



**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*