

Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
Annual Meeting
Hunt Valley, Maryland
Friday, 19 May 2017

President's Greeting

President Peters-Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. She expressed her pleasure at seeing so many coming together in to celebrate borzoi. This year we welcome five people to their BCOA national as well as six international guests.

Establish Quorum: members attending meets and exceeds the quorum of 47 (10% of membership) 119 with 18 guests

Approve Minutes: On a motion by Marina Pearce, seconded by Chris Danker, the Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting in Lawrenceville, KS were approved.

Officers Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle): New Members since the last annual meeting in April 2016, BCOA has welcomed 20 new members, including 1 Junior. We have added 1 new Judges' Mentor. The addition of the email option for the selection of national specialty judges approved at the 2016 Annual meeting, appears to be successful with nearly double the previous member participation in the process. Four Trophy-Supported Entries, including a first-time field trial TSE, in areas without regional clubs to do so have been approved for the coming year.

With the assistance of R Lynn Shell-Whitlock, the Board has been busy updating a variety of forms, including a revised application for membership, sponsor and home visit forms, a new application form specifically for juniors as fillable pdfs, which may then be downloaded and sent to the recording secretary as an email attachment or printed and mailed via USPS. We encourage the use of the fillable forms as they are less apt to lead to errors resulting from idiosyncratic handwriting.

Both BCOABoard1@yahoogroups.com and BCOAMembersOnly@yahoogroups.com have migrated to <https://groups.io>

Currently, 175 members have opted into the group. All members are encouraged to join this group, created specifically to facilitate conversations on BCOA matters in a non-public forum.

On a motion by Jan Leikam, seconded by Anne Midgarden, the report was accepted.

Treasurer (Jan Leikam):

The 2016 annual Treasurer's report will be available later.

Regional Governors: President Peters-Campbell introduced Regional Governors and encouraged members to communicate with their regional governors any concerns or good ideas they may have.

Standing Committee Reports On a motion by Loretta Binder Wheeler, seconded by Marie White, the following reports were accepted:

Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue (Shen Smith):

President Peters-Campbell noted that on this, the tenth anniversary of BTRC, BCOA \$215,000 donated to rescue with no loss of the principle.

Shen Smith asked for 30 seconds of silence to think of Beverly Taylor and to contemplate the difference her legacy has made for borzoi in the last ten years.

Complete financials are available to members upon request from Shen; BCOA does make financial records public.

Kelly Brunarski and Karen Denning will act as in-house financial advisors to BTRC.

Health (Nancy Hopkins):

Ginger Jones (Research & Grant Proposals) praised Nancy Hopkins in her role as health chair.

Conference call with Kate Meurs, Samantha Wright (CHF grants administration), Dr. Diane Brown (CHF grants review coordinator), and Nancy Hopkins to discuss heart research for sudden death in borzoi. Dr. Meurs felt we would have more success and at a quicker pace trying to find the genetic component of arrhythmia induced sudden death before looking for the genetic component to the cause of murmurs in our breed. The latter has too broad a scope to be successfully conducted within the normal Oak Grant cycle time of 2 years or even a bit longer if broken down into successive grants. CHF agreed with her on this point. We proceeded to discuss with her the new Holter rental program we were implementing to see how we can utilize this to assist in gathering data for Dr. Meurs. We discussed the types of data she believes she will need for her study. I will send her a sample of the form we are using for our collections to see if this, along with a 5 generation pedigree of the dog, is sufficient for her use, or if there are additional data needed for each dog. We will then have a follow up conference call to determine next steps for MOU or grant submission to the CHF to proceed.

On Wednesday, blood was drawn for thyroid testing for 52 dogs. Samples went out quickly, arriving at MSU on Thursday.

The vets drawing blood on Wednesday noted a degree of dehydration among our borzoi. Be careful to keep dogs well-hydrated in hot weather.

OFAThyroid status:

borzoi registered: 1280

rank in number of dogs in thyroid database: 11

rank in number of affected dogs: 26

The Holter program roles out today, 5/19/17. It provides BCOA members and owners the means to do a 24-hour test of the electrical function of the heart. It does not replace echo-cardiogram. Thanks to Renee McCartin's efforts, we have purchased 2 monitors & vests.

The fee for BCOA Members: \$40/30 for those willing to share results

Junior Showmanship: (Barbara Tyler Lord)

We are all aging & the breed desperately needs future guardians of the breed. We must encourage participation of the youth in our breed.

Our first Pee Wee class will follow the Costume class on Friday. Please make an effort to attend and encourage. Please, also support the Juniors classes on Friday.

Welfare (Dee Jones):

Dee reminded everyone to make provisions for dogs left behind in the event of our emergencies. Be sure there is some to step in to help. Post information in an easy to find location.

The very large rescue in Pacific Northwest did not involve animal cruelty; it was a nuisance situation.

Unfinished Business

Breeder Referral (Cindi Gredys) Progress is being made & the program should role out this summer.

Standing Rules: work continues; re-organization should be completed this summer.

Re-donation of HiT trophy (Leaping Lena): "The Leapin' Lena Trophy donated by Todd & Toby Brandtman, retired by & generously re-donated by June Mintchell and re-named in 2017 in memory of Bonnie Nichols."

Bequest from Nadine Johnson's Estate: On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, the Board accepted a bronze from Nadine Johnson's estate to be used as a challenge trophy. Nadine's family will provide base and nameplates. the Rising Star Challenge Trophy for Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed at the National Specialty.

TSE at Orlando invitation: BCOA needs a chair (*soon!*)

New Business

Member Awards: Rebecca Peters-Campbell made the following Member Awards

Life Members (joined 1992): Certificates were awarded to

Terry Ann Doane	Terry Steele
Mary Ewing	Kris Taylor
Karen Haberkorn	Valori & John Trantarella
Veni Harlan	Kris Woddail
Paula Moore	Barbara Yoon

Golden Anniversary (joined in 1967): Large gold star-shaped paperweights engraved with the BCOA logo will be mailed to the following to commemorate fifty years as members of BCOA.

William Brumlow

Lois Cooper

Angela San Paolo

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award: Ronnie Williams

Consensus: Would it be appropriate to schedule Vet sweeps before Puppy Sweeps? The show committee has the option to reverse order as appropriate.

2016 Approved in concept an NBRF National Disaster Relief Fund, separate from the main BTRC funds have been dedicated & now plans must be made.

BCOA members who would like to work on the committee should contact any officer or regional governor. The Board will name committee at its Summer meeting.

National Specialty locations: Joyce Katona asked that members consider the possibility of choosing 3 regional locations (East, Central, & Western) with show committees representing all six regions.

New Business from the Floor

Mentor (Lorrie Scott)

See draft

K Spey suggested that perhaps we need mentors in different areas

Jon Steele pointed out that AKC mentor guidelines is broader and looser and that it is possible to be AKC mentor, but not BCOA.

Patti Neale added a mentor should be able to articulate what we want judges to know about borzoi.

How does performance influence what judges see in their ring?

Please provide feedback by July 1, 2017 to

Prudence Hlatky at soyara@aol.com

Jan Leikam at jan@mycrescentlighting.com

Lorrie Scott at aruzia@sbcglobal.net

Annual Award for Stud & Brood Bitch: Should we include more than conformation titles? Or make a separate award for producing performance titles?

Sweepstakes ages: [WHAT DID WE DO HERE?](#)

TABULATING OBEDIENCE

Motion by Chris Danker, seconded by Margie Milne, was tabled pending further study:

Rationale: As it stands now, the average score is used. A 190 in Novice is not the same accomplishment as a 190 in a higher class such as open or utility. A well-working dog in any class can earn a qualifying score but be penalized when averaging due to a lower score. Instead why not reward **all** qualifying

scores and change the tabulating system. A dog who can earn multiple qualifying performances during the year should be rewarded, not penalized if one score is lower than others to bring the average down. **All** qualifying scores should be rewarded in some fashion.

Motion: Top Obedience Borzoi for the year be tabulated as follows: scores are added up for a total and then weighted per class.

Novice class (including Graduate and Preferred Novice): add scores from that class x 1

Open class (including Graduate and Preferred Open): add scores for those classes x 2

Utility and Preferred Utility: add scores for those classes x 3

The Beginner Novice: add scores x 0.5.

Scores would then be added up from **all** the classes the dog competed in during the calendar year, for the highest scoring Obedience Borzoi.

This system would reward the Borzoi and handler who are campaigning in the Obedience world.

TABULATING RALLY Motion by Chris Danker, seconded by Margie Milne, was tabled pending further study:

I would like to propose that the tabulation for top rally Borzoi be as follows:

Novice Rally: add scores x 1, for top Novice Rally Borzoi.

Advanced Rally: add scores x 2 for the top Advanced Rally Borzoi.

Excellent add scores x 3 for top Excellent Rally Borzoi.

Starting autumn 2017, Intermediate Rally class scores will be added x 1.5

Masters Rally class scores will be added x 4

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

1. Rotating 3-site National Specialty. It is too soon to make a motion or decision, but the request is to begin a conversation about choosing three national specialty locations (one East, one Central, and one West) and going back to them for our national specialty shows, rather than hunting for hotels and reinventing the wheel every year. Regions would still take turns supplying show committees, but the time and frustrations of finding a site would be gone. For example, the Sawmill in Huron, Ohio, was a very popular Eastern site, and the owners have invited us back. Please ponder the pros and cons of this approach to national specialty locations. 2018 and 2019 are already scheduled, so obviously we would be looking to the future.

2. On a motion by KC Thompson-Golcher, seconded by Tom Golcher, members voted that Beverly C. Taylor funds be paid out only to NCBR, NBRF, or other BCOA-recognized 501c3 rescue groups with the imperative that these organizations return rescued or recovered BCOA-member owned borzoi to their breeders or owners, intact and unaltered, wherever possible, as determined by BCOA Board of Directors.

3. Members were asked to consider a 4-6 month special attraction as AKC allows. The consensus was that such a class at a national specialty is not wise from perspective of health; no motion was made.

Adjournment: 2:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joy E. Windle

Recording Secretary

Please contact me recsec@bcoa.club with any additions or corrections.