

**Bearded Collie Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 21, 2025 at 8:30 PM ET**

1. Call to Order: President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:34 PM.

2. Roll Call: Barnes, Beddoe, Colombo, Eastman, McNamara, Minner, Norteman, Poliak

Absent: Bond, Jamison, Gracie

Auditing: Andreassend, Cotton

3. 2026 National Specialty Update

- All events have been applied for to AKC. Juniors events need to be paid for,
- Ads: Starting May 1, people can buy catalog ads.
- Sponsorships are proceeding apace.
- Agility shirts: the agility fundraiser is still going.
- FastCAT shirts coming June 1
- All contracts are signed for equipment and facilities.
- Contacted someone for chief ring steward.
- Show committee call happening soon.

4. 2027 National Specialty Update

- Hotel contract signed this week.
- ICSB will be at the show. Also working with a show photographer and BaRay (superintendent)
- Great plans for agility.
- Board voted to grant the seed money to 2027. Courtnie will get in touch with Sue.
- The 2027 Specialty judges are:
 - Regular Classes**
Bryony Harcourt-Brown (Orora, UK)
 - Sweepstakes**
Patricia Cahill (Starlight)
- Deadline for nominations for 2027 Herding judges was April 15. Nominations are still welcome. Contact Elsa Sell (tillyrusty7@gmail.com) or Jack Szalka (jszalka@aol.com).

5. 2028 National Specialty

- Looking for volunteers to help with the Specialty – committee chairs and other roles. If you want to help out, contact Casey at moonstonebeardies2@gmail.com or Laura at colombo.laura@gmail.com.
- Contract is signed, deposit not sent yet. Will pay the balance in 2028.

6. Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report documents are included in the emailed Board packet.

7. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

General Notes

- Motion to approve \$500 event sponsorship for affiliate club, GLBCC's annual specialties. The events will be held 7/3/2026 in Monroe, Michigan. This will go to offset the cost of ribbons, which is >\$650. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve \$500 event sponsorship for NCBCF affiliate club herding trial. Events will be held 6/1-2 in Patterson, California. Current expense estimates total over \$3400. Motion passed.
- Important: Education LEAP grants are still available, and not mutually exclusive. An affiliate club may apply for both in the same year, but not for the same event.
- Breeder-Mentors:
 - We need to amend the lists of breeder-mentors and herding mentors (also on the website). Some are no longer active.
 - Question: Do we have records of previous attendees at Specialty ringside mentoring? Courtnie has 2024, and might be able to get 2015. We need to take formal attendance at our Specialty events so we know who attended.
 - Judges' Ed. committee wants to require mentors to do actual mentoring. What do we need to do to add a requirement?
 - Check with mentors to see if anyone is no longer interested in doing it.
 - New Breed Mentor application: Dawn Mieras. Motion to add to breeder-mentors: Passed.
- We have two applications for membership to vote on for April and one new application to review. See under New Business.

8. Old Business

ROMs for Scentwork and Barn Hunt

The wording for Scentwork and Barn Hunt ROMs is included in the Board packet. It was published in the March *Bagpipes*, so it can be voted on this month. Motion to approve: Passed. The wording can now be added to the Standing Rules.

Canine College

Tabled until Anna can present.

9. New Business

Applications to vote on in March 2026:

Elizabeth Clay

5917 Whitewood Ave
Lakewood, CA 90712
Email: o.lizzylizzy.o@gmail.com
Phone: 562 667 7268
Occupation: groomer

Has her first bearded collie puppy, along with her 2 rescue pups. Interested in building connection and community in her new breed. Does rally, scentwork and fast cat. Getting into conformation and willing to help at dog shows or dog sport events
Sponsored by Meaghan Edwards

Sadie Hadel
122 Locust St
Ripon, WI 54971
Email: sadienotinthecity@gmail.com
Phone: 930-896-1142
Occupation: not provided

Has had dogs for 25 years, grandparents bred and raised siberians. Currently has 3 beardies. Looking for opportunity to learn more about the breed and be active in events while connecting with other breeders and owners. Willing to help with fundraising and events. Interested in conformation and FastCAT
Sponsored by Cheryl Poliak

Motions to accept: Passed.

Application to review in April 2026:

Anna Bell
316 Old Bratt Road
Atmore, AL 36502
Email: mutthutt kennels@yahoo.com
Phone: 850-324-8471
Occupation: funeral director/embalmer

Has her first bearded collie - 2 years old. Over 25 years in Conformation. Interested in networking and information on beardies. Hoping to assist with the national and would like info on FastCAT and barn hunt.
Sponsored by Kristin Barnes

Follow up: First year dues for new members

The Board voted in February to offer first-year free dues as a new member incentive, so we can implement that with approved new members. We can add wording to the new member welcome emails about dues being waived until the next renewal period.

Contact Michele about updating the membership application to reflect this.

Follow up: Member of the Year

Nominations were due by March 21. None have been received.

***Bulletin* Editor Bids**

No bids have been received.

Parent Club Registration Report

The report and a copy of the explanatory email are included in the Board packet.

AKC CHF Donor Advised Fund Statement

A screenshot of the statement is included in the Board packet. The partnership program with Purina ended on 12/31/25. CHF will deposit the remaining 2025 funds into the Donor Advised Fund in 2026,

10. For the Good of the Order

Welcome to our auditors, welcome to the Board

Adjournment:The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 19 at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT/5:30 PM PT