

**Bearded Collie Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 20, 2025 at 8:30 PM ET**

1. Call to Order: President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:31 PM.

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

Absent: Beddoe

Guest: Jennifer Waldeck

3. 2025 National Specialty Update

Jennifer reported that the show committee has paid the final bill to the hotel after a great deal of work. The Specialty was the most complex event they've had, and their billing system is old. However, they were very willing to negotiate, fix errors, and make adjustments.

Fundraising definitely helped with expenses this year. Merilynn has prepared a report. The show committee has requested help to pay the rosette/ribbon bill. Motion to request the BCCA to help pay the bill: Passed. Jennifer will work with Sue.

4. 2026 National Specialty Update

Fundraising is about to start. Kristin will find out whether the Specialty can host FastCAT in a couple of weeks. If we have FastCAT at the Specialty, we would need 4 event licenses (2 runs/day).

5. 2027 National Specialty Update

2027 National Specialty judge balloting is in progress. We have 103 unique responses so far, with more coming in (results have not been screened for duplicates yet). Deadline for voting is February 1.

The Specialty bid is coming in February – currently in review with Lisa & Joanne. There are 2 sites under consideration.

6. 2028 National Specialty

Contract hasn't been signed yet with hotel.

7. Report of the Treasurer

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

8. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

General Notes

- **NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE:** Discussed creating a new standing rule that offers free first year membership for new members who have acquired or will acquire a Bearded Collie, including a 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.
 - Considerations -- initial membership could be set to Social with an option to move to Full membership in the first paid membership year
 - Printing in the Bagpipes to invite comment. Please submit comments and questions to Casey, moonstonebeardies2@gmail.com.
- Request from the Bearded Collie Club of Texas to use 6 BCCA event licenses for their trials on April 24-26 in Belton, TX. Pat will work with BCCTX on safety recommendations. Approval: Passed, contingent upon the club taking recommended safety steps.

9. Old Business

Follow up: ShowSafe Club Membership

Recommended that we join at the Champion Membership level. Champion membership gets BCCA recognition in all media and on website (show-safe.org), plus recognition in and early access to their events. Motion to join: passed. Anna will work with Sue to get that set up.

Follow up: “Chip” Versatility Guidelines

We discussed the changes last month. Vote to implement the changes: Passed. Will update the Guidelines on the website.

Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors has elected Kristin Barnes to serve as the chair of the 2026 Nominating Committee. Please contact any of the Committee members with questions, or with nominations for any of the positions. Committee members are:

Kristin Barnes: bratkids4@gmail.com

Debby Furlow: df211@msn.com

Lucy Campbell: briarpatch.beardies@gmail.com

Motion to approve the committee: Passed.

10. New Business

Discuss Sarah Burke’s presentation at the 2025 Specialty about providing for your Beardies in your will. Sarah would like to do a Zoom presentation or some other way of making this subject available to more people – make presentation or video for club meetings. She wants to be a resource to club

members on this issue. Casey can work with Sarah on this. The board agreed to work with Sarah to make her presentation available.

11. For the Good of the Order

Board discussed succession planning for the committees to make sure we have continuity.

12. Executive Session –entered 9:24 PM

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:24 PM and exited at 9:29 PM. Nothing was reported out of the session.

Adjournment: 9:29 PM.

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