

**Bearded Collie Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 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, Beddoe, Bond, Colombo, Eastman, Gracie, McNamara, Minner, Norteman, Poliak

Absent:

Auditors: Cotton, Means

Guest:

This is the last meeting of fiscal year 2025-6. Heartfelt thanks to Sue, Cheryl, and Karen for their time and hard work! Pat will stay on as Past President for 2026-7.

3. 2026 National Specialty Update

- Menus have been finalized.
- Working with the Trust to find a spot for their event.
- All AKC events now show on the event website.
- Working on premium list with superintendent.
- Grooming space fundraiser almost done.
- Astrid of Astrid's Creations will be creating some special goodies as she did for Michigan in 2023.

New world screwworm was discussed.

4. 2027 National Specialty Update

- Contract signed with super (not BaRay): Dogzibit. They are based in WA state, will be onsite, have all the equipment, do a lot of National Specialties.
- Waiting on logo image.
- Looking for volunteers! We need help with welcome bags, auction, meals, and so on.

5. 2028 National Specialty Update

- Submitted the application for BCCA to become an approved club for hosting AKC ScentWork events, with the hopes of hosting ScentWork trials as part of our 2028 National Specialty show.

6. Report of the Treasurer

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

Don will report on the 2026-7 budget. There is budget for a printed roster for 2027.

7. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

General

- Member Update: Lance P. Rasmussen & Charles W. Andrews, Jr., MD [19435 Shrewsbury Rd., Detroit, MI 48821](#)
- Contacted Purina PCP (Parent Club Program) and asked them to update their contact information for the BCCA to me. Have not heard back. They still send checks to David Williamson.
- NWBCCPS is requesting \$500 event grant for hosting their specialty event in July. Motion to approve grant: Passed.
- Request LEAP requests from affiliate clubs for community outreach – it's part of our non-profit charter

AKC

- AKC sent their corresponding date table through 2029:
https://images.akc.org/pdf/Corres_Date_Table.pdf?sc_src=email_3379196&sc_lid=205910295&sc_uid=u7EVGi26QW&sc_lid=11753&sc_eh=36f7f2dcce85eb051

We have two membership applications to review for June. See under New Business.

8. Old Business

Bid for *Bulletin* Editor

Lillian submitted her bid to edit the *Bulletin* for another year. – Approval vote tabled until July meeting.

AKC Canine College

- Select a new committee next month for the new fiscal year.
- The Board needs to take a good look at what we have for Canine College, bring it to the new Board for approval, and then bring it to the AKC.

Breed Mentors Updates

Motion to update Breed Mentors requirements to add:

- Member in good standing for at least 10 years, renewing annually, with the BCCA, and in good standing with any AKC dog club in which you maintain membership
(*Commentary: consolidates two existing requirements into one and adds the “at least” qualifier for 10 years*)
- Twelve or more years' experience exhibiting in conformation with the AKC (documentation must include dates of exhibiting and dog club memberships and must be included in order to process application)
- Bred and raised five or more Bearded Collie litters on your premises
- Bred five Bearded Collie champions (whether or not owned or handled by the applicant)
- Attended an approved judges' education Bearded Collie seminar sponsored by the BCCA

- **Modified** Special consideration may be given to an applicant with proof of substantial involvement in Bearded Collies and other AKC breeds, **when approved by the Breed Education Committee and approved by the BCCA board**
- **New** Attending a national specialty at least once every three years **(Commentary: this will be tracked and monitored retroactively to 2025 and existing mentors have until December 2027 to meet requirements)**
- **New** Assisting with ringside mentoring or hands-on examination at an approved judges' education institute event or the national specialty, at least once every 3 years **(Commentary: this will be tracked and monitored retroactively to 2025 and existing mentors have until December 2027 to meet requirements)**

These requirements were printed in the June *Bagpipes*. We can vote on them this month. Motion to approve: Passed.

Breed Herding Mentors for Conformation Judges

Karen contacted Elsa and made updates to the list. It is now up to date. Courtneir or a volunteer should talk with Elsa about whether this is still useful.

Follow up: Standing Rules: Specialty Judge Selection Criteria for Non-AKC-Approved Judges

In December 2023/January 2024, we discussed changes to our judge selection process for non-approved judges to judge breed at specialties. We discussed a motion for the changes and brought them up for review, but never published them or voted for them.

(**NOTE:** "Non-approved" is the AKC term for someone who doesn't have an AKC judges' license, so the judges are simply non-AKC-approved.)

Here is the text for those changes:

BCCA guidelines for non-approved individuals to judge breed specialty shows on behalf of the BCCA or local clubs. NOTE: the following does not apply to foreign judges who must be eligible to judge by an AKC recognized agency.

Those requested to judge bearded collies should meet at least 3 of the following requirements in addition to those established by the AKC:

- The requested judge is a BCCA member in good standing
- The requested judge is a BCCA breed mentor (or meets those requirements)
- The requested judge has judged 3 individual bearded collie sweepstakes assignments OR at least 25 individual dogs
- The requested judge has attended BCCA judges education
- Canadian judges count as foreign judges and should be approved by CKC.
- These changes have been published in *Bagpipes*. Motion to accept: Approved.

The latest version of the Specialty regular class judges' contract is also in the Board packet.

The Board and event chairs need to review and approve the application. No input from the previous month. Tabled until July. Casey will rewrite to clarify, and will include information about being qualified to award championship points.

Changes need to go back in *Bagpipes* and then be voted on by the Board.

Follow up: Legal Presentation from the 2025 Specialty

We had discussed possible ways to make Sarah Burke's presentation about providing for your Beardies in your will to the membership. Sarah presented this at the 2025 Specialty. Pat offered to contact Sarah to ask what she'd like to do. – Pat will meet with Sarah and will let the Board know next month.

9. New Business

Application to vote on in June 2026:

Lois Gaspar
756266 Oxford Road 5
Bright, ON NOJ 1BO
Email: windheath@golden.net
Phone: 519-454-4403
Occupation: Retired

Rejoining after a lapse of many years. I would like to support the BCCA and I know many BCCA members. Membership would keep me informed of what is happening in the USA, especially since my girt was born in USA. Actively involved in the BCCC in a variety of positions, most recently: membership, website and publications.

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Motion to approve. – Passed.

Application to review in June 2026:

Jennifer Chachkas & Todd Storchlic
3404 Warden Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19129
Email: jchachkas@hotmail.com
Email2: tstorchlic@gmail.com
Phone: 215-212-5591
Phone2: 215-866-8127
Occupation: Veterinarian
Occupation 2: Professor

Got their first bearded collie 2 years ago and they're interested in connecting with other beardie people and learning more about the breed. Interested in serving on the health committee with special interest in animal care.

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BCCA Zoom Account

The BCCA Zoom account comes up for renewal on July 4. Because Karen is rotating off the Board, we need to plan how to manage the account going forward. These are the choices:

- Create a new bcca.us email and assign it to the Zoom account. Transfer ownership of the Zoom account to that email. Who should own the email account? Michele can create bcca.us emails as needed.
- Assign the Zoom account to a Board member's email. (Not recommended if that Board member already has a Zoom account)

Karen met with our dedicated sales support person at Zoom, Jasmine Seno. Jasmine recommended scenario #1, and says that we can just call her to make the transfer. Karen will ask Michele to create an email for recsec@bcca.us – then contact Jennifer.

2028 Specialty Judge Nominations and Balloting

Online balloting via Google Forms is another new development that needs a new owner when Karen leaves the Board. Karen will discuss with Jennifer.

Follow Up: Top Herding Dog Award Tiebreaker Standing Rules Update Request

Elsa sent a request for the Board to discuss an update to the Herding Champion Top Herding Dog (HCTHD) Award, under the Herding Champion qualifications. She requests that we add a rule to decide how to break a tie for the award. Text is below. New addition is highlighted.

9.4 Herding Awards

9.4.1 **Top Herding Dog Awards** are presented to the bearded collies participating in AKC-licensed events that attain the highest overall average qualifying score (from all three qualifying runs in attaining the title and the top three qualifying runs in the case of the Championship Class) for each course (A, B, C, or D), stock, or level (Started, Intermediate, Advanced), and Championship Class in keeping with any current AKC Regulations.

These awards shall be presented in the year in which the titles are earned.

The three qualifying runs may happen in the title year or prior years. Ties shall be broken by the average of the number of dogs defeated using the first three qualifying runs under at least two different judges to obtain the title. Ties for herding champion shall be broken by the average of the number of dogs defeated in all advanced classes of a trial that were associated with the top three qualifying run scores for HC.

06/99-09, 09/99-07, 04/11-04, 220920, 2606??

The update was published in the June *Bagpipes*, so we can vote on it this month. Motion to accept the change: Passed.

10. For the Good of the Order

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM. The Board entered Executive Session at 9:29 PM and exited at 9:30 PM. Nothing was reported out of the session.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 20 at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT/5:30 PM PT