

BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, May 15, 2015

Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, Ohio

The Annual Meeting of the Borzoi Club of America was called to order by the president, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, at 1:05 P.M. at the Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio. Forty-seven members were required for a quorum and there were 109 members in attendance in addition to over 30 guests. Rebecca stated that this year saw a gain of 28 new members and 2 new member judges. The 2015 membership booklet has been mailed. Foreign visitors were introduced and Board Members recognized.

Recording Secretary's Report: On a motion by Ginger Jones, seconded by Pam Buffington, the Recording Secretary's Report was accepted as published. Carol Backers moved the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting be approved, seconded by Phyllis Potter. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, Rita Rice: Rita explained she does not yet have a full report since the Treasurer's position is in transition. Valorie Trantanella moved that K.C. Artle's year-end 2014 Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Kalen Dumke. The motion passed.

Regional Governor's Reports: The Regional Governors' Reports have been published and Rita Rice moved they be accepted. Seconded by Carol Enz.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beverly Taylor Fund: Shen Smith reported for the Committee that consists of Barbara O'Neill, Chairman; Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Robin Casey and Members-at-Large, Bryan Rice & Shen Smith. Since the last report the economy has turned around and there is \$34,436.15 available for distribution in 2015. \$16,827.16 is designated for NBRF, \$5,609.04 for Northern California, and \$12,000.00 will be retained to cover inflation and to bring the balance in the account back to \$913,000.00. It was explained that distributions are based on earnings and that the funds are with Charles Schwab in safe and secure investments. Shen asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Beverly Taylor's generosity and Carol Backers thanked BCOA for everything that has been accomplished for rescue over the years.

Breed Welfare: Dee Jones, Chairman of the BCOA Member Placement Assistance Program, explained this proposal is designed to assist BCOA members in finding homes for Borzoi when the dog's current owner can no longer provide a quality home. The program highlights, coordinated by Dee Jones and Margaret Lucia, will be set up on the BCOA web site in the near future. Marcella Zobel heads a breeder-referral program to re-home dogs and emphasized this is welfare, not rescue.

Health: Ginger Jones is stepping down after 13 years as the chair of BCOA Health Committee but remains BCOA's liaison to the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Nancy Hopkins will be taking over the Health Committee tasks. Ginger distributed three hand-outs for the research our club has supported; 1) Laryngeal Paralysis, 2) Bloat, and 3) Osteosarcoma. She encouraged our members to participate in the OFA Borzoi health survey that now has 1001 participants. She also recommended that breeders test for and share information on tests for Degenerative Myelopathy and Autoimmune Thyroiditis but suggested this be an optional criteria rather than obligatory for a CHIC number. Ginger extended a personal thank-you to Renee McCartin for her efforts on the calendar fundraiser project that earned \$2,500.00 for our CHF Borzoi Donor Advised Fund earmarked for heart research

On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, the Committee Reports were accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Breeder Referral System: Kay Henderson and Cindy Gredys are working on this project and it is still in the planning stages.

Judges' Education: Pat Murphy, Patti Neale and Jon Steele moderated last night's presentation. They had 375 slides that took 1 hour and 15 minutes to review. Attendees were given a breed standard test and instructed to fill out the sheets that judges fill out. The moderators also asked for comments. It was decided there is a need to stream-line the material, come up with a program, and utilize a member with speaking skills. Attendees were asked what was most valuable, least valuable and what they would change about the program.

AKC Good Sportsmanship Award: This year's Good Sportsmanship Award was presented to K.C. Artley for her outstanding contributions to the sport, to the breed and to BCOA.

Life Members: Ruth Herman and Ardietta and Dana Thompson attained Life-Membership status this year.

2016 Specialty Judges: Judges for the 2016 National Specialty in Hunt Valley, MD are Helen Lee for the Regular Classes and Chris Danker for Sweepstakes.

Yearbook: Rebecca Peters-Campbell thanked Helen Lee and Barbara O'Neill for the wonderful job they did on the yearbook.

AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards: The Board nominees for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards are: Conformation – Nadine Johnson; Performance – Roy Silguero; and Companion/Obedience – June Mintchell.

Show: Barbara O'Neill announced that Carol Enz is going to segue into becoming Show Chairman and she will be working with Barbara on next year's show. She asked that we keep an open mind regarding future specialties. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons about utilizing the Huron, Ohio site multiple years.

Rachel Hunt's Memorial Ad was left out of the catalog and copies of the ad were distributed. Vanessa Johnson was left out of the Memorial pages and her memorial will be placed in next year's catalog.

Anne Ford moved we provide "New Title" commemorative rosettes for dogs finishing at the National Specialty. The motion was seconded by Roy Silguero and passed.

Ginger Jones moved we send out a ballot polling the membership to approve a microphthalmic research study, seconded by Rita Rice. Motion passed. This would be included with another mailing.

There will be a memorial for Nadine Johnson following the Costume Contest and Companion Parade this evening, sponsored by Brian and Rita Rice, Lorrie and John Scott, Patricia Silverman, Kay Casella and Jane Bernardi Malby. Two free drinks will be provided to toast Nadine's memory.

As there was no further business, on a motion by Prudence Hlatky, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Mays,
Acting Recording Secretar