

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

1. Call to Order: President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM.

2. Roll Call: Beddoe, Colombo, Edwards, Gracie, Jamison, Means, Minner, Norteman, Poliak

Absent: Barnes, Bond

Auditing: Courtnie Eastman and Molly McNamara

This is the last meeting of fiscal year 2024-5. Heartfelt thanks to Don and Meaghan for their time and hard work!

3. Report of the Treasurer

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

Membership renewals: Don will make the updates in the current database when the renewals start to come in. We will have the new membership solution for next year. Don has already received some paper renewals, so he sent those on to Sue.

Don reviewed the updated budget. We will review the budget again in July with the new line items. Don is available to answer questions.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

General Notes

- LEAP Request: Request from NCBCF for \$500 LEAP reimbursement for hosting a Meet the Breeds event for Beardies at Woofstock. Details:
The NCBCF sponsored a Bearded Collie outreach program at the WOOFSTOCK Cluster June 6-8. The request for expense reimbursement of \$500 would cover expenses for:
 - A Custom Bearded Collie Kissing Booth with live Beardies of multi color/sex/ages.
 - Meet the Breed info handouts covering Beardie Education and Beardie Care.
 - BCCA & AKC activities, NCBCF & BCCA membership info/applications. Contact info will be requested for follow up. A thank you gift for signing up for membership.
 - Dog cookies and Human refreshments.
 - Misc expensesCasey will request line items from Lisa Voss. We will vote to approve next month.
We do want clubs to be aware of the timeline so they can request before an event.
- LEAP Request: NCBCF is hosting a BCCA Herding instinct test. The cost for site and stock is \$500 (plus the tester). NCBCF has hosted similar events in the past, drawing 24 bearded collies for AKC instinct testing in 2020. The event will be held on September 20, 2025 at Keepstone Farms in Berryville, VA. Event open to Beardies only; will open to other breeds only if there aren't enough Beardies. This is a BCCA HIC, not an AKC instinct test.
Motion to approve: Passed.

- NCBC is considering a bid to host the 2028 National Specialty. Locations are still under consideration, but MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center in Kingsport, TN is a front runner, having hosted a number of national specialty shows in recent years (Beagles, Mastiffs, PWDs, Corgis, etc.). Lisa and Joanne have been notified. The facility is putting together a proposal for the 1st or 2nd week in October 2028.

AKC Notes

- No new Beardie judges were approved in June.
- AKC has changed their distribution for event kits: As part of AKC’s ongoing efforts to improve efficiency and better serve our clubs, we are implementing a change to the distribution of event kits. For each sport where event kits were previously sent out prior to an event, the club will now receive a kit mailed once per year. The sport specific event kit will be mailed to clubs that have an event scheduled in the next 12 months or held an event in that sport in the previous 12 months. The Obedience kit will be sent to a club officer according to the following set order, based on availability: Corresponding Secretary, Secretary, then President. If you need forms for events you host, you can order them here: https://www.akc.org/sports/event-kits/?sc_src=email_2115614&sc_lid=128388411&sc_uid=u7EVGi26QW&sc_lid=2373&sc_eh=36f7f2dcce85eb051
- Non-Regular class clarification: The AKC Board of Directors approved a clarification concerning the offering of single-entry non-regular classes which defines that castration or spaying may not be a condition of the class. Italicized text will be inserted into Chapter 3 Section 12 of the [Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#). Note: this does not affect Specialty Altered classes. It just requires that if you have any classes for altered dogs, they happen after BOB with the other non-regular classes. They are not eligible for BOB.
- 1st quarter AKC CHF donor advised fund statement

DONOR ADVISED FUND STATEMENT

1st Quarter 2025 (1/1/2025 – 3/31/2025)

Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc. Donor Advised Fund

1/1/2025 Balance	\$280.19
Contributions	\$0.00
PPCPP Contribution	\$0.00
Investment Earnings/(Losses)	(\$4.54)
Research Support*	\$80.51
3/31/2025 Balance	\$195.14

Two new membership applications to vote on and one new application to review in June 2025: See New Business.

5. Old Business

Follow up: Bulletin subscriptions

Anna will gather data about Bulletin subscriptions. Anna is working with Michele and will report back in July.

AOMs: Standing Rules Follow-Up

- Anna's document was linked in the June Bagpipes email. Motion to accept Anna's changes and incorporate them into the Standing Rules – Passed. Sue can add this info into the 2025 Specialty premium list.

Follow up: Membership Database

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

Specialty Updates

2025 Specialty

- Trophy letters to previous winners have been mailed. We will be following up twice and then opening it up to others on July 21 – snail mail with SASE
- Corporate sponsorship requests are going on next Monday
- Show secretary wants all info by end of July, so it will be ready to go later in August
- Raffle for kitchen items has been slow, but getting close
- Logowear ordering site will be released shortly. We made about \$1000 on the regional logowear
- Meeting with the hotel in July to solidify plans

2027 Specialty

- Courtnie will present updates.
- The NWBCCPS Board reviewed the National Specialty survey results. The 2028 Specialty will have a host hotel and will be held at a fairgrounds in WA state. More details will be available in July. Herding will be at Packleader Farm. Suzi (agility chair) will do agility at the same site as OB and Conformation. The Specialty also has a Treasurer and trophy/ribbon chairs. A formal bid will be ready for August (hopefully).

6. New Business

NCBCC HIC Event

Diane Spinelli requested use of BCCA's herding license "umbrella" for NCBCC's HIC event. Diane is in touch with Elsa to go over the other logistics for the event. See the NCBCC's LEAP request in the Corresponding Secretary's notes. Motion to allow: Passed.

Applicants to vote on in May 2025:

Lisa and David Press -- Passed

Joint Full membership
23 Longwood Dr
Burlington, NJ 08016
Email: metsfann100@yahoo.com
Email2: dar.press@comcast.net
Phone: (609)658-3907
Phone 2: (609)658-7283 (not legible on form)
Occupation: HR
Occupation2: HR

Currently own a polish lowland sheepdog, biewer terrier and bearded collie. They've participated in conformation for 14 years and have had dogs most of their lives. Hoping to get further education on the beardie breed, interested in Conformation and FASTCat

Sponsor: Sarah Burke

Jeffrey & Linda Bracey -- Passed

Joint Full membership
115 Coulter Pine Ln
Columbia SC 29229
Email: metsfann100@yahoo.com
Email2: dar.press@comcast.net
Phone: (803)381-2263
Phone 2: (803) 447-2345
Occupation1: Retired
Occupation2: Seamstress

Currently own one bearded collie, but have owned beardies for 32 years. Would like the opportunity to meet with other beardie owners. Interesting in conformation & planning to breed in future

Sponsor: Sarah Burke

Applications to review in June 2025

Debbie Keegan
Single Full membership
215 Dandelion Ct
Spring Hill, FL, 34606
Email: debbie@beardie.com
Phone: (724)694-8396
Occupation: Retired nuclear inspector

Has 2 beardies now and has had beardies for 34 years, participating in showing, herding, therapy. Author of dog safety coloring books (Amazon), Debbie was previously a BCCA member but recently lapsed and is reapplying for membership. She's a member of the Florida affiliate club and hopes to vend at shows

Sponsor: Pat Colombo

Sunshine Committee Requests

Karen will contact Linn about Sunshine for Audrey Williams if no one has already done so. Also for contacts for Karen Reed and Mary Jo Steger. Request for Sunshine for Patty Halverson for husband Jeff.

Zoom Account

The BCCA will need to purchase its own Zoom account in order to hold meetings. Pat and Karen researched the costs and considered borrowing Don's account if needed.

The Zoom Pro Plan accommodates 1-99 users with no time limit on meetings. It costs \$13.33/month if paid annually. The Business Plan accommodates 1-250 users and costs \$19.99/month. Both of these options can be upgraded to the Large Meeting plan add-on for \$50.00 extra per month; this accommodates up to 1000 users. We can subscribe to the Large Meeting plan for one month per year, and then remove it after the annual meeting.

We will select the Business Plan.

7. For the Good of the Order

Don received \$500 from Beardie Fest, earmarked for Rescue.

Thanks to Don and Meaghan for their time on the Board. Your help and expertise are very much appreciated.