

**Bearded Collie Club of America**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 8:30 PM ET**

1. **Call to Order:** President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM.
2. **Roll Call:** Barnes, Beddoe, Bond, Colombo, Edwards, Jamison, Means, Norteman, Poliak  
**Absent:** Gracie, Minner  
**Guests:** Tish Pollock, Patty Halverson

**3. 2025 National Specialty** – Tish Pollock reported on the status of the Specialty.

Reservations are open. We filled up the room block by the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, so we've added more rooms to our block. Rooms are still available.

Obedience and rally will be held indoors in the ballroom. The rally and agility events are approved by AKC. Everything else has been submitted except herding, which will be submitted on November 20.

See Old Business about Specialty fundraising.

**4. Report of the Treasurer**

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

**5. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

**AKC Notes**

The Donor Advised Fund balance for this quarter is \$280.24.

**General Notes**

- NWBCCPS requests breeder-judge Cheryl Poliak to judge their regional specialty on June 18, 2025. Approved. Pat or Casey will complete the AKC form.
- BCCTX is asking for 6 FastCAT licenses for April 25-27 events in case their own approval doesn't come through in time. Advised Gretchen that we don't have 6 licenses to give, and asked which 2 days she would request. If we aren't offering FastCAT at the National Specialty, we can offer the 6 licenses they need. Approved motion to give BCCTX the 4 available licenses for now.

Applicants to review or vote on for November 2024: See New Business.

**6. Old Business**

The 2025 Specialty chairs made a request to raffle off Bulletin ad as a fundraiser. The specialty will have to pay for ads to raffle.

It was suggested that the Specialty could offer a Bulletin subscription. Sue will take the ad and Bulletin idea back to the committee and see if that works.

## **7. New Business**

### **Applicants to vote on in November 2024:**

Dana & Chuck Laursen

Joint Full membership

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Occupation: Consultant

Occupation2: CPA

Have had dogs most of their lives, and currently have 3 bearded collies. They are looking forward to connections with others who share a passion for bearded collies as well as vital info to help them nurture their beardies. Dana has a background in marketing and is happy to share her skills with the club. Chuck has extensive career experience as a CPA and is happy to share those skills with the club. Member of Rocky Mountain BCC

Sponsor: Kristin Barnes – Approved

### **Applicants to review in November 2024:**

Anna Bell

Single Full membership

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Occupation: Funeral Director/Embalmer

She has her first bearded collie puppy and a toy mix. She is 3rd generation in conformation and does pet grooming. She looks forward to the opportunity to network with other beardie people and is glad to help the club where needed. She's served as hospitality chair for her local dog club and her kids' sports teams. Looking forward to exploring fastcat, agility, obedience, and dock diving, in addition to conformation.

Sponsor: Kristin Barnes

Pat McDonald Werner will be happy to sponsor Gretchen Byerts. She will fill out the sponsorship portion of the application form and will snail mail it to Casey.

## **Standing Rules Housekeeping**

- 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 look into updating and simplifying the rules.
- Amend the SRs for junior handlers (Section 9.1.2). Motion was approved by the Board.
- The SRs (Section 1.4) state that the Recording Secretary is responsible for maintaining and distributing the Standing Rules. Request master document for Standing Rules.

## **Rescue Updates**

Patty Halverson presented on behalf of Beardie Rescue.

The Rescue Committee chairs submitted a report about puppy mill rescue activity. If we decide to add puppy mill rescue to Rescue's charter, we'll need to update the Guidelines for Rescue. The actual procedures are the same, just need to clean up some web links. The mill rescue program is not permanent, but would like to continue on a year-by-year basis. Approved.

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

The Board agreed to write more articles for the Bagpipes/Bulletin; looking for volunteers (who don't have to be on the Board).

Can we increase the budget for the Bulletin to contain more articles? This will be brought up again in May/June at budget time.

Look into a succession plan for our data, especially for things like the database and documents that we use every year. Discuss at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM.

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