



BCOA Annual Membership Meeting  
Olympia, Washington  
Friday, May 25, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara O'Neill, at 12:10 PM PDT.

BCOA has 448 member households, with a total of 572 adult members and 9 junior members. There are 124 life members. A quorum is 57 members. There were 90 BCOA members present at this meeting. A quorum was established.

Barbara O'Neill introduced the Officers of BCOA and welcomed the foreign members who were present.

A motion was made by Shen Smith to approve the minutes of the 2005 Annual meeting as published. There was a second by Virginia Graff. MOTION APPROVED.

**Recording Secretary's Report (see attached):**

BCOA Trophy Supported Entries were approved for the following regions:

- Region One – 0
- Region Two – 8
- Region Three – 2
- Region Four – 1
- Region Five – 1
- Region Six – 7

Board meetings were held in April, August and November of 2005 and February and May of 2006. Minutes to these meetings were mailed to the membership, and beginning in 2006 were posted online and mailed to those who subscribed.

The list of members willing to accept sweepstakes assignments has been kept up-to-date on the BCOA website.

Ballots were created and sent to the membership for the position of Region One Governor.

A current membership book is being printed and will be mailed to the membership soon.

Lynda Gillaspey made a motion to accept the Recording Secretary's annual report. There was a second by Kalen Dumke. MOTION APPROVED.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report (see attached):**

There was a motion by Jeremy Freshwater to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report, with a second by Phyllis Potter. MOTION APPROVED.

**Treasurers Report:**

Shen Smith reported that our fundraising efforts were not very strong this past year. The yearbook was our biggest fundraiser. She reviewed a new fundraising effort that was approved by the BCOA Board. An online shopping cart will be added to the BCOA website. The proceeds from the sales will be split 50/50 with BCOA.

All shipping charges, responsibility and liability will be assumed by the seller. There will be a limit of how often and how many items can be listed by one person. The details are included in the Board meeting minutes. We will try this for a year and see how it goes. We will expand it if it is successful.

Shen Smith reminded the membership to send their Purina circles to AKC as this is a good fundraiser for health as it is matched by AKC.

There was a question from Kevin Miller regarding the C status of BCOA. He had a copy of the 2004 tax form and asked for an explanation of an item that listed income from the Borzoi Connection. Shen Smith explained that this line item asks for a list of any current or potential sources of income. The BC was included as a potential source of income in the future if BCOA was to accept ownership of the magazine. She further explained that on the tax form, the BC is listed as an expense (for the BCOA Aristocrat pages), not as income. Kevin Miller asked who the BC belongs to. Shen Smith responded that the BC is a LLC and she owns it.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Patti Neale, with a second by Mary Childs. There was one opposed. MOTION APPROVED.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### *BCOA Website*

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock reported that she created a BCOA events calendar on the BCOA website.

#### *BCOA Archives*

Prudence Hlatky had a question regarding what the BCOA historian will store. She wondered if the items would be only BCOA related or would pertain to any Borzoi items in the world. Barbara O'Neill suggested that she contact the historian Dick Blodgett with her questions.

#### *AKC Gazette*

Barbara O'Neill thanked Jon Steele for his first Gazette column.

#### *Health*

Barbara O'Neill mentioned that there starting at this specialty there would be a \$100 cash award to the Best in Futurity if both parents have a CHIC number, \$50 to Best of Breed and \$50 to Best of Opposite Sex if they have CHIC numbers.

#### *ROM*

Barbara O'Neill said that a change to the points for rally obedience was approved by the Board. Rally points will be half the points that are earned in regular obedience. Both rally and regular obedience points will be counted. Jean Brauner brought up the concern that rally excellent points should be the same as regular obedience due to the off lead work involved. Barbara O'Neill suggested that she contact Barb Ewing with her recommendations and that the Board can approve any changes if they are submitted by Barb Ewing.

#### *Legislative Committee*

Barbara O'Neill said that a new standing committee is being created to keep the membership informed of any legislative issues that may be of a concern to them. She asked that anyone who is interested in this committee contact her.

### **New Business:**

Jeremy Freshwater made a motion asking that a breakdown of the Board members votes be listed in the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Laurie Kasowski.

#### *Discussion:*

Bill Hemby asked if all votes needed to be broken down for all issues. He felt that this could bog down the process.

Patti Neale asked what type of votes might be confidential and should not be shared. The only confidential written ballot that the Board held during the last few years was when there was a division regarding the site location for the Centennial Specialty.

Karen Mays asked if only the minority or abstaining votes should be listed.

John Rowton made a motion to amend Jeremy's motion to state that only minority or abstaining votes be recorded on non-confidential ballots. The amendment was seconded by June Clark. The question was called for the amended motion. MOTION APPROVED. The question was called on the original motion with the amendment. MOTION APPROVED.

The 2008 National Specialty will be held in Sacramento, California beginning on 4/12/08. Lorrie Scott and Michael McLain gave a brief description of the show site. It will be an outdoor site at the Lions Gate Hotel and Cottage Suites, McClellan Park (formally McClellan Air Force Base).

Judges for 2008:

Regular/non regular classes – Lena Tamboer

Sweepstakes – Bonnie Dalzell

Barbara O'Neill reviewed the revisions to the BCOA Constitution to include the Beverly Taylor estate. Our tax attorney Ed Sledzik was not able to attend our specialty in person but a conference call was held so that the membership could ask questions. \$300,000 is in escrow waiting to be transferred to a federally regulated trustee firm. Merrill Lynch will regulate the investments. A ballot will be sent to the membership to add Article X to our Constitution.

*Discussion:*

Mary Childs, Secretary/Treasurer of NBRF had several comments/clarifications.

#9, Section 2 – The committee (on recommendation of the BCOA Directors) can distribute the principal

to rescue, for amounts over \$15.00

Section 3 – Mary clarified that this money will never go to someone's pocket as the money would be disbursed to a 501C3 organization for rescue.

Section C, Part C, #1 – Mary disagreed with the number of people who would be on the committee.

She suggested that at least two members at large, who are involved in rescue, be included on the committee. She asked if the number of members could be amended to 5 members to include 3 BCOA Board members and 2 members at large involved in rescue. Barbara O'Neill responded that this suggestion would have to go to our attorneys (the offices of Sharon Sakamoto, Aoki, Sakamoto, Grant, LLP, Seattle, WA, appointed by the attorneys for the Beverly Taylor estate).

Todd Brandtman asked if there would be a conflict of interest if the rescue groups were a part of the decision process.

Michael McLain said that the key term was "at large". If the members were not officers of the rescue groups that may clarify the issue.

Bill Hemby asked that the Board entertain the issue of establishing an advisory Board to the committee.

Hugh Ungerleider asked who determined that a 501C3 was the best choice for the money to be disbursed to, as there are a number of 501 choices. Shen Smith responded that the BCOA attorneys (the offices of Sharon Sakamoto, Aoki, Sakamoto, Grant, LLP) advised this.

June Clarke asked for a description of a 501C3.

Kevin Miller said that he thought that Mr Sledzik was of the opinion that it did not need to be a 501C3. Barbara O'Neill responded that we have to follow the advice of our attorneys (the offices of Sharon Sakamoto, Aoki, Sakamoto, Grant, LLP).

Barbara O'Neill said that she wanted to recognize the generosity of Beverly Taylor. Because of her donation, rescue will never have to go begging again.

Karen Staudt-Cartabona asked if the membership will be sent this issue to vote on. Barbara O'Neill responded that if the attorneys agreed, she will call a special session of the Board to approve the recommendations so it can be sent out as a ballot. She indicated that Mr Sledzik will be our tabulator.

Barbara Skinner reminded the membership that NBRF was created because BCOA did not want to administer rescue. She had comments regarding items #4, 5, and 6. She felt that these items could be combined to one paragraph. She did not feel that there was a need for monthly reports as each quarterly report

to the Board will include the same information. Barbara O'Neill asked Barbara Skinner to send her this recommendation so it could be passed on to the attorneys.

Barbara O'Neill stated that she will ask for clarification from the attorneys regarding the need for monthly and quarterly reports, and clarify that the terms of the committee members ends when their term as a BCOA Board member ends.

Barbara Skinner stated that having the financial advisor (Merrill Lynch) is very important as they will be in existence even if BCOA is not.

Prudence Hlatky asked that all the contention desist. All of this turmoil costs the club money which means there is less for rescue.

Shen Smith clarified that Mr Sledzik indicated that the matching funds will only go to rescue to meet the demands of the IRS and to avoid the excise tax.

Jim Anderson asked if the membership will get copies of the questions that will be forwarded to the attorneys, and copies of the attorney's responses.

Amy Sorbie asked if a specific number of member's ballots need to be returned in order for the amendment to pass. Barbara O'Neill responded that 2/3s of the returned ballots of members in good standing are needed for the amendment to pass.

Bill Norelli had a question about #5. He asked if the annual meeting of the committee could be included as part of the annual BCOA membership meeting. Barbara O'Neill responded that the committee will issue a report for the annual membership meeting, but we don't know how much time this item will take and we have limited time for the membership meeting.

Robin Riel stated that she thought the amount of the assets may be \$500,000. Robin Riel made a motion that BCOA should have a full complete, independent audit so that we start clean. The motion was seconded by Kevin Miller.

*Discussion:*

Patti Neale wanted to know what the concern is since the BCOA books have just been audited. The question was called. There were 10 votes in favor, 80 opposed. MOTION DOES NOT PASS.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Prudence Hlatky, with a second by Valori Trantabella. MOTION APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM PDT.