



**Phone conference August 17, 2006 8:30PM EST**

**In attendance:** Barbara O'Neill, Karen Mays, Irina Terra, Jim Gibson, Lydia Pruett, Kathleen Kapaun, Shen Smith, Cynthia Gredys, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Laurie Kasowski, Rebecca Peters-Campbell. A quorum was established.

President Barbara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:34 PM EST.

The minutes to the May meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the 5/10 and 5/24/06 minutes was made by Kathleen Kapaun, with a second by Rebecca Peter-Campbell. MOTION PASSED

**Recording Secretary's Report -**

**Membership Applications:**

*1<sup>st</sup> Readings*

Mardi Funk. 2303 Appletree Ct. Huntsville, AL 35801. Sponsored by Rhanda Glenn and Alice Reese.

Amy Hobbs. 2945 Milwaukee St. Denver, CO 80205. Sponsored by Carol Kubiak-Zamora and Nadine Johnson.

Lillian Johnson. 5527 W. Fannagut Ave #3E. Chicago, IL 60630. Sponsored by Suzan Breaz and Karen Dumke.

Gene and Donna Smith. 17220 New Halls Ferry Rd. Florissant, MO 63034. Sponsored by Pat Shaw and Kris Woddail.

Kathleen Humphrey. 1395 Wagon Train Drive, SE. Albuquerque, NM 87123. Sponsored by Bill Hemby and Anna Stewart.

Chet Weston. 347 N. Fairview St. Burbank, CA 91505. Sponsored by Tom and Laurie Kasowski and Michael McLain.

Marie Agun. 3001 SE 410 Ave. Washougal, WA 98671. Sponsored by Marcella Zobel and Lauri Anderson.

Janet Adams. PO Box 379, Valleyford, WA 99036. Sponsored by Jerry White and Randi Boysen-Carl.

Elizabeth Cologne-Szymanski and James Szymanski. 132 Meadowridge Acres Road, Milford, PA 18337. Sponsored by Karen Staudt-Cartabona and G. Ariel Duncan.

Fr. Gerald Clark and Sylvia H. Clark. 11745 White Horse Rd. Jacksonville, FL. 32246. Sponsored by Patti Neale and Barbara Skinner.

Lydia Pruett indicated that she had received an email from Deb Rogstad in Texas. Deb had applied for BCOA membership but one of her sponsors is no longer a BCOA member. The other sponsor has not been to her home. She indicated that she does not have any BCOA members in close proximity to her and wondered if she could use a reference from her vet or an AKC breeder/judge instead. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock offered to see if she could stop by and do a home visit as she may be in the area in the near future. She will contact Deb Rogstad to arrange this.

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Readings*

Candace Blomquist (junior member), 2144 Rice Rd, Chehalis, WA 98532, sponsored by Sally Stephens and Cynthia Dell.

Jonnie Bradley, 1419 Meadowood Rd, Sandpoint, ID 83864, sponsored by Jean Patten and Bunny Kelley

Monika Stachon, 1095 Hooper Rd, Yuba City, CA 95993, sponsored by Janice McMinn, Jean Patten and Bunny Kelley.

Raymond and Robbie Craft, 7223 Tumbleweed Dr, Cheyenne WY 82009, sponsored by Cindi Gredys and Dawn Hall.

A motion to accept the applicants receiving their second reading as members was made by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED

**Trophy Supported Entry requests were approved for:**

12/16/06

Richland County KC, Cleveland Ohio

Judge: Dr Jacklyn Hungerland, Sweeps: Robert Urban

\*Information regarding these Trophy Supported Entries was sent to Margie Milne (Borzo Connection website), Kathleen Kapaun (Borzo Connection magazine).

A TSE request was received from Shen Smith, to be held in conjunction with the Detroit KC show in Detroit MI on 3/4/07. The judge is Rita Figg; no sweepstakes requested. A motion to approve this request was made by Cindi Gredys, with a second by Lydia Pruett. MOTION PASSED

Lydia Pruett reported that she mailed 34 packets with the minutes from the May meetings. Postage and printing was about \$200.00. The minutes have also been posted on the BCOA website on the Secretary's page.

A motion to approve the Recording Secretary's report was made by Laurie Kasowski, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED

**Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached)**

In addition to her attached report, Karen Mays received the following correspondence:

Several sweepstakes approvals, a thank-you note from Melanie Richards for the hospitality at the National, a letter from Richland County KC asking if we would support their show in 2006. A TSE for 12/16/2006 was already approved for this show so this letter will be disregarded. A request was received from AKC to complete a survey regarding parent clubs and rescue. Karen Mays will send this to Lorrie Scott to complete. A list of nominees for the AKC lifetime achievement awards was received. The Board selected Damar Bolte (confirmation), Lynn Eggers (companion) and Ken Marden (performance). A motion to approve a vote for these nominees was made by Kathleen Kapaun, with a second by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. MOTION PASSED

A letter was received from Elizabeth Denning asking about our 501C3 corporation, what state we are registered in and where our financial records and accounts are held? Shen Smith asked Karen Mays to send the letter to her and she will forward to our attorney Edmund Sledzik to formulate a response. The Board will all be copied on the response. Shen Smith indicated that our incorporation is separate from our tax status (we are incorporated in Pennsylvania). Karen Mays said that every time we have to have our attorney respond to these inquiries, it costs our club money.

Barbara O'Neill had a question regarding the 7/26 entry in Karen Mays report regarding the Borzoi Battalion request from Hawaii. This battalion has had a borzoi as a mascot since the 40's. The person caring for the Borzoi mascot has fallen in love with it and would like to adopt it, but to do so he needs to find a new Borzoi mascot for the battalion. As there are no BCOA breeders in Hawaii, Karen Mays turned this request over to the president of the Hawaiian Dog Fanciers to see if there is anything he can do to assist.

A letter was received from Kevin Miller regarding microchips that were given to the Borzoi Club of New England by past Rescue chair Maureen Bardwell. BCOA gave 50 chips to Maureen Bardwell to be used as a fund raiser for the rescue committee. Maureen Bardwell said she gave them to BCNE but was never reimbursed for them. The BCNE stated that Maureen Bardwell gave the chips to the BCNE outright. Since the chips were given to a Borzoi club and were used to raise funds for rescue, we will consider this a done deal at this point and BCNE does not owe for the microchips. The BCNE also asked that Maureen Bardwell repay BCOA for the cost of the chips. After review of the situation it was determined that Maureen does not have a responsibility to repay this as she did not receive any money for the chips from BCNE. The Board has deemed them as a gift from BCOA to BCNE. Shen Smith indicated that she became aware of the outstanding reimbursement for the chips when she was tracking down BCOA's entire inventory as this had not been done in awhile. Per our attorney, we should do this on an annual basis. Laurie Kasowski made a motion to write to BCNE to state that after the board reviewed the situation, BCNE has been deemed not responsible for reimbursement of the microchips as they are to be considered to be a one time gift from BCOA. A second was made by Shen Smith. MOTION PASSED.

Letters were received from two Borzoi clubs in response to the Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey's letter of no-confidence in Rebecca Peters-Campbell as Region One Governor. One letter was from the Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley stating they have full confidence in Rebecca and a similar one was received from the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club. Karen Staudt-Cartabona stated that this was not a personal attack. This action was based on how Rebecca Peters-Campbell was brought in to fill the Region One Governor vacancy. She indicated that Rebecca is not a member of any of the local clubs and does not attend any of the local club meetings. Cindi Gredys stated that when Barbara O'Neill appointed Rebecca to fill the vacancy, the Board followed the procedures as outlined in the constitution. She was not clear why this upset Karen Staudt-Cartabona since Karen always states that we need to follow the constitution and do things by the book. Laurie Kasowski stated that Rebecca's governor reports are wonderful and that we should support the job she is doing. This issue will be continued to our face-to-face meeting in November.

A motion to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report was made by Lydia Pruett, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED

#### **Treasurer's report (see attached)**

Shen Smith reported that she contacted our insurance company about insuring our challenge trophies. The insurance company wants certified replacement value for the trophies in order to determine their worth. Shen Smith asked Toby Brandtman to assist with contacting the donors and artists to see what the value is or to find someone to do the appraisals. The value of the packing crates also needs to be determined as well.

Shen Smith said that our taxes are done and are going in the mail tomorrow.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Cindi Gredys, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED with one abstention by Karen Staudt-Cartabona, because she said could not open the year-to-date document sent by Shen through email.

#### **AKC Delegate's Report (see attached)**

Karen Staudt-Cartabona indicated that there is nothing on the September delegate meeting agenda except the election.

Laurie Kasowski asked if LGRA was going to be added to the list of AKC approved performance events. Karen Staudt-Cartabona said it will not be added. Laurie Kasowski asked if this affects our specialty. It does not as there is a separate premium for LGRA, it is held before the official start of the national and it is at a separate site.

A motion to approve the Delegate's Report was made by Lydia Pruett, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED.

#### **Governor Reports (see attached):**

Region 1 – Nothing to add

Region 2 -- Nothing to add

Region 3 – Nothing to add

Region 4 – BRNC has placed three Borzoi and currently has one in foster care. BRNC is holding racing events to raise funds for rescue. These events will be 10/15 and 10/16 and 11/4 and 11/5.

Region 5 – Nothing to add

Region 6 – Nothing to add

A motion was made to approve the Regional Governor reports by Shen Smith, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED.

#### **Committee Reports (see attached):**

*BCOA Website* – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock added the 2007 National Specialty page and linked it to the BCOA website. The BCOA events calendar has been updated.

*Club Inventory and Medals* – Barbara O'Neill has the club inventory and medals as Chris Bradley is unable to continue doing handling this. Some TSE's did not receive their medals so BCOA will be sending them to the TSE chairs for these events, to distribute to the winners.

*Constitution and By-Laws* – Laurie Kasowski asked if the proposed revisions are on the BCOA website. Kathleen Kapaun indicated that they will not put on the website until the Board approves the committee's recommendations.

*Futurity* – Kathleen Kapaun had heard that people would like to receive trophies that they could use so she asked if there was something anyone had mentioned as a suggestion for future items.

*Health* – Ginger Jones is proposing that a DNA clinic be held for free at the 2007 National (paid from the health fund). Shen Smith made a motion to offer the repository DNA clinic at no charge, Lydia Pruett made a second. MOTION PASSED. Health committee recognition gift– Lydia Pruett will talk to Ginger Jones about the idea of giving a thank you note and public recognition in the Aristocrat. Laurie Kasowski asked if Barbara O'Neill will send an email from her presidents list asking for blood samples of affected borzoi for the osteosarcoma grant. The Being Borzoi group submitted \$1000.00 as a contribution to Borzoi Health. Thank you!

*2007 National Specialty* – Rebecca Peters-Campbell said that there has been a good response from people in the region offering to help with the specialty committees. She will consult with Karen Staudt-Cartabona regarding a good show photographer in the NE area. Steve Surfman will do the action shots for the performance events. Cindi Gredys asked that a photographer be present to take the triathlon winner's photo. Based on the number of requests, our videographer will come in 2 days early to do sweeps and obedience which hopefully will increase DVD sales. Barbara O'Neill said she received a notice from the AKC indicating that they are not approving our event as the South County KC has an all breed show at the same location at the same time. Barbara O'Neill said she knows this is not accurate and she is contacting AKC's event planning to straighten this out.

*2008 National Specialty* – Lydia Pruett made a motion to approve the list of potential judges, Irina Terra made a second. MOTION PASSED.

*Trophy Supported Entries* – Jim Gibson asked if it is a value for him to continue to send out the event calendar that he is maintaining. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock said she used his information to update the website and Kathleen Kapaun has used it to send items to the Borzoi Connection.

*Open Field Coursing* – Letter received from Karen Ackerman asking the Board to acknowledge TCC (The Coursing Conservancy) titles. A motion was made to approve her request by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED. The addition of these titles will affect the ROM and AVA programs. Barbara O'Neill will check with Karen Ackerman to see if medals are sent out for open field coursing titles.

*ROM* - There was a motion to accept the listed applications for ROM's by Rebecca Peters-Campbell, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED. Cindi Gredys said she got a question from KC Artley regarding the Board's process for making changes to the ROM program. Cindi Gredys will ask KC Artley to send a letter to the Board with her questions so that we can address them.

A motion to accept the Committee Reports was made by Karen Mays, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED

## **Unfinished Business**

*Junior Showman Fund* – Tabled to next meeting.

*Constitution & By-Laws Revisions* – Barbara O'Neill received some suggestions for the Objective section of Article X, which explains the mission. Barbara O'Neill will send the suggestions to the Board for approval. The attorney has indicated that once this is received and approved by them, they will send the entire Article X back to the BCOA Board for final approval.

*Tabulator* – Karen Staudt-Cartabona received a suggestion for a tabulator from other breed clubs and will send the name to Barbara O'Neill. Karen Mays is checking with the parent clubs to see if they have any suggestions. Barbara O'Neill found a contact online and is waiting to hear from them.

## **New Business**

*New Titles of Records Subscription Report*- Barbara O'Neill received a form from AKC for changing who receives this report. It currently is sent to KC Artley. Barbara O'Neill will get in touch with KC Artley to see if she wants to continue to receive the report.

*Clarification of Board Members Roles and Responsibilities* – Regional Governors represent the individual BCOA members in their regions and serve the entire BCOA membership, not the Borzoi Clubs. Regional Governors are

elected at large, not just by their region. The Governor is an elected official, entrusted to vote in the best interest of BCOA and Borzoi in general.

*Board Member Code of Conduct* - Tabled to the face-to-face meeting.

*Specialty Judges* – It is time to solicit names from the membership for Specialty and Sweeps judges for the 2009 National in Region 2 and the 2010 National in Region 6. Lydia Pruett will send the form to the membership requesting names for the ballot at the same time the nominating committee report is mailed the judges will be announced at the 2007 National.

*Breeder Referrals* - Karen Mays indicated that BCCNJ has asked that breeder referrals be sent to a specific club member but this person is not a BCOA member. Karen Mays indicated that she felt that the referrals needed to be given to BCOA members. The Board affirmed this decision.

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 PM EST.