

August 2020 OFFICIAL NOTICES FROM THE RECORDING SECRETARY

BCCA Membership Renewals

You received your membership renewal form on or before July 1st. **Your dues were to be paid by August 1st.** If paid after August 1st but on or before August 31st, a \$5 penalty will 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.

2023 National Specialty Host Club

Bids are now being accepted from local clubs to host the 2023 BCCA National Specialty. Please contact National Specialty Advisor Joanne Williamson - balgrae@ix.netcom.com - for a bid packet.

Nominations for Regular and Sweepstakes Judges for the 2022 National Specialty

Please send your nominations for regular and sweepstakes judges for the 2022 National Specialty to the Recording Secretary, Merilynn Bergstresser, 1092 Millwood Ct, Brentwood, TN 37027 or 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, 2020.

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, 2021. 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, 2021. 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.

Annual General Membership Meeting

As the 2020 BCCA National was cancelled, Board President Michelle Ritter is waiting on AKC for direction as to how we may conduct an annual meeting. AKC rules allow parent clubs to hold board meetings by conference call or other electronic means, but does not address membership meetings. Meanwhile topics that members would like placed on the agenda should be emailed to Merilynn Bergstresser, Recording Secretary, so that the agenda can be put together and published in a timely fashion.