

**Bearded Collie Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 8:30 PM ET**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call: Barnes, Beddoe, Bond, Colombo, Edwards, Gracie, Jamison, Means, Minner, Poliak

Absent: Norteman

Guest: Jennifer Waldeck

3. Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report documents were previously sent by Don. 17% of renewals were paid by check, 83% online. 40% of members requested a printed Roster.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

General Notes

- Suggestion from AKC secretaries' email list to review officer job descriptions and ensure they are updated to reflect current practices. This can extend to the committee chairs as well. We should review/update ours. People might be more interested in participating if the descriptions are more relevant. Officers: please look at your job descriptions on the website and mark up a copy. We can have an editor review these and make the language consistent.
- AKC Judges Education Coordinator Symposium will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024, in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the AKC National Championship and the Orlando Cluster of Dog Shows. Motion to approve funding for up to 3 members of the judges education committee to attend the JEC symposium at a cost of \$35 each, total \$105. –Passed.
- Showsight has offered to create a bearded collie information page on their website ([border terrier](#) example). They are requesting the club provide a breed description & approved images to include. They're looking to refresh their current page.

AKC Notes

- AKC has developed a new online system to help make it easier for dog owners to apply for their dog's AKC title. It is called the [Title Application Portal](#) (TAP). The portal offers a fast and simple, step by step experience to apply for titles offered in Canine Good Citizen, Trick Dog, Temperament Test, Fit Dog, Fetch, Barn Hunt, Diving Dog, Disc Dog, Flyball, Virtual Home Manners, Search and Rescue and any one of the titles recognized under the [Parent Club Title Recognition](#)

Program.

- AKC has extended the pilot for 3 legged dogs in non-jumping rally and obedience classes until June 30, 2025
- To be consistent across sports, the Board of Directors approved a twenty-five-dollar application fee for conformation events and combined conformation/obedience events with an entry of thirty or fewer at the prior year's event, effective for applications received for events occurring on or after July 2, 2025.

There are two new applicants for membership. See New Business.

5. Old Business

2025 Specialty – The committee is making good progress and has a helpful member on the hotel staff. Having video calls with the competitive event chairs, meeting with other chairs. Planning for fundraising. Using a student trained in media to handle communications. Working to get the website launched after the 2024 Specialty. Working on AKC applications. The reservation link for the hotel is available and will be ready after the 2024 Specialty. Seminars are being planned. Speaking to Charitable Trust about sponsoring Veteran Sweeps. Live auction will return in a more casual format. Phyllis Ensley will be the photographer. All the performance event venues are within an hour's drive of the host hotel. There are all-breed shows 2 weekends before and 2 weekends after the Specialty. Agility – a 2-ring trial, food available, great venue, popular judge.

2027 Specialty – We should start looking for a host.

Obedience Committee Chair – Kathy Thomas will continue to do the statistics. Joanne Williamson will help with communications. Still need to find someone to be the chair.

Standing Rules Update

BCCA event licenses – A copy of the draft rule with edits is available. The rule was reviewed. Edits and suggestions will be sent to the authors of the rule for updates.

Grants to affiliate clubs – Follow-up: We need to make a permanent standing rule of the club grant of \$500 per affiliate club per year, along with rules and guidelines about requests and use. Money for these grants is in the budget for 2025.

Local Education Affiliate Program (LEAP) Standing rule- Proposed

The BCCA will sponsor/ subsidize outreach and educational events hosted by our local

affiliate clubs. Annually, consistent with our fiscal year, affiliate clubs may request up to \$500 to offset expenses associated with hosting events and activities targeted toward one or more of the following:

- Cultivating new local and/or national club members,
- Educating the local community on bearded collies, or
- Educating participants about available dog sports/activities

Requirements for sponsorship include:

- An email request to the BCCA Corresponding Secretary which includes a description of proposed event including date, venue, estimated number of participants, estimated total expenses, and requested sponsorship amount (maximum available \$500 per club annually)
- Following the event, the hosting club provides a summary of event outcomes to the BCCA corresponding secretary, e.g., participants, new memberships, etc. Clubs are encouraged to provide a write up and/or pictures from the event for publication in BCCA channels.
- The BCCA requests, but does not require, that affiliate clubs have copies of BCCA Membership applications at the event and make every effort to connect prospective new members with potential sponsors

Casey will write the official standing rule.

Rules Housekeeping -- Follow-Up

- We need to compare the rules for terms (especially delegates) in the By-Laws and Standing Rules to see what needs to be modernized. Remember that a change to the By-Laws requires AKC review and a majority vote of the membership, so we want to avoid touching the By-Laws as much as possible. NOTE: No conflicts were observed by the committee.
- Revisit the draft Standing Rule pertaining to distributing the BCCA licenses for events, particularly FastCAT. Committee to review and come back next month.
- Revise the Standing Rule for judges' compensation where the Sweeps Judge receives a ticket to the Awards Banquet. We no longer have the Awards Banquet – what should we say instead? Committee to review and come back next month.

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals closed on August 31.

Suggestion for next year: Add “I don't want to renew” to the forms. This saves time for

the Board members who have to call on the non-paying members at the end of August.

Criteria for honorary member designation: We don't currently have them; it has traditionally been up to the Board's discretion. Casey and Suzi will meet to discuss a way to honor long-time members. Carol will help. Coming back for ideas for next month.

July 1 renewal date: This is set up to get renewals into the correct fiscal year. Some members sent theirs early, got their checks returned, and did not send them in after July 1.

2026 National Specialty Judges

The nomination period closed September 1. Karen has received a fair-sized list of nominations, most of whom were on the 2025 ballot. The preliminary ballot will go out to the membership in November.

6. New Business

Dates for the AGM (Annual General Meeting) and ABM (Annual Board Meeting). ß

ABM will be on 10/22 at 8:30 PM ET.

AGM will be on 10/13 at 8:30 PM ET. (7:30?)

Applicants to review on Sept 2024

Gretchen Byerts

Single Full membership

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Houston TX 77070

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Phone: (713)628-5959

Occupation: Retired

Does not currently have bearded collies but has had two previously and wants to stay as a member of the club to keep up to date. She loves the breed and is a member of the BCC of Texas. Has been a member of the BCCA , but was late with her renewal and submitted a new application

Sponsor: TBD – will find a sponsor for her.

Allison Jayne and Jeff Wong

Joint Full membership

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Honolulu HI 96822

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Email2: jwong50@hawaii.rr.com

Phone: (808)384-1462

Phone2: (808)226-5549

Occupations: Veterinarian & retired

Has had bearded collies 27 years and have 3 bearded collies now. They also have Toy Fox Terriers. Interested in conformation, agility, obedience, and fast cat.

Sponsor: Carol Serrine and Brian Wistrom

7. For the Good of the Order

GSBCC will not be able to man the booth at Meet the Breeds next January. They don't have enough people or younger dogs to run the event.

Next Meeting: 10/22 at 8:30 PM.