



Minutes of the November 14, 2009 Board Meeting, New Orleans, LA

Meeting called to order at 9:35AM. Attending were:

Lydia Pruett

Karen Mays

Jan Leikam

Jane Schreiber

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

Lorrie Scott

Jim Anderson

Joyce Katona

Kelly Brunarski joined the meeting in progress at 10AM

Absent were:

Barbara Skinner absent due to business emergency.

Rebecca Peters-Campbell due to illness.

Quorum was established.

Minutes of the last meeting August 6 were corrected to include the following:
Greg Jones was also in attendance at the LSART conference along with Veni Harlan.

Karen Mays moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Barbara O'Neill seconded, minutes were approved.

Recording Secretary (see attached)

Jan Leikam presented an additional membership application which she received after mailing the meeting packets to the Board.

1st Reading: Dena Wilson-Fennern and Phil Fennern

This is included in the Recording Secretary's report.

Communication from Lisa Durand regarding her past application was received by Jan Leikam. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock has also been in contact with her and has responded with instruction to re-apply.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:50AM; resumed regular Board meeting at 10:17AM.

Barbara O'Neill moved to accept applications of Carolyn Mewborn, Mike and Georgette Steward, Steven Evans, and Wendy Findlayson. Karen Mays seconded, motion approved.

Mentor Applications

Applications were received from Monica Barry, Terry Ann Doane and Jan Leikam. All applicants met the requirements. Jan Leikam was directed to add a space for 'date attended' for the Judges Education portion of the application form.

Barbara O'Neill moved to accept the applications, Karen Mays seconded. Jim Anderson (personal reasons) and Jan Leikam (applicant) abstained; motion approved. Jan Leikam will update the list of approved mentors and their contact information for the website

An additional TSE application for Middleburg KC, Oct 31, 2010 was presented by Jane Schreiber and approved by the Board. This is included in the Recording Secretary's Report.

Jane Schreiber moved to approve the Recording Secretary's report, Jim Anderson seconded, motion approved.

Corresponding Secretary (See Attached)

Karen Mays reported that she received an updated annual CHF report and the Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund.

Barbara O'Neill moved to accept the Corresponding Secretary's report, Joyce Katona seconded, report accepted.

Treasurer's Report (See Attached)

Schwab has been directed to forward \$13,000.00 from the BTRC emergency fund to NBRF for the Florida rescue.

Kelly Brunarski regrettably announced that due to the time pressure of her work, she is resigning as Treasurer effective the end of this year, but will continue to receive the 2010 dues and will work with her replacement to ensure a smooth transition. After much discussion the Board decided to offer this position to Vice-President Elect, K.C. Artley who has prior experience in this position and Kelly Brunarski consented to remain on the Board in the position of Vice President. This will allow the bank accounts to remain with their current institutions and Dr. Brunarski agreed to be available to Ms Artley for any questions. President Pruet expressed the sincere appreciation of the Board for Dr. Brunarski's exemplary work on our financial status.

Jane Schreiber moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Barbara O'Neill seconded, report accepted.

AKC Delegate's Report (See Attached)

Barbara O'Neill asked for direction on the upcoming vote on the 'Grand Champion' award. Jan Leikam moved to vote 'yes', Karen Mays seconded, motion failed 6/2. Voting 'No' were R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Jim Anderson, Joyce Katona, Jane Schreiber, Lydia Pruett, Barbara O'Neill, Kelly Brunarski: voting "Yes" were Karen Mays and Jan Leikam
Reason for rejection was lack of clearly defined criteria.
R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock moved to approve the Delegate's Report, Jim Anderson seconded, report approved.

Governor's Reports (See Attached)

As there were no additions, Joyce Katona moved to approve, Kelly Brunarski seconded. Reports approved.

Committee Reports (See Attached)

Health – Ginger Jones

Lydia Pruett reported that she was unable to use a free online survey site as these are only free if sending the survey to less than 100 separate email addresses. She has tried to set up a separate email address to receive survey responses, but was unable to get this to work. Ms Pruett will construct a form for the Health Survey and put on the website, then notify the membership via email to download the form. Then the completed survey will be returned to our tabulator for compilation of results to be presented at the February board meeting.

CERF membership – Ginger Jones

Ginger Jones has determined there is no particular benefit to applying for membership as reports are already provided on the CERF website.

CHF Grant Funding – Ginger Jones

Barbara O'Neill moved, Lorie Scott seconded to fund all three of the recommendations from Ginger Jones. Kelly will send the payment.

Member Education – Patti Neale

Barbara O'Neill reported that Patti Neale will again be doing the presentation of the Judges Education program at the 2010 National Specialty and reminds the membership that they are welcome to attend if they notify Patti Neale in advance. Also available at the 2010 Specialty will be a 'how-to' seminar on judging sweepstakes for anyone who plans to judge. This is NOT an evaluation of the breed characteristics of the exhibits: it is a course in procedure.

National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

The splitting of the 12-18 class into 12-15 & 15-18 which is now approved by AKC was discussed. Jan Leikam moved to not do this at our National Specialty, Lorie Scott seconded, Motion passed.

The addition of an 18-21 and a 21-24 month class to sweepstakes which is also newly approved by AKC was discussed. Jim Anderson moved to not do this at our National Specialty, Jan Leikam seconded. Motion passed.

2011 National Specialty – Barbara O’Neill

Barbara O’Neill reported that Cyndi Gredys is planning an 18 month calendar to raise funds. This will be released for sale following the 2010 specialty. She is currently soliciting photos, business card ads and specific date sponsors for the calendar; however the primary income will be from the sale of the calendar.

Rescue – Dee Jones

Jane Schreiber suggested we have an information form posted on our website so that the membership can print and distribute to local shelters and rescue groups. This will be an effort to inform those organizations of Borzoi Rescue and how to contact us. Jane Schreiber volunteered to pursue this with all rescue groups

Adjourn for lunch 12:30PM

Resume meeting 2:10PM

Standardized Trophies – Barbara O’Neill

We need to have the perpetual trophies engraved with the winners for 2008 and 2009. Lydia Pruett will send the list of winners and related information to Kelly Brunarski for updating prior to the 2010 Specialty.

Shipping issues are still undecided.

It was decided to put pictures and description of the trophies on the website.

Helen Lee has the photos used in the catalogue and will be asked to send them to R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock to be posted. Jan Leikam will email Helen Lee for this information and ask her to send to R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock.

Joyce Katona will deliver the BCOA banners to Chet Weston to be used in the Meet the Breeds booth at the 2009 Eukanuba show.

TSE –

It was clarified that the Recording Secretary should send a copy of the approved TSE application to the AKC, the person who requested the TSE and to Barbara O’Neill so that she knows which medals to send.

ROM – Barbara Ewing

Jan Leikam moved to approve the Sire and Dams reported by Barbara Ewing, Kelly Brunarski seconded, motion passed. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will contact Barbara Ewing for an updated list of ROM recipients for the website

Joyce Katona asked if the recipients received any notification of application approval. She also asked for clarification of the procedure to update the list of ROM sires and dams for the Website and will contact Barbara Ewing for information.

Barbara O'Neill again reminded that the **DEADLINE FOR YEARBOOK ADS IS JANUARY 15, 2010. Forms are on the Website.**

Ways & Means – Barbara Skinner

After discussion it was decided to not go forward with the rain gear project as it does not appear to be cost effective and cannot be worn in the ring if the BCOA logo is visible. As we previously started a project putting all the National Specialty Winners photos and information on CD's we will focus our future efforts on completion of this venture. Lydia Pruett will contact Shen Smith to determine the status of this project and find out what additional work is necessary. Kelly Brunarski volunteered to assist in completing this task so that we can offer this historical reference to the membership. We will determine pricing of the CD when all costs are in.

It was suggested that an embroidered patch with the BCOA logo or the Double Eagle be offered for sale. Barbara O'Neill will look into costs and report back.

Joyce Katona moved to approve the Committee Reports, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded, motion approved.

Old Business

Website Ads

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock reported on the Web Ad status. She has been unable to get the use forms to work given the limitations of the BCOA site's server. She will add links to the forms on her server instead and make them available very soon. Lydia Pruett will email the membership when this service is available.

Performance Judge Expense

After a review of the existing criteria, it was determined that the current recommendations are adequate and are recommendations only, not rules or policy. Each National Specialty Show Committee has the ability to make recommendations to the Board for judges.

By-Laws

Jan Leikam reported that she was contacted by Mara Holiday of Club Relations at the AKC. According to the AKC, Article 3, Section 3 of the By-Laws dealing with the Qualifications of Officers and Board did not pass. As our Constitution asks for a 2/3 majority we used 66% of the votes returned to determine passage. The AKC notified us that it requires 66.66% of the returned ballots to pass which changed the result by one vote, defeating the ballot on this specific by-law change. Jim Anderson moved that as this vote was determined by AKC to not be a 2/3 majority, this section of the By-Laws will revert to the prior version. Kelly Brunarski seconded, motion passed. Jan Leikam will send out a reprint of that Section to the membership. Lydia Pruett will notify the membership of this change in her President's email.

New Business

Barbara O'Neill brought the pewter BCOA logo that is currently affixed to the shadow boxes for various awards. As the shadow boxes are no longer available, Jane Schreiber and Barbara O'Neill will work to find a more cost effective presentation mode for the field events.

Triathlon Rules.

The Board reviewed the letter regarding suggested Triathlon rule changes received from K C Artley and June Mintchell. After much discussion the Board felt that a committee chaired by K C Artley to rewrite the rules would be the best way to ensure all issues are covered. The committee will present their recommendations to the Board for approval. Lydia Pruett will contact K C Artley to organize this committee which will include a number of members who frequently compete in the Triathlon. The Board indicated that if a spayed /neutered dog were entered, the entrance fee for Triathlon should be equal to that of entering a conformation class as non-altered animals are required to enter that competition. The Board also decided that all conformation classes will be eligible for bonus points.

Kelly Brunarski stated that for IRS reasons, we should handle all local Specialty money through that Club's account rather than depositing in the BCOA account.

We received a request from the AKC National Lure Trial to sponsor the Borzoi Best of Breed at the next National competition. The cost is \$50.00. Jan Leikam moved to so sponsor, Lorrie Scott seconded. Motion approved.

Jane Schreiber presented a proposal from Ed Obregon for a perpetual trophy to honor 'Darkling' for Best of Breed at the II. It was decided to decline this invitation since BCOA does not sponsor trophies to honor specific dogs. Requests for donations to trophy funds will always be considered.

Jane Schreiber indicated that she had received questions from members in her Region about the procedure to nominate people for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards. The Board currently decides on our nominees at the next Board meeting after receiving the request for nominees from AKC. As we have approximately 2 months lead time from AKC, it was decided to have each Regional Governor contact their area members asking for suggestions and a letter of recommendation detailing why that person should be considered for this honor. The Governors will forward these recommendations to the Recording Secretary by March 1, of each year. These areas of nomination will cover Conformation, Obedience and Performance (field). It was noted that the BCOA nominees are from the ranks of BCOA members only

Leonore Abordo requested that we offer the new AKC “QC” tests at each National. The Field Committee for each National will need to make this determination as the time required to complete the Field Events will take precedence.

Barbara O’Neill moved to adjourn, Joyce Katona seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:55PM