



**Borzoi Club of America
Teleconference Board Meeting
Monday, 20 January 2014**

7:33 PM

Present: KCartley, Robin Casey, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Lorrie Scott, Roy Silguero, Ron Williams, & Joy Windle

President Peters-Campbell thanked to Robin Riel for her years of service to the Board & BCOA. She then welcomed Robin Casey as the new Governor for Region 5.

Moved by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Lorrie Scott to approve the minutes of November meeting as mailed. The motion carried.

Officers' Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle) Karen Mays moved, seconded by KCartley, to approve the report. The motion carried.

It was noted under the first reading of applications for membership that a home visit is not necessary when a member of household is already a BCOA member. Moved by Joyce Katona, / seconded by Prudence Hlatky to accept the first reading of

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venustheborzoi@yahoo.com 314 741-8180

Sponsors: Leonore Abordo/Linda Beissinger

Bryan C. Rice 7 Burton Hill Weatherford, TX 76087

<brice@bcrbvl.com> 817 602-0413

Sponsors: (Prudence Hlatky)/Shirley McFadden

Pascale Smith 20117 Carlisle Ct. Farmington, MN 55024

pascale.smith@gmail.com 952 201-0207

Sponsors: Lydia Pruett/Monica Barry

The motion carried.

Second Reading: Moved by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by KCartley to approve the membership of

Paul Allard & Steve Pedro 2678 County Rd 31 Winchester, ON Canada K0C 2K0

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Sponsors: Wendy Finlayson Richard Meen

June Biancalana & Karin Bennett 948 W 1470 N Clinton, UT 84015

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Sponsors: Bunny Kelley Sharon Johnson

The motion carried.

Member updates:

Betsy Nighthorse- resigned

Patricia Wahlig- deceased

Name changes:

Shelby Bergstresser now Shelby Becker

Dawn Ferris now Dawn Gibas

Lynda Cattoni now Lynda Sarman

Corresponding Secretary (Karen Mays) Moved by Joy Windle, seconded by Robin Casey, to approve the report. The motion carried.

Treasurer (KC Artley) Moved by Carol Enz, seconded by Ron Williams to approve the report. The motion carried.

KC Artley reported that during 2013 BCOA donated nearly \$25,000 to rescue groups and for health research. Details in the attached treasury report.

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill) Moved by Joyce Katona, seconded by Karen Mays to approve the report. The motion carried.

The Board instructed Barbara to vote for Dr. Charles Garvin, Dalmatian Club of America; Ronald Menaker, Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club; and James Dok, Gig Harbor Kennel Club for three AKC Board seats.

Regional Governors Moved by Robin Casey, seconded by Prudence Hlatky to approve. The motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports: Lorrie Scott moved, seconded by Carol Enz to accept the reports. The motion carried. **(Discussion as noted)**

Aristocrat (Helen Lee) The newsletter is also an excellent vehicle for sharing news from the six regions. There was some discussion of who should write those columns.

Beverly Taylor Rescue Committee (Shen Smith)

The board members reviewed the report from this committee, and the financial reports from the two rescue organizations. Lorrie Scott moved, seconded by Joyce Katona that \$6000 be given to Borzoi Rescue Northern California, and \$12,000 to the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation. The motion carried.

Three board members required on the BTRC which will be KC Artley (chair), Robin Casey & Roy Silguero. Two member-at-large appointments are pending acceptance.

Club Inventory (Barbara O'Neill)

Futurity Event (Joyce Katona) Because the artist's estimated shipping costs were far less than those actually incurred, Joyce Katona moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky to pay artist the actual shipping costs. The motion carried.

Junior Showmanship (Barbara Lord) Barbara O'Neill will send certificates to 1) Robin Stachon 2) Charlotte Hunt.

Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata)

National Specialty (Barbara O'Neill) Preparations for Albuquerque are well in hand. We expect a proposal for 2016 at the next meeting.

Obedience, Rally, Agility: & Tracking: Members are reminded to send their obedience & rally & agility & tracking wins to June Mintchell <rmntchell@yahoo.com> so your wins can be recognized by BCOA in the Aristocrat and for the annual awards.

Rescue & Welfare (Dee Jones) The new name better combines the name and function of the committee.

Website (RLynn Shell) Re-design work is on-going, with revisions to content to update information.

Unfinished Business

Governors are reminded to continue to remind members to use the *Aristocrat* to advertise accomplishments. The incomes from these ads fund BCOA activities.

Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation The Borzoi Health and Welfare BHWF formation committee consisting of Rita Link, Dee Jones and Prudence Hlatky met during the AKC / Eukanuba show and reviewed the concerns of the BCOA Board of Directors. At this time the BHWF committee has elected to proceed with its original plans and to file for incorporation and nonprofit status.

The BCOA has changed the name of BCOA Borzoi Rescue to Borzoi Rescue & Welfare and asked that BHWF funnel monies to this committee. For BHWF to maintain a tax exempt status it has to be funding Borzoi health and welfare events within the BHWF's charter. The foundation cannot be just a cash resource.

As BHWF wishes to have a close relationship with the BCOA it will hold three board seats available for BCOA appointees. Currently Rita Link is acting chair elect, Dee Jones acting secretary and Prudence Hlatky board of directors.

Code of Ethics (and Guidelines for Breeders): Revision has begun. Joy will make the first draft available to the Board for suggestions.

2015 Yearbook: It was agreed that we need a hard copy; an on-line version is not adequate. The deadline for ads will be in the fall of 2014, for delivery at the 2015 National in Ohio.

New Business

Standing Committee Chairs for 2014 (Rebecca Peters-Campbell) Several replacement chairs were suggested; the list will be published when those positions are filled. Joy Windle moved, seconded by Ron Williams to approve the new list. The motion carried.

Borzoi Referral Program for BCOA Members: Barbara O'Neill proposed a committee to research possibility of adopting BR-NC Breeder Referral Program with Dee Jones as Chair. Lorrie Scott will serve on the committee. Seconded by Joyce Katona, the motion carried.

BCOA member-breeders' link to BCOA webpage: Discussed setting up a Member/Breeder page on website. The consensus was that we should move forward on that, with further action pending development of the revised Code of Ethics & Guidelines for Breeders.

Pet oxygen masks: Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, that we donate up to four (4) pet Oxygen Mask kits (\$300) to the local fire company at each year's national specialty, beginning with the Albuquerque Fire Department at the 2014 National Specialty, funded by BCOA Welfare & Rescue Committee. The motion carried.

Challenge trophies: Because of the expense of shipping the perpetual & challenge trophies from national to national, Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Lorrie Scott, that we observe a moratorium on any new challenge trophies. The motion carried with Prudence Hlatky & Robin Casey opposed. Over \$4000 in 2013 was spent shipping these heavy, breakable trophies.

Board meeting before National Specialty: (Teleconference) 7:30 PM Monday, 24 March 2014 & (Albuquerque) afternoon of Wednesday, 9 April 2014.

There being no New Business from the floor, Prudence Hlatky moved to adjourn at **10:13 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy E. Windle

Recording Secretary

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Karen Mays) 10/15/13 – 12/30/13

- 10/10/13 Received approval from AKC for a Sweepstakes event on 05/10/14 in conjunction with the Mid Atlantic Hound Association of Central North Carolina.
- 10/24/13 Received a request from Kali Kenar, kkenar521@gmail.com, for breeders close to Arizona. Sent.
- 11/04/13 Sent a thank you to Linda Deutsch for the work she did for our Meet the Breeds booth at Javits Center.
- 11/07/13 Received correspondence from Barbara Tyler Lord regarding Robin Stachon's qualifying wins for Westminster for Board Consideration for the BCOA Junior Showmanship Scholarship.
- 11/04/13 Sent a Board response to a member regarding the Hearing Committee's recommendation to the Board regarding its handling of a protest that was in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Borzoi Club of America.
- 11/05/13 Received a request from Karl Schroeder, karlschroeder1@gmail.com, for breeders in the Midwest. Sent.
- 11/10/13 Sent a thank-you to Virginia Jones for her in-depth reporting on all the issues of the Canine Health Foundation and for keeping us up-to-date on their bloat studies.
- 11/10/13 Received a request from K.C. Artley for a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Sunday, May 25, 2014 with the Kalamazoo Kennel Club in Kalamazoo Michigan. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to K.C. and Laura Hyatt. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendar.
- 11/13/13 Received a phone request from Connie Hospodar in Cumming, GA for a list of breeders in Georgia.

11/14/15 Received a request from Carolyn Flajnik, GreZ4u@aol.com, for the contact information for Patti Neale. Sent.

11/17/13 Received a request from Tom LaBron for information on Borzoi, BCOA and breeders in Oklahoma and surrounding states. Sent.

11/15/13 Received a request from Bob Vines, rob.s.vines@gmail.com, for breeders close to the Raleigh area. Sent.

11/17/13 Sent a thank-you to Rita Rice for the outstanding job she is doing as our BCOA Legislative Liaison and giving permission for her to share this information with the Scottish Deerhound Club of America.

11/17/13 Sent a thank-you to R. Lynn Shell for her continuing work in updating our web site.

11/19/13 Received an email from Ginger Jones in response to my thank-you from the Board indicating that if there was someone passionate about taking over as Health Chairman (especially someone with a veterinary background) she would be willing to step aside.

11/20/13 Forwarded a post to the Board for their consideration from the AKC Parent Club Conference list concerning wording in the By-laws regarding Foreign Membership. The recommended wording is that they be entitled to all privileges of the Club except that they not be permitted to vote, hold office, or be counted in a quorum.

11/22/13 Received a request from Sarah Fountain, sarafountain123@gmail.com, for information on Borzoi and breeders in California. Sent.

11/25/13 Received a request from Kay Casella for a Borzoi Club of Omaha Specialty to be held on November 15, 2014 with the Council Bluffs Kennel Club in Omaha, Nebraska. Conformation and Sweepstakes Judges to be determined. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Kay. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendar.

11/24/13 Received a request from Chris Bonine, cbonine@fandm.edu, for breeders in and around Tennessee. Sent.

11/25/13 Received a second request from Lydia Pruett for a Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club Specialty on Friday, June 6, 2014 at the Scott County Fairgrounds in Jordan, Minnesota. Conformation Judge: Robyn Davidson. Sweepstakes Judge: Lynne Bennett. (I have no record of having received the first). Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Lydia. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendar.

11/25/13 Received a current Membership List from the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club.

11/28/13 Received a request from Joey Victorino, joey.victorino@gmail.com, for breeders in Texas. Sent.

11/28/13 Received a request from Svetlana Sannikova, sollsun38@gmail.com, for information on Borzoi and breeders in northeast. Sent.

11/30/13 Received a request from Richard Bodek, BodekR@cofc.edu, for breeders in South Carolina and surrounding states. Sent.

12/01/13 Received a request from Jane & Mike Mattila, mattila@paulbunyan.net, for breeders in Minnesota. Sent.

12/08/13 Received a request from Linda Deutsch for a Borzoi Club of Greater New York Specialty to be held on Friday, May 2, 2014 at Tinicum Park in Erwinna, PA. Conformation Judge: Kenneth McDermott. Sweepstakes Judge: Terry Clement. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Linda Deutsch.

12/10/13 Received a Sweepstakes approval notice for an event on 04/08/14 from AKC.

12/13/13 Received a request from Paige Ross, p_nicole18@tahoo.com, for Borzoi breeders in Idaho.

12/13/13 Received a request from Paddy Baker, pbaker@helmsbriscoe.com, for breeders in California or Texas. Sent.

12/21/13 Received a request from Amy Kroll, amyeknoll@gmail.com, for breeders in and around Montana. Sent.

Treasurer (KC Artley) For detailed reports, please contact KC 937-325-1129 kcartley@earthlink.net

Final-2013 Donations from BCOA General Funds

Borzoi Donor Advised Fund - AKC Canine Health Foundation \$ 2 ,000.00

AKC Canine Health Foundation for Bloat Research Grant \$ 3 ,000.00

AKC Reunite (disaster trailers for pet shelter) \$ 1 ,200.00

Trophy Donation AKC Euknauba show \$ 1 25.00

Trophy Donation Borzoi Club of Canada show \$ 1 00.00

Donations from Bev Taylor Rescue Fund

to National Borzoi Rescue Foundation \$ 1 1,250.00

to Borzoi Rescue Northern California \$ 4 ,491.77

Total Donations 2013 \$ 2 2,166.77

AKC DELEGATE (Barbara O'Neill)

January 3, 2014

The AKC Delegate meeting was held Friday, December 13, 2013, Orlando, Florida.

On Thursday, December 12, I was honored with a seat on the Herding, Earthdog & Coursing Delegate Committee.

Lifetime Achievement Awards was presented to:

Conformation – Pat Hastings, Aloha, Oregon

Companion Events – Lynn Eggers, Grapevine, Texas

Performance Events – Raymond Calkins, DVM, Wilsonville, Oregon

There are three vacancies on the AKC Board or Directors Class of 2018, to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 11, 2014. The Nominating Committee has nominated the following:

Dr. Charles Garvin, Dalmation Club of America

Ronald Menaker, Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club

Patricia Scully, Obedience Training Club of Hawaii

The following have been endorsed as a candidate:

James Dok, Gig Harbor Kennel Club

All candidates address the Delegate body with their ideas for the future.

The AKC awarded the following annual awards for the first time:

Best Promotion of a National Specialty – German Shepherd Dog Club of America

Best Club Spokesperson – Jeffrey Ball – Ramapo Kennel Club, NJ

Best Breeder Spokesperson – Patti Strand – Dog Fanciers Assoc. of Oregon

Best Club Public Relations – Trap Falls Kennel Club

Best Outreach to the General Public – Peggy Wampold, South Windsor Kennel Club

The American Kennel Club has grown in participation by clubs and exhibitors during 2013.

* 46 new clubs chose to join with the AKC bringing the total to 5,090 licensed and member clubs.

* Those 5,090 clubs created 341 new events for a total of 22,750 events this year - the largest number in the history of the AKC.

* Exhibitors participated more than ever, bringing 25,323 new entries through October for a projected total of about 3.2 million this year - the largest number in the history of the AKC.

* Breed recognition continues to grow with fully recognized breeds and varieties up by three for a total of 190 and FSS added one for a total of 64.

Regional Governors

Region 3 (Prudence Hltaky)

Upcoming BCOA Region 3 events:

Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club – February 15, 2014

Judge: Pat Murphy, Sweeps Patricia Wiseman

BCOA TSE – Houston Kennel Club – July 18, 214

Judge: Jim Reynolds, Sweeps – Sweeps – Sylvie McGee

Lone Star Borzoi Club Specialty – September 20' 2014

Judge: Eugene Blake, Sweeps TBD

Region 3 is scheduled to host the BCOA National in 2017. Proposals from within the area requested so that they presented at the 2015 National.

Region 4 (Lorrie Scott)

After attending the meeting in Ohio, I sent an extensive update to the region members. I received very positive feedback in regards to the DC Sweepstakes that will be offered at this year's national in Albuquerque, NM.

I have reminded the regional members of the national in April being in our region and we need a lot more volunteers. Several people have come forward with offers to help with small job or to sit in hospitality for a while. All of it will be greatly appreciated. It takes many to make a specialty successful. I know Carol has been busy shaking the bushes as well.

I continue to forward all AKC Updates and well as BCOA updates to regional members either via email or print for my members who do not have email access.

Region 5 (Robin Casey)

A short introduction-I have been active in the Borzoi breed for the last 20+ years and a BCOA member since 1997. First, in some local rescue while in Colorado and then into lure coursing and conformation events. To this date I have owned/co-owned multiple specialty winners and a few best in field dogs. I have bred three litters and participated in many others. My highest honor was in owning the 2004 Centennial BCOA BOB winner. I have also held offices in the PVBC regional club-to include president, recording secretary positions and served on the board of governors for PVBC. I am currently co-chair for the BCOA "Ready Borzoi" disaster planning committee. I am also currently an AKC licensed judge. I'm honored to have been chosen to represent the Region 5 membership.

While only having just taken office, I have asked the Region 5 members what they as BCOA members would like to see happen in the general membership and board. The responses were . . .

. To continue to improve communications between the BCOA board and general membership. Many members still feel they have no voice or if they "sound off", it "falls on deaf ears". This to include having the general membership make more of the decisions the club faces rather than a majority of issues being decided strictly by the board.

. Develop ideas to encourage more membership participation, through volunteer involvement with breed health, activities for companions, coursing, conformation as well as club enrichment overall.

. Encourage BCOA members to participate and recognize the importance of open field events as this venue is quickly losing younger members and is endangered.

I have very recently started a Region 5 Yahoo group and strongly urge all Region 5 members to join. As some may know there is also a BCOA members only list. I STRONGLY encourage all members to use this group as well. Even if it is just to say I agree or offer suggestions and concerns. We can't try to fix things if members don't speak out! It is my hope that these groups will open more lines of communications for all of us and enable myself and the board to quickly address any problems or concerns, as well the ability to offer suggestions and share ideas! I will also be sending those members that do not have computers, a periodic "update" mailing of all topics, news, etc. we will be discussing.

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

There were two Specialties in my region on November 16. I attended the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha Specialty and held a regional meeting following the judging.

The meeting was well attended and I updated those present on what was currently happening with the APHIS ruling and the wolf hunting issue and the Board's position on both. We also discussed the upcoming National in NM and I answered questions. I encouraged regional members to volunteer to help with the 2015 National. Members expressed appreciation for the updates I send and thanked me for making the effort to attend their show.

Due to the concern of holding two Specialties on the same day in the one region, I asked BCGO if they were happy with the entries for the Specialty and they said they were and that this year's entry was larger than last. When I asked the MBC officers the same question, they felt that their entries were typical of what they usually draw at their fall Specialty. I was glad to hear that both clubs were happy with the majors they drew.

I continue sending the AKC emails and podcasts.

Standing Committees

***Aristocrat* (Helen Lee, Editor)**

Have received a few ads for each issue of the *Aristocrat* and would love to have more! Also, members should NOTE: the naming sequence of the issues has been changed, starting with the most recent (Nov. 15/13 deadline). The "Fall 2013" issue appears to have been missed, but in fact it was just renamed to "Winter 2013/14". Subsequent issues should be named more appropriately for the seasons in which they appear online.

BTRC (Shen Smith) Reports are available from KC Artley 937-325-1129 kcartley@earthlink.net

Club Inventory & Medals (Barbara O'Neill)

The sending of TSE medallions is up-to-date.

Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata)

Activities:

September 26, 2013 – Get Well card to E. Monsour

October 18, 2013 – Birthday card to W. Brumlow

November 10, 2013 – Birthday card to G. Pinetti

November 25, 2013 – Thanksgiving cards (15 total)

December 12, 2013 – Birthday card to E. Thompson

December 16, 2013 – Christmas cards (15 total)

National Specialty Committees (Barbara O'Neill)

Futurity

Plans for the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Futurity is well on its way for a fabulous evening. The judge selection process was completed with Carol Kubiak-Zamora as the Futurity judge. The 2014 Futurity has \$2,170 in the account and 2015 has \$75. Joyce Katona, the Event Chair, has plans to make it very special. Currently, the 2015 Futurity has 5 new Bitch nomination and two new litter nominations with 9 litters eligible from 2014. The 2015 forms are on the BCOA website.

National Specialty Guidelines

Guidelines are up-to-date as of 8/4/13. National Site & Facility Coordinator Guidelines have been sent to Roy Silguero (Region 2). Presentation for Region 2 - 2016 National Specialty will be due in April at the 2014 National Specialty in Albuquerque.

2014 National Specialty – Albuquerque, NM

It's only 2½ months until specialty closing and plans are well on the way to making this a fabulous specialty. The premium list packet is in the mail and all material is on the specialty website. An invitation to host the hospitality room for a day at no charge was sent to the Regional clubs and the Borzoi lists. We encourage everyone to reserve their guestroom early and don't forget to send a trophy donation to the K.C. Artley.

2015 National Specialty – Huron, Ohio

A site visit was made to the Sawmill Creek Resort with a contract signed for the 2015 National Specialty. It is a great location for the specialty with more dog walking area than ever before. I know that everyone will enjoy their week in Huron, Ohio and the Sawmill Creek Resort. Joyce Katona, the Facility/Specialty Coordinator, continues making plans to make this National a “Wow.”

Rescue & Welfare (Dee Jones)

In-Home Visit Volunteer List – We are in the process of updating our in-home visit list to ensure that contact information is usable and to attract new volunteers.

National Specialty – Companion Class & Costume Contest. We want to encourage everyone to bring their best buddy to the specialty. Any dog not entered in the show is eligible to participate in the Companion Class. The Costume Contest is open to all dogs. Just dress your dog as you imagine a Borzoi from another planet would look. These events will be held Friday evening.

BR-NC (Nancy Joeckel) 2013 Annual Totals

4 Borzoi in Rescue. 22 Borzoi in the Referral Program.

Total Income, \$9,636. Total Expenses, \$10,369. Net Income, - \$733.

Details<<http://brnc.org/media/docs/BRNCRescueReport-FourthQuarter2013.pdf>>

NBRF (Liz Duncan-Burge) 2013 Annual Report

Total Dogs into Rescue: 70

Total Income: \$43,936.26

Total Expenses: \$43,933.68

Net Income: \$2.58

Detailed information will be posted on the NBRF website soon.