



Minutes of the April 18, 2008 Annual Meeting:

Lyons Gate Hotel and Conference Center, McClellan, CA

Meeting Called to order at 12:20PM. Sign-in sheets for Members and Guest had been distributed by Recording Secretary Jan Leikam prior to lunch. After the sheets were collected it was established that a quorum was present. There were 93 members, 38 guests and 1 junior member present. We have 564 Voting Members, 10% = 57 needed for a quorum.

President Lydia Pruett introduced all 2008 Officers and Members of the Board to the membership. Laurie Kasowski as Region 4 Governor welcomed all to California and acknowledged the hard work of Michael McClain and Lorrie Scott as Facility Coordinators for this National.

Minutes of the April 27, 2007 Annual Meeting. Lynda Gillaspey moved that the minutes be approved as printed, second by Fred Edlin. **Motion approved.**

Jan Leikam presented a shortened Recording Secretary's report.

We have a current membership of 564 voting members, plus 12 Junior members and 14 Foreign members. There are 461 households with at least one member and 142 Life Members. This equates to approximately 25% of our membership with Life Member status. Nadine Johnson moved to accept, second by Roni Zucker, **Motion approved.**

Kelly Brunarski introduced herself as Treasurer with a short but very impressive bio: "Received my Ph.D. in finance from The Ohio State University and I am currently an Associate Professor of Finance at Miami University in Oxford, Oh. My husband and I live in Loveland, Ohio (a suburb of Cincinnati) and we have been showing Borzoi since 1993. We currently have three Borzoi." Ms Brunarski states that we have a total of \$45,296.97 in the various designated funds and thanked Fred & Carol Vogel for their efforts to establish an on-going fund for seed money for each National. Diane Davis moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Valori Tarantella seconded, **motion approved.**

Barbara Skinner presented to the membership the report on the Beverly Taylor Trust. She thanked the members of the Committee who have put such thought and time into the establishment of the trust: Karen Denning, Jim Gibson, Kathleen Kapaun, and Laurie Kasowski. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock is replacing Kathleen Kapaun on this committee. Karen Staudt-Catabona moved to have the story of the Trust and its objectives inserted into each National Specialty catalogue. Ron Williams seconded – **motion approved.**

Dee Jones reported on the BCOA rescue Committee. She called for volunteers for a permanent list for in-house checks and asked for people to assist in various projects.

Bill Hemby reported on the various legislative issues throughout the United States and outlined the efforts of various organizations to defeat the proposed spay/neuter and breed-specific laws. K C Artley moved to approve his report, Karen Mays seconded – **motion approved.**

The issue of Life Membership rule changes was addressed by Jon Steele. The three alternatives considered by this Committee were presented and suggestions for other approaches were presented by various Club Members, i.e. canceling the Life Membership status entirely; adding an age requirement such as 65 years old. Patti Neale suggested that we suspend the ‘Life Member’ status in favor of a ‘Service Award’. It was also suggested that the suspension of only future Life Membership with a Constitutional amendment would be another solution.

Tom Golcher requested that the General Membership be allowed to vote on all three of the Life Membership suggestions. Kelly Brunarski stated that AKC will allow changes for future Life Members only and as any change will require a Constitutional change, the membership will vote on this question

The solutions being considered are posted separately under the ‘Life Membership Committee’ heading on the BCOA website.

New Business

Judging restrictions for those elected to judge the BCOA National Specialty were discussed. John Rowton moved, Toby Brandtman seconded to require a 1 year moratorium for judging all Borzoi Specialties plus a 6 month moratorium on all Borzoi judging in the Region of the National. Karen Spey moved to amend John Rowton’s motion to exclude both Westminster KC and the Eukanuba show from the restriction – Scott Doane second. Vote 19 yes, 21 no. **Amendment failed. Original motion passed.**

Lydia Pruett announced that the 2010 BCOA National Specialty will be held at the Drawbridge Inn, Michell, KY. The dates are May 16-22, 2010 – Facility Coordinator is Gale Snoddy.

Jon Steele presented the newest AKC class for ‘Amateur Handlers’ which Clubs can offer beginning in 2009. After discussion questioning the necessity of this class as our breed has an overwhelming preponderance of ‘amateur’ handlers and the intention of encouraging novice exhibitors would not be accomplished, Barbara Skinner moved to not offer this class, Barbara O’Neill seconded, **motion passed.**

The requirement of an official application for the re-imburement of expenses for Juniors to compete in either the Eukanuba or the Westminster show was announced. Requirements were (1) to show a Borzoi in these events and (2) the Junior must reside in the household of a BCOA member in good standing or be an approved junior member of BCOA. . It was decided to ask for donations to this fund along with the dues notice each

year. Suggestions were solicited for additional fund-raising projects – suggestions to be sent to Barbara Lord and/or members of the Board.

As the AKC Eukanuba show will remain in California for a number of years, a request for volunteers to assist in the “Meet the Breeds” activity was made.

**Motion to adjourn made by Jan Leikam, seconded by Jon Steele.
Meeting adjourned at 1:45PM**