

**Bearded Collie Club of America  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 8:30 PM ET**

1. **Call to Order:** President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:37 PM.

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

**Guest:** Elsa Sell

**3. BeaCon Report on Bearded Collie Populations**

Elsa Sell will discuss BeaCon's findings on Bearded Collie litter and individual dog registrations. Her report is included in the Board packet.

**4. Report of the Treasurer**

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

Don received one paper ballot for the 2026 Specialty judges.

Question for next month: Should we consider going all-online with our ballots, or is that taking away a voting option for our members? If we do go all-online, how would we help the one person who is still using paper?

**5. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

**General Notes**

- Roster updates:

Marilynn C. Severson & Thomas S. Severson

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- Membership database investigation, options include:
  - Membership Works - integrated with Wordpress for website between \$0 and ~\$700/year (600 members with individual accounts)
  - Spreadsheet - German Spitz club sent an example

Motion to look into MembershipWorks and see if it will meet our needs -- Passed. Use the free version to see if it meets our needs. We can always upgrade to the paid version when we need that functionality. Karen and Casey will experiment with it.

**AKC Notes**

- 2025 Specialty Herding Judge approved
- Previously communicated event fee increase has been deferred

- **For Review:** AKC has suggested all clubs establish a Junior Coordinator Role. This role is different from the Junior Showmanship chair, who keeps the statistics for juniors in the club. We don't have enough juniors showing.

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

## **6. Old Business**

### **2025 National Specialty**

The Herding judge has been approved.

### **2025-6 Board Nominations**

The Nominations Committee has been meeting by email. Here is the nominated slate of Officers and Board members for 2025-6:

President: Pat Colombo  
Vice President: Courtnie Eastman  
Treasurer: Sue Jamison  
Corresponding Secretary: Casey Minner  
Recording Secretary: Karen Norteman

Directors, Class of 2026: Anna Gracie, Suzi Beddoe, Cheryl Poliak

Directors, Class of 2027: Carol Bond, Kristin Barnes, Molly McNamara

Thank you to the Nominations Committee members (Jack Szalka and Samantha Cotton and Karen Norteman, chair) for all their hard work.

### **2026 Specialty Judges Selection**

The final ballot currently has 139 responses (not yet scanned for duplicates). Voting ends on March 30.

### **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). Change was approved. Anna will finish the updates and the Board will vote on the updated SR next month. Then we can put it in Bagpipes.

### **Specialty Survey**

Joanne and Karen have discussed the survey. Karen will format and distribute it. The initial draft of the survey was included in the January Board packet.

## **7. New Business**

### **Applicants to vote on in March 2025:**

Jonathan and Sara Robbins – Approved

Joint Full membership

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Driftwood TX 78619

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Phone: (408)691-7931

Phone 2: (737)931-7487

Occupation: homeschooling mom

Occupation2: Tech sales

Recently got a new bearded puppy. Has owned beardedies previously for about 20 years, competing in agility, rally and obedience. Also has a cardigan welsh corgi & four boys she homeschools. Looking to learn from more experienced beardedie people and stay up to date on what's happening in the breed.

Sponsor: Kathy Pavlich

### **Applications to review in March 2025:**

Janet and Russel Kittel

Joint Full membership

1601 Deer Haven CT

Morristown, CO 80465

Email: kittels1@comcast.net

Email2: same

Phone: (303)968-8983

Phone 2: (303)968-8982

Occupation: Retired

Occupation2: Retired

Have owned bearded collies for 27 years and been longtime members of the BCCA prior to a brief lapse of renewal in 2024. Participate in herding and other canine performance venues as well as philanthropy. Members of the Rocky Mountain BCC. Janet can help in things requiring organization & communication and Russel can help with Finance and business related objectives.

Sponsor: Karen Dietke

Richard and Linda Cartwright

Joint Full membership

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Ellington, CT 06029

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Phone: (860)872-4841

Phone 2: (860)872-4841

Occupation: Retired

Occupation2: Retired

Has had several beardedies and participates in conformation, rally and obedience

Sponsor: Lillian Esposito

### **Using BCCA Resources for Fundraising**

Discuss a new SR concerning the user of BCCA resources for fundraising. Proposed language:

Affiliate clubs and affiliated entities may use BCCA's resources to do fundraising for 1 month prior to their event. BCCA resources include the club FB page, email list, Bagpipes, etc. They can fundraise on their own pages/accounts. This does not include advertising the event, just fundraising. This does not include fundraising for the National Specialty, or events held in conjunction with that show.

Motion passed.

### **BCCA Roster**

Discussion: How often should we print and mail Rosters? We should decide for next year's budget planning.

Suggested we publish every other year, even numbered years as we did in the past. Printing/mailing for the 2025 Roster was under \$1500. The print house handled the mailing for us. We will still have the print version opt-in every other year for membership renewal.

### **8. For the Good of the Order**

Thank you to Lisa Depies for selling the Auer-Bavaria hair clips for rescue for so many years. Lisa has raised thousands of dollars for Rescue through her efforts.

Sunshine request sent to Lin: Cathy Pollari was a long-time BCCA and BCCME member; she died two Thursdays ago in Belfast, ME.

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 15 at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT/5:30 PM PT**