

**OFFICIAL NOTICES FROM THE RECORDING SECRETARY
JULY, 2016**

Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the BCCA will be held Wednesday afternoon, September 21, 2016 in Boxborough, MA, time and place to be determined.

Annual Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the BCCA will meet on Tuesday afternoon, September 20, 2016 in Boxborough, MA, time and place to be determined.

Notice to All Affiliate Clubs

Please have your club secretary send \$25 dues, a current membership list, a list of officers and directors, and a calendar of dates for club meetings and sponsored events to the Treasurer of the BCCA, Don Means, 35859 Elkridge Run, Elizabeth, CO 80107 or to demeans@msn.com.

2019 National Specialty Host Clubs

Bids are now being accepted from local clubs to host the 2019 BCCA National Specialty. Please contact the Recording Secretary Rosemary Schroeder, for a bid packet at rschroeder198@gmail.com.

Nominations for Regular and Sweepstakes Judges for the 2018 National Specialty

Please send your nominations for regular and sweepstakes judges for the 2018 National Specialty to the Recording Secretary, Rosemary Schroeder, 1404 Everest Road, Venice, FL 34293 or rschroeder198@gmail.com.

Each BCCA member is entitled to nominate one person for regular classes and one for sweepstakes. Deadline for receipt of all nominations is September 1, 2016. **Nominations MUST include contact information for the person nominated (address, email and phone number.)**

A preliminary ballot with all nominations will be mailed to the membership with the November issue of the Bagpipes and must be returned to the Treasurer no later than January 15, 2017. The top three candidates from the preliminary ballot for each position will be presented to the membership in a final ballot with the February issue of Bagpipes, with the ballots to be returned to the treasurer no later than March 30, 2017. Nominations of judges from other countries who are eligible to judge championship shows are allowed for regular conformation classes only.

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 if 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.

Sweepstakes Judges' Eligibility. U.S. and Canadian BCCA members in good standing, who are not eligible to judge bearded collies in any country, may judge sweepstakes at the national specialty. Nominees for sweepstakes should have at least seven years of experience as an exhibitor in conformation or as a breeder of bearded collies and have a thorough understanding of the AKC's *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and *Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges*, and the standard of the breed, to be eligible for nomination.

Any judge officiating at the BCCA National Specialty will not be permitted on the ballot again until a two year time period has elapsed.