

## OFFICIAL NOTICES FROM THE RECORDING SECRETARY

### Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Lake of the Woods Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel Southwest in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The time will be announced at a later date. Please make plans to attend. This is every member's opportunity to meet their Board members and for the club to conduct business.

### Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the BCCA will meet Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Marriott Hotel Southwest in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### Notice to All Affiliated Clubs

Please have your club secretary send a listing (name, address and telephone) of your current officers and directors to the Recording Secretary of the BCCA. Mail the information to Carol Freeman, 2922 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, Illinois 61265-3310, or by e-mail at [beardieone@mchsi.com](mailto:beardieone@mchsi.com).

### 2011 and 2012 National Specialty Host Clubs

Bids are now being accepted from local clubs to host the 2011 BCCA National Specialty and the 2012 BCCA National Specialty. Please contact the Recording Secretary, Carol Freeman, 2922 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, Illinois 61265-3310, phone: 309-762-7894, or by e-mail at [beardieone@mchsi.com](mailto:beardieone@mchsi.com). The deadline for receipt of bids is September 1, 2009.

### Nominations for Regular and Sweepstakes Judges For the 2011 National Specialty

Please send your nominations for regular and sweepstakes judges to the Recording Secretary, Carol Freeman, 2922 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, Illinois 61265-3310, phone: 309-762-7894, or by e-mail at [beardieone@mchsi.com](mailto:beardieone@mchsi.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, 2009. Don't wait; do it now!**

A preliminary ballot with all nominations will be mailed to the membership in the November issue of *Bagpipes*, and must be returned to the Treasurer no later than January 15, 2010. The top three candidates from the preliminary ballot for each judging position will be presented to the membership in a final ballot in the February issue of *Bagpipes*, with the ballots to be returned no later than March 30, 2010. Nominations of judges from other countries, such as Great Britain and Canada, and who are eligible to judge championship shows, are allowed for regular conformation classes only.

In the selection of sweepstakes judges, any nominations received for English judges, or persons eligible to judge the entire Herding Group in this country or the Group to which Bearded Collies belong in any other country, or who are eligible to judge the Breed at any AKC shows are ineligible. Only United States and Canadian residents may judge sweepstakes at the National Specialty, Only BCCA members in good standing may be candidates to judge sweepstakes at BCCA National Specialties. 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.