

**MINUTES OF THE BCCA BOARD MEETING**  
**May 21, 2009**

The Bearded Collie Club of America's Board of Directors meeting was held by mail on May 21, 2009.

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Sirrine, Alexander, Alspaugh, Blau, Boyd, Coxwell, Freeman, McDonald, Means, Norteman, Szalka, Taylor

**Officers' Reports**

Recording Secretary's Report  
Notices  
Corresponding Secretary's Report  
Treasurer's Report

**Unfinished Business**

**Results of May Motions**

**04/09-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the April, 2009 meeting. (Taylor)

**Yes:** Alexander, Alspaugh, Blau, Boyd, Coxwell, Freeman, McDonald, Means, Norteman, Szalka, Taylor **Present:** Sirrine

**05/09-01** Motion to amend Standing Rule 02/08-05, to incorporate the January, 2009, recommendations of the Herding Committee. (Freeman)

**Yes:** Alexander, Alspaugh, Blau, Coxwell, Freeman, McDonald, Means, Szalka, Taylor **No:** Norteman **Abstain:** Boyd **Present:** Sirrine

**05/09-02** Motion to establish "The Andrew Award," in memory of AM/CAN/INT CH Diotima Bear Necessity, CD, CGC, TDI, HIC, ROMX, ROMI, VA, 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 Specialty. An engraved plaque, provided by the sponsors, will be presented to the winner as a permanent keepsake of winning this award.

This trophy shall be a perpetual award per the official Trophy Guidelines as approved in SR 12/97-03. It will be the responsibility of the BCCA to engrave, store and deliver The Andrew Award to the National Specialty each year. (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alexander, Alspaugh, Blau, Boyd, Coxwell, Freeman, McDonald, Means, Szalka, Taylor **Abstain:** Norteman **Present:** Sirrine

**05/09-03** Motion to approve Nominating Committee Guidelines as follows:

BCCA Nominating Committee Guidelines

A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before February 1st. The Committee shall consist of three members. Pursuant to SR 05/82-04, the person receiving the fourth highest vote in Nominating Committee voting is to be the alternate member of the Nominating Committee. All must be "members in good standing" and only one may be a current member of the Board. The Board shall name a Chair for the Committee. The appointed Chair should be given a copy of these Guidelines. The Chair should make contact with the other Committee members and outline the proposed sequence of communications which will lead to the selection of a slate of candidates for the BCCA Board of Directors. This first contact should include a copy of these Guidelines.

Upon selection by the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee shall, pursuant to the By-Laws, Article IV, Section 4(a), "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 President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer all have terms of one year. The AKC Delegate has a term of three years. The six Directors are divided into two classes of three which are elected in alternating years for two year terms.

The Recording Secretary will place a notice in The Bagpipes and on the BCCA website requesting that the names of prospective nominees be submitted to members of the Nominating Committee. Regional Clubs should be contacted, soliciting suggested nominees from members. All members of the Nominating Committee are encouraged to suggest qualified nominees. Members of the Committee may communicate with each other in any way which is convenient to them when selecting candidates for the slate.

The Chair should contact current Board members whose terms of service are ending and inquire whether they are interested in being considered again for nomination. Those answering in the affirmative should be considered with all other suggested persons. There is no requirement that incumbents whose terms are ending must be asked to serve another term.

In selecting potential nominees, the following criteria should be stressed:

- A. Time and interest to contribute to the orderly progress of the National Club.

- B. Regional distribution
- C. Length of time the candidate has been a Bearded Collie owner, breeder, and/or exhibitor
- D. Contributions to the sport of dogs
- E. Contributions to the Bearded Collie breed and to Regional and/or National Club
- F. Special contributions which could be made to the National Club by virtue of talent, education, training or professional endeavor

Each potential nominee shall give written assurance of his/her willingness to:

- A. Run for office
- B. Attend meetings (including annual meeting at National Specialty), contribute to mail meetings, participate in conference calls, serve on committees and be an active and contributing member of the Board, if elected

The Committee weighs the merits of all possible nominees and selects those they believe are most qualified. The Nominating Committee's job is completed when the slate of candidates and their acceptances are submitted to the Recording Secretary prior by March 1st. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the Club of the slate of candidates on or before March 15th. (Alspaugh)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Blau, McDonald, Norteman, Szalka **No:** Alexander, Boyd, Coxwell, Freeman, Means, Taylor **Present:** Sirine

### **Election of New Members**

#### **New Members**

Kristen Carlberg, Tracy Corey, Pat Sherwood, Patricia Thomas, and Michelle Wiley

#### **BCCA New Applicants**

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Sponsor: Susan Lybrand

### **New Business**

#### **Motions to be considered in June**

**05/09-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the May, 2009 meeting. (Taylor)

**06/09-01** Motion to amend SR 07/87-10 as follows: 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. (McDonald)

*Discussion: Changing this Standing Rule is the right thing for the BCCA to do. The sweepstake judges travel at their own expense. With the costs of things today, people need a bit more incentive to accept the nomination to judge sweepstakes*

**Motions proposed for July**

**06/09-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the June, 2009 meeting. (Taylor)

This concludes the business of the BCCA Board of Directors meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Taylor  
BCCA Recording Secretary