

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

1. Call to Order: President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

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

Auditing: Courtnie Eastman and Molly McNamara

Guests: Joanne Williamson, Lisa Voss

3. 2024 Specialty Survey Results

The National Survey Results and Comments From Survey documents are included in the Board packet. Joanne presented the report interpreting the survey results. Lisa will compile a report about 2024 in the context of the challenges – we wouldn't have had a National Specialty if we hadn't gone with the cluster. Lisa, Courtnie, and Joanne will work on a document to share with the membership. We can also share the report results in the newsletter.

4. Report of the Treasurer

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

Don is working on the budget and will present it at the next Board meeting. Contact him if you want any changes/updates. Sponsorship of the *Bulletin* has been included. LEAP funds for the affiliate clubs are also in the budget.

Don and Sue have been meeting to get her comfortable with the Treasurer's job.

We need to get a club Zoom account for the meetings, since the June meeting is Don's last one. Pat will work on obtaining the account.

5. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

General Notes

- Kirsten Andreassend email update to sebringbeardies@gmail.com.
- **NWBCCPS scentwork event (LEAP supported) summary:** The NWBCCPS hosted a Scentwork workshop on Saturday April 19th at Run Wild in Auburn Washington. The instructor was Kaylee Seal ANWI. Nine people attended and nine dogs along with two additional demonstration dogs. Kaylee provided information on scentwork basics as well as explanations on titling options. Each dog was able to have two runs through the course. For the second run, dogs that were catching on quicker and more engaged were able to have multiple passes through with more complex finds. We were able to see how toys could be used instead of food for those dogs that are not food motivated. Training tips and tips on how to work on scentwork foundations at home were provided. Demonstrations were done to show advanced searching skills with target odor on vehicle searches. Applications for the BCCA were present on site and membership was discussed with those that were not members of the BCCA. They are considering joining.

AKC Notes

- Lisa Liggins stepping in effective end of July as the new Director of Obedience, Rally, Tracking
- Gary Anderson is now approved to judge Bearded Collies (May 2025). Also noted Kathryn Schwabe and Kathleen Ronald were recently approved
- AKC is running their public education award. Affiliate clubs who host public ed events are invited to apply for the award which includes a \$500 prize. <https://www.akc.org/public-education/resources-for-clubs/public-education-award/>

NOTE: NWBCCPS could apply for this award, or any of the other affiliate clubs that have outreach events.

One new membership application to vote on and two new applications to review in May 2025: See New Business.

6. Old Business

Follow up: Bulletin Editor bid

Follow-up discussion to accept Lillian's revised Bulletin proposal, starting with the next issue in the next fiscal year. She can work on the advertising subscription idea – also a good idea that people would use. BCCA will subsidize the Bulletin. We did vote on the motion in April (passed).

Anna will gather data about Bulletin subscriptions.

AOMs: Standing Rules Follow-Up

- Anna's document is included in the Board packet. Re-examine the change in the SRs concerning the number of AOMs for the National Specialty (Section 8.1.3). Made some edits to clarify how to count the total entry. Motion to publish it in Bagpipes – passed.

AKC Canine College Update

- Anna has an update about the Canine College content. 6-7 Beardies at Canine College were present for the filming in Florida. Working on presenting the videos to the club. Had a good selection of young/old dogs of all coat colors.

Follow up: Membership Database

Rosie sent Casey the membership database data as a spreadsheet. We can try to use that file to load data into Membership Works for testing. With 434 members and 20-21 columns of data, we no longer need a database, but a spreadsheet won't work well with labels or the Roster. Remember there are some data points, such as honorary members, that we track but don't use very often.

Specialty Updates

2025 Specialty

Jennifer sent a report to Sue. Sue will present. Fundraising has been challenging. The Yeti cooler fundraiser is going well.

Don received correspondence from Purina about sponsorship for 2025. He will forward the information package to Sue, and he will fill out the Purina paperwork.

2026 Specialty

2026 has several committees and has all venues planned except agility. Deposit has been put down for host hotel.

2027 Specialty

The 2027 Specialty Committee would like to discuss its venue options based on the survey results.

7. New Business

AKC Delegate Meeting

Bob Lamm, our AKC Delegate, shared a copy of the proposed amendments to the AKC By-Laws. (The document is included in the Board packet.) He would like advice from the Board about how to vote on the amendments. He describes them as follows:

Please see attached for proposed amendments at upcoming delegate meetings. I would welcome any advice from the BCCA Board as to how to vote. Otherwise, I will use my best judgement.

The June meeting has only one amendment to vote upon, requiring the AKC Board approval of vice president appointments.

The September meeting will have six amendments to vote upon. These amendments will be read at the June meeting. Two of these amendments are proposed by the delegate body and are opposed by the AKC Board.

The document attached to Bob's request is included in the Board packet.

Applicants to vote on in May 2025: --Passed

Sally and James Carlisle

Joint Full membership

615 Shawnee Ave

Des Moines, IA

Email: n/a

Email2: jscjim1941@gmail.com

Phone: (660)441-4365

Phone 2: (660)441-4366

Occupation: Retired

Occupation2: Retired

Have owned bearded collies for 32 years as well as Labrador retrievers, which Jim does field training with. They're interested in meeting other beardie people

Sponsor: Ray Harrington

New Applications to review in May 2025:

Lisa and David Press
Joint Full membership
23 Longwood Dr
Burlington, NJ 08016

Email:

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

Joint Full membership

115 Coulter Pine Ln

Columbia SC 29229

Email: metsfann100@yahoo.com

Email2:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM.

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