



BCOA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - FINAL
February 24, 2020 – Teleconference

1. ROLL CALL – taken and meeting commenced at: 8:01 pm (EST)

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	Yes
Carol Enz, Vice President	Yes
Janis Leikam, Treasurer	Yes
Joy Windle, Recording Secretary	Yes
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	Yes
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	Yes
Kari McCloskey, Region 1	Yes
Elizabeth Tolley, Region 2	Yes
Shirley McFadden, Region 3	Yes
Lorrie Scott, Region 4	Yes
Karen Ackerman, Region 5	Yes
Joyce Katona, Region 6	Yes

2. REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Jan Leikam

- Jan Leikam noted BCOA may have tax issues related to Specialty sale profits. Questions were asked by board members if taxes may be offset by implementing charitable donations? Jan Leikam responded taxes cannot be offset in this manner.
- Jan Leikam indicated there are two Bank of America accounts and two PayPal accounts. R. Williams asked Jan Leikam to reach out to Barbara O’Neill to gather more information and he will work directly with Helen Lee in obtaining accessibility for Jan Leikam for all BCOA accounts.
- Discussion ensued; tabled Treasurer report for next meeting, if time permits.

3. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES –

- Standing Committee Reports – Ron Williams

Ron Williams indicated Patti Neale and Jon Steele will continue with their prior year committee assignments; Judges' Education and AKC Gazette columnist, respectively.

- Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas

Discussion regarding BCOA recognizing additional points for other than conformation – i.e., performance, companion, etc. BCOA currently has conformation recognition. Discussion ensued about agility, etc. What about AFSA vs. AKC? Conformation, companion and performance. AKC provides BCOA with conformation ranking thru Phyllis Potter. June Mintchell provides obedience ranking thru AKC (BCOA paying for this service).

At a previous meeting it was discussed about what BCOA is going to do for Rally and Agility. At what number of entries do we consider an award? Suggestion: Eight or more dogs competing? Nancy Katsarelas also inquired about adding Top Sire and Top Brood Bitch – discussion ensued about which or all venues (conformation, companion, and performance) – tabled for further discussion or take to the BCOA Annual Meeting.

Nancy Katsarelas indicated she was informed she had to provide a certificate and a rosette in addition to the plaques for the National Specialty. Nancy Katsarelas indicated she has not provided certificates in the past. The BCOA board clarified that Nancy Katsarelas should be handling the plaques and Leonore Abordo should be providing the certificates and rosettes for the Top 5.

Chris Danker should get a report from AKC for Agility plaques and certificates.

Discussion of BCOA having an agenda item regarding the above at the annual meeting.

Motion to add Agility for Top Awards plaque for 2019: Joy Windle

Second: Jan Leikam

All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed

- Annual Top 5 Awards –

It was noted that Leonore Abordo, as Chair of the Top 5 committee, will order and BCOA will provide and pay for the certificates and rosettes for these awards. It was also noted that the cost of the rosettes is not charged to the National Specialty.

- Annual Versatility Award and Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny

No discussion.

- BCOA Archivist – KC Artley

No discussion.

- BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust – Barbara O’Neill

Motion to keep Karen Ackerman, Joyce Katona and Ron Williams as the board members handling this trust: Carol Enz

Second: Betsy Tolley

All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed

- BCOA Web Site – Helen Lee

Discussion - The board meeting at the national should discuss communication issues and have a March conference call if needed. R. Williams also wants to make sure we are all on the same page for the annual meeting. BCOA will have an agenda for the boards’ face to face meeting. In the meantime, BCOA will let membership know that is a topic to discuss with them at the Annual Meeting.

Prudence Hlatky will not be in attendance for the face-to-face meeting and requested a conference call. BCOA Board policy on face to face was to not allow a conference call, however, Prudence may phone in to make a committee report.

Joy Windle and Prudence Hlatky will send comments/thoughts on the communication issues to the board but will not be in attendance for the boards’ face to face meeting.

- Borzoi Welfare – Ron Williams

Dee Jones did not want to continue in this position; she didn’t feel a person was needed in this position.

Ron to change rescue references and will revise and send to board for their review and comments and refine as necessary. Breed Welfare information on the BCOA website also needs to be addressed for reference of “rescue” verbiage. Also, Betsy recommended this chairperson should also consider the needs as outlined by the AKC.

If the Board decides that we do need a person in this spot, we will find someone to fill the position. Joy made a recommendation, but no decision was made. Shirley suggestion is to put a request to the members to see if anyone is interested.

- Championship Medals – Chris Danker

No discussion.

- Canine Ambassador Program – Susanne Cecere

No discussion.

- Club Inventory and Medals – Barbara O’Neill

No discussion.

- Futurity Event – Joyce Katona

J. Katona is completing trophies as we meet. Discussion ensued about expanding futurity to maturity (where are they now). Or perhaps eliminating Futurity. Discussion was to keep the event.

J. Windle to create a survey to be passed out at the awards banquet. For example, the survey will have such questions as “what is your favorite event, what is your least favorite, what would you add, what would you eliminate”, etc. Consideration to be given to sending electronically rather than distributing at the annual awards.

- Futurity – Barbara O’Neill

No discussion

- Health – Nancy Hopkins

No discussion

- Health Foundations – Canine & Morris Animal

No discussion

- Junior Showmanship – Barbara Tyler Lord

NOTE: To all BCOA members. Barbara Tyler Lord is requesting that you reach out privately to her with any contact information you may have for any of the listed Junior handlers (in her attached report) currently not listed as BCOA members. She will use this information to reach out to non-club member juniors handling Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition and invite them as well as their families to join the Borzoi Club of America.

- Keeping in Touch – Edna Ogata

Edna Ogata has been sending cards to Henri Goldner regularly. Joy Windle encourages the board to let Edna Ogata know if any other correspondence is needed.

- Legislative Issues – Lyn Snyder Hoflin

The BCOA board discussed the wonderful job Lyn Snyder Hoflin is performing under Legislative Issues. Ron Williams re-iterated this discussion and pleased with all committee chairs performance thus far.

- Meet the Breeds, NYC – Ron Williams

Prudence Hlatky indicated the letter from AKC regarding Meet the Breeds which outlined the success of the program made possible by the supporting clubs.

Ron Williams indicated there will be two additional Meet the Breed events at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center (Oaks) June 6-7 and Nashville, September 26-27,

2020. Ron Williams requested Kari McCloskey and Betsy Tolley to reach out to region members to find participants for Meet the Breeds. Ron Williams mentioned he is willing to get involved with any new supporters as well as speak with them to properly prepare them for this program.

It was suggested Kari McCloskey and Betsy Tolley canvas the members in their region. Chairperson should be a BCOA member, but the people that bring dogs do not necessarily need to be BCOA members. Meet the Breeds to remain on the agenda for the next board meeting for further discussion.

Prudence Hlatky suggested the board expand responsibility of Canine Ambassador program to include assistance in finding members to participate in Meet the Breeds. Ron Williams to discuss further with Susanne Cecere .

- National Specialty – Carol Enz/Barbara O’Neill

Discussed the need to select the Dual Champion (DC) judge. Discussion ensued. Carol Enz to send Ron Williams the suggested names/bios to each member on the board with a due date for vote. The board will send votes to Ron Williams who will sort the top selections and forward the information to Carol Enz.

Discussion ensued regarding a rally trophy for Albuquerque, NM. It was noted that rally does not get a standardized trophy per AKC. The board decided to provide two trophies with the logo with the Specialty, date and win. These trophies are a plaque for the national, not recognition for the year’s competition. Also noted that \$200 was provided for the trophies by a BCOA member. Trophies are to be made this week.

Discussion about sending an email to the member requesting the standardized trophy, explaining the AKC’s stance on standardized trophies as well as the above determination by the board. Betsy Tolley to draft a letter to be reviewed with Carol Enz and Barbara O’Neill prior to sending to this member (Dean Delman).

The Albuquerque host hotel has exceeded its room nights for BCOA. Food is being ordered and waiting on entries.

Prudence Hlatky was slated to chair the Member Education and PeeWee class and due to judge change to Prudence Hlatky for regular classes, Kari McCloskey and Betsy Tolley will step in to take Prudence Hlatky’s place and assist as needed.

The Long-nosed Legacy: the author would like to donate books for the PeeWee’s – Carol Enz organizing with the author along with other gifts.

Member education will be Carol Enz’s and Barbara Ewing’s presentation on Open Field coursing. Karen Ackerman will introduce the speakers.

Discussion of Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex Bronzes for Futurity – an inventory is needed.

Prudence Hlatky and Shirley McFadden – 2022 – discussion ensued regarding the disclosure of the Texas location (BOD had specifically requested this information not be made public at this time). However, due to an error on the BCOA website, the location was disclosed. The BCOA board determined to leave the information on the website as is.

- Registry of Merit – KC Artley

Motion to accept the names as listed under the Registry of Merit: Prudence Hlatky

Second: Jan Leikam

All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed

- Specialty Guidelines – Ron Williams

Barbara O'Neill working to update the Specialty guidelines. Ron Williams to follow up with Barbara O'Neill to obtain an update.

- Standing Rules –

Board discussed the need of a standing rule which outlines at what point does a member's dog become eligible for BCOA rankings and awards.

Joy Windle has requested assistance in updating the Standing Rules plus adding any new ones that the Board has authorized in the past 3 years. Jan Leikam will help.

Jan Leikam is working with Joy Windle in updating all Standing Rules for any current rule changes/modifications that have been made recently.

Motion that members dogs accumulate points toward annual ranking on the date the first owners are approved as a BCOA member (second reading): Joy Windle

Second: Betsy Tolley

All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed

Motion to accept the Standing Committee reports as presented: Joyce Katona

Second: Karen Ackerman

All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed

Motion to instruct BCOA Delegate to cast BCOA's vote for the following three AKC Board nominees, 1) Jeffrey David Ball, 2) Karolynne McAteer and 3) Dr.

Michael Knight: Joy Windle

Second: Jan Leikam

All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- 2020 Pedigree Book – Barbara O'Neill
- Independent Specialty Judge Mentors
- Performance AVA and the BVLAA Revision Committee – KC Artley
- Agility, Obedience and Rally BCOA Ranking Systems – Betsy Tolley and Lorrie Scott
- Home Visitation for New Members Update – Joy Windle
- Local Club Banner Measurements for Replacements – Carol Enz
- Member AKC Compliance – Ron Williams

5. **NEW BUSINESS** –

- Website Communication Issues
- Review the Nominating Process
- Adding Regional Club Trials and Matches to Website Events Page – Joy Windle
- Group discussion on MACH Title Achievement – Lorrie Scott

Discussion regarding dogs that did extraordinary things for 2019. Betsy Tolley discussed Tracking Champion, MACH and ROCH to recognize these four dogs and their owners as making history as the first in the breed and acknowledge them with an award at the annual meeting. The entire board agrees with supporting these owners.

- AKC Parent Club Tool – Ron Williams
- BCOA National Specialty Exchange
- AKC Sportsmanship Award
- Executive Session – Ron Williams

Motion to close the meeting at 11:42 pm: Jan Leikam

Second: Karen Ackerman

All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:42 pm (EST) (Meeting set for 7:30pm (EST) on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 to continue with unfinished business, new business)