

**Bearded Collie Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 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, Beddoe, Bond, Colombo, Eastman, Gracie, Jamison, McNamara, Norteman, Poliak

Absent: Minner

3. 2026 National Specialty Update

- We're having FastCAT, and we have a chair for that event.
- The trophy sponsor letters went out. Trophy sponsorships are coming in.
- Fundraising is proceeding apace.
- We have begun the process of applying for Specialty events in the AKC portal.
- FastCAT logowear: Will be offered on the MyTeamSports on-demand ordering site. We plan to have a T-shirt, sweatshirts, hoodies, bags, and fanny packs available.

4. 2027 National Specialty Update

- Courtnie toured the Welches site and will share updates. Met with business manager. They are very happy that we're having the show there. They are letting us use the nice, level bocce court for the ring.
- 2027 Conformation judges ballot: Due to close on March 31. We have 86 responses so far.
- The final ballot contains the following nominees:

Regular Classes

Charlotte Laning Vrethammar (Old Smuggler's, Sweden)

Bryony Harcourt-Brown (Orora, UK)

Nina Brusin (Memorylane, Finland)

Sweepstakes

Nicole Conner (Jenuwin)

Patricia Cahill (Starlight)

Maryann Szalka (After Dark)

- Nominations for 2027 Herding judges can be sent to Elsa Sell or Jack Szalka until April 15.

5. Report of the Treasurer

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

6. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

General Notes

- Address change for Kim Rickards: 6228 W Evita Street Eagle, ID 83616
- Address change for Connie Hoffman: 12020 14th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98125, email: connieshoffman07@gmail.com

AKC:

- Approved events for BCCME specialty, 5/30/2026

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

7. Old Business

ROMs for Scentwork and Barn Hunt

The wording for Scentwork and Barn Hunt is included in the Board packet. ROM rules are separate from the other sports rules.

Move to approve proposed language: Passed. Will send to *Bagpipes* for review.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee (Pat, Sue and Karen) met on February 18 to discuss granting 4 FastCAT licenses (2 x 2 days) to the 2026 National Specialty. This leaves only 2 licenses available for 2026, and BCCTX had hoped for 6 more for their fall event. Pat will discuss this with Gretchen. Vote to grant the licenses to the Specialty: Passed.

8. New Business

Officers & Directors for 2026-7

Welcome to the Officers and Board for 2026-7:

Courtne Eastman, President
Molly McNamara, Vice President
Don Means, Treasurer
Casey Minner, Corresponding Secretary
Jennifer Waldeck, Recording Secretary

Class of 2027

Kirsten Andreassend
Carol Bond
Kristin Barnes

Class of 2028

Suzi Beddoe

Samantha Cotton
Anna Gracie

AKC Delegate (2024-2027)

Robert Lamm

Thanks are due to the Nominations Committee (Kristin Barnes, chair, Debby Furlow, and Lucy Campbell) for their hard work.

Move to approve the slate: Passed.

Membership applications to review in March 2026:

Elizabeth Clay

5917 Whitewood Ave

Lakewood, CA 90712

Email: o.lizlylizzy.o@gmail.com

Phone: 562 667 7268

Occupation: groomer

Has her first bearded collie puppy, along with her 2 rescue pups. Interested in building connection and community in her new breed. Does rally, scentwork and fast cat. Getting into conformation and willing to help at dog shows or dog sport events

Sponsored by Meaghan Edwards

Sadie Hadel

122 Locust St

Ripon, WI 54971

Email: sadienotinthecity@gmail.com

Phone: 930-896-1142

Occupation: not provided

Has had dogs for 25 years, grandparents bred and raised siberians. Currently has 3 beardies. Looking for opportunity to learn more about the breed and be active in events while connecting with other breeders and owners. Willing to help with fundraising and events. Interested in conformation and FASTCat

Sponsored by Cheryl Poliak

Member of the Year

Nominations are due by March 21.

Bulletin Editor Bids

It's that time of year again. The original deadline was March 15, but it can be extended.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 19 at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT/5:30 PM PT