



*Rocky Mountain
Bearded Collie Connection*

Beardie Works
January 2026



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BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Laura Tappero

While my duties as chair might make you believe I am the bearer of bad news, let me reassure you that I can bring good news also. Especially the good news as it pertains to your Beardies' accomplishments. But and this is the biggy, *I can only do this if you, the membership, let me know.*

We all mourn when we lose our beloved pets or a family member. It's important to know how much your sadness at this time is shared.

If you have news for me, good or sad, please e-mail me @ Shanaspre@Q.com



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RMBCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2026, hoping for a fun year. We had an enjoyable time at the Christmas Party it was great to see everyone who attended. It gave us a chance to catch up with what everyone was up to.

We took care of Linus while Karen was at the Invitational in Orlando. Roy enjoyed having someone to play with every day. I watched the agility trials on the AKC Channel. Enjoy reading about Karen's success at the Trials.

We had our Board meeting on January 4th and Karen is learning how to use AI to take our minutes.

I look forward to seeing the club members in 2026.



Olivia Lazarus

January 4, 2026 RMBCC BOARD MINUTES

Date: January 4, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m. **Attendees:** Olivia (Chair), Karen (Treasurer), Meg, Kathy, Nancy, and Colleen (via phone). **Absent:** Deb (Secretary).

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting, submitted by Deb, were reviewed 1.

- **Correction:** A discrepancy was noted regarding the holiday party payment. The minutes incorrectly stated that members were responsible for both the \$20 fee and the overage 2.
- **Clarification:** The actual arrangement was that each of the 15 attending members paid **\$20**, and the **club paid the remainder** of the balance to the restaurant 2, 3.
- **Outcome:** The minutes were approved as amended 4.

2. Treasurer's Report

- **Current Balance:** After the holiday party expenses at Chewies, the current club balance is **\$5,129.00** 5.
- **Recent Activity:** Minimal activity beyond holiday party charges and a few late membership renewals in September 5.



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- **Upcoming Expenses:** Meg noted that she needs to pay the **annual insurance (\$450)** and state taxes (**\$10**) this month 6.

3. Holiday Party Review (Committee Report)

- **Financials:** The total bill for the event at Chewies was **\$550**, which included the food, dessert, and tip 7-9. The club collected \$300 from attendees, leaving a net cost to the club of **\$250** 7, 9.
- **Feedback:** Members enjoyed the private room, which was provided for free for two and a half hours 10, 11.
- **Future Improvements:**
 - The buffet (fajitas) had some issues, including cold tortillas and hidden onions/peppers 12, 13.
 - For next year, the club may consider ordering individually off the menu, as the restaurant seems open to this for groups of around 15 14, 15.

4. Annual Picnic Planning

- **Target Dates:** The club is aiming for a weekend in May—specifically **May 2–3** or **May 16–17**—to avoid the summer heat and high-volume show weekends in June and September 16-18.
- **Action Item:** Nan will contact the venue immediately to secure a date before baseball leagues reserve the fields 16, 19. If May is unavailable, June or August will be considered as backups 18.

5. Nominating Committee and Board Elections

- **Requirement:** Per the bylaws, a nominating committee must be chaired by a board member to select candidates for the 2026 board 20.
- **Appointments:** **Colleen volunteered to chair** the nominating committee 21.
- **Board Status:** All current board members (Olivia, Karen, Colleen, Kathy, and Meg) expressed their willingness to **continue in their current roles** for another year 21.
- **Action Item:** Colleen will send out the formal nominating letter to the membership, with assistance from Meg to reconfirm the member list 21, 22.

6. New Business & Dog-Centered Activities

- **Membership:** The club has officially **eliminated the grace period** for membership renewals 6.
- **Future Events:**
 - **Agility Day:** Colleen will look into a potential venue in Fort Collins and gauge member interest 23, 24.
 - **Fast Cat/Fetch:** There is interest in coordinating a group to attend a Fast Cat trial (potentially one run by the Dalmatian Club in Englewood) or a "Fetch" event 25-27.
 - **Nose Work:** Olivia mentioned an upcoming beginning scent work class in Golden starting in March 28.



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- **BCCA Funding:** The Bearded Collie Club of America offers funding for regional clubs to host dog events 29. **Kathy volunteered to research the requirements** and application process for these funds 30.

7. Adjournment and Next Meeting

- **Next Meeting:** Scheduled for **Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** 31, 32.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned following a motion and a second 33.

Organizing a club's year is much like **tending a community garden**; while the social gatherings provide the vibrant flowers everyone enjoys, the administrative tasks like taxes, insurance, and committee reports are the quiet weeding and watering that ensure the garden stays healthy enough to bloom again next season.

BRAGGS AND WAGGS

Karen Deitke – Kindle #1 Bearded Collie



I competed with Kindle at the 2025 AKC Agility Invitionals in Orlando Florida in December.

What an honor to even be invited representing the breed in agility! Only the top 5 Regular and Top 1 Preferred Bearded Collie teams were invited to compete. Kindle had 3 out of 4 qualifying runs, missing 4 of 4 by only a bar drop. Out of all the 135 dogs in the 20" class we ended up 31st.

However, amongst the Bearded Collies **we were #1 earning the Breed Medalion!** What a thrill to end the year as the Top AKC Bearded Collie Agility Team!



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Mike and Becky Tupa – Abbey Happy 2026



Colleen Fitzgerald – Cormac AKC Trick Dog Performer Title



Cormac, Ragtyme What the World Needs Now, received his AKC Trick Dog Performer Title on December 22, 2025. Of the tricks he performed, he especially enjoyed dropping his toy through a basketball hoop, sticking his head through a Santa face, running around me in circles, jumping through my arms, doing a leg weave, and of course rolling over for a belly rub on command.

Training is completed at Ouray Working Dog club under the owner/trainer Marsha Boggs.

He is one bright dog, and I am so excited that I can keep up with him.



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Kim and Luke Krueger – Frapper, Sprite and River

Frapper

Retirement runs!

Frapper officially retired. She enjoyed her last run with Luke at Douglas County Fairgrounds
Risa Caramel Frappuccino RE PT FDC OA AXJ OJP NF TKN-She is now enjoying life as a trail running dog!



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SPRITE

Sprite, Risa Spindrift Fairy Dust RA HT FDC AX OAJ ACT1 ACT1J TKN received her excellent standard title! She is excited to be on to Masters!

As always, thankful to be her partner!



RIVER

River, Risa Rocking the River RA HT FDC NA NAJ ACT2 CGCA CGCU TKN enjoyed her retirement run. She loved not having to do the weaves!



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2025 Holiday Party



The club held its holiday party at Chuy's in Denver on December 13, 2025. The Mexican buffet was great, and there was plenty of food. Each member paid \$20, and any overage was paid by the club.

We had a good turnout, with about 15 members attending. The gift exchange was also lots of fun! It is always a pleasure to catch up with each other, and it's especially delightful to be able to go on and on about all the cute, smart things our Beardies do!

Here's to a happy, healthy 2026!