

**Bearded Collie Club of America Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 19, 2023 at 8:30 PM ET**

**1. Call to Order at 8:30 PM**

**2. Roll Call:** Barnes, Beddoe, Bond, Colombo, Corn, Edwards, Means, Minner, Norteman, Poliak, Taylor

Absent: none

Guests: Lisa Voss, Joanne Williamson

**3. Discussion about the 2024 National Specialty (Colombo, Voss, Williamson).**

Lisa and Joanne joined the call.

The 2024 Specialty will be a concurrent specialty, run alongside the Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore's cluster shows at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa, CA. NCBCF already holds its agility trial on that show site. We would have the same ring all 4 days for all conformation shows.

Lisa will meet with MB-F about the logistics of a concurrent specialty. They are already the show super for the cluster. Price is unknown.

The Specialty will have 4 days of agility at the site – 2 for Beardies, 2 hosted by another club that would be open to all breeds. Only one day of the Beardie trials is the official BCCA agility day. Beardies will have early (preferred) entry to the other trial. There will be separate ribbons and rosettes plus all-breed placements at the all-breed trials.

OB is Friday, and we would offer a HIT for the BCCA Specialty then.

There are 2 shows on Sunday – the morning show will not have the BCCA name on it.

BCCA herding is at Jill Reifschneider's place in Patterson, CA.

There is no one host hotel in the area. Lisa submitted a list of available hotels (a lot of them). She will see if BCCA can get a Beardie group rate. Judges get a special rate in Rohnert Park, but the rest of us can't use it.

NOTE: We might need to suspend the Standing Rule about running concurrent events alongside Obedience because of events at the all-breed shows, but the BCCA events do not interfere. NCBCF's trial is not subject to this rule.

Should we have a BCCA health symposium? There will be opportunities for various health tests for your dogs on-site at the show all 4 days, courtesy of the hosting all-breed club. Judges' education: The host all-breed club doesn't have a specific seminar, but Lisa is checking with the other clubs. We might be able to share a building on the site with any other club who wants to host a seminar.

NOTE: We cannot show altered veterans at an all-breed show. If they compete in groups, they must be intact. We need to make sure that we can show our altered veterans at our Specialty with a concurrent specialty arrangement, because there is no competition beyond the specialty (the BOB winner at the Specialty could not go on to groups in the all-breed show).

Will the BCCA or regional clubs support the entry of Bearded Collies at the non-Specialty shows? They (the host club of the cluster) upgrades ribbons and rosettes for specialty shows & supported entries.

The motion to accept the plan for the 2024 Specialty was accepted. The Board will vote next month on the Specialty itself.

4. Approval of the minutes of the August 15, 2023 board meeting as distributed.

#### **5. Report of the Treasurer**

- The Treasurer's Report documents are included in the emailed Board packet.
- 28 members did not renew or passed away (4 or 5). Having Board members call the holdout members made the difference in the high renewal rate.

#### **6. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

##### **General notes:**

- Individuals have inquired about adult Beardies for adoption. If there are points of contact for those inquiries, Casey will be happy to forward them somewhere.
- AKC sponsored medallions – Casey will take care of those and Don will send payments.

##### **AKC Updates**

- No new Bearded Collie approved judges for August. The announcements come out the week after each month's meeting.
- New Event operations blog to stay apprised of changes:  
<http://akceventoperations.wordpress.com/>

##### **New Members**

- We voted on one applicant and read three new applications for the first time (see New Business below).

#### **7. Old Business**

- Discussion on the disposition of trophies (Corn). The report from the committee's August meeting is attached. Action items: Post in Bagpipes and ask for input to event committee chairs about the disposition of the trophies. For one-person committees, add more members (for example, conformation).
- Disposition of the trophies will be offered to the relevant committees (minimum 3-5

members). The committees will recommend the disposition of the trophies in their venue (keep or pass on) within 3 months. If they don't want a trophy, that trophy gets back to the Board and then passed along in the step-down list.

There were three sections to the motion:

- The BCCA shall pay for the shipment of each trophy to its destination.
- Each Venue Committee shall consist of at least 3 members, with additional members being appointed if necessary.
- The BCCA trophies shall be offered to the relevant BCCA Venue Committees. By Dec. 20, 2023, each Venue Committee shall decide the disposition of the trophies in its purview. For each trophy, the Venue Committee shall have two options:
  - The Venue Committee may decide that a trophy shall continue to be offered at the national specialties. The Venue Committee then assumes responsibility for annual storage, shipment, and engraving of the trophy, and the funding of these actions. All such trophies will be shipped by the BCCA to the Venue Committee's chosen storage location.
  - For any trophies for which the Venue Committee does not wish to assume these responsibilities, it relinquishes all further authority for their disposition to the BCCA Board of Directors.

Motion passed.

- Discussion on the process of online voting for Specialty judges (Norteman).
  - This is **only** for selecting Specialty judges.
  - The latest changes to NY State law allow for electronic voting by non-profits.
  - Counting the ballots and recording the votes are two separate activities. If someone votes twice, the first ballot received is the one that counts.
  - Paper ballots will use the same process as they traditionally have: each ballot in a blank envelope, mailed to Don inside a larger envelope.
  - Motion passed.

## 8. New Business

- Request from the Bearded Collie Club of Maine to use the BCCA license for the following 2024 shows:
  - May 18-19, 2024: Supported Entries, Southern Maine Coastal Classic Cluster, Cumberland, ME. Event chair: Karen Norteman
  - June 1-2, 2024: Designated Specialty (Saturday) and Supported Entry (Sunday), Ladies' Dog Club, Wrentham, MA. Event Chair: Karen Norteman.
  - June 22-23, 2024: Supported Entries, Chickadee Classic Cluster, Cumberland, ME. Event Chair: Val Maloney.
- Motion passed.

- **New Applicant to vote on in September:**

Miranda Mulders (former member)  
Single Foreign Membership  
Email: cloggygail@gmail.com  
Sponsor: Debbie and Glenn Alexander

Casey made the motion to accept the application, Pat seconded. Passed.

- **New Applicants for September:**

Julie McDivitt  
Single Associate Membership  
Email: peabody1990@icloud.com  
Sponsor: Martha Fruehwald  
She's interested in assisting with an event and plans to attend various canine performance activities. Has had a beardie since 2000. Currently has a 14 month old beardie

Jacquelyn Filarecki  
Single Full Membership  
Email: [grammajacquelyn@aol.com](mailto:grammajacquelyn@aol.com)  
Sponsor: Christa McChancy (sent separately)  
Has had beardies for 36 years. Had a rescue and now has a 4 year old she got as a puppy. Interested in hearing more about therapy

Arija & Anthony Agostino  
Joint Associate Membership  
Email: [arija.agostino@gmail.com](mailto:arija.agostino@gmail.com)  
Second email: [agostinoj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:agostinoj@sbcglobal.net)  
Sponsor: Michael Quinn  
Has previously owned 3 beardies over 26 years. Has one bearded collie currently. Has experience in healthcare and interest in supporting health causes for bearded collies. Would like to learn more about obedience and therapy, but does not compete with her bearded collie today.

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

- Responses from the judge nominees for 2025:
  - Regular classes: 13 yes responses, 2 haven't responded, 2 maybes

- Sweeps: 9 yes, 2 no, 2 maybes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM. We will continue to use Zoom for subsequent meetings. We will also try to have a hard stop at 10 PM ET for the East Coasters.

NOTE: the AGM will use Google Meet.

**NOTE:** We are using Don's Zoom account to meet this month. These codes are different than the ones we used last month.

The October meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM ET**, with a hard stop at 10 PM ET.