



San Antonio, Texas
November 18, 2006 9:00 AM CST

In attendance: Barbara O'Neill, Karen Mays, Irina Terra, Jim Gibson, Lydia Pruett, Kathleen Kapaun, Shen Smith, Cynthia Gredys, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. A quorum was established.
Karen Staudt-Cartabona (personal reasons), Laurie Kasowski (work commitment), and Rebecca Peters-Campbell (surgery) were absent. Joe Rogers attended as a visitor.

President Barbara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM CST.

The minutes to the August 17, 2006 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the 8/17/06 minutes was made by Cynthia Gredys, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED

Recording Secretary's Report -

Membership Applications:

1st Readings

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

Gwen & David Mills. 479 Rockport Circle, Folsom, CA 95630. Sponsored by Sally Barron & Cheryl Gower.

Pam Longville. 5649 Miller Trunk Hwy. Duluth, MN 55811. Sponsored by Karen Dumke and Carol Powers.

Laurie Bradshaw & Bryan Bear. 11808 Butte Creek Island Rd. Chico, CA, 95928. Sponsored by Toby Brandtman and Suzanne Deghi.

Wendy Francis. 3955 Gray Hills Rd. Wellington, NV 89444. Sponsored by Edwina Berg and Debbie Butler.

Joy Windle. 2255 Strasburg Rd. East Fallowfield, PA 19320. Sponsored by Barbara Ewing and Walton Clement III.

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

2nd 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.

Deborah & Richard Rogstad, 6383 Fishtrap Rd. Denton, TX 76208, sponsored by Shirley McFadden, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock and Laurie French-Courtney.

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

New life members effective 2007:

Edwina Berg, Jean Brauner, Robin Clifford, Chris Danker, Ariel Duncan, Debbie Goddard, Barbara Johansson, Winnie Kelly, Connie and William Lewis, Lavonne Novakofski, Constance Pobst, Chris Radke, Jim Sillers, Barbara Todd, Emily Wessel, and Deborah Wilson.

There was discussion regarding how to notify people who are becoming life members prior to when dues are due, and how to determine if life members are still interested in remaining members of BCOA. Motion was made by Cynthia Gredys, with a second by Irina Terra, that Recording Secretary will send the Regional Governors a list of upcoming life members in their region at the time dues notices are sent out. Regional Governors will contact the potential life members to let them know that they need to submit yearly address updates and indicate continuing interest in BCOA. Ongoing life members need to be asked if they want to remain active (either by returning their dues notice or through contact by email, etc). Lydia Pruett will give the Governors a list of their life members so they can contact them prior to January. R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock will add the life members to the BCOA website, along with their date of joining and their region. Shen Smith will update the dues form for 2008 to add a line regarding continuing interest. MOTION PASSED

Other:

A petition and candidate profile was received from Lena Tamboer for the position of AKC delegate. A ballot is being printed and will be mailed to the membership by the November 15th deadline. The tabulator for this ballot is The Voting Group, LLC. 112-16 219 Street, Queens Village, NY 11429

Nominations for specialty and sweeps judge names for 2009-10 were solicited from the membership. The eligible candidates will be placed on a breakdown ballot. The names were reviewed to remove nominees who have judged within the 5 year timeframe. Barbara O'Neill will give Lydia Pruett the name of the tabulator to use for the breakdown ballot.

Trophy Supported Entry requests were approved for:

7/21/07 Nebraska KC

Judge – Chris Neale, Sweeps – Dora McDonald

7/22/07 Nebraska KC

Judge – Patti Neale, Sweeps – Chris Swilley

A TSE request was received from Lydia Pruett, to be held in conjunction with the Lake Minnetonka KC in Jordan, MN on June 10, 2007. Judge is Dr Robert Indeglia, sweeps is Dr Kevin Shimel. R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock made a motion to approve this request, with a second by Shen Smith. MOTION PASSED

*Information regarding these Trophy Supported Entries will be sent to Margie Milne (Borzoi Connection website), and Kathleen Kapaun (Borzoi Connection magazine).

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

Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached)

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

A letter was received from Nancy Katsarelis regarding the ownership of the Borzoi Connection (BC). Nancy indicated that when she did the audit of the BCOA financial records, she did not audit the records of the BC. Nancy wants to know why she did not see anything about the BC in the BCOA records, and wants us to address this. The response to Nancy is that she would not have audited records for the BC when doing a BCOA audit, as the magazine is not owned by BCOA, so is not a part of the BCOA financial records.

Meeting break at 10:33 CST. Meeting continued at 10:50 CST.

The Board discussed the letter of 9/13/06 from BCNE, signed by Karen Miller. The letter asked for clarification regarding Shen Smith's announcement at the 2006 Annual meeting that she is the owner of the BC.

1. *Does the BCOA Board recognize and sanction Mrs. Smith's ownership of the BC?* Yes, Shen Smith is the resident agent of the LLC. If so, *how does the Board account for the BCOA and regional clubs transfer of assets to her?* BCOA has never owned any assets in relationship to the BC so there has been no transfer.

2. *How has the Board reconciled the conflict with BCOA continuing to pay up to \$6250 per year to support her private publication?* BCOA pays \$1250 for 3 issues per year, and around \$2000 for the summer issue for the Aristocrat sections. Shen Smith is the resident agent of the LLC as a guardian for the member clubs that participate in the magazine, and according to the IRS she is considered to be the agent.

3. *How does the BCOA explain the listing of the BC as a source of income to BCOA on its IRS application to change the club's tax status in 2005?* In 2004, when our application for tax status was filed with the IRS, the BCOA was anticipating the future ownership of the BC as a potential source of income. This ownership change did not occur.

The Board discussed the letter from Betsy Denning of 8/14 concerning our 501C3 status, and discussed the response from our attorney Edmund Sledzik regarding her request for a copy of our tax returns. Karen Mays will respond with the required information based on our attorney's advice.

The Board discussed a letter from the BCNE on 8/24 from Karen Miller thanking BCOA for the previous donation of microchips and asking how to purchase more. BCOA is re-evaluating the microchip program and will respond if and when they become available in the future.

Karen Mays received a letter from Joy Windle stating that if she sells another 20 copies of Being Borzoi she will be able to send another \$1000 donation to Borzoi Health. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will add a link on the BCOA health website as a courtesy, directing people to the Being Borzoi website.

Karen Mays read two letters from Maureen Bardwell. The letters did not require any action from the Board.

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

Treasurer's report (see attached)

Shen Smith received a letter from Purina, thanking BCOA for our participation in their Purina Partnership Seal program. We have 153 members who are participating in the Purina seals. From 1/6/06-8/31/06, 50 BCOA members submitted circles resulting in a total of \$1073.80 accumulated points for the 2006 program.

Shen Smith received a call from Chris Baldwin regarding the insurance to cover our challenge trophies. The information for the insurance rider is being sent to Shen Smith.

Liz Duncan purchased an item from the 2005 national consignment art auction. The artist indicated that she is not able to provide the item, has returned her portion of the fee and has requested that we refund the total purchase price to Liz Duncan. There was a motion by Lydia Pruett, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun to refund the amount of \$1850 to Liz Duncan. MOTION PASSED. In the future, all art auction items need to be complete and present at the time of the auction.

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

AKC Delegate's Report (see attached)

A motion to approve the Delegate's Report was made by Karen Mays, with a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED.

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 – Nothing to add

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

Committee Reports (see attached):

Barbara O'Neill indicated that there are two standing committee chair appointments that need Board approval. Jeremy Freshwater for the Aristocrat and Bill Hemby for the Legislative committees. Kathleen Kapaun made a motion to approve these positions, with a second by Cynthia Gredys MOTION PASSED

Aristocrat –

Helen Lee requested that all statistical committee chairs send their reports to Jeremy Freshwater, who will compile the information and send it to her.

There was discussion about whether or not the Board wanted the BCOA to continue to support the Aristocrat section of the BC as a set sum, or to start paying by the page. BCOA is paying a higher percentage for our pages compared to the other clubs. BCOA currently pays about \$5750 per year. If BCOA paid \$25 per page rate that the other clubs do, the magazine would most likely fold. The BCOA portion helps to underwrite the cost for all the other participating clubs. Karen Mays made a motion that the BCOA continue support of the BC at our current level to ensure the continuation of the Aristocrat and the BC, due to the importance of the historical records of the BCOA, as well as those of the other clubs, and due to the overall value to the breed. Lydia Pruett seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED.

Cynthia Gredys asked why the Borzoi LGRA results from the National were not printed in the Aristocrat. Barbara O'Neill indicated that she would check with Carol Enz.

BCOA Website –

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock is going to do a complete redesign of the website in the near future, including improving the navigation. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will keep the Board posted as she makes the changes.

Club Inventory and Medals –

Barbara O'Neill has the TSE medals and the stock of conformation medals. She will continue to send them out until we find someone else to take over.

Futurity –

Kathleen Kapaun would like to give up this position in the future. Anyone interested in taking over for the 2008 Futurity should contact Kathleen Kapaun.

2007 Futurity -

Barbara O'Neill found a local tabulating service to do the futurity judge ballots.

Health –

Item A. - Category d. Microchips – Barbara O'Neill will inform Lorrie Scott that the microchip program will be discontinued as we have not had many participants at the recent nationals and clinics are offered by local all breed clubs.

Item B. - Pending Grant #774 for Identifying a Gene for Atrial Fibrillation in Irish Wolfhounds. The requested contribution is \$2500. Kathleen Kapaun made a motion, second by Lydia Pruett, to donate \$2500 from our BCOA Borzoi Health fund as a contribution to this grant. MOTION PASSED. Barbara O'Neill will complete the CHF forms and send them in.

Judges Education –

Barbara O'Neill indicated that AKC is relying more on the parent clubs to put on seminars, etc. for judges education. There will probably be an even greater demand for these in the future. Cynthia Gredys made a motion, with a second by Jim Gibson, to allocate \$400 a year to the Judges Education Committee chair to distribute at her discretion, to help offset expenses related to these presentations. MOTION PASSED.

To ensure the uniformity of judges' education presentations, the presenters must use the BCOA approved material and script. There may be an increased request for mentors as AKC has discontinued the in-ring observation program. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will add a list of BCOA approved ringside mentors to the BCOA website. The requirements and possible revisions for mentors' applications will be discussed at a future meeting.

2007 National Specialty –

To the best of knowledge, no one has volunteered for auction coordinator. If anyone is interested in the position, please contact Rebecca at kinobi@comcast.net as soon as possible. An auction is usually one of our larger fundraisers for the specialties. The show committee wants tenting for the ring, the vendors, spectators and grooming. The first estimate was over \$7000. After extensive discussion and review of the needs, the consensus of the Board is that tenting the entire ring defeats the purpose of having an outdoor show. The Board approves up to \$2000 to be used for tenting, and stipulates that the entire ring is not tented. The Board wants to thank Colleen Thiboutot for her hard work putting on the agility B match as a fundraiser for the specialty.

Trophy Supported Entries – It was suggested that BCOA purchase organza bags to be sent out with the medals to enhance in the presentation. Jim Gibson will send R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock the updated TSE schedule for the website.

Junior Showmanship –

The Board reviewed Barbara Lord's recommendations.

Cynthia Gredys made a motion, with a second by Lydia Pruett, that in order to encourage BCOA junior members, the application process will be streamlined by waiving the annual dues and sponsor forms. If needed, Board members could sign the application form for the junior. The application fee must still apply based on the BCOA constitution. MOTION PASSED. A second motion made by Cynthia Gredys, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun, that points toward the annual junior handler award will start accumulating on the date the application and fee is received. MOTION PASSED.

ROM - There was a motion by Cynthia Gredys to accept the listed applications for ROM's, with a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED. It was determined that the point system for Rally Obedience should remain at the current level.

Lure Coursing –

From January of this year until September there have been 33 lure coursing titles earned by Borzoi; 25 of which were owned by BCOA members.

Mary Childs requested that we explore the possibility of splitting the Veterans stakes for field trials at the National. The Board did not have a problem with this if it falls under ASFA guidelines.

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock received a letter from the ASFA Corresponding Secretary asking how our Region 4 club would like to vote for ASFA Region 4 director. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock recused herself from the vote and asked the Board's direction. Nominees are Linda Stilwell and Victor Whitlock. A motion was made by Cynthia Gredys, second by Shen Smith to vote for Victor Whitlock. MOTION PASSED.

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

Unfinished Business

Junior Showman Fund – tabled to next meeting

Constitution & By-Laws Revisions – Article X amendment. Laurie Kasowski submitted feedback that she did not like the word confinement in section C as she felt that this might be misinterpreted as meaning we were against properly confining dogs. The Board felt that the word confinement as used in the sentence is clear.

The Board clarified that none of the members of the BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee can be officers, directors, owners, family or household members of any organization that may be, or potentially may be a recipient of any rescue funds.

A motion was made by Karen Mays, with a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, to approve Article X, The Administration of the Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue. MOTION PASSED
The tabulator for the Article X ballot to the membership will be the Voting Group.

BCOA received a bill from our tax attorney Edmund Sledzik for his consulting work regarding the Beverly Taylor fund in the amount of \$9855 for 32 hours, at a billing rate of \$300 per hour.

❓ 4 hours @ \$1200 were for authorized BCOA business concerning the fund.

❓ 5 hours – 45 minutes @ \$1800 were directly attributed to personal calls and letters from Kevin Miller and Karen Staudt-Cartabona, and to a letter from Betsy Denning submitted by the board.

☐ \$6855 for the remaining hours was attributed to follow-up on the above mentioned contacts, i.e. organizing teleconferences, etc.

Since these costs are deducted from the Beverly Taylor Fund, as outlined from the Trusts lawyers, and ultimately will affect the concern and well being of Borzoi our attorney will be instructed to ignore any contact from anyone other than the President of the BCOA, unless otherwise authorized by her. All questions and concerns must be directed to the President. Further discussion of this issue is necessary and no motion was made at this time to pay the invoice

Board members should review the changes made by the constitution committee. Send any suggestions to Kathleen Kapaun so the updates can be approved prior to the specialty.

Historical Photos to CD Project-

Lena Tamboer and Gwen Post have been sending historical information to Edna Ogata, who is compiling the records. Thank you to Lena, Gwen and Edna for their hard work! We are hoping that this will be done and ready for sale next year.

50/50 Online Shopping – tabled to next meeting

Board Member Code of Conduct – see attached

Karen Mays brought an example of the Canine Health Foundation's Code of Ethics and Roles and Responsibilities. We reviewed this example. Karen Mays suggested that we add that any board member failing to uphold the Code of Ethics is subject to removal by a majority vote of the Board. Cynthia Gredys volunteered to revise this document to fit BCOA. She will send the revisions to the Board by December 5th. Kathleen Kapaun made a motion, with a second by Lydia Pruett, that we adopt a Code of Conduct, and that it is signed by all Board members at the beginning of every year, starting with 2007. MOTION PASSED.

New Business

Standing Rules –

There needs to be a process for tracking the motions and decisions made by the Board. The record needs to be alphabetical by subjects and by date within the subject. We will start decisions included in the minutes on the BCOA website. Cynthia Gredys will ask Terry Doane if she would be interested in doing this, as she is very good at this type of organization. The Recording Secretary can maintain the record once it has been created.

Announcements

International Conference

June 27-30, 2008 in St Petersburg. The world show is the weekend of July 4,5th. The following weekend is the Borzoi Ringen specialty. There will be kennel tours that week in Sweden.

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM CST.

Discussion

The confusion with the ownership of the BC started when the BCOA Board discussed the BC at a board meeting in Nov 02. An update regarding the BC was given to the Board by Barbara O'Neill, who is also a member of the BC Board. This discussion might have given the impression that the BCOA owned the BC as decisions regarding the subscription status were made. It should have been clarified that the discussion in Nov 02 was regarding the Aristocrat portion of the BC. The BCOA determined at that meeting that the club was not financially able to subsidize the BC, so it would be necessary to go to a subscription status in order to keep the magazine going. The confusion continues to occur as Barbara O'Neill and Shen Smith are on the BC Board as well as the BCOA Board so it was not always clear what was being discussed. The BC has used the BCOA VISA account to accept subscription and ad payments, and there has always been a transfer of funds from the BCOA VISA account to the BC. The other funds to the BC are the BCOA payment for the Aristocrat pages. If it is shown that the BCOA owned the BC at that time, we will have a huge tax liability for unrelated income as a 501C7. The BCOA could own the BC now as we have a 501C4 status, but BCOA has never owned it in the past. Barbara O'Neill is concerned that if the BCOA takes the ownership for the future, there may be changes in the magazine that may be different than how things are being handled now. The BC is a LLC. An LLC has to file a schedule S with the owner's personal income taxes. A licensed judge cannot own the BC. The BCOA does not want to own it at this time, as we are afraid that will just increase the confusion with the membership and further muddy the waters. Shen Smith indicated that she needs someone to be the resident agent of the LLC and own the BC. She is the resident agent at this time, but can not continue to hold that position as she is a judge. Shen announced that Joe Rogers will be assuming the position of the resident agent of the BC LLC

Future agenda

Constitution & By-Laws Revisions

50/50 Online Shopping

Junior Showman Fund

Mentor Application Requirements