

**BCCA Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
October 28, 2014**

Present: Ritter, Means, Taylor, Hayes, Carter, Colombo, Lamm, Furlow, Schroeder, Szalka  
Absent: Andreassend and Connor

The monthly meeting of the BCCA Board of Directors was called to order by President Michele Ritter at 8:30 p.m. EST, Secretary Linda Taylor recording.

The annual board meeting minutes of September 29, 2014 stand as distributed.

Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Hayes reported there are no new members to be voted on in October or November.

**Treasurer's Report** is attached to and a part of these minutes and can be found on the BCCA website.

**Unfinished Business and General Orders**

**Motion** to amend SR 8.3.2. **Regular Conformation Judges Eligibility.** All nominees must be AKC licensed or approved to judge Bearded Collies in another country. 05/81-02, 07/89-09, 7/92-04, 10/93-03, 12/95-08, 02/04-01 (Schroeder) to read:

**Regular Conformation Judges Eligibility.** All nominees must be an AKC permit or approved judge, or approved to judge bearded collies in another country. In addition a US or Canadian BCCA member who is not approved by AKC to judge bearded collies may also be nominated is he/she meets the following criteria:

- Is 21 years of age or older
- Is occupationally eligible
- Is knowledgeable of the breed with success in breeding/exhibiting/handling the breed for 15 or more years
- Has a thorough understanding of the AKC's "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" and "Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges" and the bearded collie standard
- Is approved by the AKC Judges Review Committee at the request of the BCCA
- Is willing, if elected, to take and pass the AKC's procedural and anatomy exam and submit a non-refundable \$25 processing fee to AKC.

**New Business**

**New Membership Applications for December Vote:**

Richard and Debbie Smith  
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Sponsor: Annette Hollatz

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Sponsor: Sharon Prassa

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Sponsor: Sharon Prassa

**Proposed Motions for November:**

**Motion** to approve minutes of the October 28, 2014 Annual Board Meeting. (Taylor)

**Motion to amend Standing Rule 9.6.1** as follows:

The **Top Obedience Dog Award** shall be presented for each level of obedience to the Bearded Collie that has accumulated the most points in each level of obedience during the preceding calendar year. The dogs with the ten highest scores and points will be considered. If there is a tie among the ten highest dogs, then all dogs with that score or number of points will be included.

Scoring - A point value is assigned to a dog's placement under each of the following point systems: Average Score, and the Shuman System.

Average Score System - Under average score, the dog with the highest average score receives 10 points for first place; the dog with the next highest average score receives 9 points for second place and so forth down to 1 point. If two or more dogs have the same average score, then all dogs with that score receive the same number of points.

Shuman System - under the Shuman system a point value is given for each qualifying score. Point values are:

Qualifying Score	Point Value
200	8
198-199	7
195-197	6
190-194	5
185-189	4
180-184	3
175-179	2
170-174	1

A typical point assignment for average scores is: 1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points, and so on. The Shuman System differs. It assigns a point value for each qualifying score. The point values accumulated by a dog under each of these systems are totaled for the year. The dog with the highest total in each of the levels is awarded that year's Top Dog in his particular level.

01/86-02, 7/92-04

**Motion to amend Standing Rule 9.6.3** as follows:

The **Top Rally Dog Award** shall be presented for each level of rally to the Bearded Collie that has accumulated the most points in each level of rally during the preceding calendar year. The dogs with the ten highest scores and points will be considered. If there is a tie among the ten highest dogs, then all dogs with that score or number of points will be included.

Scoring - A point value is assigned to a dog's placement under each of the following point systems: Average Score, and the Shuman System.

Average Score System - Under average score, the dog with the highest average score receives 10 points for first place; the dog with the next highest average score receives 9 points for second place and so forth down to 1 point. If two or more dogs have the same average score, then all dogs with that score receive the same number of points.

Shuman System - under the Shuman system a point value is given for each qualifying score. Point values are:

Qualifying Score	Point Value
100	8
98-99	7
95-97	6
90-94	5
85-89	4
80-84	3
75-79	2
70-74	1

For the rally award, the dog with the highest number of Shuman points receives 10 points for first place; the dog with the next highest number of Shuman points receives 9 points and so forth down to 1 point. If two or more dogs have the same number of Shuman points, then all dogs with the same number of Shuman points receive the same number of points.

Determination of the Top Rally Novice, Advanced and Excellent Dog: The point values accumulated by dogs under each of the two systems are totaled for the year in each level. The dog with the highest total in each level is that year's Top Rally Dog in his/her particular level. 01/08-01 (Hayes)

**Rationale for Change:** The method that has been used to calculate the Top Dog Annual Awards is based on an obsolete system used by *Front and Finish*. (*Front and Finish* is a dog training publication devoted to those who participate in the canine performance and companion events.) Recently *Front and Finish* dropped the use of Delaney points for calculating their dog ranking statistics. The Obedience committee proposes to follow suit and drop the use of Delaney points for calculating the Top Dog Awards.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 EST.

**Next Meeting November 25, 2014.**