



Phone Conference August 11, 2004 8:30 PM EST

In attendance: Barbara O'Neill, Karen Mays, Irina Terra, Maureen Bardwell, Nadine Johnson, Lydia Pruett, Shen Smith, Prudence Hlatky, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Chris Bradley, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. A quorum was established. Kathy Wright was absent for personal reasons.

President Barbara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:36 PM EST.

There were no additions or corrections to the April 7, 2004 Board meeting minutes. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Shen Smith, second by Nadine Johnson. MOTION PASSED.

Recording Secretary's Report -

Membership Applications:

1st Readings

Stephen Sims: 1515 Willingham Hill Rd, Tuscumbia, AL 55674, sponsored by Sandra Moore and Susan Pennington.

Patricia Wiseman: PO Box 186, Lopez Island, WA 98261, sponsored by Irina Terra and Phyllis Potter.

Patty Hull: 22022 133rd Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296, sponsored by Jan Leikam and Nolan Rundquist.

2nd Readings

Sabrina Magee: 381 Lakeview Way, Carrollton, GA 30117, sponsored by Shawn & Tammy Smith and Rhanda Glenn

Caryl Dumaine: 5615 Florence Blvd, Omaha NE, 68110, sponsored by Terry Ann Doane and Debb Meyer

G.Thomas Golchea & KC Thompson: 980 West Woodmen Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80919, sponsored by Nadine Johnson and Steve Gross

Lorene Connolly & Robert Dwyer: 1071 Summit Lane, Mountainside NJ 07092, sponsored by James Heard and Roni & Jennifer Zucker

Deborah Butler: 21117 Carriage Dr, Tehachapi, CA 93561, sponsored by Marcella Zobel and Elaine Kilmer

Colleen Thiboutot: 22 Woodcock Rd, N.Dartmouth MA 02747, sponsored by Bonnie Nichols and Dee Burkholder

Joyce Law: 1100 Harrison, Denver CO 80206, sponsored by Kim Plache and Amy Sorbie **Wayne**

Rowe: 7401 Mowinkle Dr, Austin TX 78736, sponsored by Victor Whitlock & Lynn Shell and Sandra Simmons

Deborah Vidaver-Cohen: 6825 SW 63 Ave, Miami FL 33143, sponsored by Karen Miller and Betsy Denning.

No correspondence was received on the applicants having their second reading. A motion was made by Maureen Bardwell to approve these membership applications, with a second by Chris Bradley. MOTION PASSED.

Trophy Supported Entry requests were approved for:

12/11/04

Richland County KC (Cleveland, OH)

Judge: Ray McGinnis, Sweeps: Edna Hanley

1/25/05

Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon (Portland, OR)

Judge: Richard Bauer, Sweeps: Marianne Klinkoski

4/2/05

Newnan County KC (Newnan, GA)

Judge: Amy Sorbie, Sweeps: Karen (Cricket) Murray

Information regarding these Trophy Supported Entries were sent to Margie Milne (Borzo Connection website), Kathleen Kapaun (Borzo Connection magazine) and to Tom Carroll (BCOA Medals Chairman). Lydia Pruett reported that Tom Carroll indicated that he had not received notification of some of the TSE's that were listed in the Events Calendar. Lydia has contacted Tom to find out which he was missing but has not received a response at this time.

A motion to approve the Recording Secretary's Report was made by Karen Mays, a second by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. MOTION PASSED.

Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached) – Reviewed correspondence received since the Corresponding Secretary's report was printed for the Board meeting packet.

We need to vote on finalists for AKC lifetime achievement awards. We selected Barbara Janek - Obedience, Michelle Billings – Conformation.

Barbara O'Neill received a letter from Kevin Miller asking us to retract our policy regarding the blanket Regional Specialty approvals. We addressed the issue again. The Board upheld the decision of November 2003 to return to our original policy. Clubs need to provide a list of current officers and members to Karen Mays every year after their elections. Specialty application needs to be sent to Karen Mays. Karen sends the applications to AKC. The application will be added to the BCOA website so that clubs can download it if needed. As long as Karen has the current membership list and officers she can process the application.

Karen Mays indicated that she was out of new copies of the Constitution. We only printed a limited number as people can download it from the website. Karen Mays will have some more printed. Barbara O'Neill will send Karen Mays a copy to take to the printer.

There was a motion to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report by Maureen Bardwell, seconded by Lynn Shell. MOTION PASSED.

Treasurer's report (see attached) - We did not need to touch the CD to pay for the Centennial so we are in good shape. Shen Smith renewed it for another 6 months. Shen Smith suggested that we think about contributing some money to a cause. We would like to do something that would show our appreciation to the membership. We will think about this prior to the November meeting.

There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report by Karen Mays, seconded by Irina Terra. MOTION PASSED.

AKC Delegate's Report (see attached) - A motion to approve the Delegates Report was made by Shen Smith, second by Nadine Johnson. MOTION APPROVED.

Governor Reports (see attached)-

Region 1 – Nothing to add

Region 2 – Nothing to add

Region 3 – Nothing to add

Region 4 – Nothing to add

Region 5 – Nothing to add

Region 6 – Prudence indicated that there is also a BCOA TSE in Nebraska on 11/20, 2004.

A motion was made to approve the Governor reports by Nadine Johnson, with a second by Maureen Bardwell. MOTION PASSED.

Committee Appointments (see attached) -

BCOA Archives – Maureen Bardwell is arranging to pick up the archives from Barbara Yoon. They will be sent to Shen Smith to put in our storage locker. We have been fortunate to have Barbara Yoon take excellent care of our archives. We have a letter from Barbara Yoon that itemizes the missing material, which can be addressed if we find someone that is willing to take on the responsibility to care for and maintain the archives.

BCOA Ways & Means – Carol Enz

National Specialty Trophy Chairman – Lydia Pruett

A motion to approve the new Committee Chairs was made by Maureen Bardwell, a second by Chris Bradley. MOTION APPROVED

Committee Reports- (also see attached)

Club Historian – Received resignation letter from Laurie Kasowski. Do we still need to buy hard copy photos from the show photographers, or should we go with CD's? Shen Smith has 4 boxes of national photo albums that she will have digital photos taken of. Shen will have a photo taken of one of the worst quality photos and send it to the Board by email to review for quality. We may be able to get missing photos now that people can scan their photos and send them to us rather than parting with their hard copies. We will need a list of what is missing. We also need any of the missing catalogs.

Karen Staudt-Cartabona made a motion to authorize Shen Smith to go ahead with this project, pending the review of a sample, at a price of about \$6 per photo. A second was made by Chris Bradley. MOTION APPROVED.

Karen Mays will send a thank you letter to Laurie Kasowski.

Annual Awards – We were not happy with the quality of the new awards. The sandblasting was not good. Barbara will contact Nancy to discuss future awards. Nancy may favor going back to the photo engraved plaques."

Annual Versatility Awards and Versatility Hall of Fame – Karen Ackerman, Versatility Chairman, has asked that the BCOA Versatility Hall of Fame be changed to the Borzoi Versatility Lifetime Achievement Award. Every year our members become confused and mix up the BCOA Versatility Hall of Fame and the BCOA Annual Versatility Award, thinking that they are the same.

Karen would like to put a short article in the next BC notifying the membership of the change and an explanation of the two different awards.

Club Education – Melanie Richards contacted Barbara O’Neill to see if there is a budget for club education. She suggested compiling a video of past dogs, old footage etc. We would need a detailed proposal regarding the content in the video. Any video would need to be approved by the Board prior to use. Barbara O’Neill will respond to Melanie and ask her for further details.

Karen Mays said she loved the slideshow that was shown at the Pittsburgh National that was put to the music of Chariots of Fire, and that it would be nice to show this again. Karen Mays will email Kathy Wright to see if we can find a copy of it as it was very beautiful.

Constitution & By-Laws – We need the revisions prior to the November meeting so that we can send a ballot out before the end of the year. We need to add something regarding a member’s right to privacy. Shen Smith will draft a new clause and send it to Kathleen Kapaun for inclusion.

2005 Futurity – There are now 41 new bitch nominations, 35 litter nominations.

Health Committee –

Items received from the committee requiring Board direction and/or approval:

A. We would like to try out Joe Roger's suggestion for a pizza party and seminar on Wednesday evening for the 2005 Nationals if all goes well with arranging for a speaker with a reasonable fee and an interesting and new topic. Nancy Hopkins is currently following up on one possible topic: How to plan your breeding program to improve health issues.

Board response: A pizza party is fine for Wednesday

B. Request that the PPCP information flyer be included with the next mailing to the membership.

Board Response: The PPCP flyer should be included on the health website. R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock will review the flyer and check with Ginger Jones regarding creating a catchy flyer for the BCOA website. Lynn will send a draft to the Board for approval. The flyer does not need to be mailed out to membership as we already send out a lot of paper and it may get overlooked. The flyer could go in the Borzoi Connection as well.

C. Request board approval for the Health Committee to establish an award (trophy, memorial plaque, monetary, etc.) to be bequeathed upon the BCOA member who has done the most to promote excellence in health as well as the breed standard. Method of determining the recipient of the award is still TBD. OFA has agreed to offer OFA registration gift certificates. We would like to present this proposal at the general membership meeting at the 2005 Nationals and describe in detail the criteria and the award. Presentation of the award to begin at the 2006 Nationals and continue annually thereafter.

Board Response: Suggest that the criteria for determining the award recipient be specified and submitted to the Board for approval before the proposal can be approved.

D. Request board or presidents approval to support Canine Health Foundation Pending Grant #305: *Histocompatibility Alleles Conferring Susceptibility to Canine Diabetes, Immune-Mediated Thyroiditis and Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia*; Dr. Wayne Potts, University of Utah. For our borzoi breed this could be an incredibly important study identifying the gene (alleles) carriers for thyroid disease which would provide breeders with the tools to test potential breeding stock for carriers and make informed breeding decisions to improve or eliminate this disease. Complete information from the Canine Health Foundation is attached to this report (faxed to Lydia 7/28). Original with my portion of the forms completed was mailed to Karen Mays on 7/29. I highly recommend that we support the study financially over the requested two year period.

Board Response: There was a motion to approve the request by Shen Smith, second by Maureen Bardwell. MOTION APPROVED

E. The National Parent Club Canine Health Conference is scheduled for October 21-23, 2005. I would like to request to attend this conference as the BCOA health representative as each parent club is allowed to send one representative.

Board Response: Tabled until future date as conference is not until 10/05.

The health survey is in the process of being developed and should be ready for the National in Texas. Maureen Bardwell will ask Ginger Jones for a preliminary report for the Board to review at the November meeting.

Judges Education – Shen Smith received a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and text. Shen is converting this to DVD so that it can be distributed to clubs for use if they want to put on a JEC presentation. Regional Governors should each get a copy and can loan it to clubs in their regions.

Barbara O'Neill indicated that we have transparencies of Visualization of the Standard available for clubs and members to use when putting on a breed presentation. Shen Smith will put a list of the JEC materials available on the BCOA website so that clubs can be aware that these items exist.

2004 Specialty

There was around a \$20,000 profit!! There are some expenses that still need to be turned in.

A motion was made by Prudence Hlatky at 11:30 EST, to temporarily adjourn the meeting and continue it on 8/17 at 8:00 EST. There was a second by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. MOTION APPROVED.

The meeting was reconvened on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at 8:00 EST.

Nadine Johnson and Kathy Wright were not in attendance. All other Board members were present. A quorum was established.

Committee Reports Continued:

2006 Specialty

Lure Trial grounds are really nice; there are facilities for RV's etc.

Standardized Trophies

National Trophy expenses – Veteran Sweepstakes; every entrant has been getting a terra cotta cast head. We had 60 Veterans entered at the last specialty; this has become a large expense. We will give the heads to the first placements in each class. The runners up will receive a pewter double eagle medallion.

Top awards will be done in the shadowbox format as was done for the Centennial, but will be done in silver instead of gold.

ROM

From Barbara Ewing: Two issues have become apparent since the registry is now "in operation". First, one of the changes in the scoring that the Board added to the program is serving to cheapen the program. The committee designed the point schedule to award the maximum points in each category (10), ONLY to those dogs who have achieved the highest level title available in that type of competition. We specifically designed the scoring to reward EITHER an ASFA or AKC

Field Champion Title (worth 5 points each). The Board made the change that points would be awarded for BOTH an ASFA AND AKC Title. This ended up giving the maximum point award to dogs who have only achieved intermediate titles. There is no comparison between a dog that has earned an ASFA and AKC Field Championship (both can be earned in a relatively short period of time), to a dog that has earned a Lure Courser of Merit title (earned after excelling during a prolonged campaign). None of the other categories award cumulative points for equivalent titles. I recommend that we go back to awarding for EITHER the ASFA or AKC Field Champion title, but not both.

Board Response: A motion was made by Chris Bradley to approve Barb Ewing's recommendation that either AKC or ASFA points to be counted, not both. There was a second by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. MOTION APPROVED.

Second, while I want to see the ROM open to all Borzoi, not just those that are member-owned, I don't feel that people who are not BCOA members should receive ROM certificates free of charge. Since they don't support the club, I don't feel that the club should bear the cost of the certificates and mailing costs. I propose keeping the registry open to all applicants, but charge if a non-member wants a ROM certificate.

Board Response: Karen Staudt-Cartabona made a motion to charge of \$10 for the certificate if not a member of BCOA. There was a second by Chris Bradley. MOTION APPROVED. Chris Bradley made a motion that the ROM application be amended to indicate that a non member will need to include a non refundable \$10 fee for record keeping, processing and for the certificate. There was a second by Irina Terra. MOTION APPROVED.

BCOA Archives

Letter received from Barbara Yoon indicating that she had received boxes of archival material from Lena Tamboer. Barbara Yoon has been going through old minutes etc and found that there are missing items belonging to BCOA, such as silver trophies. She asked that we attempt to locate the missing items. Lydia Pruett will ask Barbara Yoon for more detail. This issue was tabled until we receive a list of missing BCOA material.

A motion to approve the Committee Reports was made by Prudence Hlatky, second by Lydia Pruett. MOTION APPROVED.

Unfinished Business:

Health Donors Medallion – Rather than using a heart, could the initials BHC (Borzoi Health Club) be added to the medallion?

Online Minutes – We will continue the discussion in November regarding whether or not paper copies would still be sent out or only by request. How would this be administered?

New Business:

Tabulator – Chris Bradley found a new tabulator as the current tabulator is very expensive. Patricia Swanson is an attorney and used to be a partner of a BCOA member. Chris will follow up with Patricia and confirm the details with Lydia Pruett.

Corrections to the BCOA Archives and historical information in the 2004 catalog – Received letter from Dick Blodgett asking that some changes be made to the material published in the Centennial catalog. Suggestion that Dick be asked to submit this as an editorial to the Borzoi Connection as this is his research and he should be able to state his opinions. Karen Staudt-Cartabona will contact Dick regarding this. Karen will also add a correction regarding the Broad hock vote.

BCOA unanimously voted to return the word Broad to the Standard, but we did not get enough votes to change it (we need 2/3's of all members votes to change the Standard).

Electronic Studbook – BCOA has signed up to receive the Electronic Studbook from AKC. Changes will be submitted by disc on a monthly basis. This may be shared with Club members for private use only. It is not to be shared, published or used for commercial purposes. Karen Mays will have it sent to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock. We will continue discussion in November to determine how to we will use this information.

New Text/photo for the AKC breed book – The current AKC dog book has a color picture of two Canadian Borzoi. As this is the AKC book, the photos should be American Borzoi. Shen Smith indicated that there is a nice photo from the JEC presentation that could be used. The Board reviewed and approved the photo. Karen Mays will submit the photo to AKC to replace the color photo currently in the book. Also, the glossary needs to be corrected – definition of Roman nose is really a description of a Roman head. We should call this to AKC's attention. Karen Staudt-Cartabona will contact AKC.

AKC Eukanuba National Championship –

Medallions - Do we want to sponsor the parent club medallions for BOB, BOS, Best Bred By Exhibitor? There was a motion to sponsor these medallions by Karen Mays, second by Chris Bradley. MOTION APPROVED.

Catalog Ad – approve the same full page ad for \$125 as last time but logo needs to be corrected. Karen Mays will handle the ad. Motion to approve the ad was made by Prudence Hlatky, second by Irina Terra. MOTION APPROVED.

Meet the Breed Booth – The booth needs to be sent to Florida. Chris Bradley will talk to Michael McLain for suggestions on transporting and constructing the booth. The Heart of Florida Borzoi Club should be contacted to see if they are interested in handling the booth. We will continue this discussion in November.

National Specialty Videotaping – Do we want to invite the videographer back for future specialties? It cost us about \$300/day plus expenses. The quality is excellent and professional. As we did not lose money, Prudence made a motion to invite the videographer back for 2005, second by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. MOTION APPROVED.

International Borzoi Council Conference – It was the Boards opinion that the Conference schedule should not overlap with the BCOA Specialty as that would create a conflict for many of the exhibitors. A motion made by Prudence Hlatky for BCOA to donate up to \$1000 to be used as needed, for conference expenses. There was a second by Shen Smith. MOTION APPROVED.

November Meeting – The face to face meeting will be the weekend of 11/12. Details are being worked out.

Membership List Privacy – The Board was contacted by numerous members who were offended by the use of the BCOA membership list for personal business by a BCOA member. Karen Mays will send a letter to the member who gave out membership information to let her know that it is the consensus of the Board that it is inappropriate for any member to distribute the BCOA membership list. A motion was made to this effect by R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock, second by Chris Bradley. MOTION APPROVED.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 EST was made by Prudence Hlatky, second by Lydia Pruett. MOTION APPROVED.

Future Agenda Items:

New Business

Do something for the membership

Do we still want to buy hard copy photos of the national, or can we do CD's?

Continued to November Meeting (unfinished business)

Perpetual/Challenge Trophy Proposal

Criteria for Sweepstakes Judge List

TSE Approvals/purpose

Online Minutes

Electronic Studbook

Meet the Breed Booth

Health Medallion

Constitution Committee

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