

OFFICIAL NOTICES FROM THE RECORDING SECRETARY

Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the BCCA will be held at the Great Smokies Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Asheville, NC on Thursday, October 2, 2003. The room and time will be announced later.

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the BCCA will meet on Sunday, September 28, 2003 at the Great Smokies Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Asheville, NC. The room and time will be announced later.

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 to: Cindy Mendonca, 3809 JoAnn Avenue, Bellevue, NE 68123; email: CinBaiFai@aol.com.

Nominations for Regular, Sweepstakes and Futurity Judges for the 2005 National Specialty

Please send your nominations for regular, sweepstakes and futurity judges for the 2005 National Specialty to the Recording Secretary, Cindy Mendonca, 3809 JoAnn Avenue, Bellevue, NE 68123. Each BCCA member is entitled to nominate one person for regular classes, one for sweepstakes and one for futurity. All nominations should include the address, phone number, and email address (if any) of the nominee and the nominator.

Deadline for receipt of all nominations is September 1, 2003. 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, 2004. 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, 2004.

Nominations of judges from other countries, such as Great Britain and Canada, 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 for persons eligible to judge the entire Herding Group in this country or the Group to which Bearded Collies belong in any other country or are eligible to judge the Breed at any AKC shows are ineligible. Only U.S. 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 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.

To be nominated to judge futurity, an individual must be a current member in good standing with the BCCA for a period of not less than 10 years, have bred a minimum of 3 litters of Bearded Collies and at least 5 of the resulting puppies from these litters bred have obtained their conformation championships.

Any judge officiating at the BCCA National Specialty will not be permitted on the ballot again until a two year time period has elapsed.

Beardie Bulletin Editor Annual Solicitation for Bids

Per Standing Rule 12/87-04E, bids are now being solicited and accepted for the editorship of the *Beardie Bulletin* for 2003-2004. If you are interested, please contact the Recording Secretary for bid specifications. Send your completed bids to the Recording Secretary on or before September 1, 2003; Cindy Mendonca, 3909 JoAnn Ave, Bellevue, NE 68123.

Call for Artists: 2005 BCCA Specialty Logo Bid

The Great Plains Bearded Collie Club is accepting bids from visual artists for the 2005 Bearded Collie Club of America National Specialty logo. To be held in Omaha, Nebraska, October 3-9, 2005 the theme of the BCCA National Specialty is "A Pioneer Spirit". The GPBCC plans to reproduce the logo on catalogs, specialty wear, and awards, as well as on the BCCA website and other communication pieces.

1. Logo Specifications: The logo must feature both a brown and a black bearded collie, a prairie schooner or Conestoga wagon (or portion of), and an accurate depiction of the natural prairie of the 1850's. The bearded collie dogs should not be dressed in clothing, but should evoke a spirit of strength, optimism and loyalty in their natural state. The slogan "A Pioneer Spirit" should also be worked into the logo design. The logo rendering must be in color and measure at least 12"x18". Please submit a reproduction or the original work of art properly packaged and insured.

2. Bid Packet: Include the rendering(s) of the logo; a resume; a statement of conditions for usage by the Great Plains Bearded Collie Club for the 2005 BCCA Specialty; your fee; and a stamped, insured, self-addressed, packet for return. In addition, indicate if you are able to provide the club with electronic versions of the logo for the various reproduction venues.

3. Criteria for Selection

- Unity of the design
- Expressive qualities of the art work
- Accuracy of bearded collie images
- Artist conditions for reproducing the art work
- Artist flexibility and willingness to revise the images, if requested, prior to final award of bid
- Artist fee

Deadline for Submission: January 5, 2004

GPBCC Award of Bid: On or before March 31, 2004

Please submit insured art work and bid proposal to:

Carol Serrine
2005 BCCA Show Chairperson
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