



BCOA Annual Membership Meeting
Friday, April 27, 2007
Warwick, Rhode Island

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

Barbara O'Neill introduced the Officers of BCOA, excluding Jim Gibson Region 2 who was absent.

A motion was made by Becky Smith to approve the minutes of the 2006 Annual meeting as published. There was a second by Lynda Gillaspey. MOTION PASSED.

Lydia Pruett, Recording Secretary reported that BCOA has 455 member households, with a total of 576 adult members and 9 junior members. There are 139 life members. A quorum is 57 members. There were 86 BCOA members present at this meeting. A quorum was established. A motion to approve the Recording Secretary's report was made by Dee Jones, with a second by Barbara Skinner. MOTION PASSED.

Karen Mays, Corresponding Secretary indicated that she had no additional information to report.

Shen Smith, Treasurer reported that we received \$764.16 for our Borzoi Donor Advised Fund due to member participation in the Purina seals program. Shen Smith encouraged the membership to participate in this program as many clubs receive thousands of dollars. Shen Smith announced that the Board voted to donate \$100 to the International Borzoi Conference and presented a check to Irina Terra. Irina said that the Conference will be held in St Petersburg, Russia in 2008. There will be more details in the next Borzoi Connection.

Shen announced that BCOA will be looking for new fundraisers due to our financial situation. One idea is to sell raingear with BCOA logo in BCOA colors. Shen said that we would need to take pre-orders for these.

There was a question from Kevin Miller regarding the 1st Quarter of 2007 Treasurer's report. He indicated that the \$10,000 that was transferred from a CD to the general fund should not be counted as income as we already own the CD. He indicated that if the transaction were displayed correctly, it would show that BCOA actually lost money during this quarter and it would emphasize our financial situation. Shen Smith indicated that one of losses in income is an increase in life members who do not pay dues.

Kevin Miller then asked if the Beverly Taylor Rescue Foundation money would be included in the Treasurer's report. Shen Smith responded that the Foundation will issue checks; they will not be run through the BCOA treasury as BCOA is a club, not an investment group. Kevin Miller stated that BCOA needs to receive an accounting of the funds.

Karen Staudt-Cartabona made a motion to have a yearly accounting of the money from the Foundation to the BCOA membership. Mary Childs stated that the funds will go to Borzoi Rescue organizations. A second to the motion was made by Barbara Skinner. Barbara O'Neill stated that this issue is already covered in the recently approved addition of Article X to BCOA's Constitution - Section 2, (b) (7). The question was called by Toby Brandtman. MOTION PASSED.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Prudence Hlatky, with a second by Kalen Dumke.
MOTION PASSED.

Barbara O'Neill thanked Betsy Denning and Karen Miller for the centerpieces for the luncheon.

Committee Reports

Health - Ginger Jones reported that there were 31 CERFs, 37 heart auscultations and 10 echocardiograms done at the health clinics. The seminar was well attended and the DVD's will be mailed out to those who ordered them. Information about ordering a DVD of the seminar will be available on the BCOA website. Ginger asked that California members send her names of specialists and potential subjects for seminars for next years National. Ginger thanked the membership for supporting BCOA health through their donations and time. She mentioned that a list of all the approved grants supported by BCOA will be put on the BCOA website.

Ways and Means – This is a new committee, chaired by Fred and Carol Vogel. Fred thanked the membership for the support of the Borzoi calendar fundraiser. He indicated that they will try and make another one next year. Fred indicated that he and Carol would like to work on fundraising with next year's National Committee to create start up funds for the Specialty.

Futurity – Kathleen Kapaun is looking for a volunteer to take over as futurity chair.

Karen Staudt-Cartabona asked how the 50/50 online shopping was going. Barbara O'Neill responded that the Board changed it from 50/50 to 20/80 as feedback indicated that this would be more affordable to the membership.

A motion was made to accept the committee reports by Valori Trantanella, with a second by Fred Edlin.
MOTION PASSED.

Unfinished Business

Barbara O'Neill reported that the recent ballot to revise the Constitution and By Laws to add Article X was approved.

Lydia Pruett announced that the Judge for the 2009 National will be Bo Bengston, and Katie Averill as Sweepstakes Judge. She reported that there was a tie for the 2010 National between Christopher Neale and Mrs Lee Canalizo. There will be a tie-breaking ballot included with the dues notice that will be mailed to the membership in September. Cricket Murray will be the Sweepstakes Judge for 2010.

Barbara O'Neill introduced the members of the Beverly Taylor Rescue Committee: Karen Denning and Barbara Skinner for a one-year term as the members at large and Kathleen Kapaun, Laurie Kasowski and Jim Gibson will be the Board members on the committee. Barbara O'Neill explained that the committee will be working through conference calls and emails to set up how the funds are allocated and distributed.

New Business

Judges Education – Patti Neale explained the changes in the AKC Judges mentoring program. The in-ring observation program has been discontinued and replaced with ringside mentoring with experienced long time breeders. Parent clubs have been asked to provide AKC with a list of qualified mentors. The requirements for BCOA's mentor program are stricter than the AKC's. These mentors will be ethically restricted from showing to their mentees. We need to develop somewhat relaxed criteria such as 12 years in the breed, success as a breeder and can talk intelligently to the judges. Patti Neale asked that interested members should contact her and she will create a list for the Board's approval. The current BCOA mentors are already approved. Lena Tamboer asked if it was ok to do ringside mentoring at local specialties. Patti responded that it is always ok to answer questions but official mentors have to be on the

AKC's list. Patti Neale also mentioned that there are a lot of new Borzoi judges each year that have never contacted her for judges education material, etc.

Barbara O'Neill asked if there was any more new business.

Pat Hardy asked if BCOA could send everything to the membership through email in order to save money.

Barbara Skinner stated that there were still members who do not have email/internet access.

Kalen Dumke asked if a list of people without email could be established.

Lydia Pruett indicated that the Secretary's page on the BCOA website already has all minutes and reports and that people can elect to have a paper copy mailed.

Pat Hardy suggested that the dues notice include a check box to indicate if the member did not have email access.

Meghann Lord asked if email statistics reported bounced emails so that we could tell if people received their email.

Shen Smith said that she currently sends the list of bounced emails to Lydia Pruett to keep the membership list up to date.

Jane Schreiber asked if members could request a hard copy of the minutes on their dues notice.

Jon Steel wondered if members could opt out of receiving a hard copy if the Constitution required that one be provided.

Valori Trantanella suggested that an announcement be emailed to the membership when new minutes are added to the BCOA website.

Karen Spey indicated that it was everyone's privilege to receive ballots.

Chris Neale asked if the Board could appoint a committee to establish a protocol for this process.

Shen Smith reported that average printing is \$175, \$300 postage and if we need to pay a tabulator it is over \$400.

Pat Hardy asked if the ballots could be posted on the BCOA website and members could download them, print them and mail them in themselves.

Valori Trantanella asked that if we could figure out a cheaper method, could we vote for judges on an annual basis instead of biannual.

Barbara O'Neill agreed to establish a committee to look into this.

Lynda Gillaspey asked if it was ok to donate time to help create ballots, stuff envelopes and mail them.

Amy Sorbie asked if the Specialty schedule could be adjusted to eliminate a day of judging.

Barbara O'Neill said that this is already occurring next year (tentatively - field events on Sunday and Monday, Obedience and Futurity on Tuesday, Sweepstakes on Wednesday, Dogs on Thursday, Bitches on Friday, Veteran/Non Regular on Saturday AM and BOB on Saturday PM.

Meghann Lord made a motion to move stud dog and brood bitch to after BOB judging. A second was made by Lena Tamboer. Barbara O'Neill asked if everyone would promise to stay after BOB judging to watch stud dog and brood bitch as these are important to the breed. The question was called by Valori Trantanella. MOTION PASSED.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dee Jones, with a second by Jean Patton. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 EDT.