



**BCOA Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 9, 2002
Charleston, South Carolina**

The Board meeting was called to order by President Shen Smith at 9:05 Eastern Time. Present at the meeting were Shen Smith, Prudence Hlatky, Barbara O'Neill, Karen Mays, Kathryn Wright, Christine Bradley, Kathleen Kapaun, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Maureen Bardwell, K.C. Artley and Lydia Pruett. Valori Trantanella was absent for personal reasons. A quorum was established.

Minutes of the August 14, 2002 Board Meeting: Prudence Hlatky moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED.

Recording Secretary's Report:

Membership Applications:

1st Readings:

Jimmy & Janet Hudson, 6424 Providence Road South, Waxhaw NC 28173

Sponsored by Liz Green and Karen (Cricket) Murray,

Teresa J. Burks, DVM, 11825 E 3rd N, Wichita KS 67206

Sponsored by Anne Midgarden, DVM and Diane Wevely

Deborah K. Meyer, 17131 Frances Plz 8G, Omaha NE 68130

Sponsored by Chris Swilley and Sandra Moore,

Suzanne (Sunny) Grant, PO Box 6285, Sun Valley ID 83353

Sponsored by Virginia Graff and Bonnie Nichols

Stephanie Gibson-Legros, 7590 St Marlo Country Club Pkwy, Duluth GA 30097

Sponsored by Paula Moore and Ralph Barger

Any correspondence regarding these applicants should be sent to the Recording Secretary.

There was discussion regarding incomplete applications and the need to clarify the application. Lydia will contact the applicants where further information is needed.

2nd Readings:

The Board voted on a disputed application. The applicants were accepted after a vote of Yes – 6 and No – 5. Prudence Hlatky moved that these applications be accepted into membership, seconded by K.C. Artley. MOTION PASSED.

Nolan and Melissa Rundquist, Charles Shatzkin and Bari Wroblewski, Neil Podoba, S.Michele Ray, Susanna and Kristiina Voutilainen, Barbara S Blair, Kelly Schomer, Lorette B McKenny, Shirley McFadden and Michael McFadden, Edward and Linda Bourne, Patricia B Horne, Horace W Pearce, Meghann D. Lord, Genji and Kyoto Ozeki.

Trophy Supported Entry requests received for:

5/3/03 – Classic City KC, Athens, Georgia

Judge – Dr James Sillers, Sweeps – Dora Childs

5/11/03 – Windham County KC, Woodstock, Connecticut

Judge – John Wade, Sweeps – Rebecca Peters-Campbell

9/14/03 – Manitowoc KC, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Judge – TBD, Sweeps – Cindy Michalak

Discussion regarding the need to have these applications completed (including judges) and approved by the Regional Governor prior to submission to the Board for approval. A motion to approve these BCOA TSE's was made by K.C. Artley, seconded by Barbara O'Neill. MOTION PASSED.

Lydia asked for clarification regarding which committee chairs needed to be contacted to submit reports for the Board meetings. It was clarified that we do not need the different statistics as they are included in the Aristocrat portion of the Borzoi Connection. We do need reports from the committees such as the Judges Education, Health and Rescue committees. When Barbara appoints her committee chairs for 2003 she will remind them that part of the job is to submit a report or to acknowledge that there have been no changes when asked for updates prior to the Board meetings. There are job descriptions for these positions printed in the BC when the new appointments are made. The committee list was reviewed and the Constitution, Nominating, 2002 National and Visualization of the Standard, Regional Redistricting and Incorporation committees were removed as their tasks are complete. There is a need for a volunteer to chair the Conformation portion of Borzoi Talk Back on the BCOA website. Those interested in volunteering should Barbara O'Neill.

Lydia asked if she needed to request biographies from all of the people whose names were submitted for the 2005/2006 Specialty ballot. It was clarified that we only did that ahead of time for the Centennial Specialty ballot and it would only be necessary to request biographies from those that end up on the final ballot. Barbara O'Neill requested that her name be removed from the ballot. Pat Trotter's name was removed as she recently judged the National in New York. Garry Newton's name was removed as he will be judging the Specialty in Reno in place of Lorraine Groshans (see page 4 under 2003 National Specialty report). There was discussion about whether the ballot was for 2005 only, or for 2005/2006 as stated on the nomination form that had been sent to the membership. At the August Board meeting we had discussed voting for 2005 only so as not to be voting too far into the future and so that the small percentage of ballots returned did not select the judge for two years in a row. It was determined that since the nomination form was printed as 2005/2006 that we needed to keep it that way. The single year vote for the Centennial was an exception and it is too expensive to vote every year which is why the ballots are for two years in a row. A motion was made by K.C. Artley to send out the breakdown ballot for 2005/2006 and that the 5 final candidates would appear on the final ballot. The motion was seconded by Barbara O'Neill. MOTION PASSED.

An official member protest was received by the Recording Secretary. Following review of the alleged charges, the board sustained jurisdiction and set the matter over for a

board panel hearing. Christine Bradley was appointed chairman of the hearing committee, and K.C. Artley and Valori Trantanella were selected to serve on the panel. It was agreed that we will post on the BCOA Rescue website that AKC and the BCOA do not endorse the purchasing of dogs out of rescue situations or from auctions as it only perpetuates the problem. A motion was made by Barbara O'Neill and seconded by Karen Staudt-Cartabona to approve this action. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was made by Karen Mays to approve the Recording Secretary's report, seconded by Maureen Bardwell. MOTION PASSED

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

A report from the AKC health foundation was received. There is \$11,168.00 in our donor advised fund. AKC requested that they would like a contact for Borzoi for media referrals. Karen Staudt-Cartabona and Kathy Wright agreed to be contacts. Karen Mays will also contact Jennifer Beach-Buda and Laurie Kasowski to see if they are interested. We were contacted by the National Breed Club flyer program. There is a \$150.00 set up fee and 3 cents a piece for each flyer. These flyers go out to anyone that registers a Borzoi puppy. Karen passed out some samples that other Breed clubs have created. Karen Staudt-Cartabona made a motion that we participate in this program, seconded by Prudence Hlatky. MOTION PASSED. Barbara will contact Alice Reese to see if she is interested in helping creating the flyer. We received a thank-you from AKC for our \$2600.00 donation for thyroid study. They also indicated that on their health foundation website, they are having future health topics on bloat and on heart disease. Kathryn Wright made a motion to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report, seconded by Maureen Bardwell. MOTION PASSED.

Treasurer's Report:

K.C. indicated that as an addition to the attached Treasurer's report, she recently paid \$1120.00 in estimated tax for 2002. Dues for 2003 are trickling in. She will send out a reminder to those that have not paid. Kathleen Kapaun said that reminder phone calls, emails etc were not always well received. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Kathleen Kapaun, seconded by Kathryn Wright. MOTION PASSED.

AKC Delegate's Report:

Lure Coursing will now have representation on the AKC Field Trial Committee. Karen Staudt-Cartabona is the member of that committee. Barbara O'Neill, Karen Mays and Karen Staudt-Cartabona attended the Parent Club Conference. The committee set up an email communication with the different members so as to be able to ask others for advice if needed. Karen Mays will give Maureen Bardwell an article that she received at the Parent Club Conference regarding the role of the AKC delegate so that it can be published in the Aristocrat portion of the Borzoi Connection. Barbara O'Neill made a motion to accept the Delegate's report, seconded by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED.

Committee Reports:

Rescue – Maureen Bardwell and Chris Bradley will determine how to use BCOA rescue funds up to the authorized amount, as needed for the potentially large rescue that may occur in California. A motion was made by Barbara O'Neill to approve this, seconded by Prudence Hlatky. MOTION PASSED.

Historian – Clarification from Kathleen Kapaun that she spoke to Laurie and she does not have much material from the 60's and 70's other than what she has collected. She did not receive any scrapbooks or records from whoever was in charge prior to her position as historian chair. The photos are in acid free books. The concern is that since there is only one copy, we could potentially lose all of our archives. Kathleen will go through her old records to see if she can determine who the historian was prior to Laurie, and contact that person to see if they still have our records, photos etc. The albums that Laurie has will be shipped to the Centennial Specialty, photographed and then sent back to her. Shen will contact Laurie to clarify this.

National Show Committee - Cynthia Gredys, Catalog Advertising, and Barbara Yoon, Trophies, were added to the National Show Committee.

2003 National Specialty – Lorraine Groshans has withdrawn as our judge. Her husband is ill and she is unable to judge. Garry Newton is the next in line. He has been contacted and is available. The coursing field is 15 miles or so south of Reno at a State Park. Barbara will check to see what the elevation is so that the membership can be notified.

BCOA Health Registry – Lou Avant has resigned from the BCOA Health Registry. There was discussion regarding the feasibility of continuing to maintain this database. Shen mentioned that the BCOA databases and website have been consolidated and moved to a different server but they have not been able to move the Health Registry as the volume of data makes it a huge task. It is currently located on Shen's server and she is moving everything to a new one. . At this point we have no one to maintain it. Kathleen made a motion to save the Health Registry data on CD and then the Board will look into using the AKC's CHIC registry instead. The motion was seconded by Maureen Bardwell. MOTION PASSED. The Board strongly recommended that the membership continue to keep up the good work doing health checks on their dogs.

Unfinished Business:

ROM – After much discussion, it was felt that the proposal should be approved with some changes to the point schedule. Kathryn Wright made a motion to raise the AKC obedience Companion Dog (CD) title from 2 points to 4 points, lower the basic racing titles LGRA Gazehound Racing Champion (GRC) and NOTRA Oval Racing Champion (ORC) from 6 points to 4 points each, and to lower the senior racing titles LGRA Supreme Gazehound Racing Champion (SGRC) and NOTRA Superior Oval Racing Champion (SORC) titles from 10 points to 9 points each. Therefore, the same number of points would be awarded for the basic titles of CD, GRC, ORC and the Novice AKC agility titles NA and NAJ. The motion was seconded by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. Chris Bradley moved that the AKC obedience Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title then be increased from 5 to 6 points, seconded by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. K.C. Artley moved to amend Kathryn's motion, to award points for ASFA and/or AKC lure coursing up to a maximum of 10 points, and to award points for LGRA and/or NOTRA racing titles up to a maximum of 9 points. This was seconded by Prudence Hlatky. MOTIONS PASSED. BCOA President Shen Smith indicated that the program will be reviewed by the Board after it has been in existence for one year. Either current President Shen Smith or President elect Barbara O'Neill will contact the committee regarding the appointment of ROM statistician. The committee needs to create a one-page description of the ROM program, for publication in the Borzoi Connection; and the program description, guidelines, and application forms need to be written in a format compatible with the

BCOA website, for access by BCOA members. The Board thanks the committee members Barbara Ewing, Sandra Moore and Ariel Duncan for their hard work.

Annual awards – The Board reviewed a sample for the new annual awards and discussed several options. Kathy Wright will contact Donna Maharan to check on the costs etc of the awards given out at the Cumberland show. She will give this information to Barbara O'Neill. Chris Bradley made a motion to authorize Barbara O'Neill to secure the annual awards for 2002 (to be awarded in 2003), seconded by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. MOTION PASSED.

Barbara will contact Tom Carroll regarding the shipping of the Rosseau prints.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 1:30 PM. The meeting resumed at 3:30 PM

TSE Membership Input – The Board reviewed and discussed the input received by each Regional Governor. The Board will take this issue under advisement, and the process will stay as it is for now.

2004 National Specialty – The list of committee assignments was reviewed and some additions were made. Kathleen made a motion to approve the additions to the National Specialty committees, seconded by K.C. Artley. MOTION PASSED. The contract with the hotel was reviewed and will be signed with some changes. There was discussion regarding the possibility of changing the date of the Specialty in order to be scheduled prior to the Rottweiler Specialty that is being held at the hotel, rather than the week after. It was determined that we are unable to change the dates due to our agreement to avoid a scheduling conflict with any of the Independent Borzoi Specialties.

The Board discussed the uniqueness of the coming Centennial show, and that we would like this Specialty to draw as large an entry as possible which would showcase many of the various styles of Borzoi currently being bred. Various suggestions were considered, and the Board agreed that if any significant changes were made, the membership should be polled for their opinions. One option that was considered by all members of the Board to be very favorable was the possibility of expanding the judging panel using the judges as previously voted on by the membership. Dr Gerda Kennedy would continue as the BOB and intersex judge as she drew the most votes. A second judge would judge the class dogs and a third would judge the class bitches. Possibly a fourth judge could judge the non-regular classes. The judging would take place in the usual order as at all National Specialties, (we would not use the format of judging in two or more rings at the same time). The additional judges would be those which were ranked second, third and fourth in votes. Barbara O'Neill indicated that if this occurred, she would withdraw her name from the list of judges as she will be the Show Chairman and Show Secretary for the Specialty. A motion was made by Maureen Bardwell, seconded by K.C. Artley to poll the membership regarding the suggestion to expand the panel to multiple judges for the Centennial. MOTION PASSED. Lydia agreed to create an opinion survey to send to the membership to see what the level of interest would be for this unique proposal.

Members interested in submitting artwork to be considered for the T shirts, medallions etc for the Centennial should submit their designs to Barbara O'Neill by 2/1/03. The design should be unique, fancy and somehow reflect our 100 years.

BCOA Insurance – Shen reported on her findings that our coverage continues to be good and we do not need a new insurance company. The insurance has been paid and a rider will be issued. There does not appear to be any cancellation coverage available.

LGRA – Lydia reported on the meeting with Carol Enz, Valori Trantanella, Shen Smith in Atlanta, and on some recent updates from Carol. LGRA has some unique issues as the judging is done by the participants. There were some disputes during the event, but Carol contacted the National LGRA Board and was assured that the event had been run correctly and there were no mistakes in scoring. At the meeting with Carol, Shen said that BCOA board would stand behind the field events chairmen and their decisions. Our LGRA meet in Atlanta was the largest single breed LGRA event ever! Carol is contacting the National LGRA Board and asking if there can be a member present at our Specialty LGRA meet. She would also like to make sure that a BCOA Board member is present during the trial. She also requested that walkie talkies be available to help with the communication issues during the races. Barbara O'Neill indicated that walkie talkies had been purchased to be used at the Specialties.

New Business:

Life members – Clarification that if a membership lapses, a reinstated member can pay up the lapsed membership to count as years towards a life membership but it can not be prepaid for future years. Barbara O'Neill made a motion to this effect, seconded by Lydia Pruett. MOTION PASSED.

Honoring Veteran Dogs – It was the consensus of the Board that veteran dogs could be honored on the BCOA website. Maureen will follow up on this.

Commemorative Book for the Centennial – Karen Staudt-Cartabona agreed to help create a booklet that will contain the history of BCOA. Barbara O'Neill will make a formal appointment of someone to work with Karen.

Borzoi Connection – Barbara O'Neill reported that printing and postage for the BC have increased. The income from ads, subscriptions and payments by clubs is no longer enough to cover costs. MBC has been contributing \$3000.00 per year but is no longer able to afford this as their membership has declined. Barbara reported that starting with the issue currently at the printers, all regional clubs, including MBC would be charged \$25.00 a page for each page of club news they submit to the Borzoi Connection. Shen Smith indicated that the Borzoi Connection staff has decided that it is necessary to increase ad and subscription rates. The BCOA Board discussed this, but had to agree that the potential shortfall was too large to be covered by increasing the amount paid by BCOA for the Connection, which is currently \$6000.00 per year. More than half of the people receiving the BC do not belong to BCOA. Therefore, it is only fair that the increased costs are passed on to everybody that receives the Borzoi Connection. Shen stated that a notice explaining the rate changes that will occur January 1, 2003 will be sent to all.

International Hospitality Committee – Create a standing committee that will help to make foreign guests at our National Specialties feel welcome. Dee Jones, Baton Rouge. LA will be the Chair, Maureen Bardwell, Caroline Mueller and Prudence Hlatky will make up the rest of the committee. The committee should come back to the Board with their ideas regarding the types of things they would like to do. A motion was made by Barbara O'Neill and seconded by Prudence Hlatky to form this committee.

Other -

Karen Mays will order preprinted note cards to send to new members.

Barbara O'Neill has access to a photocopier that will store images as pdf files and then they can be saved to a CD. She suggested using this to store meeting minutes, membership applications, possibly old Aristocrats. etc. The Board agreed that Barbara should check into the feasibility of doing this.

Kathryn Wright made a motion that BCOA provide \$150.00 expense money for the Borzoi Meet The Breed booth at the AKC Invitational. The motion was seconded by Barbara O'Neill. MOTION PASSED.

Barbara O'Neill mentioned that she will be looking for volunteers to do proof reading for the 2005 Yearbook.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM EST.

Future Agenda Items –

Unfinished Business:

Site proposal for 2005 National Specialty
AKC and/or ASFA Lure Trial for the Centennial
Artwork (logo) for the Centennial

New Business:

Review BCOA membership application form

Reminder:

Your 2003 dues are due by January 1, 2003
\$35 single/\$40 family membership

Mail check payable to BCOA and send to:

K.C. Artley, 3706 W. Jackson Road, Springfield Ohio 45502-8722.

Mastercard and Visa accepted; 5% service charge will be added.

**** Results of election for Region 6: Prudence Hlatky will continue in her position as Governor of Region 6,