

**Annual Meeting of the Membership
Friday, 17 May 2013 12:45 PM EDT
Host Resort & Conference Center
Lancaster, PA**



President Rebecca Peters-Campbell welcomed everyone to the specialty and the meeting. She introduced the Regional Governors, who all stood for recognition. Next, she asked the foreign guests to rise and introduce themselves.

Recording secretary Joy Windle reported that with 80 members present, we have a quorum (10% of 441 members required) with which to conduct business. We also have 18 guests. Chris Danker moved, seconded by Ginger Jones, that the minutes of the last meeting (2012 Redmond, WA) were approved as published.

President Peters-Campbell referred the members to the Treasurer's Report made available on each table. There were no questions for KC Artley.

Shen Smith spoke briefly about the current economy and low return on investments and said the Club will need to discuss what sort of emergency would justify spending capital. Reports from BTRC were also available on each table. Carol Backers thanked BTRC for the funds received in the past year.

Ginger Jones reported that the health clinics were a great success with thirteen echocardiograms performed and blood for 77 thyroid tests drawn. She thanked Chris Smith, Tina Wismer, Sheila Gomez, and Dee Jones for their assistance with the clinics. Ginger also noted income from Purina circles for health committee and encouraged members to collect circles from friends who may feed Purina products as they do add up. She explained that a total of twelve proposals for bloat study funding have been submitted and identified cancer studies BCOA has supported.

Dee Jones reminded us of the Parade of Companions & the Costume Contest (Adventures in Paradise) scheduled for Friday evening.

Barbara O'Neill will relinquish her role as national specialty chair after 2014, although she will remain the Show Secretary & Treasurer.; Cricket Murray will shadow Barbara in New Mexico and assume the job in 2015. Members & guests rose in a standing ovation of thanks for Barbara.

The Aristocrat is online and ads are available for a very reasonable \$25 for new titles and \$35 for general ads. It can be accessed through the Club website. Patti Neale suggests using a footer on club communications to remind people about the online *Aristocrat*. Many thanks to Helen Lee for her good work.

Many thanks to Jon Steele for his good work with articles for *AKC Gazette*, available on the AKC website. Anyone interested in contributing to the column is invited to contact Jon.

Valori Trantanella moved, seconded by Chris Danker, to approve the committee reports. The motion carried.

President Peters-Campbell thanked both groups who had worked on the Meet the Breeds in NYC and Orlando. Chris Neale reported on the Orlando Meet the Breeds and presented the Hound Group First rosette to BCOA. September 28 & 29, 2013 at the Javits Center in New York City. Ron will need help with this, and is looking for volunteers who can bring borzoi to meet the public. Chris Neale will chair the BCOA booth for the "Meet the Breeds" at the December 2013 Eukanuba show in Orlando.

Unfinished Business:

2015 & 2016 Judges

In the election for 2015 & 2016 Specialty conformation judges, Ron Spritzer received the greatest number of votes, with Monica Canestrini second. For Sweepstakes judge, Jon Reimer received the greatest number of votes, with Barbara Skinner second. The recording secretary shall contact Ron and Jon, who have first choice as to which year each prefers to judge.

New Business:

Nominating Committee Chair: Lorrie Scott.

Committee: Patti Neale, Cindi Gredys Alternates: Ariel Duncan, Terry Ann Doane.

Any member interested in running for office is invited to contact the committee to make her/his availability known.

Carol Enz briefly introduced the site for 2014 in Albuquerque, NM with a full presentation to come at the Awards Dinner Saturday evening.

There is the possibility of a Top Twenty Competition as a special added attraction at the 2014 national specialty. Anyone interested in working on the project should contact Barbara O'Neill.

President Peters-Campbell said that the website was ready for a re-design and asked volunteers for the text re-write to contact Joy Windle, Chair of that committee.

Members are invited to join < <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BCOAMembersOnly/>> The group was founded after the 2012 National for the discussion of BCOA business. We currently have 143 members.

KC Artley moved, seconded by Ginger Jones, that each year's national specialty committee could decide whether to hold an AKC or an ASFA trial. After some discussion, including the reminder from Bonnie Dalzell that it had been Lyle Gillette's intention that ASFA would phase out when AKC adopted lure coursing. The motion passed with an overwhelming majority (51 for/ 12 against).

Kristina Terra announced that the International Borzoi Conference is set for 14-19 October in Pleasanton, CA, to coincide with the BCNE Specialty. There is a full schedule of lectures, speakers, dinners, and cultural events.

At the close of the meeting, President Peters-Campbell congratulated new life members and asked them to stand: Lynne & Mike Bennett, Carol Kubiak-Zamora, Marilyn Lockhart, Toni Paskey, Susan Pennington, and Gale Snoddy. Applause followed.

There being no further business, Prudence Hlatky moved for adjournment at 2:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Windle
Recording secretary