

AUGUST 2022 OFFICIAL NOTICES FROM THE RECORDING SECRETARY

BCCA Membership Renewals

Your dues were due August 1st. If your dues is paid after August 1st but on or before August 31st, a \$5 penalty shall be added. If your dues are unpaid after August 31st, membership will be terminated. You must then reapply if you want to continue as a member.

2024 National Specialty Host Club

Bids are now being accepted from local clubs to host the 2024 BCCA National Specialty. Please contact the National Specialty Advisor, Joanne Williamson (balgrae@ix.netcom.com), for a bid packet.

Nominations for Regular and Sweepstakes Judges for the 2024 National Specialty

Please send your nominations for regular and sweepstakes judges for the 2024 National Specialty to the Recording Secretary, Merilynn Bergstresser, mmberg50@gmail.com. Each BCCA member is entitled to nominate one person for regular classes and one for sweepstakes. Deadline for receipt of all nominations is September 1, 2022.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST CONTAIN THE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE PERSON NOMINATED.

A preliminary Ballot with all nominations will be emailed to the membership with the November issue of the Bagpipes and must be returned to the treasurer no later than January 15, 2023. The top three candidates from the preliminary ballot for each position will be presented to the membership in a final ballot with the February issue of the Bagpipes, with the final ballots to be returned to the treasurer no later than March 20, 2023. Nominations of judges from other countries who are eligible to judge championship shows are allowed for regular conformation classes only.

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

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

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

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