



**BCOA Board Meeting
November 12, 2011
Planter's Inn, Savannah GA**

The board meeting was called to order at 9:47AM.

Present were:

Kelly Brunarski
Karen Mays
Jan Leikam
KC Artley
Barbara O'Neill
Ron Williams
Jane Schreiber
R.Lynn Shell
Lorrie Scott

Absent were:

Robin Riel
Joyce Katona

A quorum was established.

K.C. Artley moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published, Jane Schreiber second. Minutes approved.

Membership Applications.

There were 2nd readings for Diane Embry, Loretta Binder-Wheeler, Kari McCloskey, Johnnie Roe, Krista Hunt DVM and junior members Rachel Hunt & Charlotte Hunt. The application for Barbara Simpson is now complete as R. Lynn Shell has visited her home. K. C. Artley moved to approve these new members. Lorrie Scott seconded. Memberships were approved.

Trophy-Supported Entry Application:

A TSE application was approved for June 9, 2012, Greenwich Kennel club. The sweeps judge is Mr. Roy Silguero, the regular classes judge is Mrs. Judge Webb.

There was a question about sweepstakes judges. The standing rule is that the sweepstakes judge for our National Specialty cannot judge a Borzoi sweepstakes or match six months prior to the National Specialty.

Officer Reports

Karen Mays moved to approve the report of the Recording Secretary. Ron Williams seconded. Report approved.

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve the report of the Corresponding Secretary. R. Lynn Shell seconded. Report approved.

Jan Leikam moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Ron Williams seconded. Report accepted.

AKC Delegate – Barbara O’Neill

At the December AKC Delegate’s Meeting, the Delegates will be voting on a proposal to allow a person connected with dog food, dog remedy or kennel supply companies in the capacity of solicitor or salesman to become an AKC judge. The BCOA Board instructs Ms. O’Neill to vote AGAINST this change.

Governor’s Reports

Region 1

Ron Williams reported that a member in his region would like the BCOA web site to list breeders for referral with links to their website. A proposed ‘Breeder directory’ on the BCOA website with hotlinks to websites of advertisers was discussed. Barbara O’Neill moved to charge a fee of \$25/year for this service. This will not replace the current free referral program, whereby, in response to inquiries, the Corresponding Secretary provides the name and email addresses of members who have checked "yes" on the Dues Renewal Form to indicate that they would like puppy referrals. R. Lynn Shell will design a form which will be put on the BCOA website with the fee to be sent to the treasurer. Ron Williams seconded the motion. In addition to Ms. O’Neill and Mr. Williams, the following members voted "yes": K. Mays, R. Lynn Shell, Lorrie Scott, and K. C. Artley. The following board members abstained: Jan Leikam and Jane Schreiber. The motion passed.

Additional issues mentioned in Ron William’s report will be discussed later in the meeting.

Governor Report Guidelines

Barbara O’Neill stated that each Governor’s Report is expected to be a report about borzoi owners’ activities in that region, and/or concerns from members in the region.

Barbara O’Neill moved to approve the Regional Governors Reports, Ron Williams seconded, motion passed.

Committee Reports

Championship Medals – Chris Danker

July, August and September new champion medals will be mailed by November 30. These are done quarterly.

2012 National Specialty

A Junior T-Shirt contest will be chaired by Lynn Wall.

ROM – Barbara Ewing

K.C. Artley moved to approve the submitted applications, Jan Leikam seconded, Applications approved.

Annual Versatility Award – Karen Ackerman

Karen Ackerman’s request to include the AKC titling event, *Beginner Novice Obedience* as part of the Versatility Award was approved. This title will have the same point level as the current Rally titles (15 points for the title, with each leg worth 5 points).

Standardized Trophies – Jan Leikam

The Challenge Trophies will be packed in Rubbermaid tubs with ‘Instaform’ packaging. Ms. Leikam will arrange to have this done.

Membership Committee – Pat Paris

Patricia Paris requested several changes to the membership application and sponsor form, which were approved. It was clarified that additional family members will be charged the full application

fee if applying after the original family member. These applicants are subject to the same procedures as the initial family applicants.

The Recording Secretary will notify any Junior reaching the age of 18 of the necessity to apply for full membership. The Regional Governor will also be notified.

Changes to BCOA Standing Rules – KC Artley

a. Modify the standing rule about minutes to “The Recording Secretary will provide a draft of the minutes to the President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary & Treasurer within 2 weeks of a Board meeting. Changes & additions must be returned to the Recording Secretary within 7 days. In the case of a disagreement, the President has the final say”. Jan Leikam moved to approve, Jane Schreiber seconded, motion passed.

b. Move a 1998 standing rule about publication of Governors’ Reports in the Aristocrat to the History file. R. Lynn Shell moved to approve, Barbara O’Neill seconded, motion passed.

c. Replace a 2006 standing rule about contacting life members with: “Around the first of February, the Treasurer will provide a list of Life Members, by region, who did not return the “Member Contact Form/Dues Renewal Form” or a check, to each Regional Governor. Each Regional Governor will try to contact these Life Members in their region, asking them if they want to remain active in BCOA, or if they want to resign. By March 1st, each Regional Governor will report to all Board members (1) Life Members who want to remain active (2) Life Members who have resigned and (3) Life Members who could not be contacted. Life Members who resigned will be reported in the minutes of the first Board meeting held after 1 March, and will be removed from the Membership List. The names of the Life Members who could not be contacted, will be reported in the minutes of the first Board meeting held after 1 March, asking members if anybody has contact information for these people. Life Members who cannot be contacted will be moved to a separate list with their last known address, and removed from the Membership list that is used for mailings.” Barbara O’Neill moved to approve, Ron Williams seconded, motion passed.

d. Modify the 1993 standing rule about selling items during the national specialty by adding: ““At the discretion of the show chairperson, clubs and non-profit groups can be allowed to sell their items without paying for a vendor table.” Jane Schreiber moved. Lynn Shell seconded, motion passed.

e. New standing rule: “A resignation by any Board Member shall be a signed letter with an effective date, sent to either the President or to the Recording Secretary, who will then inform the rest of the Board Members, as soon as possible. The membership should be informed about the Board Member’s resignation in the next mailing to the membership, or in the next email to the membership by either the President or by the Regional Governors. The resignation should also be reported in the next meeting minutes.” Barbara O’Neill moved to approve, Ron Williams seconded, motion passed.

f. New standing rule: “The Nominating Committee will provide the following information in their report to the Membership: (1) date of report (2) the name of each nominee and position nominated for (3) the names of the nominating committee members (4) the statement from the Constitution of ‘Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition, sent by registered mail, certified mail with return receipt requested, by Federal Express, or any other private courier service that will certify delivery. All petitions must be received by the Recording Secretary on or before midnight on the thirty-first (31st) day of October. The petition must be signed by five members in good standing, all of which have been members for at least five years, and must be received in one envelope, accompanied by the written acceptance of the petitioner signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person who has declined a nomination by the Nominating Committee may be nominated by petition for the position he/she has declined, and no person may be a candidate for more than one position on the ballot’. (5) The name and address

of the Recording Secretary (6) the list of Board members with unexpired terms and their positions and (7) any vacancies on the Board that will be filled at the next Board meeting. Jan Leikam moved to approve after deleting the sentence "After completing this report, the chairperson of the nominating committee will send to the Recording Secretary, who will provide copies to all Board members as soon as possible". After discussion, the vote was 'no' Ron Williams, Karen Mays, Lorrie Scott, Barbara O'Neill. Voting 'Aye' Jan Leikam, R. Lynn Shell, Jane Schreiber, K.C. Artley. As this was a tie vote, the President, Kelly Brunarski cast the deciding vote of 'Aye'. Motion approved.

12:15PM: meeting adjourns for lunch.

1:17PM: meeting resumes.

Unfinished Business

Meet the Breed Booth in Orlando

Jane Schreiber requested \$110 for electrical hookups for the *Meet the Breed* booth in Orlando. Jan Leikam moved to approve, Barbara O'Neill seconded, motion passed.

Purina Weight Chart

Ron Williams discussed the remaining item in his regional governor's report. He has contacted Bonnie Dalzell to clarify her concerns regarding the Sighthound weight. Ron will write a letter to the other Sighthound clubs, carbon copying the AKC, asking them to contact Purina to modify the chart for the suggested weight.

Banners

The replacement banners were discussed. Jan Leikam will contact Melissa Hundley for an update. We still need the following logos for this project: Puget Sound Borzoi Club, Lone Star Borzoi Club and Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha.

New Business

By-Law Review and Revision

The President created a new Committee chaired by K.C. Artley and including members who are not on the board of directors, to review the current By-Laws and bring any suggested changes to the Board.

Beverly Taylor Rescue Committee Replacement for Ms. Pruett

It was decided to defer the appointment of a replacement of Lydia Pruett on the BTRC committee until the new 2012 Board is named.

Committee Volunteers

In January, K.C. Artley will provide the list of volunteers from the dues renewal forms to the new president and to committee chairpersons.

V.P. Replacement for K. Brunarski

The Board consensus is leave the Vice-President position unfilled for the remainder of 2011.

Trophy-Supported Entries (TSEs)

K.C. Artley moved to make Sweepstakes optional when requesting a TSE. Barbara O'Neill seconded, motion passed. K.C. Artley will update the TSE form & Guidelines for R. Lynn Shell to post on the BCOA website

Wikipedia

The request to post an official BCOA statement about Borzoi was discussed. Due to concerns that anyone could make changes to such an entry, Jan Leikam moved to NOT provide this at this time, Lorrie Scott seconded, motion passed. Subsequently it was decided that Karen Mays would monitor the Wikipedia site.

Contribution Incentives

It was decided to table this discussion until the new President and Board can have input. Karen Mays mentioned that the Atlanta Kennel Club has a program of Beneficiaries and will provide a report on their program. The board will explore the formation of a Standing Committee to encourage donations and bequests.

Life Members

The Corresponding Secretary sends new Life Members a certificate. It was recommended that these certificates be presented at the Annual Membership meeting.

Annual Obedience Awards

June Mintchell reported that because the AKC has stopped the publication of the AKC Show Awards CD, she will not be able to compile the "top 10" statistics for rally & obedience. The Board decided that members who qualify in obedience & rally trials in November & December 2011, will have to send June Mintchell (rmintchell@yahoo.com) the registered name of their dog, class, score & date. The Regional Governors were requested to contact their members who participate in these activities to notify them of this request.

BCOA Sales

Board approved the creation of a "BCOA Sales Committee" which will be staffed starting next year, and chaired by the vice-president. The purpose of this committee is fund raising for club operations. This committee would promote all BCOA items for sale, including yearbooks, the Visualization of the Standard, the BCOA logo patch, the "Growing Borzoi" mug, and items from past National Specialties. The committee would (1) Keep a current, detailed list of items for sale, including colors and sizes, prices, shipping costs, and where inventory is stored. (2) Have a system to communicate with the treasurer, the BCOA Shop website administrator (currently Shen Smith), and those members who are storing & shipping the sales items. (3) Provide updated information and pictures for the BCOA Shop website (4) A report to the Board for each Board meeting is not required. Barbara O'Neill moved to approve this committee, Ron Williams seconded, motion approved.

BCOA Storage Locker

The issues of the large amount of items in the storage lockers and the DVD of pictures of past Specialties' winners are tabled until the next meeting.

Documents to be Posted on the BCOA website

KC Artley moved to post the Standing Rules on the BCOA website, Barbara O'Neill seconded, motion approved. The revised Candidate Profile Form that was approved by email vote of the Board, will also be posted on the BCOA web site.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15PM