Bearded Collie Club of America Board Meeting

October 20, 8:30 PM EDT by videoconference

AGENDA

Call to Order Courtnie Eastman

8:40 PM

Roll Call & Quorum Jennifer Waldeck

Present: Kirsten Andreassend, Kristin Barnes, Suzi Beddoe, Carol Bond, Pat Colombo, Samantha Cotton, Courtnie Eastman, Molly McNamara, Don Means, Casey Minner, Jennifer Waldeck

Absent: Anna Gracie

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September board meeting were approved as distributed.

Officer Reports

President's Report/Remarks Courtnie Eastman

Hope October is going well; enjoyed seeing people at the National Specialty and thanked all those involved in putting on the event.

Treasurer's Report Don Means

Courtnie Eastman called a for an Executive Committee (Eastman, Means, Waldeck) vote on September 29 to loan the National Specialty $5000 that will be paid back from incoming receipts related to the National. Pat Colombo made a motion to confirm the EC's vote to loan the Specialty $5000 (Beddoe, second). Motion carried.

Don filed an extension for our 2025 taxes and they will be done soon.

Corresponding Secretary's Report Casey Minner

AKC

- In September, AKC made the following modification to the rules around hosting two shows in one day,
    - Judging schedules must include at least one 45 minute break of the assignment exceeds 5 hours of judging that day
    - One special attraction may still be held but must be aligned to the 2nd show

- Updates for judges' education: Without a completed seminar report certifying the offering was held consistent with AKC guidelines and providing the attendance sheet and workshop forms, credit will not be assigned on an application for additional breeds. Seminars must be documented with the correct forms and meet the minimum requirements:
    - Seminar – Approximately 90 minutes or longer and consistent with the current approved breed standard.
    - Hands-On Workshop – Approximately 60 minutes with a minimum of four dogs/bitches present.
    - Attendee Sign-In Sheet
    - Hands-On Workshop Forms for each attendee who completed this experience

Committee Reports

2026 National Specialty Kristin Barnes

Final report and accounting should be submitted by January. Kristin raised the concern of unused placement ribbons that should be used rather than new ones ordered due to the expense.

Show Safe would like some photos of our juniors event (with parental permission) per Anna Gracie.

Ee had four prospective judges come to the National for mentoring. They gave great feedback on our Illustrated Standard and were very engaged. Three of them were repeat attendees.

There was some valuable discussion at the Specialty about the schedule, and that we should consider some of the points made at the next Board meeting (specifically condensing conformation). It was also mentioned that the seed money amount has not increased in years and that we need to consider doing so. Expenses continue to go up, but the seed money investment by the club has not kept pace.

2027 National Specialty Courtnie Eastman

Website and Facebook page are up and running. There has been a great international response. Logo is ready and things are progressing. Hotel reservations will open Oct. 27.

2028 National Specialty Casey Minner

No report.

Old Business

Membership application to vote on Casey Minner

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Occupation: retired psychologist
Occupation2: retired teacher
Sponsor: Suzi Beddoe
30+ year bouvier owners with their first beardie, from Deb Thomas. Participate in obedience, conformation and herding. Lena is a writer and offers her talents in that capacity as she seeks to learn more about bearded collies
To be invoiced for illustrated standard and bulletin, free first year joint membership - will move to full joint

Courtnie Eastman made a motion to accept Lena and Allan's application (Barnes, second) – Motion carried.

Perpetual trophies update Courtnie Eastman

This item had been tabled for further action/discussion until after the National Specialty. Courtnie spoke to Joanne Williamson and the trophy distribution has not been resolved.

2028 National Specialty judge nominations Jennifer Waldeck

The deadline for nominees to complete the biographical questionnaire has passed. Jennifer will work with Michele to make sure the second ballot is out in November.

Clarifying SR regarding free first year of membership Casey Minner

This item will be reviewed and taken up again in November.

Judge recommendations for AKC National Championship Courtnie Eastman

Courtnie received two names and will forward them to AKC.

Stud Dog Database Kirsten Andreassend

In-depth discussion of this topic was tabled to November. Kirsten and Pat Sherwood are working on this. Courtnie asked that Kirsten provide an overview at the AGM.

AKC Meet the Breed at the Javits Center Courtnie Eastman

Courtnie spoke with Bob Lamm and he reiterated the points that were made at last month's meeting – the Garden State club does not have the resources to support this

event. Too challenging and resource-intensive to participate. If there are members in the NY metro area that want to participate, they should contact Courtnie Eastman.

AKC Canine College Casey Minner
The breed video is moving forward. Casey and the JE committee have reviewed the content and says it is sufficient. AKC Canine College doesn't need anything further from us, but they will come back with a draft of the course and video for our input.

New Business

Annual General Meeting – drawings, agenda items Courtnie Eastman
We will offer three door prizes (dog prize, one-year membership, and one-year Bulletin subscription)

Courtnie Eastman adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM.

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:35 PM. The Board exited Executive Session at 9:47 PM.

The next Board meeting will be November 17, 2026 at 8:30 PM EST via videoconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Waldeck
Recording Secretary

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