

**Bearded Collie Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 8:30 PM ET**

1. Call to Order: 8:37 PM

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

Absent:

Guest: Jennifer Waldeck

3. 2025 National Specialty Update

Jennifer Waldeck shared general updates on the 2025 Specialty.

- MRF will be ready by 9/1.
- Moving right along with room reservations. Will get updated count, but 440 room nights were booked 2 weeks ago. We can trim the max number if we don't meet that. Meals are coming together. BCCCF is funding in the welcome party. There will be ringside lunch on Wednesday and a social dinner Wednesday night.
- The Trust event is Thursday – all set. Light brunch at ringside. Auction dinner is almost set. Also Farewell dinner (taco bar?).
- Grooming and power are mostly sorted out. We can't offer power for RVs, unfortunately.
- Welcome bags are done.
- Treasury is looking good -- can underwrite some of the cost of meals.
- Logowear orders will hopefully pick up, but are going fairly well.
- Hotel is not open to outside hospitality, but there will be coffee and tea at ringside and beverages in the afternoon.
- There will be water stations all over, so you don't have to buy bottled water.

4. Report of the Treasurer

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

Membership renewal: Getting 2-3 renewals every day. On August 25th, Michele will send out a reminder email to those who haven't paid yet.

5. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

General Notes

- Membership update: Karen Norteman's updated email address: saltysheepdog@gmail.com
- LEAP request: Motion to approve GLBCC's request for \$400 reimbursement for expenses incurred for their Specialty. – Didn't pass, but we will discuss with them the affiliate club support program.

Discussion: Do we need to have another conversation about support for the affiliate clubs, more oriented toward specialties and club events? It would have to be equitable across all types of events.

Gathering data on the different events sponsored by each affiliate club. What kind of \$ would we be committing to events? Agility is a big moneymaker. We can look at the data next month. Kristin will gather the data.

- REMINDER: December 2025: DJAA has assigned the Bearded Collie judge's ed session to Wednesday, 12/10 during Royal Canin Week in Orlando. Schedule:
 - 8-9:30 AM: classroom
 - 9:45-10:45 hands-on

Sharon Ipser is the onsite coordinator and presenter. If you are present in Florida and willing to provide time for the 9:45-10:45 hands on session, please reach out to Casey Minner (offsite, materials & logistics), moonstonebeardies2@gmail.com

Need dogs of all ages, coats, and colors – at least 4 dogs total.

One new membership application to review in August 2025: See New Business.

6. Old Business

Follow up: Membership Database

No time for testing MembershipWorks, but will get it done soon.

Follow up: LEAP Liaison

We need a volunteer to be the point of contact for LEAP requests from the affiliate clubs. That volunteer would accept the requests, work with the clubs to present requests to the Board, and make sure that requests comply with LEAP guidelines. Get the LEAP guidelines codified into the Standing Rules, and discuss updates as needed. Casey has been doing this job thus far.

Also recommend we create a liaison between the Board and the affiliate clubs. Pat is willing to take on the job of finding a volunteer who is not a Board member. She will share info from the Board to the secretary or president of each affiliate club.

Follow up: Committee Chairs

Most Committee Chairs have responded that they'd like to continue in their positions. Still outstanding:

- Legislative Liaison (Maria Jozwiak)
- Publications (Sharon Prassa)

Both Gretchen Blackburn and Darleen Ereaux have stepped down from the Therapy Committee. Pat will try to find another volunteer.

The Historian position is also still vacant.

7. New Business

Application to review in August 2025

Nina Brusin

Single Foreign membership

Strandkullantie

Vantaa, Uusimaa 01760 Finland

Email: nina2.brusin@gmail.com

Phone: +358451149686

Occupation: Maritime pilot coordinator

Has had beardies since 1981 and been breeding since 1993 under the Memorylane kennel name.

Currently has 10 beardies, also Akita and PBGV. Also a member of the Bearded Collie Club of Finland. Interested in insights on bearded collies from other parts of the globe. Participates in conformation

Sponsor: Kristen Webb

Charitable Donation for Texas Flood Relief

Follow up on motion: In July, we passed a motion to make a charitable donation to a needy group in central Texas to help with animals affected by the floods. Linda Taylor put Pat in touch with rescue/relief people from that area in TX – sent the same amount as our previous donations.

Embark Report

The latest Embark Health Report is included in this month's Board packet. Debby Furlow comments:

- Embark is available to explain all the info, especially as it pertains to their own dog's test results.
- As a breed club we continue to benefit from exclusive discounts, complimentary tests (these are donated to the National Specialties), the annual breed report and other resources.

Westminster Kennel Club Advertising

2026 is the 150th anniversary of the Westminster Kennel Club show. They are offering breed clubs catalog ads at \$25.00 each for camera-ready content.

Motion to approve: Passed. Full-fledged camera-ready ad. Casey, Courtnie, and Anna will work on getting that done. Will ask Sue for the money. Deadline is November 16.

ShowSafe Club Membership

ShowSafe Club membership: <https://www.show-safe.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/FINAL-Club-Membership-Info-Sheet-2.pdf>

ShowSafe provides support to Junior handlers, sponsors clinics, and so on.

Our Juniors chair collects conformation statistics. Juniors in the other venues can have someone notify the club on their behalf. All of our junior support is written in the By-Laws.

We could be an early adopter/donor member of ShowSafe. Motion to make a donation and participate – Passed. Anna will gather more information and we can decide next month on our level of support.

Annual Meeting Dates

The Annual Board Meeting (ABM) takes place on our regular meeting date of 10/21. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is Sunday 10/19. We'll have door prizes: 2 memberships and an ad for the Bulletin. Pat will ask Michele to do an ad for the meeting in the Bagpipes. Karen will contact Zoom and purchase the Large Meeting add-on for the month of October.

8. For the Good of the Order

AKC's increases in event fees -- \$1 as of 1/26, plus \$1 again in 1/27. Unless clubs raise their entry fees, they'll make less and less money running a show. Pat will invite Bob Lamm (BCCA delegate) to our November meeting after the Specialty and ask him advice about what we can do, as well as what our options are.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 PM.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 15 at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT/5:30 PM PT