



Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
Annual Meeting
Lawrence, Kansas
Friday, April 15, 2016

President's Greeting

President Peters-Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. She expressed her pleasure at seeing so many coming together in Kansas to celebrate borzoi.

Establish Quorum: 103 members attending meets and exceeds the quorum of 45 (10% of membership) with 31 guests (3 overseas).

Approve Minutes: On a motion by Sandra Moore, seconded by Lynn Snyder Hoflin, the Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting in Huron, Ohio were approved.

Officers Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle): Since the 2015 annual meeting, BCOA has welcomed 19 new members, including three juniors. We have added four judges' mentors, and two trophy-supported entries. In social media, both BCOA's and the National Specialty Facebook pages have over 1000 followers, while 175 BCOA members have opted in on BCOAMembersOnly@yahoo.com. On a motion by Rebecca Neal, seconded by Valori Trantanella, the report was approved.

Treasurer (Rita Rice): Because 2015 in Huron, OH was a smashing success, BCOA was able to fund \$7500 in health research grants.

On a motion by Karla Smith, seconded by Barb Ewing, the report was approved. **Regional Governors:** Reports will be posted.

Standing Committee Reports

Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue (Shen Smith): A few seconds to silence were observed in Beverly Taylor's memory. NBRF Liz & Carol

On a motion by Toby Brandtman, seconded by Jan Leikam, BCOA, together with BTRC and Ready Borzoi will explore setting aside BTRC funds to establish National Borzoi Disaster Fund. A proposal for the program will be presented at the next Annual Meeting (2017 in Hunt Valley, MD). The motion carried.

Standing Rules (Joy Windle): A new format for Standing Rules which will make them more searchable is in development.

Treasurer (Rita Rice): The final financial statement for 2016 YTD is on the table.

Health (Nancy Hopkins): Thanks to Leo Abordo for organizing volunteers; the clinics were a great success owing to the veterinarians, technicians & volunteers.

Eyes: 82 / 13 abnormal

Auscultations: 47

Echo-cardiograms: 27 /3 abnormal

Cardio form is currently in transition; all data will go onto CHF data bank. Owners do not need to send the report for their dogs.

Thanks again to Renee McCartin for another successful calendar which raised \$2500 for BCOA Health.

Welfare/Rescue (Dee Jones)

Liz Duncan-Burge reports that NBRF had only 12 borzoi in rescue in 2015. On a motion by Jan Leikam, seconded by Leigh Paintin, the report was accepted.

Unfinished Business

Breeder Referral (from Albuquerque Annual Meeting 2014)

On a motion by Cindi Gredys, seconded by Krista Hunt, a breeder referral system be set up using a closed Facebook group. Only BCOA member breeders would be added to the group upon request. Litter announcements could be shared as well as applications or contact information of people wanting a borzoi puppy/adult, but the contacted individual breeder couldn't fill. An application similar that used by NBRF will be required to keep things uniform with a link/file could be posted to the group definition. Those seeking a Borzoi should be advised that they may get a lot of traffic to sort through if they want the application posted. Once the post is shared, it's up to breeders with available dogs to make contact with inquiring party. The motion carried.

New Business

Carol Enz's assuming the role of National Specialty Chair creates a vacancy for Specialty Sales. Anyone interested in assuming the title and job should contact Carol or President Peters-Campbell,

Member Awards: Rebecca Peters-Campbell made the following Member Awards

Life Members (joined 1991): Certificates were awarded to

Susan Booth	John & Lorrie Scott
Kathleen Croft	Roy Silguero
Pat Hardy	Marjory Whithurst
Margaret Rice	Ron Williams
Sandra Moore	

Golden Anniversary (joined before 1966): Large gold star-shaped paperweights engraved with the BCOA logo were awarded to the following to commemorate fifty years as members of BCOA.

Louenna Avery (1962)	Harry Ohlinger (1966)
June Clark (1965)	Karen Staudt-Cartabona (1964)
Grace Connolly (1965)	Irmgard Thompson (1961)
Marrienne Endsicott (1958)	Priscilla White-Lineker (1963)
Elizabeth Forry (1965)	

Diamond Anniversary: Large 'diamond' paperweights engraved with the BCOA logo were awarded to Jessie Hamersma and Lena Tamboer, both of whom joined in 1956, to commemorate sixty years as members.

AKC Sportsmanship Award: Joy Windle presented the award to Lorrie Scott in recognition of her decades of dedicated service to the sport, the breed, and to BCOA.

Junior Members Proposal (Barbara Tyler Lord)

1. JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is designed to recognize young people for their varied interests with Borzoi, and to encourage well- rounded participation in all facets of dog ownership. An award will be given each year by the BCOA to the one junior, who in the eyes of the BCOA Board of Directors most fulfills its basic premise. The Junior Showman Chairman will review all applications and will send the resumes to the Club President for Board distribution and decision. *(Please note: A junior may win this award only once during his/her junior showman career).*

Qualifications:

1. The junior must be between 10 and 18 years of age for the year being nominated.
 2. The junior, his/her parents, or sponsor must be a member in good standing of the BCOA.
 3. Consideration will be given to any dog-related activity with a Borzoi, such as, but not limited to: Conformation, obedience, agility, coursing, therapy, rally, etc.
- * Any academic endeavor such as term papers on the history of the Borzoi or school assembly speech on dog ownership.
 - * Community service, such as nursing home visits, obedience demonstrations in the community or, for example, a "Walk with Fido" for charity.

Deadline/Details for Submission to Qualify:

By 1 June, the junior, or his/her sponsor must submit to the Junior Achievement Chairman a written account of the junior's qualifications and accomplishments for the previous calendar year.

Where applicable, copies of titles, certificates, grades, letters of appreciation, etc., should be submitted with the nomination to verify authenticity. Emphasis is on excellence in a broad spectrum of activities.

The Award:

A solid wood plaque (approximately 5 inches by 8 inches) with a brass plate, engraved with the name of the winner. Inscription: BCOA JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (Junior's name) In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement (Year). In addition to the plaque, the Junior Achievement Award shall include a \$200.00 Amazon giftcard from BCOA. (The name and Social Security number of the winning Junior must be supplied to the BCOA Treasurer at least six weeks in advance of the National Specialty).

2. SCHOLASTIC PROGRAM FOR HIGHEST GPA

The child with the highest grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 or equivalent for the two semesters completed immediately prior to the closing of the point system for the year, will receive this award. The Junior Showman Chairman will review all applications and will send to the Club President for Board distribution and decision.

Deadlines/Details for Submission to Qualify:

The junior must be between 10 and 18 years of age for the year applying for this award.

The junior, his/her parents, or sponsor must be a member in good standing of the BCOA.

All information must be received by the Junior Showman Chairperson no later than 1 August. The

GPA must be verified by an official school transcript, or home-school certified documentation.

Send all documentation to the BCOA Junior Chairman.

The Award:

An Amazon giftcard in the amount of \$100.00 will be awarded to the winner at the BCOA Annual Award Dinner. (The name and Social Security number of the winning Junior must be supplied to the BCOA Treasurer at least six weeks in advance of the National Specialty).

3. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

(Similar to that offered by the AKC through its junior showman program). This Scholarship is available only to a BCOA Junior showman club member currently enrolled in their senior year of high school. The Junior Showman Chairman will Chair a committee of three comprised of one current BOCA board member, and a club member at large. This committee will review all applications and essays, and together determine the award recipient.

The Criteria for awarding the scholarship includes the following:

1. Applicant's academic achievement
2. Applicant's involvement in the fancy

Deadline/Details for Submission to Qualify:

Each applicant is required to submit by 15 January, current high school transcripts, as well as a copy of the official acceptance letter from the college/technical college the Junior will be attending after HS graduation. In addition, the applicant must submit an essay including a description of his/her experiences and interests in purebred dogs, including an explanation of how the individual perceives his/her role in the fancy.

The Award:

A check in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded to the recipient the night of the BCOA Annual Award Dinner. The scholarship funds will be sent to the institution of higher learning when the winner informs BCOA the school he/she will be attending. (The name and Social Security number of the winning Junior must be supplied to the BCOA Treasurer at least six weeks in advance of the National Specialty).

New Business from the Floor

President Peters-Campbell noted that the request for motions in advance of the meeting successfully resulted in the following, and she thanked those members for their involvement. However, Roberts Rules of Order require that all motions be offered by members actually in attendance.

1. Health Funds to Support Osteosarcomas Research (UPenn)*

On a motion by Barbara Ewing, seconded by Patti Neale, the motion carried. BCOA considers apportioning some of the health fund budget to funding Dr. Nicola Mason's University of Pennsylvania study on the treatment of osteosarcomas in dogs, as, if the early results that are being found continue, the benefits to dogs in general, and borzoi in particular would be a huge improvement to the options for treatment that we currently have.

2. Sweepstakes Judge Qualifications:

On a motion by Carol Backers, seconded by Katie Averill, Rule G6 of the BCOA Standing Rules be changed to read as follows:

Nominees for judging Sweepstakes must meet the following three criteria:

- A. They shall own, or have owned, Borzoi,
- B. they shall have bred and/or co-bred, and raised on their premises (in order to have knowledge and understanding of stages of Borzoi development), a minimum of two Borzoi litters, and
- C. they shall not be approved by the AKC to judge Borzoi at the time of nomination.

After a lengthy discussion, the motion failed to carry.

3. Revision of Voting Mechanics:

On a motion by Liz Duncan-Burge, seconded by Rita Rice, with an amendment by Cindi Gredys, the motion carried. BCOA should utilize (electronic) *email* voting for both Regular and Sweepstakes National Specialty judges.

4. BCOA Policy regarding Service Dogs

On a motion by Caryl Dumaine, seconded by Maggie Rice: BCOA adopt AKC's position regarding the misuse of service dogs:

“Service dogs are defined as those that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. The AKC strongly supports public accommodations that allow individuals with disabilities to use service dogs. The AKC strongly condemns characterizing dogs as service animals when they are not, or attempting to benefit from a dog's service dog status when the individual using the dog is not a person with a disability.”

The motion carried.

5. Annual Meeting Schedule

On a motion by Cindi Gredys, seconded by Katie Averill, that membership meetings be held on Thursday evenings at all BCOA national specialties.

After lengthy discussion, the motion did not carry.

New Business from the Floor

6. Thyroid Testing: Patti Neale requested that the Health Committee consider adding thyroid testing to health clinic planned for 2017.

7. PeeWee Class: On a motion by Stephanie Parker, seconded by Roy Silguero: the Board investigate adding the AKC PeeWee class to the national specialty schedule. The motion carried.

Announcements

1. Barbara Ewing: ROM Certificates will be mailed soon.
2. Judges Education needs approved mentors to assist with the ringside program and with 'hands on dogs' at 6:30 PM tonight (4/15/16)

Adjournment:

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Monica Barry, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy E. Windle

Recording Secretary

Please contact me recsec@bcoa.club with any additions or corrections.