

**Bearded Collie Club of America  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 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, Eastman, Gracie, Jamison, McNamara, Minner, Norteman, Poliak

**Absent:**

**Guest:** Jennifer Waldeck

**3. 2025 National Specialty Update**

Jennifer Waldeck shared general updates on the Specialty.

MRFs are slow in returning, but grooming and hotel reservations are coming in OK. Registration might not meet the room block numbers, but we're working with the hotel to make that up with food & beverage orders. Judges have their travel arrangements. Logowear and fundraising are going well.

**4. 2026 National Specialty Update**

Kristin shared updates on the 2026 Specialty.

The obedience judge has been changed to Cathleen Caballero. Also looking at adding CGC and possibly Trick Dog to the schedule. These could be the substitutes for FastCAT.

We are considering Fetch with day-of signup and CGC testing.

Sue has leftover undated ribbons that the 2025 Specialty won't be using. Maybe we could get them a ride to Texas for 2026.

**5. 2027 National Specialty Update**

Courtne shared updates on the 2027 Specialty. The original hotel we planned to use changed ownership, so we're looking for another one in Lebanon, OR. We will have information by the end of the week; otherwise, the show might end up in Welches, OR. The hotel in Welches has been undergoing improvements.

The bid will be presented to the Board at the October meeting.

**6. Report of the Treasurer**

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

Taxes are complete. Sue is writing the check to the Trust tomorrow.

**7. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

**General Notes**

- Membership updates: Michelle Brock's address is updated to [980 Mountain Dr., Deerfield, IL 60015](https://www.google.com/maps/place/980+Mountain+Dr.,+Deerfield,+IL+60015).
- NCBC LEAP-sponsored event scheduled for 9/20 is over 2/3 full with 73% of attendees using the BCCA new or existing member discount.

## AKC Notes

- AKC announced an annual presidential sportsmanship award: Conceived by AKC President and CEO, Gina M. DiNardo, the award honors an individual who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the principles outlined in the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and Civility. It seeks to recognize those whose conduct consistently reflects integrity, mentorship, and respect within the dog sports community. **Discussed under New Business.**
- AKC Medallions for Royal Canin (December) are sponsored consistent with annual budget approval; all venues should be noted in premium lists this year
- AKC change to 4-6mo regulations allows non-approved judges who have Parent Club approval to judge specialties to also judge the 4-6 month puppy category
- AKC event fees are rising - the new fee will be \$4.50 a total increase of \$1.50, and the first such increase since 2008. There remains no fee for those competitions where there was not an event fee previously, e.g., Juniors, Sweeps, Obedience non-regular classes. Bob Lamm, our AKC Delegate, will attend our November meeting to discuss this topic.

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

## 8. Old Business

### Follow up: Membership Database

No time for testing MembershipWorks, but will get it done as soon as the Specialty is underway. Kristin will help.

### Follow up: Westminster Kennel Club Advertising

Casey, Courtnie, and Anna met about the BCCA ad for the Westminster catalog. WKC will send out an email – the ad might be free for parent clubs, and there might be a change in the size of the ad. They will meet again – deadline 11/20 – once they have the most recent updates from WKC.

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

Breed club ads are only \$25.00.

### Follow up: ShowSafe Club Membership

Anna received more information from ShowSafe. The Board will read the material and then discuss a motion in October.

More details on the benefits of the ShowSafe Club Membership:

- **Early Event Access** refers to any SHOW-SAFE events we put on throughout the country (auctions, benefits, recognition, awards, contents, sweepstakes, etc) you are notified and if there is ticketing or registration then your members are able to buy tickets in advance. So far we have had only one such event in Louisville in March.
- **Social Media Recognition** means that both when you join and at different times throughout the year we spotlight your club for being that level of member, linking to your SM pages as well. Separately, we spotlight you at any events as well in person.
- View the [club community page](#), scroll down to the Leader's Circle, and view the examples of member clubs highlighted.
- More details about ShowSafe are in the attachment in the Board packet.

### **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.

Motion to approve: Passed.

**Discussion:** AKC says the judges have to redo the process every year. This could be an incentive to become a licensed judge.

## **9. New Business**

### **BCCA Award Certificates**

In the past, the club has printed the BCCA award certificates and distributed as many as possible at the National Specialty. Any unclaimed after the Specialty have been snail-mailed to the recipients.

Should we consider distributing the certificates in a different way, such as having the certificates be posted online for recipients to download and print?

The 2025 Specialty Committee is giving out printed booklets and certificates at the auction/awards banquet this year.

This discussion is tabled until after the Specialty (December meeting). We will bring it back up for discussion then.

### **2026 Affiliate Club Events**

The Bearded Collie Club of Maine requests to use the BCCA umbrella for two weekends of conformation shows in 2026:

May 16-17: Supported entries at the York County KC of Maine shows, Cumberland, ME

May 30-31: Specialty and supported entry at Ladies' Dog Club shows, Wrentham, MA

**NOTE:** BCCME will be applying to have Cheryl Poliak judge at the Specialty on May 30.

Motion: Passed.

## AKC President's Sportsman Award



### THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ESTABLISHES THE PRESIDENT'S SPORTSMAN AWARD

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization recognized as the world's largest registry of purebred dogs and a leading authority on canine welfare and responsible dog ownership, is pleased to announce the establishment of the **President's Sportsman Award**.

Conceived by AKC President and CEO, Gina M. DiNardo, the award honors an individual who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the principles outlined in the **AKC Code of Sportsmanship and Civility**. It seeks to recognize those whose conduct consistently reflects integrity, mentorship, and respect within the dog sports community.

"The world of dog sports is grounded in mutual respect, exemplary sportsmanship, and a shared devotion to dogs," said Ms. DiNardo. "This award acknowledges individuals who embody these ideals—those who welcome newcomers, guide others, and elevate the culture of our community both in and out of the ring."

An independent selection committee will name **one adult** and **one junior** recipient. Honorees will be invited to attend the **AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin**, held in Orlando, Florida this December, where the awards will be formally conferred.

To submit a nomination, please click [HERE](#).

Link to the nomination form and a short description:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Iq-3sMFRkKkwDirdZRsDwN47JHsJRIJIUaC5yPH1EZUMldGUzIPQ1I2N1NaNII5VVExUUZVVINWSy4u&sc\\_src=email\\_2443288&sc\\_lid=150191750&sc\\_uid=CV1eEzucpQ&sc\\_lid=5003&sc\\_eh=1955717f16d8f6011](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Iq-3sMFRkKkwDirdZRsDwN47JHsJRIJIUaC5yPH1EZUMldGUzIPQ1I2N1NaNII5VVExUUZVVINWSy4u&sc_src=email_2443288&sc_lid=150191750&sc_uid=CV1eEzucpQ&sc_lid=5003&sc_eh=1955717f16d8f6011)

If you want to nominate anyone, please feel free to do so. Deadline is November 1. We can discuss in October whether we want to nominate anyone as a club.

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

Nina Brusin

Single Foreign membership

Strandkullantie

Vantaa, Uusimaa 01760 Finland

Email: nina2.brusin@gmail.com

Phone: +358451149686

Occupation: Maritime pilot coordinator

Has had beardedies since 1981 and been breeding since 1993 under the Memorylane kennel name.

Currently has 10 beardedies, also Akita and PBGV. Also a member of the Bearded Collie Club of Finland. Interested in insights on bearded collies from other parts of the globe. Participates in conformation

Sponsor: Kristen Webb – Passed.

### **Application to review in September 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 beardedie rescue. Also interested in Rally and interested in being contacted by the chair.

Sponsor: Patty Halverson

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

Pat will contact Mary Maurer about OB/rally chair

Asked Rhonda Hardy about Therapy – she will take the position and will contact Gretchen.

### **Adjournment**

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 21 at 8:30 PM ET/7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT/5:30 PM PT (ABM)**