



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
BOARD MEETING
November 15, 2021 – Teleconference
MINUTES**

1. ROLL CALL – taken, meeting commenced at: 8:01 pm

OFFICERS/BOARD	ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	Yes
Rebecca Peters-Campbell, 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
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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 11, 2021 Meeting

*Motion: To approve the minutes from the September 11, 2021 meeting: B. Danieli
Second: L. Hoflin All in favor, none opposed, motion carried*

2. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Ron Williams

R. Williams told the board he combined various documents into several document groupings 1. Agenda, 2. Supporting Documents (formerly standing committee documents) which include Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and AKC

delegate reports. This is an attempt to make it more convenient for us to find files for the group.

This is the last board meeting for some board members. R. Williams thanked those who were leaving their current positions, S. McFadden and K. Ackerman.

K. Ackerman was thanked for her service – she has chosen to leave the board at the end of her term. S. McFadden is running for the office of Vice President. R. Williams also thanked those who will be continuing in their positions.

The first meeting of 2022 (Winter Meeting) will be the first meeting with new board members. R. Williams asked K. Ackerman and S. McFadden to attend that meeting along with the member replacing them.

R. Williams also thanked R. Peters Campbell for stepping into the vice president position for the last few months of 2021.

Show Secretary Update: R. Williams stated that BaRay has accepted the assignment and will be the 2022 Show Secretary. He announced that K. Horn Janek (Show Chair) and B. Danieli (Assistant Show Chair) are working toward the 2022 National. Using BaRay's services will likely mean an increase in costs for the National Specialty. R. Williams thanked B. Danieli, K. Horn Janek, and B. Tolley for working on the process.

BCCNJ 11/6 Fun Match – R. Williams attended the Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey Match at the beginning of November. He was asked to attend because many new people were attending with their first borzoi. The club had a meeting after the match and R. Williams spoke and updated them on BCOA business.

3. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Joyce Katona (see Supporting Document for Balance of the report)

Questions on the Recording Secretary report were answered by J. Katona.

B. Danieli asked to have the new addresses that are received included in the minutes. J. Katona will do in the future.

B. Danieli asked if the person running on petition signed a code of conduct. She did not but in the future, a signed code of conduct will be added to the requirements of running for office on petition.

After discussing members who have passed away, K. Ackerman mentioned that Joanne Browning passed away and donated a box of borzoi items to the club.

Joanne's son delivered them to Michelle Rowton. B. Danieli asked Karen to get her the information and she will send a thank you note to the family.

- **Member Applications**

- **First Readings**

- 1. Justin & Erin Wagner**
(Heimdal, ND)

Sponsors: Renee McCartin & Sandra Moore

2. Maria Sabella

(Akron, OH)

Sponsors: Kari McCloskey & Renee McCartin

○ **Second Readings**

3. Lewis & Elena Dorman

(Alexandria, VA.)

4. Janice Tyler

(Thurmont, MD)

5. Adrienne Montgomery

(Tornillo, TX)

Sponsors: Pearly Leigh Paintin & Sandra Moore

Her second reading is pending a home visit at her new address.

Motion: To approve the Dormans and Janice Tyler as members: P. Hlatky

Second: K. Horn Janek All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

R. Williams will send out the welcome letter and pin to them.

○ **Junior**

6. Hannah McCloskey

(Delta, PA)

Juniors do not need a second reading; Hannah is automatically accepted.

Motion: To accept the first readings of the Wagners and Maria Sabella: K. Ackerman

Second: R. Peters Campbell

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

• **Trophy Supported Entries**

Mailings

J. Katona indicated the ballots were sent on time. Due to the issues we are currently experiencing with the USPS, J. Katona recommended adjusting the postage dates or the wording in the bylaws and standing rules to read ‘postmarked by’ instead of ‘received by’. This topic was deferred for further discussion.

It was also mentioned to make all mailings available to members by posting them on the members-only I/O group and/or the website and having the Regional Governors notify their regions they have been sent and sending an additional copy via email.

Motion: To accept the Recording Secretary report: K. Ackerman

Second: B. Danieli

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

**4. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Barbara Danieli
(see Supporting Document for report)**

Sandra Moore asked if she could attach her ASFA reports directly to the members-only I/O group. It will be researched to see if Sandra can send the reports directly to the I/O group. B. Danieli and S. Moore will do a test to see if that can be done and inform the board.

Motion: To accept the Corresponding Secretary report: K. Horn Janek

Second: S. McFadden

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Lyn Snyder Hoflin (report attached)

L. Hoflin is continuing to work on getting the accounts categorized correctly and is moving funds to the proper locations.

L. Hoflin inquired if Helen Lee could add the PayPal fees into the various shopping carts. Our catalog ads and other items have not changed in price in years. If BCOA must absorb these fees, we may need to increase prices in the future.

L. Hoflin clarified some items that had questions from the board.

L. Hoflin is continuing to consult with a professional accountant for help as needed.

Motion: To accept the treasurer report: J. Katona

Second: P. Hlatky

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

6. REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE – Prudence Hlatky (see Supporting Document for report)

P. Hlatky reported there will be 6 items going up for a vote at the next delegates meeting. Three relate to the AKC Charter and Bylaws and three are related to rules applying to dog shows. The board had already voted to instruct P. Hlatky to vote in favor of breaking the Bred-By classes into two different classes; 6-12 months and adult bred by exhibitor.

Discussion followed regarding whether or not the BCOA wants to participate in the AKC Preservation Sperm bank. If so, do we want to be involved at the development stage to determine the criteria for choosing stud dogs? Does BCOA want certain criteria when choosing dogs such as health tests, proven performance dogs, proven champions, champion puppies?

The AKC wants to work with only one individual from each parent club. At this time there are no charges for clubs to participate.

Since this topic is very complex it was suggested to wait until the regional governors have asked for input from their regions to see if the membership is interested in this program. P. Hlatky's report can be cut and pasted by the regional governors and used in a note to their regions.

The AKC will be implementing this program, the question is, does BCOA want to be a part of it?

It was suggested to send a blast email asking for interest from the membership and seeking volunteers.

R. Williams and P. Hlatky will work on a presentation to the membership and will let the board know before sending it out.

Motion: To accept the AKC Delegate report: K. Ackerman

Second: L. Hoflin

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

7. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS – (see Regional Governor Document for submitted reports)

- **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)**
- **Region Five Governor – Karen Ackerman (report attached)**
- **Region Six Governor – Kim Horn Janek (report attached)**

Members in several regions have stated they do not want to support a national in TX due to the current political issues. Contracts have been signed and to make any changes now would cause BCOA to incur considerable financial losses.

Much discussion regarding the survey most Regional Governors conducted with their regions concerning the need for home visits for new members. Many governors sent the results of a poll from their regions. K. Ackerman will resend the results from her region to R. Williams and J. Katona. K. Novotny will complete the survey with her region and send her results as well.

R. Williams and J. Katona will work on compiling the results from the governors' surveys to share in a future meeting.

Motion: To accept the Regional Governors reports: P. Hlatky

Second: J. Katona

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

8. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES -

- **AKC Gazette Columnist – Jon Steele**

Jon Steele is stepping down as the AKC Gazette columnist. He did not have any suggestions for his successor. We need to find a replacement.

- **Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas**
- **Annual Top 5 Awards – Leonore Abordo**

Leonore Abordo asked questions about the various Top Five awards and the fact that there are different ways to rank and score the different venues as well as different

calendar dates and qualification periods. Also, should we include agility in the Top Five awards? Discussion followed as to the findings of the OAR Ad Hoc Committee. The committee had determined there is no easy way to rank agility. The Obedience and Rally competitors agree, however, that there should be a ranking system. Since L. Abordo asked for feedback, B. Tolley will communicate with L. Abordo indicating that the OAR committee has already reviewed the awards and found that including agility wasn't feasible. B. Tolley will offer to share the OAR Committee report with L. Abordo.

- Annual Versatility Award and Versatility Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny
- Archivist – K.C. Artley
- Aristocrat Editor – Helen Lee

The Aristocrat statement of intent begins with it will serve as a record of BCOA and its activities. In that light, R. Williams requested the Regional Governors to occasionally submit overviews of their regions' activities. Since we don't incur printing costs online, we have unlimited space to add articles of interest. Governors were suggested to solicit reports from their regional clubs as to what is happening at the local level such as specialties, matches, etc.

R. Williams asked the Governors to send their local club news to the entire board to give other Governors suggestions as to what to request of their members. The board will then determine if it should be published in The Aristocrat.

- ASFA Delegate – Sandra Moore
- Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee – Barbara O'Neill
- Borzoi Welfare – Danielle Steenkamp
- Canine Ambassador Program – Susanne Cecere
- Championship Medals for Conformation – Christine Danker
- Championship Medals for Performance and Companion Titles – Amy Balthrop
- Championship Medals for Open Field – Karen Ackerman
- Club Inventory and Medals – Barbara O'Neill
- Futurity Event – Cindi Gredys
- Futurity Entries – Rebecca Neal
- Health Chair – Nancy Hopkins
- Health – Canine Health Foundation and Morris Animal Foundation – Ginger Jones
- Judges Education – Patti Neale
- Keeping in Touch – Edna Ogata
- Legislative Affairs Liaison – Lyn Snyder Hoflin
- Meet the Breeds – New York – Ron Williams
- Member Education – Prudence Hlatky

Patti Neale and P. Hlatky are requesting a name change to this committee so that people know all are invited not just BCOA members. Discussion involving the 2022 Member Education seminar occurred involving whether or not we want to charge for the program and offer food, etc. If the speaker had some questions in advance she could tailor the presentation to those questions. There is no charge from AKC to do

the presentation. Discussion took place and it was decided we would NOT charge for the program this year.

- **National Specialty Chairperson – Kim Horn Janek**

K. Horn Janek indicated there are many details to discuss with regards to the National Specialty. For example, we need a Pee Wee Judge who must be an AKC approved Junior Showmanship Judge, we need to vote on the DC judge, we need a Member Education chairperson, and many standing rule changes that require board approval.

With the decision to use BaRay as the Show Secretary, the catalog page costs have increased by \$8 per page. BCOA will need to increase prices or we will not break even. Discussion regarding various possible price increases.

Motion: That K. Horn Janek and B. Danieli review the various fees associated with participating at the national and recommend proposed changes to the board for approval: P. Hlatky

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

- 2022 – Mesquite, TX April 23 – 30, 2022
- 2023 – Virginia Beach April 22- 29, 2023
- **Ready Borzoi – Veni Harlan**
- **Registry of Merit (ROM) – K.C. Artley**

K. Novotny questioned why we vote to accept the individual ROMs instead of accepting the report. After checking, it was found that there is nothing in the ROM program guidelines that states the board must approve the ROMs. R. Williams will speak with KC Artley about how this will be done going forward and report back to the board.

Motion: To accept the dogs and bitches who achieved their ROM in this quarter: R. Peters Campbell

Second: P. Hlatky

Eleven in favor, none opposed, K. Novotny abstained, motion carried

- **Shop – Kari McCloskey**
- **Specialty Guidelines – Barbara O'Neill**
- **Standardized Trophies – Barbara O'Neill**
- **Standing Rules – Kim Horn**

See attached email from Kim Horn

- **Webmaster – Helen Lee**

Helen Lee asked the Regional Governors to look at previous year's National results under the History tab on the BCOA website. There is missing information and she is asking for help to fill in the blanks. There is the possibility that some of the members

in the photos may have passed. Melanie Richards and Sue Vasick were mentioned as having many photos of old dogs who have passed. A question was asked as to where the old Historian binders are located since they contain many old win photos. We have also gotten many items from Lena Tamboer and have passed those along to KC Artley (Historian). The board will do whatever we can to help H. Lee complete the information.

Motion: To recess at 11:45 PM and reconvene on 11/22 AT 7 PM EST: B. Danieli

Second: K. Horn Janek

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

**Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Katona
BCOA recording Secretary**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Side Committees:
 - JEC Trifold – Patti Neale
 - The tri-fold judges guide has not yet gone to press, due to my work schedule away from home for the last few months. The formatting for print is nearly done. The last draft version has been desktop printed and provided for the seminar attendees during the summer, with the notice that they will receive the finished product as soon as completed.
- BCOA Facebook Page Monitor(s)
- Governors Regional Mentor Inquiry / Info Update
- Home Visit for Membership Application Survey Update
- Futurity Chair Acceptance
 - Rebecca Neal – Futurity Secretary
 - Cindi Gredys – Futurity Event Chair
- PayPal Increase / Sale Item Charges: Apply actual fee or flat rate?
- Changing the age breakdowns for our Regular Veteran classes –
P. Hlatky

- “Veterans are a non-regular class and as a result at our National we are able to set our own age brackets. I believe it would be a welcome move to have the same age brackets as in the sweepstake classes.”
- 2023 Judge Announcement
 - The judges for 2023 are as follows: Conformation Judge: Marina Ostrovskaya (Russia) Sweepstakes Judge: Roy Silguero
 - Has the announcement been made?
- BCOA approval with the AKC to accept Silken Windhounds
 - It was decided to contact C. Swilley and ask her to create a Proposal for the board to review.
- Adjustment to Breed Standard – Barbara Tyler Lord
 - “I make a formal request that the Borzoi Club of America address the accidental removal of the word BROAD from the description of the Borzoi hock in our official breed standard. As I suggested during our conversation, Lena Tamboer should be contacted to detail this matter as she was on the committee when the accidental removal of the word took place. I believe the word BROAD is vital in providing an accurate description of this part of our breed's structure. If any committee is formed, I formally ask to be included as a member of such committee. My hope is that this matter is put on the front burner by the board and dealt with through the proper channels, as soon as possible.” Apparently, when this happened, the then-current board voted to leave the error in the standard and it was kept off.

A brief Board discussion was held, and the topic was tabled for further discussion at this meeting.

- Review our Confidentiality Agreement – Prudence H
 - “It isn't well written and could be greatly improved upon, with input from legal counsel. It would also be more appropriate to call it a ‘Non-Disclosure Agreement’.”
- President’s newsletter was briefly discussed and tabled.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- AKC Humane Fund – Ron
- Service Award – Barbara
- Cruft Qualifying Certificate – Barbara
- Report from the Obedience/Rally committee – Betsy
(See Supporting Documents for report)
- National Health Clinic Report – Leo Abordo

Thank you to the army of dedicated volunteers that staffed our FOUR clinics over two days in Ohio. It was a stupendous undertaking and nearly 300 exams were conducted.

2022 / Texas: We are pleased to again offer two days of echocardiograms at our health clinics. The keynote speaker will provide updates on cardiac research projects currently underway at Texas A&M.

2023 / TBA: Preparations are underway and will be finalized as soon as a date and location are confirmed. Due to the increasing challenges in securing board-certified specialists at discounted rates, we are discussing long-term options. Concerns include travel expenses and state licensing requirements.

- Report on the AKC New Titles File - KC Artley

There is no committee for this, but since we have several new board members, I would like to explain what this file is used for. The AKC will only send the file to one BCOA member. It is sent once a month, electronically, as a csv file. It lists all AKC titles earned by borzoi in the previous month; an average of 60 titles per month. Here is an example of what one dog's new title looks like on the file:

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"Champion","Borzoi","The Hound Group","CH Windrift You Only Live
Once","B","HP58382108","30-AUG-19","07-AUG-21","Sbl Gld","","GCH CH
Windrift All In The Game JC","D","HP50797802","01-DEC19","GCH CH Kirov
Windrift Twilight Glow JC","B","HP49285005","01-DEC-19","Delores Swan &
Nancy Reimer","42720 North Hunt Club
Road","","Antioch","IL","60002-9447","Jon Reimer & Nancy
Reimer","55","
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Currently, this file is used by these committees:

1. Championship Medals for Conformation (Data is formatted as just the dogs' names with the BCOA members names and addresses, emailed to Chris Danker).
2. Championship Medals for Performance and Companion Titles (Amy Baltrop is the new chairperson. She needs just the dogs' names with the BCOA members names and addresses, for specific AKC performance/companion titles as described in the BCOA Standing Rules "AWD 20 Title Medals".)
3. The Aristocrat. (Data is formatted for print and sent to Helen Lee as a rtf file.)
4. Archives (All information from the files are kept both in the original format and in a database)

5. ROM (The archives database is used to validate titles, and also to assist BCOA members researching what titles were earned by the offspring of their sires/dams.)