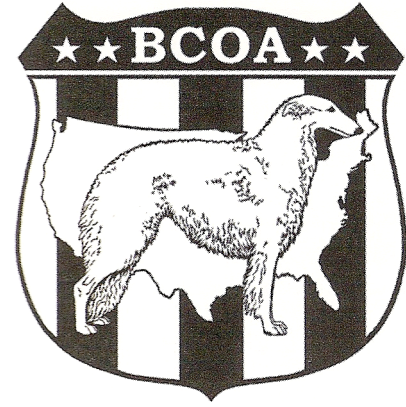


Borzoi Club of America, Inc

Annual Membership Meeting
11 April 2014
Albuquerque, New Mexico



President Peters-Campbell called meeting to order at 12:50 pm. She welcomed everybody and introduced each officer and governor, asking them to stand . Rebecca asked those from outside the USA to stand up.

86 members signed in, and 51 are needed for quorum. The members were asked to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2013 annual membership meeting. Chris Danker so moved, seconded by Ernest Cheeley. Motion carried.

President Peters-Campbell spoke about the new BCOA initiative. Four pet oxygen masks were purchased from the BCOA Rescue & Welfare fund to donate to the Albuquerque Fire department. This presentation will be made at Saturday's banquet. BCOA will be making a similar donation each year to the host city where our specialty is held.

Rebecca presented the AKC Outstanding Sportsman Award. There were many worthy candidates. This member, both an exhibitor and breeder in conformation and performance events, is one of the persons who comes early to BCOA events and stays late to help out. For many years she has been chairperson of our LGRA events, our specialty sales, and has transported BCOA inventory to our specialties from coast to coast. We are pleased to award the 2014 AKC Outstanding Sportsman Award to Carol Enz.

Copies of the 2013 annual treasury report are on their tables. Rebecca asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, Rebecca asked for a motion to approve the report. Roy Silguero so moved, seconded by Chris Danker. Motion carried.

President Peters-Campbell announced that the Bev Taylor Rescue Committee report for 2013 was included in the treasury report. For 2014, the BTRC has donated \$6,000 to Borzoi Rescue Northern California, and \$12,000 to the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation.

Leonore Abordo reported on the health clinics held Wednesday. Leonore thanked the members for their donations during the year to the Health fund. These donations pay for over half of the costs of the health clinics at the specialty. There were 81 eye tests and 59 heart auscultations done this year. Leonore thanked the members who helped with the health clinics: Dr Karla Smith, Dr Tina Wismer and KC Artley.

President Peters-Campbell announced that the Borzoi Club of America is on the AKC Canine Health Foundation "Honor Roll" for our donations last year, and also on the "Founders Society Millennium List", for having donated over \$25,000 over the years to CHF.

Ron Williams spoke on the success of the "Meet the Breeds" borzoi booth at Jarvis Center last October in New York City. There is an article about this in the Aristocrat. Our borzoi booth was awarded a Hound Group IV. This is a great opportunity for the public to see borzoi. Ron Williams thanked the people who helped.

Chris Neale spoke on the success of the "Meet the Breeds" borzoi booth at the Eukanuba show in Orlando Florida last December. Our borzoi booth earned a Hound Group III award. Chris Neale thanked the members and non-members who helped with the booth, including Gerald & Sylvia Clark.

President Peters-Campbell reminded the members that at 6 pm tonight is the costume contest and the Parade of Companions. Thank you to Dee Jones for organizing these fun events.

President Peters-Campbell reminded members to send their wins in AKC Agility competition to Chris Danker. Also to send their wins in AKC obedience and rally events to June Mintchell. Then the members' wins can be recognized in the *Aristocrat*.

President Peters-Campbell asked for any more committee reports. There were none, so she asked for a motion to approve the committee reports. Phyllis Potter so moved and Roy Silguero seconded. Motion carried.

President Peters-Campbell said she is still compiling information on borzoi which are, or which have been, therapy dogs. In the future, there will be a feature article about these therapy borzoi in the *Aristocrat*. These borzoi can be owned by non-members. These borzoi can be deceased, but can still be honored for the therapy work they did. If pictures are published, there will need to be a release form signed by those persons shown in the pictures, before the pictures can be published in the *Aristocrat*.

President Peters-Campbell asked new life members to stand up, and congratulated them on their 25 years of club membership.

President Peters-Campbell announced the plans for the 2015 Yearbook. Flyers are on the tables, and the information will be added to the BCOA website. Take this opportunity to share your breeding success, and the dogs you love, with the borzoi community. Thanks to Helen Lee for chairing this project. Deadline for ads in the 2015 Yearbook, is January 15, 2015. The 2015 yearbook will be available at our May 2015 specialty show in Huron Ohio.

President Peters-Campbell read Ginger Jones' proposal that BCOA fund an initial study of microphthalmia in borzoi for twelve thousand dollars. Since the BCOA money is the BCOA members' money, Rebecca asked the members if they wanted to do this. A number of people got up and spoke, stating that they didn't think that microphthalmia was that common in borzoi. Shouldn't BCOA funds be spent to study the common diseases that affect borzoi, such as bloat, cancers and heart diseases. A motion was made by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Barbara O'Neill to not donate BCOA funds for a study of microphthalmia. All in favor. One opposed.

President Peters-Campbell announced that the AKC will recognize titles awarded by a parent club, such as the Registry of Merit title. For \$20, a person can apply to the AKC, to have the ROM title added to his borzoi's registered name on the official AKC certificates and AKC database. BCOA will send the AKC the list of ROM titles that BCOA has awarded.

President Peters-Campbell announced that a Triathlon committee has been formed to look into changing the triathlon rules to give points for wins in the LGRA and rally competition at our specialty shows.

President Peters-Campbell announced that Robin Casey is the chairperson of the nominating committee. The nominating committee will be seeking candidates for the positions of AKC delegate, recording secretary, treasurer, and governors for regions 2, 4, and 6. These positions are two-year terms (2015-2016). Members interested in be nominated should contact Robin Casey.

President Peters-Campbell asked for any new business. Kay Henderson moved, that BCOA establish a committee which would forward inquiries from people wanting a borzoi to all BCOA members who are on a breeders list. The breeders then, if they had dogs to sell or place, could each contact that person seeking a borzoi. Leonore Abordo seconded the motion. Discussion. There was an amendment added by Cynthia Gredys: the motion as amended is, "BCOA form a committee which will be responsible for forwarding inquiries from potential buyers to all BCOA members who wish to be informed, provided that the inquirer has indicated that he/she wishes to have his/her contact information shared in this manner. The committee will provide a form for potential buyers to complete, and the committee will maintain a list of breeders who wish to receive these forms." Motion carried. (Note that this would be a different breeders list, from the current breeders list, which is sent by Karen Mays to persons who contact BCOA about getting a borzoi. The new committee will be set up at the next BCOA board meeting).

Kristina Terra spoke on the plans for the International Borzoi Conference to be held in Pleasanton California, October 17-19 2014, in conjunction with three dog shows, including the Borzoi Club of Northern California's specialty show. Besides the conference, there will be sightseeing trips available. The website is 2014ibc.com

Shirley McFadden spoke about the silent auction and Friday night's live auction of borzoi art. Shirley asked that people fill out the art auction form to use a credit card for payment and give the form to Barbara O'Neill. Friday starting at 5 pm the paddles for the live auction will be handed out. Shirley thanked all the people who donated items for the silent auction and for the live auction. Thank you to Bryan and Rita Rice, and to Jean Durdin, for sponsoring the food that will be available during the live auction. Thank you to Laurie Courtney and to Janet Brown for helping with the art auctions.

Rita Rice, trophy chairperson, has the 2015 trophy sponsorship book, and will be asking people to sign up to sponsor the trophies of their choice for next year.

President Peters-Campbell asked the membership how they like the Dual Champion sweepstakes, offered for the first time this year. There was an enthusiastic response from the members. The Dual Champion sweepstakes will be offered again next year.

Prudence Hlatky moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

KC Artley