



BCOA BOARD MEETING  
Saturday November 15, 2008 9:30 AM  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**Meeting called to order at 9:30AM**

**Present were:**

Lydia Pruett, Barbara O'Neill, Shen Smith, Karen Mays, Jan Leikam, Kelly Brunarski, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Jim Anderson and Laurie Kasowski. Rebecca Peters-Campbell called to inform that her flight was cancelled and she could not find alternate transportation. Absent were: Cindi Gredys, Jim Gibson, Jon Steele.

Quorum was established

**Minutes of the last meeting**

Kelly Brunarski moved to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2008 meeting, Shen Smith second, motion approved.

**Recording Secretary's Report**

**Membership Applications**

*1st Reading:*

**Stacy O'Leary & Richard Schilb**, 14561 Cavalli RD SE, Olalla, WA 98359. sponsored by Suzanne Deghi and Irina Terra.

**Stephanie and Michael Parker**, 2924 Pinehurst DR, Raleigh, NC 27604; sponsored by Roy Silguero and Dora McDonald

**Lois Schultz**, 5504 Woodberry RD, Durham, NC 27707; sponsored by Yoriko Dixon and Margaret Piccone

**Tamara Carey**, 23307 SE 254<sup>th</sup>, Maple Valley, WA 98038 sponsored by Carol Kubiak-Zamora and Dr. Kevin Shimmel

**Charles C. "Chase" Harpole**, 112 Robinson Lane, Off US 460W, Georgetown, KY 40324 – applying for Junior Membership

**Amelia Gredys**, 10912 S 156<sup>th</sup> ST, Louisville, NE 68037-3302 – applying for Regular Membership status from Junior status.

All comments regarding these applications should be sent to the Recording Secretary:

Jan Leikam  
12910 238<sup>th</sup> ST SE  
Snohomish, WA 98296

*2nd Reading:*

**Marcia Obregon**, 830 Greenwood Acres DR, Cumming, GA 30040, sponsored by Pam Mayberry and Ronny Blackstock

**Kitty and Jimmy Sawyer**, 119 Cascio Taormina RD, Seminary MS 39479; sponsored by Dee Jones and Patti Neale

As there has been no correspondence received regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading applicants, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock moved to approve the membership application of Marcia Obregon and Kitty and Jimmy Sawyer, Kelly Brunarski seconded, motion approved.

It was moved by Shen Smith, seconded by Kelly Brunarski to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> readings, with that of Tamara Carey and Stacy O'Leary & Richard Schilb accepted conditional to receipt of additional information.

**The list of new Life Members as of January 1, 2009 has been sent to each of the Board members and are as follows:**

REGION 1

Renie Integlia  
Barbara Skinner  
REGION 2  
None  
REGION 3  
Sandra Simmons  
Doyle & Lynn Wall  
REGION 4  
Ken & Patti Burton  
Bruce & Cathy McDaniel  
REGION 5  
Ray & Jana Brinlee  
Elizabeth Ann Burns  
Patricia Toy  
REGION 6  
Jennifer Beach-Buda  
FOREIGN  
Cherie Hunchak, Canada

The Nominating Committee report was received and mailed to the membership. As there has been no nomination by petition received by the Recording Secretary prior to the deadline of October 31, the slate is unopposed, therefore the Recording Secretary casts one ballot to elect the slate as nominated.

### **TSE**

The Board approved the following TSE applications by unanimous email vote  
Lake Minnetonka KC, Sunday, June 7, 2009, Scott County Fairgrounds, Jordan MN; Chair: Lydia Pruett; sweeps judge Mr. Pat Cunningham; Regular class judge, Anne Fleming  
Cudahy KC, Saturday August 8, 2009, Milwaukee, WI; Chair: Pamela Leichtnam; sweeps judge, Janis McFerrin, Regular class judge, to be determined

Motion to approve the Recording Secretary report by Barbara O'Neill, second Karen Mays, Motion approved.

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report**

Karen Mays reported additionally that the 2008 Canine Health Foundation grant booklet has been received.

Barbara O'Neill moved, Laurie Kasowski 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report – motion approved

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Kelly R. Brunarski**

The figures reported in this paragraph can be referenced in the *Third Quarter Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows*, which has been sent to the board members separately. Third quarter operating income for the BCOA was \$17,650.21, which includes the receipt of the net income from the 2008 National Specialty (not including futurity and health seminar profits) of \$16,991.95. Total interest earned for the third quarter on club accounts was \$268.81. Additionally, in the third quarter, a \$50 contribution was received for charitable funds, income from new member applications was \$165.00 and we received annual dues of \$110.00. Notable expenses in the third quarter included \$655.76 for conference call expenses, \$236.50 for the tabulation services of Rhonda Johns, \$120.00 for website renewals and \$608.00 for first place headpiece medals (Nelles Studios). Edna Ogata was also advanced \$125.00. The fee for the preparation of the 2007 taxes of \$500.00 was paid in September.

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, \$15,000.00 was transferred from our MMF Savings account to our CD, for a total certificate value of \$27,204.17. The current CD earns an APY of 3.4% and will mature on 3/30/2009.

Charitable account balances have changed since the end of September, as charitable donations have been received with dues forms sent in October. The balances in the charitable accounts for *health*, *rescue* and *juniors* are \$8,199.94, \$4,174.71 and \$375.00, respectively, as of 10/25/08. Also, \$135.00 was donated in October to help fund club operations.

Notable October expenses include \$1,113.21 for the fall membership mailing, and \$930.00 to Equisure for director liability insurance. I should have more details at the upcoming board meeting. Additionally, \$1,000 was paid in October for Aristocrat printing (in the Fall Borzoi Connection).

#### *Additions*

Kelly Brunarski reports that we need approximately \$8K profit from each year's National Specialty to cover our operating expenses for that year.

The increasing number of Life Members will cut into our annual income. There is a possibility of a dues increase to offset this loss. Ms. Brunarski also reports that a number of people are including donations to defray operating expenses when paying 2009 dues – these are certainly welcome!

Additionally members are continuing to donate to Borzoi Rescue which is unrestricted as to use for any rescue application as opposed to the strict rules in place for the use of the Beverly Taylor Rescue Trust.

The need to insure our Beverly Taylor Rescue Trust fund for liability was discussed. Kelly Brunarski will speak to our Accountant and Tax Attorney Edmund Sledzik, about this need and she will also research costs for this type of insurance.

Barbara O'Neill moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Laurie Kasowski seconded, Motion approved.

#### **AKC Delegate's Report – Jon Steele**

Jim Anderson moved to approve the Delegate's Report. Kelly Brunarski seconded – motion approved

#### **Regional Governors reports**

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve with Jim Anderson Seconding – motion approved.

#### **Committee reports discussion and additions**

##### **Annual Awards**

Lydia Pruett will reconfirm to the Annual Awards Chair the deadlines for photo and information submission for the engraved Plaques so that they can be prepared in time to present at the Awards Banquet. These deadlines will be a part of our Standing Rules.

##### **Championship Medallions**

Laurie Kasowski would like to encourage any of the membership who have extra medallions to send them to Chris Danker to be redistributed. She mentioned that she was sending all her no longer needed awards to Chris.

##### **Disaster Planning**

RLynn Shell-Whitlock will contact Veni Harlan to get the draft of the proposed site and forward it to the Board for review. She will also notify the Disaster Planning Committee that nothing can be published before Board approval.

##### **Futurity**

Barbara O'Neill is the Futurity Chair with Joyce Katona as the Event Chair

##### **Health**

Lydia Pruett told us that the OFA website health survey is now open for Borzoi and encourages everyone to contribute information online. This website will allow for gathering some statistics related to Borzoi health issues.

##### **National Specialty**

Barbara O'Neill reported that there have been 2 Region 3 groups interested in hosting the **2011** Specialty locations, with both presentations due this May at the Board meeting in conjunction with the National Specialty

- 1) Oklahoma City, OK – Biltmore Hotel
- 2) Lawrence, KS – Holiday Inn

The **2009** Specialty judge, Bo Bengtson, has withdrawn and Mrs. Patricia Ulloa (Sundance Borzoi) has graciously consented to judge our National.

Barbara O'Neill reports that the 2009 Performance events will cost \$2/dog for the field and \$4/dog to the Rhodesian Ridgeback club for use of their equipment.

Many Kudos from Barbara O'Neill to Jenni Steele for the magnificent job Jenni did on the fund-raising T shirts with approximately \$2500 raised

**2010** judges are hired and all is going well. The membership in Region 2 is encouraged to help in any way they can.

It was announced that Todd & Toby Brandtman will not be attending the 2009 National Specialty This presents a problem in that the trophies will not be transported with them to Frankenmuth; however, it was stated that there is no secure location to display them either inside the Bavarian Inn or ringside. Jim Anderson has volunteered to contact Brandtmans to see if there is a way for them to ship the trophies to Michigan as they will be needed in 2010 also..

### **Ways & Means**

Shen presented a fund-raiser selling raingear sets (jackets & pants) with the BCOA logo to be sold through the BCOA website. This project was originally approved at the 9/07 Board meeting. Prices may now have changed and we need to determine the quantity needed as pre orders may not be effective. Jan Leikam moved to go ahead with this project, Karen Mays second, motion approved.

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve the committee reports, Jan Leikam seconded, motion approved.

12:30PM adjourned for lunch

1:42PM reconvened

### **Unfinished business**

AKC response to proposed Constitutional revision was discussed. Suggestions were made to comply with the changes requested

Barbara O'Neill will contact AKC for the specific verbiage for the email authorization forms the Board members to sign.

### **Website Domain Names**

As we are paying for a number of Domain Names that receive no use, it was decided to drop [www.borzoi-health.org](http://www.borzoi-health.org) [www.borzoi-rescue.org](http://www.borzoi-rescue.org) along with their .com, .net & .info extensions as these sites are incorporated into the main BCOA site.

Karen Mays is to contact Charlie Kaeifel at AKC about redirecting the link from their site to ours (theirs currently goes to [www.borzoi-online.com](http://www.borzoi-online.com) and we want it to go to [www.borzoiclubofamerica.org](http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org)).

### **Eukanuba 'Meet the Breed 2009'**

Barbara O'Neill had samples of the Borzoi brochure and business card magnets that will be 'give-aways' at the booth this December. Jim Anderson moved to allocate up to \$200/year to offset expenses for those involved in the staffing of the booth. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded, motion approved.

### **Standing rules**

As it was decided that these are actually a historical overview of our day-to-day operating guidelines, these should be annotated with the date of the latest revision so that we are always dealing with the most current edition. Lydia has spent substantial time organizing and editing these rules and will again revise them in light of this discussion.

### **BCOA web advertising**

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock reported on her research on pricing with extreme differences in duration of ads and cost. She could find no other Parent Club site providing this type of exposure for their members and reinforced that only BCOA members in good standing would be allowed to advertise. R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock will update her pilot program with recommended pricing for us to review and also stated that she would do the billing of any ads.

Karen Mays will send all email address changes to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock.

### **Beverly Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue**

The funds in the Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue have been invested since May, and have earned \$5914 as of October 31st, after PNC's (the corporate trustee) fees were paid. The funds are in low-risk mutual funds, which is good given the recent events in the economy. The Beverly Taylor Rescue Committees' (BTRC) Investment and Disbursement policy states that "with annual application for funds from the recognized Borzoi rescue organizations, the Committee shall, after operational expenses, disburse discretionary funds from the Corporate Trustee investment account" and that these funds are from "accrued income after the first year (and yearly thereafter)". It also states that "the investment account will continue on indefinitely". The funds have not accrued income for a full year, and we have not yet paid operational expenses associated with the Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue, such as legal fees and insurance.

Lydia Pruett will check on the \$30,000 fund that was to have been available for extreme emergency use, i.e. Hurricane Katrina, a very large kennel rescue, and other catastrophic events.

What this means is that we will not be able to approve any disbursements of these funds until the annual meeting in May 2009 (and after the operational expenses have been paid). Disbursements are to be done from the earned interest, not the principle (if the fund is to continue indefinitely, we have to preserve the principle).

It is also important to recognize that, if the funds continue to accrue earnings as they have thus far, the earnings will almost certainly be insufficient to fully fund Borzoi rescue organizations in 2009. Therefore, for this reason, and because any earnings will not be available for disbursement until spring/summer of 2009, we encourage our membership to continue in their financial support of Borzoi rescue organizations.

After discussion, Barbara O'Neill moved to send \$1400.00 to Borzoi Rescue of Northern California to assist in their operating expenses. Jim Anderson seconded, motion approved. Kelly will send the check.

### **Mentor guidelines**

Lydia Pruett updated the application form and the list of approved mentors which were made at the 2008 Sacramento, CA board meeting. It was decided to include State, Email and Phone numbers of the mentors which will be put on the website in searchable form. Jan Leikam will compile this information and send to R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock.

### **National Specialty member education**

An Ice Cream Social is planned along with an education program for the 2009 National in Frankenmuth, MI. Barbara O'Neill moved, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded, to allocate \$500/year for this project. Motion approved.

### **Adjourn – 4:40PM**

Motion to adjourn made by Shen Smith, seconded by Jim Anderson, Meeting Adjourned.

