

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

1. **Call to Order:** President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:32 PM.
2. **Roll Call:** Barnes, Bond, Colombo, Gracie, Jamison, Means, Minner, Norteman, Poliak
Absent: Beddoe, Edwards
3. **Report of the Treasurer**

The Treasurer's Report documents are included in the emailed Board packet.
Don received only 1 paper ballot for the 2026 Specialty Judges. Forwarded to Karen.

4. **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

General Notes

- AKC has approved requests for Cathy Perry to judge the Bearded Collie Club of Maine's specialty held in June & Cheryl Poliak to judge the Northwest Bearded Collie Club Specialty in July.

AKC Notes

- AKC has created two new club officer roles that it recommends for parent clubs: the Junior Coordinator and the Breeder Education Coordinator. We've discussed these roles in past Board meetings. The finalized descriptions are included in this month's emailed Board packet as an FYI. No motion was needed.

Motion for review

- Motion to donate \$1250 each to the following organizations helping dogs in need in Los Angeles:
 - Pasadena Humane <https://pasadenahumane.org/eaton-canyon-fire-update/>
 - The other LA organization is: The Lange Foundation, <https://langefoundation.org/>
- Motion to make a similar donation to a NC organization. The organization is: <https://www.bwar.org>

Motion for the donation to groups in CA – Passed.

Motion for NC – Passed.

Applicants to vote on in Jan 2025: See New Business.

5. **Old Business**

2026 National Specialty

The 2026 Specialty has its Obedience/Rally judge: Mrs. Nancy D. Simmons of Flower Mound, TX.

2025 National Specialty

Raffle with puzzle is going well. Logowear is coming along. Stitchout looks good. Jennifer is working on the regional.

2024 National Specialty

Don is waiting for the 2024 financial report, which is in the process of being finalized.

2025-6 Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee is composed of the following members:

- Karen Norteman, Chair
- Samantha Cotton
- Jack Szalka

This year, we are nominating a candidate for Treasurer, plus one Director-at-Large. Carol and Kristin agreed to continue on as Board members of the Class of 2027.

2026 Specialty Judges Selection

There were 143 responses to the online preliminary ballot, plus one paper ballot. (Duplicates haven't been weeded out yet.) Balloting ended on 1/15/25.

Standing Rules Housekeeping Follow-Up

- Re-examine the change in the SRs concerning the number of AOMs for the National Specialty (Section 8.1.3). The motion to change was approved. Anna will look into updating and simplifying the rules. We are just simplifying the language, nothing else.

FastCAT Licenses

The 2025 Specialty won't be able to hold FastCAT due to site/logistical concerns. The Bearded Collie Club of Texas had requested 2 more licenses than we had available to give them, so Karen contacted Gretchen to let her know that 2 more were available.

6. New Business

Applicant to vote upon in January 2025:

Gretchen Byerts
Single Full membership
12207 Rocky Lake ct
Houston TX 77070

Email: gbyerts@comcast.net

Phone: (713)628-5959

Occupation: Retired

Does not currently have bearded collies but has had two previously and wants to stay as a member of the club to keep up to date. She loves the breed and is a member of the BCC of Texas. Has been a member of the BCCA, but was late with her renewal and submitted a new application.

Sponsor: Pat McDonald Werner

NOTE: We reviewed Gretchen's application at the September meeting. – Membership Approved.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 18 at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT/5:30 PM PT