

## MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER, 2006 BCCA BOARD MEETING

The Bearded Collie Club of America's Board of Directors meeting was held by mail on December 21, 2006.

### I. Roll Call

**PRESENT:** Coxwell, Alspaugh, Campbell-Gracie, Mazer, Means, Patzius, Poliak, Serrine, Snook, Taylor **ABSENT:** Steltz

### II Officers' Reports

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

### III Unfinished Business

## Results December Motions Ballot

**11/06-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2006 meeting. (Taylor)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Campbell-Gracie, Mazer, Means, Poliak, Serrine, Taylor  
**Present:** Coxwell **Absent:** Steltz

**12/06-01** Motion to add Jean Richland to the list of approved mentors. (Taylor)

**Yes:** Alspaugh, Campbell-Gracie, Mazer, Means, Poliak, Serrine, Taylor  
**Present:** Coxwell **Absent:** Steltz

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#### **IV New Business**

##### **Motions to Be Considered in January**

**12/06-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2006 meeting.(Taylor)

**01/07-01** Motion to donate \$500 to the Rabies Challenge Fund.(Snook)

*Discussion: Two world-renowned giants of veterinary vaccine research – Dr. W. Jean Dodds of Hemopet and Co-Trustee of The Rabies Challenge Fund and Dr. Ronald Schultz of the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine – have volunteered their time to ensure that critical 5 and 7 year rabies challenge studies are conducted in the United States. The studies are to be financed by The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust, a tax-exemption organization founded by pet vaccine disclosure advocate Kris L. Christine of Main in 2005, and will be performed by Dr. Schultz at the University of Wisconsin. The University has waived its usual 48% overhead fee for these studies. The concurrent challenge studies will determine the duration of immunity conveyed by the canine rabies vaccine, with the goal of extending the state-mandated interval for boosters to 5, and then to 7 years. According to Dr. Dodds, "This is one of the most important projects in veterinary medicine. It will benefit all dogs by providing evidence that protection from rabies vaccination lasts at least 5 years, thereby avoiding unnecessary revaccination with its attendant risk of debilitating adverse reactions." Scientific data indicate that vaccinating dogs against rabies every three years, as most states require, is unnecessary. Studies have shown the duration of protective immunity as measured by serum antibody titers against rabies virus to persist for seven years post-vaccination, and results of a 1992 French challenge study led by Michel Aubert demonstrated dogs were immune to rabies five years after vaccination. Researchers believe the rabies vaccine causes the most and worst adverse reactions in animals and concur that it should not be given more often than is necessary to maintain immunity. Adverse reactions to rabies vaccination can include autoimmune diseases affecting the thyroid, joints, blood, eyes, skin, kidney, liver, bowel and central nervous system; anaphylactic shock; aggression; seizures; epilepsy; and fibrosarcomas at injection sites. Dr. Schultz states that "[s]howing that a vaccine for rabies can provide 5 or preferably 7 years of immunity would have great significance not only in controlling rabies but more importantly in reducing the adverse reactions that can occur in dogs and cats after*

vaccination.” More information on *The Rabies Challenge Fund* and the concurrent 5 and 7 year challenge studies it will finance can be found at the fund’s newly established website designed by volunteer Andrea Brin at: [www.rabieschallengefund.org](http://www.rabieschallengefund.org).

To date, the following breed clubs, along with many pet owners, trainers, breeders, and kennel owners have contributed to *The Rabies Challenge Fund*:

*Akita Club of America, American Shih Tzu Club, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley, Bernese Mountain Club of SE Wisconsin, Capital City Cocker Club, Chesapeake Virginia Dog Fanciers Association and Collie Club of Georgia.*

### **Motions Proposed for February**

**01/07-00** Motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2007 meeting.(Taylor)

**02/07-01** Motion to appoint on an annual basis a BCCA Board member or member-at-large with experience in coordinating events to oversee and coordinate the BCCA booth for the annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show. Duties shall include handling all communication with the AKC/Eukanuba contact person; developing a BCCA ad for the Eukanuba catalog; working with a regional club to set up the BCCA display and to host the booth; and, developing and selecting promotional and educational materials sanctioned by BCCA for distribution at the event.(Sirrine)

**02/07-02** Motion to add Linda Aronson to list of BCCA approved mentors.(Taylor)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Taylor  
BCCA Recording Secretary