

Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
Board Meeting Teleconference
Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. Eastern Time



The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM EST

Roll Call & Quorum

Present: Robin Casey, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Kasey Parks, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Rita Rice, Ron Williams, Joy Windle, & Marcella Zobel

President's Greeting: Rebecca thanked KC Artley, Roy Silguero, and Lorrie Scott who have retired from the Board and welcomed new members, Treasurer Rita Rice and Regional Governors Kasey Parks (Region 2) and Marcella Zobel (Region 4). The Regional Governors are a vital link between the membership and the Board. New members are reminded to send a signed copy of the Board Member Code of Conduct to Joy Windle. Robin Casey moved, seconded by Karen Mays to move a discussion of Morris & Essex KC Show from the TSE portion of the Recording Secretary's report to New Business. The motion carried, Joy Windle dissenting. Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill to approve the Minutes from the 1 November 2014 Board Meeting in San Antonio, TX; the motion carried.

Officers' Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle): Robin Casey moved, seconded by Rita Rice to accept the report; the motion carried.

Applications for Membership

Second Reading:

Miles Fenn 910 Sparta Dr. Lafayette, CO 80026
miles@designmethod.com 757 270-5419
Sponsors: Kathy Wright/ Barbara Lord

Robin Casey moved, seconded by Ron Williams to accept Miles into membership.

First Reading:

Jenny Coomler 6971 East Kenyon Dr. Tuscon, AZ 85710
jencoorm@aol.com 707-494-2053
Sponsors: Leonore Abordo/ Toni Paskey

Claudia Cullison 15930 SW Roshak Rd Portland, OR 97224
claudiacullison@gmail.com 503-789-2074
Sponsors: Dee Jones/ Michelle Rowton
RE-INSTATEMENT

Trestina, Mark, & Madison Gilbert 802 Bent Knoll Ct. Sugarland, TX
trestina@roserichvet.com 713 534-2360
Sponsors: Leslie Walenta/ Prudence Hlatky

Greg & Alana Hintz 1424 CR-W Stoughton, WI 53589
hintzam@gmail.com 6080449-2810
Sponsors: Susan Motisi/ Kristi Arnquist

Leah Lanier 2548 Belhaven Rd. Anderson, SC 29621
windsheerhounds@gmail.com 864-430-3441
Sponsors: Kasey Parks/ Karen (Cricket) Murray

Lori Miller 29880 Chickasaw Pl. Mechanicsville, MD 20659
lorisart2@yahoo.com 301-481-8601
Sponsors: BonnieDazell/ Renee McCartin

Javier Ocasio Mansiones Sta. Barbara\ B30 Azabache Gurabo, PR 00778
datawarriors@gmail.com 787-223-4225
Sponsors: Leonore Abordo/ Sandra Moore

Applications for Trophy Supported Entry

Houston Kennel Club 17 July 2015

Chair: Sara Whittington

Judge: Keke Kahn Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran): Michael DeWitt

Rita Rice moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky to approve; the motion carried.

Contra Costa Kennel Club 7 June 2015

Chair: Laurie Bradshaw

Judge: pending NO SWEEPSTAKES

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

Update for Morris & Essex Kennel Club 1 October 2015

Chair: Elisabeth Szymanski

Judge: Carol Reisman Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes: Walton Clement III (Terry)

Corresponding Secretary (Karen Mays): Joyce Katona moved, seconded by Rita Rice, to approve; the motion carried.

Treasurer (Rita Rice): Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Robin Casey, to approve the Year End Report submitted by outgoing Treasure KC Artley; the motion carried. Please contact Rita Rice <ariaborzoi@yahoo.cm> for details.

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill): Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Rita Rice, to approve the report; the motion carried. The Board advised Barbara to support Carmen Battaglia, Robert Amen, & Gregory Paveza in the upcoming election for AKC Board of Directors, Class of 2019.

Regional Governors: Joy Windle moved, seconded by Robin Casey, to approve the reports; the motion carried.

Committee Reports Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Ron Williams, to approve the reports; the motion carried. See Reports for details.

Annual Versatility Award (Kay Novotny): There are two applicants for 2014.

Championship Medals (Chris Danker)

AKC Gazette (Jon T. Steele)

Health (Ginger Jones) In addition to the reports, Ginger encourages contributions to DNA Bank, which makes material available for research even after our dogs are gone.

Karen Mays will send notes of appreciation to Renee McCartin for her good work producing the fundraiser calendar & to Ginger Jones for her service to Borzoi Health.

Junior Showmen (Barbara T. Lord)

Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata)

Legislative Liaison (Rita Rice)

Meet the Breeds /NYC (Ron Williams)

Ready Borzoi (Veni Harlan)

Specialties (Barbara O'Neill)

Futurity (Barbara O'Neill)

2015 Yearbook (Barbara O'Neill)

National Specialty Guidelines (Barbara O'Neill)

2015 National Specialty (Barbara O'Neill)

2016 National Specialty (Barbara O'Neill)

**2017 National Specialty (Barbara O'Neill):
Club Inventory and Medals (Barbara O'Neill)
Breed Welfare and Rescue (Dee Jones)
BR-NC
NBRF**

Beverly Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue

Board of Directors: Robin Casey, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, & Barbara O'Neill; Members-at-large: Shen Smith, Bryan Rice

Unfinished Business

Coloring Book (Joy Windle): Chanel & Rachelle Scott have agreed to create 12 pages. Good Prices for printing can be had at Costco and often from Vo-Tech Schools.

Judges' Education Update: Patti has chosen Pat Murphy & Jon Steele, both of whom have experience as judges. They are working to re-do the presentation. The new work will be presented as part of Member Education at 2015 National Specialty.

Breeder Referral Update: Cindi Gredys & Kay Henderson are working out the mechanics of a breed referral program they suggested in 2014. They will present their plan at the Annual meeting in Huron, OH.

Code of Ethics & Ethical Breeder Proposal: Veni Harlan submitted a design for a badge. Several suggestions were made regarding the design, as well as how it might be used beyond a simple website application.

2015 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award: Karen Mays, seconded by Joy Windle, nominated a Member for this Honor. The motion carried by acclamation. The Honoree will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner.

Rachel Hunt Annual Memorial Trophy for the Best Junior Handler at the BCOA National Specialty: Rita Rice moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, to accept an annual trophy for the national specialty. The Friends and Family of Rachel Hunt will supply a large wooden plaque, to become property of BCOA, which will proudly display all future winners. The trophy will be a small bronze created by Shirley McFadden, for the winner, mounted and designated with a plaque. The motion carried.

2015 Standing Committee Chairs Joyce Katona moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, to approved the proposed Standing Committee Chairs; the motion carried.

Proposed BCOA Standing Committee Chairmen February 2015

Annual Awards: Nancy Katsarelas, Chairman, nagakabz@hotmail.com

Annual Versatility Award & Versatility Hall Of Fame: Kay Novotny, Chairman, knovotny27@gmail.com

Aristocrat: Helen W. Lee, Editor, savladai@borzoi.net

BCOA Archivist: K. C. Artley, kcartley@earthlink.net

BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue: Barbara O'Neill, Chair sheyash@comcast.net

BCOA Ready Borzoi: Veni Harlan, Chairman, farfieldborzoi@mac.com

BCOA Shop: Carol Enz, Chairman, kachinaborzoi@gmail.com

BCOA Web Site: R. Lynn Shell, Web Mistress, gryffyn@borzoi.cc

Challenge Trophy Steward: Rita Rice, ariaborzoi@yahoo.com

Club Inventory & Medals: Barbara O'Neill, Chairman, sheyash@comcast.net

Conformation Championship Medals: Christine Danker, Chairman, hemlock@nycap.rr.com

Futurity Event: Joyce Katona, Chairman, jckat@roadrunner.com

Futurity: Barbara O'Neill, Chairman, sheyash@comcast.net

Gazette Columnist: Jon Steele, auroral@hughes.net

Health: Nancy Hopkins, Chairman, celestialbz@me.com

Health, Canine Health Foundation & Morris Animal Foundation: Virginia Jones, Liaison, vjones1@ford.com

Judges' Education: Patti Neale, Chairman, zoirus@windstream.net

“Keeping In Touch”: Edna Ogata, Chairman, troieshka@aol.com
Legislative Issues: Rita Rice, Liaison, ariaborzoi@yahoo.com
Meet the Breeds, Eukanuba: Christopher Neale, Chairman, zoisrus@windstream.net
Meet the Breeds, New York City: Ron Williams, Chairman, ridgeside@mail.com
Member Education: Prudence Hlatky, Chairman, soyara@aol.com
National Specialty Chairman: Barbara O’Neill, sheyash@comcast.net
Nominating Committee: Joy Windle, Chairman, joyousgard@me.com
Registry Of Merit (ROM): Gale Snoddy, Chairman, melockoff@fuse.net
Specialty Guidelines: Barbara O’Neill, Chairman, sheyash@comcast.net
Standardized Trophies: Barbara O’Neill, Chairman, sheyash@comcast.net
Standing Rules: K.C. Artley, Chairman, kcartley@earthlink.net
Statistical Committees

- Statistics Coordinator (for *Aristocrat*): Phyllis Potter, islehavenborzoi@rockisland.com
Agility: Chris Danker, hemlock@nycap.rr.com
- Conformation: Caryl Dumaine, Chairman, caryldumaine@gmail.com
- Junior Showmanship: Barbara Lord, Chairman, warwind@tds.net
- LGRA Dawn Hall, Chairman, newfs4me@gmail.com
- Lure Coursing Kasey Parks, Chairman, kcvvkennels@gmail.com
- NOTRA: Victor Whitlock, Chairman, viktor@borzoi.cc
- Obedience/Rally: June Mintchell, Chairman, rmintchell@yahoo.com
- Open Field: Karen Ackerman, Chairman, adij@tribcsp.com

Welfare/Rescue: Dee Jones, Chairman, lagniappehounds@att.net
2015 ASFA Delegate: Sandra Moore, avalonborzoi@blomand.net
2015 Official BCOA Tabulator: Ms. Patricia Swanson, Attorney at Law
2015 Alternate Tabulator: Carl Holder
2015 National Specialty: Joyce Katona Specialty/Facility Coordinator jkat@roadrunner.com
2016 National Specialty: Kay Cassella, KayCassella@yahoo.com, and Prudence Hlatky, soyora@aol.com, Specialty/Facilities Coordinators

Tabled until May: Revised BCOA Brochure – Performance:

11:10 PM: The hour being late, the meeting was recessed until 7:30 EST Monday, 2 March

The teleconference re-convened at 7:35 EST Monday, 2 March 2015.

Roll Call & Quorum

Present : Robin Casey, Carol Enz , Prudence Hlatky ,Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O’Neill, Kasey Parks, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Rita Rice, Ron Williams, & Joy Windle Absent: Marcella Zobel

Robin Casey moved, seconded by Rita Rice, to amend the Recording Secretary’s report to include the Gilbert family’s application for membership; the motion carried.

New Business

2015 Member Directory (Joy Windle): We will offer members a digital option (both xls and pdf) through regional governors. The traditional hard copy of the Members Directory should go in the mail on or about 1 April. Because of the xls option, additional pages will not be included listing members by state. Joyce Katona moved, seconded by Ron Williams to approve the option.

A Pet Disaster Trailer bearing BCOA logo was delivered to San Diego Emergency Services on 21 February 2015.

Board Meeting during the National Specialty 2015: Wednesday, 13 May, following Sweeps Teleconference: 7:30 EDT Tuesday, 28 April 2015.

National Specialty Judge Eligibility Clarification: The Board agreed to add a line to Standing Rule G6, exempting Futurity judges from the 5 year rule.

New AKC Website (Joy Windle) AKC is moving to make more its website more family dog-friendly and encourages parent clubs to do likewise. We will be entirely responsible for what appears in the borzoi section of the site & it will link to borzoiclubofamerica.org.

ROM Requirements: Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Joy Windle, to request Chair Gale Snoddy to form a committee to create proposal including weighted advance titles; the motion carried.

Performance TSE: Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Joyce Katona to create an application for performance Trophy supported entries; the motion carried.

Joy Windle & Barbara O'Neill will create the form.

Morris & Essex/TSE: There was a question about the status of BCOA's trophy support for the 2015 M&E show due to BCOA's name not appearing on a recent list of supporting clubs. A board member will touch base to see if any paperwork needs to be re-submitted. During the discussion, Robin Casey queried procedures for TSEs. She will draft a proposal for the next board meeting, presenting specific modification(s) to the Guidelines for TSEs for the board to consider.

National Lure Coursing Championship BOB Trophy: Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Carol Enz, that BCOA support the entry of borzoi with a \$50 Best of Breed trophy at AKC National Lure Coursing Championships (November 2015 in Oklohoma); the motion carried. Rita Rice moved, seconded by Carol Enz, that we recognize it as a TSE with BCOA medallions; the motion carried.

2017 Specialty Judges Breakdown Ballot (Joy Windle): The balloting closed on 27 February.

Already, one of the top ten judges regrettably declined, which means selection moves down to the next tier. It was noted that three unidentified ballots were not counted.

2015 Nominating Committee

Joy Windle, Chair

Lynn Bennett / / Tom Golcher

Alternates: Kitty Sawyer/Suzanne Deghi

New Business / Announcements from the Floor

Board members discussed a message of concern that had been received from NBRF. Before our meeting, several people had already taken steps to extend a helping hand to the member. A board member will visit in person soon, and she will let us know if BCOA's assistance is needed.

There being no further business, Joyce Katona moved we adjourn.

Adjourned 10:07 PM

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Karen Mays)

(23 October 2014 –30 January 2015)

- 10/28/14 Received a request from Lyn Snyder Hoflin for a Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty on February 14, 2015 with the [Middleburg](#) Kennel Club Show at the National Western Complex in Denver, CO. Conformation Judge: Dan Dowling, Sweepstakes Judge: Pat Wiseman. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Lyn Snyder-Hoflin. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 10/28/14 Received a request from K. Carol Artley for a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015 in Huron, Ohio. Conformation Judge: Lisa Warren. Sweepstakes Judge: Jon Reimer. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to KC. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 11/06/14 Received a request from Elizabeth Szymanski for a Borzoi Club of Greater New York Specialty to be held on Friday, May 1, 2015 at Tinicum Park in Erwinna, PA. Conformation Judge: Barbara O'Neill. Sweepstakes Judge: Jan Margaret Swayze-Curry. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Elizabeth Szymanski. Information sent to R. Lynn-Shell for the calendars.
- 11/06/14 Received a request from Mary McDonald for a Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley Specialty to be held on Sunday, May 3, 2015, in conjunction with the Trenton Kennel Club Show at Mercer Park in East Windsor, NJ. Conformation Judge: Meghann Lord-Fenn. Sweepstakes Judge: Rebecca Peters-Campbell. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Mary McDonald. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 11/14/14 Received a request from Pavel Krocak, pkrocak@concert.com, for breeders in Texas. Sent.
- 11/19/14 Received a dues notice from AKC.
- 11/19/14 Received a notice from KC Artley that she is mailing the BCOA Annual Dues to AKC.
- 11/20/14 Received a sample Press Release from AKC to recognize the recipient of our club's Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.
- 12/03/14 Received information regarding Changes to Coursing Ability Test Regulations.
- 12/05/14 Received the December NBRF Newsletter.
- 12/05/14 Received copies of correspondence between Ginger Jones and Samantha Wright regarding matching donations to the Canine Health Foundation.
- 12/12/14 Received the Holiday Issue of the NBRF Newsletter.
- 12/22/14 Received a phone request for Borzoi Breeders in California from Diana Lavery.
- 12/28/14 Received a phone request from Ted Saluski for Borzoi Breeders in Maryland and Virginia.
- 12/29/14 Received a notice from Florence Foti, Director of Operations of the Westminster Kennel Club that they are still accepting catalog advertisements for Breed Clubs.
- 12/29/14 Received an offer from Antoinelle Szwed, Manager, AKC Weekly Winners Gallery, to participate in the AKC Meet the Breeds Show Guide in a new titled section, "Meet the Clubs." To offset production costs there is a production fee of \$95.00.
- 12/30/14 Received a request to donate to the Theriogenology Foundation, a global resource that supports education and research in reproductive medicine.

01/01/15 Received a request from Don Runyon, Donrunyon@cox.net for breeders in the southwest. Sent.

01/04/15 Received a request from "Erick," onezero1@hotmail.com, for breeders in the Philadelphia area. Sent.

01/14/15 Received an updated Officer and Director list for the Borzoi Club of Greater New York from Elizabeth Szymanski and Lena Tamboer requesting that the information on the BCOA web site be updated. Forwarded to R. Lynn Shell to place on the web site.

01/16/15 Received a Futurity Approval Notice from AKC for an event being held on 05/12/15. Futurity Judge: Rhanda Glenn.

01/16/15 Received information regarding the Crufts Qualifying Certificates. Sent on to Barbara O'Neill.

01/19/15 Received a Sweepstakes Approval Notice for an event being held on 10/01/15 from AKC. Sweepstakes Judge: Terry Clement.

01/20/15 Received a request from Lynne Stroud, lynne.stgroud@att.net, for breeders in CO, UT and NM. Sent.

01/20/15 Received a request from Kim Plache for a Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Monday, September 7, 2015, at Thompson Park in Longmont, Colorado. Conformation Judge: Barbara O'Neill. Sweepstakes Judge: Roy Silguero. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Kim Plache. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

01/20/15 Received another request from Ted Zalewski, Ted.Zalewski@dc.gov, for additional breeders in the mid-Atlantic area. Sent.

01/21/15 Received a request from KC Artley for the name of the person to whom our checks for our Meet The Breeds Booth in Orlando were sent. AKC indicated we had not paid and we have our cancelled checks.

01/21/15 Received an updated Officer List for the Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley from Ariel Duncan.

01/23/15 Received another request from the International Kennel Club of Chicago to participate in their Meet the Breeds.

01/26/15 Received a request from KC Artley for a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on August 8, 2015 in conjunction with the Cudahy Kennel Club Show in Cudahy, Wisconsin. Conformation Judge: Laura Hyatt. Sweepstakes Judge: Dana Thompson. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to KC Artley. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

01/26/15 Received an updated Officer List for the Midwest Borzoi Club from KC Artley.

01/26/15 Received an updated Officer List for the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club from Lyn Snyder Hoflin. She was notified we also need addresses and phone numbers. This was later provided.

Treasurer's Report: Please contact Treasurer Rita Rice (ariaborzoi@yahoo.com) for a complete report.

AKC DELEGATE (Barbara O'Neill)

The AKC Delegate meeting was held Friday, December 12, 2014

Three of the following names for AKC Board of Directors, Class of 2019 will be voted on at the March Delegate Meeting in Newark, NJ: Carmen Battaglia, Thomas Davies, Steven Gladstone, and Dr. Gregory J. Paveza

At December Board Meeting, the Board postponed the vote for the revised Judging Approval Process until a future Board Meeting..

The next Delegate Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, Newark, New Jersey. An agenda has not been determined.

Regional Governors

Region 1 (Ron Williams)

My Region has been fairly quiet. Since the beginning of November 2014, I've forwarded the following emails to the Region:

- 8 emails received from AKC
- two reminder notices to send in their dues form (including Life Members) and signing the Code of Ethics

I attended two local club meetings. No BCOA matters were asked of me:

- Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley on 12/13
- Borzoi Club of Greater New York on 1/8

Region 3 (Prudence Hlatky)

This Governor's report will be somewhat on the light side. Shows and other events are just starting to kick off again after the Christmas / New Year break. We've recently had some very successful shows and have several more planned within the Region.

Upcoming BCOA Region III events:

Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty

February 14, 2015. Judge: Dan Dowling regular classes and Sweeps

Unfortunately this event will have closed prior to your receiving this report. And with the change of the Westminster date, it is going against stiff competition. I know the Regional folks will still rally the specialty and come out in numbers.

BCOA TSE – Houston July 2015 – Judges Keke Khan regular classes and Michael DeWitt sweeps

This weekend of four shows usually draws large entries of about 40 Borzoi per day. Come on down and enjoy the Houston warmth.

Recent BCOA Region 3 events:

Coordinator Veni Harlan worked hard and put on a very successful weekend of TSE events in Alexandria, LA. Many majors were won and several champions were crowned. A great time was had by all. Thank you, Veni.

2016 BCOA National, Lawrence Kansas April 2016

Remember the 2016 BCOA National will be held in Lawrence, Kansas April 9-16, 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.

Once again the members from this Region will be bringing items before the BCOA BOD. Added to the agenda of the next board meeting are; changes to the BCOA Membership application to make it more Rescue and single dog owner friendly; requested changes to the ROM requirements to recognize higher level achievements; trophy supported performance events. If we can offer a TSE for conformation, why can't we offer the same for performance events? Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

REGION 5 (Robin Casey)

It's been a fun and great learning experience this year, my first one on the BCOA board.

I have put in place a Yahoo group for Region 5 members that is open for all discussions of ideas and suggestions as well as another venue in keeping communications open. While so far, very lightly used, it is my hope it will grow.

I will be polling the regional members to ask if they might feel a Facebook area might be another tool the members would like to see in place.

As always, I have kept regional members abreast of activities within the board meetings in a quarterly report, which also includes BCOA reminders, member news, etc. These have been well received and I plan to continue in 2015.

Thank you to all the regional members as well as the board for their support and assistance in 2014.

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

Things have been quiet in the region since the fall Specialties. I have been very busy with the many little details that go into putting on the National Specialty. Region 6 is buried in snow and suffering through below zero temperatures. I know I am looking forward to spring and walking along the beach at the Sawmill Creek Resort, I hope you are too!

I reminded the regional members to make their National room reservations soon and mentioned some of the fun events we will be having like the beach party.

I also sent a reminder to get their Yearbook ads submitted and also to pledge and pay for a trophy to be eligible for the drawing for the free color ad. I mentioned the error in the premium and listed the correct size for National catalog ads.

I asked for the region to help get names and information about any borzoi folk who have passed away since the last National for this year's catalog and I will pass them along to Joy as they are received.