



**Borzoi Club of America, Inc.  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Richland, WA  
25 May 2018  
Minutes**

**The Meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm.**

**Recording Secretary Establishes Quorum** (10% of Membership= 53) 65 members & 29 guests present

**Approve Minutes of 2017 Meeting :** On a motion by Jan Leikam, seconded by Lyn Hoflin, the minutes of the 2017 annual meeting were approved as published. The motion carried.

**President's Welcome** Ron Williams thanked the members for electing him and promised to do his best to serve the breed, the club, and its members. He reiterated his dedication to be there for all borzoi and borzoi owners. He went on to recognize and welcome 4 New Members and 10 people attending their first national specialty. He further congratulated 10 owners of borzoi with new titles earned this week.

### **Officers' Reports**

**Recording Secretary (Joy Windle)** On a motion by Lorretta Binder, seconded by Leah Paintin, the report was accepted. The motion carried.

Since the last meeting in Hunt Valley, MD, BCOA has welcomed 35 new members, 3 of them junior showmen. Membership of [BCOAMembersOnly@groups.io](mailto:BCOAMembersOnly@groups.io) has grown to 201 members.

Six Trophy-Supported Entries have been held by members under BCOA's aegis. One new judge mentor has been approved.

Mailings to the Members:

- Annual Autumn 2017:, containing dues notice & contact information update, election slate & explanation of running on petition, and the nomination form for 2020 national specialty judges. AKC approved BCOA's petition to retire Rising Star as a Borzoi kennel name.
- Judges Ballot: Preliminary: 72 email/ 83 USPS Final: 85 email/99 USPS
- 2018 BCOA Member Directory, which is also available for members in pdf form. Please contact your regional governor for one.

**Treasurer (Jan Leikam)** On a motion by Lorretta Binder, seconded by Leah Paintin, the report was accepted. The motion carried.

In addition to the material available on the tables, Jan pointed out that Bob Brong family's request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made for borzoi health research, realized \$2400. The Holter program is paying for itself.

**Standing Committee Reports** On a motion by Dee Jones, , seconded by Helen Brettell, the report was accepted. The motion carried.

**BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust (Barbara O'Neill):** The meeting observed a Moment of Silence in Beverly Taylor's memory.

**BCOA Web Site (Ron Williams):** Keeping borzoiclubofamerica.org current requires vigilance on everyone's part. We are working to modernize to make the site more user-friendly.

**Canine Ambassador Program (Ron Williams for Suzanne Cecere):** Suzanne hopes to have a BCOA representative for this worthwhile program in every region. More information on how you can become involved: <https://www.akc.org/public-education/canine-ambassador-program/>

**Health (Nancy Hopkins):** This year at the National:

Eye clinic: 34 dogs examined = 34 normal

Heart: 17 auscultations/ 22 color doppler echocardiograms with 1 equivocal and 7 abnormal results which is 18% of the total examined. ( see report for a complete explanation)

**Junior Showmanship ( President for Barbara T. Lord)** If you have contact information for Logan Yankowski and Riley Capton, please contact Barbara.

**National Specialty (Carol Enz)**

2019 – Gettysburg, PA 11-18 May 2018 Kalen Dumke & Kristina Terra

2020 – Albuquerque, NM April 2019 Henri Goldner & Barbara T Lord

**National Disaster Program (Ron Williams):** The committee will form a 501 © 3 to distribute approved funds for emergency use in the face of natural disaster.

**Standing Rules (Joy Windle):** The re-organization and editing of the standing rules is nearly complete. Regional Governors will soon have read only pdf's to distribute to members. The pdf will also be available on bcoa.org.

**Unfinished Business**

**Breeder Referral (Cindi Gredys):** Pursuant the motion made in 2014, a closed io group will be formed, open to BCOA breeders.

**NBRF Proposal (Ron Williams):** Pursuant the motion made 5/19/17, Ron and Rebecca Peters-Campbell, representing BCOA, met in teleconferences with Carol Backers, Liz A. Duncan, and Barbara Tyler Lord representing NBRF, to discuss how we can move forward together for the good of borzoi, while acknowledging and respecting the rights of BCOA breeders. See the attached report for the contents of the motion. On a motion by Joyce Katona, seconded by Bill Ackerman, the report was accepted. The motion carried.

**New Business**

**BCOA Life Members 2018 (1993)**

Elizabeth Archer Karen (Cricket) Murray

Roderic Cherry David Nutting

Kay Henderson Jane & Peter Schreiber

Trudi Jensen Suzan Tintorri

Ginger Jones Elizabeth Tolley

Pam Mayberry Susan Van de Water

Susan Motisi Jennifer & Roni Zucker

**Gold Star Members (1968)** Chere Fuessel

### **2018 AKC Sportsmans Award (Ron Williams):**

The AKC Sportsmanship Award is an award that is given to a member who has exemplified good sportsmanship, dedication and passion for the breed of Borzoi. The board nominated three persons for this prestigious award. Since it is an honor to be nominated, I would like to break tradition and announce the runners-up: they are Dee Jones and the late John Scott. The person that has been bestowed this award has displayed all the above qualities along with the willingness to volunteer whenever and wherever help is requested. To this day our honoree sits as Chairperson on several Committees. In her 39 years as being a BCOA member, she has owned and breed several Champions including a Top Conformation Borzoi, plus a judging several hound group breeds. It is with great pleasure I present the 2018 AKC Sportsmanship Award to Life Member Prudence Hlatky.

**Rotating 3-site National Specialty:** President Williams urged members to be on the lookout for potential long-term locations for the national specialty. Some discussion followed, with great interest expressed regarding Purina Farms in Eureka, MO, which is in Region 3, location for 2022.

### **National Specialty Judge Selection Process (Joy Windle)**

- All breed judges find it difficult to adhere to BCOA's restrictions  
*"You may not judge a Borzoi specialty within the United States for one year prior to the National Specialty, nor judge Borzoi at any other all-breed show within the Region of the National for 6 months prior to the National. "*
- It is vitally important that you have the consent of anyone you plan to nominate as sweepstakes judge *before* submitting their name for the ballot.
- Email voting is gaining in popularity and works well. Please try it next year if you have not previously.
- Two member households may send both votes on the same ballot so long as both member's names appear on the envelope or in the subject line (email). There is no need for two ballots.

### **Motions from the floor**

1. On a motion by Kay Casella, seconded by Pam Buffington, that BCOA shall not approve more than one specialty show in different locations within the same region or within 750 miles on the same weekend.  
Yes: 34/ No: 10 The motion carried.
2. On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Phyllis Potter, that BCOA will not approve any specialty or TSE event which conflicts with either the National Performance events or Breed judging weekends, unless the event is held in conjunction with the National at the same site. The motion is defeated.  
*NOTE: Since this year's National was in conflict with MBC on their regular date the Board voted to grant permission to MBC to hold their specialty. This exclusion to our policy was on a one-time-only waiver. We were the ones "infringing" on their established date.*

**Announcements** Dee Jones thanked the committee for all their hard work.

**Adjourn:** On a motion by Bill Ackerman, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm