

BCCA STANDING RULES

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Explanatory Note. This revision of the BCCA Standing Rule (SR) document was designed to be more navigable. There is a table of content with name of SR and SR # arranged by topic, and within topic by ascending year of the SR. There is an index arranged numerically by SR #. For historical purposes, SR that are no longer in use have been placed into a “Retired SR” section; SR that have been replaced by new SR have been placed into a “Replaced SR” section. Some SR are placed in two different sections and that is noted at the end of the SR **in green font**. The bylaw related to the nominating committee has been inserted before those SR’s. **This version of the SR incorporates SR from July 2011 – March 2012; it is for the use of the BCCA Committee reviewing SR and Bylaws.**

The custom for noting amendments to a SR is that the amending motion is listed at the end of a SR in ().

Occasional explanations are in green at the end of a SR.

Legend:

- AGM = Annual General Meeting
- ABM = Annual Board Meeting

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Awards

AKC Awards Data.

12/11-02. AKC Awards Data.

Motion to purchase quarterly reports for BCCA awards from AKC for those venues as needed to make sure our record keeping for awards is accurate. (Background. AKC ceased publication of the AKC Gazette Awards CD on December 2012. All BCCA committees that make annual awards in their companion, performance, or conformation venue require the AKC official record of titles and qualifying events.)

Breeders

07/01-01. Breeder of BOB at National Specialty

Establish the "Ralph Carson Breeder's Cup" an annual award to acknowledge the accomplishment of the Breeder(s) whose dog is selected Best of Breed at each BCCA National Specialty. The award shall consist of an engraved silver cup, silver plate, or crystal water pitcher on a wooden base engraved with the following: "Winner of Best of Breed (Dog's Name), his/her official titles, and year of the Specialty Win." The silver, or the silver plate water pitcher will be engraved with "In Memory of Ralph Carson of Stonehaven Bearded Collies". If a crystal water pitcher is presented, there will be a hanging tag over the top of the pitcher with the same engraving "In Memory of Ralph Carson of Stonehaven Bearded Collies. It will be presented to the Breeder(s) of the Best of Breed at the BCCA National Specialty Awards Banquet each year beginning in the year 2001 and will remain with the recipient. A new cup will be donated each year by Irene Carson, and/or the "Friends of Ralph Carson" as a tribute to the Breeder(s) of the BOB National Specialty Winner. (Amended 03/12-04 to define what the award may consist of).

Conformation, Performance and Companion Events

Agility

08/95-19. Top AKC Agility Bearded Collie

An annual agility competition trophy donated by Glenn Hamilton & Emily Venator in the name of the first Bearded Collie to obtain an AKC Agility title, AM/Can CH Melville's Poetry in Motion TT, HC, NAD, CGC, ADC, FbDCH is to be given annually at the awards banquet for the top achieving bearded collie in AKC Agility Competition as determined by points calculated and based only on AKC agility trials and as shown in the AKC Awards publication. Competition is for the period of July 1, to the following year's June 30, beginning July 1, 1995.

05/99-03. Annual Award Plaques for Each Level of Jumpers with Weaves.

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 = 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. (Amended 02/11-04.)

04/01-01. The Diehard Agility Trophy.

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 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. 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 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. (Amended 02/11-06.)

04/01-02. High in Jumpers with Weaves – The Mirage Trophy.

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 to 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 10, 2010:

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 .01 seconds) for each of the tied dogs' individual legs and the results averaged. The winner will be the Beardie with the highest YPS. If, after this procedure is carried out, the average YPS for each of the tied dogs is the same, all will be declared winners of that year's award. (Amended 09/01-02 and 02/11-02.)

05/06-01. A Preferred Agility Veteran Trophy

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. (Amended 02/11-03.)

02/11-05. Annual Award Certificate for Each Level of Standard Agility.

This SR combined previous SR 04/97-02 and SR 05/99-02 (see replaced section for original SRs).

SR 04/97-02 and SR 05/99-02 are combined and amended 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.

$YPS = \text{course length in yards}/(\text{dog's time on course} - 5)$

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. (Amended 02/11-05.)

Conformation

04/8902. Top Brood Bitch of the Year

A 11" x 15" walnut and brass plaque shall be displayed at the BCCA awards banquet each year. Added to the plaque will be the name of the top brood bitch for the year (that has

produced at least three Champions in that year) according to the BCCA Awards Committee. The plaque will be in memory of Ch. RichLin's Molly of Arcadia ROMX and will have the name(s) of the top brood bitch(es) of each year engraved on it starting with 1977. The plaque will be donated by friends of Molly. (Amended 6/89)

02/9007. Top Stud Dog of the Year.

A plaque for Top Stud Dog similar to that for Top Brood Bitch shall be displayed each year at the BCCA awards banquet with the name of the current Top Stud Dog added each year. The plaque will be in memory of Ch. Edenborough Happy Go Lucky ROMX and will be donated by his admirers. It will have the names of all BCCA Top Studs engraved on it. Requirement for the honored male(s) will be a minimum of five progeny finished within the year.

03/9410. Spot Trophy. Top Bearded Collie in Conformation.

"The Spot Trophy", established by Michele Ritter and Chet Jezierski, will be awarded annually to the top Bearded Collie in conformation as determined by the established rating system of the BCCA. The trophy will be a bronzed likeness of Spot on a wooden pedestal. The trophy will list in chronological order the name of each dog to achieve the ranking of top Bearded Collie for each year from the time (1977) that the breed was first recognized by the AKC. The list of Top Beardies will be provided by the Awards Chair. (Amended 05/9601 and 07/96-02)

01/97-03. Brigadoon Award for #1 Bearded Collie in Breed Points.

The BCCA will establish an annual award to recognize the Bearded Collie who accumulates the most breed points during the awards year. The club agrees to accept Penny Hanigan's offer to provide a trophy (a champagne bucket mounted on a walnut base) that will list the names of all Bearded Collies to achieve the top ranking in breed points for each year from the time the breed was recognized by the AKC. It will be called the Brigadoon Award for the #1 Bearded Collie in Breed Points. The trophy will be displayed at all BCCA National Specialties, but will remain in the permanent possession of the club. The owner of the winning dog will receive a memento of the dog's accomplishment during a brief presentation ceremony at the annual awards dinner.

02/97-01. Challenge Trophies for BBE Dog and Bitch.

Two challenge trophies for first in Bred By Exhibitor Dog and Bred by Exhibitor Bitch will be offered at the BCCA National Specialty. These trophies will consist of bearded collie figurines atop wooden bases. They will be named *the Bearded Collie Club of America Bred By Award in Memory of Sandy Ellington*. The two trophies will be donated by "BCCA Rescue" (dogs) and "Friends of Sandy Ellington" (bitches). The names of the winners will be engraved on the bases.

08/09-01. Challenge Trophy for BOB at National Specialty – THE LADY.

A Challenge Trophy is created for Best of Breed at the BCCA's National Specialty; "THE LADY" a silver plated Punch Bowl Service with Cups and Tray, in memory of AM & CAN CH Bendale Special Lady UD and offered by Michele Ritter and Chet Jezierski.

Herding

06/93-07. Top Herding Dog of the Year.

An annual award is 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 award is 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. (Amended SM 06/99-09)

06/99-09. Top Herding Dog (THD) of the Year

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 title is obtained. Ties shall be broken by the average of the number of dogs defeated using the first three qualifying runs under three different judges to obtain the title. (Amended 09/99-07 and 04/11-04.)

01/99-03. Herding Dog of the Year (HDOTY)

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 Standard, 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.

A. Points:

A dog earns one point for every dog which had a lower or non-qualifying score in the class at that Trial.

High in Trial carries points equal to the total dogs in competition in that Trial minus one point, instead of class points.

Reserve High in Trial carries points equal to the total dogs in competition in that Trial minus two points, instead of class points.

B. Ranking:

At each level, the dog's three (3) highest point counts under three (3) different judges will be averaged to two (2) decimal places.

The scores of those three (3) runs will be averaged to two (2) decimal places.

If a dog has one or more identical point count(s) under different judges, the higher scores(s) will be used in the calculations.

The two averages will be added together.

The dog with the highest combined average at each AKC herding level will be ranked #1, etc.

C. Ties:

Using only the three (3) runs determined by items A and B above, ties will be broken by:
The highest average placement in the classes.

The highest average point count.

The highest average score.

All points/scores will apply at each level in the year of completion of the title, regardless of the year earned, except that once the Advanced title has been earned, for the next and subsequent years, points and scores must be earned within each calendar year.

(Amended 04/99-05 and 04/11-05.)

04/99-03. Renaming Herding Instinct Award

Change the official designation of the BCCA herding instinct testing title from “Herding Certified” or “HC” to “Herding Instinct Certified” or “HIC.”

10/01-02. Alternate Qualifications for HIC.

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. (Amended 04/11-07.)

09/06-12. Bishop Award for Herding Excellence.

The Bishop Award for Herding Excellence is approved as follows: Beginning with AKC Herding Trials held January 1, 2006 and thereafter, a Special Award to be called the "Bishop Award for Herding Excellence" shall be awarded to the Bearded Collie which earns the highest average points on sheep. The Award will be a lead crystal "Rising Star" with Bishop's face etched in the top. There will be a wooden base for plaques listing the winners of this award. The winner shall be announced each year in the BCCA Newsletter and "Beardie Bulletin" which are published immediately following publication of the March AKC Awards.

The actual Award shall be a Perpetual Award per the official Trophy Guidelines as approved in SR 12/97-03 and shall be presented to the winning Bearded Collie beginning with 2007 at the BCCA National Specialty and is to be held by the winner's owner for 11 months. The recipient of the Bishop Award shall be responsible for returning the primary Award to the Trophy Chair of the following year's National Specialty. Each winner shall also receive an award to be retained permanently by the owner.

The BCCA Herding Chair shall be responsible for tabulating all Qualifying Scores and Numbers of dogs outscored. The points shall be taken only from the official AKC Awards and shall be calculated as follows:

1. The 3 highest actual scores earned on sheep on any Course at Trials held within each calendar year shall be averaged to 100ths of a point
2. The 3 highest actual number of dogs outscored on sheep on any Course at Trials held within each calendar year shall be averaged to 100ths of a point
3. These average point counts shall be added together and the one dog with the highest point average shall be deemed the winner of the Bishop Award

Should a tie occur, the tie shall be broken as follows:

1. The dog whose scores and numbers come from a higher class or classes shall be declared the winner.
2. Should Provision (a) not break the tie, then the dog which has the most High In Trial wins throughout the calendar year shall be declared the winner.
3. If no prospective winner has attained a High In Trial win, then the number of Reserve High In Trial(s) or the higher average of actual class placements shall determine the winner.

The owner must be a member in good standing of the Bearded Collie Club of America for the entire time pertinent to this Award.

02/08-01. Faith Memorial Challenge Trophy.

“The Faith Memorial Challenge Trophy” in memory of HC Artisan Starlight HXAs HX is approved, to be offered by Cindy Mendonca. This challenge trophy is to be awarded to the Beardie Collie Bitch with the highest combined score on sheep earned during the National Herding Event(s) each year until retired, commencing at 2008 National Specialty, using qualifying scores from A, B, and/or C course or any combination of these courses. The trophy will be a hand-painted slice of agate mounted on wood on which there will be a place for the years and the names of the winners. This trophy is offered on a three-time win basis. For permanent possession, this trophy must be won three times at three different National Specialty Herding Event(s) by the same owner, not necessarily with the same bitch.

02/08-02. Boone Memorial Trophy.

“The Boone Memorial Trophy” in memory of Am. Can. Ch. Artisan Bronze Paladin HXAs HX is approved, offered by Ann Witte, to be awarded annually to the Beardie Collie Dog with the highest combined score on sheep earned during the National Herding Event(s) each year, using qualifying scores from A, B, and/or C course or any combination of these courses. Offered on a limited lifetime basis, individual trophies will be awarded annually for a period of 25 years. The first trophy will be awarded at the 2008 National Specialty, with the final trophy being awarded at the 2032 National Specialty. Individual annual trophies will be small replicas of a bronze sculpture of a Bearded Collie facing off a Scottish Blackface ram mounted on a wooden base. The original sculpture, upon which each year’s winner will be recorded, will be displayed at all National Specialties and remain in the permanent possession of the BCCA.

02/08-03. Britannia Chip Thrills Perpetual Trophy.

The Ch HC Britannia Chip Thrills UDX MX MXJ MV Memorial Trophy, offered by Sandy Weiss, will be presented annually at the BCCA National Specialty Awards Banquet to the overall highest scoring Bearded Collie at each year's National Specialty Herding Event(s), earned on any type of stock, commencing with the 2008 National Specialty. The trophy will be a bronze sculpture of a Bearded Collie herding sheep, mounted on a wooden base. The original sculpture, upon which each year's winner will be recorded, will be displayed at all National Specialties. (Amended **10/08-01**)

Obedience

01/8602. Top Obedience Dog Award

The end of the year "Top Obedience Dog Award" is given at each obedience level and computed as follows: A point value is assigned to a dog's placement under each of the three following point systems: Average scores, Delaney System, and Shuman System. A typical point assignment for "Average Scores" and the "Delaney System" would be: 1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points, and so on. The "Shuman System" differs. It assigns a point value for each qualifying score. Although the "Shuman System" is not normally used at the Novice Level because of the time limit Novice Dogs are under once they have their three qualifying scores, it is used in the Top Dog Award to allow for consistency of scoring. The point values accumulated by a dog under each of the three 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. (Amended 7/4/92)

10/08-08. HIT at National Specialty Obedience Trial - Tamevalley Obedience Perpetual Trophy.

"The Tamevalley Obedience Trophy," offered by Kathy Thomas, Debby Ritchie and Marylou McLeod in memory of Maureen Reader is established. This perpetual award is to be presented annually at the BCCA National Specialty Awards Banquet to the Bearded Collie winning High In Trial at each year's National Specialty Obedience Trial, commencing with the 2009 National Specialty. The trophy will be a bronze sculpture by John Stanbridge of a sitting Bearded Collie holding a dumbbell mounted on a wooden base upon which each year's winner, retroactive to 2005, will be recorded. The original sculpture will be displayed at all National Specialties.

Rally

01/08-01. BCCA Rally Obedience Awards are approved as follows:

A certificate honoring the Top Rally Obedience Dog in each level of Rally shall be given each year at the annual National Specialty banquet to the Bearded Collie who has accumulated the most points in each respective level of Rally during the preceding calendar year.

General Rule

To be eligible for the Top Rally Obedience Dog Award in each level of Rally, the owner of the dog must have been a member of the BCCA at all times during which points towards the award were earned and at the time of the presentation of the award.

The dogs with the ten highest scores/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. If there is a tie for 10th place, then all dogs with that score or number of points will be considered for the award.

Scoring

A Rally point value is assigned to a dog's placement under each of the following point systems: average score, Delaney System, and the Shuman System.

Average Score System

Under "average score," the dog with the highest average score would get 10 Rally points for first place; the dog with the next highest average score would get 9 Rally points for second place; the third place dog would get 8 Rally points; the fourth place dog would get 7 Rally points and so forth down to 1 point. If two or more dogs have the same average score, then all dogs with that score would get the same number of Rally points. For example, if there is a tie for first place, then the dogs with the same score would get 10 Rally points each.

Delaney Point System

Under the Delaney System, points are awarded only to dogs that receive a placement. A point is awarded for each dog defeated in the class. For example, if a Rally Novice class has 25 dogs entered and "Beardie Boy" takes 2nd place, he earns 23 Delaney points. For the Rally award, the dog with the highest number of Delaney points would get 10 Rally points for first place; the dog with the next highest number of Delaney points would get 9 Rally points; the third place dog would get 8 Rally points; the fourth place dog would get 7 Rally points and so forth down to 1 Rally point. If two or more dogs have the same number of Delaney points, then all dogs with the same number of Delaney points would get the same number of Rally points. For example, if there is a tie for second place, then the dogs with the same number of Delaney points would get 9 Rally points each.

Shuman System

The Shuman system assigns a point value for each qualifying score. Point values under the Shuman system are:

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

For example, if "Beardie Boy" earned a score of 96, he would get 6 Shuman points.

For the Rally award, the dog with the highest number of Shuman points would get 10 Rally points for first place; the dog with the next highest number of Shuman points would get 9 Rally points; the third place dog would get 8 Rally points; the fourth place dog would get 7 Rally points and so forth down to 1 Rally point. If two or more dogs have the same number of Shuman points, then all dogs with the same number of Shuman points would

get the same number of Rally points. For example, if there is a tie for third place, then the dogs with the same number of Shuman points would get 8 Rally points each.

Determination of the Top Rally Novice, Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent Dog
The Rally point values accumulated by dogs under each of the three systems are totaled for the year in each level of Rally. The dog with the highest total in each level will be awarded that year's Top Rally Dog in his/her particular level.

Junior Handlers

07/04-01. Top Junior Handler in Junior Showmanship – Gail E Miller Award.

A perpetual award for the top winning junior handler of a Bearded Collie at AKC-licensed shows will be presented each year at the BCCA Awards Banquet. The junior handler must be the son or daughter of a member in good standing of the BCCA.

This award, consisting of a 16-inch Silver Loving Cup on a Wooden Base with the top juniors' names engraved on plates surrounding the base, known as the Gail E. Miller Award for Top Junior Handler, shall be computed as follows:

<i>4 points for 1st place</i>	<i>2 points for 3rd place</i>
<i>3 points for 2nd place</i>	<i>1 point for 4th place</i>

One additional point shall also be awarded for each junior handler defeated per show, including those defeated in other junior showmanship classes by virtue of winning best junior handler. The award year shall be in accordance with SR 01/90-04. (SR 11/79-02 and SR 01/87-03 combined and amended into 07/04-01)

07/04-02. Junior Handler Educational Award.

Motion to establish the Gail J. Miller Junior Handler Award. An educational award in the amount of \$250 will be awarded annually to the individual receiving the Gail E. Miller Award for Top Junior Handler for such year. The award will be announced at the BCCA Awards Banquet each year. To commemorate this achievement, the recipient will also receive a print of a watercolor painting, offered and financed by private funds. (Amended 11/09-04)

06/05-03. Top Junior Handler in Performance or Companion Events.

commencing with the 2005 award year, an annual award will be presented to the top-winning junior handler of a Bearded Collie at AKC-licensed herding, agility, obedience and tracking events. The junior must be the son or daughter of a member in good standing of the BCCA. The award year shall be in accordance with SR 01/90-04.

In order to compute awards for these events, juniors should obtain a supply of AKC Junior Handler Certification forms. These should be available from any show superintendent, but can also be obtained from the Junior Show Committee Chair. These steps should then be followed:

Fill out your portion of the form and then have the judge sign and date it.

Keep the white copy for your records and return the yellow copy to the judge. This copy is sent to the AKC with the judge's book.

Make a copy of the forms and send them to the Junior Show Chair for tabulation.

All forms must be received by the Junior Show Chair no later than April 30th.

In computing awards for Top Junior Handler in these events, each junior shall receive: 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, 2 points for 4th place and 1 point for qualifying. These points are not cumulative.

In addition, the junior must have competed in a minimum of five events in the designated category during the award year.

September 28, 2005 ABM-01. Monetary Awards to Top Junior Handlers in Performance and Companion Events.

\$250 awards are established for each of the top junior handlers in tracking, obedience, agility, herding and rally. (Amended 08/08-01) (Amended 11/09-03)

Register of Merit Awards

ROM

11/7701.

A "Register of Merit" (ROM) is established for those Beardies that produce five AKC champions as sires and three AKC champions as dams. A "Register of Merit Excellent" (ROMX) shall be awarded to those Beardies that produce fifteen or more AKC champions as sires or ten or more AKC champions as dams. (Amended 11/8602 and 07/8909 and combined 05/9505)

ROMA

04/97-01.

Motion to establish a Register of Merit Agility (ROMA) for Beardie dams producing two or more offspring having a total of at least three Agility titles and for Beardie Sires producing two or more get having a total of at least five Agility titles.

A Register of Merit Agility Excellent (ROMAX) shall also be established for Beardie dams producing offspring having a total of ten or more Agility titles and for Beardie sires producing get having a total of fifteen or more Agility titles. Regular agility titles are: NA, OA, AX, MX, NAJ, OAJ, AXJ, MXJ, MACH, MACH2, etc. Preferred titles are NAP, OAP, AXP, MXP, NJP, OJP, AJP, MJP, MJP2, etc. Either Regular titles or Preferred titles may be counted toward the Register of Merit Agility (ROMA and ROMAX), whichever titles are higher, but they may not be added together. (Amended 05/99-04 and 05/05-01)

ROMH

02/99-03

Motion to create ROMH and ROMHX awards. The title ROMH (Register of Merit for Herding) shall be given to any sire of two (2) or more offspring that have earned five (5) or more AKC Herding Trial titles and to any dam of two (2) or more offspring that have earned three (3) or more AKC Herding Trial titles.

The title ROMHX (Register of Merit for Herding: Excellent) shall be given to any sire of four (4) or more offspring that have earned fifteen (15) or more AKC Herding Trial titles and to any dam of three (3) or more offspring that have earned ten (10) or more AKC Herding Trial titles.

AKC Herding Trial titles which qualify are: HS (Herding Started), HI (Herding Intermediate), HX (Herding Excellent), and HCH (Herding Champion). Each offspring may accrue credit for only one title per Trial level.

ROMI

07/84-02. ROMI and ROMI(X).

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 applicants 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. Credits are given for the BCCA HIC, whether it is achieved by an actual BCCA instinct test or by alternate qualifications as specified in SR 10/01-02 (Amended 04/11-07.) A progeny may contribute only once towards the sire or dam ROMI or ROMIX award. (Amended 04/11-08.)

ROMO

02/9505.

A "Register of Merit Obedience" (ROMO) is established for Beardie dams producing two or more offspring having a total of at least three obedience titles among such offspring and for Beardie sires producing two or more get having a total of at least five obedience titles among such get. A "Register of Merit Obedience Excellent" (ROMOX) is established for Beardie dams producing offspring having a total of five or more obedience titles and for Beardie sires producing get having a total of ten or more obedience titles. The titles to be counted toward these awards are CD, CDXC, UD, UDX and OTCh. (Amended 09/05-09)

ROMR

10/08-09. ROMR and ROMRX for Dams.

A "Register of Merit Rally" (ROMR) is established for Beardie dams producing three or more offspring having a total of at least five rally titles among such offspring and for Beardie sires producing five or more get having a total of at least ten rally titles among such get. A "Register of Merit Rally Excellent" (ROMRX) is also established for Beardie dams producing offspring having a total of 10 or more rally titles among such offspring and for sires producing get having a total of 15 or more rally titles among such get. The titles to be counted toward these awards are RN, RA, RE and RAE. All titles earned since

rally began in 2005 shall be included in the calculations. The first ROMR and ROMRX titles shall be awarded at the 2009 National Specialty.

Therapy

07/08-03. Therapy Dog Certificates.

Commencing with the 2007 award year, the BCCA will recognize Bearded Collies doing therapy work by issuing Therapy Dog Certificates, based on hours of service, with the first certificates presented at the 2008 National Specialty Awards Banquet.

Certificates will be based on the following:

Level I – a minimum of 25 service hours

Level II – a minimum of 50 service hours

Level III – a minimum of 100 service hours

Level IV – a minimum of 200 hours of therapy work

Level V – a minimum of 300 hours of therapy work

To be eligible, dogs must be certified through a therapy organization that requires certification and carries liability insurance (e.g., Delta Society, Therapy Dogs International) and handlers must be members in good standing of the BCCA. Service hours must be recorded on the “Therapy Visitation Documentation Form” available in downloadable format on the BCCA website, and a representative or volunteer staff member of the visited organization (e.g., hospital, nursing home) must verify each visit/hours worked by signing the form. (Amended 2/11-07).

Completed forms must be submitted to the Therapy Committee, along with proof of therapy organization certification, 60 days prior to the following year’s National Specialty, with the exception of the 2007 award year when completed forms must be submitted no later than September 30, 2008.

05/09-02. Award for Most Service Hours in Therapy Work – The Andrew Award.

“The Andrew Award,” in memory of AM/CAN/INT CH Diotima Bear Necessity, CD, CGC, TDI, HIC, ROMX, ROMI, VA, is established, offered by Pat McDonald, Karen Kaye, Susan Lybrand, Pat Hyde and Linda Swain. This perpetual award will be presented annually at the BCCA National Specialty Awards Banquet to the Bearded Collie, along with its handler, who has performed the most service hours in therapy work during the previous calendar year, commencing with the 2009 National Specialty.

To be eligible, the dog must be certified through a therapy organization that requires certification and carries liability insurance (e.g. Delta Society, Therapy Dogs International) and the handler must be a BCCA member in good standing. Additional eligibility requirements can be found under Standing Rule 07/08-03. The BCCA Therapy Committee will be responsible for calculating the winner of this award each year.

The trophy will be a bronzed likeness of Andrew, crafted by artist John Stanbridge, on a multi-tiered wooden base. The trophy will list the name of each dog, handler, total hours of service performed, and year awarded on an engraved plaque on the base. The trophy will remain in the possession of the BCCA and will be displayed every year at the National

10/98-08. Masters of Versatility.

Motion to establish a Masters of Versatility Award available to all Bearded Collie owners who are members in good standing of the BCCA. ILP Bearded Collies are eligible. Dog shall already have earned Versatility and Versatility Excellent Awards. All earlier earned titles (including HC, skips in Herding and Agility will count towards this award). Points shall be given through the last full title earned. Acceptable governing body for Conformation, Obedience, Agility, and Tracking is the American Kennel Club. Acceptable governing body for Herding is the American Kennel Club and/or the Bearded Collie Club of America. Acceptable governing body for Therapy is TDI or other similar agencies that test for therapy visitation. Acceptable governing body for Canine Good Citizen is the American Kennel Club with local club testing.

General Requirements:

1. The dog must have earned an All Breed Best In Show in Conformation or a Championship in Tracking, Herding, Obedience, or Agility.
2. In addition to the above, the dog must earn twelve (12) additional titles from at least three (3) other categories of activity, not including the BIS or Championship category. One area of activity can remain unexplored. Example #1: Conformation, Obedience, Agility, and Tracking, with Herding left unexplored. Championship in Tracking. Example #2: Herding, Agility, Obedience, and Tracking, with Conformation left unexplored. Championship in Herding.

The following list offers the titles and awards that will count as individual points towards the twelve (12) required points in addition to the Championship or BIS that is required.

One point will be awarded for:

Conformation Title and Awards (a maximum of three (3) titles)

Championship:

Group Placement (any position, Group 1 through 4, which counts only once) or a Specialty Best in Show

All Breed Best In Show

Obedience Titles (a maximum of five (5) titles)

Companion Dog Companion Dog Excellent

Utility Dog Utility Dog Excellent

OTCH

Tracking Titles (a maximum of four (4) titles)

Tracking Dog Tracking Dog Excellent

Variable Surface Tracking (Tracking Championship available at this level.)

Utility Dog Tracking Utility Dog Tracking Excellent

Utility Dog Excellent Variable Surface Tracking

Herding Titles (a maximum of six (6) titles. "Skips" will not allow a count of any lower title.)

Herding Certified Herding Tested Pre-Trial Tested

Herding Started: Course A Sheep

Course B Sheep

Course C Sheep (only sheep are used on course C)

Herding Started: Course A Ducks

Course B Ducks

Herding Started:	Course A Cattle Course B Cattle
Herding Intermediate:	Course A Sheep Course B Sheep
Herding Intermediate:	Course A Ducks Course B Ducks
Herding Intermediate:	Course A Cattle Course B Cattle
Herding Advanced:	Course A Sheep Course B Sheep Course C Sheep
Herding Advanced:	Course A Ducks Course B Ducks
Herding Advanced:	Course A Cattle Course B Cattle

Herding Championship

The BCCA honorary title “Herding Instinct Certified” or “HIC” may be counted provided the dog has earned at least one AKC Herding Title other than an AKC Instinct Test.

Agility Titles (a maximum eight (8) titles – All titles counted must be in either

Championship Titles or Preferred Titles, not a combination of the two.)

Novice Agility	Open Agility
Novice Agility Preferred	Open Agility Preferred
Excellent Agility	Masters Agility
Excellent Agility Preferred	Masters Agility Preferred
Novice JWW	Open JWW
Novice JWW Preferred	Open JWW Preferred
Excellent JWW	Masters JWW
Excellent JWW Preferred	Masters JWW Preferred

Masters Agility Championship

Rally Obedience: (a maximum of four (4) titles)

RN, RA, RE, RAE

Other Titles

Canine Good Citizen TDI or similar Therapy Title

From time to time, more titles will become available in certain areas of competition. When they are, they will be added to the appropriate list to count towards the point for this award.

In order to receive a Masters in Versatility Award, all titles must be earned prior to May 1st of the year in which the award will be given. Copies of said titles must be in the form of a copy of the actual title, page number or actual copy of page from awards magazine where individual wins would be recorded, or copy from breed magazine statistics, and must reach the Versatility Chairperson 45 days prior to the date of the Specialty in that year. (Amended 03/04-02, 05/04-04, 04/05-04)

04/05-01. Re-establish Annual Versatility Award

An Annual Versatility Award for Competition at the BCCA National Specialty is re-established.

General

02/8104. Offering any Award at BCCA Show.

Anyone offering a perpetual trophy, plaque, or award of any kind at a BCCA show must obtain Board approval. (Amended 11/09-03)

11/8405. Identity on BCCA Award Certificates.

BCCA Award Certificates will not include owners' names unless such owners give advance notice to the appropriate Chairperson or Awards Coordinator of the owner name(s) to be included on the certificates. (Amended 7/7/90 and 02/9506)

01/9004. Definition of Award Year.

An award year shall be based on information published in the April through the following March issues of AKC Awards except that herding awards shall be given in the year in which the title is earned regardless of the year in which the scores were obtained in accordance with SR 06/99-09. Any information in the March issue that pertains to the next award year shall be carried forward to that award year. If an owner has the AKC send to the appropriate committee chairperson and/or Awards Coordinator by May 1 confirmation of an earned award that was delayed in publication, it shall be tabulated as having appeared in the official AKC Awards and thus counted in the appropriate award year. Notification of this type must come from the AKC and not the owner(s). Award information applicable to an award year that (1) is published in the AKC Awards after the March issue of the following year and (2) is not confirmed by the AKC by May 1st of such following year shall be counted as applicable to the next award year without exception. In order to qualify for a BCCA award, at least one owner of a dog and one parent of a junior handler must be a BCCA member in good standing. Members paying dues during the dues grace period shall be considered members in good standing for award purposes. (Amended 7/7/90, 01/9505, 05/9503 and 09/99-13)

04/9404. Compensation for AKC Awards Subscription.

The Awards Coordinator and the Chairpersons of the Conformation, Herding, Obedience and Agility Committees shall be reimbursed for annual subscriptions to AKC Awards. (Amended 02/9509 and 05/9504)

04/9603. Member of the Year.

A BCCA Member of the Year Award is established. The Award will recognize on an annual calendar year basis that BCCA member or group of members who, as a result of his/her/their activity, has made the most significant contribution to the advancement of the Bearded Collie Club of America and/or the Bearded Collie. The Award will be publicly announced and presented at the Annual Specialty Banquet in the year following the calendar year for which the Award is being made (or in a similarly official BCCA forum should there be no Specialty banquet held in a particular year). Nominations for the

Award will be accepted from any member or members in good standing of the BCCA. Such nominations must be received by the Recording Secretary on or before March 21st of the year following the calendar year for which the Award is being made. Each nomination will be accompanied by a 250 word (maximum) statement as justification for making the award to the particular nominee. An announcement calling for nominations will appear in the January issue of the Newsletter. The nominations and accompanying justification will constitute an item of business on the agenda for the April 21st meeting of the Board of Directors. The entire Board, by majority vote, will select the Award recipient. In an effort to preserve the “surprise” aspect of the Award as much as possible, the selection of the recipient will be considered to have been conducted in “Executive Session” and will not appear in the published minutes of the Board meeting. In such case as the Board determines that no qualified nominations are received, the Award will not be given in that particular year. Seated Officers and Board Members will not be eligible for the Award. (Amended 09/97-03)

12/99-02. Award Proposal Form.

The New Award Proposal form is approved.

10/09-09. Thirty Year Membership

A “Thirty Year Club” is created to honor those who have maintained continuous membership in the BCCA for thirty years. These loyal members will be honored with an award to be given at the National Specialty every five years, beginning in 2009.

07/10-02. Sharing of AKC Titles with BCCA Charitable Trust.

The Awards Chair will share the list of new AKC titles earned by Bearded Collies with the BCCA Charitable Trust.

Trophies

12/97-03. Trophy Guidelines.

The official Trophy Guidelines are approved. See Appendix II.

October 1, 2007 ABM-01

Commencing with the 2008 National Specialty of the BCCA, the BCCA will assume the responsibility of paying for shipping trophies to and from the event.

October 1, 2007 ABM-02

Commencing with the 2008 Specialty of the BCCA, Memorial trophies will no longer circulate with the winner and will remain in the possession of the BCCA throughout the year.

Membership

Application for Membership

11/8002. Sponsors.

New membership applicant sponsors are required to submit a short statement with the application containing such information as might be considered pertinent by the Board of Directors.

04/8204. Postponing Vote on Membership.

The BCCA Board of Directors may postpone a motion which requires Board vote on a membership applicant for longer than the present allowed one month in order to allow a more proper length of time for clarification or other necessary action.

07/8207. Challenge to Membership Application.

The following procedure is established in the case that a membership applicant is challenged:

1. The person or persons hesitating about the acceptability of an applicant for membership should put in writing the specific reservations they have about the candidate. (Amended 07/89-09)
2. This written commentary should be sent to the Recording Secretary where the name will be held in confidence to the extent possible.
3. The Recording Secretary will take action to have the voting on the candidate in question postponed. The Recording Secretary will notify the rest of the Board of such action and provide them with the commentary on the applicant.
4. The sponsor and applicant will be sent a copy of the commentary at the time the postponement goes into effect. Thirty days from date of postponement will be given for the sponsor and applicant to reply.
5. The replies from the sponsor and applicant will be sent to the board at the next Board meeting following the expiration of the thirty-day period.
6. The Board will vote on the applicant at the board meeting following the meeting at which the replies have been made available to the Board Members.

12/9001. Outstanding Debts to BCCA

No applicant with outstanding debts to the BCCA shall be considered for membership (nor any member renewed) until those debts are paid. A list of said debts will be kept with the Treasurer's files. (Amended 01/9104 and 7/4/92)

09/06-02. Publication of Applicant Name.

Upon receipt by the BCCA of an application for membership, the name(s) of the applicant(s), along with their address, telephone number and sponsor's name, shall be published in the next issue of the BCCA's newsletter, "The Bagpipes," to allow for input from the general membership. The Board of Directors shall conduct a secret vote on the membership of such applicant(s) at the board meeting occurring in the month following publication of the name(s) of such applicant(s). If approved, official membership shall begin upon publication of the results of such vote in the subsequent issue of "The Bagpipes."

04/08-01. Revised Application Form.

The revised membership application/sponsor statement (marked "Revised 03/2008") is approved.

03/11-02. Addition to New Member's Application.

The following language shall be added to the New Member's Application:

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. (See Appendix I for application form).

03/11-03. Addition to Membership Renewal Form.

The following language is added to the Membership Renewal Form:

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.

09/11-07 Motion to combine and amend SRs 02/83-11 and SR 03/86-03 on Membership Application Procedures.

1. Membership in the BCCA is open to individuals 18 years of age or older.
2. Copies of the Constitution and By-laws, Code of Ethics, Guidelines for the Care, Breeding, Selling and Exhibiting of Bearded Collies and Breed Brochure shall be sent to all applicants for membership.
3. Applicants must apply on the approved BCCA membership application (currently marked "Revised 06/2011").
4. To ensure the application is processed without delay, the applicant should (i) complete the form in full (do not leave questions blank); (ii) have a BCCA member in good standing complete the sponsorship section; (iii) sign and date the application; (iv) read and sign the Code of Ethics (signature of all applicants is required); (v) enclose the appropriate dues; and (vi) forward the application to the Corresponding Secretary for processing.
5. The Corresponding Secretary or Membership Chairperson should be contacted to help in locating BCCA members to act as your sponsors. A list of BCCA members will be sent to any person wishing to apply for membership who has no sponsor. The members listed will reside within the same state as the potential applicant or in a nearby locality if no member lives within the state.
6. Such members, when contacted for a sponsorship, must find out enough about the person to be able to answer the questions on the membership application and to ascertain their suitability for membership.
7. The Corresponding Secretary will submit the application to the BCCA Board for review and to *The Bagpipes*, the official newsletter of the BCCA, for publication and membership

review. If no objections to the pending applicant(s) are received, a motion to accept the membership application will be voted on at the next Board meeting. Upon approval, the candidate will be contacted by the Corresponding Secretary and welcomed as an official member of the BCCA

8. The application process takes approximately three (3) months from the time the completed application is received until the time an applicant is accepted into membership.

(SR 02/83-11 and SR 03/86-03 have been moved to the Retired Section of this document for historical purposes.)

Dues

01/9010. Affiliate Club Dues.

All local clubs shall pay \$25 to become Affiliate Clubs of the parent club (BCCA) and thereafter pay annual dues of \$25. (Amended 01/9106, 09/11-04).

04/9005. Reminder Notice of Dues Due.

The Treasurer is responsible for e mailing a reminder dues notice 21 days prior to the end of the dues grace period to all members whose dues have not been received. Members who have no e mail on file or whose e mail “bounces back” to the Treasurer will be mailed a postcard reminder. (Amended 10/9302) (Amended 11/09-01). *Also in Procedures Section.*

03/9102. Mailing of Dues Notices.

Dues notices for the following year are mailed in May and are payable by July 1. A credit will be applied for the following year for new members approved during the last quarter of the previous year (i.e. April through June) reducing dues to \$7.00 for US and Canadian individual and joint memberships and \$10 for Overseas individual and joint memberships to cover publication postage for the quarter. The following statement is to appear on the Membership Application: “Applicants names will be published in the Newsletter. Applicants will be voted on at the next Board meeting following publication of names. (Amended 05/97-06) .

06/9303. Foreign Member Dues Payment.

Foreign members shall have the option of making payments to the BCCA drawn on U.S. banks or adding an additional \$5.00. In either case, the payments must be in U.S. funds. *Also in Procedures, Treasurer.*

02/9512. Membership Dues.

In accordance with Article I, Section 3 of the BCCA By-Laws, annual membership dues are established as follows: (Amended 02/11-09.) (Also see 08/95-24). Also in Treasurer Section.

Single Membership \$25.00

Joint Membership \$30.00

Mailing List/Labels

01/95-04. Mailing Label Master.

The Treasurer shall provide ongoing, current membership mailing label masters (disc or printout) to the Recording Secretary for balloting purposes and to keep the club records maintained.

07/96-03. Provision of Mailing Labels.

The labels chair will provide mailing labels or a copy of the roster on computer diskette (in whatever format is used by the Labels Chair to produce the mailing labels) to any BCCA member in good standing who requests them for non-commercial purposes. The member requesting the labels will be charged the actual cost of the items requested, unless they are to be used for official club business, in which case there will be no charge. The mailing list and roster will not be used for any commercial purposes without the express consent of the Board.

Roster/ Membership List

08/9010. Information in Roster.

Telephone, fax numbers and e-mail addresses will be included in the membership list for those who give permission. (Amended 11/9403 and 05/00-03)

12/9106. Roster

A roster of members, compiled by the Treasurer, shall be sent to each BCCA member in November. (Amended 01/9504 and 03/11-08.)

Regional Club Dues

01/9010. Regional/Local Club Dues.

All local clubs shall pay \$25 to become affiliate clubs of the parent club (BCCA). (Amended 01/9106)

Yahoo Member List

09/11-06. Open the BCCA Members List With The Following Rules

1. No brags or disparaging comments about any dogs allowed.
2. No ads allowed.
3. No attachments will be permitted.
4. No complaints about other members/persons tolerated.
5. No discussions of other dog clubs or registries except as they may relate to any relationship existing or proposed with the BCCA.
6. No personal attacks or discussions allowed on other members or their views. If you have a problem with a fellow BCCA member, please discuss it with them PRIVATELY.
7. Members are NOT allowed to forward posts from other members or non-members on any subject. Only original posts from the sender are acceptable. List members who break this rule will immediately be placed on moderated status.

8. In order to subscribe to the list, each person must be a current member of the BCCA and the e-mail address used to subscribed to the list must match the one currently on file with the club. E-mail addresses that cannot be confirmed will result in a subscription to the list being denied.

Explanation. The Members List is a fully moderated list and owned by the Bearded Collie Club of America. Its existence is for the sole purpose of discussing current club business, the exchange of ideas and offering positive suggestions by the BCCA membership. Those who choose to ignore the rules above will be given a ONE TIME warning. Should the undesirable posting behavior be repeated, the offender will be placed on a NO POST status for a minimum of one week. During this time, he/she can read mail, but cannot send to the list. A third offense will result in the permanent removal from the list by the moderator or List Owner.

Procedures

Board Meetings

02/7903. Postponment of Motion Before Board.

To postpone a motion before the Board, at least three Board Members must request such postponement in writing to the Recording Secretary. The motion shall be voted on during the following month's business. (Amended 8/86, 7/7/90 and 09/9405)

August 18, 1979. Open Board Meetings.

Board Meetings, held in conjunction with annual meetings, shall be open to the general membership on a nonparticipatory basis.

01/8002. Ballots.

Board Members' ballots are to be returned by the 21st of each month. Ballots are to be mailed to Board members at least 15 days prior to the 21st. (Amended 8/86)

12/9305. Executive Committee Report.

All actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the entire Board at the Board meeting immediately following such actions. This report shall be in the form of formal motions so that the entire Board may modify or reverse such actions.

Board Yahoo Group

08/11-04 Official Guidelines for the Bearded Collie Club of America (BCCA) Board of Directors Yahoo E-Mail List ("E-Mail List"), founded on April 7, 2004.

1. The E-Mail List is a private e-mail list owned by, and operated under the auspices of, the BCCA for members of the Board of Directors of the BCCA to discuss official BCCA matters.

2. The archives of the E-Mail List are considered official records of the BCCA and, as such, shall be maintained by the Recording Secretary of the BCCA who shall be, in name only, the “owner” and “moderator” of said E-Mail List during their term of office.
3. “Ownership” and “moderator” status of the E-Mail List shall be relinquished to a newly-elected BCCA Recording Secretary by the current BCCA Recording Secretary by midnight on the last day of their term of office (i.e., June 30).
4. No member(s) of the BCCA Board of Directors may invoke ownership of the E-Mail List by virtue of their temporary “ownership” or “moderator” status of said E-Mail List.
5. It is expressly understood that topics discussed on the E-Mail List are confidential in nature and members of the Board of Directors agree not to forward the contents of such messages, either in writing or verbally, to any person or organization not on the E-Mail List without permission.
6. No cross-posting to other e-mail groups is allowed nor is addressing this group when sending to other e-mail lists. This E-Mail List is for BCCA Board Members only.
7. Newly-elected BCCA Board Members shall be added to the E-Mail List one (1) month prior to taking office; out-going BCCA Board Members shall be removed from the E-Mail List immediately upon the expiration of their term of office.

Board Selection

10/8103. Ballots for Election of Board and AKC Delegate.

Ballots used for the election of Officers, Directors and AKC Delegate shall list all candidates for each contested position in a single column by position in the alphabetical order of the candidates’ last names. No reference shall be made on the ballot to indicate how any candidate was nominated or to indicate any candidate’s “slate” affiliation or views on any issue. (Amended 01/9503)

12/9101. Nominees for Board.

Each nominee for office must be a member in good standing for at least the two preceding consecutive years. A biography of each candidate will be published in the May issue of the newsletter following the guidelines listed below:

A. Candidates running for office will be listed by position alphabetically according to their last name. No reference will be made as to indicate how any candidate was nominated or to indicate any candidate’s “slate” affiliation.

B. Each candidate will be allowed one full page of text in the newsletter to state their past experience, length of time in the breed, goals, and ideas for the future direction of the BCCA, etc. There will be no word limit other than margins must not be less than one inch around the page and the type must be a minimum of a 10 point font. Existing Publication guidelines must be followed on acceptable material contained on each candidate’s page.

C. Candidates must submit their information pages to the Newsletter Editor by the newsletter deadline (May 1st). All material submitted will be reproduced as it is received by the Editor. (Amended 11/9415 and 03/99-01)

Committees

06/9202. Termination of Committees.

Any committee chair appointed may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board upon written notice to the appointee, and the Board may appoint successor(s). All committees and appointments (other than those concerning special projects) shall be automatically terminated at the conclusion of the official year unless extended by the succeeding year's executive committee for a period not to exceed four months. At the conclusion of the official year, all current and past BCCA records shall be turned over within thirty (30) days from the previous seated chairmen to the newly appointed committee chairmen. Failure to turn over all records in a timely fashion may result in BCCA disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action may include suspension of membership until such time the records are turned over and/or billing the committee chair for the cost of recreating any historical documentation for preservation in the BCCA archives. All committee records, including statistics, historical documentation, photographs, displays, etc., are the sole property of the Bearded Collie Club of America and must be surrendered immediately after BCCA Board notification to do so by the Recording Secretary. (Amended 03/9403 and 06/99-02)

September 4, 1993. Approval of Committee Members and Chairs.

The Board shall approve members as well as appoint Chairs for each of the Standing Committees.

03/98-04. Guidelines for Committee Fund Raising.

Motion to establish guidelines for BCCA Committees to initiate fund raising efforts for operational, educational and research funds. Committees are hereby authorized to initiate fund raising efforts subject to the following:

1. All fund raising will be coordinated with the Chairperson of the Fund Raising Committee who will present a proposal to the Board for an official motion and Board approval.
2. All funds generated by that Committee will be used to offset the approved annual budget for that Committee and any special allocations requested by the Committee and approved by the Board.
3. All surplus funds generated by the Committee will revert to the general fund at the close of the fiscal year.

04/99-01. Representative to AKC Herding Advisory Committee.

Establish a BCCA Representative to the AKC Herding Advisory Committee to be selected by the Board of Directors and represent the Club under the direction of the Board in all matters pertaining to the AKC Herding Advisory Committee for a term of three (3) years. There shall be no limitation on number of terms the representative may service.

October 1, 2007 ABM-04. Therapy Committee.

The Therapy Committee is established as a standing committee of the BCCA. .

October 26, 2008 ABM-05. Companion Dog Committee.

A Companion Dog Committee is established as a standing committee.

02/10-02. Sunshine Committee.

A standing "Sunshine" committee, composed of a chair, and additional members as needed, is charged with bringing "sunshine" into the lives of BCCA members who could use some cheer. This committee will have a yearly budget of \$500. The Chair must seek Board approval for additional funding, if needed. The chair is responsible for all charges incurred and submits a reimbursement form monthly to the BCCA treasurer.

02/11-07. Therapy Team Certificates.

Two additional levels of certificates for therapy teams are approved. In addition to Levels I-III, a Level IV Certificate will be awarded after completing 200 hours of therapy work and a Level V Certificate will be awarded after completing 300 hours of therapy work.

3/11-07. BCCA performance standing committees.

(Agility/Conformation/Herding/Tracking/Versatility) may review periodically the criteria used for BCCA annual awards in their respective areas and propose any changes they feel are appropriate for Board approval.

Corresponding Secretary

06/10-01. BCCA Litter Listing/Breeder Referral Program.

This SR combines and amends SR 12/89-06, SR 03/94-07, SR 02/97-02 and SR 04/97-04. (These SR are found in the Replaced Section of this document.)

The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain the listing. Litter listing requests will be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary on the official BCCA Litter Listing Form (see Appendix III).

Requirements for Litter Listing include:

Age: Bitches must be at least two (2) years old and dogs at least eighteen (18) months old at the time of breeding.

Health Test Requirements. After January 1, 2011 all sires and dams must have proof of eye and thyroid clearance regardless of age. Until then we strongly recommend they have such clearances. Eye and thyroid clearances for dogs age 5 and under must be within the previous 24 months (preferably within previous 12 months); the 24 month requirement does not apply to dogs over age 5. Dogs that are deceased and sire litters are exempt from the eye and thyroid requirements if they died prior to January 1, 2011. A copy of the certification for health tests not listed with OFA (e.g., unsubmitted CERF report, preliminary OFA hip clearance) must accompany this form. Acceptable testing for listing is as follows:

HIPS: OFA, PennHIP, BVA, FCI or OVA. Preliminary OFA hip certification is acceptable only for animals less than 30 months of age. Tests should correspond to at least an OFA FAIR score (see comparison chart on BCCA website), PennHIP should have a DI no greater than 0.35 in either hip.

EYES: CERF or a copy of the CERF report not submitted to CERF.

THYROID: OFA thyroid, or a 5 (Free and Total T3 and T4 and TGAA) or a 6 (Free and Total T3 and T4 and T3AA and T4AA) analyte panel.
SR is also in corresponding newsletter section.

Education

03/97-04. Lending Library.

A lending library of films for BCCA public education and judging information will be established for use by affiliate clubs or individuals. The library will be maintained and preserved by the Public Education Committee. A fee schedule will be established by the Public Education Committee and modified as needed for postage and maintenance of the videos. *Moved from Miscellaneous Section.*

01/00-01. BCCA Mentors for Conformation Judges.

The following are criteria for being a BCCA Mentor. Exceptions to these criteria may be reviewed by the Judges Education Committee.

1. Must have been involved in Bearded Collies for 12 years;
2. Must have been a member of the BCCA for 10 years;
3. Must have bred 5 litters;
4. Must have bred 5 champions;
5. Must have attended one BCCA breed seminar.

04/02-04. Judges' Education Committee Funds.

The BCCA shall allocate an annual budget of \$1,000 to the Judges Education Committee.

11/06-01. Comparative Breed Presentation.

Adoption of the OES/Bearded Collie/PON comparison presentation developed by Chantal Andrew and recommended for adoption by Chris Walkowicz, BCCA Education Chair, is approved. *Note: This slide presentation is available for judges' education use; contact the judges' education chair.*

02/10-03. BCCA Herding Mentor Program for AKC Conformation Judges.

The purpose of this program is help AKC conformation judges learn how characteristics of the Bearded Collie as described in the Breed Standard relate to herding work.

Herding Mentor Qualifications. A Bearded Collie Herding Mentor for AKC conformation judges must meet all qualifications listed below. Prospective mentors meeting these requirements are invited to apply to become a mentor (materials available from the herding committee chair). Approval as a Mentor will terminate if, after 4 years, the individual has not trained for, or participated, in herding trials.

1. The individual has personally trained and trialed at least one of their own Bearded Collies through all levels in AKC including the level of the HX on either sheep or cattle in AKC trials.

2. The individual has continued to train and trial their own Bearded Collies at other levels in AKC trials, or in any other recognized herding trial program offered in North America. Rationale: The goal of this qualification is that the mentor has continued to train and trial their Bearded Collie(s), regardless of venue - AKC, AHBA (American Herding Breeds Association), ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America), USBCHA (US Border Collie Handlers Association). Each venue has unique features that broaden one's knowledge base and skills repertoire.
3. The individual has been a member of the BCCA for a minimum of 5 years. Rationale: This time period of membership demonstrates a commitment to the BCCA.
4. The individual prospective Mentor will sign a statement that said individual actually did all the herding training through the Advanced title in AKC.

09/10-02. Herding Instinct Slide Presentation.

The new presentation of the Herding committee is approved. A link to the presentation will be available on the BCCA website.

Expense Reimbursement

01/9103. Approval for Travel Expenses.

All travel expenses must have prior Board approval except in an emergency when they must be approved by the Executive Committee. All committees must have Board approval for any expenses other than for normal committee operation such as postage, printing and any other incidental expenses pertinent to running the committee.

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.)

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.)

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.

Labels

07/96-03. Labels Chair.

The labels chair will provide mailing labels or a copy of the roster on computer diskette (in whatever format is used by the Labels Chair to produce the mailing labels) to any BCCA

member in good standing who requests them for non-commercial purposes. The member requesting the labels will be charged the actual cost of the items requested, unless they are to be used for official club business, in which case there will be no charge. The mailing list and roster will not be used for any commercial purposes without the express consent of the Board.

Legal

11/8904. Legal Committee.

The Legal Liaison shall form a committee consisting of three or more able people. This committee will present regular reports to the Board regarding its activities concerning litigation. (Amended 7/4/92)

October 1, 1994 AGM. Notice of Proposed Legal Settlement.

The complete verbatim copy of any proposed settlement of any lawsuit, together with complete verbatim copies of all supporting and ancillary documents, are to be submitted to the entire membership of the Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc. at least thirty (30) days prior to any final action thereon by the BCCA Board, so as to provide the members with an opportunity to express their opinions.

Miscellaneous

July 8, 1985 ABM. Recording of Annual Meetings.

The Annual Board Meeting and Annual Membership Meeting shall be recorded by any reliable method selected by the Recording Secretary. (Amended 03/11-11.)

11/8705. Fee for Herding Instinct Test.

An application fee will be required from organizations requesting sanctioning for BCCA Herding Instinct Tests for Bearded Collies. No prior approval or application fee will be required for AKC and/or AHBA sanctioned Herding Tests. Fees and other requirements for issuance of Herding Instinct Certificates will be set by the Board and such fee amounts, to cover administrative costs of the committee, and other requirements will be available from the BCCA Herding Chair. (Amended 01/00-02 and 12/01-01)

July 1, 1988. AKC Delegate.

Starting with the term beginning July 1, 1991, the AKC delegate will be selected by the Nominating Committee and run on the slate of officers for a three year term.

9/9404. Amending or Rescinding non-AGM SR.

Any Standing Rule, other than those adopted by the General Membership, may be amended or rescinded by a simple majority vote of a quorum of the Board present and voting with prior notice.

04/97-06. Approval of Care, Breeding, etc. Guidelines.

Prior to being adopted by the club, any amendment or addition to the BCCA Guidelines for the Care, Breeding, Selling and Exhibiting of Bearded Collies approved by the Board must be submitted to the membership for final approval by means of a ballot made available to members either by inclusion in the club's Newsletter or in conjunction with balloting of the membership on other matters.

12/01-02. Fee For Instinct Test.

Effective July 2011, see HIC documents on the herding section of the BCCA website for the fees. The application fee and the certificate fees may be mailed together to the HIC secretary after the test is completed. (Amended 04/11-06.)

10/10-04. Management with Constant Contact Subscription.

The BCCA will purchase a package subscription to ConstantContact on a month-to-month basis at a cost of \$48.71 per month. One component, Email marketing, is for the purpose of emailing the Bagpipes; the second component, Online survey, is for surveying/polling the membership. The third component, MyLibrary, is for 50mb of server space to store and use images, PDF files, clip art, etc. for inclusion in emails.

Motions

03/11-06. Template for Motions to the Board and/or Membership

A standard template for motions 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.)

Nominating Committee

Bylaw Related To Nominations.

Article 4, section 4 states: "Nominations and Ballots. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-laws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before February 1st. The Committee shall consist of three members but not more than one current Board member. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail.

a. The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office, for Delegate who may, but need not be, an officer or Director of the Club and for each other position on the Board of Directors which shall be open for the next official year and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Recording Secretary who shall notify each member of the Club on or before March 15th.

b. Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary and received at his/her regular address on or before April 15th, signed by five (5) percent of the members in good standing and

accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. Except for Delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one position and the additional nominations which are provided herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.”

05/8204. Alternate To Nominating Committee.

The person receiving the fourth highest vote in Nominating Committee voting is to be the alternate member of the three person Nominating Committee.

07/8708. Mailing Newsletter to Members.

The BCCA Newsletter, Bagpipes, shall be sent electronically to all BCCA members with email accounts. Beginning January 1, 2012, members without email accounts may request an abbreviated paper copy which will contain only pertinent club business including the Treasurer’s report, Notices from the Recording Secretary, Board Meeting Minutes and all ballots required by the BCCA Standing Rules. The club business only Bagpipes will be mailed first class as soon as possible after the complete electronic version has been distributed, but in no case after the expiration of the current issue 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, 07/9307, 03/9404, 12/9410, 04/08-07, 01/11-02, 12/11-03) (See 08/9003). [Also in Publications, Newsletter](#)

02/9001. Board Suggestion for Nominating Committee Candidates.

Each Board Member may suggest two people as candidates for the Nominating Committee. The ballot will hold no more than 24 names, and each Board Member may vote for three to serve on the committee.

08/9103. Restrictions for Nominating Committee Candidates.

No person on the Nominating Committee shall be a candidate for any office.

01/02-03. Membership Notice of Important Dates.

In each January edition of the Bagpipes, a listing of all important dates regarding formal notices including, but not limited to Specialty Judges’ Nominations, Bulletin Editor Solicitations, Member of the Year Nominations, National Specialty Dates, **Nominating Committee Nominations**, etc. will be published in order for the membership to be aware of the current year’s business that their input is required. [Also in Publications, Newsletter](#)

Recording Secretary

08/8603. Maintenance of SR and Polices.

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 07/9501 and 03/11-14.)

03/11-15. Board Packets.

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 SR 11/94-08, 06/95-08, 06/95-09, and 09/99-04. These four old SR are now in the “replaced” section of this document)

Treasurer

10/8403. Records Inspection Committee.

Annually, the BCCA Board shall appoint a Records Inspection 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 Records Inspection Committee shall present its report at the Annual Board meeting that year. (Amended 7/4/92, 11/9414, 08/9520, 10/00-01, 01/11-01, and 10/11-01 [this changed name from Review Committee to Records Inspection Committee]).

03/8703. Optional Donation with Dues.

When dues notices go out to the membership, members will be advised that they may use this opportunity to contribute one dollar or more to the Beardie Rescue Program and/or other funds at the discretion of the Treasurer or the Board. (Amended 7/1/91).

03/8902. Service Fee/Charge for Bounced Checks.

The BCCA shall charge a fee of \$15.00 or the service charge, whichever is greater, to the maker of each deposited check as a result of any service charge made by the club’s bank for any reason. (Amended 7/1/91, 7/4/92, 01/9506 and 04/9606).

04/9005. Dues Reminder.

The Treasurer is responsible for e mailing a reminder dues notice 21 days prior to the end of the dues grace period to all members whose dues have not been received. Members who have no e mail on file or whose e mail “bounces back” to the Treasurer will be mailed a postcard reminder. (Amended 10/9302) (Amended 11/09-01). *Also in membership section..*

07/9003. Payment of Legal Liability Insurance.

Payment of the Club’s legal liability insurance by the Treasurer shall be automatic without need of a motion. (Amended 12/9103).

10/9203. Handling of Funds.

All funds, except the Beardie Rescue account and the Specialty Host Fund account(s), will be handled by the BCCA Treasurer. Specialty checking account must be set up and maintained in the name of the BCCA Specialty Account.

02/9305. Reimbursements for Expenses and Vendor Payments

The following shall be the procedures for reimbursed expenses and direct payments to vendors.

A. Without prior Board approval and upon receiving receipt(s) and/or invoice(s), the Treasurer shall be authorized to pay for legal services, the Club's insurance, AKC membership dues, CERF Breed Club member fees, Beardie Bulletin editing, printing, mailing and postage fees, Beardie Rescue transfers, the Recording Secretary's expenses for copies and postage to produce the monthly packets and membership ballots, committee operating expenses (such as postage, printing, and any other incidental expenses required for running the committee), and the Treasurer's expenditures for the annual dues and other routine mailings (e.g., postage for vendor payments, envelopes, labels for member mailings). Intra-club expenses also require a Request for Payment or Reimbursement Form. (Amended 07/93-07, 05/95-07, 04/97-05 and 03/99-03).

B. Prior Executive Committee and/or Board approval is necessary for all other BCCA committee expenses. The following procedures are to be followed:

1. Quotations or project plans with detailed estimated expenses shall be sent to the Recording Secretary for inclusion in the Board packet.
2. The Board may request further information or action if necessary.
3. The Board shall notify the committee or member of its approval or disapproval of the project expenses.

C. For approved committee expenses, the committee chair shall send a Request for Payment or Reimbursement Form with receipts and/or invoices to the BCCA Treasurer to obtain reimbursement or to request the Treasurer to pay vendors directly. Vendors may also submit invoices directly to the Treasurer.

1. The Treasurer shall pay invoices within the limits of the approved project expenses.
2. Any amounts in excess of the approved project expenses shall be reported to the Board promptly for further action.

D. Requests for payment or reimbursement from Officers and Board Members require the approval of the Board of Directors.

1. A Request for Payment or Reimbursement Form supported by a detailed listing and available receipts and invoices shall be sent to the BCCA Treasurer.
2. The Treasurer shall prepare and send a summary of requested reimbursement with his/her recommendations(s) for approval or disapproval to the Recording Secretary.
3. The Recording Secretary shall send each Board Member a copy of the Treasurer's summary and place a separate motion for each expense reimbursement in the next Board packet for Board approval.

06/9303. Foreign Member Payments.

Foreign members shall have the option of making payments to the BCCA drawn on U.S. banks or adding an additional \$5.00. In either case, the payments must be in U.S. funds. *This is also in Membership, Dues*

02/9401. Reporting Delinquent Dues.

The Treasurer shall provide to each Board Meeting for a period of 90 days after the end of the Club year a list of Board Members whose dues are delinquent.

09/9402. Authority to Sign Checks.

In addition to the BCCA Treasurer, the BCCA President is authorized to sign checks drawn on the Club's bank account. The President is to exercise such authority only if the Treasurer is unable to perform such duty as a result of an emergency situation. If the bank requires that the President appear in person when the account is opened and the President is unable to sign in person due to geographical distance or other limitations, the President may ask a BCCA Officer in closer proximity to the bank to be the second signatory on the club's account. (Amended SR 08/11-02).

02/9512. Membership Dues.

In accordance with Article I, Section 3 of the BCCA By-Laws, annual membership dues are established as follows: (Amended 02/11-09.) (Also see 08/95-24). Also in Treasurer Section.

Single Membership \$25.00

Joint Membership \$30.00

08/9507. Role In Specialty Host Fund.

The BCCA Treasurer shall be made an alternate signatory on all Specialty Host Fund accounts.

01/9604. Membership Mailing Label Master.

The Treasurer shall provide ongoing current membership mailing label masters (disk or printout) to the Recording Secretary for balloting purposes and to keep the club records maintained.

09/08-01. Eukanuba Medallions and Ad Funding.

Funds are approved in perpetuity to sponsor medallions for BCCA members who are the winner/top scorer in conformation, obedience, and agility at the Eukanuba National Championship, as well as place a BCCA Club ad in the Eukanuba Commemorative Catalog.

01/10-02. Donation to BCCA Charitable Trust.

\$2500 will be sent each October to the BCCA Charitable Trust.

08/11-01 Motion to rescind SR 01/10-02.

\$2,500.00 will be sent each October to the BCCA Charitable Trust.

Publications

Beardie Bulletin

10/7809. Front Cover.

The Editor of the Beardie Bulletin is authorized to sell the front cover and up to a halfpage cover story on a Beardie if at least one owner is a BCCA member. If the Editor believes that any application is not suitable, it will be referred to the Executive Committee for action. (Amended 07/01/88 and 10/98-09)

12/7904. Advertisement Payment.

Bulletin advertisements are not to be accepted unless accompanied by full payment. Any shortages in payment on individual ads received must be paid in full prior to another advertisement being accepted for publication. Notification of any shortages should be reported by the editor to the advertiser and by report to the Treasurer for collection and follow up. (Amended 7/7/90 and 10/98-09)

02/8006. Advertisement for Cover Reservations.

The Bulletin Editor may advertise for or solicit bids for cover reservations when there are no reservations on hand.

04/86-05. Advertising and Mailing Deadlines

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, 12/08-01, and 04/11-02.)

12/8704. Handling funds; Subscription Rate; Advertising Rates; Editor Bids

The following guidelines for the Beardie Bulletin will be followed: (Amended 07/01/88)

A. All money associated with the Beardie Bulletin will be handled by the BCCA Treasurer. Subscriptions will be sent directly to the Treasurer. Ad money will be sent to the Editor with the ad, and the editor will then forward that money along with a list of each advertiser to the Treasurer within two weeks from the date the Bulletin goes to press. The printer and the editor shall provide a detailed bill listing all charges associated with each issue and a year-to-date summary of all expenses to the Treasurer for payment within thirty (30) days of the completion of their respective jobs as printer and editor. (Amended 10/98-09)

B. Single issues of the Bulletin may be purchased at the rate of \$12.00 + \$3.00 shipping and handling for members; \$15.00 + \$3.00 shipping and handling for non-members. Single issue prices are subject to change by a periodic review of the BCCA Board of the current costs associated with the publication of each issue. (Amended 04/90-02, 12/91-04, 10/98-09 and 04/08-04)

C. Effective Winter 2008-2009 (Volume) Issue, the following advertising rates will be in effect for the Bulletin:

1. Commercial ad rates apply to those businesses that are clearly commercial in nature; advertising nationally produced and distributed products. Non-commercial rates would apply to members who are making and selling specific Beardie items.
2. Black and White ad prices for the Beardie Bulletin are to be as follows:
 - a. Full page (includes up to 3 photos): \$110
 - b. Full Page (camera ready, no photo limit, supplied via CD or e-mail): \$70
 - c. Half Page (1 photo maximum): \$60
 - d. Centerfold (up to 7 photos): \$250
 - e. Cover Prices: Black and White Front Cover (up to 3 photos): \$250
 - f. Back Cover (up to 3 photos): \$150
 - g. Inside Front Cover - \$125
 - h. Inside Back Cover - \$125
3. Color ad prices for the Beardie Bulletin are to be as follows:
 - a. Full Page Page (up to 3 photos, by reservation only): \$185
 - b. Color Spread - \$360
 - c. Centerfold (up to 7 photos): \$450
 - d. Cover Prices: Color
 - d.i. Front Cover (up to 3 photos – includes color): \$475*
 - d.ii. Back Cover (up to 3 photos – includes color): \$325*
 - d.iii. Inside Front Cover - \$225*
 - d.iv. Inside Back Cover - \$225*
 - d.v. *All covers must be sold in color to adhere to this pricing*
4. Commercial Advertising Prices (available to BCCA members only):
 - a. Commercial Advertising Full Page (up to 3 photos, contact editor for additional color charge): \$250
 - b. Commercial Advertising Half Page (maximum 1 photos): \$150
 - c. Reversals: \$20
 - d. Bleeds: No additional charge
 - e. Additional Black and White photo: \$15 each
 - f. Additional Color photo: \$25 each

D. The Bulletin editor is responsible for assigning ads to art directors. If an advertiser wants a specific art director to design their ad, the Bulletin will not be financially responsible for the ad production. The advertiser will need to contact the art director directly. (Amended 1/21/90, 3/14/92, 07/93-02, 08/97-01, 12/98-03, 07/05-01, 04/08-04, October 26, 2008 ABM-01, 10/08-06 and 02/09-05)

E. The subscription rate and the advertising costs shall be reviewed annually by the BCCA Treasurer. Adjustments can be made by the Board of Directors in order to keep the rates in line with the costs of the previous year. (Amended 7/4/92)

F. Bids for the editorship will be solicited each May, or as deemed necessary, by the BCCA Board of Directors. An agreement between the BCCA Board and the Editor of the Bulletin shall be renewed on a yearly basis at the Annual Board meeting. (Amended 7/4/92)

G. The BCCA will provide a free Bulletin subscription to any AKC licensed Beardie judge, if the judge submits a written request to the club. The list of free subscriptions will be purged on an annual basis when the Judges Education Chair sends a mailing to the recipient of each free subscription inquiring as to whether or not they wish to continue receiving the Bulletin. Those who no longer want the subscription, as well as those who fail to respond, will be dropped from the list. The mailing will be sent at the same time as the dues renewal notices. (Amended 08/96-06, 05/97-09 and October 12, 2000 ABM)

04/8804. Front and Back Covers, Members Only.

The BCCA will reserve the Beardie Bulletin front and back covers, inside and out, as well as the centerfold for BCCA members only.

03/9002. Judges' Complimentary Copies Postage.

All complimentary copies of the Beardie Bulletin shall be sent to judges at the third class postage rate.

July 6, 1990 AGM. Postage for Mailing.

The Beardie Bulletin will be mailed out to all members third class, with the option of first class mailing for an annual fee to be determined by the Board.

04/91/03. Mailing.

A bulk mailing company shall be approved by the Board to assist with mailing the Bulletin. (Amended 7/4/92)

06/9203. Judges Receiving Complimentary Copies.

Publish each year in the November Newsletter the names of all licensed judges who receive complimentary copies of the Beardie Bulletin.

07/9206. Contract with Editor.

The Board will have a signed contract with the Editor of the Beardie Bulletin.

01/9401. Regional club, Committee, and Cover free pages.

The BCCA shall provide a one time per year only one-page ad with single photo in the Bulletin and a half page of text only ad in the Newsletter for regional member clubs to advertise their upcoming AKC licensed specialties, AKC licensed herding trials, or AKC licensed agility trials. Herding, Health, Obedience, and Therapy are entitled to 1 page per issue. Agility receives up to 8 pages per year, plus 2 pages for the AKC Agility Trial which is in lieu of a "Regional Specialty" critique.

Front Cover advertiser receives 1/2 copy plus additional photo in the editorial section; Back Cover advertiser receives 1/3 copy plus additional photo in the editorial section.

Clubs are entitled to receive up to 3 free pages for a critique and 1 free page for performance on a regional specialty. Additional Pages need to be purchased. (Amended 11/9409, 10/98-09 and 04/08-05) *Also in Newsletter Section.*

06/9501. Free Advertising.

Free advertising in any Club publication will not be offered as inducements, prizes or trophies except as outlined in the Beardie Bulletin Policies and Guidelines for Cover Reservations for the National Specialty Winner. (Amended 04/00-02)

08/96-06. Free Subscription for AKC Licensed Beardie Judges.

The BCCA will provide a free Bulletin subscription to any AKC licensed Beardie judge, if the judge submits a written request to the club. The list of free subscriptions will be purged on an annual basis when the Judges Education Chair sends a mailing to the recipient of each free subscription inquiring as to whether or not they wish to continue receiving the Bulletin. Those who no longer want the subscription as well as those who fail to respond will be dropped from the list. The mailing will be sent at the same time as the dues renewal notices. (Amended October 12, 2000 ABM)

09/97-05. Subscription Fee.

A \$20 annual member subscription fee for the Bulletin will be instituted effective January 1, 1998. The yearly subscription period will begin with the Fall Issue of the Bulletin normally mailed around November 15 depending on the date of the National Specialty.

The subscription notice will be sent to members as part of their dues notice and will adhere to the same timelines as required for dues. Persons joining the BCCA after January 21st each year, will be given a special subscription rate of \$15 for the remaining three issues; after April 21st, \$10; and after June 21st, \$5. Subscriptions that have not been renewed by the end of the grace period (October 1st) will be terminated beginning with the Fall issue, and those members will not receive that issue. (Amended 03/98-05, 04/00-04 and 04/02-03)

10/98-10. Cover Reservation Policy.

The *Beardie Bulletin* Cover Reservation Policies and Guidelines and Reservation Request form as submitted by the Publications Committee to ensure fair and equitable treatment of any BCCA member requesting a cover position are accepted. (Amended 09/99-11)

08/99-03. Ad Reciprocity with BCC

There shall be a reciprocal agreement whereby the BCCC would receive three (3) ads for advertising their National Specialty – two in the *Bagpipes* and one in the *Bulletin* or three in the *Bagpipes* – and the BCCA and/or affiliated Regional Clubs would receive a total of four ads in the BCCC's *Colleague* to advertise the BCCA National Specialty and/or Regional Specialties. The BCCA would receive one or two ads and the Regional Specialties would use the remaining ads on a first come/first serve basis. The BCCA Publication Committee would work with the BCCC Publications Committee on the allocation of ads. *Also in Newsletter Section.*

September 2, 1999 ABM. Policy Re Cover Reservations.

The *Beardie Bulletin* Policies and Guidelines for Cover Reservations as amended was approved. (Amended 10/99-04 and 04/00-01).

12/99-01. Sale of Left Over Copies.

Left over copies of the *Bulletin* shall be sold as follows: issues from prior club years will be sold at the price of \$4 per copy plus postage per order that is equal to the U.S. Priority Mail rate that is in effect at the time of the order; issues from the current club year will be sold for the full price plus postage.

03/00-03. Advertising Position of Covers for Specialty Issue .

The following preferred advertising positions are designated for the Specialty issue of the *Bulletin*: Front Cover – Best of Breed Winner; Back Cover – Best of Opposite Sex Winner; Inside Front Cover and Inside Back Cover – rotated yearly between Winner's Bitch and Winner's Dog.

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 and 04/11-01.)

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

10/06-01. Payment for Ad Reservations.

Payment is due upon submittal of ad to Editor. (Amended 04/11-03.)

03/11-17. Advertising

The BCCA will not accept ads from non-BCCA members. (Restates 10/09-05.)

Letters To The Editor

04/9003. Letters to The Editor. Size and Approval.

All letters to the Editor shall be kept to a maximum size of onehalf page for the Bulletin and one page for the Newsletter. All letters will be submitted to the Publications Committee for approval prior to their publication, and a response from the BCCA Board, if deemed necessary, to run immediately adjacent to any letter accepted for publication in the same issue. (Amended 12/93-01 and 10/98-09))

July 6, 1992 AGM. Member Letters to Bulletin or Newsletter.

Any individual member can write a letter to the Beardie Bulletin or the BCCA Newsletter and have it appear where they request if space is available after all BCCA official business (including, but not limited to President's Message, Board Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Little Listing, all Committee Reports and all time sensitive notices and/or ads, etc.) and the letter meets the established guidelines of acceptable materials for publication by the Publications Committee and/or BCCA Board. (Amended 10/98-09).

12/9302. Letter Publication.

The publishing in the Bulletin or Newsletter of any correspondence written by one member of the BCCA to another member of the BCCA is prohibited unless such correspondence is specifically authorized for publication by the author of that correspondence.

06/98-01. Confidentiality.

All Letters to the Editor submitted to the Publications Committee and Board for review shall remain confidential. At no time shall those letters be discussed outside the Committee and/or Board until the letter is deemed acceptable for publication.

Membership Roster

08/96-08. Distribution of Guidelines for Care, etc.

The "Guidelines for the Care, Breeding, Selling and Exhibiting of Bearded Collies" and the "Code of Ethics" shall be sent to members as part of the membership roster of the Beardie Bulletin published in each calendar year, either printed therein or included as an enclosure.

Newsletter

07/8708. Mailing to members.

The BCCA Newsletter, Bagpipes, shall be sent electronically to all BCCA members with email accounts. Beginning January 1, 2012, members without email accounts may request an abbreviated paper copy which will contain only pertinent club business including the Treasurer's report, Notices from the Recording Secretary, Board Meeting Minutes and all ballots required by the BCCA Standing Rules. The club business only Bagpipes will be mailed

first class as soon as possible after the complete electronic version has been distributed, but in no case after the expiration of the current issue 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, 07/9307, 03/9404, 12/9410, 04/08-07, 01/11-02, 12/11-03, 01/12-02) (See 08/9003). *Also in Procedures, Nominating Committee**

08/9003. Newsletter After Specialty.

The Newsletter following the National Specialty may be delayed and combined with the following month's newsletter at the discretion of the editor to include the Annual Meeting minutes. (Amended 02/99-01)

11/9006. Publishing Board Candidate Information.

The following statement is to be included in the Editorial Policies guidelines: No political advertising will be accepted. The Nominating Committee will issue a survey to members of all slates, and the results will be published in the Newsletter. (Amended 12/9005).

11/9306. Publication of OFA Data.

To be published in either the Newsletter, the Bulletin and/or in the annual Stud Dog Yearbook shall be all information, including evaluation letters, periodically provided to the BCCA by the OFA with regard to those Beardies that have received OFA breed registry numbers.

01/9401. Regional Club, Committee, and Cover Free Pages

The BCCA shall provide a one time per year only one-page ad with single photo in the Bulletin and a half page of text only ad in the Newsletter for regional member clubs to advertise their upcoming AKC licensed specialties, AKC licensed herding trials, or AKC licensed agility trials. Herding, Health, Obedience, and Therapy are entitled to 1 page per issue. Agility receives up to 8 pages per year, plus 2 pages for the AKC Agility Trial which is in lieu of a "Regional Specialty" critique.

Front Cover advertiser receives 1/2 copy plus additional photo in the editorial section;
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Clubs are entitled to receive up to 3 free pages for a critique and 1 free page for performance on a regional specialty. Additional Pages need to be purchased. (Amended 11/9409, 10/98-09 and 04/08-05)

Also in Bulletin section.

02/9510. CERF Report.

Reports received from CERF listing those Bearded Collies receiving CERF certification shall be published in either the Newsletter, the Bulletin, and/or in the annual Stud Dog Yearbook. (Amended 10/98-09)

02/9516. Classified Ads.

Classified ads are to be included in the Newsletter at a fee to be determined by the Publications Committee. These will not include ads for puppies, adults or studs.

08/96-16. Yearly Listing of Committee Members.

A listing of all committee chairs and committee members with accompanying phone numbers shall be included in the *December* issue of *The Bagpipes*, and continually on the BCCA's official web site. (Amended 10/98-09 and 04/08-08)

10/98-11. Editor Contract.

The Board will have a signed contract with the Editor of the Newsletter.

08/99-03. Ad Reciprocity with BCC

There shall be a reciprocal agreement whereby the BCCC would receive three (3) ads for advertising their National Specialty – two in the *Bagpipes* and one in the *Bulletin* or three in the *Bagpipes* – and the BCCA and/or affiliated Regional Clubs would receive a total of four ads in the BCCC's *Colleague* to advertise the BCCA National Specialty and/or Regional Specialties. The BCCA would receive one or two ads and the Regional Specialties would use the remaining ads on a first come/first serve basis. The BCCA Publication Committee would work with the BCCC Publications Committee on the allocation of ads. *Also in Bulletin Section.*

01/02-02. Judges' Nomination Request to Membership.

In each July and August edition of the *Bagpipes*, a formal notice will be printed reminding the membership that nominations for all Specialty Judges for Sweepstakes, Regular Classes and Futurity are due to the Recording Secretary no later than September 1st of each year for the National Specialty.

01/02-03. Membership Notice of Important Dates.

In each January edition of the *Bagpipes*, a listing of all important dates regarding formal notices including, but not limited to Specialty Judges' Nominations, Bulletin Editor Solicitations, Member of the Year Nominations, National Specialty Dates, Nominating Committee Nominations, etc. will be published in order for the membership to be aware of the current year's business that their input is required. *Also in Procedures, Nominating Committee.*

06/10-01. BCCA Litter Listing/Breeder Referral Program.

This SR combines and amends SR 12/89-06, SR 03/94-07, SR 02/97-02 and SR 04/97-04. (These SR are found in the Replaced Section of this document.)

The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain the listing. Litter listing requests will be

submitted to the Corresponding Secretary on the official BCCA Litter Listing Form (see Appendix III).

Requirements for Litter Listing include:

Age: Bitches must be at least two (2) years old and dogs at least eighteen (18) months old at the time of breeding.

Health Test Requirements. After January 1, 2011 all sires and dams must have proof of eye and thyroid clearance regardless of age. Until then we strongly recommend they have such clearances. Eye and thyroid clearances for dogs age 5 and under must be within the previous 24 months (preferably within previous 12 months); the 24 month requirement does not apply to dogs over age 5. Dogs that are deceased and sire litters are exempt from the eye and thyroid requirements if they died prior to January 1, 2011. A copy of the certification for health tests not listed with OFA (e.g., unsubmitted CERF report, preliminary OFA hip clearance) must accompany this form. Acceptable testing for listing is as follows:

HIPS: OFA, PennHIP, BVA, FCI or OVA. Preliminary OFA hip certification is acceptable only for animals less than 30 months of age. Tests should correspond to at least an OFA FAIR score (see comparison chart on BCCA website), PennHIP should have a DI no greater than 0.35 in either hip.

EYES: CERF or a copy of the CERF report not submitted to CERF.

THYROID: OFA thyroid, or a 5 (Free and Total T3 and T4 and TGAA) or a 6 (Free and Total T3 and T4 and T3AA and T4AA) analyte panel.

SR is also in corresponding secretary section.

12/11-01. Permit Nonprofit Organizations To Publish in the Newsletter.

Nonprofit organizations (501(c)3/501(c)4) dedicated to the welfare of the Bearded Collie are permitted to publish material about their activities and fund-raising efforts in the BCCA electronic publication free of charge. The amount of material that may be submitted at any one time will be subject to any reasonable limitations decided on by the publications committee.

Miscellaneous.

01/98-01. Website Guidelines.

The official Website Guidelines are accepted. .

February 6, 2002. Illustrated Standard.

The Illustrated Standard as submitted by the Illustrated Standard Committee and approved by the Board of Directors is approved by the BCCA Membership.

03/02-04. Illustrated Standard for Judges.

The BCCA will supply approved and provisional Bearded Collie judges with complimentary copies of the Illustrated Standard. Judges and prospective judges who

attend BCCA seminars will receive a copy as part of their registration fee. AKC will also be provided, at no cost, the required number of copies for their library. Other copies of the Illustrated Standard will be made available to BCCA members and Beardie Fanciers for a donation of \$10.00 per copy plus shipping and handling of \$3.00 for U. S. orders, \$5.00 for Canadian orders and \$10.00 for international shipping. If a foreign conformation judge shows proof that he/she has judged Bearded Collies in the United States at an AKC sanctioned conformation show or is approved to do so and requests a copy of the Illustrated Standard, the BCCA will send him/her a copy free of charge. (Amended 05/02-02, 12/07-03 and 03/08-01)

10/04-02. Listing of Future Nationals on Website.

The dates and cities for future Nationals shall be listed on the BCCA website.

SPECIALTY, SUPPORTED ENTRY, SHOWING

Specialty

Awards and Trophies

July 10, 1985. Engraving on Challenge Trophies.

The BCCA will pay for the engraving done on the Challenge Trophies offered each year. The payment shall be made from Specialty Funds and shall be paid only if the winner sends a receipt to the Specialty Treasurer within 30 days after the Specialty.

08/8623. Award of Merit.

Up to fifteen (15) Award of Merit rosettes may be awarded at each National Specialty at the discretion of the judge. The rosettes are to be numbered 1 through 15. The distribution of Award of Merit rosettes in the Best of Breed competition at the National Specialty will be as follows:

- The Award of Merit rosettes are to be awarded in sequential order of the judge's preference.
- Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex do not receive Award of Merit placing.
- The above language must be included in the show catalog under Award of Merit and lines, numbered 1-15, are to be provided for recording the Award of Merit placings.
- Prior to Best of Breed judging, the breed judge and ring steward are to be made aware of this procedure to avoid confusion.
- When marking their judge's books, judges are asked to record Award of Merit placements in numerical order. (Amended July 6, 1990 AGM, July 1, 1991 AGM, 05/99-01 and 02/09-01)

Classes

10/8904. Adult Sweepstakes Classes.

The adult sweepstakes classes at the National Specialty are divided as follows for each sex: 12 to 16 months and 16 to 20 months.

07/9204. Veterans Sweepstakes.

A Veterans Sweepstakes will be offered at the National Specialty shows. (This probably is SR 07/92-04)

02/97-04. Scheduling BOB Dogs and Bitches.

With AKC approval, dogs and bitches will be scheduled at separate times in Best of Breed competition at National Specialty Shows.

10/04-01. Judging of Brood Bitch and Stud Dog.

The Futurity Judge at National Specialties is allowed to preside over Brood Bitch and Stud Dog competition.

Judges

05/8102. Ballots for Judges.

Election ballots for the BCCA Annual Specialty shall contain the address (state or country) of each judge nominated. (Amended 7/4/92).

05/8304. Selection of Conformation Judges.

The following is the procedure for selecting Specialty conformation judges:

1. Nominations may be submitted by any member to the Recording Secretary no later than September 1st. (Amended 04/90-08 and 10/93-03)
2. A ballot with all nominations received and accepted by the nominee(s) will be distributed to the membership no later than November 30th and must be returned to the Treasurer no later than January 15th.
 - a. Individuals may appear on the ballot in only one category (Regular, Sweepstakes, or Futurity classes) for judging at the National Specialty.
 - b. In categories with only three nominees, those nominees will automatically move forward to the final ballot.
 - c. For categories with four nominees, members will vote for one candidate to move forward to the final ballot.
 - d. For categories with five to seven nominees, members will vote for two candidates to move forward to the final ballot.
 - e. For categories with eight or more nominees, members will vote for three candidates to move forward to the final ballot.
3. The top three candidates on this initial ballot or preliminary ballot will be presented as a final ballot to the membership no later than February 15th with the ballots to be returned no later than March 30th. (Amended 11/88, 07/89-09, 7/4/92, 10/93-03, 12/95-08, and 02/04-01)

05/8306. Sweepstakes Judges.

Persons eligible to judge the entire Herding Group in this country or the Group to which Bearded Collies belong in any other country or are eligible to judge the Breed at any AKC shows are ineligible to judge sweepstakes at the National Specialty. All nominees for Sweepstakes should have at least seven (7) years of experience as an exhibitor in conformation and/or as a breeder of Bearded Collies and have a thorough understanding

of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows and Judging as well as the Standard of the Bearded Collie to be eligible for nomination. (Amended 7/6/92 and 03/00-02)

05/8307. Sweepstakes Judge Residency.

Only U.S. and Canadian residents may judge Sweepstakes at the National Specialty. (Amended 7/6/92 and 05/9508)

05/8402. Sweepstakes Judge Restriction.

Any judge officiating at a BCCA Specialty or Sweepstakes shall not be permitted on the ballot again until a twoyear period has elapsed from the time his or her name last appeared on the ballot. (Amended 01/9601)

07/8709. Regular Judges Compensation.

Compensation for judges for the regular classes at each BCCA National Specialty shall include transportation, not to exceed tourist class airfare, lodging and meals, not to exceed the number of days of judging plus one. In addition, the BCCA will pay the customary fees usually charged by the judge selected by the BCCA membership. Transportation to and from the judge's home to the airport and airport parking will not be reimbursed. All receipts for reimbursement must be presented to the Specialty Treasurer. (Amended Sept. 3, 1995 AGM)

07/8710. Sweepstakes Judge(s) Compensation.

A \$300.00 Honorarium, two nights' lodging, two days' meals, plus a banquet ticket to the Awards dinner shall be given to the Sweepstakes Judge(s) at each BCCA National Specialty, commencing with the 2009 National Specialty. (Amended 7/7/90, 01/9101, 3/14/92, October 3, 2001 ABM and 06/09-01)

02/9201. Sweepstakes Judges Background Questions.

All nominated judges for the BCCA Sweepstakes will be sent specific questions outlining their backgrounds to be included in the Newsletter. Questions will include: How many years in AKC activities, how many years in Beardies, number of champion Beardies bred / owned, number of judging assignments (showing knowledge of procedure). (Amended 3/14/92)

07/492. Sweepstakes Judges Consent to Be On Ballot.

Sweeps judges will be sent a letter for permission to place their names on the ballot.

11/9203. Ballot Processing.

Processing of the ballots for the selection of judges for the Specialty shall be handled as described in the ByLaws, Article VII, Section 2. However, the winner(s) shall be determined by plurality rules instead of the manner described in this section.

01/9502. Sweepstakes Judge Candidate Restricted to BCCA Members

Beginning with the 1997 National Specialty, only BCCA members in good standing may be candidates to judge Sweepstakes at BCCA National Specialties.

04/9607. Ballot Distribution in Newsletter.

The ballots for the selection of (conformation) judges for the Specialty shall be included as an insert in the Newsletter. (Amended 08/96-20).

12/96-01. Compensation for Air Travel.

The BCCA shall pay National Specialty Breed Judges' air travel expenses not to exceed the most economical advance purchase or special rate round trip tourist class airfare on a major carrier available for the time frame of the National Specialty. The amount paid shall be for such round trip air travel from a major airport convenient to the judge's home to the major airport nearest to the Specialty location. The air ticket shall be approved and purchased by the Specialty Show Chair after consulting with the BCCA Treasurer.

08/99-01. Specialty Judge Nomination Form.

The revised Specialty Judge Nomination Forms are accepted for Regular Conformation Classes, Sweepstakes, and Futurity Judges. All returned questionnaires will be published in the newsletter prior to any balloting. Because the forms include 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.

The form shall be amended for 2013 and later Specialties to delete the following question:

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 be included in 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.)

The complete text of the amended form is set out below:

The Bearded Collie Club of America Specialty Judge Nomination Form

Please clearly print or type all information. Upon completion of this form, please send it to the current BCCA Recording Secretary. Thank you.

I, hereby accept the above nomination and herewith provide the following information regarding my qualifications and experience:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail Address:

Fax:

Kennel Name:

Number of Years in Dogs: Number of Years in Bearded Collies:

Number of Years involved in AKC activities:

Number of Years as a member of the BCCA:

Number of Bearded Collie litters bred in the past:

Number of Champion Bearded Collies owned and/or bred:

On a scale where 1 represents the most important, and 3 represents the least important, please rank the following in order of importance to you as a judge:

___ Structure ___ Temperament ___ Coat

Please make additional comments about these criteria here:

Have you ever attended a BCCA National Specialty in the past either as an Exhibitor, an Observer, or previous Sweepstakes Judge? If yes, in what role(s)?

If you have judged Sweepstakes at a BCCA National Specialty before, in what year(s) did you judge?

Number of judging assignments in the past:

If elected, I agree not to accept any assignment to judge Bearded Collies at a Bearded Collie specialty show or one with supported entries (in North America) for six months in advance of the National Specialty. I also state that I am a member in good standing with the Bearded Collie Club of America.

Signature of Nominee

Date

03/02-01. Nomination of Herding Judges.

For National Specialty Herding Events, recommendations for Judges for each Herding Test/Trial and/or Instinct Test will be requested by the Specialty Herding Trial Chair from the Membership in the first issue of the Bagpipes published following acceptance and notification of a bid to host the National Specialty (year) beginning with the 2004 National Specialty.

Recommendations will be in writing or by email, must include why that Judge is recommended and the highest herding title earned by the recommender; and must be received by the Chair of the BCCA Herding Committee within 60 days of publication of the request.

The BCCA Herding Committee will discuss and review each recommendation and the Chair will forward a list of recommended Judges, including commentary, to the National Specialty Herding Chair within 75 days of the publication of the recommendation request.

The Judge(s) for each Herding Event will be taken from the list collected and reviewed by the BCCA Herding Committee.

The BCCA Herding Committee will be available to the National Specialty Herding Event Chair for consultation and to assist with technical questions. The National Specialty Herding Chair will keep the BCCA Herding Committee informed of the progress of the Herding Event planning. Should all recommended Judges be unavailable, or in an emergency, the BCCA Herding Committee will assist the local Chair in finding appropriate Judge(s). (Amended 09/10-03)

06/02-01. Compensation for Futurity Judge.

A \$150.00 Honorarium, two nights' lodging, and either breakfast or lunch on the day of judging shall be given to the Futurity Judge at each BCCA Futurity. If the BCCA Futurity is held in conjunction with the National Specialty, a banquet ticket to the Awards dinner shall also be given to the Futurity Judge.

Futurity

01/01-01. Start of Futurity Program.

The BCCA Futurity Program as presented to begin at the 2002 National Specialty is accepted. (Amended 02/01-10, 04/02-05 and 04/02-07)

October 26, 2008 ABM-04. Suspension of Futurity Program.

The Futurity Program is temporarily suspended beginning with the 2011 BCCA National Specialty.

October 2, 2009 ABM. Reinstatement of Futurity Program.

The Futurity Program is reinstated for three years, or until the 2013 National Specialty.

06/02-02. Eligibility for Futurity.

Beginning with the 2003 Futurity, a closing date of August 1st will be used to determine a dog's age at that time for the Futurity class he is eligible to participate in at that year's Futurity and not the actual age of the dog on the day the Futurity judging is held.

General Procedures

11/8905. National Specialty Catalog Listing.

Beginning in 1996, the complete listing of all past BCCA Match and Tournament Winners (Best Puppy, Best Adult and Best in Match) will be published annually in the National Specialty catalog in conjunction with the listing of all the winners of previous National Specialty major award categories (BOB, BOS, BOW, WD and WB, Best in Sweepstakes, Best Opposite in Sweepstakes, Best Junior, HIT-Obedience and HIT-Herding and HIT-Agility). The host club of each National Specialty will provide the BCCA Historian with an official marked catalog recording all the placements of each event immediately following the Specialty. The BCCA Historian will provide the National Specialty Show Chairman

with the previous year's awards list, four months in advance of the current Specialty. The Historian will maintain the list and verify its accuracy, with the owners of each year's winning dogs. (Amended 7/7/90, 3/14/92, 02/96-03, 04/96-05 and 03/97-07).

12/8913. Advance to Host Club.

The Board shall advance the National Specialty Host club \$5,000.00, said amount to be returned to the BCCA treasury following the Specialty. Beginning with the 2011 National Specialty, the Board shall advance the Host Club an additional \$2500 to be used as operating money for the BCCA National which may or may not be returned to the BCCA treasury following the Specialty based on the needs of the Host Club. In no event shall the advance be paid earlier than twelve months before the Specialty being bid. The bidding club shall represent that its committee has reviewed financials for at least two National Specialties, and has prepared a budget for the Specialty being bid. (Amended 3/14/92, 05/9202, 7/4/92, 08/9605. 06/01-02, and 03/10-01).

07/9003(B). Host Club Booth and Profits.

The current Host club will be allowed to have a booth at their Specialty free of charge. Any profits from that booth will be retained by the Host club.

05/9201. Host Club Specialty Profits.

The National Specialty Host club will receive 25 percent of the net profits.

10/9304. Specialty Auction Profit Distribution.

Thirty percent (30%) of the profit from the auction held in conjunction with the National Specialty shall be donated to the Beardie Rescue Fund. All proceeds from the auction are to be figured in the calculations. Donations to the auction cannot be designated for a specific recipient. (Amended 06/01-03)

11/9410. Beardie Boutique Vendor Booth.

The BCCA Beardie Boutique may have a vendor's booth at the National Specialty free of charge.

September 3, 1995 AGM. Scheduling Obedience.

The National Specialty Liaison Committee is directed to add to the Specialty Guidelines for sponsoring clubs that obedience shall not be held concurrently with any other competitive specialty event.

11/98-01. Scheduling Herding.

Herding trials, when offered in conjunction with national specialties, shall be scheduled prior to the opening of the conformation event. Herding tests may be scheduled either before or after the conformation event.

September 28, 2005 ABM-02. Discipline.

Anyone caught allowing their dog to urinate or defecate in the halls of the hotel or in any of public or private areas, including their room or any grounds and not cleaning it up will be fined the sum of \$25, made payable to the BCCA by cash or check. If the same person is reported for a second offense, they will be asked to leave the hotel. The person

will be reported by the person observing them to the Bench Committee, who will deal with the issue.

Planning Specialty

August 16, 1981. Advance Planning.

The Board will plan the BCCA National Specialty at least 3 years in advance, beginning with the Specialty to be held in 2007. The judges selected to judge the Specialty will be requested not to judge Bearded Collies at a Bearded Collie Specialty show or one with supported entries (in North America) for six months in advance of the Specialty. The Board of Directors shall establish a maximum limit for judges' expenses. (Amended July 6, 1990 AGM, January 15, 2004 by mail ballot)

12/8108. National Specialty Bids.

Clubs submitting bids to host the National Specialty will use the forms adopted by the Board.

02/8310. Show Guidelines.

The official Show Guidelines Manual is approved.

07/9003(A). National Specialty Bids from Clubs.

The Board will accept bids to host the National Specialty show from local clubs, with affiliate clubs given the preference. (Amended 01/9106)

Miscellaneous

July 28, 1982. Information to Judges.

The BCCA will send a letter emphasizing serious faults to all new judges. In addition, letters concerning the judging of Beardies will be sent as deemed necessary to all new and current judges. (Amended 8/86 and 06/98-03)

03/97-05. BCCA Banner Custodian.

The BCCA Banner Custodian will be responsible for the up-keep of the banners, shipping and receiving them during specialties and responding to requests for their use from affiliate clubs or individuals. *Moved from Miscellaneous Section.*

02/07-01. Coordinator for AKC Eukanuba Championship BCCA Booth.

On an annual basis a BCCA Board member or member-at-large with experience in coordinating events to oversee and coordinate the BCCA booth for the annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show will be appointed. Duties shall include handling all communication with the AKC/Eukanuba contact person; developing a BCCA ad for the Eukanuba catalog; working with a regional club to set up the BCCA display and to host the booth; and, developing and selecting promotional and educational materials sanctioned by BCCA for distribution at the event.

Supported Shows

05/8403. Supported Show Policy

The following is the BCCA Supported Show Policy:

1. All requests for supported shows should be directed to the BCCA Recording Secretary, who will then submit the request to the Board of Directors for approval.
2. If practical, the BCCA will support the entry at the show which immediately precedes or follows the BCCA National Specialty. (Amended 8/86)
3. For each supported show (as defined in the Show Guidelines), the BCCA will provide a trophy for Best of Breed. For shows where there is an obedience trial, the BCCA will provide a trophy also for Highest Scoring Beardie in the regular obedience classes, qualifying score required.
4. All bids should be forwarded three months prior to the closing date for the premium list of the all-breed show and must include:
 - a. All-breed club's name (henceforth referred to as the "host club" and not to be confused with the "host affiliated Bearded Collie Club), date of the premium list, closing and show date.
 - b. Facilities available for possible luncheon or meeting.
 - c. Host club's policy regarding supported shows, i.e. trophies, cash rebates, rosettes, etc.
 - d. Host club's policy with regard to selection of judges.
 - e. The number of BCCA members and breed fanciers in the area willing to support the show with entries, trophies, and work.
 - f. Show, if any, which precede or follow immediately the proposed supported show

10/03-01. Approval to Regional Affiliate Clubs.

Motion to approve the Executive Board's decision to give blanket approval to AKC for specialty conformation shows and obedience trials to be hosted by regional affiliate clubs who are licensed to hold conformation shows and obedience trials in their own right. Approval will be for a period of five years.

Miscellaneous

Affiliate Clubs

09/9415. List of Officers and Board to BCCA

Annually each affiliated club shall supply a complete list of its officers and board members to the BCCA Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

11/96-01. Use of Breed Banners.

Affiliate clubs or members of the BCCA may use/rent the BCCA Breed banners recently purchased from the BCCCF for use in Beardie displays which promotes our breed or club functions. The banners will be shipped to the clubs by the BCCA and returned (shipping

paid by the requester) in good condition back to the BCCA by the affiliate club/member who requested to use them. Board approval must be granted for each request.

Agility

02/11-08. Authorization to Run All Breed AKC Agility Trials.

Joanne Williamson is authorized 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.

03/11-01. Authorization to Run All Breed Agility Trials.

Jeff Ipser is authorized 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. (Amends and supersedes 07/08-02.)

Club Historian

7/7/90. Specialty Videos

A copy of the BCCA Specialty video is to be sent to the club Historian for safe keeping as a historical document of the BCCA and the Bearded Collie in the US. The host club will provide the National video and winner's photos of BOB, BOS, WD, WB, BOW, RWD, RWB, Stud Dog-1st Place, Brood Bitch-1st Place, Veteran Dog-1st Place, Veteran Bitch-1st Place, Brace-1st Place, Best in Sweeps, BOS in Sweeps, Best Veteran Sweeps, BOS Veteran Sweeps, High Scoring Dog-Obedience, High in Trial-Herding, High Scoring Dog-Agility, and Best Junior Handler. (Combined 02/80-03 and 11/89-09, and amended 7/790, 01/91-06 and 03/97-03)

03/11-05. Financial Support for Historian.

To support the collection of BCCA history by the Club Historian, an annual budget of \$1,000 is authorized. The money will 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.

Charitable Donations/Programs

03/98-08. Donation Guidelines.

The revised BCCA Charitable Donation Guidelines are approved. (October 3, 2001 ABM).

October 26, 2008 ABM-02. BCCA Charitable Trust.

The Bearded Collie Club of America Charitable Trust is established.

Herding

01/00-03. Test Manual.

The Herding Test Manual is approved.

01/00-04. Guidelines.

The Herding Committee Guidelines are approved.

03/05-02. Working Bearded Collie Standard.

The proposed Standard for the Working Bearded Collie is approved.

02/08-05. Revision to Herding Instinct Program.

The BCCA Herding Committee's recommended revisions to the Herding Instinct Program section of the BCCA Herding Test Manual are approved. The new forms and rules are optional from May-December 2008 and mandatory after January 1, 2009. The January, 2009 recommendations of the Herding Committee are incorporated, except that Bearded Collies may be tested for herding instinct starting at six months of age. (Amended 05/09-01, 12/09-01)

Other

09/99-05. Health Committee Guidelines.

The BCCA Health Committee Guidelines are accepted. (Note: No one is able to find these guidelines, June 2011 per outgoing health chair).

01/05-01. Breed Flier for AKC Registration.

Parent Club Breed Fliers shall be purchased for inclusion in every AKC registration.

September 28, 2005 ABM-03. Memorial Fund Plaques.

Contributions for engraved brass plates for the Bearded Collie Memorial Fund are increased from the amount of \$25 to \$30; the number of Memorial plaques shipped to the BCCA National Specialty will be limited to two plaques with all of the plaques only at specific milestones of the club. Professional photos will be taken of the retired plaques and mounted on posterboard to be displayed at the annual BCCA National Specialties. The recent plaques will be stored with the chair of the Memorial Fund and the retired plaques will be stored with the other historical displays assembled by the Club Historian. The pictures of the entirety of the plaques shall be made this year since they are all present at this National Specialty.

October 26, 2008 ABM-03. Credit Card Fees.

The merchant account fee that the BCCA charges its membership is increased from three percent to five percent on credit card purchases.

03/10-02. Sportsmanship Code.

The AKC's 15 point Code of Sportsmanship as it appears on the AKC website is adopted to further define the word "sportsmanship" in the BCCA's Constitution, By Laws, and Standing Rules.

Rescue

03/9511. Donation to Animal Shelter or Pound.

The Rescue Chair may request the BCCA Treasurer to issue a \$50 check and Certificate of Appreciation to an animal shelter or pound which has cooperated in the rescue of a Bearded Collie.

03/06-04. Adoption Donation.

The basic BCCA Rescue adoption donation is increased to \$150.

Replaced SR

12/8906. Litter Listing.

The Corresponding Secretary will establish and maintain the Litter Listing Program as detailed in the "Proposed Litter Listing Program."

03/9407. Litter Listing.

Litter and adult listings are to be published in the Newsletter for a fee of \$20.00 for each three month period. Listing is to include breeder's name, address and phone number. The listing of the number, sex, color, sire and dam is optional. Listings for litters are restricted to two new listings per calendar year for each primary owner. (Amended 01/9509 and 02/9601)

11/9408. AKC Delegate & Board Packet.

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

02/97-02. Breeder Referrals.

Breeder referrals made by the Corresponding Secretary should be in writing if possible. Written referrals must contain a disclaimer stating that the BCCA does not endorse, recommend, or warranty any breeders or dogs who are included in the BCCA Litter Listing. In those cases where a referral is made in person or by telephone, the disclaimer must be stated along with the referral, and it must be followed up with the same information in writing within 5 days. The BCCA Litter Listing published in the Newsletter must also include the disclaimer.

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.

04/97-02. Top Novice, Open, and Excellent Agility Beardie.

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)

04/97-04. Litter Listing – Hip Eval Required.

All litter listings accepted for publication and/or referral by the BCCA shall include an OFA Registration Number or a Canadian Veterinary College Certificate Number (with name of college) for both the sire and dam of the litter. Copies of OFA Preliminary Evaluations of “Excellent,” “Good” or “Fair” must accompany applications for litter listings having sires and/or dams less than 24 months of age unless such sires and dams have a Canadian Veterinary College Certificate Number. If a litter listing includes a foreign sire or dam without OFA or Canadian Veterinary College certification, a copy of the hip scoring certification from the dog’s country of origin is required. This hip evaluation data shall be noted on all published litter listings and provided as a part of all litter referrals. (Amended 05/04-06)

05/99-02. Top Novice A Agility Beardie – The Sunshine Award.

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.

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

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

07/08-02. Perpetual Annual All Breed Agility Trial.

The BCCA will contract with Wild Weavers to hold a perpetual all breed agility trial for the BCCA on an annual basis. (Replaced by SR 02/11-08 and SR 03/11-01).

Retired SR

02/8311. Application Form.

All applicants must apply to the BCCA Membership Chairperson for applications for membership. Only the approved, standard BCCA application will be accepted. Copies of the Constitution and By-laws, Code of Ethics, Guidelines for the Care, Breeding, Selling and Exhibiting of Bearded Collies and Breed Brochure shall be sent to all applicants for membership by the Membership Chairperson. (Amended 07/8909 and 08/96-06)

03/8603. No Sponsor.

The Membership Chairperson will send a list of BCCA members to any person wishing to apply for membership who has no sponsor. The members listed will reside within the same state as the potential applicant or in a nearby locality if no member lives within the state. Such members, when contacted for a sponsorship, must find out enough about the

person to be able to answer the questions on the membership application and to ascertain their suitability for membership.

04/8502. 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, 05/9001, 7/7/90 and 01/9106)

04/8802. 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 page ad. (Amended 10/98-09)

04/8803. Non-BCCA Member Ads.

The BCCA will accept ads from nonBCCA 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.)

09/9001. Rogue's Hollow Tweed Memorial Challenge Trophy.

The BCCA Junior Herding Champion Rogue's Hollow Tweed Memorial Challenge Trophy shall be awarded to the Beardie with the highest score earned on the day of the National Herding Event(s) each year until retired. (Amended 04/99-04 and 09/01-04).

04/9101. Suggestions for Candidates for Committee.

Suggestions for the Nominating Committee shall be solicited from Affiliate clubs.

08/9524. Foreign Member Surcharge.

Overseas members shall be charged a \$10.00 surcharge to cover the postage for publications received upon becoming a new member or renewing membership.

04/97-03. Windcache's A Briery Bess Trophy.

The BCCA (*Obedience*) HIT trophy shall be in the name of CH/OTCH Windcache's A Briery Bess in perpetuity. *This was a challenge trophy that was retired twice. After the second retirement, efforts to fund the trophy were unsuccessful so there was no specialty obedience HIT trophy after 2004. In 2008 a new specialty obedience HIT trophy was created; it is perpetual and thus, not eligible for retirement. If funding were made available again for a specialty HIT obedience challenge trophy, it would be given the same name as in this SR and it could be retired.*

09/9418. Legal Liaison Committee Expenses

The BCCA shall pay expenses for the Legal Liaison Committee to meet with Mr. Pollock, the lawyer representing the BCCA. (Rescinded 04/03-01)

03/00-04. Caption Contest

The winner of each of the Caption Contests in the Bulletin will receive a free one year subscription to the Bulletin as their prize for as long as this feature appears in an issue.

04/02-02. Purina Parent Club Partnership Program

The BCCA will participate in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program beginning in April, 2002 and continuing through 2008. (Amended 006/06-01).

03/02-02. Baxter's Chair Award.

The Baxter's Chair Award as proposed by Joyce Ann Burgett to the Board in December, 2001 is established. **Per an email from Joyce Ann on 2/7/11, there is no longer a Baxter's Chair award due to the mold being destroyed in John Stanbridge's fire several years ago.**

04/08-02. On-line Bagpipes Subscription.

The membership will be offered the option of subscribing to the Bagpipes online beginning July 1, 2008 (when and/or if available).

Appendix I. BCCA Litter Listing Form

(Approved July 2010).

BCCA LITTER LISTING FORM AND CODE OF ETHICS

The Bearded Collie Club of America, in order to protect, preserve, and promote the advancement and proper breeding and exhibiting of the Bearded Collie, as well as ethical practices, does hereby set forth this Code of Ethics.

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- 4* All advertising will be of an honest and forthright nature.
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- 7* Members shall be held responsible for instructions to handlers and groomers as to the proper grooming of the Bearded Collie so as to conform to the official Breed Standard.
- 8* Disciplinary action against any member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed may be taken by the BCCA.

NOTE: Bitches must be at least two (2) years old and dogs at least eighteen (18) months old at the time of breeding.
HEALTH TEST REQUIREMENTS: After January 1, 2011 all sires and dams must have proof of eye and thyroid clearance regardless of age. Until then we strongly recommend they have such clearances. Eye and thyroid clearances for dogs age 5 and under must be within the previous 24 months (preferably within previous 12 months); the 24 month requirement does not apply to dogs over age 5. Dogs that are deceased and sire litters are exempt from the eye and thyroid requirements if they died prior to January 1, 2011. A copy of the certification for health tests not listed with OFA (e.g., unsubmitted CERF report, preliminary OFA hip clearance) must accompany this form. Acceptable testing for listing is as follows:
HIPS: OFA, PennHIP, BVA, FCI or OVA. Preliminary OFA hip certification is acceptable only for animals less than 30 months of age. Tests should correspond to at least an OFA Fair score (see comparison chart on BCCA website). PennHIP should have a DI no greater than 0.35 in either hip.
EYES: CERF, or a copy of the CERF report not submitted to CERF.
THYROID: OFA thyroid, or a 5 (Free and Total T3 and T4 and TGAA) or 6 (Free and Total T3 and T4 and T3AA and T4AA) analyte panel.

Projected Litter Birth Date:	OR Actual Litter Birth Date:						
Sire:	Dam:						
Date of Birth:	Date of Birth:						
Hip Clearance Agency, # and Score:	Hip Clearance Agency, # and Score:						
CERF # or Proof of Clearance:	CERF # or Proof of Clearance:						
Thyroid OFA # or Proof of Clearance:	Thyroid OFA # or Proof of Clearance:						
Optional Clearances (elbow, cardiac, etc.):	Optional Clearances (elbow, cardiac, etc.):						
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Breeder(s):		I certify that I am the breeder of the above listed litter, that I am a BCCA member in good standing, and that I have read and subscribe to the BCCA Code of Ethics printed above. I enclose a check for \$20.00 for a three month listing made payable to the BCCA Litter Listing Program.	
Address:			
City:	State:		Zip Code:
Phone:	Fax:		
E-mail:			
Return form and check to: David Williamson BCCA Corresponding Secretary 1022 St. John Drive Pearland, TX 77584 beardieboys@comcast.net Phone: 281-851-3048	Signature		

BCCA Litter Listing Form

Revised 5/20

Appendix II. Trophy Guidelines

Definitions

Challenge Trophies. Trophies that are listed in the national Specialty premium list and catalog, and are awarded in the ring at the BCCA National Specialty. They are retired after 3 wins by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog, nor at consecutive shows. Challenge trophies are subject to Board approval and must conform to all applicable AKC trophy rules (for conformation found in Ch 5 of Rules and Regulations Applying to dog shows). They can be donated to the BCCA by one or more individuals, or the Board has the option to use club funds to finance challenge trophies.

Perpetual BCCA Trophies. Club trophies that honor a specific achievement within the breed. They are presented at the annual national Specialty banquet. The same trophy is awarded each year to the current winner. In certain cases the actual trophy is retained by the club. Perpetual trophies can be retired only by a majority vote of the Board. They are not listed in the Specialty premium list or catalog and, are not awarded in the ring. Since they are not presented in the ring, perpetual trophies do not have to conform to AKC rules. They are subject to Board approval and must conform to any and all rules that the BCCA Board may choose to establish.

Specialty Trophies and Prizes. Trophies and prizes that are offered for specific placements at the BCCA National Specialty. They are awarded in the ring and must conform to AKC rules. Arrangements are handled by the Specialty Trophy Committee. Board approval is not required.

Non-Perpetual BCCA trophies, plaques, and awards. From time to time the Board may choose to recognize a specific achievement either by a member or a dog. These awards would be presented at the annual banquet. The details will be determined by the Board on a case by case basis.

Trophy Rules

Existing BCCA Trophies. BCCA trophies that were in existence prior to the acceptance of these rules are considered to be “grandfathered”, and are not subject to them.

Board Approval. All trophies offered by the BCCA are subject to Board approval, and must conform to any and all conditions established by the Board.

Eligibility to Donate. With Board approval, any individual or group is eligible to donate a trophy, with preference being given to BCCA members.

Trophy Donation Procedure. In order to donate a trophy, a formal written request must be made to the Board. It must include a statement as to what the trophy will be awarded for, how the winner will be determined, an accurate description of the proposed trophy, its exact name, the terms of possession, and any other pertinent details.

Multiple Trophies for a Single Award. Multiple trophies for a single award are permissible.
Trophy Names and Engraving. The following rules apply:

1. Challenge trophies must adhere to all applicable AKC trophy naming (Ch 5 of Rules Pertaining to Dog Shows) and engraving rules. (Engraving rules are for trophies that are in memory of a deceased individual or dog or in honor of an individual who is living but no longer active with dogs).
2. Perpetual club trophies are exempt from AKC requirements, but the details of naming and engraving are subject to Board approval. The Board will decide on the questions of naming after a person, dog, or kennel on an individual basis.
 - a. In those cases where a trophy is to be named after a dog, the dog must be a Bearded Collie.
 - b. In those cases where a trophy is to be named after a person, that person must have some connection to Bearded Collies.
 - c. In those cases where a trophy is to be named after a kennel, that kennel must be a Bearded Collie kennel. However, if that kennel was (is) involved in additional breed(s), it would still be eligible.
3. Specialty trophies must adhere to all applicable AKC rules if they are to be awarded in the ring.
4. The details of non-perpetual BCCA trophies and awards are subject to Board approval on an individual basis.

Retirement and Replacement of Re-donation of Challenge Trophies. As provided by AKC trophy regulations, challenge trophies are retired when they have been won 3 times by the same dog owner. The person retiring a challenge trophy shall have the first option to donate a new one for the same award, or to donate the original challenge trophy back to the BCCA. This option expires after a 6-month period. The original contributors of the retired trophy will then have the second option to donate a new one. In those cases where trophies are redonated, it should be done in such a way that there is no question as which winners have legs towards retiring the redonated trophy. It also must have engraving stating the year it was retired and by whom. This information must be published in the National Specialty premium list and catalog.

Possession of Trophies. Challenge trophies are designated for 11-month possession by the winner. Perpetual trophies are designated for either 11-month possession, or they are to be retained by the BCCA. In those cases where possession is offered to the winner, possession of perpetual trophies is limited to current BCCA members. If a perpetual trophy is won by a non-member, it shall be retained by the BCCA until the next National Specialty. The donor of a perpetual trophy will suggest the terms of trophy possession in the trophy proposal. Final decision is up to the Board.



**BEARDED COLLIE CLUB
OF AMERICA INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership in the Bearded Collie Club of America (BCCA) is open to individuals 18 years of age or older. The application process takes approximately three (3) months from the time we receive the completed application until the time an applicant is accepted into membership.

To ensure that your application is processed without delay, please (i) complete the form in full **(do not leave questions blank)**; (ii) have a BCCA member in good standing complete the sponsorship section; (iii) sign and date the application; (iv) read and sign the Code of Ethics (signature of all applicants is required); (v) enclose the appropriate dues; and (vi) forward it to the Corresponding Secretary for processing. Please contact the BCCA Corresponding Secretary if you need help in locating BCCA members in your area to act as your sponsors.

Upon receipt, the Corresponding Secretary will submit the application to the BCCA Board for review and to *The Bagpipes*, the official newsletter of the BCCA, for publication and membership review. If no objections to the pending applicant(s) are received, a motion to accept the membership application will be voted on at the next Board meeting. Upon approval, the candidate will be contacted by the Corresponding Secretary and welcomed as an official member of the BCCA.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

(Please print or type)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Occupation _____
Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Occupation _____
Home Address: _____ Phone (home): _____
_____ Phone (fax): _____
Kennel Name (if applicable): _____ E-mail: _____

Check where applicable: Dog Owner Exhibitor Breeder Website: _____

How long have you been involved with Bearded Collies? _____ Number of Bearded Collies currently owned or co-owned: _____

Number of other breeds: _____ Name of other breeds you currently own: _____

How long have dogs of any kind been part of your life? _____ In what way? _____

Please indicate your reasons for requesting membership in the Bearded Collie Club of America: _____

What do you expect membership in the Bearded Collie Club of America to offer you? _____

I would be interested in serving the BCCA in some voluntary capacity: Yes No My strengths and/or interests are in the following areas (dog-related or other): _____

Are you currently a member of a regional Beardie club? Yes No Are you a current member of any other dog clubs?
 Yes No Name of clubs and any office and/or positions held: _____

Are you engaged in any commercial enterprise connected with dogs? Yes No If so, are puppies or adult dogs sold in connection with this activity? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been suspended by the American Kennel Club? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from a breed club? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

BEARDED COLLIES OWNED OR CO-OWNED

Registered Name	Registration Number	Call Name	Sex (M/F)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	Color

If more than six Beardies, please provide above information for each dog on a separate sheet.

ACTIVITIES

Do you exhibit or work your Bearded Collie in any of the following?

Conformation Yes No Agility Yes No Herding Yes No Obedience Yes No

Rally Yes No Therapy Yes No Tracking Yes No Other _____ Yes No

If not, would you have any interest in or want any information about?

Conformation Yes No Agility Yes No Herding Yes No Obedience Yes No

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BREEDING RECORD

Do you breed Bearded Collies? Yes No If yes, how long have you been breeding? ____ Please attach a record of the Bearded Collie litters you have produced in the past three years showing date of birth, sire, dam and AKC/CKC/Foreign registration number.

If you have not bred a litter, do you have any interest in breeding? Yes No Explain: _____

The undersigned hereby applies for membership in the Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc. (BCCA) and agrees to abide by the rules, regulations, code of ethics, constitution and by-laws of the BCCA. I pledge to do all things possible to advance the best interest of the Bearded Collie breed, to maintain the breed standard, and to foster and maintain among the BCCA members warm friendships and the highest ethical standards of sportsmanship. 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.

I have received the following BCCA documents:

Constitution and By-laws Code of Ethics Breeders' Guidelines Educational Brochure

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT(S): _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

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I HAVE READ THE ABOVE CODE OF ETHICS AS WITNESSED BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW. I UNDERSTAND THAT A BREACH OF THIS CODE MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL FROM THE BCCA.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT(S): _____ Date: _____
 _____ Date: _____

<p>TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP* (Check One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Single - \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Joint - \$30.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Donation to BCCA Rescue: \$ _____ (Donations will be specifically allocated to Rescue)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin subscription, bulk postage mail rate - \$28 <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin subscription, 1st class postage, US/Canada - \$36 <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin subscription, 1st class postage, foreign - \$48</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Illustrated Standard, US - \$13 <input type="checkbox"/> Illustrated Standard, Canadian - \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> Illustrated Standard, Foreign - \$20</p> <p><small>*Membership includes a subscription to the Bagpipes (monthly newsletter) and a discount on the subscription rate for the Bearded Collie Bulletin (quarterly magazine)</small></p>	<p>Please make a check or money order (in U.S. funds only) payable to the BCCA.</p> <p>Send your completed application materials to:</p> <p>Elizabeth Hayes BCCA Corresponding Secretary 450 Welsh Road Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006</p>
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STATEMENT OF SPONSORSHIP

A BCCA member in good standing must endorse each applicant. By submitting and signing this form you are endorsing the acceptance of a candidate for membership in the Bearded Collie Club of America and you hereby certify that you know this candidate well enough to give such endorsement.

Sponsor's Name: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Name of Candidate(s): _____

I have known the candidate for _____ years. I have visited the kennel or home of the applicant: Yes No
 Candidate owns _____ Bearded Collies. Candidate owns other breeds? _____ Please list number and breed(s): _____

It is my understanding that the candidate for membership has purchased a Bearded Collie to participate in the following activities:

Conformation Therapy Agility Herding Obedience/Rally
 Tracking Companion Breeding Other _____

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