

**Minutes of the BCCA Board Meeting
January 21, 2011**

The Board of Directors of the Bearded Collie Club of America met by mail on January 21, 2011.

Roll Call: Present: J. Williamson, Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Mendonca, Schroeder, Sitrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson.

Officers' Reports

Recording Secretary

Notices

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Unfinished Business

Results of January Motions

01/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2010 Board Meeting. (Freeman)

Yes: Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Medo, Schroeder, Sitrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson.

Present: J. Williamson

12/10-01 Motion to support OAK grants on Health research significant to Beardies, in the total amount of \$7500. (Szalka). (This motion was divided into three parts, one for each grant request.)

I propose the BCCA support the following AKC Canine Health Foundation 2011 grants this year, just as we have sponsored others in the past. The minimum contribution for an OAK grant sponsorship is \$2,500. At this level, the club will receive periodic research updates and be listed as a sponsor on the AKC CHF website and in other publications.

Grant # 01415: Development of Anti-IgE Peptide for Treatment of Canine Allergy

Rationale: Allergies are prevalent in our breed and this project has the potential to bring quick relief to dogs suffering from this condition. The equivalent product is currently in use for humans and is proving to be extremely useful.

Suggested amount submitted from DAF \$2500.

Yes: Blau, Freeman, McDonald, Schroeder, Sitrine, Szalka, Voss D. Williamson

No: Lott, Mendonca, Medo

Present: J. Williamson

Grant # 01421: Genomic Resources for the Control of Canine Pyoderma

Rationale: The number of antibiotic resistant pyoderma is increasing in all breeds. The primary cause of antibiotic resistance is antibiotic use both within medicine and veterinary medicine. The greater the duration of exposure, the greater the risk of the development of

resistance irrespective of the severity of the need for antibiotics. As resistance becomes more common there becomes a greater need for alternative treatments.
Suggested amount submitted from DAF \$2500.

Yes: Blau, Freeman, McDonald, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson
No: Lott, Mendonca, Medo
Present: J. Williamson

Grant # 01484: Identification and Characterization of a Canine Derived Single Chain Antibody that Binds and Neutralizes Canine VEGF

Rationale: During the last decade, human medicine has witnessed the emergence of a new generation of cancer drugs, which were rationally designed to block pathways crucial to tumor growth. One eloquent example is the inhibitors of angiogenesis (the ingrowth of new blood vessels into the tumor). All tumors need a blood supply to provide rapidly dividing cancerous cells with oxygen and nutrients. The task of generating new vessels is two-fold: it requires an increased production of pro-angiogenic molecules and a decreased production of anti-angiogenic molecules. The chief proangiogenic molecule is a protein called VEGF (for Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor.) The chief anti-angiogenic molecule is a protein called TSP (for ThromboSPondin.) That most tumors go to extraordinary lengths to overproduce VEGF and silence TSP attests to the significance of these molecules.

Hemangiosarcoma is a very aggressive, high-grade soft tissue sarcoma with the most common areas affected being the spleen and heart. A highly malignant cancer which preys on blood vessels, it can spread rapidly, causing tumors almost anywhere in the body. This cancer kills approximately 80% of the dogs that are diagnosed, and is common in our breed.

Suggested amount submitted from DAF \$2500.

Yes: Blau, Lott, McDonald, Mendonca, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson
No: Freeman, Medo
Present: J. Williamson

Total funding requested: \$7500

Election of New Members

Patricia and Kevin Maltby
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Sponsor: Bela and Dawn Szecsy

New Business
Motions for February Vote

02/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the February Board meeting. (Freeman)

01/11-01 Motion to amend SR 10/84-03 to read “Review” Committee rather than “Audit” Committee and to delete the words “shall be appointed in May.” As amended the rule will read: “Annually the BCCA Board shall appoint a Review Committee to examine the Treasurer’s books and make a formal report to the membership. The committee shall consist of one Board member, other than the Treasurer, and two members from the general membership. The Review Committee shall present its report at the Annual Board Meeting that year.” (Schroeder)

Discussion: New York recently passed a ruling that any “audit” of an organization has to be conducted by a Certified Public Accountant. Since what we have been calling an “Audit” Committee is really a “Review” Committee, the wording of this SR needs to be amended. Of course, at any time the Board of Directors has the right to call for an official audit and to hire a CPA to perform it and report back to the Board. The wording: “shall be appointed in May” is not in line with our current practice of performing the review during the Specialty before the Annual Board Meeting.

01/11-02 Motion to amend SR 07/87-08, to delete the requirement that the *Bagpipes* be sent to all members by first class mail. The amended SR will read: “The BCCA newsletter, *Bagpipes*, shall be sent electronically to all BCCA members with e mail accounts, but members with e mail accounts may request a paper copy by first class mail if they wish by contacting the Corresponding Secretary. Members without e-mail accounts will continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter by first class mail. The *Bagpipes* shall be sent by the 15th of every month, with the exception of Newsletters for the months of March and May which shall be sent by the 10th of the month. The March Newsletter shall contain the Nominating Committee’s slate of proposed candidates and the May Newsletter shall contain the resumes of candidates for contested positions. All copy submitted for publication in *Bagpipes* shall be received by the 1st day of the month for publication in that month’s issue. Any material received after that date may be published in the following issue at the discretion of the editor. An exception is made for the treasurer’s report, which shall be received by the 8th to allow the treasurer to close the month’s books. (Amended 7/7/90, 7/1/91, 07/93-07, 03/94-04, 12/94-10, and 04/08-07.) (See 08/90-03.) (Freeman)

Discussion: With the distribution of Bagpipes on line to most members, the old Standing Rule is outdated. The amendment brings it into line with our actual method of distribution. The rule has also been amended to allow the treasurer to close the books before reporting. As we consider the best and most cost effective ways to distribute information to the members, this and other Standing Rules may require further amendment.

Motions to be Considered in March

03/11-00 Motion to approve the February, 2011 minutes. (Freeman)

02/11-01 Motion to approve an expenditure of \$280 to renew a quarterly subscription from the AKC electronic records department for the agility

committee. (D. Williamson)

Rationale: Beardies earn more than 2,000 AKC agility legs/year. Extracting these results from AKC Awards is a huge task. The requested subscription provides all the data required by the agility committee to determine BCCA agility award winners i Excel format.

01/11-02 Motion to approve the proposed SR that would replace SR 04/01-02, concerning the award for Overall Jumpers with Weaves. (D. Williamson)

Original Standing Rule:

04/01-02 Establish the "High in Jumpers With Weaves Trophy" in Honor of Mirage to award the Bearded Collie with the most outstanding performance in Jumps with Weaves in a given calendar year. This trophy is proposed by and will be financed by Beth White and will be designed by John Stanbridge. The award shall be retroactive to 1998 and calculated as follows: (Amended 09/01-02)

Criteria:

The BCCA Agility Committee has devised a system to award a "High in Jumpers Trophy" based on everything it takes to be a truly fine Jumping Beardie: accuracy, speed, and performance ranking. Since Novice will be compared with Excellent, only "Clean Runs" (100 points) will be considered toward the Trophy.

Award Year: January-December, based on March to March Awards.

Minimum Requirement: 6 "Clean" Jumpers Runs in a Calendar Year from Novice A through Excellent B.

Scoring:

In Novice, Open, and Excellent A, only Clean Runs toward titles will be considered. Legs beyond titles will not be counted. In Excellent B all Clean Runs will be considered. Clean Runs (Accuracy) "Clean Runs" are worth 5 points each. Time Points (Speed) 1 point for each full second under Standard Course Time. Front and Finish Points (Performance Ranking) "Front and Finish Points" are figured by counting dogs defeated, based on 1st through 4th placements. The Beardie with the highest cumulative score wins.

Proposed Revised Standing Rule:

Establish the "High In Jumpers With Weaves Trophy" in Honor of Mirage to be awarded to the Bearded Collie with the most outstanding performance in JWW in a calendar year (January 1 - December 31). This trophy was proposed and financed by Beth White and designed by John Stanbridge. To be eligible for this award, a Beardie must earn at least 6 qualifying scores of 100 (clean runs) at any level of JWW (Novice, Open or Excellent). In Novice, Open, and Excellent A, only clean runs leading to titles will be counted. In Excellent B, all legs will be counted.

Scoring:

A Beardie will receive 5 points for each clean run and 1 point for each full second under SCT (Standard Course Time). If a tie in points should occur, the tie will be broken by calculating YPS

(course length in yards/dog's time on course to 0.01 seconds) for each of the tied dogs' individual legs and the results averaged. The winner will be the Beardie with the highest average YPS. If, after this procedure is carried out, the average YPS for each of the tied dogs is the same, all will be declared the winners of that year's award.

This change will be considered effective January 1, 2010.

Rationale: The major change associated with this proposed revision of the standing rule is the elimination of placement points from the scoring system. This change will remove geographic bias from the scoring system, as an evaluation of speed vs placements earned has shown that it is more difficult for Beardies of equal speed to place in JWW classes in some parts of the US than it is in others.

01/11-03 Motion to approve the proposed SR that would replace SR 05/06-01, concerning the award for Preferred Agility Veteran Award. (D. Williamson)

Original Standing Rule:

05/06-01 A Preferred Agility Veteran trophy is established, to be sponsored by Carl This award will go to the top veteran dog, 7 years of age or older during the entire competition year, for performance in both Standard Agility and Jumpers With Weaves. As with all the agility awards, only legs toward titles will be considered. It will be retroactive, to include those veterans who won in 2005, 2004, and 2003 (including Sept -Dec 2002).

The trophy will be a plaque that says at the top: Bearded Collie Club Of America Preferred Agility Veteran Of The Year". In the center will be an engraved image of a veteran Beardie going through the weave poles. It will be engraved on metal, possibly bronze, brass, or stainless. Under the image will be a place for the years and the names of the winners.

The scoring of each leg earned will be based on the same sliding scale as the Denia Award:

- 100: 8
- 99: 7
- 98: 6
- 95 - 97: 5
- 93 - 94: 4
- 90 - 92: 3
- 88 - 89: 2
- 85 - 87: 1

Proposed Revised Standing Rule:

A Preferred Agility Veteran trophy is established, to be sponsored by Carl Widell in memory of Cagney, the first Beardie to earn Preferred Excellent agility titles. This award will go to the top veteran dog, 7 years of age or older during the entire competition year, for performance in both Standard Agility and Jumpers With Weaves. As with all the agility awards, only legs toward titles will be considered. It will be retroactive, to include those veterans who won in 2005, 2004, and 2003 (including Sept -Dec 2002).

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If a tie in points occurs, the Beardie with the highest average YPS (calculated to 0.01 seconds) for all Standard + JWW legs earned will be the winner. For Standard legs, $YPS = \text{STD course length}/(\text{time on course} - 5)$. For JWW legs, $YPS = \text{STD course length}/\text{time on course}$. This change will be effective January 1, 2010.

Rationale of Proposed Changes

The Preferred Veteran Award SR needs to be revised to include a provision for breaking ties. The description of the proposed award plaque in the original SR can be deleted as it has already been donated to the club.

01/11-04 Motion to approve the proposed SR that would replace SR 05/99-03, concerning the award for JWW (Ryan) Awards. (D. Williamson)

Original Standing Rule:

JWW (Ryan) Awards:

05/99-03 Annual Award to reward performance in AKC Jumpers and Weaves Titling Classes. There will be three separate trophies to recognize top performing Bearded Collies in Novice JWW, Open JWW, and Excellent JWW. The competition would be based on results from AKC agility trials as published in the AKC Gazette Awards section in accordance with SR 01/90-04. The trophy would be a stained glass A-Frame mounted on a wooden base. The trophies shall be named "Ryan's Awards" in honor of Ch. Jande Hellava Knight CD HC AGI PUP, the first Beardie to obtain any type of agility title.

Proposed Revised Standing Rule:

Establishes an annual award plaque for the top Beardie in each level of Jumpers With Weaves (JWW) that are offered in memory of Ryan (Ch Jande Hellava Knight CD HC AGI PUP), the first Beardie to obtain any type of agility title. These awards were established by Beth Canner and are sustained by an anonymous member of the Beardie agility community who will donate \$600 to the BCCA in 2011 to finance the cost of the annual award plaques for 10 years. In Novice A, Novice B, Open, and Excellent A, only legs leading to titles will be scored, no matter the year in which they were earned. In these classes, a Beardie will be eligible for a JWW award only in the year in which the title is earned. For Beardies competing in Excellent B, all legs earned during the calendar year (January 1-December 31) will be scored and there is no requirement for a title to be earned in order to be eligible for the Excellent B JWW award.

Scoring:

Novice A - Excellent A: The scores of the three legs leading to the title will be summed and the Beardie with the highest total score will be the winner. If a tie in score occurs, YPS will be calculated (to 0.01 seconds) for each of the three title legs and the results averaged. The winner will be the Beardie with the highest average YPS. If a tie remains after this procedure has been carried out, all those tied will be declared the winners of the award for that year.

YPS = course length in yards/(dog's time on course)

Excellent B: A Beardie will earn 5 points for each leg earned during the calendar year and one point for each full second under SCT. Ties in score will be broken by the YPS procedure specified above.

These changes will be considered effective January 1, 2010. As 2010 is a transition year for these awards, any Beardie who earned a Novice A, Novice B, Open or Excellent A JWW Award in 2009, will not be eligible for the same award in 2010.

Rationale for Changes

Under the previous SR governing this award, scoring was done by summing the number of dogs defeated when earning qualifying legs. Teams living in areas with more dogs competing in the classes or in areas with less competition in Excellent B had a decided advantage in competing for these awards as neither scores nor times were considered. In addition, there was no procedure for breaking ties. This revision corrects these deficiencies and makes score followed by time, the primary considerations. The procedure of making dogs eligible for the award in the year their title is finished is also followed in herding. The trophy described in the original standing rule was never given to the winners. Beth provided engraved plaques for a number of years. More recently, an anonymous donor has continued the funding for the plaques. The provision of providing a fund to pay for the award plaque will free the BCCA from any expense in continuing this club tradition for a period of ten years. If no additional donor can be found when the fund runs out, the SR can be amended to change the award to a certificate.

01/11-05 Motion to approve the proposed Standing Rule that would replace SR 04/97-02 and SR 05/99-02, concerning the Standard Awards and for the Sunshine Awards, respectively. (D. Williamson)

Original Standing Rules:

Standard Awards:

04/97-02 Motion to provide an annual award certificate for top Beardie in each of the 3 levels of Agility i.e. Novice, Open and Excellent. Only legs toward titles will be considered toward these awards. (Amended 04/01-03)

Sunshine Awards:

05/99-02 Create an award plaque for the Top Novice A Beardie and handler each year which will be titled the "Sunshine Award." It will be offered by the Bearded Collie Club of Central Florida. This competition would be based on results from AKC agility trials. The statistics would be as published in the AKC Awards section of the Gazette in accordance with SR 01/90-04. Using the first three (3) qualifying scores only.

Proposed Revised Standard Rule:

Establishes an annual award certificate for the top Beardie in each level of Standard agility. In Novice A, Novice B, Open, and Excellent A, only legs leading to titles will be scored, no matter the year in which they were earned. In these levels, a Beardie will be eligible for the Standard award only in the year in which the title is earned. For Beardies competing in Excellent B, all legs earned during the calendar year (January 1-December 31) will be scored and there is no requirement for a title to be earned in order to be eligible for the Excellent B Standard award.

Scoring:

Novice A - Excellent A: The scores of the three legs leading to the title will be summed and the Beardie with the highest total score will be the winner. If a tie in score occurs, YPS will be calculated (to 0.01 seconds) for each of the three title legs and the results averaged. The winner will be the Beardie with the highest average YPS. If a tie remains after this procedure has been carried out, all those tied will be declared the winners of the award for that year.

YPS = course length in yards/(dog's time on course - 5)

Excellent B: A Beardie will earn 5 points for each leg earned during the calendar year and one point for each full second under SCT. Ties in score will be broken by the YPS procedure specified above.

These changes will be considered effective January 1, 2010. As 2010 is a transition year for these awards, any Beardie who earned a Novice A, Novice B, Open or Excellent A standard certificate in 2009, will not be eligible for the same award in 2010. Under this revised standing rule, the winner of the Novice A standard certificate will also be the Sunshine Award winner, honoring the top Novice A Beardie and handler and initially offered by the Bearded Collie Club Of Central Florida (05/99-02).

Rationale for Changes

Under the previous SR governing this award, scoring was done by summing the number of dogs defeated when earning qualifying legs. Teams living in areas with more dogs competing in the classes or in areas with less competition in Excellent B had a decided advantage in competing for these awards as neither scores nor times were considered. In addition, there was no procedure for breaking ties. This revision corrects these deficiencies and makes score followed by time, the primary considerations. The procedure of making dogs eligible for the award in the year their title is finished is also followed in herding.

Previously, the Novice A standard certificate and the Sunshine Award for the top Novice A team were determined by different scoring systems and often ended up going to different dogs which caused confusion. This revision will unite these two awards into one and eliminate the need for two separate standing rules.

01/11-06 Motion to approve the proposed SR that would replace SR 04/01-01, concerning the award for the Diehard Agility Trophy. (D. Williamson)

Original Standing Rule:

04/01-01 Establish the Diehard Agility Trophy to honor the overall high Excellent level Beardie in both Standard and JWW. The trophy will be designed by Chet Jezierski and offered and financed by freewill donations from the Beardie Agility Community. The award shall be retroactive to 1999 and calculated as follows:

Criteria: The BCCA Agility Committee has devised a system to award an “Overall High” trophy based on everything it takes to be a truly fine Agility Beardie: accuracy, speed, and performance ranking. Therefore, we want to consider all “Clean Runs” (100 points), “Time Points” figured according to full seconds faster than the Standard Course Time, and “Placement Points” based on a pre-designated number of points for class ranking.

Award Year: January-December, based on March to March Awards. Minimum Requirement: 3 Excellent level Clean Runs in Standard and 3 Excellent level Clean Runs in Jumps with Weaves in Excellent A (Advanced) and/or Excellent B (Masters) are required.

Scoring:

Clean Runs (Accuracy)

10 points for each Clean Run/0 for less than Clean Runs. All Clean Runs at the Excellent Level and higher will be considered, both in Standard and in JWW.*

Time Points (Speed)

1 point for each full second under Standard Course Time. All points from qualifying runs at the Excellent Level and higher will be considered, both in Standard and in JWW.* Placement Points (Performance Ranking) 1st to 4th place will be considered. All points from qualifying runs at the Excellent Level and higher will be totaled, both in Standard and in JWW.* 10 for first, 9 for second, 8 for third, 7 for fourth, irrespective of the class size. Diehard Points Total all of the above * Only the three legs toward the title will be counted in Excellent A.

Proposed Revised Standing Rule:

The Diehard agility trophy is established to honor the highest scoring Beardie in Excellent level agility during the calendar year (January 1 – December 31). The trophy was designed by Chet Jezierski and offered and financed by freewill donations from the Beardie agility community. Legs earned in Excellent A and B Standard and Excellent A and B Jumper’s With Weaves (JWW) will be counted. To be eligible for this award, a Beardie must earn at least three qualifying scores of 100 (“clean run”) in Excellent Standard and JWW.

Each clean run will be awarded 1 point for every full second under Standard Course Time (SCT). In addition, each QQ (“Double Q”; qualifying in both Standard and JWW on the same day) will be awarded an additional 10 points. Points will be totaled for each individual qualifying leg and QQ, and then added together to determine the dog’s total score.

If a tie in points occurs, the Beardie with the highest average YPS (calculated to 0.01 seconds) in Standard and JWW will be considered the winner.

For Standard: $YPS = \text{Course length in yards} / (\text{Dog's time on course} - 5)$

For JWW: $YPS = \text{Course length in yards} / \text{Dog's Time on Course}$

YPS will be calculated for each individual qualifying leg and the average value determined for Standard and JWW. These two averages will then be added and the dog having the highest YPS will be declared the winner. If, after carrying out this procedure, the dogs remained tied, both will listed as the winners for that year.

This change in scoring system will be considered effective for the 2010 competition year.

Rationale for changes:

With the exception of the fact that Excellent A legs will have to be hand scored (as A legs are not considered by AKC to be eligible for MACH points or QQs) , these changes will make the Diehard Scoring System equivalent to that used by AKC in determining MACH point standings after July 1, 2011 when the multipliers for 1st and 2nd place MACH points will be eliminated.

01/11-07 Motion from the Therapy Committee that the Board approve two additional levels of certificates for therapy teams. In addition to Levels I-III, a Level IV Certificate would be awarded after completing 200 hours of therapy work and a Level V Certificate would be awarded after completing 300 hours of therapy work.

The committee requests that these new levels be approved in order to be awarded at the 2011 National Specialty. (McDonald, on behalf of the Therapy Committee.)

Rationale: The Andrew Award will always go to the team that has completed the most therapy hours in a given year. Several people have already completed the Level III award of 100 hours. The committee would like teams to be awarded additional certificates for additional hours. The Level I (25 hours) Level II (50 hours) and Level III (100 hours) can be completed over a period of time. It would be comparable to pursuing additional levels of excellence in obedience and agility. The next certificates would be for Level IV (200 hours) and Level V (300 hours.)

01/11-08 Motion to authorize Joanne Williamson to organize and run all breed AKC agility trials at American K9 Country in Amherst, NH on behalf of the BCCA for a period of 5 years beginning in 2011. The BCCA will provide the certificate of insurance and cover all reasonable expenses for these trials. A complete balance statement for the trials will be provided to the BCCA Board immediately after their completion. (J. Williamson)

01/11-09 Motion to lower dues for Canadian and foreign members, who agree to receive the club newsletter by electronic means, to the level paid by US members. (J. Williamson)

Rationale: The reason for charging Canadian/foreign members more in dues was to cover the substantial costs of mailing the club newsletter internationally. If our Canadian and foreign members are receiving the newsletter electronically, it is not costing the club additional money in postage and this saving should therefore be passed on to members.

Also Under Discussion:

Funding a seminar for junior handlers to be held in Orlando, Florida in July. Chantal Andrew is planning the event.

Planning the 2013 National Specialty at Purina Farms.

This concludes the business of the January, 2011 Board of Directors meeting of the Bearded Collie Club of America.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Freeman
Recording Secretary