

**Bearded Collie Club of America  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, February 17, 2025 at 8:30 PM ET**

**1. Call to Order:** President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

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

**Absent:** none

**3. 2026 National Specialty Update**

Still waiting to hear about FastCAT.

All classes for competitive events are listed. Will submit them to AKC this week.

Found a judge for Juniors/Pee Wees.

Looking for a Judges Hospitality person. Volunteers can contact Kristin at [bratkids4@gmail.com](mailto:bratkids4@gmail.com).

Chairs: Send list of ribbons/rosettes needed for your event to Casey.

Making judges' hotel reservations/ transportation arrangements.

**4. 2027 National Specialty Update**

Courtne presented the bid from NWBCCPS to host the 2027 National Specialty. Location and Dates: Welches, OR on 9/18-24, 2027. This is the same site as we used for 2006.

The Board accepted the bid.

Preliminary 2027 National Specialty conformation judge balloting has concluded. Results will be announced as soon as the paper ballots have been counted and added to the total.

Nominations for the Specialty herding judges are open now that the bid for 2027 has been accepted. Nominations can be sent to Elsa Sell and Jack Szalka.

**5. 2028 National Specialty**

No updates.

**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**

- **NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE:** Motion to approve a new standing rule that offers free first year associate membership for new members who have acquired or will acquire a bearded collie, including puppy, rescue, or rehome regardless of the age of the animal. Free membership applies to the remainder of the fiscal year in which they apply for membership; e.g. if approved in February, dues become payable at the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1st. -- published in *Bagpipes*. The prospective new member still needs to be sponsored by an active member and their application still needs to be voted on by the Board. – Passed.
- Address Change for Jane and Les Mazer: 24903 Moulton Pkwy Apt 234 Laguna Hills, CA 92653
- Address Change for Sandy McDonald: [114 Hemphill Street Stephens City, VA 22655](#)
- Beardie members and clubs around Chicago -- There are several prints being donated by a former Beardie owner's estate which could be used for fundraising. They are available for pick up. If you are interested, please reach out to Casey at [moonstonebeardies2@gmail.com](mailto:moonstonebeardies2@gmail.com). She will put you in touch with the people offering the prints.
- Georgia area Beardies: the Georgia Mountain Highland Games are hosting a Meet the Scottish Breeds and are looking for beardies to join the fun. Information is at the link below. Please get in touch with the organizer, Ana Maria, for more info : <https://gamtnscottishfestival.org>

## 8. Old Business

- **Follow up: Affiliate Club Event Grants**

We last discussed this program in the November meeting. It was published for review and comment in the December *Bagpipes*. Here is the text of the rule:

Each current BCCA Affiliate Club, meeting the requirements of Article IX of the BCCA by-laws, may apply for one stipend of up to \$500 per calendar year for an AKC competitive event to be hosted by the Affiliate Club. AKC Competitive events include conformation, performance, and companion events. The Affiliate Club must submit a request to the corresponding secretary for approval by the BCCA Board. The request must include an explanation of costs that the stipend will be used for. An itemized list may be requested. The request must be submitted prior to the event. The event may be all-breed or limited to Bearded Collies. It may not be used at the same time as the LEAP Grant. – Passed.

## 9. New Business

- **ROMs for Scentwork** – It was brought to our attention that the ROMs for Scentwork and Barn Hunt were omitted from the Standing Rules, which they were supposed to be a part of. We plan to correct this error this next month and revise the Standing Rules. Will share to *Bagpipes* for comments.
- **ROMs for sires/dams of Grand Champions** – discussed this. Looking to members of the Conformation, Awards, Versatility committees to create recommendations for the Board.

## 10. Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:21 PM. Nothing was reported out of this session. The Board exited the session at 10:18 PM and re-entered regular session.

**Nominating Committee:** Kristin presented the slate from the Nominating Committee.

Vote to accept the slate as presented: Passed.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 PM.

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 17 at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT/5:30 PM PT**