



Phone conference February 9, 2005 8:30PM EST

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

Absent: Irina Terra (out of the country)

President Barbara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:34 EST. Barbara welcomed the new Board members and reviewed the Board meeting guidelines.

There were no additions or corrections to the November 14, 2004 Board meeting minutes.

Cindi Gredys received a letter from Chris Moyer regarding clarification of an item discussed under New Business at the November meeting. Per his letter, the picture used for the AKC Gazette cover was not previously used in advertising. It had been on his website, but he removed it from the website as soon as AKC notified them that they were going to use it for the magazine. It had never been used in print advertising. He also indicated that the sponsor for Garnett Thompson should be Chris Moyer, not Meyer.

A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Maureen Bardwell, a second by Kathleen Kapaun.
MOTION PASSED

Recording Secretary's Report -

Membership Applications:

1st Readings

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

2nd Readings

Janice McGivney: 99 Bellport Ave, Medford NY 11763, sponsored by Janice Butkowsky and Sandra Moore.

Garnett Thompson: 4354 Fallbrook Road, Concord, CA 94521, sponsored by Richard Mason Terry and Chris Moyer.

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

Jean and Allison Aul, Linda Barad, David Beach, Randi Boysen-Carl, Todd and Toby Brandtman, Missy and Robert Brong, Teresa Burks, DVM, Barbara Ciravolo, Lisa Cole, Kay Collins, Mary Ann Conran, Diane Davis, Dr Karen Craft Denning, Yoriko Dixon, Terry and Scott Doane (*owes late fee*), Ariel Duncan, Harriet Grube, Edna Hanley, Vic Harrison, Leilani Hughes, Nancy James, Steve Kassimatis, Winnie Kelly (*owes late fee*), Joel Kmetz and Marcia Majors (*owes \$5 for late fee*), Michael Koss, Margaret Lucia, Mary McDonald, Shirley McFadden, Kathleen McKim, Debb Meyer, Joe and Maggie Michael, Robert and Alicia Miller, Charles and Barbara Mullis, Nancy Nichols and Carl Reinhart, Kathleen Novotny, R.Prewitt Owen, Genji and Kyoko Ozeki, Patricia Paris, Melissa Pearce, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Phyllis Potter, Joyce Pualani, Christine Rafton, Peter Redding, Mark and Kim Rice, Michelle and John Rowton, Linda Schneider, George and Nancy Snook, Anna Stewart, Suzan Tintorri, Valori and John Trantanella (*owes late fee*), Stephanie Truelsen, Bob Wimberg, Whitney Wright.

As no correspondence was received regarding the applicants having their second reading, a motion was made by Maureen Bardwell, with a second by Shen Smith, to approve these applications and also to reinstate those listed as paying dues after 12/31/04. MOTION PASSED

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

Susan Aye, Mike Bacsi and Patricia Seger, Barbara Blair, Susan Booth, Kristen Boro, Patricia Brandt-Robuck, Bob Cartabona, Mickey Cinollo, Pamela Myers Cross, Robyn Davidson, Michael and Linda Day, Charles and Valerie Deneen, Rebecca Ramsey Fenton, Stephanie Gibson-Legros, Suzanne Grant, Chris Halverson, Beverly Henk, Suzanne Hively, Ulla Hjerling, Nancy Hopkins, Richard and Roberta Kelly, Cindy Klein, Michael Kurt and David White, Bonnie Lapham, William and Marilyn McGraw, Wendy Merendini, Dell and Katherine Ratcliffe, S.Michele Ray, Melanie Richards, Joyce St.Germaine, Sally Stephens, Kenneth Terry, Richard Terry and Rita Linck, Gayle Thear, Robert Torquato, Linda Turner, Molly Webster, Emily Wessel, Dan and Dale Williams.

Resigned members:

Teresa Euser, Patrice Babienko

Trophy Supported Entry requests were approved for:

6/12/05 Lake Minnetonka KC, Waconia MN

Judge: Nitsa Trayler, Sweeps: Elizabeth Liberato

7/23/05 Nebraska KC, Omaha NE

Judge: Amy Sorbie, Sweeps: Barbara Lord

8/6/05 Beaver County KC, Canfield OH

Judge: Valerie Preston, Sweeps: Mary Childs

9/24/05 Atlanta KC, Atlanta GA

Judge: Barbara Binder, Sweeps: Marilyn Polsfuss

11/12/05 Decatur KC, Decatur AL

Judge: Loraine Boutwell, Sweeps: Shirley McFadden

11/12/05 Cypress Creek KC of Texas, Houston TX

Judge: Donna Wojan, Sweeps: Laura Hyatt

*Information regarding these Trophy Supported Entries were sent to Margie Milne (Borzoi Connection website), Kathleen Kapaun (Borzoi Connection magazine) and to Tom Carroll (BCOA Medals Chairman) or Chris Bradley (BCOA Medals Chairman effective 2/05).

There was discussion regarding holding a TSE in an area where there may not be an adequate sweepstakes entry. Do all TSE's have to have a sweepstakes? It was determined that a sweepstakes does not need to be held if it appears that the entry will be so small as to be a potential embarrassment for a judge. If this is the case, the applicant should note on the application that a sweepstakes will not be held.

Additional Items:

The first ballot was prepared for the 2007-08 National Specialty Judges, and for the approval of our Code of Ethics and Membership Application. The ballot was sent to mailing house and is due to the tabulator by 2/15/05.

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

Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached)

In addition to her report, Karen Mays indicated that we received a second place in Hounds at the Meet the Breed Booth this year at the AKC Invitational. Tammy Smith and Chris Neale created the booth and it was very nice. Kathleen Kapaun asked what had happened to the booth that we had made for the Invitational that was held in California. Chris Bradley will check with Michael McClain to see if it is feasible to make this exhibit portable so that we could have it at our National Specialty.

There is a Sighthound Institute in Raleigh in May. Patti Neale is having trouble finding dogs in that area that can participate.

An application was received from the Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey for their specialty.

AKC is offering Kennel Certificates provided by United Airlines to BCOA members. These certificates would allow a BCOA member to pay a single rate for most crate sizes for dogs flying as excess baggage. The certificates must be used by July 15, 2005. If you are interested in using a certificate, contact the Recording Secretary Lydia Pruett at Lydia@hvalahounds.com or 763-572-1456.

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

Treasurer's report (see attached)

On the recommendation of our tax attorney, we are going to quarterly reports. The reports will be based on the previous quarter from now on. Our application for a change in tax status has been received by the IRS. We should hear from them by March 15th.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Maureen Bardwell, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED

AKC Delegate's Report (see attached)

We reviewed the candidates for the AKC Board of Directors class of 2009, so that we could determine how Karen Staudt-Cartabona should vote. A motion was made by Kathleen Kapaun, with a second by Jim Gibson, to have Karen vote for David Merriam, Steve Gladstone, Charlie Garvin and David Keene. MOTION PASSED

We discussed AKC-CAR's microchip offer to determine if it was a better deal than what we are currently getting for use in our health clinics. It was decided that we have enough chips on hand for 2005 and it does not look like it is a good deal financially. At this point we will not change how we are getting our microchips.

A motion to approve the Delegates report was made by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Lydia Pruett. MOTION PASSED

Governor Reports (see attached):

Region 1 – Nothing to add

Region 2 - Nothing to add

Region 3 – Will be sending \$3000 (from an auction and private donations) to the SPCA in Houston for 22 rescued borzoi. Maureen will make a note of this organization for a contribution for next year.

Region 4 – Nothing to add

Region 5 – Nothing to add

Region 6 – Nothing to add

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

Committee Reports- (see attached)

Health

- A. A motion to send Ginger Jones to the Parent Health Conference was made by Maureen Bardwell, with a second by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. MOTION PASSED

- B. Maureen Bardwell will ask Ginger Jones for a clean copy to forward to the board. A motion was made by Cindi Gredys, with a second by Lydia Pruet, to accept Ginger's recommendations and edits. MOTION PASSED
- D. Chris Bradley will send a sample of a pin used by BCONC to Maureen Bardwell and will try and contact the person that makes them to see if we want to create something similar.

2006 National Specialty

A motion to approve the proposed Judge's names for Lure Coursing, Junior Showmanship and Obedience was made by Chris Bradley, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED

Cindi Gredys made a motion, with a second by Chris Bradley, to include Rally Obedience in 2006 as it can be run at the same time as regular obedience. MOTION PASSED

A motion was made to approve a tentative list of the 2006 National show committee by Karen Staudt-Cartabona, with a second by Maureen Bardwell. MOTION PASSED.

2007 National Specialty

Kevin Miller has been researching potential sites for 2007. At this point we have not received a formal proposal.

Rescue Committee

A letter was received from a non-member regarding the conduct of a BCOA member in reference to a rescue dog. This person needs to make a formal complaint through a BCOA member or we are not able to address it.

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A motion was made by Chris Bradley and a second by Cindi Gredys, to approve the Rally Obedience point system suggested by Barb Ewing. MOTION PASSED

Lure Coursing

R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock received a letter from Jane Schreiber stating that ASFA will be offering a plaque to the BOB winner at the National.

A motion to accept the Committee Reports was made by Shen Smith, with a second by Maureen Bardwell. MOTION PASSED

2005 Standing Committee Appointments

The 2006 Nominating Committee Chair will be:

Karen Mays

3336 Bagley Passage, Duluth GA 30097, (678)957-9544, Asa@zencor.com

The committee members will be:

Nadine Johnson (Western US)

2760 Evergreen Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80921, (719)488-3754,

Rznstarborzoi@aol.com

Dr Gary Nash (Midwest)

38777 Reimold, Harrison Township, MI 48045 (586)469-7505, garmic@webtv.net

BCOA members interested in running for a Board position for 2006 should contact a member of the Nominating Committee prior to August 1, 2005.

Standing Committee Changes-

Club Inventory & Medals – Christine Bradley

Club Education – This will be removed as a standing committee and changed to part of the National Show Committee. The position will be assigned on a yearly basis.

Rescue – Maureen Bardwell and Lorrie Scott will co-chair the position.

A motion was made to accept the standing committees by Lydia Pruet, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED

Unfinished Business

Online Minutes – Shen Smith will look into using a newsletter program that can send the minutes to member's email accounts.

New Business

Barbara O'Neill received a mentor application from Sandra Moore. She will forward the application to Patti Neale. A motion to accept the application was made by Jim Gibson, with a second from Shen Smith. MOTION PASSED

Karen Mays indicated that a member protest letter and appropriate fee had been received. The letter was discussed. Shen Smith made a motion with a second by Karen Mays, that we will not entertain this protest as a bench show committee should have been called for anything that happened at the AKC show, and that the local club involved should handle any issues regarding their members with their club. MOTION PASSED

Junior Showmanship Scholarship Fund – Barbara O'Neill proposed that we think about setting up a program that could award an established junior member high school senior a scholarship to assist with a secondary education. Another idea is sponsoring our top junior handler to Westminster. Karen Mays has a copy of the Irish Setter Club's criteria for doing this. Barbara will contact Mary Beth O'Neill who is in charge of Junior Showmanship at AKC and will also contact some of the other parent clubs to see what they offer. We will discuss this further at the National.

Chris Bradley made a motion, with a second by Shen Smith, to purchase a moderately priced laptop and fax machine for the use of the recording secretary for Board meetings. MOTION PASSED

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cindi Gredys, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned 12:39 AM EST.

Future Agenda Items

Challenge Trophy Criteria

Junior Showmanship Scholarship