



*Rocky Mountain  
Bearded Collie Connection*

**Beardie Works**

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<p><b>RMBCC Officers</b></p> <p>President: Nancy Shock <a href="mailto:Nashock55@gmail.com">Nashock55@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Vice President: Olivia Lazarus doriswoodsong@yahoo.com</p> <p>Treasurer: Karen Deitke KarenDeitke@gmail.com</p> <p>Secretary: Deb McAlister dmcmfarley@msn.com</p> <p>Directors: Colleen Fitzgerald Meg Naylor</p>	<b>Committee Chairs</b>	
	<b>Agility:</b> Kim Krueger	<b>Hospitality:</b> Colleen Fitzgerald Nan Matthews
	<b>Awards:</b> Kathy Zeschin Olivia Lazarus	<b>Newsletter:</b> Nan Matthews
	<b>Constitution/Standing Rules:</b> Nancy Shock	<b>Obedience/Rally:</b> Meg Naylor
	<b>Herding:</b> Meg Naylor	<b>Barn Hunt:</b> Olivia Lazarus
	<b>Therapy Dogs/ScentWork:</b> Norm Lazarus Olivia Lazarus	<b>Membership/Insurance/ Taxes:</b> Meg Naylor
	<b>Condolences:</b> Laura Tappero	

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Laura Tappero**

While my duties as chair might make you believe I am the bearer of bad news, let me reassure you that I can bring good news also. Especially the good news as it pertains to your Beardies' accomplishments. But and this is the biggy, *I can only do this if you, the membership, let me know.*

We all mourn when we lose our beloved pets or a family member. It's important to know how much your sadness at this time is shared.

If you have news for me, good or sad, please e-mail me @ [Shanaspre@Q.com](mailto:Shanaspre@Q.com)



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## From Our President, Nancy Shock, April 2024



As usual I was going to start my President's message with a chat about the weather and wish you all a Happy Spring.... It was 72 degrees in Durango today...and according to 9News it snowed 10 inches in Arvada.... Golly!!

I have been keeping super busy with training Bear, singing in two choirs, playing with Bear, teaching knitting class, Rally classes with Bear... laughing at Bear, and oh yeah Elder Care Duties. Maybe I'll be able to coordinate Elder Care duties with my siblings so I can come up to Denver sometime this summer. I would be great to see all of you. Unfortunately, I won't be able to come to the picnic in May.

Congratulations to all who competed at the Terry-All shows earlier in April. It's good to hear about so many folks getting out there with their dogs in conformation, performance, therapy, and being wonderful companions.



Bear



# RMBC Beardie Works April 2024

## RMBC BOARD MINUTES, MARCH 15, 2024

The zoom meeting commenced at 5:13 PM.

Report from secretary, Deb McAlister-the minutes of the previous board meeting were approved.

Report from treasurer, Karen Deitke-Beginning balance: \$7201.83. Ending balance: \$6352.57. Club insurance of \$438.00 was an expense during this period.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Committee Reports

Picnic-Nan Mathews-the club picnic is on May 19 and we again have DeKoevend Park reserved from 9 – 1:00 PM. A complaint was registered last year about too many cars using the back entrance, so please use the parking lot by the rec center and carry picnic items to the ball diamond. A deli tray will be provided, and members can bring a dish to share.

Membership-Meg Naylor-Meg reported that no new members joined the club. The renewal membership form will be sent electronically.

Bereavement guidelines were sent to board members prior to this meeting.

Newsletter-Nan Matthews-The newsletter deadline was extended until after April 14, as there will be a large show that weekend with several members participating. There may be more brags for the newsletter because of the show.

Other-There is a need to establish a committee to draft a Standing Rule concerning donation of RMBC funds to beardie owners in need.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nominating committee-Colleen Fitzgerald volunteered to be the chairperson of the nominating committee and was charged with finding one other member to be on the committee. Currently serving members who agreed to be on the ballot are:

- Nancy Shock-president
- Olivia Lazarus – vice president
- Deb McAlister-secretary
- Karent Deitke-treasurer
- Colleen Fitzgerald-board member
- Meg Naylor – board member

Position be filled is one Board member.

It was moved, 2nded and voted upon to combine the corresponding and recording secretary position.



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Deb McAlister reported on the status of the neardie rescue near her home in Windsor. No details, as the dog had been adopted.

Colleen Fitzgerald brought up off-leash training and a discussion ensued.

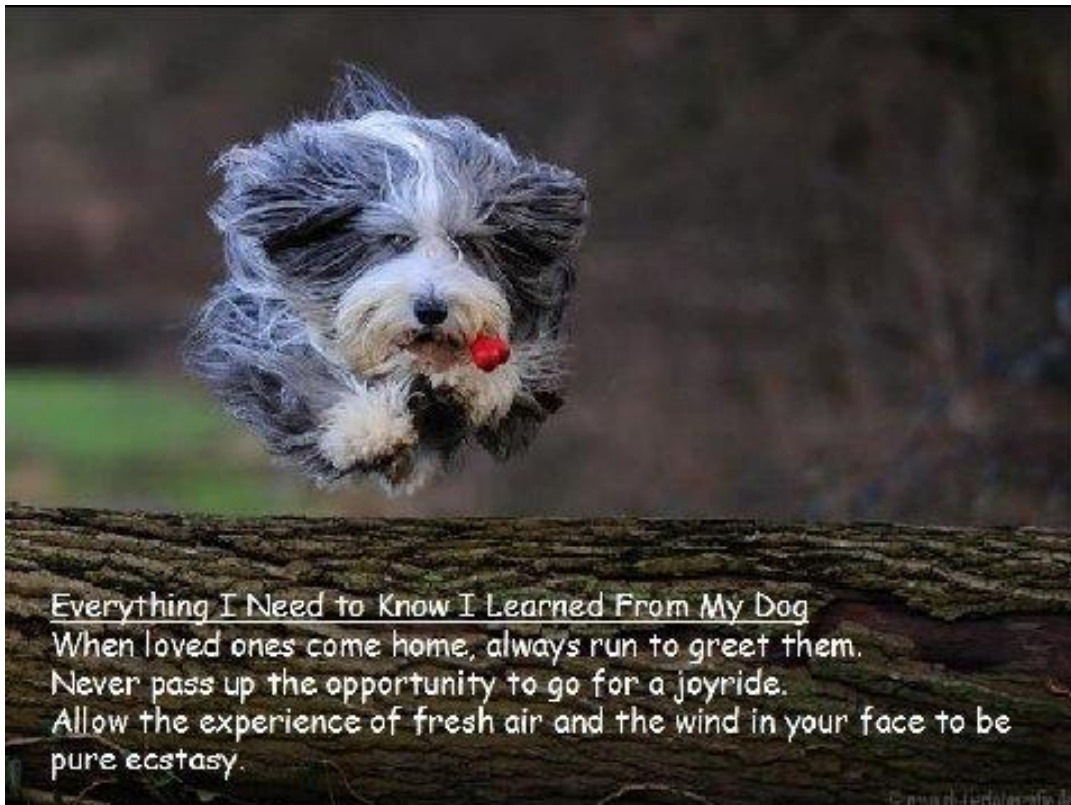
Current committee chairs and the activities for which they are charged to arrange were reviewed.

### **2023-2024 programs and activity ideas were discussed.**

- A. Scent work-Norm Lazarus
- B. Walk in the Park-Nov. 11,2023
- C. Photographing your dog
- D. Games to play with your dog-Becky Tupa likes this idea but mentioned that it is difficult for the club members in northern Colorado to get to these activities due to I-25 construction.
- E. Holiday Party-Dec. 10, 2023
- F. Annual picnic
- G. Herding-may not plan this activity until 2025. 10+ people need to commit.

The Zoom meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb McAlister, secretary





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April 1, 2024

To: Members of the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Connection

From: The 2024 RMBCC Nominating Committee

As directed by the RMBCC Board of Directors and the RMBCC Constitution and By-Laws, this year's nominating committee has met and compiled a Slate of Officers for the upcoming year. All the individuals were contacted, and all have agreed to the following recommendations.

President: Nancy Shock

Vice President: Olivia Lazarus

Recording/Corresponding Secretary: Deb McAlister

Treasurer: Karen Deitke

Past President:

\*\*\*\*\*Board Members:

Meg Naylor: 1<sup>st</sup> year of 2-year term

Colleen Fitzgerald: 2nd year of 2-year term

The above Slate of Officers was compiled and is submitted in accordance with the RMBCC Constitution and By-Laws. As stipulated in the By-Laws, this Slate of Officers is to be sent to the RMBCC membership for their consideration by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

Colleen Fitzgerald – Chair of Nominating Committee  
Becky Tupa  
Kathy Zeschin



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### RMBCC STARS FROM TERRY-ALL KENNEL CLUB SHOW

**Sorsha – Molly McNamara**

**Best of Breed, Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14**



Sorsha (CH Orion's Starfire RI BN-V HT PT SWA TKA BCAT FITG VHMA HIC VSWB RATI RATN ORT TEAM1 NW-TEAM1 CCC1 VX) finished her AKC championship in Arizona this past February, all breeder-owner-handled, and had a great time seeing all her Colorado friends at the Terry-All KC show while going Best of Breed both days!



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### **Kindle – Karen Deitke** **Champion – Saturday, April 13**

Kindle is now a Dual Champion after winning her CH (all owner handled) at the Terry-All Kennel Club Show.

She also earned a Rally Excellent title at Terry-All! She is now CH MACH Sebring Light My Fire BN RE MXB MJB XF T2B ACT1 CGC TKN.

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Kern County Fairgrounds, CA



Riverdale Regional Park & Fairgrounds, CO

### **Merle – Jon and Kathy Zeschin Champion, Sunday, April 14**

#### **My Spring Break, by Merle**

I had a busy, but fun Spring Break this year. Road trip to California, family time in the mountains, two majors and a Championship, all in 16 days. Phew!

“Beardie hugs” to all who helped me!

### **Happy – Laura Tappero**

Shanaspree's Young at Heart received his first major at Terry All.

## BRAGGS AND WAGGS

### Jill Floberg – Tosh



Just days before her 2nd birthday Tosh was a big girl and earned her CGC. We her co-owners (Jill, Celli and Suzanne) are so proud of her. Last year she was herding instinct certified.

This year she continues working with Celli on her conformation Championship. We hope we will have that brag for the next issue.

### Meg Naylor – Paisley



**CH Wigglesworth Daybar Groovy Kind Of Love CD RM RAE HT FDC AX AXJ OF ACT2 CGCA TKI VX**  
 Paisley had a wonderful 2023! My girl earned both her Master Agility title (RM) and her Companion



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Dog Obedience title from Novice B (CD). She was tied for the BCCA "Top Dog" Rally Award in the Master level. We are also the only Beardie invited to participate in the 2024 AKC Rally National Championship in the Championship Class. Her obedience award from the BCCA was Top Novice Winner, and we are lucky enough to have received a beautiful medallion.



In addition, she was awarded the BCCA's Agility Excellent Award. Paisley was also the #2 Bearded Collie in the regular 20-inch class, for Bad Dog Agility's 2023 rankings. This is based on speed, and Paisley does love FAST!



### Hope – Laura Tappero

Shanaspre Bearded Collies wants to congratulate Shanaspre's High Hopes for her Herding Bred By Group 3 at CKC show in February.



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### GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD – Colleen Fitzgerald, Director

#### My First Beardie!

In 1999 my first husband and I had just moved to Colorado and bought our first house together. Our next move was the addition of a dog. My husband was a volunteer for an organization in Boulder County and through that he met many volunteers. One volunteer had a Bearded Collie and my husband fell in love. Me not so much. SO MUCH HAIR! My choice was a Springer Spaniel because that is what I grew up with. We decided to let the Boulder Humane Society (BHS) decide. Whichever one came in first was it.

About 3 months later I received a call from an excited BHS volunteer. “Ms. Fitzgerald, we have a Bearded Collie that was just surrendered.” Not being excited at all, I thought, well I do not have to tell my husband they called and just ignore it until the Spaniel came in. But of course, I did not.

I went on a sunny afternoon to meet Eddy. A bouncing, fun, high energy one year old Beardie mix. We agreed that he was our new dog. My husband was ecstatic. Although not my choice, Eddy indeed



turned out to be a wonderful dog. As life events happened, he became my partner in travels, companion, and protector. He lived over 15 years and was truly a godsend to me. Eddy was the first of four.

After Eddy, my current husband, and I found Woodie a 9-year-old whose owner had passed. Simultaneously, we had Daisy, an 11-year-old whose owner fell on difficult times and couldn't keep her and now Cormac who we received when he was 4 years old.

I am fortunate to have listened to my conscious and husband when we received Eddy. The Beardies we have had have changed our world.



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## AUNT BEARDIE



Dear Aunt Beardie,

Please help me understand why I do not always find the ball immediately when it lands in the bushes after my humans toss it for me. They keep saying look over there...see the ball, see the ball?

Sincerely,  
Rosa

Dear Rosa,

Rosa, that is a great question. Here is what Aunt B has observed in my pups. They love to chase squirrels, balls and toys as the object is speeding away. The object may land somewhere out of sight, no longer part of the chase. At this point dogs rely on their nose to sniff out where the thing is hiding.

Dog noses have millions more receptor sites in the nasal cavity compared to humans. Goodness, our poor humans have such small sensory receptors in their noses, they literally cannot smell anything like we can. Consequently, when your humans are telling you to “look over there, see the ball” they are using sight as their best sense to locate your ball. But you, with your superior sense of smell, begin sniffing around to locate your ball using your best skill; your nose. My guess is that you locate your ball very quickly using your awesome nose.

My experts tell me that dogs use their nose as their primary navigation in the world and sight is secondary. In fact, they say sight might even be our 3<sup>rd</sup> way of learning about our world after our mouths. Puppies (and human children) put just about everything in their mouth. Imagine a litter of pups playing with each other mouthing, play biting and using their mouths to learn about their new world. Dogs and humans make great partners because their special skills complement each other beautifully.

Sincerely,  
Aunt Beardie

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### BEARDIE FRIENDS FOREVER – ROY AND SKYE



Several months ago, Olivia Lazarus mentioned during our weekly Beardie Rally class that her youngster, Roy (then 4 months old) really needed to work off some of his puppy energy. Nan Matthews replied that her girl, Skye, who is three, lives in a townhome and doesn't have a big yard to play in, **WOULD LOVE TO** have a playdate. So, we first got the dogs together about four months ago, when Roy was still rather little and somewhat overwhelmed with this bigger dog, since he hadn't had much experience or socialization at the time.

**Fast forward to this month and how things have changed!** Roy, now 7 months old, 49 pounds, a good inch+ taller than Skye, is now the one initiating play time and definitely showing his herding skills. Skye starts barking as we turn the corner to the Lazarus' house, and no sooner are the leashes off than the joyfulness begins.

Please enjoy some of the wonderful pictures taken by Norm.





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### ***RMBCC's Annual Summer Picnic***

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**DeKoevend Park, Centennial, CO**

### **A park for Beardies to run and play....**

We're meeting again at DeKoevend Park – our favorite place for the annual picnic. After lunch we will have a short annual meeting and present the 2023 awards.

The club will provide a deli tray with rolls and condiments. Everyone else is encouraged to bring desserts or salads and whatever refreshment you'd like.

If you have a portable tent or awning, please bring it for shade. Do include a chair for seating, water, baggies for your dogs.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We received a letter from South Suburban indicating that we had not paid attention to the ballfield's rules allowing too many cars to park next to the facility. We will lose our right to rent the ballfield if this is not corrected. THEREFORE, please just park where indicated below and carry everything to the field. Sorry a bit of a hassle but necessary.

#### **Directions**

6580 S. Vine Street, Centennial, CO 80122. Nearest cross streets are Arapahoe Road and University Boulevard. South Vine Street is the first light west of University. BMO Bank on the South– Post Office on the north. Turn on Vine at the Post Office, follow the road until you see the South Suburban Ice Arena on your right. Pull into the parking lot and go to the east side. Take the path across the Highline Canal and down a little hill. You will see the ballpark and set-up area directly ahead.

RSVP by May 15 to [nan@themattgrp.com](mailto:nan@themattgrp.com)