

Minutes of the February 21, 2010 BCCA Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Bearded Collie Club of America met by mail on February 21, 2010.

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Alspaugh, Blau, Boyd, Freeman, McDonald, Means, Norteman, Serrine, Szalka, Voss.

Officer's Reports:

Recording Secretary
Notices
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer

Unfinished Business

Results of February Motions

01/10-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2010 Board meeting.
(Freeman)

Yes: Alspaugh, Alexander, Blau, Boyd, Freeman, McDonald, Means, Norteman, Szalka, Voss.

Present: Serrine.

02/10-01 Motion to allow the Carolinas Bearded Collie Club to utilize the BCCA's license to host a Regional specialty on Thursday, November 18, 2010. (Alspaugh)

Discussion: The regional specialty will be held in conjunction with a four-day show circuit in Concord, NC that includes one day of breed specialties and three days of all breed conformation shows (Greater Monroe KC and Fayetteville KC). It also includes four days of agility, obedience, and rally trials.

Yes: Alexander, Alspaugh, Blau, Freeman, McDonald, Means, Norteman, Szalka, Voss.
Present: Serrine.

02/10-02 Motion to create a standing "sunshine" committee, composed of a chair, and additional members if needed, which 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. (Szalka)

*Discussion: Through this program, the BCCA will provide its members with the following services:
Flowers
Cards (electronic or paper)
Memorial Donations
The chair has the option to choose from one of the above.*

The goal of the sunshine committee is to acknowledge those members who constantly contribute to the welfare of the BCCA, Beardies, and the Beardie community. When someone hears of a member's misfortune he or she may contact the Board or the Sunshine Chair. The Board and Chair will discuss (by phone or e mail) what will be sent to whom. This program has a strong "good will" component and is a vehicle for the BCCA to reach out to the membership.

Yes: Alexander, Alspaugh, Blau, Freeman, Mc Donald, Norteman, Szalka, Voss.
No: Means.
Present: Sitrine.

02/10-03 Motion to approve the BCCA Herding Mentor Program for Conformation Judges, as presented by the Judge's Education committee and the BCCA Herding Committee:

BCCA Herding Mentor Program for AKC Conformation Judges.

From the BCCA Herding Committee, December 16, 2009

Elsa Sell, Chair

Note: Rationale have been added to assist the JEC and board in understanding the Herding Committee's selection of mentor qualifications.

Background. The BCCA Herding Committee was asked by Chantal Andrew, JEC Chair, to develop a herding mentor program for AKC conformation judges. The request was made because AKC has added observation of their breeds' performance events as one way to meet education requirements. For Bearded Collies, herding is one such event. AKC plans to file mentor information and to make it available upon request. The AKC judges' division will include in their regular email to judges a request from parent clubs to disperse this type of information.

Herding Mentor Purpose. Mentors will help AKC conformation judges learn how characteristics of the Bearded Collie as described in the Breed Standard relate to herding work.

Bearded Collies were developed to gather and control difficult sheep in the Scottish Highlands. To accomplish this primary purpose, the Beardie needed to be of a moderate size and weight, with a long and flexible ribcage and the ability to generate speed in rugged terrain. The dog also needed a sharp awareness of all environmental characteristics where it was working, thus clear vision and acute hearing.

The Breed Standard was written to describe those working dogs, including "Jock", the first CC winner; "Shaggy" (Shaggy Faith of Wishanger) who came from a working croft, and all of the Bothkennar dogs, "Baillie" and "Jeannie", for example.

Any working Beardie is quite loyal to its owner, thus may be calm or even reserved toward strangers in the ring, yet not shy.

Any excesses tend to interfere with a dog's ability to work for a full day in rugged terrain. Such excesses may include (but are not limited to) overangulation, which interferes with speed on the hills; excessive and particularly a soft-textured coat, which would become tangled in brush; and heavy weight or large size, which would interfere with agility and speed.

While the herding committee recognizes that modern Beardies rarely have the original working conditions available in a non-agrarian society, the fact remains that the breed standard was originally developed for working dogs.

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. **Rationale:** (1) HX title. The time spent and the lessons learned during training and trialing to this level confers the understanding of characteristics (biddability, talent, temperament, and physical) that contribute to a Bearded Collie's partnership and ability to accomplish herding work. That expertise is valuable in guiding individuals in interpretation of the breed standard. While it is true that a person must achieve a HX as one requirement to become an AKC herding judge or, to work toward a herding championship, those were not the paramount reasons for requiring a HX.

Rationale: (2) HX on 4 footed livestock relates to the origins of the breed in herding work which lead to the origin of the Breed Standard. That in turn leads to how conformation judges choose to interpret that Standard. Although ducks are more trouble-free from the perspectives of cost, livestock maintenance, and safety, they do not represent the underlying needs for a working dog as defined by the Breed Standard. An individual who attains a HX on ducks only may lack the understanding of things related to the larger animals such as intrinsic power, agility, and speed needed for management in larger spaces. Mentoring is designed to correlate the Breed Standard with the dog's work, wherever it is (trial or on the farm or ranch) and whatever the terrain.

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.

Yes: Alspaugh, Alexander, Blau, Freeman, McDonald, Means, Szalka, Voss.

No: Norteman

Present: Serrine

Election of New Members:

New Member: Nancy Thompson.

New Business:

Motions proposed for March

02/10-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2010, Board meeting.
(Freeman)

03/10-01 Motion to approve the action of the Executive committee to amend SR 12/89-13 to read as follows:

The Board shall advance the National Specialty Host Club \$5,000, 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 12 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.
(Freeman)

03/10-02 Motion to adopt the AKC's 15 point Code of Sportsmanship as it appears on the AKC website, to further define the word "sportsmanship" in the BCCA's Constitution, By Laws, and Standing Rules. (Freeman)

03/10-03 Motion to purchase electronic agility records from the AKC for an initial annual price of \$280. (Alexander).

Discussion: This purchase would assist the agility committee in keeping track of the over 2,000 Beardies competing in agility each year.

This concludes the business of the Board of Directors of the Bearded Collie Club of America.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Freeman
Recording Secretary