



Phone conference February 26, 2007 8:30PM EST

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

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

Barbara O'Neill welcomed Jon Steele back to the Board.

Barbara O'Neill reviewed the duties and responsibilities being a Board member, which are to follow the bylaws of our constitution. The importance of confidentiality was stressed.

The Code of Conduct for Board Members was discussed. It was suggested that the term Executive Director be changed to President. Cindi Gredys will review and revise again and we will discuss at the face-to-face meeting in April.

Email received from Nancy Katsarelas asking that we correct November 18, 2006 minutes as she felt her letter was misinterpreted. She was not asking for a response to the board, simply clarifying what her audit included to ensure the accuracy of our records. The minutes will be corrected to reflect this.

A motion to approve the November 18, 2006 minutes with correction was made by Karen Mays, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED

Recording Secretary's Report -

Membership Applications:

1st Readings

Debra Chiaramonti. 1677 Burlington Jacksonville Road, Bordentown, NJ 08505. Sponsored by Carol Kubiak-Zamora and Dr. Kevin Shimmel

Margaret Lucia. 5301 Huepers St, Alvin, TX 77511. Sponsored by Sandra Simmons and R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock.

Leonore Abordo. PO Box 760, Sandia Park, NM 87047. Sponsored by Sandra Moore and KC Thompson & Tom Golcher.

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

2nd 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.

A motion to accept the applicants receiving their second reading as members was made by Cindi Gredys, with a second by Irina Terra. MOTION PASSED

Reinstatements needed for members paying dues after 12/31/2006:

Kristi Arnquist, Maureen Bardwell, Mickey Cinollo, Elizabeth Coney, Carol Enz, Lynda Gillaspey, Nancy Hopkins, Vanessa Johnson, Marilyn Lockhart, Shirley McFadden, Janis McFerrin, Tammy Ream, Tara Toban, Doyle & Lynn Wall, Kris Woodail, Marcella Zobel

A motion was made by Lydia Pruet, with a second by Karen Mays, to reinstate those listed as paying dues after 12/31/06 and prior to March 1, 2007. MOTION PASSED

Members who will be dropped March 1, 2007 for non payment of dues:

David Beach, Jackie Browning, Susan Delgalvis, Marvin & Marsha Frace, Zo Hawkins, John & Ruth Heins, Carla Hofmann, Joel & Marcia Majors Kmetz, Michael & David White Kurt, Bonnie Lapham, Tim Moore, Nancy & Carl Reinhart Nichols, Kerry Pettit, Kim Plache (not renewing), Linda Schneider, Charles Shatzkin & Bari Wroblewski, Dr. Mary Shoaf, Roy Silguero, Colette Smith, Shawn Smith, Chris Swilley, Robert Torquato, Nitsa Trayler, Stephanie Truelsen, Sue Vasick (not renewing), Elizabeth Whitehead

Deceased members:

Christine Bradley, Kathleen McKim

Trophy Supported Entry requests were approved for:

1/26/2008, Abilene KC, Abilene TX

Judge: Christopher Neale, Sweeps: Juan Vasquez

Contact: Terry Steele

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

TSE applications received for:

8/12/2007, Greater Racine KC, Racine WI

Judge: Mary Beth Arthur, Sweeps: Ginger Jones

Contact: Susan Motisi

A motion to approve the TSE request in conjunction with the Greater Racine KC was made by Cindi Gredys, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED

Other:

A ballot sent to the membership to add Article X to the Bylaws and to include additions to the Names and Objects of the BCOA Constitution.

A breakdown ballot sent to the membership for 2009-10 National Specialty Judges and Sweeps Judges.

A motion to approve the Recording Secretary's report was made by Jim Gibson, with a second by Rebecca Peters-Campbell. MOTION PASSED

Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached)

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

Request for nominations for AKC Life Time Achievement Award Nominations. Discussed potential names for and decided to nominate the following: Conformation – Nadine Johnson, Companion - June Mintchell, Performance – Dr Anne Midgarden, DVM. Jim Gibson made a motion to nominate these candidates, with a second made by Jon Steele. MOTION PASSED

Letter from AKC asking about our interest in participating in a national AKC obedience competition. Karen Mays read the questionnaire to the Board and asked for our input. The Board suggested sending the questionnaire to our obedience chair Bonnie Nichols for input.

Received names of juniors who have been competing in AKC events with Borzoi, who qualified for the AKC Eukanuba challenge. Barbara O'Neill suggested that this info be passed on to Barbara Lord to see if these juniors are interested in joining BCOA if they are not already members.

Inquiry from AKC asking if we are sending anyone to the Parent Club Conference which has been scheduled for July 20-22. Lydia Pruet and Barbara O'Neill will attend for BCOA.

There was discussion regarding AKC's survey asking about having a mixed breed registry and allowing mixed breed dogs to compete in AKC performance events.

Laurie Kasowski asked if Karen Mays if she is still sending out new member packets. Karen indicated that she does but is behind because she has been out of town. She will be sending them out soon. Barbara O'Neill asked Karen Mays if she would like someone else to do this (the packet includes a letter, constitution packet and membership pin). Barbara O'Neill will ask Edna Ogata if she would be willing to take on this duty. Karen Mays will do November's mailings.

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 asked the Board to start thinking about expenses that can be cut and ways to bring in new money as our expenses are much higher than our income. We had some unusual expenses, such as paying for the flea problem at the Olympia National, and refunding money from an item that was not provided for the 2005 art auction. Karen Mays said that in most clubs that she is aware of, life members are nominated based on outstanding service, not just length of membership. This would require a constitutional change in order to protect our club. Lydia Pruett suggested that the conference calls be paid by the board members again. Laurie Kasowski made a motion that the cost of the conference calls be split by the board members in attendance. Lydia Pruett seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED. Laurie Kasowski suggested that annual award photo plaques could be changed to not include a photo unless the member wanted to pay for the photo. Cindi Gredys suggested that we eliminate the photo option altogether. Jon Steele suggested setting up a committee to go through the budget and find ways of making cuts and bring the suggestions back to the Board for the face to face meeting in April. The Board determined that we will not insure the challenge trophies at this time. We will develop a hold harmless contract for the Brandtman's in case a trophy is lost. Jon Steele suggested that we pay our liability insurance semi-annually rather than annually in order to create more cash flow. Shen Smith said the separate websites for rescue and health will be dropped and will be combined with the BCOA website. The payments from BCOA to the BC will be cut in half, except for the Specialty issue. Rebecca Peters-Campbell suggested that ballots be put online and members could download them and mail them in themselves to the tabulators. We would need to see if AKC would allow for this. We could mail ballots to those who do not have computers. Laurie Kasowski suggested creating a "founders" group that could sponsor a donation to BCOA on a yearly basis. Shen Smith asked for permission to cash the CD and put half in the general operating fund, and reinvest the other half back into a CD. Lydia Pruett made a motion to approve this, with a second by Jon Steele. MOTION PASSED. This discussion generated a lot of ideas. The Board will follow-up at the face to face meeting in April.

Shen Smith presented a copy of Edmund Sledzik's bill. Laurie Kasowski asked that we ask Mr Sledzik to remove the two entries on 5/31 for a phone call and letter from Mr Miller as he was not authorized to speak to Mr Miller per our instructions during the Board Meeting of 2-1-2006. Cindi Gredys made a motion that we cite the minutes from the 2-1-2006 meeting that Mr Sledzik was present at, and based on those minutes, we ask him to remove the unauthorized amounts and that we pay the balance. Laurie Kasowski seconded the motion. The vote was nine for, one opposed (Jon Steele), one abstained (Irina Terra) and the president does not vote. MOTION PASSED. The Board is saddened that unfortunately, this money will come out of the Beverly Taylor trust intended for rescue as a result of a handful of disgruntled members who have hindered the process and dictates of the trust to be executed smoothly and efficiently.

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

AKC Delegate's Report – none provided

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

Barbara O'Neill stressed the importance of providing reports by the requested deadline. If they are not received timely, there is not enough opportunity to review the material prior to the meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Regional Governor reports by Karen Mays, with a second by Jon Steele.
MOTION PASSED.

2007 Standing Committee Appointments

Changes to 2006 Committee Appointments are:

Aristocrat – Jeremy Freshwater
Club Inventory and Medals – Barbara O'Neill
Legislative Issues – Bill Hemby
Tabulator – Patricia Swanson
Ways and Means – Fred and Carol Vogel

2008 Nominating Committee Chair – Cynthia Gredys. Committee members - Ariel Duncan, Nadine Johnson. Cindi Gredys will contact Ariel and Nadine to see if they will participate.
Alternates – Pat Hardy and Cyndi Dell.

A motion was made to accept the standing committee appointments by Karen Mays, with a second by Jim Gibson.
MOTION PASSED

BCOA members interested in running for a Board position for 2008 should contact a member of the Nominating Committee prior to August 1, 2007.

**Cynthia Gredys - jubilee@futuretk.com
Nadine Johnson - Rznstarborzoi@aol.com
Ariel Duncan – ariel@wildhunthounds.net**

Committee Reports- (see attached)

Futurity – Kathleen Kapaun is still looking for someone to take over the Futurity chair position. **If interested, please contact Kathleen Kapaun at qamyocopper.net.**

Health – Received request from Ginger Jones to attend the Breeders Symposium sponsored by the AKC and the AKC Canine Health Foundation. She will prepare a report and present it to the membership and board at the National in Rhode Island. The cost is \$125 which will come out of the health committee's funds. Lydia Pruett made a motion to approve Ginger's request, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED. Ginger Jones enrolled the BCOA in the AKC CAR incentive program through AKC. The program provides a rebate to the club of \$2 per dog micro chipped and registered with the AKC when the enrollment includes our unique club PIN number. Ginger requested that we consider that the rebate from the CAR microchips to be donated to the health fund, but if the rescue committee wants to take over the microchips program, it could go to rescue. The Board had previously decided to discontinue the microchip programs at the National due to low participation.

Gazette – Jon Steele asked if the Borzoi Gazette column could be put on the BCOA website as many people do not receive the Gazette. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will add a section to the BCOA website. As long as credit is given, the column can be reproduced.

Lure Coursing – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock asked if Victor Whitlock could attend the ASFA Convention of Delegates for BCOA instead of herself. Jon Steele made a motion approving this request, with a second by Lydia Pruett. MOTION PASSED

ROM

A motion to approve to accept the listed applications for ROM's was made by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED

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

Unfinished Business

Constitution & By-Laws Revision – tabled

50/50 Online Shopping – tabled

Mentor Application Requirements – The Board discussed and determined that there is not a need to revise the requirements at this time. We will wait until AKC gives us further instructions. Shen Smith will contact Patti Neale and ask her what her thoughts are. The question is, are our requirements too strict (quantity vs quality)?

Standing Rules – We are still looking for a volunteer to compile our decisions and motions into a list in order to be able to keep track of them. Changes to policies or procedures that allows for more than a one time action would be tracked. **If interested in helping BCOA with this project, please contact Barbara O'Neill.**

New Business

Shen Smith indicated that we need to authorize a contribution to NBRF for spaying and neutering. Laurie Kasowski made a motion to authorize \$500 for NBRF, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION APPROVED.

Annual Awards Master of Ceremonies

Barbara O'Neill indicated that she would like a Master of Ceremonies for the Annual Awards Banquet, to introduce speakers, announce the awards, etc. Barbara O'Neill will make an outline of the tasks and email the Board for suggestions. Jon Steele agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies

We received an email request from Karen Staudt-Cartabona asking how she should vote for the upcoming AKC Board elections. There was discussion about the candidates. Nominating Committee slate: Patricia Haines (sitting Director), Judy Hart and Cindy Vogels. Running from the floor: Dr. Carmen Battaglia (sitting Director), Patti Strand (sitting Director), Ken Marden (former Board Member). Lydia Pruett made a motion to support the nominating committee's slate, with a second by Cindi Gredys. The vote was ten for, one opposed (R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock) and the president does not vote. MOTION PASSED

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Gibson, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 AM EST.

Future Agenda Items

Cuts in BCOA operating expenses

Constitution & By-Laws Revision

50/50 Online Shopping

Mentor Application Requirements