

Bearded Collie Club of America Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 8:30 PM ET

1. **Call to Order:** President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:31 PM.
2. **Roll Call:** Colombo, Barns, Beddoe, Bond, Corn, Edwards, Means, Minner, Norteman, Poliak, Taylor
3. The minutes of the October 19, 2023 board meeting were approved as distributed.
4. **Report of the Treasurer**

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

5. **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

AKC Updates

No new permitted Beardie judges for November.

Event Request

The BCCCF sent a request for funding support of their barn hunt event. They provided a budget and described how the funds would be used. The event will be held in March 2024.

Discussion: Since this is the first request the Board has received, we will use it to create a pilot program for affiliate club funding requests. We can evaluate the program at the end of the fiscal year to decide how to form a permanent policy. Not all affiliate clubs will request funding for activities. Casey volunteered to help draft the language around the pilot program.

Notes: We need to develop a standard funding request form that all affiliate clubs can use to request funding. We should also consider some kind of follow-up report from the club after the event to determine how many attendees were club members, BCCA members, non-members of either club, and people new to Beardies. Education and recruitment are the main purposes of the pilot program.

Motion: Offer \$500 to the BCCCF to help offset the expenses of their event. Passed.

New Members

- We have one membership application to vote upon. See under New Business.
- We have two new membership applications to read for the first time. See under New Business.

Litter Listings

The Litter Listing Form on the website has been updated with the correct email address.

New litter listings this month and one updated listing:

Projected Litter Birth Date: 12/31/2023

Kathy Pavlich
3316 Mitchell Heights Dr.
Eureka, CA 95503
707-444-3293
kpavlich@suddenlink.net

Sire: BISS CH Firstprizebears Haagen Dazs

- Hips: OFA Good – BC-1921G5M
- Eyes: CERF Normal – BC407

Dam: Chantilly's Thanks I'll Have Another (CHIC# 163659)

- Hips: OFA Excellent – BC-4765E25F
- Eyes: OFA Normal – BC-EYE404/26F-VPI
- Thyroid: OFA Normal – BC-TH839/25F-PI
- Elbows: OFA Normal – BC-E950F25

Projected Litter Birth Date: 11/30/2023

Pat Sherwood
1495 Larry Joe Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45230
513-313-0587

Sire: CH After Dark Life on Mars (CHIC# 163502)

- Hips: OFA Good – BC-4766G64M-VPI
- Eyes: OFA Normal w/bo e1 – BC-EYE403/65M-VPI
- Thyroid: BC-TH838/64-VPI
- Elbows: OFA Normal – BC-EL951M64-VPI

Dam: CH Brampton Gael Charm (CHIC #187263)

- Hips: OFA Good – BC-4837G31F-C-VPI
- Eyes: OFA Normal w/bo A3 – BC-EYE464/30F-VPI
- Thyroid: OFA Normal – BC-TH894/31F-VPI
- Elbows: OFA Normal – BC-EL1008F31-C-VPI

Projected Litter Birth Date: 11/23/2023

Susann Brody
23442 Hatteras Street
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
818-422-9904

Sire: BIS MBISS GCHG Sweetwater's Blue Ribbon (CHIC# 106893)

- Hips: OFA Good – BC-4346G24M-VPI
- Eyes: OFA Normal – BC-EYE110/21M-VPI
- Thyroid: OFA Normal – BC-TH555/23M-VPI
- Elbows: OFA Normal – BC-EL687M24-VPI
- Cardiac: OFA Normal – BC-CA57/21M/C-VPI

Dam: CH Dreamchaser Elegant Emerald (CHIC# 153035)

- Hips: OFA Good – BC-4704G27F-VPI
- Eyes: OFA Normal – BC-EYE367/27F-VPI
- Thyroid: OFA Normal – BC-TH804/27F-VPI
- Elbows: OFA Normal – BC-EL903F27-VPI

Litter Birth Date: 11/2/2023

Pat Sherwood
1495 Larry Joe Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45230
513-313-0587

Sire: CH Black Friar Cooda Wooda Shooda

- Hips: OFA Good – BC-4177G56M-VPI
- Eyes: OFA Normal – BC-EYES5/55M-VPI
- Elbows: OFA Normal – BC-EL597/M56-VPI

Dam: CH Brampton Sgurr Fiona (CHIC #181816)

- Hips: OFA Excellent – BC-4834E30F-C-VPI
- Eyes: OFA Normal – BC-EYE459/30F-VPI
- Thyroid: OFA Normal – BC-TH891/30F-VPI
- Elbows: OFA Normal – BC-EL1006F30-C-VPI

2 Black M, 1 Brown M, 3 Black F, 1 Brown F

Litter Birth Date 10/30/2023

Audrey & Megan Woods
Irvington, NY

Sire(s): Ch Aellen Above and Beyond River (CHIC 160762) or GCH Britannia Live Long and Prosper BN RE HT SCN (CHIC 123903)

Dam: GCHB Britannia Rings around the Moon RI SCN CGC (CHIC 162910)
5 Black M, 4 Black F

NOTE: For future discussion: How do we distinguish sires who have died in our litter listings? Sires who have been deceased for a longer time might have health test data that does not align with our current expectations.

7. Old Business

- **2025 Judges Selection**

Thus far, we have received 102 unique responses to the online ballots (regular and sweeps judges). Don has received one paper ballot.

- **Puppy Mill Rescue Committee**

Details about this are in the report and narrative from the committee, which are included in this month's Board packet. These documents were also in last month's Board packet; there are no changes.

Motion: to authorize and support this committee's efforts for a year as a pilot program. We will revisit in a year to evaluate. We would ask for a report of the number of dogs rescued and money spent, and where the dogs were obtained. Passed.

Note: We also don't have pilot program language in our standing rules. This needs to be examined and updated.

8. New Business

- **Nominating Committee**

According to the November Official Notices, the Board will select a Nominating Committee at the January Board meeting. No suggestions have been fielded as of yet, and the deadline is **December 15, 2023**.

We need a Board member and two club members. Linda Taylor and Lynne Corn both expressed interest. Pat thanked the volunteers and will present a committee chair next month.

- **Requests from the 2024 National Specialty**

The Specialty Committee is requesting that we review two motions related to Specialty seed money:

1. Motion to transfer the \$2,500 Purina Pro Plan 2024 National Sponsorship monies to the 2024 Host Club's account. (Norteman) Pat directed Purina to talk to Lisa. Motion: Passed.

Note: we can't have a dog food sponsor that is not the one for the all-breed show. Check to see if Purina is a sponsor for the Del Valle show cluster.

2. Motion to allot the \$7,500 seed money for the 2024 National. (Norteman) Motion: passed.

- **Breeder Judge Approval**

NWBCC is requesting approval for Cheryl Poliak to judge breed at their July Specialty. This involves an application to AKC. A copy of the application is part of the Board packet. (Minner) Motion: passed.

Discussion: AKC's criteria for unlicensed breed judges is fairly basic: must be 21 years of age, must have X years in the breed, etc. We might want to establish some standards for unlicensed Beardie judges. Should we speak to the knowledge we would consider – set criteria that people should meet in order to award CH points?? Each judge only has to be approved once. Casey will take on the task of researching and establishing criteria for the club to approve unlicensed judges.

- **Meet the Breeds**

AKC Meet the Breeds New York will take place **Saturday, January 27 and Sunday, January 28, 2024** at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. GSBCC has been contacted about doing both days of Meet the Breeds. The club doesn't have the people and dogs to do both days. Maybe other Beardie folks would volunteer? This fits with the club's education goals. We can recruit volunteers on the FB page and email list.

Discussions:

whether the club can help fund longer-distance travel for volunteers.

The respiratory virus going around is a concern. Will people be willing to bring their dogs into an environment with thousands of dogs?

Casey asked whether there would be a breed showcase at Westminster in May. Would we be expected to cover that show too? There was no organized Bearded breed coverage at Meet the Breeds in Chicago or Columbus this year.

Pat will get back to Bob Lamm of GSBCC offering to provide support. We will see if there are additional volunteers, and will decide how to support them.

- **New Applicants to be voted upon:**

Rod & Lillian Vokey

Joint Foreign Membership

3 Parkdale Avenue

Pointe-Claire , QC Canada H9R 3Y4

Email: rod@rvokey.ca

Second email: lill@rvokey.ca

Sponsor: Lucy Campbell & Tom Dixon

Supportive of the Vokey membership. Tom has known Rod and Lillian for more than 20 years and I have known them for 7 years. Rod is an excellent worker and stewarded for the National Specialty obedience and rally trial all day on Wednesday. He also worked all day at the Agility trial . Great member potential!

The Vokeys have had bearded collies 28 years and currently have 2 and are breeder, owners and exhibitors. They're long time members of the Bearded Collie Club or Canada and look forward to connections with their friends "south of the border" They do conformation, agility, obedience and rally and happily volunteer when at these events.

The Board moved to accept the application.

- **Challenge to a membership application:**

The following application was challenged:

Mark Bettis & Tabatha Buckley-Bettis

Joint Full Membership

12623 115th St

Milaca, MN 56353

Email: tabatha_bettis@hotmail.com
Second email: mark_bettis@hotmail.com

Kennel: Daykeyne www.daykeyne.com

Sponsor: Jan Osterbauer

Both Mark and Tabatha are professional handlers and currently have 2 bearded collies. Tabatha grew up with beardies and Mark is a long time handler. They are both interested in joining the BCCA as a way to be more involved with the breed; hoping to promote the breed, develop junior handlers. They're willing to help with running shows and mentoring people new to the breed, particularly given their 30 years of breed knowledge. They are also currently owned by 10 pointers and afghans. Has bred 1 litter of beardies and does conformation

A copy of the challenge letter is included in this month's Board packet.

Although we sent letters to the applicants and their sponsor, those letters have not reached their destinations yet. Pat and Karen will email the applicants, their sponsor, and the individual bringing the challenge.

The Standing Rules state the maximum allowable time in which to take action, but not the allowable minimum time. The Board has conducted due diligence, and moved to accept the application.

Discussion: Should we amend or remove the standing rule concerning application challenges? Lynne/Suzi volunteered to look into what other clubs have, including whether it takes 2 members to challenge an application.

- **New membership applications read for the first time:**

Jill Scarborough
Single full membership
1619 Whitehaven Ct
Jonesborough, AR 72401
Email: Jackbandjill@yahoo.com
Sponsor: David Williamson

Has had bearded collies for 35 years, currently has 1 bearded collie. Shown in obedience and agility for 30 years. Looking for a chance to reconnect with beardie owners and attend national specialties. Interested in helping with Rescue

Wanda Packard
Single Full Membership

13375 Chippendale Lane
Oregon City, OR 97045
Email: packardw719@msn.com
Phone: (503)724-3250

Sponsor: Kathryn Haas

Previous member whose membership lapsed, but is still active in the community and would like to restart her membership. Has had beardedies for 35 years, currently owns a little mixed breed rescue. Has done conformation, rally, obedience, agility and herding. Is an active organizer for events assisting in set up and stewarding, as well as many other supporting roles.

- Standing Rules Review (Colombo, Norteman, Poliak):
 - We need to review the Standing Rules sections 3.1 and 8.3.4 to update the procedures for electronic ballots. The current rules, as written, cover ballots that are distributed electronically, but really only apply to emailed ballots that are printed out and returned.
 - We also need to review and revise the Standing Rules regarding nomination and contracting with Specialty judges (Section 8.3.4 – 8.3.6).
 - Also look into the additional Standing Rules discussed at this meeting

Karen and Kristin will review these rule and make recommendations.

- Review and update the judges' contracts and the agreements on the bio request form (Colombo, Norteman, Poliak)

Discussion: Should we examine the rate of pay per dog that is currently in the contract? We should also specify the “customary fees” that we will pay, or remove the vague language. Pat will research this.

Casey sent revisions to the questionnaire and judges' contract. Pat will make those changes and will send out the updated documents for review. Also, move the requirement not to judge a specialty or supported entry to a year in advance instead of 6 months, starting with the 2025 Specialty.

Motion to approve the changes to the judges' contract: Passed.

10. For the Good of the Order

- Lynne contacted Elsa Sell about trophy disposition. Elsa was unaware, so we likely need to contact the other venue committee chairs about their trophies.
- FYI from the November Update to Clubs: AKC now has a National Specialty Show Site Locator we can play with: https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/sitelocator/index.cfm?sc_src=email_369472&sc_lid=20256535&sc_uid=CV1eEzucpQ&sc_lid=3390&sc_eh=15fca976e59a85db1

Next meeting is December 19, 8:30 PM [ET.](#)