

Bearded Collie Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2025 at 8:30 PM ET

1. Call to Order: President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:34 PM.

2. Roll Call: Barnes, Bond, Colombo, Eastman, Jamison, McNamara, Minner, Norteman, Poliak

Absent: Beddoe

Auditors: Cotton, Means

3. 2026 National Specialty Update

- Logowear and catalog ads are both live. Thanks to Sue Jamison and Christa McChancy for their hard work! FastCAT logowear is coming soon.
- Menus at the hotel have been tasted and approved.
- Courtnie Eastman is working on sponsorships. Trophy sponsorships will open to the membership on June 1. The affiliate club sponsorship letter has been sent to Kristin for approval. Updated trophy sponsorships are ready.
- Working on the Master Registration Form; waiting to hear back from Herding and Agility about meals.
- Charter bus for the Fort Worth trip has been secured.

4. 2027 National Specialty Update

- Hotel contract has been signed and deposit has been paid.
- Photographer's contract has been signed.
- Waiting for logo design.
- Will have a mobile vet onsite at the show for 2 days – the vet does OFA, brucella, travel exams, etc. on Tues. and Wed. Still hoping to get ICSB.
- Looking for more volunteers.
- Everything is full steam ahead!

5. 2028 National Specialty Update

- Looking for volunteers, especially someone to be Herding Chair.
- The floor surface is polished concrete – looking for matting.

6. Report of the Treasurer

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

7. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

General

- Address change: Julie Sneed's new address 1376 W Garnet Ridge Dr St George, UT. 84780

AKC

- AKC has announced their judging panel for the AKC Royal Canin National Championship in Orlando 12/12-13/2026. The BCCA will continue to sponsor our medallions as an approved budget item (does not require a motion).
- New Bearded Collie judges: Cassie Frank, Donna Gilbert
- Effective May 20, 2026, owners of dogs that have earned NOHS Levels of Achievement certificates will have the option to add these accomplishments as an official suffix title to their dogs' AKC records.
- We have one membership application to vote on for May. See under New Business.

8. Old Business

Canine College

Tabled until July.

Breed Mentors Updates

Motion on update Breed Mentors requirements to add the following updates. (from Breed Education): Passed.

- **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*)

Motion to approve publishing in *Bagpipes*: Passed.

Note: We also have breed mentors for herding. This list needs to be updated as well. Karen will recruit help from Jack or Elsa. Website link for breed mentors for herding:

<https://beardedcollieclub.us/activities/herding/herding-mentor-program/>

Follow up: Requirements for Non-AKC-Approved Judges

The AKC form is included in the Board packet. We had discussed criteria around how to select a non-AKC-approved member or individual to judge at a Specialty or affiliate club event.

The following discussion appeared in the minutes from October 2025. We published and voted on these rules.

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-AKC-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. 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 (“Non-approved” is the AKC term for someone who doesn't have an AKC judges' license, so the judges are simply non-AKC-licensed).

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.

Questions: How do we want to implement these requirements? Maybe create an application form for event chairs to send? Should the Board or the committee chairs review and approve applications?

Action Plan: Recommend the Board study this for a month. Contact Casey or Pat with any questions or input. We'll revisit this in June. Casey will try a first pass at the updates for review and comment.

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 available to the membership. Sarah presented this at the 2025 Specialty.

We could link to it from the website. Pat will contact Sarah and ask what she'd like us to do. Maybe she'd write an article for the *Bulletin* on it. We pay our health seminar presenters, so we could follow the same guideline for this seminar. Will follow up next month.

9. New Business

Application to vote on in May 2026: Passed.

Anna Bell

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Occupation: funeral director/embalmer

Has her first bearded collie - 2 years old. Over 25 years in Conformation. Interested in networking and information on beardies. Hoping to assist with the national and would like info on FASTCat and barnhunt.

Sponsored by Kristin Barnes

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.

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Motion to publish in the *Bagpipes*: Passed. The change has already been approved by the Herding and Awards Committees.

10. For the Good of the Order

11. Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:07 PM, and exited at 9:21 PM. Nothing was reported from the session.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 16 at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT/5:30 PM PT