

**Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
Autumn Board Meeting
Delta Room - Holiday Inn Downtown Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee
14 November 2015**

10:17 AM

Roll Call and Quorum

Present: Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rita Rice, Ron Williams, Joy Windle, & Marcella Zobel

Absent: Robin Casey & Kasey Parks

Approval of the Minutes : On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Rita Rice, the Minutes of the Summer Meeting were approved as published.

Officers' Reports

November 2015

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle)

Applications for membership

First Reading: On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Carol Enz, the applications for membership were accepted; the motion carried.

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Second Reading: None

Trophy Supported Entries: On a motion by Rita Rice, seconded by Marcella Zobel, the application for a TSE was approved; the motion carried.

Houston Kennel Club 15 July 2016

Judge: Sari Tietjin Sweeps: TBD Chair: Leslie Walenta

October Mailing: 3 pieces: Dues notice, Nomination for 2018 judges, Slate of nominated Board Offices. It was also shared with Governors to forward to their members as well as publishing on borzorclubofamerica.org and posting to BCOAMembersOnly.

Election of Officers: There being no nominating petitions received as of midnight 31 October 2015, the slate is elected.

Charges: Two sets of charges have been filed, to be shared in Board Executive Session, 14 November.

Social Media:

BCOAMembersOnly: 164 members

FaceBook: BCOA c1000 followers

After some discussion regarding BCOA's presence on Facebook, it was agreed that Regional Clubs are invited to to send jpg's of their speciality and TSEs to Joy Windle for sharing on the BCOA Facebook page.

National Specialty little activity since August

Yearbook: Even though there appears to be continued interest, it has resulted in no new orders. It was agreed to take down the page and re-invent in 2019.

Corresponding Secretary (Karen Mays):) A researcher's request for feedback for her study about canine gestation will be forwarded to our Nancy Hopkins, Health Committee chair. On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, the report was approved.

Treasurer (Rita Rice): On a motion by Ron Williams, seconded by Joy Windle, the report was approved.

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill): On a motion by Prudence Hlatky , seconded by Ron Williams, the report was approved. The Board expressed unhappiness with the fact that Owner-Handlers are noted in the AKC judge's book at shows; many feel that when the judge sees that designation, he might be inclined not to award BoB to that dog, instead opting for OHBoB.

Regional Governors: On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, the reports were approved with the provision that the Region 5 Governor amend her report to reflect accurately the content of the report to the membership in her region.

Standing Committee Reports On a motion by Prudence Hlatky , seconded by Marcella Zobel, the reports were approved.

AKC Gazette (Jon Steele): Board members praised Jon's work as *Gazette* Columnist.

Aristocrat: Editor Helen Lee apologized for her tardiness in publishing the Specialty Supplement and the Fall issues. Board members mentioned Helen's marathon with the Yearbook and stated their appreciation of her work as Aristocrat chair.

The Board asked Karen Mays to send a notes of thanks to both Helen, Jon Steele (Gazette columnist), as well as KC Artley for her work on the Standing Rules and Brochure, for their good work.

Beverly Taylor Rescue Committee: It was clarified that any board member may join the conference call meetings as an auditor, but only the committee members - and BCOA president if desired - participate in discussion and decisions. Barbara O'Neill, the committee chair, stated she would call a meeting within the next few weeks.

Breed Welfare and Rescue It was noted that NBRF was following the current fashion of spaying even pre-adolescent puppies before placing them. In light of a growing body of evidence against the advisability of the practice, we wonder if that is the best policy for our breed. Pediatric spay/neuter has not always been NBRF's policy.

Championship Medals: Chris Danker continues her good work for this committee.

Health (Nancy Hopkins):

Judges' Education: Update from Jon Steele: work on Judges Education tri-fold brochure is progressing. It was also noted that there is a real need for more mentors for judges ed to present breed seminars rather than only ringside mentoring. The Board agreed to send those who agree to lead a seminar a copy of video.

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Joyce Katona, to authorize Barbara O'Neill to approach Purebred Studios about the purchase of 50 additional videos of the Judges Education seminar for use by Judges Education Mentors; the motion carried.

Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata: It was noted that Edna's notes and cards are appreciated by our members who receive them. Anyone who has extra borzoi or hound-themed note cards could send them to Edna for use by KIT.

Legislative Liaison: The Animal Welfare Act revisions are retro-active to 2013; legislation could potentially affect many BCOA members who breed, so timely, accurate information is important. Rita Rice will look into the application process for APHIS Licensing and report next year. Rita & Joy Windle will work on a document summarizing 11 pages in a list to share with members.

Meet the Breeds:The New York event is scheduled for Saturday, 13 February 2016 on Piers 92 & 94 as part of Westminster Weekend. Contact Chair Ron Williams if you would like to participate.

National Specialty Committees (Barbara O'Neill)

Futurity: Voting for a judge is currently in process. There was discussion about the qualifications for judging this event, with suggestions it be opened up to candidates who are not borzoi breeders. No changes were made.

National Specialty Guidelines: On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Joyce Katona, it was agreed that the obedience judge may award up to three AOM dogs (a qualifying score is not necessary.) The motion carried. (This is a clarification of the existing policy.)

2016 National Specialty: There was a discussion of additional specialty sale items with alternate designs.

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Joy Windle, \$500 will be donated to the Lawrence, KS Police Department K-9 Unit because this K-9 unit already has oxygen masks.

2017 National Specialty: On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Joyce Katona, the Board approved Dora McDonald as the 2017 Judge for Junior Showmanship; the motion carried.

Club Inventory & Medals

Ready Borzoi (Veni Harlan): Members are encouraged to review the advice on this site frequently.

Registry of Merit (ROM) On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Carol Enz, the Board approved

SIRES:

GCh. Aashtoria Wildhunt 4 your I's Only RA ROMX-C (upgrade from ROM)

DAMS

DC Aashtoria Wildhunt Mystery Unveiled SC RN FCh SGRC ROM-C

Ch Calaron Charley's Angel, UDX, RE, SC ROM

Standing Rules: KC Artley has withdrawn as Keeper of the Standing Rules because she no longer sits on the Board; Joy Windle will assume the role.

Website: To avoid duplication and confusion, only designees (Karen Mays and Joy Windle) send material to webmistress for updates and corrections. Regional clubs are reminded to update their officers, their contact information, websites, as well as specialties and TSEs with Karen Mays. Forward other corrections to Joy Windle.

Unfinished Business

1. Revision of BCOA Documents: On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, revised website brochures for Agility, Obedience, and Rally were approved; the motion carried.

2. Membership Application: Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, and Joy Windle were appointed to revise the current application for membership with the goal of making it more welcoming and more user friendly. Additionally an application solely for Juniors will be created with input from Barbara Lord, Junior Showmanship Chair.

3. The AKC Registration Brochure (included with registration materials) revision submitted by KC Artley and Barbara O'Neill was fine-tuned by the Board and will replace the old brochure. Board members thanked KC and Barbara for their work on this project.

4. On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Carol Enz, it was agreed to offer a BCOA medallion for Best of Breed at any Performance Trophy Supported Entry requesting one.

5. Update: BCOA ROM as AKC Title: A member had inquired about AKC accepting BCOA's ROM as an AKC title because when she applied for two of her dogs, she was told that no such program exists. Rebecca Peters-Campbell contacted the AKC and after much referring of phone calls, she was told the program was not intended for hounds, but the matter would require further investigation. To date: AKC has not answered our question.

6. New Title Rosettes: Anne Ford suggested the creation and awarding of New Title rosettes in all venues at the national specialty beginning in 2016. She has agreed to chair the committee to implement her suggestion. Thank you, Anne!

New Business

1. Member Charges: The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:10, going into Executive Session until 5:35 to hear un-related charges brought by two BCOA members against two other members. In each case, the Board found cause to entertain jurisdiction and investigate the charges. Two hearing committees were appointed; they will report their findings and recommendations at the January board meeting.

2. Dual Champion Stakes: Those present voted for one of the five names suggested to judge the special attraction at the 2016 National Specialty. Barbara O'Neill will contact the judges in order of votes received. The judge's identity will be announced at the event.

3. 2016 National Specialty Catalog: On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Marcella Zobel, a page, "When They Were Young," was approved for the catalog. It will display baby photos of Board members without identification for attendees to match with their adult counterparts.

4. Proposal for Top 5 Awards: Ron Williams presented a proposal from Deb Vidaver-Cohen and Jane Berardi-Molloy which outlines the awarding certificates and rosettes for Top Five in each of the eleven areas in which the Number One Awards are made at the annual awards dinner. On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Joyce Katona, it was agreed that since #1 already receives an engraved plaque, the certificates and rosettes will go to #2-5.

5. Clarification of Breeder-Owner/Handler Award: The award will be made, regardless of how far down the standing list that team is. Like BCOA's other awards, the winner is calculated based on BCOA's calendar year method, not on AKC's October to October award calendar.

6. National Specialty Junior Showmanship Classes: In order to increase the opportunity for competition wins at the national specialty, BCOA will offer Novice, Open & Master classes for Junior Showmanship.
7. BCOA Member Pins: Joy Windle distributed packets of 10 pins each to regional governors to give to members who did not receive one when they joined BCOA. More will be available at the national specialty.
8. On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Rita Rice, it was agreed to include the Top 10 AKC NOHS borzoi in *Aristocrat*, and to include the AKC NOHS borzoi in our Annual Awards, with a plaque for first place and rosettes & certificates for 2nd through 5th places.

Dates for 2016 Board Meeting: 7:30 PM EST 19 January 20 16

Change teleconference: Uber Conference.com Online conference call unlimited for a fee of \$10/month. Ties to specific emails @ BCOA.club. On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Ron Williams, the Board also agreed to test Google drive (\$600/year + \$70).

Tabled:

Discussion Topic - Brainstorm ways to influence member behavior as alternative to filing charges. Mediation?

Create a "Process" document for Member Charges for future use.

BCOA Mailed Documents - How to clarify instructions

Update - ROM Committee for new title inclusion: Review of 2015 Triathlon - Inclusion of Rally and LGRA (as planned)

AKC's Enhanced Canine Ambassador Program

2016 Committee Chairs - Preliminary suggestions

Adjourned 6:14 PM CST

Respectfully submitted,

Joy E. Windle

Recording Secretary