

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

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

Roll Call:

Present: J. Williamson, Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Medo, Mendonca, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson

Officers' Reports

Recording Secretary

Notices

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Unfinished Business

Results of February Motions

03/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the January, 2011 Board meeting. (Freeman)

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

Present: J. Williamson

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.

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

Present: J. Williamson

01/11-02 Has been Amended by its Maker as follows:

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. 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.

Yes: Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Medo, Mendonca, Schroeder, Serrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson
Present: J. Williamson

New Member Applicant for March vote:

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Sponsor: Gloria Marshall

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 in Excel format.

02/11-02 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.

02/11-03 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 CarlWiddell. 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.

02/11-04 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.

$YPS = \text{course length in yards}/(\text{dog's time on course})$

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.

02/11-05 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.

02/11-06 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.

02/11-07 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.)

02/11-08 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)

02/11-09 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.

New Member Applicants

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Motions Proposed for April

04/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the March, 2011, Board meeting. (Freeman.)

03/11-01 Motion to authorize Jeff Ipser to chair three all-breed agility trials/year under the BCCA's AKC license. The payment terms will be per the contract negotiated by Jeff Ipser and the trial

secretary of his choosing. This motion will be self renewing until notified by the BCCA Board to stop holding trials with a six month notification. (Schroeder)

03/11-02 Motion to add to the New Member's Application the following paragraph:

By making and signing this application to join the Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc. I/we recognize that our joint name(s) and contact information will be published on the Club website as a part of the Board minutes during the month before my/our application is voted on, and I/we consent to that publication. In addition, I/we agree that the BCCA may send my/our monthly newsletter, ballots and club roster via e mail, and I/we will inform the BCCA Corresponding Secretary if my/our e mail address changes. I/We recognize that hard copies of club information will be sent only to members who make that specific request to the Corresponding Secretary. (J. Williamson)

03/11-03 Motion to add to the Membership Renewal Form the following paragraph:

I/we agree that the BCCA may send my/our monthly newsletters, ballots, and club roster via e mail, and that I/we will inform the BCCA Corresponding Secretary if my/our e mail address changes. I/We recognize that hard copies of club information will be sent only to members who make that specific request to the Corresponding Secretary. (J. Williamson)

03/11-04 Motion to support the Southern Juniors Jamboree to be held at the Orlando International Palms July 2, 2011. Free to Junior Handlers in all six AKC divisions. Two hundred attendees anticipated, juniors from clubs in south Georgia and Florida, as well as those in parent clubs, have been invited. Amount requested, \$500, would pay for two rooms. One hundred fifty juniors attended last time. (Freeman, on behalf of Chantal Andrew.)

03/11-05 Motion to support the collection of BCCA history by the Club Historian, by providing an annual budget of \$1,000. The money would be used to pay for shipping of private collections to the Historian, and for supplies necessary to begin to catalog the items and create an archive. (Szalka)

Proposed Amendments to Standing Rules

General Discussion: The word "amendments" is used here to cover new language, consolidation of related rules, deletions, and traditional amendments. An ad hoc committee of volunteers Elsa Sell, Joanne Williamson, and Carol Freeman has been reviewing the Standing Rules in an effort to make them more user friendly, clean up outdated material, find documents referenced in, but not included in, the Standing Rules, and in general to examine how the current rules relate to actual practice. Elsa has created a Table of Contents that includes a section called "Retired Standing Rules", and an index, all of which will debut when we believe we have a fairly clean set of amended SRs. As you might imagine, this is a task that has taken, and will continue to take, much time and effort. Here are those amendments we are comfortable offering now. You will see more in the coming months. Please offer your thoughts.

*In the following list of proposed amendments, the language of the current Standing Rule is presented in normal type, **the proposed amended SR in bold type**, and the explanation in italic type*

MOTION FOR A NEW SR

03/11-06 Motion to create a standard template for motions, as follows:

Motion template: Anyone preparing a motion to submit to the Board or to the membership at the Annual Meeting, shall follow this format. "Motion to ___(here insert ALL of the material you want the Board or the membership to approve. Do not refer to documents or other material; copy the full text into the motion.) (Freeman)

Discussion: Any motion which applies to future conduct, if passed, becomes a Standing Rule. The Standing Rule should contain all of the information that future Board members, officers, or members would need to know if reading the rule for the first time.

MOTION FOR A NEW SR

03/11-07 Motion to permit BCCA performance standing committees (Agility/Conformation/Herding/Tracking/Versatility) to review periodically the criteria used for BCCA annual awards in their respective areas and propose any changes they feel are appropriate for Board approval. (J. Williamson)

Discussion: Our standing committees in the various performance areas were created to allow members with expertise to advise and update the Board. This motion would establish the right of BCCA performance standing committees to propose needed changes while preserving the authority of the Board to have final approval over said changes.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SR 12/91-06

03/11-08 Motion to amend SR 12/91-06:

The SR currently reads: 12/91-06 Annual Membership List

An annual membership list compiled by the Treasurer shall be sent to each BCCA member along with the November issue of the Beardie Bulletin.

The amended SR would read:

12/91-06 Roster

A roster of members, compiled by the Treasurer, shall be sent to each BCCA member in November. (Amended 03/11-08) (Freeman)

Discussion: We all call it the roster. It is not mailed with the Bulletin.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND 03/97-01

03/11-09 Motion to amend SR 03/97-01:

The SR now reads: 03/97-01 Non-reimbursable expenses by Board

Telephone, fax, and e mail expenses incurred by Officers and Board members doing business for the BCCA are the responsibility of the individual and are not reimbursed by the Club.

The amended SR would read:

03/97-01 Expenses of Board Members and Officers

Telephone, fax, and e mail expenses incurred by Officers and Board members doing business for the BCCA are the responsibility of the individual and are not reimbursed by the Club. However, the Treasurer is authorized to pay the reasonable costs of conference calls or video conferences to allow the Board to discuss BCCA business. (Amended 03/11-09) (Freeman)

Discussion: In actual practice, the Board has met occasionally by conference call to consider pending motions or other matters that require real time discussion. In the past, some Board members did not have the necessary technology, to use a free videoconferencing service. Individual expenses of phoning and faxing, such as those incurred by the Recording Secretary in preparing the preliminary judge's ballot, will continue to be the responsibility of the officer involved.

PROPOSAL TO COMBINE SR OCTOBER 1, 2007 ABM-03 AND ABM-05
03/11-10 Motion to combine and revise October 1, 2007 ABM-03 and--05:
The SRs now read:

October 1, 2007 ABM-03. AKC Delegate Reimbursement.

Reimbursement for the reasonable and customary expenses of travel for the BCCA's AKC delegate to the four quarterly delegates meetings is approved.

October 1, 2007 ABM-05. AKC Delegate Reimbursement.

Reimbursement for the reasonable and customary expenses of travel for the BCCA's AKC delegate to the four quarterly delegates meetings is approved.

The combined SR would read:

03/11-10 Motion to authorize the Treasurer to continue to pay the reasonable and customary expenses of the AKC delegate to travel to the quarterly delegates' meetings. (Combines and revises October 1, 2007 ABM -03 and -05.) (Freeman)

03/11-11 Motion to amend July 8, 1985 ABM (?) . The SR now reads:

July 8, 1985 ABM (?) Recording of Annual Meetings

All future BCCA Annual Meetings shall be taped using two tape recorders.

The amended SR would read:

July 8, 1985 ABM: The Annual Board Meeting and the Annual Membership Meeting shall be recorded by any reliable method selected by the Recording Secretary. (Amended 03/11-11.) (Freeman)

Discussion: prior Recording Secretaries have used various methods to record meetings. Most recently, the Recording Secretary has used a digital voice recorder which has 35 hours of memory, is easy to transport, and which can be used to "play the meeting back" on a computer's speakers. Technology will change. The reference to the technology to be used should be amended to allow whatever method is currently considered reliable.

PROPOSAL TO RESCIND SR 04/91-01

03/11-12 Motion to rescind SR 04/91-01. The SR now reads:

04/91-01 Suggestions for Candidates for Committee

Suggestions for the Nominating committee shall be solicited from Affiliate Clubs. (Freeman)

Discussion: This practice was followed when our only means of communication was by paper mail. Currently, a call for nominees is posted on the front page of the website under "Notices from the Recording Secretary." It is also published in the Bagpipes. E mail distribution of the Bagpipes places it in members' in-boxes almost as quickly as it appears on the website. The process is not perfect, and those members without reliable high speed internet continue to receive Bagpipes by mail. However, most members seem to rely on the website for this type of a "call to act."

PROPOSAL TO RESCIND SR 04/85-02

03/11-13 Motion to rescind SR 04/85-02. That SR now reads:

04/85-02 Affiliate Club Receipt of Motions and Minutes

Motions and minutes of the last meeting shall be sent by the Recording Secretary to the secretaries of the local affiliate clubs at the same time as those motions and minutes are sent to the Board members in order to encourage feedback from the local member clubs. (Amended 8/86, 05/90-01, 7/7/90, and 01/91-06.) (Freeman)

Discussion: This practice was followed when our only means of communication was by paper mail, and has not been amended for 20 years. Motions and minutes are now sent to the webmaster at the same time as they are sent to the Board, and are often posted for all members with access to the web that same night. Members without e mail receive the information in the paper mail Bagpipes.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SR 08/86-03

03/11-14 Motion to amend SR 08/86-03. That SR now reads:

08/86-03 Maintenance of SR and Policies

The Recording Secretary shall maintain listings of all BCCA Standing Rules and Administrative Policies and shall provide each Board member with a copy of these listings prior to the first meeting (July 21) of each newly seated Board. The Recording Secretary may provide updates to these listings as necessary. (Amended 07/95-01.)

The amended SR would read:

08/86-03 Maintenance of SR and Policies

The Recording Secretary shall maintain listings of all BCCA Standing Rules and Administrative Policies, and shall provide an updated copy to the webmaster each year before the July 21 Board meeting. The Recording Secretary may provide updates to these listings as necessary to conduct Board business, or at the request of any member in good standing. Amended 07/95-01 and 03/11-14.) (Freeman)

Discussion: The Standing Rules are available on the website. Recent practice has been that the Recording Secretary sends updated SRs to the webmaster before the July meeting, and new and returning Board members go to that source to read the Standing Rules. It is much easier to use the search tool available on the website than to hunt” by hand” for a particular rule. The policies are not on the website. The committee is working to gather all of them and include them in the new and improved SRs.

PROPOSAL TO COMBINE AND AMEND SRs 11/94-08, 06/95-08, 06/95-09, and 09/99-04

03/11-15 Motion to combine and amend SRs 11/94-08, 06/95-08, 06/95-09, and 09/99-04.

The current SRs read as follows:

11/94-08. AKC Delegate & Board Packet.

The AKC Delegate shall be sent a complete board packet including discussion sheets each month.

06/95-08. Board Packets for New Board Members.

Newly elected members of the Board will be provided board packets for May and June.

06/95-09. Board Packets for New Board Members.

Newly elected members of the Board will be provided the board packet for April as well.

09/99-04. Board Packets for Departing Board Members

The complete July Board packet shall be distributed to all outgoing Board members each year.

The amended and combined SR would read:

03/11-15 Motion to combine SRs 11/94-08, 06/95-08, 06/95-09, and 09/99-04 to read: The Recording Secretary shall send newly elected Board members the Board packets for April, May, and June. S/he shall also send the July Board packet to all outgoing Board members. The Recording Secretary shall also send the Board packet to the AKC delegate each month. (Combines SRs 11/94-08, 06/95-08, 06/95-09, and 09/99-04.) (Freeman)

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SR 08/99-01

03/11-16 Motion to amend 08/99-01. The current SR reads:

08/99-01 Specialty Judge Nomination Form

The revised Specialty Judge Nomination Forms are accepted for Regular Conformation Classes, Sweepstakes, and Futurity. All returned questionnaires will be published in the newsletter prior to any balloting. Because the forms contain a statement of agreement from judging nominees to abide by BCCA rules for judging specialties, all forms must be returned for formal consideration as a nominee. In the event that any question is not answered on the form, it will be noted that “no response” was received to that particular question. (Amended 09/01-01 and 04/04-01.)

The amended SR would ADD the following language:

After “question” and before (Amended...)

The following question will be deleted from the form: On a scale of one to three, rank the following in order of importance to you as a judge: ___ structure ___ temperament ___ coat.

The following question shall take its place:

On a scale where one represents the most important, and three represents the least important, please rank the following: ___ structure ___ temperament ___ coat.

Please make additional comments about these criteria here: _____. (Amended 09/01-01, 04/04-01, and 03/11-16.) (Freeman)

Discussion: If passed, the entire revised form will be included in the SR. The European judges tend to believe that three is the highest ranking and one the lowest. The first part of the amendment is meant to clarify the rankings. This question also generates more comments by far than any other, many along the lines of “I judge the whole dog.” The line seeking additional comments is meant to allow space for those comments.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SRs 04/88-02 and 04/88-03

03/11-17 Motion to rescind 04/88-02 and 04/88-03.

Those SRs read:

04/88-02. Commercial Advertising.

The BCCA will allow commercial advertising (defined as including, but not limited to food products, nutritional supplements, grooming products or aids, toys, crates, beds, collars, leads, etc.) in the Beardie Bulletin at a rate of \$250.00 per full page ad and \$150.00 per half

04/88-03. Non-BCCA Member Ads.

The BCCA will accept ads from non-BCCA members at a rate double the cost of a comparable ad submitted by a BCCA member. (Amended 10/09-05: The BCCA will not accept ads from non-BCCA members.)

The new SR would read:

03/11-18 Advertising

The BCCA will not accept ads from non-BCCA members. (Supercedes 04/88-02 and -03, restates 10/09-05.) (Freeman)

Discussion: The BCCA tax advisor recommended that we not accept outside advertising. On that recommendation, SR 10/09-05 was adopted. It reads:

10/09-05 Advertising

The BCCA will not accept ads from non-BCCA members.

This concludes the business of the BCCA Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted'

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