



**Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
Board Meeting Teleconference
Monday, 20 February 2017, 7:30 P.M. EST
6 March 2017 7:36 P.M. EST
MINUTES**

Roll Call & Quorum

Present: Karen Ackerman, Katie Averill, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Jan Leikam, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Lorrie Scott, Ron Williams, & Joy Windle

President's Greeting & Reminders

Rebecca thanked outgoing Board Members, Treasurer Rita Rice and Region 4 Governor Marcella Zobel for their service to BCOA. She then welcomed to the Board, Treasurer Jan Leikam and Region 4 Governor Lorrie Scott. She reminded us all of the importance of board confidentiality.

Approve Minutes - November 5, 2016, and December 26, 2016

On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Katie Averill, the minutes of the Winter 2016 meeting were approved as corrected. Jan Leikam and Lorrie Scott abstaining. On a motion by Joyce Katona, seconded by Karen Ackerman, the minutes of the special meeting regarding extra sweepstakes classes were approved.

Board Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle) On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Katie Averill, the report was accepted.

Membership Applications

First Reading: On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Karen Ackerman, these applications were accepted.

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Kelly & Jason Patti (Elise & Addison)	7365 Holly Park Dr. Concord Ohio 44060 KellyMPatti@gmail.com 440-223-0811 Sponsors: Joyce Katona / Marilyn Kivela
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Chapter 2, Section 3, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would enable the AKC upon receipt of an appeal, to approve a club for the holding of a show at a site within the area of another club on a case-by-case basis, if it believes the permission of the host club has unreasonably been denied.

On a motion by Jan Leikam, seconded by Joy Windle, the Board voted in favor of the above proposed rule change.
YES: 7 NO: Prudence Hlatky Abstaining: Katie Averill, Karen Ackerman, & Carol Enz

Regional Governors: On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Jan Leikam, the reports were accepted.

Members are reminded that they should always reach out to their regional governors with questions, concerns, and good ideas.

Region 4 (Lorrie Scott) As the new (returning) governor reports that she has sent a 'Hello!' message to members in region 4.

Standing Committee Reports On a motion by Katie Averill, seconded by Karen Ackerman, the reports were approved. (See notes below.)

Annual Top-5 Awards (Deb Vidaver-Cohen) Deb requested assistance at 2017 National. Rebecca will work with Deb to devise plan.

Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue (Barbara O'Neill)

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Katie Averill, the following distributions were approved:
NBRF \$15,424.82 / BR-NC \$7,711.59

On a motion by Katie Averill, seconded by Jan Leikam, the BTRC Minutes were accepted.

On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Jan Leikam, a comprehensive application for future 501 (c) 3 was approved.

Conformation Championship Medals (Chris Danker)

In 2016, a total of 146 Borzoi completed their Championships, 103 of these Borzoi have BCOA members are listed as first owners and are eligible for a medal. There are 3 Borzoi with multiple owners, none of which have BCOA members listed as first owners. Chris has written to these owners to verify that the listing is correct and for them to send her the registration form for the dog so she can follow BCOA guidelines for medals.

Futurity Event (Joyce Katona)

Joyce has received confirmation that the trophies will be completed and descriptions forwarded to Barbara for inclusion in the national specialty catalog.

Gazette Columnist (Jon Steele)

The Borzoi column appears in the February 2019 *AKC Gazette*

<http://viewer.zmags.com/services/htmlviewer/content/e8f3daf8?pubVersion=16&locale=en&viewerID=c928f078&referrer=http%3A%2F%2Femessage.akc.org%2FMB1FOTOMQj6ov00tM0PL012#/e8f3daf8/21>

Health (Nancy Hopkins)

Owing to the restrictions of Maryland law, there will be no eye or heart clinics at the 2017 national specialty. There will be a thyroid clinic. The Health Seminar topic is "Holter Testing & You," with a demonstration on using the vest and monitor.

Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata)

Please alert Edna to any members who would appreciate a card. Edna is always happy to receive any extra note cards you send her way.

Meet the Breeds NYC (Ron Williams)

Thanks to people team consisted of Lorene Connolly, Melissa Kucmierczyk, Malory Ferguson, Guy Tarsitano and first year for Renee McCartin, Kari McCloskey and Kari's daughters, Raina and Hannah and her mother Linda Day. The dogs for the "meet and greet" were Porter (Malory), Briar, Duckie, Ziva (Kari & Renee) and Sunni (Ron & Guy). Thanks to all of them for their hard work.

On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Joyce Katona, the purchase of 250 BCOA business card magnets was approved.

National Specialty Reports (Barbara O'Neill/Carol Enz)

Barbara asked regional governors to consult members regarding judging veteran sweeps before puppy sweeps in 2018. The question will also appear on agenda for annual meeting.

2018 National Specialty (5/20-28/18) Letters have been received from judges Stacey Davis for juniors and Barb Ewing for Coursing. Carol expects to hear from obedience/rally judge.

Performance & Companion Title Medals (Leonore Abordo)

54 medals are ready to be mailed.

Registry of Merit (Barbara Ewing): Reminder that the listing on borzoiclubofamerica.org should be updated.

Website (RLynn Shell-Whitlock)

Revisions and updates are on-going. Be sure to alert RLynn to any technical problems, Joy Windle for issues of content, and Karen Mays for regional club information and events calendar dates.

At 11:05, on a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Katie Averill the hour being late, the meeting was recessed until 7:30 PM EST, Monday, 6 March 2017

6 March 2017 7:36 PM

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Unfinished Business

Re-donating medallions: Those members who have a number of superfluous specialty medallions are encouraged to re-donate them. Prudence will chair a committee to devise a plan for re-donation.

Standing Rules Revision Board members are asked to please review and comment on existing standing rules in need of revision or deletion. The National Specialty section is in good shape. Joy will update the list of those sections still in need of work.

Triathlon Review On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Joyce Katona, the revised conformation judging score sheet was approved with one revision. Kudos to Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Sandra Moore & KC Artley for their good work in revising the instrument. On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Lorrie Scott, the committee's recommendation to eliminate bonus points was accepted.

Performance + Companion + Conformation = Total Score. The motion carried, Karen Ackerman abstaining.

Clarification: Signers on BCOA checking account are the treasurer, recording secretary, and club sales chair.

Schedule for Spring Board Meetings

Teleconferences: Monday 24 April and Monday 5 May 2017

Face-to-Face: Monday 15 May 2017

Top Stud Dog & Top Brood Bitch Awards

On a motion by Katie Averill, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, the awards are postponed for one year while criteria are devised.

Roster Management & Member Directory (Joy Windle)

It is vitally important to update member information in a timely fashion so that the roster & the member directory are as accurate as possible. The directory should be in the mail by mid-April.

Mentor Qualifications

A committee (Jan Leikam, Prudence Hlatky, & Lorrie Scott) will revise the mentor qualifications and return recommendations for the 24 April meeting.

Audit, Status Update

Nancy Katsarelas is working with Jan Leikam to gather information and records for the audit. The goal is to present a report at the annual meeting.

Judge's Education

Jon Steele's Gazette column (referenced above) prompted a discussion of an additional aide for borzoi judges in the form of a 'flashcard' as an easy, quick reference.

New Business

ASFA Sandra Moore is BCOA's ASFA ACoD Delegate. The single item of interest requiring our vote is one regarding forfeits. On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Katie Averill, the Board instructs Sandra to vote in favor of the change, 'winning BoB thru a forfeit, wins the points for the higher stake.' Abstain: Lorrie Scott

2017 Proposed Standing Committee Chairs

On a motion by Katie Averill, seconded by Ron Williams, the Standing Committees were approved with the following changes:

Challenge Trophy Steward becomes part of the National Specialty Show Committee

Championship Medals for Performance & Companion Titles: Leonore Abordo

Championship Medals for Open Field: Karen Ackerman

Lure Coursing Statistics: Leonore Abordo

Ready Borzoi: Veni Harlan

2017 Nominating Committee On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Joyce Katona, the 2017 nominating committee:

Barbara O'Neill (chair) KCartley & Renee McCartin

Alternates: Dawn Hall & Kay Novotny

Disaster Relief Fund

BTRC has set up the funding and the logistics part; they request that BCOA establish Bev C Taylor Disaster Relief Committee for planning and administration. On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, a five-member committee, three of whom are empowered to approve emergency funds was approved.

Voting Participation Ideas

Member participation in the breakdown ballot for 2019 judges (204 email/208 paper ballots cast) indicates that new approaches to voting may improve member participation in other areas. (Note: Constitution requires that election of officers & board and any constitutional amendments are by paper ballot only.) Regional Governors are asked to discuss the issue with members in their regions.

Health Committee has requested a USPS account for mailing Holter equipment. On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Katie Averill, the Treasurer was directed to set up a USPS account for the Heath Committee.

Tabled:

Canine Ambassador Program

Suggestion for Breeder Ethics Guidelines

Home Visit Report

Governor Report Template

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Announcements

Email voting: The recent breakdown ballot (2019 Judges) which included email voting for the first time, showed a tremendous return. 204 email ballots/ 208 paper ballots. Clearly, CBOA members appreciate the option of an email vote.

Adjourn: On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 .