



BCOA Annual Membership Meeting
Mesquite, Texas
Friday, April 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara O'Neill, at 12:45 PM CST.

BCOA has 492 member households, with a total of 635 adult members and 10 junior members. A quorum is 63 members. There were 84 BCOA members present at this meeting. A quorum was established.

Barbara O'Neill introduced the Officers of BCOA.

A motion was made by Lynda Gillaspey to approve the minutes of the 2004 Annual meeting. There was a second by Valori Trantanella. MOTION APPROVED.

Recording Secretary's Report (see attached):

Lydia Pruett indicated that her annual report was printed and distributed to those present. There was nothing additional to report.

Pat Hardy made a motion to accept the Recording Secretary's annual report. There was a second by Chris Swilley. MOTION APPROVED.

Corresponding Secretary's Report (see attached):

Karen Mays gave her annual report. She also asked that the membership feel free to contact her with any issues.

There was a motion by Leslie Carroll to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report, with a second by Maggie Rice. MOTION APPROVED.

Treasurers Report:

Shen Smith reported that she received a notice from the IRS that we should receive our tax status within 60-90 days. We are changing from a status of 501C7 to 501C4, The change in status will enable us to receive more than 15% of our income from non-members. The BCOA website will be restored to its full function once our status has been confirmed. Shen apologized for any inconvenience that may have occurred when trying to find info regarding this year's specialty. The timing was not good, but was beyond our control.

Shen indicated that BCOA received over \$1,700.00 from the Purina Circles program. If you currently feed Purina and do not take part in that program, please contact Ginger Jones for information.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Mary Childs, second by Nadine Johnson. MOTION APPROVED.

Committee Reports:

Health Committee –

Ginger Jones summarized the Health Clinic participation at this years National:

15 DNAs, 2 Microchips, 34 CERFs, and 43 Hearts. We also had 35 people attend the health seminar and pizza party. Ginger thanked those that contributed to the health fund through the One Stop Shopping Form. She also thanked Nancy Hopkins, Marjorie Hopkins, Debs Harold and Betsy Tolley for their help with the health

clinics, Lorrie Scott for help with the raffles and Valori Trantabella for creating bracelets to sell for Borzoi Health.

Ginger reported that 2 of our health research grants have started and 4 are pending. Our health survey is pending and should be completed this year.

Borzoi Health Statistics:

Cardiac OFA - 425 evals, 96% normal
Elbow OFA – 45 evals, 100% normal
Hips OFA – 758 evals, 98% normal
Patella OFA – 6 evals, 100% normal
Thyroid OFA – 313 evals, 79.2% normal
CERFS – 377 evals, 100% normal
CHIC – 109

Rescue Committee –

Maureen Bardwell introduced Lorrie Scott as committee co-chair. She thanked Dee Jones and Jan Butkowsky for their work on the committee.

Maureen indicated that the Rescue website would be reattached to the BCOA website.

Maureen reported that the Rescue fund is lower due to the change in our tax status as we now need to deplete the funds yearly and disburse them to rescue groups. At the end of 2004, 10 rescue organizations received monies from this fund. Money collected during the year will be disbursed at the end of each year. Any 501C3 rescue organizations that could use these funds should contact Maureen.

A motion to approve the Committee Reports was made by Rebecca Peters-Campbell, with a second by Janice McMinn. MOTION PASSED

Unfinished Business:

Barbara O'Neill said that BCOA would like membership feedback regarding the Online Minutes. Should we require a password for viewing, or allow anyone to view?

Discussion:

Patty Hull was concerned that allowing anyone to view the minutes might open BCOA up to lawsuits.

Lynda Gillaspey agreed with Patty's concern.

Todd Brandtman thought that if someone has a motive to sue, they will find a way to access the minutes. He thought that ease of access to the membership was important.

Barbara O'Neill asked if the membership thought that the minutes should be online and not mailed out except to those that requested a hard copy. This could be changed once a year with the dues notice.

Toby Brandtman made a motion, with a second by Joe Rogers, that the minutes be put online only, with no password required.

Discussion:

Rebecca Peters-Campbell said that this would save BCOA a lot of money in postage and printing.

Cyndi Dell said she would like to read her minutes online and not having a password would make it easier.

Karen Mays was concerned that the Treasurer's Report would then be available to anyone. She suggested that this be excluded from the online minutes and sent out with other BCOA mailings as appropriate.

Toby Brandtman amended her motion to exclude the Treasurer's Report from the online minutes.

Terry Doane requested that an email be sent out to the membership when the minutes have been uploaded.

Barbara O'Neill indicated that the meeting dates can be published on the website in advance, and the membership would need to check the site a few weeks after the meeting date.

Joe Rogers asked if the minutes could be emailed to the membership.

Barbara O'Neill said that would not be efficient as people's email addresses changed too often and it would be too hard to keep up with it.

The vote was called, MOTION PASSED

Barbara O'Neill said that there are a few title corrections to some of the ads in the 2005 yearbook. Check your ads and let her know if there are any corrections needed. The corrections will be mailed out after the books have been mailed.

Barbara O'Neill reported that the Board is discussing ways of awarding grants to qualifying Juniors for secondary education or to attend Westminster or the Eukanuba Classic. We are hoping to have a policy by the end of the year. She asked that a line on the dues notice be added to include Junior members names as frequently their last names are not the same as their parents. Contact the Board if your Junior's name is not included in the membership list.

New Business:

The 2007 National Specialty will be held in Warwick, Rhode Island. Facilities Coordinator Rebecca Peters-Campbell gave a brief description of the show site. It will be an outdoor/indoor show site and has catered to many specialty shows.

Judges for 2007:

Regular/non regular classes - Barbara Binder
Sweepstakes – Laura Hyatt

Judges for 2008:

Regular/non regular classes – Lena Tamboer
Sweepstakes – Bonnie Dalzell

Tom Golcher asked about the turnaround time for the ballots. Lydia Pruetz apologized for the problem and explained that the ballots had been sent to the mailing house timely, but for some reason they had not been mailed out. The mailing house had not asked the Treasurer for the postage check until Lydia checked with them regarding the status. Many members received the ballots timely, others did not. The ballot deadline had been extended to 4/25 to accommodate those that received them late. Lydia said she will work to make sure this does not happen in the future.

Karen Mays reported that the Eukanuba Classic will offer a contest during its telecast of the show. Viewers will be able to call in and vote for their favorite. The parent club representing the breed that wins the popular vote for BIS will receive \$10,000.00 and \$2,000.00 if their breed wins the popular vote for the Group. We need to publicize this and encourage people to vote for the Borzoi.

Joe Rogers asked for help breaking down the ring on Sunday. He said the hotel would be offering a complimentary made to order omelet bar that morning.

Rebecca Peters-Campbell thanked Joe Rogers and the Show Committee for putting on a great show.

Toby Brandtman thanked Barbara O'Neill for all her hard work.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dee Jones, a second by Sandra Moore. MOTION APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM CST