



Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
Gettysburg, Pa.
May 17, 2019
MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:50 PM by President Ron Williams.
Recording Secretary Establishes Quorum: Currently BCOA's membership totals 542; the quorum is 54. With 83 members (+31 guests) present, we may conduct business. On a motion by Sandra Moore, seconded by Valori Trantanella, the minutes of 25 May 2018 were approved as published.
President Williams welcomed everyone to BOCA's 115th annual specialty show. He then introduced the officers and regional governors. We are pleased to welcome 5 international members.

Officers' Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle) On a motion by Justine Spier, seconded by Pam Buffington, the recording secretary's report was accepted. Since 2018 annual meeting, BCOA has welcomed 22 new members, including 2 juniors and one Swiss. Another family member officially became a junior showman.

R1:
Linda Barad
Sherry M. Besley
R2:
Kirbie Allen (junior)
Kyle & Olivia Abernthy
Dean & Melissa Eelman
Erin D. Leff
Sophia Linck (junior)

Randi Jackson
R3:
Gillian S. Cookenboo
Debra Fraker
R4:
Molly Anne Forsyth (junior)
Marilyn & William McGraw
Tomomi Mikawa
Mary Ann Rose

Ashley Siemon
R5:
Elyse Kufeldt
Kenneth Porter
Denise J. Ross
R6:
Brent & Ellie Sanford
Gabriele Schmid (Suisse)

Treasurer (Jan Leikam) On a motion by Lois Schultz, seconded by Nancy Hopkins, the report was accepted.

Standing Committees: On a motion by Pam Leikam, seconded by Tina Wismer, the reports were accepted.

- **BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust (Barbara O'Neill)** We observed a moment of silence in memory of Beverly Taylor. An additional \$20,000 has not yet been approved for distribution.
- **BCOA Web Site (Helen Lee / Ron Williams)** President Williams thanked RLynn Shell for many years of service as webmaster and welcomed Helen Lee as the new webmaster. The new design was launched 1 January 2019. New features include the History section and a password-protected Members Only section; the password will change annually on 1 January.
- **Canine Ambassador Program (Suzanne Cecere)** BCOA joined with AKC to participate in the Canine Ambassador Program. Participate in parades, nursing home visits, library reading programs, and meet the breed booths at dog shows. Suzanne recognized Martine Burton and Kirbie Allen for their hours of service with their borzoi.

- **Health (Nancy Hopkins)**

The health clinics were extremely well supported this year. At the eye clinic, there were 55 Borzoi examined with only 9 dogs who had a minor finding classified as "Unlisted Conditions Specified as Not Inherited." An interesting comment was made by Dr. Peiffer who has been examining eyes for 40 years. He stated that when he first started doing eye clinics, abnormal findings were common. Now, it is not uncommon for him to do an eye clinic without abnormal findings. This is a credit to breeders who not only health test their dogs, but pay attention to the findings and find ways to decrease the number of abnormalities in their dogs. Congratulations!

There will be a slight delay before you will see your OFA Eye results as I will not be mailing the forms until I return home from the National this year.

I cannot provide you with cardiac clinic results as Dr. Gelzer kept all the forms. She will return them to me sometime in June once she completes all the measurements. I will send the results to OFA at that time and provide the membership with a breakdown of the findings. There were 30 Borzoi who had ECGs. This amazing showing for an unaccustomed evaluation is very important and will benefit the breed by better informing Dr. Gelzer on normal Borzoi heart rhythms. Thank you to each and every one of you who had ECGs done on your dogs. Every single Borzoi scheduled for an echocardiogram was screened. Thank you everyone for working together to assure this could be accomplished. Four people graciously gave up their slots which allowed all the Borzoi present at the clinic to be examined: Anne Midgarden, KC Thompson, Margaret Lucia, and Jamie Bobrowski. Thirty-four Borzoi received echocardiograms: Dr. Jonathan Goodwin examined 13 Borzoi and Dr. Anna Gelzer and Dr. Marc Kraus examined 21. This huge showing of Borzoi further benefits our breed by allowing Dr. Gelzer to see a wide variety of normal Borzoi hearts. This will assist Dr. Gelzer as she and Dr. Meurs continue their work on the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project. Thank you to each of you who signed up to echo your borzoi.

I would like to recognize the people who volunteered at the Health Clinic: Lori Miller, Jan Tyler, KC Artley, Ron Williams, Linda Beisswenger, Deb Rogstad, and Deb Vidaver-Cohen. The clinics were very hectic, please forgive me and notify me if I have made any errors! Each of you made this year's health clinic possible. Thank you!

Renee McCartin's Health Fund Calendar Fundraiser has continued to be a significant contribution to Borzoi Health. Last year's calendar raised approximately \$2,500, I deeply appreciate the incredible work Renee continues to do in support of Borzoi Health.

This year, Jenni Steele held a raffle and donated the proceeds to Borzoi Health. She raised several hundred dollars. I appreciate her hard work and generosity. Money is our greatest limiting factor, every contribution is deeply appreciated, thank you, Jenni!

- **Junior Showmanship (Barbara Tyler Lord)**

- In 2018, nineteen junior showmen, 13 of whom were BCOA members, competed with borzoi in AKC competition.
- Support has grown with some distance to go, but we're getting there. Reminded members to encourage their efforts and watch 9 juniors compete at this specialty.

Motion 1: On a motion by Amy Balthrop, seconded by Cindy Gredys:

CHANGE TO JUNIOR SHOWMAN MEMBERS STANDING RULE JNR 6

- *New wording in italics.*
Wins will be counted retroactively to the beginning of the year in which the application was received, as long as the application process is completed according to the BCOA Constitution and Bylaws. *The junior applicant must be a member by 30 June of that same calendar year in order to receive an award for that competition. Juniors becoming members after 30 June will accumulate points retroactive to 1 July.* The motion carried.
- **Current Rule JNR 6 Juniors, membership application, 11/18/2006.** To encourage BCOA Junior members, the application process will be streamlined by waiving the annual dues and sponsor forms. *Any BCOA member in good standing may sign the application for the junior and serve as junior's mentor.* Per BCOA Constitution, the application fee may not be waived.

Motion 2: On a motion by Barbara Tyler Lord, seconded by Karen Dumke:

- **In addition to Current Rule JNR 6 Juniors, membership application, 11/18/2006.**
- The junior membership application (which must include the juniors AKC Junior Showman Number) will be read and voted on for approval at the next Board of Directors meeting following receipt of the junior's application. At that meeting, the junior application will be read and approved for membership. The motion carried.

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- **National Specialty (Carol Enz)**

2020 – Albuquerque, NM: 4 -12 April 2020

2021 – Huron, OH: 15 -22 May 2021

2022 – Region 3 proposals: Texas, Kansas, and Colorado

Guest Speaker

- ❖ **National Borzoi Rescue Fund (Liz A. Duncan)**

Carol Backers has retired as Executive Director, the post she has held since 1995; She will continue to serve as Counsel. Our gratitude to Carol who has devoted so much to aiding borzoi in need.

New NBRF Board Anne Marie Wiseman (Executive Director), Barbara Tyler Lord (Vice-Director), Liz Duncan (Secretary-Treasurer), Meghann-Lord Fenn (Administrative Co-ordinator), Liz Hardwick (Placement Co-ordinator), and June Shienkaruk (Transport Co-ordinator)

Problems with AKC Reunite 1-time fee, not annual fee. Registration to NBRF is locked.

Ownership cannot be changed without original owner's permission. It is the safest place to

register your dog. In an accident, law enforcement looks for license & registration. Be sure to add 'Dogs at Home' card to your license. Prepare for emergencies.

Questions & Comments:

Karin Johnson: What is being done to address 2 chips registered to different owners?

Sandra Moore suggested that NBRF maintain a ledger for vet expenses broken down by dog.

Bonnie Dalzell reports poor experience with larger AKC chips; she suggests scanning a chip a week after implanting. She also urged us to engage with your local animal control.

Karen Staudt-Cartabona: AKC chips are always registered to the breeder
Avid & Home Again charge annual fee to continue registration.

Veni Harlan asks Liz Duncan to help her create chart comparing chips & registries for Ready Borzoi.

Sunny Grant requested that will-writing information be available on NBRF's website.

Patti Neale noted that an advantage for AKC Reunite is that the breeder who prepays when buying chip for a litter includes registration.

Unfinished Business

- Judges Mentor Criteria for Conformation (Prudence Hlatky)
 - Changes to mentoring application form. Most BCOA members are already qualified to be AKC mentors.
 - Changes made in response to an otherwise-qualified who was declined. We hope those idiosyncrasies have been resolved.
 - Amy Sorbie, Jon T. Steele pointed out that BCOA 12-year member status is important for BCOA-Approved Mentor because it indicates a seriousness of purpose.
 - Sandra Moore-Doby praised the new form.
 - Jan Leikam: point out requirements for mentors to continue to work at the job.
 - Motion: On a motion by Sandra Moore-Doby, seconded by Valori Trantanella, that, first reading, mentor applications are published for comment before final approval. The motion carried.
- Criteria for Retiring Kennel Names (Ron Williams & Prudence Hlatky)
 - Retired kennel names are available on borzoiclubofamerica.org

New Business

- 2020 Pedigree Book (Barbara O'Neill)
The form was available in the 2019 specialty welcome bags. More information will be posted on www.borzoiclubofamerica.org
- National Specialty Schedule Discussion On a motion by Pam Leichtnam, seconded by ???, that stud dog & brood bitch classes move to a time before Best of Breed. Response has favored moving. However, Patti Neale recalled the old decision to move to current position. Judge's POV: Move to follow WD Jon Steele suggested polling those who have judged BCOA national specialties regarding their feelings on moving these classes.

- Member Awards:

2019 Life Members

1994

- Rene Green
- Melissa Hundley
- David & Margie Milne
- Shari Moore
- Rhonda Robins
- Cyndi Schroeder

1969 Gold Star

Elaine Misko

2019 AKC Sportsmanship Award: Helen W. Lee

2019 Lifetime Achievement Award Nominees: Conformation- Richard Meen; Companion- Janet Brown; and Performance- Sandra Moore-Doby

2021 Judges Selection

Conformation: Michael Canalizo

Sweepstakes: Carol Kubiak-Zamora

Motions Submitted from the Floor

On a motion by Amy Balthrop, seconded by Laurie Courtney, that BCOA adhere to AKC requirements regarding day crating. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.