



BCOA Annual Membership Meeting  
Friday, April 23, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara O'Neill, at 1:10 PM.

BCOA has 501 member households, with a total of 648 adult members and 9 junior members. A quorum is 64 members. There are 165 BCOA members present at this meeting. A quorum was established.

Barbara O'Neill welcomed Jeremy, son of Joe and Maggie Michael, who just came home from Iraq!

Barbara O'Neill introduced the Officers of BCOA. Maureen Bardwell was unable to attend due to health reasons. Chris Swilley took up a collection to provide a video of the Specialty to Maureen, along with a card containing the names of the donors. \$175 that was donated above the cost of the video will go to the BCOA rainy day fund.

A motion was made by Karen Mays to approve the minutes of the 2003 Annual meeting. There was a second by Fred Edlin. MOTION APPROVED.

Tom Kasowski made a motion to accept the Recording Secretary's annual report. There was a second by Kim Janek. MOTION APPROVED.

Renee, the Director of Sales from the Hotel, thanked BCOA and welcomed us back anytime!

Corresponding Secretary Karen Mays gave a summary of Chapter 2, sections 12 and 13 from the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows as they pertain to Regional Specialty Requirements. Approximately five years ago the AKC gave parent clubs the option of utilizing a "Blanket Approval System" for approving Regional Specialties. Prior to that time, each regional club had to submit a request for their specialty, in writing, to their parent club. BCOA was one of the few clubs that opted to try this system. At our November Board Meeting it was decided that BCOA would no longer utilize the Blanket Approval System. We are not arbitrarily changing our policy, just returning to the original policy.

Karen Mays reported that the AKC Parent Club rule committee was proposing a 3 point major for RWD/B at the National Specialty, providing that there were at least double the amount of dogs entered that would be needed for a 5 point major. 80% of the Parent Clubs are in favor of this change. Karen Mays asked for a straw vote to bring to AKC. By a show of hands, the majority of the membership was in favor. There was a motion by Nancy Snook to

approve the Corresponding Secretary's report, second by Chris Danker. MOTION APPROVED.

There was discussion regarding the Treasurer's report.

Question from Terry Doane: Why does the Treasurer feel that BCOA finances are not healthy? Answer from Shen Smith: The CD's were designated for the 2004 Centennial so are not available for general use. The Board discussed each item and how to cut costs. The Board meeting minutes will be online unless they are mailed out on request. The Board approved a less expensive TSE medallion.

Prudence Hlatky indicated that the Board also removed the awards for top All Breed Borzoi.

Question from Chris Danker: Can the Board review TSE's to make sure they are still special and pull majors? Answer from Barbara O'Neill: The Board supports the original purpose of the TSE's, which was to support entries in areas where there is no local club. Local clubs should support their own entries. At the annual meeting last year the membership indicated that they want TSE's.

Toby Brandtman commented that some regions have tons of TSE's, some have just a few. She suggested that we limit the amount per region. Suggestion from Mary Vile, those that want to hold a TSE should pay \$20.00 for the privilege. She also asked if sweeps money went back to BCOA. Sandra Moore suggested that TSE's do not get approved within a 4 hour radius of Regional Specialty Clubs. Donna Maharan suggested that the medallions be made cheaper. Shen Smith suggested that members should contact their regional governors prior to the August Board meeting with their comments and concerns regarding TSE's. Fred Edlin suggested that TSE's not be held in conjunction with Regional Specialties. Jan McMinn suggested adding a \$20.00 processing fee. Laurie Kasowski mentioned that California has multiple Regional Specialty Clubs and Hound Clubs so does not need any TSE's. Barbara O'Neill commented that she was surprised to hear that a recent TSE event did not have a sweeps judge (this should be an honor). Shen Smith suggested that a list be created of people willing to travel at their own expense to judge sweeps at TSE events. BCOA would maintain the list. A motion to create a sweeps judge list was made by Edna Hanley, second by Lynda Gillaspey. MOTION APPROVED. The criteria for maintaining the list will be published. The Recording Secretary, Lydia Pruett will maintain the list.

Question from Lynda Gillaspey: Is it an AKC rule that we have to provide a hard copy of the minutes? Answer from Lydia Pruett: Per review of the Constitution, providing minutes to the membership is not required.

Bonnie Dalzell asked if we could do a cost of living raise for dues. A motion was made by Bonnie Dalzell, second by Maggie Rice to increase dues by \$2.00. Discussion: Shen Smith indicated that the Board just took measures to decrease expense so as not to raise dues. Lynda Gillaspey commented that it already costs members more as they do not receive the Borzoi Connection as part of their dues any longer. MOTION DENIED.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Betsy Tolley, second by Ron Williams. MOTION APPROVED.

Ginger Jones summarized the Health Clinic participation.

36 DNAs, 23 Microchips, 46 CERFs, 48 Thyroids and 72 Hearts. There is \$5,245.56 in the Healthy fund. Dr Gary Nash attended the Canine Health conference as the BCOA representative. The BCOA Health website will be updated to include information from the conference. Ginger thanked the those that worked at the clinics: Gary and Mickey Nash, Bill and Kathy Norelli, Anne Midgarten and Theresa Burke.

A draft of a cloisonné pin to be used to thank those that make donations to health was presented. Any feedback should be given to Valori Trantanella.

Barbara Ewing indicated that it took many years, lots of input but we finally have an ROM program. She presented the first list of Borzoi receiving ROM designations.

Edna Hanley spoke about rescue.

Billie Thibeaux presented Lynn Shell, secretary of the Lone Star Borzoi Club with a Certificate of Appreciation of her assistance to NBRF (rescue). Billie also remembered recently deceased members Kitty Rogers, Carolyn Mueller, Patricia Staninger and Susan Weinkein.

Barbara O'Neill indicated that it has been BCOA's policy to restrict the timeframe for Naional Specialties to May 15-September 15 due to airline restrictions. She asked the membership to consider lifting the restriction on the blackout dates as many people do not fly their dogs and this would offer a larger variety of dates in which to hold the National. Rebecca Campbell said she was concerned that some puppies may miss sweeps if two Nationals were held too close together. Kris Taylor indicated that some parts of the country are too hot to fly dogs during the summer and are too far to drive to. Sandra Moore said that there could be problems with marginal weather for performance events. A motion was made by Leslie Carroll, with a second by Jean Patton to lift the date restriction. MOTION DENIED.

Barbara O'Neill asked the membership if they want a 2005 Yearbook. The response was an overwhelming yes!

Shen Smith made a motion asking the membership to reconfirm that the original purpose of our breed was to hunt wolves, fox and hare. A second was made by Ed Bourne. MOTION APPROVED.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marie White, a second by Sandra Moore. MOTION APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

