



BCOA Conference call April 7, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Lydia Pruett at 8:37PM EDT. Attending were: Lydia Pruett, Shen Smith, Karen Mays, Jan Leikam, Kelly Brunarski, Jon Steele, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Laurie Kasowski, Jim Anderson. Jim Gibson joined the call at 8:52PM and Cindi Gredys joined at 9:30PM. A quorum was established.

Minutes of the last meeting – As there were no additions or corrections, Shen Smith made a motion to approve them as printed. Barbara O'Neill seconded. **Motion Passed.**

Recording Secretary –
Membership Applications

1st Readings
No applications for initial readings

2nd Readings
Linda I. Nagel, 6741 Jollipan CT., Anchorage, AK. Sponsored by Laura Van Diest and Barbara Binder

Kathleen (Kay) Novotny, 4521 Sharon DR, La Palma, CA 90623. Sponsored by Randi Boysen-Carl and Michael McLain

Frank and Brenda Young, P O Box 10773, Midwest City, OK 73140-0773. Sponsored by Victor Whitlock and Joe Rogers.

Michelle Parsells, 1444 Old Manchester RD, Westminster, MD 21157. Sponsored by Pricilla White-Lineker and Joan Cole

Laura Harris, 422 N Canyon Blvd, Monrovia, CA 91016 sponsored by Bunny Kelley and Susan Tintorri

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

March 25, 2008 was the notification to the membership that the minutes were published on the website. As the applicants with first readings must wait 45 days before being

read for the second time, it was suggested that we approve them 'pending correspondence'. It was noted that the application from Frank & Brenda Young lacked a home visit by a BCOA member. Alternatives to the home visit were discussed and among those mentioned were a letter from their Veterinarian confirming the care of their animals or a letter from a local Breed or All-Breed Club recommending them. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will contact them regarding these options. The sponsor form for Laura Harris from Bunny Kelly is missing the length of time that the applicant has been known. Jan Leikam will contact Ms Kelly to correct this oversight.

It was decided to attempt to resolve the above issues and table further action until the Sacramento Board meeting April 16, 2008

Jim Anderson moved to accept the Recording Secretary report. Karen Mays seconded, **Motion Passed.**

Corresponding Secretary – Karen Mays reported she has received a letter from Diane Davis requesting financial assistance for expenses of Junior daughter, Jordan who competed at the last Eukanuba show with her Borzoi. She submitted receipts for expenses totaling \$486.94. Karen Mays read the letter from Jordan asking for this assistance. Barbara O'Neill noted that the entire Junior Handler fund has a balance of \$500 and that this fund would be depleted if we covered all expenses. Jim Anderson moved to reimburse \$250 to Diane Davis, Karen Mays second, **Motion Passed**

Laurie Kasowski indicated that the Junior would need to show a Borzoi at these events in order to receive assistance. Jan Leikam suggested that the Junior apply after the event and submit receipts with the application. The junior must be a BCOA Junior member only, or a qualifying child of a BCOA member in good standing. Lydia Pruett will contact Barbara Lord, Chair of the Junior Showmanship committee to request a proposal for an application process and recommendations for on-going funding. The dues notice will be modified to include a spot to contribute to this cause.

Barbara O'Neill as Show Chair has received a request from a Junior Handler who is not a BCOA member that BCOA host a 'Pizza Party' for the Juniors at the Sacramento National. It was decided that there is not time to organize this year, but Barbara O'Neill will ask this person to contact Barbara Lord for future presentations. There was a suggestion to perhaps add an additional space to the dues notice to assist in funding Junior projects.

Karen Mays read a letter from Midwest Borzoi Club regarding Governor Cindi Gredys. After discussion, it was decided to send a copy of this letter to Cindi Gredys for her information and to take up this item at the Sacramento Board meeting.

Motion to approve the corresponding secretary report made by Barbara O'Neill, second by Laurie Kasowski. **Motion Passed.**

Treasurer's Report – Fred Vogel has sent a check for approximately \$3300.00 closing the Ways & Means account that he established to raise 'seed money' for the National Specialties. As his efforts for the Calendars of antique Borzoi prints have been so well received, it was decided that Karen Mays should write a letter of thanks to the Vogels, telling them that if he'd like to do anything else for this Ways & Means committee there is an open-ended invitation to work with Chair Shen Smith. BCOA will supply \$1000 start-up money for projects he would like to undertake. Barbara O'Neill felt that BCOA should supply this base financing so that our volunteers will not find it necessary to use their own money. It was proposed that the calendar money sent to BCOA will supply \$1000 seed money each for the 2009 & 2010 National Specialties, with the balance of the fund being retained as a base for a future fund. Motion made by Laurie Kasowski, second by Jan Leikam. **Motion Passed.**

Insurance for replacement of assets was discussed. The laptop is currently at the Geek Squad for repair and need to be included in the list of insured property along with the projector with Patti Neale. An asset insurance amount of \$4000 is included with the policy we have with Sportsmens. If we would like to insure additional amounts, the cost will be \$2.50/\$100 value. It was decided to just insure the \$4000.

Kelly Brunarski reported that the charitable disbursements approved in the last Board meeting have been paid. She has withdrawn all but \$5.00 from the passbook savings account and transferred the balance to a Money Market Account as the interest rates have dropped so dramatically. Kelly Brunarski requested a 2008 'hold-harmless' agreement for the Brandtmans, Shen Smith will send one to her.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Jan Leikam, second by Cindi Gredys – **Motion Passed.**

AKC Delegate report – (see attached)

Jon indicated that he would provide a written report prior to the Sacramento meeting.

Governor's reports - (see attached)

Region 1 – Nothing new to report since last meeting

Region 2 – No report

Region 3 – Nothing additional to report

Region 4 – Laurie Kasowski will send report to Jan Leikam to be included at the Sacramento meeting.

Region 5 – Nothing additional to report since last meeting

Region 6 – Cindi Gredys will send a written report to Jan Leikam to be included at the Sacramento meeting.

Motion to approve the Governor's reports made by Jim Anderson, second by Cindi Gredys. **Motion Passed.**

Committee reports – (see attached)

Standardized trophies:

The cost of the heads for the next 5 years is \$3000, if we purchase now. Shen Smith moved that the pay the \$3000 now so that Kelly can pay the invoice, seconded by Jan Leikam. **Motion Passed.**

Rescue Committee:

Dee Jones has done a wonderful job on the rescue committee. It was decided to include her in the reports of the Beverly Taylor foundation as she needs to be aware of any funds for Rescue.

Junior Showmanship:

There was discussion regarding the issues presented by Barbara Lord in her report. It was felt that if we recognized the top five juniors at the Annual Awards banquet it would create a precedent for all the other awards. Currently only the top placements are recognized in each category. The placements are listed in the Aristocrat so everyone is able to see how all the juniors placed. It was suggested that we send certificates to the top five juniors.. The request to track junior applications was discussed. Lydia Pruett suggested creating a Junior Addendum to the application so that we could also track the junior's 18th birthday. Lydia Pruett will let Barbara Lord know the Board's decisions and ask for her assistance in modifying the application.

JEC:

Shen Smith was asked to contact Patti Neale for a list of mentors or others who can give the JEC seminar in other parts of the country. Patti Neale will also be asked for a list of the AKC requirements for mentor qualification and the current requirements of BCOA for mentors.

Ways & Means: Shen Smith presented the 'Pet First' insurance program. She will obtain more information about this program and we will revisit this at the next Board meeting.

Shen Smith also presented a program for photo-engraved cremation urns. If we sell these through our 'shopping cart' on our website, we will receive a 30% rebate.

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock was asked about on-line ads on the BCOA website. The Board has asked for more information about prices compared to other websites. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will develop a proposal recommending pricing in time for the Board meeting and General meeting.

Motion to approve the committee reports made by Barbara O'Neill. Jim Anderson second – **Motion Passed.**

Motion to temporarily adjourn until Wed evening, April 16; time to be announced. Cindi Gredys so moved, Barbara O'Neill second, **Motion Passed.**

Board meeting reconvened April 16, 2008 at 5:15PM, Sacramento, CA.

Present were: Lydia Pruett, Barbara O'Neill, Shen Smith, Karen Mays, Jan Leikam, Kelly Brunarski, Jon Steele, Lauri Kasowski, Jim Anderson. Cindi Gredys was in the hospital, although in town **Quorum was established.**

Recording Secretary:

Pending Application additional information received. Brenda & Frank Young had a letter of recommendation from Teri L. Holle, South Central Chair, Great Dane Club of America which included pictures of their home.

Kay Novotny – Jan Leikam sent the missing page of the application to all Board Members

Linda Harris – Jan Leikam requested Bunny Kelley provide a 'length of time' that she has knows the applicant. Ms Kelley responded 'a long time' which was deemed sufficient.

Motion by Jan Leikam to accept all applicants, Jim Anderson seconded, **Motion Passed.**

AKC Delegate

Jon Steele explained the proposed rule change which will allow the class change to the Open Class only of an entry at any time up until 1 hour prior to the Breed judging. After much discussion, Jim Anderson moved to instruct our Delegate to vote 'Yes' on this matter at the June Delegate's meeting. 8 votes in favor, 1 vote against, Motion passed. Barbara O'Neill was the dissenting vote. The proposed Fee Change by AKC was discussed with the Board against the changing of the wording to the more open-ended 'appropriate' language for the setting of fees. Jan moved that Jon Steele be instructed to vote "No" on this item, Laurie Kasowski seconded – **Motion Passed.**

5:31PM – Jon Steele suspended his Delegate's report so that Barbara Skinner could report on the Beverly Taylor Trust.

Barbara O'Neill reported she received an email today (April 16) from the Trustees of the Estate stating that they were mailing out to her a distribution of approximately \$290,000 which will go into the PNC account.

PNC requested a copy of our 501C-4 status from the IRS. Kelly Brunarski will contact Ed Sledzik, our Accountant, for a copy of this determination and will send to both PNC and Barbara Skinner for her records. Barbara Skinner will forward this to Joseph Scuffallo.

The announcement of this completion of the foundation funding will be made by Barbara Skinner at the Annual Meeting.

5:50PM – Resume the Delegate's report

The Parent Club Conference is now on-line with full reports of all committees.

Group re-alignment information will be forth-coming from the committee researching this question.

The AKC Eukanuba show will be staying in Long Beach for the future.

The CHIC award was discussed with a decision to contact Ginger Jones, BCOA Health Committee Chair, for suggestions for tests to be included in the Borzoi CHIC. Jon Steele reports that he is holding meetings with the BCOA members whenever possible in many parts of the country. He feels this puts a 'face' on the entire BCOA board and encourages participation from the membership. A motion was made by to approve the Delegates report by Shen Smith, with a second by Lydia Pruett. **Motion Passed.**

Unfinished Business:

Meet The Breeds

The BCOA booth was not used this past December during the Eukanuba show due to the constraints of space in the new area. The Board discussed the storage costs and difficulty of transport plus the unavailability of brochures and/or video presentations in conjunction with the booth and dogs. Michael McLain will be asked if he is interested in continuing to coordinate this event. Lydia Pruett will ask for volunteers at the General Membership Meeting.

Life Membership

It was determined to have Jon Steele present the "Life Membership" concerns and proposed solutions to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting. He will ask for input from the membership on the 3 suggestions proposed by the Committee stating that this will necessitate a Constitutional change with a formal vote by the membership so that it will be some time yet before it is in force.

As it is now costing BCOA \$15.00/year to mail the minutes to each members that has requested paper copies, it was moved by Barbara O'Neill to add this amount to the next Dues Notice. Kelly Brunarski second, **Motion Passed.**

Judges Education –

The additional information provided by the JEC was missing Jon Steele as an approved mentor and still listed Asa Mays. Patti Nealed indicated that Marilyn Polsfuss maintains the Mentor list. Lydia Pruett will contact her to do these updates and to confirm that she is maintaining the list. The Mentor application was revised – Barbara O'Neill moved we approve the new concept, subject to rewording. Seconded by Jon Steele, **Motion Passed.**

Guidelines for Regional Governors

Cindi Gredys and Rebecca Peters-Campbell provided a draft revision of the Guidelines for Regional Governors. Each item was discussed and the final version was approved. A motion was made by Barbara O'Neill and a second was made by Laurie Kasowski. **Motion Passed.**

Letter from Midwest Borzoi Club

It was determined that the revision of the Regional Governor Guidelines will address many of the issues raised by MBC. Karen Mays will respond to the MBC informing them of the upcoming revisions.

Standing Rules – no report received

New Business:

Trophy Supported Entries

Laurie Kasowski requested a TSE in conjunction with the Del Valle Kennel Club show October 18, 2008. Regular class judge TBD; sweeps judge Manny Tyler. Chair – Toby Brandtman. Jim Anderson moved to approve, Laurie Kasowski second, **Motion Passed.**

Jon Steele requested a TSE in conjunction with Detroit Kennel Club on March 8, 2009. Judge – Regular classes Nadine Johnson; Sweeps, Mary Ann Brocious; chair Jon Steele. Barbara O'Neill moved to accept, Jim Anderson seconded, **Motion Passed.**

The 2010 National presentation was given by Kelly Brunarski. Gale Snoddy will be facility co-coordinator with the National at the Drawbridge Inn. Jan Leikam moved to accept the site, Jon Steele seconded, **Motion Passed.**

A phone conference to discuss the Constitution revisions was approved for Thursday, May 8 at 7PM EDT. August 13 will be the next full Board phone conference with the next fact-to-face meeting Saturday, Nov 15, 2008 at a location to be decided.

Club Education:

Patti Neale has volunteered to give a seminar for the membership at the 2010 National. As BCOA is committee to on-going education for our membership, Lydia Pruett has asked for anyone interested in serving on this committee to contact her. Suggestions for future topics are encouraged and can be sent to anyone on the committee or any Board member and should include a proposed budget for the presentation.

Breed Medallion support for the Eukanuba show was discussed. Laurie Kasowski moved to provide the BOB, BOS & BBE medallions in an amount not to exceed \$200. Karen Mays will confirm the exact awards and amount. Barbara O'Neill seconded, **Motion Passed.**

Ways and Means

After further research, it was decided to not offer the pet insurance. It was decided to offer the urns and memorials on the BCOA website.

Machelle Nye has been determined to be in good standing and is a current member of BCOA. She had been dropped for non-payment of dues in error and has been reinstated.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:30PM to consider two protests received. Regular Board meeting reconvened at 9:50PM and motion was made by Jon Steele to adjourn. Kelly Brunarski seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 9:51PM**