



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

January 25, 2021 – Teleconference

ROLL CALL – taken and meeting commenced at: **8:03 PM, EST**

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	YES
Carol Enz, Vice President	YES
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	YES
Joyce Katona, Recording Secretary	YES
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	YES
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	YES
Kari McCloskey, Region 1	YES at 8:10
Elizabeth Tolley, Region 2	YES
Shirley McFadden, Region 3	YES
Kay Novotny, Region 4	YES
Karen Ackerman, Region 5	YES
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	YES

NOTE: Guest, Jan Leikam attended this meeting to present her out-going Treasurer’s report. J. Leikam was unable to stay on the call for the financial statements to be discussed. Therefore, those statements could not be accepted into the minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 10/31/2020

P. Hlatky requested that the minutes from 10/31/20 be changed to reflect the AKC Delegate report was submitted on 10/30/20.

Due to the board traveling that day, the report was not received in time to adjust the agenda for the 10/31/20 board meeting. Therefore, the AKC Delegate report was tabled to the next board meeting.

Motion to approve the October 31, 2020 minutes as amended: S. McFadden

Second: B. Tolley

P. Hlatky and C. Enz abstained, none opposed - Motion passed

2. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Ron Williams

Officially Announce New Board

R. Williams announced the new members of the board.

Lyn Snyder Hoflin as Treasurer

Joyce Katona as Recording Secretary (formerly Region 6 Governor)

Kay Novotny as Region 4 Governor

Kim Horn-Janek as Region 6 Governor

R. Williams welcomed all new members to the board and invited them to ask questions and to feel free to contact any board member for assistance.

Board Code of Conduct Form

R. Williams reminded all board members that B. Danieli sent the Code of Conduct form to all board members to read, complete, sign, and return to J. Katona at their earliest convenience.

Standing Committee Selection (See supporting document)

R. Williams reviewed the Standing Committee spreadsheet attached. He indicated the “NTR” designation indicates “nothing to report” and requested committee chairs to reply stating such rather than to not reply at all.

Discussion ensued regarding “Ready Borzoi” and “Welfare” committees, the description of each committee, the importance of having a regular review of the BCOA website for committee accuracy and potential changes to those committees.

R. Williams will communicate with V. Harlan, Ready Borzoi committee chair, to review the BCOA website to make certain all links are up to date and working. R. Williams will also communicate to all Standing Committee chairs to do the same with their respective sections.

R. Williams is still in communication with a small number of pending Standing Committee chairs.

The board discussed Futurity Chair and Specialty Chair positions due to B. O’Neill eventually stepping down from those positions. Responsibilities were discussed, potential candidates, the potential for one chairperson vs. a committee, the timing of the transition and the importance of training the new person(s) while B. O’Neill was still in official capacity in these positions.

The board also discussed the importance of creating a list of responsibilities, requirements and job descriptions of these positions including the rule that actively breeding/showing dogs is discouraged while holding these positions.

R. Williams also mentioned the potential of sending out a communication to the membership soliciting potential committee chairs. R. Williams, P. Hlatky and B. O’Neill to schedule a meeting to discuss in further detail.

P.Hlatky stated that she would tentatively, be the 2023 National Specialty Chairman but she wanted to leave it open to other people who might be interested.

R. Williams and K. McCloskey discussed working on finding a new chairperson for Meet the Breeds NY.

P. Hlatky discussed Members Education as she will be the judge and will not be able to chair in 2022. She has, however, already arranged for the Member Ed programs for 2021 and 2022.

R. Williams discussed the Nominating Committee and the board member who will chair this committee. R. Williams reminded the board a selection will have to be made in the next few months according to the rules of the BCOA Constitution.

R. Williams discussed the need to replace the Statistical Chairperson for Rally and Obedience as the current chairperson has resigned. Discussion ensued on potential candidates and it was decided to have co-chairmen: B. Tolley and D. Eelman.

R. Williams discussed the need for a new chair for the PeeWee Class at the National as P. Hlatky will not be able to continue due to judging the PeeWee class in 2021 and being the Specialty judge in 2022. Discussion ensued regarding potential candidates and R. Williams indicated the board will approve a candidate through online voting.

Regional Governors Guidelines (See supporting document)

R. Williams reviewed the guidelines to which the board had agreed. R. Williams wanted to ascertain these guidelines are being followed and to add four additional guidelines that were outlined in the BCOA Standing Rules. These need to be reviewed and updated on the Regional Governor outline document. Further, R. Williams reminded the Regional Governors to check the BCOA website and review the Regional Specialty information as listed for their respective regions. Should they find any necessary corrections, they should contact B. Danieli as the Corresponding Secretary is responsible for Regional Specialty, TSE and PTSE approval and communication with AKC Events.

3. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Joyce Katona (report attached)

Member Applications

First Readings:

**Brian & Diva Davis
(Houston, TX)**

Sponsors: Shirley McFadden & Kay Cassella

**Sheryl Amburgey
(Manchester, MD)**

Sponsors: Roy Silguero & Anne Midgarden

Motion to approve the new member first readings: P. Hlatky
Second: K. Ackerman
All in favor, none opposed – Motion passed

Second Readings:

John Witt & Terry O'Brien
10/31-Note: Previously could not locate second sponsor form. Sent P. Neale's sponsor form to the BCOA board in Nov. 2020

Motion to approve the new member second readings: B. Danieli
Second: C. Enz
All in favor, none opposed – Motion passed

Junior – none

R. Williams will send welcome letters and membership pin to these new members and also to the new members voted into membership in October.

Trophy Supported Entries

Baton Rouge KC & Northlake KC June 5 & 6, 2021
Previously approved by BCOA Board via email voting.

Performance Trophy Supported Entries

Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club May 1 & 2, 2021

Motion to approve the PTSE: P. Hlatky
Second: S. McFadden
All in favor, none opposed – Motion passed

4. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Barbara Danieli (report attached)

5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Jan Leikam

Lyn Hoflin and I have been working to make the change of Treasurer as easy as possible. I am finishing up the dues renewals for 2021 which is down to the last 10 or so people which the Regional Governors have been contacting. I no longer have access to the Mal's-E site which processes the cc & paypal payments or the Treas@borzoiclubofamerica.org emails which notify the treasurer of payments. However the two of us have been in close contact to make sure everything is handled correctly.

Lyn has also gotten access to the QuickBooks program but has been extremely busy so hasn't really dug into this. We will talk.

I am in the process of the 2020 Year-End wrap-up in order to get the 990 taxes done. The deadline without extension is May 15 but hopefully it will be done long before that time.

Lyn Snyder Hoflin

Conference meeting with Ron, Barbara O'Neil, Helen Lee and Jan Leikam on January 14, 2021, to discuss Treasurer's responsibilities and transfer from outgoing Treasurer.

Jan is supposed to be getting change of signature cards and passwords to various accounts to me. She has been out of town and is supposed to be getting back with me this weekend.

At this time, I do not have access to funds, etc. As soon as I do, I would recommend an outside audit to determine if everything is in order.

Helen Lee has provided me with the password to the shopping cart.

6. REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE – Prudence Hlatky (report attached)

P.Hlatky indicated there are vacancies on the AKC Board. She forwarded the Candidates Bios and the Delegate Perspectives Magazine with the Candidate Q&A to the Board and made several recommendations of people to fill those slots. Discussion followed.

Motion to accept P. Hlatky's voting recommendations of Rita Biddle, Dominic Palleschi Carota, Dr. Thomas M. Davies and Dr. Gregory J. Paveza: K. Novotny

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor, none opposed – Motion passed

P. Hlatky discussed the October AKC Delegate report she submitted on 10/30/20 that was tabled to the next meeting. In error, this report was not included in the attachments for the 1/25/21 board meeting. Accordingly, P. Hlatky will send the October AKC Delegate report to the board. The board will then vote by email to accept or reject her report.

P. Hlatky discussed the 18-month test program to let children with mixed breeds show in Junior Showmanship. This was voted in by the AKC Board without input from the AKC Delegates. In addition, P. Hlatky has received much correspondence on the topic of this test program. This was never discussed in advance and the delegates were upset that they were not approached. P. Hlatky inquired how the board would instruct her to vote, should a vote come up for review by the AKC Delegates regarding this issue.

The AKC Delegates have received several communications as well and P. Hlatky mentioned this topic may come up for a vote due to the many complaints received by the AKC Delegates.

Board discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons. The next meeting for the AKC Delegates is scheduled for 3/9/21.

The entire BCOA board, including P. Hlatky is in favor of opposing the recommendation that juniors would be allowed to show with mixed breed dogs should the topic come forward for a vote of the AKC Delegates.

Motion to instruct P. Hlatky to vote against allowing Juniors to compete with mixed breed dogs: B. Tolley

Second: L. Hoflin Unanimous

All in favor, none opposed – Motion passed

P. Hlatky reminded the Regional Governors to tell members to read the AKC minutes and to let her know if they have any questions or concerns brought before the delegates. With board approval, she will bring them up at the next delegates meeting.

Motion to accept the officer's reports: S. McFadden

Second: K Ackerman

All in favor; none opposed – Motion passed

7. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS –

Region One Governor -Kari McCloskey (report attached)

Region Two Governor – Betsy Tolley (report attached)

Region Three Governor – Shirley McFadden (report attached)

Region Four Governor – Kay Novotny (report attached)

B. Danieli informed K. Novotny the California Regional Specialty application has not been received to date for any 2021 shows.

Region Five Governor – Karen Ackerman (report attached)

Region Six Governor – Kim Horn Janek (report attached)

B. Danieli informed K. Horn Janek the Midwest Borzoi Club Regional Specialty application has not been received to date for any 2021 shows.

Motion to accept the reports of the Regional Governors: P. Hlatky

Second: C. Enz

All in favor, none opposed – Motion passed

8. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES -

Annual Top 5 Awards – Leonore Abordo

There are 55 rosettes. Flat-rate priority is \$7.50 per. That is \$412.50 just for postage. May be a bit less as a couple of people are happy to wait for pick-up in Ohio. Note! That does NOT include cost of making certificates (paper, printer toner), which is part of the Nats budget. * I have asked Ron to authorize the new Treasurer to advance of those funds to me

1/22 sent reply post to Members Only

R. Williams discussed the ongoing issues and topics of conversation including the cost of mailing rosettes and certificates. K. Ackerman will check with her local Post Office on cost to mail rosettes in padded envelopes and report back.

Annual Versatility Award – Kay Novotny

I have received no applications for the Versatility annual award for 2020.

Kay will write a note to the BCOA Board indicating the additional activities that people can use to qualify for this award and encourage everyone to participate. The Regional Governors will forward it on to their members.

Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee – Barbara O’Neill

Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Karen Ackerman that BCOA-BTRC authorize distribution to the Borzoi Club of America in the amount of \$15,000.00 from ResAcct#2 in reimbursement for their out of pocket expenses incurred during the recent distress of the Borzoi owned by three separate long time Texas BCOA members between 2017-August 2020. By Roll Call – Yes-5, No-0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept the distribution of the \$15k to the BCOA Welfare Fund: S. McFadden

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor, none opposed – Motion passed

Junior Showmanship – Barbara Tyler-Lord

Sent in Year End Report. (See Supporting Documents)

National Specialty Chairperson – Barbara O’Neill

2021.– Wilmington, OH, May 22 - 29, 2021

2022.– Mesquite, TX, April 23 - 30, 2022

Ready Borzoi – Veni Harlan

Per V. Harlan “As I’ve suggested before, this isn’t a committee any longer. It was a project and stands completed. “

Standing Rules – Ron Williams

The Standing Rules are being updated separately from the Board meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Side Committees:

JEC Trifold

A motion that no committee names will be on any JEC committee materials was passed at the October 31, 2020 meeting.

P. Hlatky advised the Board that due to the Board's decision of not wanting committee names on any Judge's Education Committee materials, the committee does not want to move forward with the trifold. As stated above, the BCOA board has already voted on this matter. Consequently, the BCOA board will move forward to have the trifold printed and sent to P. Neale for distribution.

Mentor Guidelines (Conformation)

10/31-The board discussed the current mentor list, R. Williams suggested the Regional Governors contact mentors in their region and inquire if the mentors still wish to participate; otherwise, the board will designate as emeritus status for mentors no longer participating. Also, the Governors can also inquire if the mentors are in possession of the Judges Education Seminar DVD.

R. Williams requested all Regional Governors ask their regional member mentors if they wish to continue as mentors and send a list of those still interested to R. Williams and J. Katona.

Also, P. Hlatky to correspond with B. Danieli for any potential updates to the Regional Specialty form regarding the request of mentors.

Obedience, Agility and Rally Ranking System

10/31-Motion to accept the new calculations for the ranking of obedience, agility, and rally as outlined in B. Tolley's and L. Scott's report was approved. R. Williams requested this information be posted on the BCOA website. R. Williams and B. Tolley will take care of this.

25 and 50 Year Member Awards

B. Danieli to provide awards by end of January 2021 to respective members.

Rising Star NOHS challenge trophy – Prudence Hlatky

P. Hlatky requested BCOA board approval for a challenge trophy. This trophy will be offered beginning in 2021.

Motion to approve the Rising Star Challenge Trophy: P. Hlatky

Second: J. Katona

All in favor, none opposed – Motion passed

Independent Specialty Judge Approval

Discussion ensued for possible new standing rule to clarify judging an independent specialty. B. Danieli and J. Leikam were to contact AKC to discuss concerns and seek further clarification on the two forms.

The board was advised to refer to the email that J. Leikam sent in November 2020 to the board. B. Danieli re-sent the email to the board on 1/25/21.

10. NEW BUSINESS

AKC Nominees for Performance, Conformation and Obedience

Each Regional Governor will contact their area members asking for suggestions and a letter of recommendation detailing why that person should be considered for this honor. The Governors will forward these recommendations to the Recording Secretary in time for the first Board meeting of each year. These areas of nomination will cover Conformation, Obedience (Companion) and Performance (field). It was noted that the BCOA nominees are from the ranks of BCOA members only. The Board will decide on no more than one nominee for each area, and does not have to make any recommendation. The corresponding secretary will forward the name(s) to the AKC. (see Supporting Document for region announcement)

Members Only Moderators – Joyce Katona

J. Katona provided the board with an update on responsibilities.

Last Will and Testament – Barbara Danieli

Tabled discussion on future gifts to next board meeting,

Board Email Addresses – Group Discussion

The BCOA Board felt they were better for privacy issues but they have glitches. It was decided to keep them and try to resolve the issues.

Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club

Discussed items new clubs should receive in a welcoming letter.

Discussed the need for a club banner to be created.

C. Enz will provide the board with banner measurements. These banners from each Regional club are to be displayed at the National Specialty. This information will be included in the welcome letter from the Corresponding Secretary.

Membership Involvement and Outreach – Prudence Hlatky

Tabled discussion to next board meeting.

Code of Conduct – Joyce Katona

J. Katona reminded every BCOA board member to send her a signed copy of the Code of Conduct as soon as possible.

Confidentiality – Ron Williams

President R. Williams informed the new board members and reminded those still in place that everything discussed in a board meeting is considered confidential until the minutes are published. Any business conducted in Executive Session will ALWAYS remain confidential.

Motion to adjourn at 12:10 AM, (EST), 1/26/21 : P. Hlatky

Second: S. McFadden

All in favor, none opposed – Meeting adjourned