



**Board Meeting Mesquite TX
Sunday, April 24, 2005**

In attendance: Barbara O'Neill, Jim Gibson, Maureen Bardwell, Lydia Pruett, Shen Smith, Cynthia Gredys, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Chris Bradley, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Irina Terra, Karen Mays. A quorum was established.

Absent: Kathleen Kapaun, Shen Smith

President Barbara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 3:25 PM CST.

Maureen indicated that she had received a corrections to the item dated 1/20/05 in the Corresponding Secretaries Report that was published with the February 9, 2005 Board meeting minutes. This item should read: Received two pieces of correspondence regarding the request for approval for back to back specialties for the Borzoi Club of New England on Saturday, November 26 and Sunday, November 27, 2005 from Karen Miller. A motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Maureen Bardwell, a second by Chris Bradley. MOTION PASSED

Recording Secretary's Report -

Membership Applications:

1st Readings

Lisa Durand: 5395 Hwy 93 S, Whitefish MT 59937, sponsored by Shirley McFadden and Pat Murphy.

Carol Backers: 7765 Kellogg Rd NW, Alden MI 49612, sponsored by Shen Smith and Mary Childs.

Dawn and Jeff Hall and Shannon Myers: 900 S East St, Weeping Water NE 68463, sponsored by Cindi Gredys and Chris Swilley.

Linda Beisswenger: 5370 Valley View Lane, St Louis MO 63128, sponsored by Kris Woddail and Pat Shaw.

Dr Kevin Shimel, DVM: 300 Monroe St #3, Hoboken NJ 07030, sponsored by Barbara Skinner and Dr Fred Edlin, MD.

Therese and John Healy: 310 Hill Road, Honey Brook PA 19344, sponsored by Jennifer Zucker and Karen Staudt-Cartabona.

Colleen Allen: 3306 Ben Hill St, Marietta GA 30008, sponsored by Katie Averill and Carol Kubiak-Zamora.

William Aaron Rowlette: 517 Columbian Ave, Columbus OH 43223, sponsored by Mary Childs and Dora McDonald.

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

2nd Readings

Danielle Tomayko: 11 Spruce St, Natrona PA 15065, sponsored by Edna Hanley and Sue Vasick.

As no correspondence was received regarding the applicant having their second reading, a motion to approve this application was made by Lynn Shell-Whitlock with a second by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. MOTION PASSED

Reinstatements needed for members paying dues after 12/31/2004:

Susan Booth, Patricia Brandt-Robuck, Bob Cartabona, Mickey Cinollo, Dr Karen Denning, Stephanie Gibson, Sunny Grant, Chris Halverson, Ulla Hjerling, Nancy Hopkins, Cindy Klein, Bonnie Lapham, Rita Linck & Richard Terry, Bill, Marilyn & Stuart McGraw, Pamela Myers, Katherine Ratcliffe, S.Michele Ray, Sally Stephens, Gayle Thear, Linda Turner, Emily Wessel, Patricia Wiseman.

Members who were dropped March 1st for non payment of dues:

Mike Bacsi and Patricia Seger, Barbara Blair, Kristen Boro, Michael and Linda Day, Charles and Valerie Deneen, Rebecca Ramsey Fenton, Beverly Henk, Suzanne Hively, Richard and Roberta Kelly, Kathy Lukens, Michael McFadden, Wendy Merendini, Richard Newland, Melanie Richards, Joyce St. Germaine, Kenneth Terry, Scott Tracy, Molly Webster, Dan and Dale Williams.

Resigned members:

Susan Aye

Deceased members:

Dell Ratcliffe

A motion to approve the reinstatements for those paying dues after 12/31/04 but prior to 3/1/05 was made by Maureen Bardwell with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED

Trophy Supported Entry requests have been approved for:

8/14/05 Racine KC, Racine WI

Judge: Romaine Strilka Switch, Sweeps: Chris Swilley

9/24/05 Fort Worth KC, Fort Worth TX

Judge: Edward Wild, Sweeps: Debs Harold

10/22/05 Upper Potomac Valley KC, Cumberland MD

Judge: Thomas Kilcullen, Sweeps: Aatis Lillstrom

10/23/05 Upper Potomac Valley KC, Cumberland MD

Judge: Harriet Goldner, Sweeps: Victoria Leborn

11/11/05 Huntsville KC, Huntsville AL

Judge: James Gibson, no sweeps

11/13/05 Decatur Alabama KC, Decatur AL

Judge: Gwen Post, no sweeps

*Information regarding these Trophy Supported Entries were sent to Margie Milne (Borzoi Connection website), Kathleen Kapaun (Borzoi Connection magazine) and to Chris Bradley (BCOA Medals Chairman).

Additional Items:

Final ballot for 2007-08 Specialty and Sweeps judges sent to the membership. Due to unexpected delays the ballot was not received by all members in a timely fashion. The ballot deadline was extended to 4/25 in order to give everyone time to return the ballot.

A motion to approve the Recording Secretary's report was made by Cindi Gredys, with a second by Chris Bradley. MOTION PASSED

Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached)

There were several additions to Karen Mays' written report:

The Chicago International KC is giving a \$5.00 rebate per entry to the clubs hosting a specialty. In addition, they are giving \$5.00 per entry to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Info was given to Cindi Gredys to see if anyone from Region 6 would be interested in following up on this.

The Westminster KC is looking for video footage of breeds doing what they are bred to do, to run during the Westminster KC telecast. Cindi Gredys offered to try and video the lure coursing event tomorrow. We also have the DVD that Patti Neale created. Barbara O'Neill contacted Patti and asked her to bring a copy of the DVD to the National.

Karen Mays received a suggestion from Suzanne Deghi that BCOA submit Chris Meyers' Borzoi Chassa as a candidate for the AKC Canine Excellence Award that is given at the Eukanuba Classic. The Board agreed that this would be a good nomination.

Karen Mays indicated that we need to submit names for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards. The Board selected Dr Asa Mays for Conformation, Suzanne Deghi for Companion and Diana Darling for Performance.

Breed clubs are encouraged to submit names for the Group Judging at the AKC Championship Show for 2008 and forward. To be eligible, they must be able to judge at least ½ of the group.

The Eukanuba Classic will offer a contest during its telecast of the show. Viewers will be able to call in and vote for their favorite. The parent club representing the breed that wins the popular vote for BIS will receive \$10,000.00 and \$2,000.00 if their breed wins the popular vote for the Group. We need to publicize this and encourage people to vote for the Borzoi.

AKC will reinstate sending the breed pamphlets out with puppy registration packets. We were wondering if the pamphlets were ever sent out as no one on the Board could remember receiving one. BCOA paid a fee to AKC to have these pamphlets included. Karen Mays will ask the membership at the annual meeting if anyone has received them. AKC will also be putting these pamphlets in pdf format on their website.

United is giving a discount to those traveling to any AKC events, even if not traveling with a dog. Information regarding the discount can be obtained by contacting United's Special Reservations at 800-521-4041 using the code 515SP. The airlines will have records of dates and locations of AKC events. Lydia Pruetz indicated that she had sent out two certificates for discounts to BCOA members.

A motion to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report was made by Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED

Treasurer's report (see attached)

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Irina Terra, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED

AKC Delegate's Report

Karen Staudt-Cartabona handed out a copy of her report to the Board. A motion to approve the Delegates report was made by Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Maureen Bardwell. MOTION PASSED

Governor Reports (see attached):

Region 1 – Nothing to add

Region 2 - Nothing to add

Region 3 – Nothing to add

Region 4 – Chris reported that she is trying to get the Region interested in making a proposal for the 2008 National.

Region 5 – Nothing to add

Region 6 – Nothing to add

A motion was made to approve the reports by Maureen Bardwell, with a second by Karen Mays. MOTION PASSED.

Committee Reports- (see attached)

Annual Awards – Barbara O'Neill indicated that all photos will be returned to their owners as they will be put on a CD.

Annual Versatility Awards – The Board congratulated Cindi Gredys on winning this award with CH. Jubilee Breath Of Life, CD,JC,FCH,CGC - Neo

Club Archives and Historian – Dick Blodgett will be writing a historical article for every Borzoi Connection. The archives will be moved to his house now that winter is over.

Club Inventory and Medals – Chris Bradley indicated that she still has not received the inventory from Tom Carroll. Maureen will check with Tom and see if he can bring them to a local show and then she will ship them to Chris.

Constitution and By-Laws – This item will be tabled until the August meeting when Kathleen can be present to answer questions. Barbara O'Neill indicated that per AKC, changes to grammar or punctuation do not need to be approved by the membership.

2006 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill reported that Holly Hamilton does not judge ASFA, only AKC. Barbara will need to contact the next lure coursing judge on her list.

2007 National Specialty - The Board had two presentations for the 2007 National Specialty to be held in Region 1. Jennifer and Roni Zucker presented a proposal on behalf of Kevin Miller for 5/13- 5/20, 2007 in Fitchburg, MA. Rebecca Peters-Campbell and Colleen Thiboutot presented a proposal for 4/22-4/29, 2007 in Warwick, RI. After the presentations, the Board discussed both proposals. There was a motion by Cindi Gredys, with a second by Jim Gibson to accept the Warwick RI proposal. There were 9 votes in favor, 1 abstention. MOTION PASSED

2005 Yearbook – The Board determined that it will be sold for \$50.00 plus \$5.00 shipping to members and \$60.00 plus \$5.00 shipping to non-members. Foreign purchases will need to pay actual shipping costs.

ROM – A motion to approve the Sires and Dams submitted by Barbara Ewing was made by Karen Mays, with a second by Chris Bradley. MOTION PASSED.

Barbara Ewing recommended that the following statement be added to the ROM application:

I certify that the information submitted with this application represents, to the best of my knowledge, all ROM recognized titles earned by this dog's offspring. I further agree that in the future, should enough additional titles be earned to change the ROM title of this dog, I will submit, in a timely manner, a supplemental application in order to have the dog classified correctly.

A motion was made by Chris Bradley, with a second by Irina Terra to approve Barb Ewing's recommendation as worded. MOTION PASSED. The Board declined to approve the additional requests that Barb presented, which were to allow people to apply for the different ROM titles separately, and to lower the points for Rally Obedience.

Health Committee – The Board agreed to accept the proposition from OFA to offer a \$100.00 award to the Best of Breed winner at our National Specialties if the winner has a CHIC number. Ginger Jones asked the Board for direction for a fundraising request. The Board determined that if anyone is interested in doing a fundraiser and needs funds to get the project going, they need to submit a proposal to the Board that includes an estimate of the costs. If the fundraiser is self sufficient, it does not need our approval. The Board can not approve the use of the survey without a release from Dr McGorray. The Board indicated that they thought that Dr McGorray's survey was statistically sound. Maureen Bardwell will talk to Ginger to see if she can work with Dr McGorray so that the survey can be used.

The Board asked Lydia Pruett to indicate with an asterisk which committee reports are not required, when sending the report to the membership. It was felt that when the report indicated that no report was received, it may look like the committee chair had not provided anything, when actually they may only be required to provide a report if they need to bring something to the Board's attention.

A motion was made by Karen Mays, with a second by Cindi Gredys to approve the Committee Reports. MOTION PASSED.

Unfinished Business

Challenge Trophy Criteria – This issue was tabled to the August meeting.

Junior Showmanship Scholarship – Cindi Gredys brought an example of how a Junior Scholarship Fund is administered. Barbara O'Neill would like to receive input from the Juniors regarding the Westminster KC show or the Eukanuba Classic .

New Business

TSE Approval – We need to have guidelines when approving the TSE's that cover such things as how many TSE's are in the region, how close together they are and making sure that the judges are in good standing with BCOA. There is a need for a coordinator. Jim Gibson will draft some guidelines.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Karen Mays. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM CST

Future Agenda Items

Constitution and By-Laws
Challenge Trophy Criteria
TSE Approval Guidelines