

**Bearded Collie Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 8:30 PM ET**

1. Call to Order: President Pat Colombo called the meeting to order at 8:32 PM

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

Absent: Gracie, McNamara, Poliak

Guest: Bob Lamm

3. 2025 National Specialty Update

Sue shared updates and information about the 2025 Specialty.

- Still working through the final financial stuff with the hotel. Will have final reports for December.
- Logowear will be up through Black Friday, and will then close.

4. 2026 National Specialty Update

Kristin shared updates on the 2026 Specialty.

- Working on the premium with the super.
- The Specialty launch meeting took place on Sunday, 10/26 via Zoom.
- Courtnie will be sponsorship chair. Will reach out to regional clubs for sponsorships and ads.
- Discussed Best Puppy and Best Bred-By Puppy events.

5. 2027 National Specialty Update

Courtnie shared an update about the 2027 Specialty.

- Looking into some more venues before bringing the bid.

6. 2028 National Specialty

Casey and Laura Colombo presented a bid to host the 2028 National Specialty at the October meeting.

Motion: National Capital Bearded Collie Club requests a motion be put forward to authorize NCBCC to host the 2028 BCCA National Specialty in Kingsport, Tennessee, and to enter into a contract with the Meadowview Conference Center and Resort to begin the planning process.

Motion Approved.

7. BCCA Delegate Report

Bob Lamm, BCCA's delegate to the AKC, joined the meeting to share information from the delegates' meetings.

The increase in the AKC event service fee happened suddenly. There was a lot of pushback from the delegates, so it was put on hold and eventually just pushed through without further notice to anyone. Not sure whether the delegates will object. With enough pushback, it could be rescinded. This increase is probably here to stay.

Bob can bring our opinions to the next delegates' meetings, so send him feedback.

8. Report of the Treasurer

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

Sue says that BCCA has donated \$1250 for each of our charities (response to disaster in NC, CA, TX) and \$10K to the Trust. She will prepare a list of donations from this fiscal year so we can see where we are with charitable donations.

At the December meeting, we will decide about donations to the Trust.

9. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

General Notes

- Membership updates:
 - Michelle Brock 980 Mountain Dr Deerfield, IL 60015
 - James & Sally Carlisle 1370 SW Magazine Road Unit 115 Ankeny, IA 50023

Please email changes of address to Casey at moonstonebeardies2@gmail.com. Please don't call.

- Request from NWBCCPS to approve Dawn Mieras to judge their specialty on 7/17/2026. She meets 3 of the required conditions for approval -- including having judged more than 3 sweepstakes, attending judges' education and being a member in good standing.
Motion to approve – Passed.

We have two membership applications to vote on and two to review in November 2025: See New Business.

10. Old Business

Follow up: Membership Database

Karen can demo the MembershipWorks software at a future meeting. We can also discuss what we get for different budgets, plus recommendations. – We will demo in December.

Follow up: ShowSafe Club Membership

Tabled until we can get an update from Anna.

Follow up: Therapy Committee Update

Proposed motion from the therapy committee for our consideration:

Motion to approve amending SR 9.8.1, the Andrew Award, by deleting the word "hours", and substituting the word "visits." This is because AKC therapy guidelines run on number of visits.

The Andrew Award is presented to the bearded collie that has performed the most service hours viits in therapy work during the previous year. 05/09-02, 220920

The update has been published in the Bagpipes, so we can vote on the motion this month.

Motion – Passed.

11. New Business

Bulletin Performance Issue Budget Projection

Pat heard from Lillian Esposito, who shared her projections for the cost of producing the summer 2025 Performance issue of the Bulletin based on the lower cost for ads. Lillian's spreadsheet is included in the Board packet.

Applications to vote on in November 2025 – Passed for both

Kerstin Horvath

3738 Capri Coast Drive

Plant City Florida 33565

Email: kahorvath@icloud.com

Phone: 480-280-9869

Occupation: PetSmart Store Leader

Has a border collie and a mini dachshund. Getting her first bearded puppy. Has had a lifetime of teaching obedience and tricks. Hoping to learn more about bearded collies and conformation.

Interested in conformation, rally and therapy

Sponsor: Dawn Mieras

Christine and Mckynlee Hudson

3723 Baker Ames Road NE

Olympia, WA 98506

Email: thehudsonhomestead@yahoo.com

Phone: 360-556-7030

Occupation 1: Dog groomer

Occupation 2: Student

Have one bearded collie, 18mos. They also have Black Russian terriers and are looking for bearded collie family. Interested in helping wherever needed, experienced in conformation, rally, obedience. Also interested in nosework and strength in grooming. A member of the NWBCCPS
Sponsor: Deb Thomas

Applications to share in November 2025

Patricia Hunsicker
15746 Hunsicker Lane
Keatchie, LA 71046
Email: pattihunsicker521@gmail.com
Phone: 318-286-1078
Occupation: housewife

Has one bearded collie that she got in January 2025. Previously has had Hungarian pumi, mini poodles, and a mixed breed dog. Primarily interested and participating in therapy with all her current dogs (beardie will be in therapy training). Interested in learning more and meeting beardie people, conformation and herding.

Sponsored by Beth Scorzelli

Miranda Young
13879 Brown Road
Denham Springs LA 70726
Email: Mirandayoung09@gmail.com
Phone: 601-870-8339
Occupation: Pet Sitting/Dog Walker

Has had beardies for nearly 15 years, currently has beardies and a toy poodle. Served as rescue coordinator and rejoining BCCA to stay in that capacity. Has done agility, conformation, rally and obedience, tracking and dock diving. Beardie is retired, presently.

Sponsored by Patti Halverson

Sunshine Committee Chair

Karen received a card from Linn McChancy. Due to health reasons, Linn must step down from the committee. She enjoyed being Sunshine Chair for the past 12 years. Pat reached out to a possible candidate. Interested volunteers can contact Karen at webmonkey@bccca.us.

Follow up: “Chip” Versatility Award wording

Casey and Suzi will work with Lynne on the wording.

Follow up: Affiliate Club Event Grants

This new proposed program is related to the LEAP grant program. An affiliate club will be permitted to apply once annually for a \$500 grant for conformation or performance events – clubs only, not individuals.

How many affiliate club events are on the yearly calendar? Pat will check with Kristin. A list of BCCA and affiliate club events is located on the website at <https://beardedcollieclub.us/events/>.

Funds for the program will need to be added to the budget, but shouldn't be a problem financially. The program will run July-to-June (fiscal year basis) rather than on a calendar year basis.

Courtne will write up the program and its requirements for discussion in November.

Current BCCA Affiliate clubs only. Must specify that it's for AKC competitive events, not for the events we do for LEAP grants. Regional specialties, conformation, FastCAT agility, herding. Must be renewed annually. Events don't need to be Beardies-only. We will meet about this in December to finalize wording.

Draft write-up:

Each current BCCA Affiliate Club, meeting the requirements of Article IX of the BCCA by-laws, may apply for one stipend of up to \$500 per calendar year for an AKC competitive event to be hosted by the Affiliate Club. AKC Competitive events include conformation, performance, and companion events. The Affiliate Club must submit a request to the corresponding secretary for approval by the BCCA Board. The request must include an explanation of costs that the stipend will be used for. An itemized list may be requested. The request must be submitted prior to the event. The event may be all-breed or limited to Bearded Collies.

Follow up: Specialty Request (Wines & Vines Cluster)

Request from Kirsten Andreassend and the Kern County KC to host a BCCA Designated Specialty and 2 supported entries at the Wines & Vines cluster in Bakersfield, CA. The Specialty will be held on March 28, 2026 with possible supported entries on March 27th and 29th. Supported entries will not require the use of BCCA licenses.

Motion to approve the supported entries (specialty has already been approved) in March 2026:
Passed.

Follow up: Nominating Committee for 2026-7

In January, we need to select a Nominating Committee to find candidates to replace those Officers and Directors who have reached their term limits or who will be stepping down. We will need to find candidates for the following offices:

- President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- 1 Director for the Class of 2028

The committee needs to consist of 1 Board member and 2 members not on the Board.

They need to finalize nominees by the end of the year so they can begin work in January.

Kristin will be the Board person/committee chair.

Specialty Judge Nominations for 2027

Specialty judge balloting begins again in November. We have 10 nominees for regular judges and 8 for sweeps.

10. For the Good of the Order

Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 PM.

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