

Minutes of the BCCA Board Meeting
December 21, 2010

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

Roll Call: Present: J. Williamson, Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Medo, Mendonca, Schroeder, Sitrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson.

Officer's Reports

Recording Secretary

Notices

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Unfinished Business

Results of December Motions

12/10-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2010 Board meeting. (Freeman)

Yes: Blau, Freeman, Lott, McDonald, Medo, Mendonca, Schroeder, Sitrine, Szalka, Voss, D. Williamson.

Present: J. Williamson

New Business
Motions for January Vote

01/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2010 Board Meeting. (Freeman)

12/10-01 Motion to support OAK grants on Health research significant to Beardies, in the total amount of \$7500. (See full text, below.) (Szalka).

I propose the BCCA support the following AKC Canine Health Foundation 2011 grants this year, just as we have sponsored others in the past. The minimum contribution for an OAK grant sponsorship is \$2,500. At this level, the club will receive periodic research updates and be listed as a sponsor on the AKC CHF website and in other publications.

Grant # 01415: Development of Anti-IgE Peptide for Treatment of Canine Allergy

Rationale: Allergies are prevalent in our breed and this project has the potential to bring quick relief to dogs suffering from this condition. The equivalent product is currently in use for humans and is proving to be extremely useful.

Suggested amount submitted from DAF \$2500.

Grant # 01421: Genomic Resources for the Control of Canine Pyoderma

Rationale: The number of antibiotic resistant pyoderma is increasing in all breeds. The primary cause of antibiotic resistance is antibiotic use both within medicine and veterinary

medicine. The greater the duration of exposure, the greater the risk of the development of resistance irrespective of the severity of the need for antibiotics. As resistance becomes more common there becomes a greater need for alternative treatments.
Suggested amount submitted from DAF \$2500.

Grant # 01484: Identification and Characterization of a Canine Derived Single Chain Antibody that Binds and Neutralizes Canine VEGF

Rationale: During the last decade, human medicine has witnessed the emergence of a new generation of cancer drugs, which were rationally designed to block pathways crucial to tumor growth. One eloquent example is the inhibitors of angiogenesis (the ingrowth of new blood vessels into the tumor). All tumors need a blood supply to provide rapidly dividing cancerous cells with oxygen and nutrients. The task of generating new vessels is two-fold: it requires an increased production of pro-angiogenic molecules and a decreased production of anti-angiogenic molecules. The chief proangiogenic molecule is a protein called VEGF (for Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor.) The chief anti-angiogenic molecule is a protein called TSP (for ThromboSPondin.) That most tumors go to extraordinary lengths to overproduce VEGF and silence TSP attests to the significance of these molecules.

Hemangiosarcoma is a very aggressive, high-grade soft tissue sarcoma with the most common areas affected being the spleen and heart. A highly malignant cancer which preys on blood vessels, it can spread rapidly, causing tumors almost anywhere in the body. This cancer kills approximately 80% of the dogs that are diagnosed, and is common in our breed.

Suggested amount submitted from DAF \$2500.

Total funding requested: \$7500

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Health Committee,

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Motions Proposed for February

02/11-00 Motion to approve the minutes of the January, 2011 Board meeting. (Freeman)

01/11-01 Motion to amend SR 10/84-03 to read “Review” Committee rather than “Audit” Committee and to delete the words “shall be appointed in May.” As amended the rule will read: “Annually the BCCA Board shall appoint a Review Committee to examine the Treasurer’s books and make a formal

report to the membership. The committee shall consist of one Board member, other than the Treasurer, and two members from the general membership. The Review Committee shall present its report at the Annual Board Meeting that year.” (Schroeder)

Discussion: New York recently passed a ruling that any “audit” of an organization has to be conducted by a Certified Public Accountant. Since what we have been calling an “Audit” Committee is really a “Review” Committee, the wording of this SR needs to be amended. Of course, at any time the Board of Directors has the right to call for an official audit and to hire a CPA to perform it and report back to the Board. The wording: “shall be appointed in May” is not in line with our current practice of performing the review during the Specialty before the Annual Board Meeting.

01/11-02 Motion to amend SR 07/87-08, to delete the requirement that the Bagpipes be sent to all members by first class mail. The amended SR will read: “The BCCA newsletter shall be sent electronically to all BCCA members with e mail accounts, and mailed only to those who do not have e mail, by the 15th of every month with the exception of Newsletters for the months of March and May which shall be sent by the 10th of the month. The March Newsletter shall contain the Nominating Committee’s slate of proposed candidates and the May Newsletter shall contain the resumes of candidates for contested positions. All copy submitted for publication in *Bagpipes* shall be received by the 1st day of the month for publication in that month’s issue. Any material received after that date may be published in the following issue at the discretion of the editor. (Amended 7/7/90, 7/1/91, 07/93-07, 03/94-04, 12/94-10, and 04/08-07.) (See 08/90-03.)

Discussion: With the distribution of Bagpipes on line to most members, the old Standing Rule is outdated. The amendment brings it into line with our actual method of distribution. As we consider the best and most cost effective ways to distribute information to the members, this and other Standing Rules may require further amendment.

This concludes the business of the December 2010 BCCA Board of Directors meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Freeman
Recording Secretary