

Borzoi Club of America, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, November 1, 2014, at 9:00 A.M.

San Antonio, TX

Present: KC Artley, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona,
Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Lorrie Scott,
Ron Williams, & Joy Windle

Absent: Robin Casey & Roy Silguero



The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM

Greeting from President

Approval of Minutes of August Meeting. KC Artley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, to approve the minutes as published; the motion carried.

Officers' Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle) KC Artley moved, seconded by Joyce Katona, to accept the report; the motion carried.

Applications for Membership

"KC Artley moved, seconded by Joy Windle, to accept these applicants as members" Motion carried.

Please welcome our new BCOA members:

Second Reading:

Marie Agun 3001 SE 410 Ave. Washougal, WA 98671

magun@pacifier.com 360-835-3292

Sponsors: Loretta Binder-Wheeler/ Lynda Sarman

Emma Gauthier 105 Cherry St. St. Louis, MO 63105

no email 402-234-3087

NO SPONSORS (Junior) d.o.b. 11/10/98

Janice Haldi 5111 Griffith Ave. Cheyenne, WY 82009

HALDIJ@yahoo.com 307-640-6098

Sponsors: Lyn Snyder Hoflin/ Karen Ackerman

Howard & Karen Spey PO Box 149 Oldwick, NJ 08858

Karen.spey@yahoo.com 908-534-8466

Sponsors: Ron Williams/ Lena Tamboer

First Reading:

Miles Fenn 910 Sparta Dr. Lafayette, CO 80026

miles@designmethod.com 757 270-5419

Sponsors: Kathy Wright/ Barbara Lord

Applications for Trophy Supported Entry

Contra Costa Kennel Club 7 June 2015 (closing 20 May 2015)

Chair, Laurie Bradshaw Judge TBD NO SWEEPS

Election of Officers

There being no petitions, KC Artley moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, that the Recording Secretary cast one vote to elect the slate; the motion carried.

Recording Secretary: Joy Windle

Unexpired terms:

Treasurer: Rita Rice

President: Rebecca Peters-Campbell

AKC Delegate: Barbara O'Neill

Vice President: Carol Enz

Region 2 Governor: Kasey Parks

Corresponding Secretary: Karen Mays

Region 4 Governor: Marcella Zobel

Region 1 Governor: Ron Williams

Region 6 Governor: Joyce Katona

Region 3 Governor: Prudence Hlatky

Region 5 Governor: Robin Casey

Nomination of National Specialty Judges 2017 (Deadline 12/31/14)

To date, 56 members have nominated 37 conformation judges and 33 Sweepstakes judges.

Codes of Ethics

As of 31 October, 65 members have returned a signed Code of Ethics. There is no deadline.

Social Media

BCOA/MO: 153 members It is serving its purpose, in that it keeps BCOA matters off BNL & Facebook.
Facebook: BCOA & BCOA/National Specialty currently promotes trophy sponsors & donors as well as the 2015 Yearbook.

KC Artley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, to approve the report; the motion carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Karen Mays)

10 August – 23 October 2014

- 08/11/14 Returned information regarding BCOA participation in Meet the Breeds in Orlando.
- 08/11/14 Received an email from Staples offering a dog club discount for \$50.00 minimum orders. Registration and club credit card is required.
- 08/14/14 Received an invitation from the International Kennel Club to hold a Designated Specialty at either of their shows (January 31 and February 1).
- 08/15/14 Received a current list of officers for the Potomac Valley Borzoi Club from Lucia deCordre.
- 08/15/14 Sent a \$125.00 check to AKC for our support of the Conformation Medallions at Eukanuba.
- 08/15/14 Received a request from Lucia deCordre for a Potomac Valley Borzoi Club Specialty with Sweepstakes on Saturday, October 25, 2014 in conjunction with the Middleburg Kennel Club Show. Conformation Judge: Karen Dumke. Sweepstakes Judge: Carol Kubiak-Zamora. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Lucia. Information to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 08/15/14 Received AKC approval for our Specialty on Thursday, May 14 at Sawmill Creek Lodge in Huron, Ohio.
- 08/26/14 Received a request from Margaret Takacs with Ohio's 4-H Youth Development Program for permission to use an image of a Borzoi for their Dog Learning Lab Kit. The request was forwarded to the Board for approval and KC Artley volunteered to scan a couple of color pictures from the printed *Visualization of the Borzoi Standard* book and send it to her.
- 08/26/14 Received the Blanket Approval letter for Regional Specialties from AKC. Responded that we do not grant approval without a formal application from the specialty clubs. This is to ensure that we have a current membership list and the specialty information that can be placed on our calendar of events.
- 08/26/14 Received a request from Tom Kane, tom21085@gmail.com, for breeders in Southern California. Sent.
- 08/28/14 Received notification of a Sweepstakes Judge change to John Arvin from the Potomac Valley Borzoi Club.
- 08/30/14 Received a thank-you from Maggie Takacs for providing the photos for use in Ohio 4-H Youth Development educational resources and a request that we send written approval to use the images. KC Artley sent the approval.
- 09/04/14 Received copies of correspondence between Ginger Jones and Samantha Wright regarding our support of a cardiac research grant.
- 09/10/14 Received a notice from the AKC Canine Health Foundation of the appointment of Susan M. Lilly as new CEO.
- 09/11/14 Received a ballot from the AKC for their Lifetime Achievement Awards. Notified the Board members and submitted their vote to AKC.
- 09/15/14 Received information from Peter Piusz with the Delegate Parent Club Committee regarding a proposed e-list discussion group of AKC parent club-identified rescue groups as a communications medium to circulate ideas. As Parent-club-identified rescue groups, each of these rescue groups can apply for AKC humane grants and will be allowed to post their available dogs in the new AKC online breeder classifieds coming this fall.

- 09/15/14 Received a request from Dr. Claire Sharp of the Tufts University Medical School asking for blood samples for their GDV/Bloat study.
- 09/16/14 Received a copy of correspondence from Ginger Jones to Dr. Sharp asking if he would like to use blood DNA samples from borzoi that have bloated since we will be drawing blood from participants at the thyroid clinic held in conjunction with the National.
- 09/22/14 Received information from the Austin Convention Hotel & Spa in Hot Springs, AR regarding the use of their facility for a future Specialty.
- 09/22/14 Received a copy of the N.B.R.F. Newsletter.
- 09/22/14 Received a request from Carol Leemhuis, Corresponding Secretary of the America Pomerania Club, for information on how we count our ballots and whom we use as our tabulator. Response sent.
- 09/30/14 Received a request from Rebekah Castaneda, rcas@loc.gov, for breeders on the East Coast. Sent.
- 09/30/14 Received a request from Melany Mioduszewski, mel.miod@gmail.com, for breeders in the southeastern Michigan area. Sent.
- 10/02/14 Received a request from Marilyn Polsfuss for the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Friday June 5 2015 at the Scott County Fairgrounds in Jordan, Minnesota. Conformation Judge: Andre van den Broek. Sweepstakes Judge: Monica Sima. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Marilyn. Information to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the calendars.
- 10/13/13 Received a request from Sally Atkins, statkins@terranova.net for breeders in Florida. Sent.
- 10/19/14 Received a request from Starr Vires, rayemaker2006@yahoo.com, for breeders in the Kentucky area. Sent.
- 10/19/14 Received a request from Portia Leigh, porsche1248@gmail.com, for breeders in Washington and Northern Oregon. Sent.
- 10/20/14 Received an announcement from AKC regarding the Meet the Breeds at Westminster on February 14 2015, asking that we participate and send the name of our liaison.
- 10/20/14 Received a request from George Seiffert, gseiffert@veic.org, for breeders in Vermont and the New England area. Sent.
- 10/20/14 Received a request from Amy Simpkins, amysimpkins55@yahoo.com, for breeders in the Midwest. Sent.

Joy Windle moved, seconded by Ron Williams, to approve the report; the motion carried.

Treasurer (KC Artley): For a detailed Treasurer's Report, please contact KC (973) 325-1129 kcartley@earthlink.net Helen Lee has done a lot of work updating our Store on Helen got us new free, secure software for collecting information from buyers. (We can stop paying the \$100 annual licensing fee for the old software.) By going to <www.borzoiclubofamerica.org> and clicking on STORE, you can now pay your BCOA dues, be added to the list for puppy referrals, and pay for BCOA meeting minutes to be mailed via USPS to you from the new button "DUES." You can make a trophy donation, donate to the BCOA operating fund, donate to the BCOA health fund, junior handler scholarship fund, and rescue/welfare fund, from the new button "DONATIONS." At checkout, you can pay by credit card, PayPal, or mail a check to the treasurer. (The treasurer's address is on the webpage OFFICERS).

Last year, we donated \$1200 to the AKC Reunite fund for purchasing pet disaster trailers; the trailer with our club logo, along with other clubs' logos will be on display 21-22 February 2015 at the Silver Bay Kennel Club shows in San Diego. A minimum donation of \$1000 was required to put our logo on one of these trailers.

The 2015 borzoi calendar fundraiser has already collected \$1218, and this project has just started. This money will be added to the fund for borzoi heart disease research. Thanks to chairperson Renee McCartin.

AKC DELEGATE (Barbara O'Neill)

The AKC Delegate meeting was held Monday, September 8, 2014, Newark, NJ.

First, I am pleased to tell you that I have been re-elected to the Herding, Earthdog & Coursing Committee for a three-year term.

Nominating Committee nominated the following for AKC Board of Directors, Class of 2019:

Carmen Battaglia Thomas Davies Steven Gladstone

Gregory Paveza has been nominated by petition. Additional petition candidates have until November 15, 2014. Election for Board will be held at the March 10, 2015.

The following are the recipients of the 2015 AKC Lifetime Achievement Award:

Conformation: Edd E. Bivin of Fort Worth, Texas

Companion Events: Robert J. Squires of Webster, New York

Performance: Jeannie L. Wagner of Elyria, Ohio

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) recently announced the funding of two grants for canine epilepsy and one grant for canine hypothyroidism. These grants, totaling over \$268,000 in funding will ultimately equip veterinarians with more effective treatments and researchers with a better understanding of the underlying mechanisms that cause these diseases.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held December 12, 2014, Orlando, FL. An agenda has not been determined.

Joy Windle moved, seconded by Carol Enz, to approve the report; the motion carried.

Regional Governors Reports November 2014

Region 1 (Ron Williams)

I wasn't able to attend any local Borzoi club meetings. Hopefully, in the near future this will happen. I communicated to my region by email about the November Board Meeting taking place and if there were any information, questions or concerns the members or clubs would like me to bring to the meeting. One person responded: Janice McGivney, from New York. She informed me of some health issues she's having and because of it moving closer to her children in Florida. She's looking for someone to co-own her two bitches and possibly show them. With Janice's approval, I sent an email out to the Region 1 members and copied Dee Jones.

I also sent:

A number of AKC Newsletters and notices out to the region.

An email reminding the region to send in their dues, sign the Code of Ethics and vote. Also, to whom the respective forms should be sent. The email included a friendly reminder to the Life Members to complete the dues form for communicative purposes.

I was asked to send a BCCNJ Match notice out to the region by Karen Cartabona. The match was in conjunction with the Central NJ Hound Association and Morris & Essex KC and took place on 9/21. Karen asked if I could show up and meet some new Borzoi owners who were attending their first show with their first dog. I did show up and spent quite a bit of time with a lovely couple that was showing their new puppy. They seemed to be very interested in showing their dog (who did a fair amount of winning) and in BCOA.

Region 2 (Roy Silguero) Nothing to report

Region 3 (Prudence Hlatky)

Upcoming BCOA Region III events:

23 & 24 January 2015 Baton Rouge & Alexandria Kennel Clubs Co-ordinator, Veni Harlan

Judge: Lorraine Boutwell / Sweeps: Kasey Parks Judge: Meghann Lord-Fenn / Sweeps: Steve Sims

14 February 2015 Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty Judge: Dan Dowling

Judge: TBD - Sweeps and any supported entry judges

March 2015 Lone Star Borzoi Club Ft. Worth, TX - Judges TBD

July 2015 BCOA TSE Houston- Judges TBD

Recent BCOA Region III events:

Lone Star Borzoi Club Specialty - September 20, judges Eugene Blake and Leonore Abordo drew an entry (after absences) of 63 Borzoi. It was a very well-run event where the attendees saw beautiful Borzoi, enjoyed good food and comradeship of fellow Borzoi lovers.

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty held a very success Labor Day specialty with judges Shen Smith and Virginia Jones drawing an entry (after absences) of 57 Borzoi.

This region is fortunate in that our specialties, TSE and major shows frequently draw substantial entries, usually in the range of 40-50-60+ Borzoi.

Remember the 2016 BCOA National will be held in Lawrence, Kansas 9-16 April 2016. It's the same site as the 2011 BCOA National. Kay Cassella and I are co-coordinators of the Facility and Event logistics. We still have committee openings to fill. Please don't be shy, as we would love to have you volunteer for as much or as little as you can. It is a wonderful way to become involved in the workings of the BCOA National and a great way to meet other Borzoi lovers. We welcome members from other regions to join our team.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns. I have several items members have requested I bring before the board at the next meeting and would be happy to add yours.

Region 4 (Lorrie Scott)

October 14-18, 2014 the International Borzoi Council met in Pleasanton, California. The Borzoi Club of Northern California had its specialty with this event. I understand it was well attended and from the many attendees I heard from the meetings were very informative and interesting. Kristina Terra did a great job organizing the IBC gathering and the events/speakers associated with it. I'm sure many new friendships have begun.

Currently our region is quiet until next year.

This is my last report as governor and I wish the new governor much success.

Region 5 (Robin Casey) Nothing to report

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

Region 6 has been very active with three Specialties, two Midwest Borzoi Club Specialties, one in Michigan and another in Wisconsin this summer. Also the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club had a summer Specialty. All events were well attended and exhibitors were happy to be going home with major wins. I attended the MBC Specialties this year and I can say the trophies were awesome, the lunches were excellent and the camaraderie was enjoyable. Thank you to all the coordinators of these Region 6 Specialties and to the exhibitors who supported them.

Coming up are the back-to-back Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha Specialties in Nebraska. In my previous report, I used the corresponding date table but have since learned the dates for this year's events are Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday the 23rd. The Saturday judges are: Conformation-Amy Sorbie (Kryov) and Sweepstakes- Pamela Leichtman (Chrysalis). Sunday's judges are: Conformation-Sandra Simmons-Gamble (Aldemoor) and Sweepstakes-Kristi Arnquist, DVM (Spirit).

While in WI, I had the chance to speak with several regional members who are interested in revising the Judge's Education program. A proposal was drawn up and presented to the BCOA Board. Another region also had the same thought and the Board will be discussing the various proposals at our November meeting.

I have been busy with the many small jobs that it takes to make the National successful. I hope you all will attend and enjoy the events on May 10—16 with the Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty following on the 17th. For the second year we are offering a Dual Champion Sweepstakes as a special attraction. For the first time ever, BCOA is presenting a Beach Party, a night on the shores of Lake Erie, complete with a bonfire and borzoi are welcome! A night with no educational program planned, a night just for FUN!! Hope to see you on the beach!

Joy Windle moved, seconded by KC Artley, to approve the report; the motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports November 2014

Joyce Katona moved, seconded by Carol Enz, to approve the reports; the motion carried.

Archives (KC Artley)

I will be submitting a short article "From the BCOA Archives" for each issue of the *Aristocrat*, which will contain some interesting information for the members.

BTRC (KC Artley): We have a large bond maturing 15 November, by which date the committee needs to have a re-investment plan. I have emailed the BTRC members asking them to review our investments and to provide recommendations.

Breed Welfare (Dee Jones)

I want to remind everyone that we will have a Companion Parade and Costume Contest at Nationals in May. If your dog is not entered in the show, it is eligible for the Companion Parade. So bring your best buddy, your agility dog, obedience dog, coursing or racing hound and participate. Every dog gets a toy.

The Costume Contest Theme is Rock 'N Roll is Here to Stay, in honor of the Rock 'N Roll Hall Museum in the area. Dress your Borzoi as your favorite Rock Star and let's roll. There are no entry fees for either the Companion Parade or Costume Contest, but a completed entry form is required. Entry forms should be on-line prior to the Specialty and as always, will be available at the registration table at the Specialty.

NBRF (Liz Duncan-Burge)

The National Borzoi Rescue Foundation (NBRF) is dedicated to the rescue and permanent placement of all displaced borzoi across the United States. All Borzoi are spayed/neutered and fully vetted prior to placement. Adoption applications, references checked, and home visits are required prior to placement with emphasis placed on the quality of life, and special needs of each individual Borzoi.

For the year to date, NBRF has had 37 Borzoi come into rescue and has successfully placed all in loving, forever homes. We currently have no borzoi in foster care or currently available. We thank all of our fosters and volunteers, including BR-NC who coordinated and helped with transport of one ZoiGirl, for their help with all of these deserving Borzoi.

In the past two months, NBRF has also recently worked with a FL Rescue on home checks, approved placement, and transport of 5 borzoi puppies. We also provided information to a non-rescue Borzoi home in NV on sources for funding for her vet bills as well as locating a sighthound savvy veterinarian for another home in CA with critical medical issues. NBRF has also reached out to a rescueme.org advertisement of a Borzoi for placement and will be assisting the family in placing their father's Borzoi after the owner's impending passing. NBRF has offered assistance to a MD all breed shelter on a Borzoi. NBRF has offered transportation assistance, including a driver, van and trailer to the Irish Wolfhound Rescue in support of the 72 Texas IWs in need.

NBRF has been busy with several different fundraisers this year, raising \$6,372.64 to date, on raffling off a lovely Waterford Crystal Bowl that was donated to us, the donation of half of all sales from Norma Eliscu Banas' collection of vintage Borzoi collectibles, and Dr. Chynn's Shaving Rhett for Saving Borzoi. Our Benefit Wines fundraiser continues and wine can be ordered from www.BenefitWines.com/borzoi with a portion of each sale going to NBRF. They have 6 different wines, each with a rescued Borzoi on the label; think, "perfect Christmas gifts"! For the year to date, NBRF's veterinarian expenses have been \$20,142.32. NBRF has added a Volunteer Application to our website www.nbrf.org for foster, transport, and specialized talent (art work, fundraising, crafts, etc.). We welcome and appreciate the Borzoi community's participation in rescue!

Our NBRF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nationalborzoirescuefoundation?ref=hl> provides many links on helpful health information as well as status of current & placed Borzoi. We cordially invite you to visit the page, which is open to the public.

NBRF encourages ALL breeders to permanently identify their Borzoi and puppies with microchips or tattoos. Without such identification, we are unable to contact YOU if your dog should ever end up in rescue. Always hug your hounds!

BR-NC (Nancy Joeckel)

Third Quarter Dogs in Rescue: All Borzoi placed through BR-NC Adoption are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm/Lyme tested, and current on all vet care before placement. Adoption Applications are required, references are checked, and home inspection visits are done.

Royce 2014: Royce remains in foster care to resolve several chronic medical problems.

Shanti 2013: Shanti remains in foster care as we search for an appropriate home for him.

Third Quarter Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program: BR-NC's Referral Program gives owners/breeders access to excellent pet homes while retaining full control over all aspects of placing their dogs. In return, BR-NC receives a \$100 donation to help cover the expenses of the Borzoi we take into Rescue.

The following Borzoi was in the Referral Program this quarter: Sam 2014 – 2-year-old male
Other Dogs Assisted by BR-NC: BR-NC and NBRF worked together to transport Rescue Alice from S. California to her new home in Seattle, WA.

All Referral dogs are current on vet care and micro-chipped before placement. Yearlings & adults are spayed/neutered. Puppies are to be altered at one year, and BR-NC will supervise those contracts.

Club Inventory & Medals (Barbara O'Neill)

The sending of TSE medallions is up-to-date. Championship medals were requested and sent to Chris Danker.

Conformation Medals (Chris Danker)

Thru the month of August 83 member owned Borzoi completed their Championships.

KIT Committee Report (Edna Ogata)

July 13, 2014 Sympathy card to L. Tamboer
July 20, 2014 Birthday card to K. Redmond
August 1, 2014 Birthday card to D. Kostisack
August 10, 2014 Get Well card to J. Windle
August 17, 2014 Get Well card to F. Vogel
August 20, 2014 Get well follow up card to J. Scott
August 21, 2014 Birthday card to W. Reddick

National Specialties (Barbara O'Neill)

Futurity

The 2015 Futurity will close November 12, 2014 and the 2016 will open November 13 and ends October 12, 2015. Currently, the Futurity has 40 new Bitch nomination and 33 new litter nominations with 9 litters eligible carried over from 2014. Currently, there is \$2,670 in the 2015 Futurity account. Judge selection will begin immediately following close of Futurity with final ballot deadline January 9.

National Specialty Guidelines

Guidelines are currently up-to-date. Region 5 will be next up for 2018 with a bid/proposal due April 2016.

2015 National Specialty – Huron, Ohio

Joyce Katona, the Facility/Specialty Coordinator, continues to organize the Specialty. All committees have been asked to submit information in the form of an ad for the upcoming Aristocrat. That includes: Specialty Sales, Trophies, Member Ed., Beach Party, Costume Contest, Vendors, Health Clinics, & Auction. Premium list deadline is January 15 and will be mailed February 1. Entries close April 15.

The Dual Champion Stakes judge will be selected at the November 1 Board meeting. Please bring a name of a qualified person to the Board meeting. Judge will be selected by secret ballot.

2016 National Specialty – Lawrence, Kansas

Kay Cassella and Prudence Hlatky, the Facility/Specialty Coordinators, continue with event plans. Both an ASFA & AKC Lure Trial will be offered. In addition, we will offer the Power Paws Competition, featuring both lure trials and the LGRA Race Meet. 2006 was the last time this competition was offered. The following judges have accepted judging assignments:

Lure: Michael Hussey – Elizabeth, CO
Kathy Nelson – Lake Crystal, MN
Jack Downing – Lucas, TX

Obedience/Rally: Rick Garvin – Manhattan, KS

Register of Merit (Barb Ewing, Statistician) Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Joy Windle to accept these candidates; the motion carried.

Applications have been received for the following Borzoi, who qualify for the ROM with the designation shown:

DAMS:

DC Kirov Windrift Fire and Rain MC FCh

ROM-C

Ch Tahoe's Bell O'Chihawk

ROM (update: was ROM-C)

SIRES:

DC Tahoe's High Bidder SC FCh VFCh

ROM-C

CH Virshina Joshua Man O Morozova

ROM-C

2015 Yearbook (Barbara O'Neill)

The online order form is on the BCOA website, under Publications drop down. Information can be imported directly into the yearbook format. In addition, a form is on the website for use by those who would prefer not to use the online form. K.C. has agreed to continue accepting Yearbook PayPal payments until the Yearbook deadline of March 1. The Yearbook will be available at the 2015 National Specialty in Huron, Ohio. Early bird discount deadline is January 15.

Unfinished Business

Breeder Referrals: additional option (from Kay Henderson at the Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, April 2014) Rebecca Peters-Campbell will ask Kay Henderson & Cindi Gredys to draft a form for use on BCOA website, which they will present for Board of Directors in February 2015, with final presentation to members at Annual Meeting in Ohio May 2015.

Member Placement Draft (Dee Jones) Revised by Board of Directors Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by KC Artley, to approve the revisions; the motion carried.

Member Education at National: There will be no refreshments in 2015 and, therefore, no charge. Background: 2014 refreshments were ordered for 90 people who RSVPd they would attend; only 20 actually attended.

Frances Louise Martin Legacy

The board discussed what to do with the money bequeathed by Frances Louise Martin.

KC Artley moved, seconded by Lorrie Scott, to give \$2000 to BCOA Junior Handler Scholarship Fund in memory of Frances Louise Martin; the motion carried.

KC Artley moved, seconded by Lorrie Scott, to give the remaining \$10,000 to an AKC/CHF initiative, which will benefit Borzoi, in her memory; the motion carried.

Triathlon

To increase entries in the Triathlon, the board discussed having Rally scores and Beginner-Novice scores count for the obedience part, and for the LGRA placements to count for the coursing part of the triathlon. This will be for a two-year trial period beginning with the 2015 triathlon. KC Artley moved, seconded by Lorrie Scott, that the base score is 80% of the points earned in Rally-Novice; 100% of the points earned in Advanced & Excellent. Bonus points for the four class placements in Rally will be the same as for Obedience. (Note that the rally judge scores only a dog that qualifies.) The motion carried, Barbara O'Neill abstaining.

KC Artley moved, seconded by Joy Windle, that the Base Score is 90% of the points earned in the Beginner-Novice obedience classes, divided by two. The motion carried. KC Artley moved, seconded by Joy Windle, that for LGRA, the Base Score is 50 for a dog who completes three races in good standing (no fouls, no off course, not dismissed, not disqualified). Motion carried with six in favor; Prudence Hlatky, Barbara O'Neill, & Karen Mays against. KC Artley moved, seconded by Joy Windle, that for LGRA, Bonus points are one point for each dog defeated, maximum 25. The only dogs that count as dogs defeated, are those dogs who complete three races in good standing (no fouls, no off course, not dismissed, not disqualified). The motion carried with six in favor; Prudence Hlatky against, Barbara O'Neill, & Karen Mays abstaining.

Judging Education

The board reviewed two proposals from members for changes to the Judges Education committee. The board agreed that additional members should be added to this committee to complete the following tasks:

1. Train additional BCOA members so that they can give the BCOA approved presentation.
2. Streamline that presentation, so that it would be easier to present.
3. Create a short re-fresher course for approved borzoi judges on points of emphasis when judging borzoi, that could be placed on the BCOA website or emailed.

The revised presentation and the re-fresher course will have to be approved by the Board. KC Artley moved, seconded by Joy Windle to approve. All in favor; motion carried.

Revised 'Brochures' for BCOA.org (Joy Windle) "Showing Borzoi in Conformation" is approved to replace the existing brochure. Obedience & Rally Obedience should be ready early in 2015.

New Business

Dual Champion Stakes Judge 2015 (Barbara O'Neill)

Five people were nominated. Board voted secretly. The Judge will be revealed at the event in May 2015.

Updating AKC Flyer: KC Artley moved, seconded by Joy Windle, that the flyer sent by the AKC along with each Borzoi registration be revised because none of the book titles on the suggested reading list are in print, and several websites listed are no longer valid.

BCOA Members Only at Yahoo. com: Joy Windle)

Members have requested expanding the guidelines to include regional specialty information and results.

Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, that the group be maintained as it exists, adding no regional club information. Prudence Hlatky Barbara O'Neill, & Carol Enz voted in favor; KC Artley, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Lorrie Scott, Ron Williams, & Joy Windle voted against. Motion failed.

KC Artley moved, seconded by Ron Williams, to allow reasonable announcement of upcoming regional events and a posting of a link to the on-line results when they become available; the motion carried.

Request for Club information (Karen Mays)

Karen Mays read the request from a dog magazine asking for information, such as when our club held its first national specialty, how many borzoi entered our recent national show, etc. Several board members provided information for Karen to answer the request.

The inactive Borzoi Connection domain <borzoiconnection.com > has been bought by a porn site. Joy will work with legal counsel to draft a letter of complaint. KC Artley was asked to register <borzoiconnection.org > and < borzoiconnection.net > All references to borzoi connection have been removed from the Borzoi Club of America's websites and will be removed from the AKC flyer for borzoi.

Code of Ethics (Joy Windle): names of those who have signed will be added to the Honor Roll on <borzoiclubofamerica.org> If an honoree wishes, their name will link to their website or contact information. A badge designed by Veni Harlan will be available for signers to mount on their websites.

AKC Good Sportsmanship Award: We will vote at the February meeting.

AKC Judges Approval The AKC has asked for our comments about the proposed changes for how to become approved breed judges by November 10.

Morris & Essex Show 2015 (Joy Windle) The Board approved a TSE for Morris & Essex Show 2015 because of the historic nature of this show. For information:
<<http://www.morrisandessexkennelclub.org/index.html>>

Prudence Hlatky moved for adjournment.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM
Next meeting: Teleconference 9 February 2015
Respectfully submitted,
Joy Windle
Recording Secretary