, to be linked to the BCCA website.

Carol Freeman will ask the BCCA to adopt a Standing Rule that allows the Trust to have information available in a visible location at every BCCA sponsored event, without charge.

Fund Balances

Don Means presented the current status of our treasury.

Balances are:

General Fund: \$14,998.93

Rescue: \$5549.00

Health: \$1458.00.

Total: \$21,995.93

Insurance

Don then presented available policies of insurance. Cindy Alspaugh moved that we buy a Director's and Officer's policy with limits of 1 million/2 million. Joanne Williamson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Joanne Williamson moved that we buy a fidelity bond. Cindy Alspaugh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Carol Freeman moved that we buy a Comprehensive General Liability policy. Linda Taylor seconded. That motion passed unanimously.

Interface with Beardie Rescue

We discussed Paul Glatzer's concern that people donating to the Trust might have us confused with the Memorial Program. We discussed Trust procedures when making donations to rescue. We are satisfied that our procedures allow us to act quickly if there is an emergency involving rescue. The figures presented by Paul Glatzer appear to indicate that Rescue is solvent now and for the rest of the year. If money is needed for rescue from the Trust, the money can be sent in a matter of days. Don reported concerns that insurance for rescue programs is becoming difficult to find. We agreed that accurate reporting of donations and expenses is essential to the integrity of the Trust and the programs it supports.

Investment

Cindy Alspaugh moved that Don move all money not needed for the immediate expenses of the Trust to a savings account paying 0.39 % interest. When the funds of the Trust reach \$25,000, the money will be moved to a money market account; current rates for such accounts are 1.4%. Joanne Williamson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Fundraising

Linda reported that the Golden Retriever Charitable Trust sells holiday ornaments for \$25. The idea of having Beardie ornaments created by an artist, made in the USA, and sold through the Trust website was well received.

Joanne suggested that we seek out scientists who are creating simple tests that would benefit breeders, invite them to present at the National Specialty, and support their work with donations.

Rosie discussed donating the proceeds of Beardie Camp to the Trust. The Trust, through Carol Freeman, will propose to the BCCA that the Trust take over sponsorship of Beardie Camp now that the trust will have its own insurance.

Linda reported that the sponsors of the Beardies of the World Calendar are considering a donation of the proceeds of their next calendar to the Trust.

Reports to Donors

A report of donations received in the last year will be sent to the Bulletin, and we will make regular, brief reports to our donors and the BCCA of our actions and plans.

There being no further business to come before the Trust, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Freeman
Secretary