



**Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
Wilmington, OH
May 28, 2021
Minutes Final**

Meeting Called to Order – Ron Williams

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM EST by president R. Williams.

Recording Secretary Establishes Quorum

J. Katona reported that the current BCOA membership totals 568. The quorum is 57. With 112 members and 21 guests present, we may conduct business.

Approve Minutes of *5/17/2019 (*Due to Covid no meeting was held in 2020)

The minutes of the May 17, 2019, meeting were approved as published.

President's Welcome

R. Williams welcomed everyone to BCOA's 116th* National Specialty Show. There will always be an asterisk associated with this show due to the unprecedented cancellation of the 2020 National Specialty. He went on to express his appreciation to the committee who worked for years on the 2020 National Specialty. President Williams then introduced the officers and the BCOA board of directors. He welcomed new members as well as members attending their first National Specialty. President Williams stated this is the first time that we had no international members or guests due to the COVID 19 restrictions that are still in place. R. Williams mentioned that this year's National had additional challenges due to the sale of the Sawmill Creek Resort, our original host hotel. He praised Dr. Anne Midgarden for putting her heart and soul into this year's National.

Officers' Reports

Recording Secretary Update – Joyce Katona

J. Katona reported there are 7 new members and one new Junior member, Leah Graham so far in 2021. Our top Junior handler, Lila Holberg has applied for and was granted our Junior Scholarship to attend Westminster this June. J. Katona reminded members to check their membership booklet information online or with her before the end of the Specialty. She also mentioned that the board is looking into new methods to complete the necessary home check prior to membership approval.

Treasurer Report – Lyn Hoflin (See Documents on table)

These documents are available to members upon request.

AKC Delegate Report – Prudence Hlatky

P. Hlatky stated the AKC is looking at ways to identify 'at risk' breeders so that we may offer assistance to those who may be in need for reasons such as: dementia, poor health, over-dogged or lack of finances. She mentioned there were 3 such situations in Texas this past year that needed to involve rescue. P. Hlatky suggested the club create pins for BCOA judge mentors to wear that say, "Ask me about borzoi". These pins would help to facilitate knowing who the BCOA breed approved mentors are for those aspiring judges with questions. She expressed a desire to use the member education program to get the knowledge from our veteran breeders before we lose them.

Standing Committee Reports

BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust - Barbara O'Neill

R. Williams asked that we continue our tradition and observe a moment of silence in memory of Beverly C. Taylor. R. Williams then named the Beverly C. Taylor committee members: B. O'Neill, R. Williams, J. Katona, K. Ackerman, and Shen Smith. The rescue member-at-large is Dee Jones and the investment advisors are Kelly Brunarski and Karen Denning.

B. O'Neill has resigned as the Chairman of this committee and K. Ackerman has been named as her replacement. R. Williams thanked B. O'Neill for her many years of service as the committee chairman.

National Specialty - Barbara O'Neill

2022 – Mesquite, Texas, April 23–30, 2022

The committee will give a presentation at the Awards Banquet on Saturday.

2023 – Region 2 Update

B. Tolley stated there may be two proposals for Region 2 in 2023. More information will follow.

Meet the Breeds – Ron Williams (See Documents on table)

R. Williams mentioned there were several new events and locations added for 2021. He asked members to check with their Governors as to what may be needed in their region.

Unfinished Business

Moving stud dog & brood bitch classes to a time before Best of Breed.

Discussion regarding people's feelings regarding moving the stud dog and brood bitch classes occurred. Many comments came from current judges. It was mentioned how different breed clubs conduct their judging. As typical with large groups, there were strong feelings on both sides. Changing the weekly schedule was brought up but with so many events, it wouldn't really save any time.

A motion was made to hire a separate judge for the stud dog and brood bitch classes: Victoria Cassano

Second: Richard Fundom

38 in favor, 17 opposed, 8 abstained, motion passed

A motion was made to have the show committee make the decision as to when the stud dog and brood bitch classes are held each year: Leigh Paintin

Second: Elisabeth Szymanski

in favor, 10 opposed, 7 abstained, motion passed

NBRF – Expense Update (Documents Available Upon Request)

During the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting, Liz Duncan gave a presentation. Following the presentation, a suggestion was made by a BCOA member that NBRF maintain a ledger for veterinary expenses broken down by dog. The following statement is their response. The actual breakdown will be available upon request. NBRF's representative, Liz Duncan stated, "The report separates the income and expenses by dog as requested. For privacy matters I have intentionally omitted the dog's name and the personal information from the parties involved. Veterinary costs vary substantially by region and city. We do our best to use practices that give us a rescue discount but due to urgency and transport difficulties many times we have to pay premium costs especially in major metro areas. NBRF continues to seek best practices of veterinary care with cost management whenever possible. As costs increase and as it becomes more challenging to obtain donations, NBRF depends on the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund funds to be the safety net for so many Borzoi in need."

New Business

Prospective Member Home Visit Requirement Discussion – Membership

Tabled due to time constraints.

Member Awards:

Life members are individuals who have been BCOA members for a continuous 25 years, Gold members have been members for 50 years and Diamond members have been members for 60 years. Members who achieved this status are listed below.

2020 Life Members - Joined in 1995

Barbara Ciravolo

Raphael Finkelstein

Dr Dawn R. Gibas

Ameera Hoffman

Susan Jacobsen-Grove

Donald & Karen Kostishack

Sharon Kroeger

Tami Marshall

Melissa Pearce

Theresa M. Timm-Miller

Debra West

2020 Golden Anniversary - Joined in 1970

Joseph Lashley
Nate McCannon

2020 Diamond Anniversary

None

2021 Life Members – Joined in 1996

Kelly Brunarski
Cindi Gredys
Janice McMinn
Chris Moyer, PhD
Jean Patten
Tina Pickett
Michelle & John Rowton
Anne R. Schumacher-Ford

2021 Golden Anniversary – Joined in 1971

Carole Corimski
Pat A. Murphy
Hilda Osterhout Young

2021 Diamond Anniversary

None

2020 AKC Sportsmanship Award

Laurie Courtney

2021 AKC Sportsmanship Award

Nancy Hopkins

AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards

The three Lifetime Achievement Awards listed below, were announced and presented at the annual awards banquet.

Conformation

Karen Staudt-Cartabona
Performance
Tom Golcher & KC Thompson

Companion

June Mintchell

2022 National Judges Selection Announcement

Conformation – Prudence Hlatky
Sweepstakes – Barbara Tyler Lord

Submitted Topics from the Membership

Barb Ewing

B. Ewing would like the club to consider putting CHIC numbers with the dog's names in the Aristocrat. She feels it would be easy to obtain the information from the OFA website.

There was a discussion and Renee McCartin volunteered to collect the data and send it to H. Lee for publication.

A motion was made to list the CHIC numbers with the dogs' names in the Aristocrat: P. Neale

Second: Renee McCartin

in favor, 16 opposed, 10 abstained, motion passed

Barb Ewing

BCOA might consider adding the Amateur-owner class to the National, perhaps replacing the Novice class. Much discussion took place. No decision or conclusion was reached. Regional Governors were asked to contact their regional members for feedback on this topic.

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting: P. Hlatky. Meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM EST