



**September 22, 2007
St Louis, Missouri**

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

President Barbara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM CST

A motion to approve the April 10, 2007 minutes was made by Rebecca Peters-Campbell, with a second by Jon Steele. MOTION PASSED

Recording Secretary's Report -

Membership Applications:

1st Readings

Kasey Nelson, 229 Elijah Simmons Road, Woodruff SC 29388. Sponsored by Pat Hardy and Monica Barry.

Kay Sneath, PO Box 649, Hawthorn, Victoria 3122 Australia.

Keith & Janice Sharkey, 8350 N. Ira Martin Ave, Crystal River FL 34428. Sponsored by Lynda Gillaspey and Barbara Binder.

Karyn Convertini, 799 Cabrillo Place, Morro Bay CA 93442. Sponsored by Lisa Cole and Linda Turner.

Mavis Greenhill, 437 100 Hwy 395 Doyle CA 96109. Sponsored by Garnet Thompson and Barbara Tyler Lord. Junior Applicant.

Brigitte Lutsch, 53 St Katherine Way, Brockport NY 14420. Sponsored by Barbara Tyler Lord. Junior Applicant.

Candace K. Zucksworth, 3521 Plover Drive, Decatur IL 62526. Sponsored by Kris Woddail and Lind Beisswenger.

Anne Midgarden, DVM, 12014 Bay Rd, Wapakoneta OH 45895. Sponsored by June Mintchell and Jane Schreiber.

Joe & Maggie Michael, 6174 San Diego Ave, Corning CA 96021. Sponsored by Toby Brandtman and Lynda Gillaspey.

Cassey Cedeno, 2511 Lititz Pike Apt H, Lancaster PA 17601. Sponsored by Dee Burkholder and Dianna Darling.

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

2nd Readings

Mary & Mark Richter. 569 N Main St, Northfield, VT 05663. Sponsored by George & Nancy Snook and Dr Kevin Shimel, DVM

Karin Johnson. 9304 Goodman Road, Quinton, VA 23141. Sponsored by Jane Schreiber, Roy Silguero and Dee Burkholder.

Akane Takemura. 2-2-7 Akasaka, Komoro City, Nagano Ken 384-001 Japan. Junior Applicant

Rey and Yvonne McGehee, 1491 Thorn Creek Road, Moscow, ID 83843. Sponsored by Jeremy Freshwater and Diane Davis

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

Cindi Gredys indicated that the membership application should be modified to reflect that we have agreed to waive the application fee for juniors. We also need to track the junior's 18th birthday as at that time they will need to apply for full membership.

Deceased Members:

Hugh Ungerleider, Ann Filetti, Sylvia Sohr

Trophy Supported Entry requests were approved for:

11/10/2007 Decatur Alabama KC, Decatur AL
Judge: Patricia Thompson-Hodges, Sweeps: Roy Silguero
Contact: Whitney Wright

11/11/2007 Decatur Alabama KC, Decatur AL
Judge: Lisa Warren, No Sweeps
Contact: Whitney Wright

12/15/2007 Richland Cty KC, Ashland OH
Judge: Carol Curray, Sweeps: Roger Katona
Contact: Joyce Katona

03/01/2008, Scottsdale KC, Scottsdale, AZ
Judge: Jon Steele, Sweeps: Lynda Gillaspey
Contact: Dennis Williams

08/20/2008 Atlanta KC, Atlanta GA
Judge: Shen Smith, Sweeps: Roger Katona
Contact: Susan Pennington

Information regarding these TSEs was sent to Margie Milne (Borzoi Connection website) and Kathleen Kapaun (Borzoi Connection magazine). R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock requested that she be included in these updates as well so that she can keep the calendar updated on the BCOA website.

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

Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached)

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

Received an email from Sky Radio network wanting a one-on-one interview with our club, for a reduced rate of over \$2000. We will not be participating.

AKC is recommending that specialty clubs add a section to their hotel contracts indicating that the specialty clubs will not be liable for cancellation charges due to unforeseen circumstances. This is in response to city, county, and state laws regarding anti dog legislation that would make it impossible for the show to be held at a certain location. Barbara O'Neill will check on adding this clause to our future contracts. The Akita club has an example of language they have added to their contracts.

Karen Mays provided an example of a site in Ocala that other clubs have used for their national specialties. These examples are on the AKC specialty site locator that could be used when regional members are looking for locations (e.g. could not find a location for region 2). Barbara O'Neill mentioned that she will update the site with information from our prior specialties.

Karen Mays provided an example of the Dachshund club member code of ethics that they are enforcing.

UPS Mail Box does independent ballot counting. The charge is \$30/per hour to count ballots. We should keep this in mind if we need a tabulator in the future.

Karen Mays mentioned that she had some items that had expired, as we did not have a conference call in August. There was discussion regarding the need to pass this information on to the Board or Regional Governors if an action needs to be taken prior to our next meeting.

There was discussion regarding placing a BCOA ad in the AKC Eukanuba Invitational catalog and sponsoring the commemorative medals. We are not able to sponsor the medals if they cannot be listed in the premium as we missed the deadline. The cost of an ad is \$140. Since we are trying to reduce expenses, we will not place an ad in the catalog this year. We will keep track of the deadline for next year and if we are in better financial shape we will consider at that time.

A motion to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report was made by Shen Smith, with a second by Jon Steele.
MOTION PASSED

Treasurer's report (see attached)

Shen Smith indicated that the cost of mailing the minutes to members will be increased from \$10 to \$12 for 2008 due to the increased cost of postage. She mentioned that we sold 24 copies of Visualization of the Standard to the Holland Borzoi Club.

Shen Smith said that we received contributions from several life members towards our operating expenses. We appreciate these contributions!!

Shen Smith indicated that she modified the dues notice to request that life members respond prior to 12/31 regarding whether they want to remain active as a member. Do we want to have a grace period such as the reinstatement timeframe for lapsed dues? We will need to amend the Constitution if we want to change the criteria for life members. Currently life members count towards the quorum and receive ballots and other mailing. 37% of our membership is life members. Jon Steele made a motion to form a membership committee to create a proposal and bring the issue back to the Board for a vote. Shen Smith seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED. Jon Steele will chair the committee; Shen Smith and Karen Mays will also be on the committee.

Raingear fundraiser – received info from Jenni Steele from the company that did the MBC jackets. The cost is \$70 for a full set or the individual pieces can be purchased. These would be pre-ordered so there is no cash outlay for us. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock made a motion to approve this fundraising project, with a second by Lydia Pruett. MOTION PASSED.

Barbara O'Neill passed out the income/expenses for the 2007 national specialty. There were major profits from the auction, specialty sales and trophies. Thank you to Barbara Yoon and Carol Enz for overseeing these projects! We made a profit of over \$9000 at this specialty! Karen Mays asked about the cost of meals. In order to cover the judge's meals etc, we would have to raise the cost of meals to such a high price that people would not be able to afford them. We lost money on catalog sales and advertising this year and we usually make money. The cost of printing was much higher than usual. We will be switching printing companies next year to a less expensive printer.

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

AKC Delegate's Report – (see attached)

Jon Steele has been discussing the issue of AKC's proposal to allow mixed breeds to compete at AKC performance events with the membership when he is attending specialties and TSE's. He asked the board for our feelings. Biggest opposition is that this issue goes against AKC's charter to promote purebred dogs. Will this promote "designer" dogs for performance events? Entries are already limited at many of these events and there is concern that mixed breed entries may prevent some purebred dogs from being able to compete. Teaching people good citizenship for their dogs, and responsibility for their pets is a good thing. The Board agreed that it was OK for mixed breeds to compete in AKC performance events with the following conditions: titles are separate from purebred dogs, dogs must be spayed or neutered to be entered, OK to be at same event but should be separate classes from purebred dogs.

AKC is proposing to change the novice class to an owner/handler class that will be restricted to those who are not professional handlers or in same family as professional handlers. This changes the emphasis to the handler not the dog. At this point the Board feels that we would like to reserve judgment – not enough info yet.

AKC is discussing removing event fees for events if less than 30 entries (based on last year's numbers).

Jon Steele passed out page on AKC website examples with legislative alerts and library and My AKC record keeping. Add links. R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock will add these links to our BCOA website.

Jon Steele suggested that we develop a FEMA type disaster plan for Borzoi. Could be networking, contacts, etc. for those who need assistance when there is a natural disaster. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock made a motion that we form a new disaster plan committee. Cindi Gredys seconded this motion. MOTION PASSED. Shen Smith volunteered to chair this committee and asked that we appoint Veni Harlan as a member. Shen Smith will contact Veni.

AKC is creating a Canine Humane Fund 5013c – will be able to donate money to Canine Health Foundation as well as others. There is conflict between the CHF and the AKC. Shen Smith indicated that our donor advised fund has been in existence for 10 years and is not being used, as a non-specific heart study has not been created. Can we change the focus of our fund if a study has not been found? Karen Mays suggested that we ask someone from the foundation to speak at our national, as there may be other issues to consider. The Board asked that Karen Mays pursue this.

Jon Steele asked if he is on the right track as a delegate. He wants to be a correspondent between AKC and the Board and vice versa, and also between AKC and the membership. He asked if this was a direction that we wanted him to take. The Board totally support and approve of this role. The membership should contact Jon Steele directly if they have questions or concerns.

A motion to approve the Delegate's report was made by Rebecca Peters-Campbell, second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED.

Governor Reports (see attached):

Region 1 –Discussion regarding request to have our delegate ask AKC to recognize foreign title when imported dog is accepted into the AKC stud book. AKC will not do this as the titles cannot always be verified. The policy has to be the same for all countries and pedigrees. Some registries do not amend records to reflect titles as they are attained.

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 to approve the Regional Governor reports was made by Shen Smith, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED.

Committee Reports- (see attached)

Annual Awards – The awards cost between \$900-\$1100 per year. We have not found a good alternative that is cheaper but still a quality product. The Board recommends that we stop doing a photo engraving, that we downsize the wooden plaque to approximately 5 x 7 and include the pewter logo. The title of the award and year will be added to brass engraving plate (e.g. Top Conformation, but not name of dog). The recipient will also receive a detailed certificate. Barbara O'Neill will discuss this with Nancy Reimer.

BCOA Website - Rescue site, Health site and Gazette articles have been added. List of health grants are being added. Cindi Gredys asked that the Constitution be more accessible. The website structure is basically the same as the old site but the look is different. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will go through and improve the structure in the future.

Club Archives – Lydia Pruett will remove Club Archives from the Committees list

Futurity Event – Joyce Katona has volunteered to work with Kathleen for a year to learn the process and then will take over.

Gazette – Jon Steele will continue to add to the Borzoi characteristics articles that he has been doing and will have occasional guest columnists.

Health – Barbara O'Neill indicated that we are hoping to be able to offer thyroid testing again at the National in Sacramento. Shen Smith indicated that she is concerned that when research grant #774 was canceled, our funds were transferred to the donor advised fund. We were not consulted about this and the funds should have been returned to our health fund so that we could transfer it ourselves to a grant that we want to support as the donor advised fund is still waiting for a research proposal. Karen Mays will check with the CHF to see if these funds can be returned. Lydia Pruett will ask Ginger Jones for a recommendation for a different grant.

Judges Education – Jon Steele asked that we supply AKC Judges Education with our current mentor list. We need to check to see if AKC has our current list. R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock will check with Patti Neale and get the list so that we can put it on our website (along with the state and contact information). R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock will also give the list to Karen Mays who will send it to AKC. Shen Smith will make sure that we get a Judges Education report for our board meetings. We also need to get the recommendations for AKC ringside mentoring. Jon Steele indicated that AKC would approve whomever we approve. Cindi Gredys voiced her concern that the focus for our BCOA mentors for Judges Education is on litters and champions rather than knowledge. Many long time people in the breed would not qualify to mentor at our Judges Education at the nationals as they have not bred enough litters. Our mentors need to have 15 years in the breed, whelped 5-8 litters and bred at least 10 champions. Cindi Gredys feels that our qualifications should match what we give AKC. The Dachshund club requires a breed knowledge test. Shen Smith and Cindi Gredys will develop a draft test. This could be administered yearly at the National. Candidates could also be required to participate in the Judges Education seminar (be able to speak up with their viewpoints).

KIT – Edna Ogata submitted the names that are currently on her list. She wondered if these names are still relevant and if others should be added. We need to keep her informed if know of someone who would appreciate a get well or cheer up card.

2008 Specialty – We have not yet received a signed contract from our sweeps judge. Lydia Pruett will contact Bonnie Dalzell and give her a deadline to sign the contract or we will need to go to the next person on our list.

2009 Specialty – Lydia Pruett made a motion to approve the judge's names as submitted for lure coursing and junior showmanship, second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED. The first name in each category will be contacted, and the first two names will be contacted for lure coursing. Jon Steele is negotiating the price and specific location for ring as the cost has increased from what was quoted. Shen Smith made a motion to approve Micky Nash and Bonnie Nichols as committee chairs as proposed. There was a second by Jon Steele. MOTION PASSED.

Bev Taylor Rescue Committee for the BCOA – Reviewed proposal from the committee's first meeting. Jon Steele suggested that we recommend to the committee that in the investment policy the trustee set aside \$30,000 to be in short term investment to be available as necessary rather than pulling it out and placing it in a CD which creates the need for additional accounting. There should only be one account. Jim Gibson will take these recommendations back to the committee prior to submitting to the attorneys. The trustee should be the only entity writing checks from this account. Rebecca Peters-Campbell made a motion that the committee would submit an amended report on or before 10/15 and that the Board will discuss and hold a conference call on 10/17 if appropriate. Cindi Gredys seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

Standardized Trophies – Cindi Gredys made a motion to approve funds to re-order the double eagle medallions and first place heads. There was a second by R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED. There was discussion regarding changes to the challenge trophies. Challenge trophies are historical; they are BCOA property once donated and approved by AKC. Karen Mays will respond to the request to add additional donor names to the trophy.

TSE - R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock asked that Karen Mays and Lydia Pruett forward TSE or specialty approvals to her to put on the calendar on the BCOA website. Jim Gibson said he can send his calendar to the board quarterly.

Ways and Means – Shen Smith made a motion to reimburse Fred Vogel \$689.40 for 2007 specialty expenses. There was a second by Lydia Pruett. MOTION PASSED.

ROM – Jon Steele made a motion to accept the listed applications for ROM's, second by Rebecca Peter's Campbell. MOTION PASSED

A motion to accept the Committee Reports was made by Cindi Gredys, with a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED

Unfinished Business

Constitution and By-laws – Shen Smith made a motion to appoint Barbara O'Neill to be a member of this committee, with a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock MOTION PASSED. Barbara O'Neill will work on the revisions and have a draft for our next meeting.

AKC Archives – Barbara O'Neill will ask Dick Blodgett for an inventory of BCOA material that he has in his possession. We are not sure what we have in archives. Jon Steele recommended that issue of putting our archives in AKC be tabled until we have more information about ownership, retrieval, publication etc.

Health Clinic Minimum Numbers – When we sign a contract with a vet to do a clinic and we do not meet our minimum, we still have to pay for the contracted numbers. Rebecca Peters-Campbell made a motion that for every hour worked at a clinic, that person will be entitled to a discount for health tests for their own dogs. Lydia Pruett seconded that motion. MOTION PASSED

Standing Committee Appointment – A motion to approve Cindi Gredys as chair of Standing rules committee was made by Lydia Pruett, with a second by Rebecca Peters-Campbell. MOTION PASSED. Cindi Gredys indicated that she hopes to have a product by the end of the year.

Review of Operating Expenses – Shen Smith reviewed the number of domain names that we can drop. We will keep any .org names but can drop the .net or .com names. Karen Mays will contact AKC as they have an incorrect URL for our BCOA website on our breed pamphlets that are sent out with registration papers. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will research rates for online ads and report back to the board at our next meeting.

New Business

Parent Club Conference – Barbara O'Neill indicated that the AKC officers, chairman of the committees etc were very approachable and willing to help. We found that we are doing everything or more, that the other clubs are doing in terms of fundraising etc, for their specialties. This was an affirmation that we have been doing things that work. Lydia Pruett mentioned that member issues was a big problem with clubs; declining or aging membership, getting people involved, a few people doing a lot of work. Lydia Pruett suggested adding a line to the dues notice to get list of people interested on being on committees. Lydia Pruett gave an example of the Pointer club website – members have the ability to update membership database themselves. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock and Shen Smith will check on this.

National Judges – The Board reviewed the BCOA timelines for our National judge – Shen Smith made a motion that the national judge does not judge the borzoi breed nationwide for 6 months, with a second by Cindi Gredys. The vote was 7 for, 1 abstention (Jon Steele), MOTION PASSED. The issue of voting for judges every year was brought up at the general membership meeting. Until we are able to do balloting online, we are not able to do ballots every year, as it is cost prohibitive. We could put ballot on BCOA website for members to download, and mail ballots to those who ask to receive paper minutes or have webtv email accts. Shen Smith and R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will check into portals to see what might be available.

TSE medals – Barbara O'Neill indicated that the last 6 TSE's in a row that she has reviewed have not listed the medallions in the premium list. She is not mailing medallions for these events, as they cannot be awarded if they are not listed in the premium. Barbara O'Neill indicated that the application does not indicate if a medal is needed for obedience and this needs to be amended so that she knows if she should send a medallion for this. Barbara O'Neill will call AKC to see what the rule is about listing the prize in the premium.

Review Roles/Duties Expectations of Regional Governors – A letter was received from the MBC board regarding frequency of contact from the Region 6 Governor. Cindi Gredys indicated that she met with the MBC board and addressed their issues. The Board reviewed guidelines for regional governors. Rebecca Peters-Campbell and Cindi Gredys will work on revising the guidelines as they have not been revised since the use of the BCOA website, email use and the increase in specialties and TSE's. They will seek input from the membership and provide a draft for the next meeting.

Recognition for defeat of California AB1634 – The Board went into executive session at 5:12 PM. The Board returned from executive session at 5:17 PM.

Rescue Donation - BCOA accepted the Mars Petcare Rescue Donation of \$2000 with no strings attached.

2010 Specialty – Clarified that the specialty will be in Region 2 as there was a trade with Region 6 for 2009.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rebecca Peters-Campbell, with a second by Shen Smith. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM CST.

Future Agenda Items

AKC Eukanuba Invitational National Championship ad and commemorative medals – Spring 2008

Lynn – Online ad rates

AKC archives

Agenda for general membership meeting – should judges be restricted from judging specialties for a year prior to national?

Draft of Regional Governor Expectations