

Minutes of the BCCA Board Meeting
April 21, 2011

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

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

Absent: Lott

Officers' Reports

Recording Secretary's Report

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report (submitted separately)

Unfinished Business

Results of April Motions

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

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

Present: J. Williamson

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)

Yes: Blau, Freeman, McDonald, Medo, Schroeder, Voss, D. Williamson.

No: Mendonca

Abstain: Serrine, Szlaka

Present: J. Williamson

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)

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

Present: 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)

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

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

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)

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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)

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

PROPOSAL TO AMEND July 8, 1985 ABM?

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

July 8, 1985 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.

Vote on 03/11-11:

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

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."

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

Present: J. Williamson.

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.

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

Present: J. Williamson

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.

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

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 and amends SRs 11/94-08, 06/95-08, 06/95-09, and 09/99-04.) (Freeman)

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

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 amended form would be included in the SR. The European nominees 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.

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

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 Bearded 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:

03/11-17 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.

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

Present: J. Williamson

Postponed Agility Motions. These motions have been amended by their maker as follows:

02/11-02_ Motion to amend SR 04/01-02 to read as follows: The "High In Jumpers With Weaves Trophy" in Honor of Mirage is established to be awarded to the Bearded Collie with the most outstanding performance in JWW in a calendar year (January 1-December 31). This trophy, featuring a metal statue of Mirage performing the weave poles on a walnut base, was proposed and financed by Beth White and designed by John Stanbridge. Each year's winner will receive a copy of the statue donated by Beth White. The base will remain in the possession of the BCCA.

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. The following scoring system is effective as of January 1, 2010:

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. (Amended 09/01-02)

Discussion: 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 versus 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.

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

02/11-03_ Motion to amend SR 05/06-01 to read as follows: A Preferred Agility Veteran trophy is established, 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).

The trophy is a rectangular plaque with a large metal plate on the left side that is laser-inscribed with the words "Bearded Collie Club of America || Preferred Agility Veteran of the Year" topped by a stop-action image of Cagney exiting the weave poles. On the right side of the plaque are metal plates for inscribing the winners' names and years.

The scoring 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

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.

Discussion: The Preferred Veteran Award SR needs to be revised to include a provision for breaking ties.

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

02/11-04 Motion to amend SR 05/99-03 to read as follows: Annual award plaques are established for the top Bearded Collie in each level of Jumpers With Weaves (JWW), 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.

Discussion: Previously, 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.

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

02/11-05 Motion to combine SR 04/97-02 with SR 05/99-02 and to amend as follows: An annual award certificate is established for the top Bearded Collie 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.

Discussion: Under the previous SRs, 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.

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

02/11-06 Motion to amend SR 04/01-01 to read as follows: The Diehard agility trophy is established to honor the highest scoring Bearded Collie in Excellent level agility during the calendar year (January 1–December 31). The trophy features an original Chet Jezierski color drawing of Beardies doing agility and is imbedded in acrylic and mounted on a walnut base. Plaques attached to the base allow the names of the winners to be permanently engraved. Designed by Chet Jezierski, it is offered and financed by freewill donations from the Bearded Collie 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 Bearded Collie must earn at least three qualifying scores of 100 ("clean run") in Excellent Standard and JWW. The following scoring system is effective for the 2010 competition year:

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 Bearded Collie 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 be listed as the winners for that year.

Discussion: 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.

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

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Motions Proposed for May

05/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2011 Board meeting. (Freeman)

Motions to amend Publications standing rules: (Freeman, on behalf of the Publications Committee)

The following motion has been amended by the publications committee as follows:

04/11-01. Motion to Amend SR 03/00-06. Issue Designation.

The first issue of the Bulletin each year will be the BCCA Specialty issue and the second issue will be the Brood Bitch/Stud Dog/Puppies & Veterans issue. (Amended 04/08-06)

The Bulletin issues will be as follows:

- 1st Issue of the Year – Fall – Specialty Issue – Mailed January
- 2nd Issue of the Year – Winter – Stud Dog – Mailed April
- 3rd Issue of the Year – Spring – Brood Bitch/Puppies/Veterans – Mailed July
- 4th Issue of the Year – Summer – Performance/Companion – Mailed October

The Spring issue would be renamed to be as shown in #3 above. The Summer issue would be renamed as shown in #4 above.

(above amendment revises original motion, below)

04/11-01. Motion to Amend SR 03/00-06. Issue Designation.

~~The first issue of the *Bulletin* each year will be the BCCA Specialty issue and the second issue will be the Brood Bitch/Stud Dog/Puppies & Veterans issue.~~ (Amended 04/08-06)

The *Bulletin* issues will be as follows:

- 1st Issue of the Year – Fall – Specialty Issue – Mailed January
- 2nd Issue of the Year – Winter – Stud Dog – Mailed April
- 3rd Issue of the Year – Spring – Brood Bitch/Puppies/Veterans/Companion – Mailed July
- 4th Issue of the Year – Summer – Performance – Mailed October

The Spring issue would be renamed to be as shown in #3 above. The Summer issue would be renamed as shown in #4 above.

04/11-02. Motion to amend Standing Rule 04/86-05 to read:

Advertising Deadlines:

Issue #1 – Specialty Issue (January): November 1

Issue #2 – Stud Dog (April): February 15

Issue #3 – Brood Bitch/Puppies/Veterans/Companion (July): May 1

Issue #4 – Performance (October): August 1

Space for each issue must be reserved by the above dates. Camera-ready ads may be submitted up to 14 days subsequent to the above dates.

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

The November issue deadline and mailing may be extended depending on the dates of the National Specialty.

Mailing Deadlines:

The following deadlines shall be set for mailing the Beardie Bulletin:

Issue #1 - Mails January 15th

Issue #2 - Mails April 15th

Issue #3 - Mails July 15th

Issue #4 - Mails October 15th

(Amended 10/98-09, 04/08-03 and 12/08-01)

04/11-03 Motion to amend SR 10/06-01 to read:

10/06-01. Payment for Ad Reservations.

All ad reservations for The Beardie Bulletin must be accompanied by the basic amount charged for that ad. Any additional costs are due within 30 days of notification of such charges.

Payment is due upon submittal of ad to Editor.

Motions to Amend Herding Standing Rules, as follows. (All made by Freeman on behalf of the Herding Committee.) Additions are in red. The highlighted matter is explanation.

04/11-04 Motion to amend SR 06/99-09, as follows:

06/99-09. Top Herding Dog(THD) of the Year. A tie breaker is added and accommodation is made for future changes in the AKC program.

Annual awards are established for the top herding dogs of the year to be initiated at the 1994 National Specialty starting with the top dogs for the calendar year 1993. The awards are to be given to the four dogs participating in AKC licensed events that attain the highest overall average qualifying score (from all three qualifying runs in attaining the title and the top three qualifying runs in the case of the Championship Class) for each of the following classes: Started Class, Intermediate Class, Advanced Class, and Championship Class **per any appropriate AKC Regulations at the time.** This award shall be given in the year in which the title is earned, regardless of the year in which the scores were obtained. (Amended 09/99-07). **Ties shall be broken by the average of the number of dogs defeated using the first 3 qualifying runs under 3 different judges to obtain the title**

04/11-05 Motion to Amend SR 01/99-03, as follows:

01/99-03. Herding Dog of The Year(HDOTY). What is added is the order in which the two components are taken to calculate scores.

Beginning with Trials after January 1, 1999, a "Herding Dog of the Year" award will be given to the first ranked Bearded Collie in the Started, Intermediate, and Advanced levels of the AKC Herding Trial program each year in accordance with the then current AKC Herding Regulations. The ranking of each dog at each level will be calculated as follows. **First, identify the three highest point counts; then take the scores associated with the highest point counts.** Remainder of SR unchanged.

04/11-06 Motion to Amend SR 12/01-02, as follows:

12/01-02. Fee for Herding Instinct Test. Specific fee amounts are deleted to avoid the need for future amendment. The instinct test sponsor can now mail both fees at one time rather than separately, and mailing is to the HIC stats secretary rather than the herding committee chair.

Effective July 2011 see HIC documents on the herding section of BCCA website for the fees
January 1, 2002, the fees charged for HICs are as follows:

_____ Application Fee - \$15 per event
_____ Certificate Fee - \$3 per dog

The application fee and certificate fees may be mailed together to the HIC secretary after the test is completed.

04/11-07 Motion to Amend SR 10/01-02, as follows:

10/01-02. Alternate Qualifications for HIC. Changes include adding a leg of the AHBA Instinct test as a qualifier for the HIC and reaffirming that it is the owner's responsibility to submit the necessary paperwork. The previous pedigree requirement is replaced by a copy of the registration certificate. The paperwork is submitted to the HIC secretary rather than the herding committee chair. A sentence has been added to state that these alternate qualifications for HIC are credited to the parent dogs only if the owner submits the proper paper work.

The BCCA will accept **the following** as qualification for the BCCA Herding Instinct Certified (HIC).

- **One qualifying leg** of the AKC or AHBA Instinct Test Certificate
- **One qualifying leg** in any Test or Trial level in any herding venue which issues titles

To receive the BCCA Herding Instinct Certificate for the qualifying legs listed above, the owner must supply a copy of the title certificate or score sheet, the appropriate fee, and a copy of the dog's registration certificate to the HIC secretary.

Parent dogs will receive credit toward the ROMI or ROMIX for progeny who attain the legs described above only if the owner submits the necessary information.

04/11-08 Motion to amend SR 07/84-02, as follows:

07/84-02. ROMI(X). The addition reiterates how a BCCA HIC is obtained and that a progeny contributes only once to the parents' awards regardless of how many herding titles the progeny has.

An honorary award and title of "Register of Merit for Instinct" (ROMI) shall be given to any sire that has produced ten (10) herding instinct certified or AKC Herding Titled get and to any dam that has produced five (5) herding instinct certified or AKC Herding Titled offspring. A "Register of Merit for Instinct Excellent" (ROMIX) shall be given to any sire that has produced twenty (20) herding instinct certified or AKC Herding Titled get and to any dam that has produced ten (10) herding instinct certified or AKC Herding Titled offspring. Records of sires and dams shall be obtained by the Herding Committee from applications for the BCCA HIC title and from the AKC Awards publication. ROMI and ROMIX certificates shall be awarded at the BCCA National Specialty Awards Banquet. (Amended 7/7/90, 12/91-08, 05/95-02 and 04/99-03). **Credits are given for the BCCA HIC, whether achieved by an actual BCCA instinct test or by alternate qualifications as specified in SR 10/01-02 (amended 2011). A progeny may contribute only once towards the sire or dam ROMI or ROMIX award. .**

04/11-09 Motion amend Standing Rule October 1, 2007 ABM-03.

The current SR reads:

October 1, 2007 ABM-03. Reimbursement for the reasonable and customary expenses of travel for the AKC delegate to the four quarterly delegate meetings is approved.

The amended SR would read:

October 1, 2007 ABM-03. Reimbursement for the reasonable and customary expenses of travel for the AKC delegate to the four quarterly delegates meetings shall be limited to coach airfare and two nights' lodging. (Amended 04/11-09.) (Freeman, for the current delegate, Kathy Coxwell.)

Motions to be Considered in June

06/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the May, 2011 Board meeting. (Freeman)

05/11-01 Motion to require the BCCA Board to develop an annual plan effective July 1, 2011 and in perpetuity that includes yearly organizational goals, an action plan to accomplish these goals, and a projected budget for the year with input solicited from committee chairs, regional clubs, and the membership-at-large. This plan will be published and feedback solicited from the membership. It will be revised, if necessary, and approved at the annual membership meeting. In addition, the Board president will provide a written report to the membership of the club in February and June of each year on progress meeting these goals. (C. Serrine)

Discussion: An annual plan with input from all stakeholders in the club, i.e. members-at-large, Board members, committee chairs, and regional clubs, while time consuming helps to set an invitational and inclusive tone for the year, communicates a sense of community, and

provides a framework from which the Board can plan its time and do the work that will move the club forward on behalf of the membership. All successful organizations realize that a system without a plan in place is driven by personal agendas or the issue of the day and cannot grow and thrive.

This concludes the business of the Board of Directors of the Bearded Collie Club of America.

Respectfully Submitted,

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