



**Phone conference May 10, 2006 8:30PM EST**

**In attendance:** Barbara O'Neill, Karen Mays, Irina Terra, Jim Gibson, Lydia Pruett, Kathleen Kapaun, Shen Smith, Cynthia Gredys, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Laurie Kasowski, Rebecca Peters-Campbell. A quorum was established.

President Barbara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:34 PM EST.

The minutes to the last meeting were reviewed. The meeting date with Edmund Sledzik was corrected from 5/26 to 5/25/06. A motion to approve the 2/01/06 minutes with the correction was made by Karen Mays, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED

### **Recording Secretary's Report -**

#### **Membership Applications:**

##### *1<sup>st</sup> Readings*

Candace Blomquist (junior member), 2144 Rice Rd, Chehalis, WA 98532, sponsored by Sally Stephens and Cynthia Dell.

Jonnie Bradley, 1419 Meadowood Rd, Sandpoint, ID 83864, sponsored by Jean Patten and Bunny Kelley

Monika Stachon, 1095 Hooper Rd, Yuba City, CA 95993, sponsored by Janice McMinn, Jean Patten and Bunny Kelley.

Raymond and Robbie Craft, 7223 Tumbleweed Dr, Cheyenne WY 82009, sponsored by Cindi Gredys and Dawn Hall.

##### *2<sup>nd</sup> Readings*

The application for George and Nora Pridham was withdrawn.

Any correspondence regarding these applicants should be sent to the Recording Secretary.

#### **Reinstatements needed for members paying dues after 2/1/06 but prior to 3/1/06:**

Ed and Linda Bourne, Harriet Grube, Lorie Hunter, Steve & Diane Kass, Cindy Klein, Vivian Kubiak & Carol Kubiak-Zamora, Dora McDonald, William & Marilyn McGraw, Carolyn Meyer, Deborah Meyer, Tom & Toni Paskey, Melissa Pearce, Martha & James Richards, Teri Timm-Miller, Valori & John Trantanella, Stephanie Truelsen, Debra West, Marie White, Marcella Zobel

A motion to reinstate these members was made by Laurie Kasowski, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED.

#### **Trophy Supported Entry requests were approved for:**

08/01/06 Beaver County KC, Beaver Falls, PA  
Judge: Edna Gonzalez, Sweeps: Robin Casey  
Contact: Edna Hanley

08/13/06 Racine KC, Racine WI  
Judge: Joan Goldstein, Sweeps: Lydia Pruett  
Contact: Susan Motisi

09/23/06 Atlanta KC, Atlanta GA  
Judge: Rachel Gongre, Sweeps: Shirley Rehberg  
Contact: Susan Pennington

09/25/06 Fort Worth KC, Fort Worth TX

Judge: Dr Harry Smith, Sweeps: Margaret Lucia  
Contact: Shirley McFadden

10/22/06 Del Valle KC of Livermore, Pleasanton CA  
Judge: Robert Stein, Sweeps: Cricket Murray  
Contact: Toby Brandtman

10/29/06 Middleburg KC, Leesburg VA  
Judge: James Reynolds, Sweeps: Veni Harlan  
Contact: Sally MacDowell

11/09/06 – 11/12/06, Huntsville KC, Huntsville AL  
11/09/06 Judge: Ray Fillburn  
11/10/06 Judge: Charles Tyson  
11/11/06 Judge: Jon Steele, Sweeps: Marilyn Polsfuss  
11/12/06 Judge: Robert Stein  
Contact: Whitney Wright

11/11/06 Cypress Creek KC of Texas, Houston TX  
Judge: Nitsa Trayler, Sweeps: Ernie Cheely  
Contact: R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

\*Information regarding these Trophy Supported Entries was sent to Margie Milne (Borzo Connection website), Kathleen Kapaun (Borzo Connection magazine) and to Chris Bradley (BCOA Medals Chairman).

A TSE request was received from Patti Neale, to be held in conjunction with the Greater Ocala Dog Club in Ocala, Florida on 11/18/2006. The judge is Bo Bengtson; sweeps is Pat Hardy. A motion to approve this request was made by Shen Smith, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED

A motion to approve the Recording Secretary's report was made by Jim Gibson, with a second by Rebecca Peters-Campbell. MOTION PASSED

**Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached)**

In addition to her attached report, Karen Mays received the following correspondence:

Received approval from AKC for BCOA TSE's for Beaver County KC, Atlanta KC, and Cypress Creek KC.

Received a second request for a list of Board members for the Agility trial. A list has already been sent.

Need Board decision if we are going to participate in the Meet the Breed booth at AKC Eukanuba Invitational in CA, if we going to sponsor medallions and place an ad in the catalog? A motion to sponsor medallions for BOB, BOS and Best Bred By was made by Karen Staudt-Cartabona, with a second by Laurie Kasowski. MOTION PASSED. Shen Smith will send Karen Mays a check for \$75 for the medals. A full page ad for the catalog is \$140. A motion was made by Lydia Pruet to place an ad in the catalog, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED. Karen Mays will email Michael McClain to see if he is willing to handle the Meet the Breed booth again as he has all the equipment that was used previously.

It is time to submit nominations for Lifetime Achievement in AKC Conformation, Companion and Performance events to be awarded at the Invitational show. Cindi Gredys made a motion to nominate Nadine Johnson for the Conformation award, with a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. Shen Smith made a motion to nominate Bonnie Dalzell for Performance, with a second by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. Karen Staudt-Cartabona made a motion to nominate Thelma Janek for Obedience, with a second by Karen Mays. MOTIONS PASSED

AKC's on-line breeder classified service has received feedback from the parent clubs. The parent clubs asked that AKC verify that breeders are parent club members. Lydia Pruet stated that the BCOA membership list was sent to AKC. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock voiced her concern that private information such as email addresses might be used to send spam.

Received letters from Maureen Bardwell and shared with the Board members per her request.

A motion to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report was made by Karen Staudt-Cartabona, with a second by Irina Terra. MOTION PASSED

### **Treasurer's report (see attached)**

Shen Smith reported that we received a check from the Purina Parent Club program for \$781 and that we were asked if we want to continue to participate.

**BCOA members are reminded to send in their Purina Seals and to designate BCOA as a recipient. Rebates are split between our club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation.**

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Cindi Gredys, with a second by Lydia Pruett. MOTION PASSED

### **AKC Delegate's Report**

Karen SC said that in June the Delegates would be voting to determine if professional judges should be allowed to become delegates. Karen Mays felt that it was a conflict of interest to have judge vote on issues that may involve them.

The Board directed Karen Staudt-Cartabona to vote no on this issue.

A motion to approve the Delegate's Report was made by Karen Mays, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED.

### **Governor Reports (see attached):**

Region 1 – The regional members are asking for approval to have a sanctioned B agility match on 10/20/06 in Massachusetts in conjunction with the Cape Cod K C. This will be a fundraiser for the 2007 National. Cindi Gredys made a motion to approve the match, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED

Region 2 -- Nothing to add

Region 3 -- Nothing to add

Region 4 – Nothing to add

Region 5 – There will be a BCOA TSE in Yakima, WA on the Sunday after the National.

Region 6 – Nothing to add

A motion was made to approve the Regional Governor reports by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED.

### **Committee Reports- (see attached)**

*Annual Awards* – Barbara O'Neill received the plaques today.

*BCOA Website* – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock added a BCOA calendar of events to the website.

*Club Inventory and Medals* – Rebecca Peters-Campbell said the medals have been picked up and given to those that distribute them. The remainder will be delivered to Chris Bradley at the National.

Patti Neale reported that her external hard drive crashed and burned so it should be removed from the club inventory list.

Irina Terra asked about the Crufts certificates for 2007. These are given to dogs that received BOB, BOS or AOM's at the National to be used if someone is interested in entering the dog at Crufts. We never received them for 2005 but Irina thinks they are good for two years. Karen Mays will check with AKC to see if she can get these certificates.

### *Health*

A. If the BOB, BOS or sire and dam of Best Puppy in Futurity has a CHIC number, the cash prize will be sent to them after the specialty.

B. Laurie Kasowski suggested that Barbara O'Neill use the Presidents email list to send an email to the membership regarding the blood samples needed for the Osteosarcoma research. Barbara agreed to send this information to the membership.

*2008 National Specialty* – The proposal is for the Sacramento area.

### *Rescue*

Karen Staudt-Cartabona said that she spoke to Lorrie Scott and that Lorrie is working on a proposal and will have something ready for the National.

### *Junior Showmanship*

The Board approved Barbara Lord's recommendation to send letters to the non-member juniors to let them know about BCOA and encourage them to become members. She can let the juniors know that they can download membership applications from the website. Cindi Gredys will communicate with Barbara Lord about this issue and will send her some BCOA stationery for this project.

### *Lure Coursing*

K.C. Artley offered to review and edit the BCOA Lure Coursing pamphlet to bring it up to date. Laurie Kasowski voiced her concern about the sentence regarding injuries as it implies that every precaution is taken to minimize injury at all lure coursing events. This could be misleading. This sentence should be removed. Other corrections to typos can be sent to R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. A motion to accept the revision with corrections was made by Kathleen Kapaun, with a second by Shen Smith. MOTION PASSED.

### *ROM*

A motion to accept the recommendation that Rally Obedience should be half the points of regular obedience was made by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. A second was made by Irina Terra. MOTION PASSED

Barbara O'Neill stated that the AKC will not allow us to publish ROM suffixes in the catalog as it is not an AKC title.

There was a motion to accept the listed applications for ROM's by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED

A motion to accept the Committee Reports was made by Karen Mays, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED

### **Unfinished Business**

#### *Trophy Supported Entries*

#### *Junior Showman Fund*

#### *Constitution & By-Laws Revisions*

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. These changes include references to the Beverly Taylor fund, rescue, health, education and rescue. Letters g, h, i, j will be added to Article I. Article X is a new addition.

The decisions that need to be made by the Board are how many members from the BCOA Board should take part in the committee (3 or 5) and how the terms should alternate. Lydia Pruett made a motion that the committee should be 3 Board members. There was a second by Laurie Kasowski. MOTION PASSED. Jim Gibson made a motion that the terms of the committee members shall be two years, with a second by Cindi Gredys. There was one abstention. MOTION PASSED.

#### *Tabulator*

The Law firm for the Beverly Taylor estate will be the tabulator for the Constitution changes and the ballot will be paid for out of the estate.

Karen Staudt-Cartabona stated that she has a list of tabulators from the AKC Delegate's email list and that she will bring this list to the National. We need to find a substitute tabulator for the balance of the time that our tabulator will not be available.

Barbara O'Neill indicated that the other agenda items would be tabled until the face-to-face meeting in Washington. A motion was made to temporarily adjourn by Lydia Pruett, with a second by Jim Gibson, MOTION PASSED.

The meeting resumed on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 in Olympia Washington at 5:10 PM PDT. Non-Board member present: Robin Riel.

There was a presentation from Michael McLain and Lorrie Scott for the 2008 National Specialty in Region 4. The site proposal is for Sacramento, California. Dates proposed are either 4/12-19 or 4/19-26. A motion was made by Irina Terra to approve the Sacramento site for 4/12-19, 2008, with a second by Shen Smith. MOTION PASSED

#### *Governor Reports*

Laurie Kasowski asked to amend her Region 4 report to add that member Cleve Dufer had an accident and suffered a severe head injury. Our thoughts are with him.

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### *Trophy Supported Entries*

There was discussion regarding TSE's. There have been some requests for multiple TSE's for the same weekend cluster. The Board would suggest no more than 2 TSE's on one show weekend. A motion to limit TSE's to a maximum 2 days of a cluster was made by Cynthia Gredys, with a second was by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION APPROVED. Discussion regarding why we needed to know whom the judges are prior to approval. It is important to make sure judges are in good standing with BCOA. The Board determined that there was a need to go into executive session at 6:03 PM.

The executive session ended at 6:15 and the regular meeting resumed.

##### *Constitution*

Barbara indicated that Sharon Sakimoto will be our tabulator for the ballot regarding the changes to the Constitution. We reviewed the proposed Articles I Names & Objects and By-Laws Article X The Administration of the Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue. Shen Smith distributed copies of the proposed Trust document that she and our tax attorney, Edmund Sledzik, have been working on. Edmund Sledzik will not be able to attend this week due to medical reasons but we are making arrangements to have him available on speakerphone. Karen Staudt-Cartabona is concerned that having the lawyer for the Beverly Taylor act as our tabulator would be a conflict of interest as she will be administrating the fund. Karen suggested that we ask Edmund Sledzik if he would be available as he would be a neutral party. Shen Smith made a motion that we ask Edmund Sledzik to be our tabulator for this ballot. If he is unavailable, we will stick with the original plan. There was a second by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. MOTION PASSED

Karen Staudt-Cartabona asked why the article indicating that the Board use Roberts Rules of Order was dropped from the BCOA Constitution when it was revised. The members of the Constitution Committee for that revision were not present at this meeting, and old minutes were not available to review. AKC has approved two revisions of our Constitution without this article. Karen Staudt-Cartabona made a motion to ask that the current Constitution Committee revisit this issue and reinstate Article II, section 4 from the 1992 Constitution. There was a second by Irina Terra. MOTION PASSED

#### **Old Business**

##### *Eukanuba Meet the Breed Booth.*

Karen Mays had forwarded an email to the Board from Michael McLain. He would be willing to handle the arrangements for the booth if we are willing to beef it up and offer such thing as a video, printed material etc. He wants to make sure we have a first rate booth. Our informational packets are currently available on our website. They could be printed for the booth if Michael wanted to provide them to the public. It was suggested that Patti Neale's PowerPoint be put on a DVD and run continuously on a rented TV/DVD player. Shen Smith offered to donate old issues of the Borzoi Connection to be given away at the booth. She would donate them if BCOA would cover the cost of shipping them to California. A motion was made by Cynthia Gredys to pay for the cost of shipping the magazines if Shen Smith donates them to BCOA. A second was made by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED Karen Mays will check with Michael McLain to see if he is interested.

#### **New Business**

##### *Online Shopping Cart for BCOA.*

This feature is working really well. Shen Smith suggested that we use this online site to let members advertise items for sale and if they sell, BCOA would receive 50% of the price. There would be a limit of 2 items listed by a member at a time. The item would be displayed for 30 days. BCOA would not be responsible for shipping, handling, condition of the item, etc. No animals can be listed. The lister can decide where the BCOA share of the money should be directed (rescue, health, etc). A motion to approve this feature was made by Lydia Pruet, with a second by Laurie Kasowski. MOTION PASSED

##### *Legislative Committee*

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock indicated that she was approached by some members who asked if BCOA would be interested in forming a standing committee to research and inform the membership of legislation that is of interest to the Borzoi

fanciers. Barbara O'Neill will ask the members at the annual meeting if anyone is interested in chairing this committee.

*November Face-to-Face Meeting*

Barbara O'Neill asked if anyone had any suggestions for the November meeting. The date will be 11/18/06. We should let Barbara know if we have any ideas.

*Annual Meeting*

Lydia Pruett asked if it was ok to give oral reports to the annual meeting rather than printing them for distribution. The reports are short and they will also be put online and mailed to those that subscribe to the minutes. Shen Smith printed her report, as it is too detailed to give orally. The Board indicated that it was ok for the other reports to be given orally.

Shen Smith indicated that Dee Jones volunteered to send thank you notes to people who had donated to rescue in the last year. Karen Mays will send Dee a thank you note for doing this. Dee has volunteered to continue to do this. Shen will let Lorrie Scott know that Dee is willing to do this.

Laurie Kasowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM PDT.