

**Bearded Collie Club of America  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, October 21, 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, Beddoe, Bond, Colombo, Eastman, Jamison, Minner, Norteman, Poliak

**Absent:** Gracie

**Guest:** Laura Colombo

**3. 2026 National Specialty Update**

Kristin Barnes shared updates on the 2026 Specialty.

The Specialty launch meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 10/26 via Zoom. The main topics of the meeting will be organizing and fundraising, Some chair positions are still available.

Kristin is going to the Specialty on 11/6 and presenting on behalf of 2026 on 11/8.

**4. 2027 National Specialty Update**

Courtne will present the bid for the 2027 Specialty at the November meeting.

**5. 2028 National Specialty**

Laura Colombo and Casey (National Capital BCC) will present a bid to host the 2028 National Specialty. Dates: Oct 7-14. Venue: 2028 Meadow View Conference Resort & Convention Ctr. in Kingsport, TN.

The bid discussed herding, agility, OB, rally, and conformation. The committee is also offering scentwork and an independent specialty.

Laura will send out the informational materials to share with the Board.

**6. Report of the Treasurer**

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

**7. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

**General Notes**

- Request from the Great Lakes club to use the BCCA license for two Specialty shows on July 3, 2026 (Furlow). Motion to approve: Approved.

- NCBC reports a great turnout at their LEAP sponsored herding instinct test, with several people completing their 2nd event for membership requirement. The club also received one new member application.

## AKC Notes

- We have over 28 judges planning to participate in the Beardie portion of the DJAA in Florida on 12/10 at 8am. We still need 4-6 hands-on dogs to participate. The clubs have said they will work around our hands-on time (9:45-10:45) for judging that day. Submitted all materials. Sharon Ipser is the chair. All we need for this event is more dogs/handlers to participate.
- November 1st is the deadline for nominating someone for the inaugural AKC presidential sportsmanship award; one junior and one adult will be recognized. Details are under Old Business.

We have one membership application to vote on and one to review in October 2025: See New Business.

## 8. Old Business

### Follow up: Membership Database

Karen did test the membership database, thanks to Kristin's reminders. It has a lot of helpful and useful features, but it appears that in order to use the membership payment and update options, we need to buy a (more expensive) license that covers the number of members we currently have. Karen can pull together a demo for another meeting.

### Follow up: Westminster Kennel Club Advertising

WKC Catalog ad: <https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/catalog-ads/>

Breed club ads are free. Artwork for the ad is in process.

### Follow up: ShowSafe Club Membership

Postponed until we get an update from Anna.

### 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-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 (**NOTE:** "Non-approved" is the AKC term for someone who doesn't have an AKC judges' license, so the judges are simply non-AKC-approved)

- 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 now been published in *Bagpipes*, so we can vote whether to accept and implement them this month. Motion to accept: Approved.

### **Follow up: President's Sportsman Award**

No one was selected for nomination by the club. Individuals may nominate one junior and one adult.

## **9. New Business**

### **Application to vote on in October 2025**

Dorothy Johnson

Single full membership

7 Highview Knoll NE

Iowa City, IA 52240

Email: Dorothy-johnson@uiowa.edu

Phone: (319) 331-1085

Occupation: None Provided

Has owned bearded collies for over 32 years and grew up with them. Looking to be part of a group who value the breed, learn about events and get updates. Interested in helping with beardie rescue. Also interested in Rally and interested in being contacted by the chair.

Sponsor: Patty Halverson

**Application approved.**

### **Application to review in October 2025**

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, Denver, 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. McKynlee is a junior handler.

Members of the NWBCCPS

Sponsor: Deb Thomas

Kerstin Horvath  
3738 Capri Coast Drive  
Plant City Florida 33565  
Email: kahorvath@icloud.com  
Phone: 480-280-9869

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

### **“Chip” Versatility Award wording**

Lynne Corn asked about the following text:

#### **Obedience & Rally**

If a dog is entered in more than one obedience class, all points earned will be counted towards the overall total.

- 1 point for participating but not qualifying in a regular or non-regular traditional obedience and/or Rally class
- 2 points for qualifying in a regular traditional obedience and/or Rally class

Optional titling classes are Regular classes too

Participating and qualifying points in an individual class are NOT additive; i.e., dogs earn only one or the other, but not both.

Here's the source document: <https://beardedcolliclub.us/activities/versatility/chip-versatility-awards/>

Lynne requests that we correct the “2 points” bullet to read “in a regular or non-regular traditional obedience and/or Rally class.” This is because competitors who enter Rally Pairs or Brace, Team Veterans, or Wild Card obedience would not be eligible for the award even if they qualified, whereas a competitor gets 1 point for getting an NQ in those same regular or non-regular classes.

Casey and Suzi will work on the wording. They will include Lynne.

#### **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.

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 calendar year basis.

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

### **Specialty Request**

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.

Casey will reach out to Kirsten to get the details and will come back with an assessment.

### **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."

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

### **Charitable Donations**

[Redrover.org](http://Redrover.org) – Are we looking for a place to make some additional donations this year?

AKC has sent disaster trailers to Alaska in the wake of the flooding there. Is this an effort we should consider supporting?

Sue will look up the figures for charitable support for the next meeting.

### **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

1 Board member and 2 members not on the Board – for volunteers and suggestions, contact Karen. Finalize by the end of the year so they can begin work in January.

## **Annual Reports**

If you have an annual report for your office, it's not too late to send a copy to Karen for the Annual Reports page on the website.

## **Specialty Judge Nominations for 2027**

Specialty judge balloting begins again in November. ~~We have 7 nominees for regular judges and 7 for sweeps.~~ Correction: We have 10 nominees for regular classes and 8 for sweeps.

## **AKC Library and Breed Club Historical Documents**

Karen contacted the AKC Library to ask whether they would accept donations of old *Bulletins* or other club ephemera, since some members would like to find good homes for their old copies. The AKC replied that they would accept donations from parent clubs, but not from individuals. The AKC's archive for Bearded Collies is current to 2011.

## **AKC Membership Promotion Support for Parent Clubs**

Casey received an email about an AKC Club Development initiative to assist clubs with membership. The All-Breed Delegate Committee has written several best practices documents and is available to consult with about growing club membership and boosting communications.

This would be worth looking into.

**Adjournment** -- The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

**Executive Session** – The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:38 PM and concluded at 9:50 PM. Nothing was reported from the session.

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 18 at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT/5:30 PM PT**