



Borzoi Club of America
Board Meeting
Albuquerque, NM
Saturday, November 3, 2012

President Peters-Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM MDT

Present: KCArtley, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, , Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters--Campbell, Robin Riel, Jane Schreiber, Lorrie Scott, Joy Windle Absent: Karen Mays (obligation unknown to her when the date was set) and Ron Williams (Hurricane Sandy damage to his home).

On behalf of the Board, Rebecca formally thanked Jane Schreiber for her years of service to BCOA as Region 2 Governor. The Minutes of the August meeting were approved as sent. Motion: KCArtley; Second: Barbara O'Neill

Applications for Membership

First Reading:

Karen Klein, PhD 263 Sidelinger Rd. Union, ME 04862

Sponsors: Joy Windle/ Patti Neale

Roz Wenrich 80 East Charles St. Wernersville, PA 19656

Sponsors: Joy Windle/ Carol Backers

Motion: Prudence Hlatky Second: KCArtley APPROVED

Second Reading:

Shelby Bergstresser

Frank & Wendy Erdman

Sheila Gomez

Kathleen Kelly

Leslie Walenta

Motion to approve these applicants as members: KCArtley Second: Barbara O'Neill APPROVED

Officer Reports:

- **Recording Secretary** (Joy Windle) Motion: Barbara O'Neill. Second: Jane Schreiber. Report approved.
- **Corresponding Secretary** (Karen Mays) Motion KCArtley. Second: Carol Enz. Report approved.
The Puppy Referral List is created each year. Members are reminded that they must check "yes" by the "Do you want puppy referrals" line on the Dues Renewal form or Life Member contact form and return the form to the treasurer, in order to be on the 2013 Puppy Referral List.
- **Treasurer** (KC Artley) Motion: Jane Schreiber. Second: Robin Riel. Report approved as corrected.
No action on the AKC Humane Fund at this time.
- **AKC Delegate** (Barbara O'Neill) Motion: KCArtley Second: Jane Schreiber. Report approved with additions.
- **Regional Governors:** Motion: KCArtley. Second: Robin Riel. Reports approved.
Region 4 added that International Borzoi Conference will be concurrent with Borzoi Club of Northern California's 2014 specialty. Irina Terra is the new chair of the International Borzoi Conference.

Committee Reports Motion: Joyce Katona. Second: Lorrie Scott Reports approved.

Discussion and comments as noted.

Club Inventory & Medals (Barbara O'Neill)

Futurity (Barbara O'Neill).

National Show Committee & Guidelines (Barbara O'Neill).

Discussed: new show chair needed for 2015 onward. Barbara O'Neill will continue as show secretary, but will no longer be show chair.

Standing Rules [KC Artley]

The 2 standing rules, from 1982, (M21 & M22) dealing with eligibility of dogs owned by a show chairperson to be exhibited at our Specialty, were moved to the History file. This is the replacement standing rule: "Dogs that are owned, co-owned or reside with the show chair, or co-show chair, and/or members of their immediate family may not be exhibited in the conformation classes (futuraity, sweepstakes and regular classes). Show chair, co-show chair, and any person residing in the same household as the show chair or co-show chair, shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler, in the conformation classes at the Specialty."

Motion: Barbara O'Neill Second: Robin Riel PASSED

Futuraity Event (Joyce Katona) Joyce shared a recent photo of the progress on the Best in Futuraity trophy. A committee with Joyce as chairperson will meet with the artist at the 2012 Eukanuba National Championship in Florida.

Health [Ginger Jones] See Unfinished Business

Judges' Education [Patti Neale] See also New Business

The Borzoi Club of Canada requested permission to use the BCOA 'Visualization of the Standard' (to which BCOA holds copywrite), to assist them in their judges' education program. Patti Neale recommended that this be approved. Motion: Jane Schreiber Second: Lorrie Scott. PASSED.

Registry of Merit (ROM) (Barbara Ewing) See Unfinished Business The recommendation that ROM titles be granted to two sires and two dams, was approved. Motion: Prudence Hlatky Second: Joyce Katona PASSED

Recess:12:14 for lunch

Re-convene: 1:36

Rescue [Dee Jones] See also New Business

Trophy Supported Entries The Board approved these two TSEs

Cudahy Kennel Club

9 August 2013

Chair: Pamela Jo Leichtman

Judge: Linda Scanlon Sweeps: Bunny Kelley

Houston Kennel Club

19 July 2013

Chair: Krista hunt, DVM

Judge: Pat Trotter Sweeps: Dawn Hall

Statistics Committees (Joyce Katona)

Conformation statistics were received from Greg Hlatky. Statistics were received from Tom Golcher for AKC Lure Coursing and ASFA Lure Coursing. LGRA statistics were received from Dawn Hall.

Unfinished Business

AKC Meet the Breeds - Florida

Allocate \$300 (in addition to electricity & printed BCOA material) to Eukanuba Meet the Breeds; receipts required. Motion: Barbara O'Neill Second: Robin Riel PASSED

On-line Shopping Cart (KCA) After research, and discussion with Lynn Shell, KC Artley recommends that we implement Helen Lee's proposal. Helen Lee volunteered to code the webpages that will display all the items BCOA has for sale, using software that Helen has used for her job. Lynn Shell will upload those pages on the BCOA website and code the hyperlinks. The financial part of the purchase transaction will take place on a separate secure server, which will not add any costs for BCOA. Motion: Joy Windle Second: Barbara O'Neill PASSED

Trophy Supported Entries

Define the purpose of TSE: to encourage the major entry of borzoi in areas where no specialty clubs exist.

The Board of BCOA will not approve a TSE in conjunction with a Borzoi specialty weekend, effective 1/1/13.

Motion: Barbara O'Neill Second: Jane Schreiber PASSED

ROM & Health Committee - proposals for links, CHIC requirements

The Board discussed the ROM Committee's and the Health Committee's proposal, tabled from the August 2012 meeting in order to get input from members. Both committees want to change the ROM Listing on the BCOA website to

note (via a hyperlink) which sires and dams have their health test results displayed on the OFA database. Also, the committees propose that in the near future, all dogs be required to have a CHIC Number in order to be eligible for ROM participation. A motion was made by Robin Riel, seconded by Lorrie Scott, not to approve. Passed.

The Board agreed that the purpose of the ROM program is to recognize the achievements of the offspring in conformation and performance, by awarding a ROM title to the sire and dam. Whether a borzoi has passed health tests is a separate issue. The Board supports health testing for borzoi and encourages the submission of test results to OFA; however, the Board also acknowledges that breeding is a balancing act that includes each individual borzoi and many relatives in its pedigree. Along with health clearances, a breeder must evaluate the temperament of the borzoi and consider how well the borzoi fits the breed standard. Also, health problems such as bloat/torsion, cancers, epilepsy, autoimmune disorders, and other conditions for which there are currently no tests must be factored into the decision. Consensus of the Board of Governors: Health & Registry of Merit are, and of right ought to be, separate.

National Specialty Health Clinics: The Health chair has the authority to fill vacant Exam spots after entries close at a fair market rate. The Show Secretary will inform the Health Clinic chairperson of how many borzoi are signed up for each health clinic, as soon as possible after entries close. The Health Clinic chairperson is responsible for letting local dog owners know that any breed can be tested at our Health Clinics by paying BCOA's cost for the test. The reduced rate for the Health Clinic, paid for by the BCOA Health Fund, is only available to borzoi, that are registered before entries close. Motion: Prudence Hlatky Second: Joyce Katona PASSED

Aristocrat Options (Joy Windle)

Proposed that BCOA will publish & mail to the members a printed, color *Aristocrat* quarterly. Ads are needed to pay for this magazine. It will be available by subscription to non-BCOA members. The budget is \$12,000 for the first four issues. If the cost exceeds \$12,000, the Board will consider whether to continue publication and must approve additional funding. Motion: KC Artley Second: Barbara O'Neill PASSED.

Annual Versatility Award

A committee was formed in May to consider whether to add any of these new AKC titles to the Annual Versatility Award (AVA), plus recommend what points each new title should be worth. The AVA committee's report was tabled at the August meeting, in order to get input from members who participate in obedience.

1. Approve the committee's recommendation to add the Grand Champion (GCH), bronze GCH, Silver GCH, Gold GCH and Platinum GCH titles to the AVA, with each GCH title worth 15 points. Motion: KC Artley Second: Prudence Hlatky PASSED.
2. Approve the committee's recommendation to add the Graduate Novice & Graduate Open & Versatility titles, with each title worth 15 points. Motion: KC Artley Second: Prudence Hlatky PASSED.
3. Approve the committee's recommendation that the multiple UDX titles (UDX2, UDX3, etc.) be added, with each title worth 40 points. Also, add the Obedience Masters titles, with each title worth 40 points. Motion: KC Artley Second: Joyce Katona PASSED.
4. The committee's recommendation to reduce the Beginner Novice title from 15 points to 3 points was not approved. Motion: KC Artley Second: Lorrie Scott PASSED. The Beginners Novice title is not a new title; it is already in the AVA program, and will continue to be worth 15 points.

Obedience Ranking criteria (KC Artley)

After consulting with members who participate in obedience, the following two standing rules were passed to document how statistics for obedience/rally will be compiled.

1. "The obedience statistician will keep scores for all member owned borzoi earned in the regular & optional titling obedience and rally classes. If the dog has more than 1 score in that class, the scores for that dog in that class will be averaged. Lists for each class will be compiled to rank the dogs from first, to whatever placement includes all dogs that competed in that class. Scores in the "A" and "B" classes will be combined; for example, scores from open A and open B will be published in the list under just Open. These lists will be published in the *Aristocrat*."
2. "For the annual award of #1 obedience dog, only scores from the obedience-novice, open, and utility classes will be used. The dog must have earned at least 3 scores in these classes. (For example, a dog could have 2 scores in novice and 1 score in open). These scores will be averaged, with the highest average awarded the #1 borzoi, BCOA member owned, for the calendar year." Motion: KC Artley Second: Prudence Hlatky PASSED

Possible realignment of BCOA regions

No changes recommended at this time.

New Business

Election: There being no write-in petitions submitted, President Peters-Campbell directed Recording Secretary Windle to cast one ballot to elect the proposed slate of Officers & Regional Governors. The following were elected:

- AKC Delegate - Barbara O'Neill
- Recording Secretary - Joy Windle
- Treasurer - KC Artley
- Region 2 Governor - Roy Silguero
- Region 4 Governor - Lorrie Scott
- Region 6 Governor – Joyce Katona

Good Sportsmanship Award

Standing Rules regarding Awards.

The standing rule, C5, dealing with a good sportsmanship award and awarding certificates to top 10 dogs in conformation and obedience was moved to the History File, and replaced by the following two new standing rules:

1. **Good Sportsmanship Award** "Each year, the Board should consider, whether to award the AKC Good Sportsmanship Medallion to a member at the National Specialty. This medallion should only be awarded for exceptional service to the breed and to this club over a long period of time. It is not required that this award be made each year."

Members who have been awarded the AKC Good sportsmanship Medallion in the past, are Ginger Jones (2007), Karen Mays (2008), Shen Smith (2009), Barbara O'Neill (2010) and Patti Neale (2011).

Motion: KC Artley Second: Prudence Hlatkey PASSED

2. **Publication of Top Dogs:** Publish the final results for the calendar year in the *Aristocrat*. Publish the names of the TOP-10 dogs in the following categories: Conformation, ASFA lure coursing, AKC lure coursing, open field coursing, LGRA, NOTRA, and the Obedience and Rally classes. In addition, the TOP-5 dogs that qualified for the Annual Versatility Award will be published. Further, the TOP-5 juniors in Junior Showmanship should be published. Motion: KC Artley Second: Barbara O'Neill PASSED. (Note that all these dogs have to be owned by BCOA members. The top junior has to be a BCOA member, but the other 4 juniors do not have to be BCOA members).

Rescue. The Board discussed the use of BCOA Rescue funds to reimburse money spent on behalf of member-owned dogs due to emergency situations. The concept was approved in principle. Rebecca Peter-Campbell will coordinate with Dee Jones and will report back at the next meeting.

Beverly Taylor Trust Committee

Lorrie Scott has resigned from the committee.

The Board regretfully accepts Lorrie's resignation & approved Barbara O'Neill as her replacement.

Motion:

KC Artley Second: Prudence Hlatky PASSED

KC Artley will replace Kelly Brunarski. Motion: Jane Schreiber Second: Carol Enz. PASSED

Conference Call

In the interest of improving conference call meetings, the Board shall use the polling feature on the YahooGroup page to approve Regional Governor and Committee Reports for the February meeting.

Adjourned: 5:22PM MDT

Respectfully submitted,

Joy E. Windle

Recording Secretary

On November 5, 2012, the Board held an emergency email vote and approved the donation of \$300 to the AKC Humane Fund's newly-created Sandy Fund, in support of people and their pets affected by Hurricane Sandy.