



BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
BOARD MEETING
November 15, 2021 – Teleconference
Reconvened on November 28, 2021
FINAL MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL** – taken and meeting commenced at: **6:05 PM**

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	Yes
Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Vice President	Yes
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	Yes at 6:30
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 4a	Yes
Karen Ackerman, Region 5	Yes
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	Yes

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM**

2. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Ron Williams**

- Show Secretary Update
- BCCNJ 11/6 Fun Match

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

- **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.

○ **Junior**

6. Hannah McCloskey

(Delta, PA)

- **Trophy Supported Entries**

- **Mailings**

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

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

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

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)**

8. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES -

- **AKC Gazette Columnist – Jon Steele**
- **Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas**
- **Annual Top 5 Awards – Leonore Abordo**
- **Annual Versatility Award and Versatility Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny**
- **Archivist – K.C. Artley**
- **Aristocrat Editor – Helen Lee**
- **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
- National Specialty Chairperson – Kim Horn Janek
 - 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
- Shop – Kari McCloskey
- Specialty Guidelines – Barbara O’Neill
- Standardized Trophies – Barbara O’Neill
- Standing Rules –

Top Five report addition: Regarding Open Field Coursing, K. Ackerman explained why the open field coursing is not split into two events for the awards. It is very limited in time, location and participants. She will send a full report to be added to the standing committee reports.

- Webmaster – Helen Lee

Motion: To accept the Standing Committee reports: P. Hlatky

Second: J. Katona

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

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.

None of the old JEC Trifolds will be sent out.

- BCOA Facebook Page Monitor(s)

Helen Lee expressed concern that the official BCOA Facebook pages do not have a monitor. There have been unanswered questions on the page. There are two pages: one for the National Specialty and one named Borzoi Club of America. Discussion occurred.

Motion: R. Peters Campbell and S. McFadden will monitor the official BCOA Facebook pages through the end of 2021. It will be reevaluated in 2022 when the new board members take office; B. Danieli

Second: K. Ackerman

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

R. Williams will send an email to H. Lee to inform her of the new monitors.

- **Governors Regional Mentor Inquiry / Info Update**

Regional Governors queried their regions to see if those members who were listed as mentors would like to continue and to ask if there were any updates to their contact information. The names of those who were no longer interested and all information updates were sent to H. Lee to be removed or corrected on the website list. The regional governors will confirm with their mentors that they received the DVD on the Visualization of the Standard and if not, will notify R. Williams to send one to them.

- **Home Visit for Membership Application Survey Update**

K. Novotny is waiting for more responses. All other governors have submitted the results of the survey from their regions. Once we get the information from K. Novotny, R. Williams will send out the tallies and the board will discuss it via email.

- **Futurity Chair Acceptance**

Rebecca Neal – Futurity Secretary

Cindi Gredys – Futurity Event Chair

- **PayPal Increase / Sale Item Charges: Apply actual fee or flat rate?**

Discussion on how to collect the funds that are charged when members use PayPal for BCOA purchases. Do we want to charge a flat fee or a percentage of the purchases? To be consistent with the fee charged for the use of credit cards, we should charge 5%.

Motion: To assess a 5% fee on BCOA charges made through credit card or PayPal for effective 11/28/21: B. Tolley

Second: S. McFadden

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

- **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.”**

Discussion was held on the possibility of changing the age breakdown for the Veteran classes. The idea is to not have very old dogs competing with much younger dogs. There is a big difference between a 7-year-old borzoi and a 12-year-old borzoi. It was determined that it

was a topic that needs more thought and discussion. It was decided to continue this topic at a future meeting. P. Hlatky mentioned that we are not limited to using the age that AKC uses. BCOA can decide if we want to change the age when a borzoi is considered to be a Veteran.

- 2023 Judge Announcement
 - The judges for 2023 are as follows:
 - Conformation Judge: Marina Ostrovskaya (Russia)
 - Sweepstakes Judge: Roy Silguero
 - Has the announcement been made?

Due to the circumstances of 2020 which resulted in the National being cancelled, these names may have been announced earlier than normal. Regional governors should add these names to their regional updates.

- 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.

When asked to submit a proposal, C. Swilley said that it was not her intention to ask for acceptance and she was not interested in pursuing it further.

- 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 lengthy discussion was had concerning how to explain this situation and how to increase the membership interest to correct the error. It needs to be clear that we are NOT looking to change the standard, only correct an error of omission.

We discussed the possibility of creating a flyer, webinar, and/or YouTube video to put on the official BCOA Facebook page and to use at the annual membership meeting. We want to use a variety of approaches to get as many members as possible to respond. The major concern is the fact that a change in the Standard requires a 50% vote of the membership, and we usually get much less participation.

Motion: The board agrees to correct the error of the omission of the word ‘broad’ from our standard: K. Ackerman

Second: B. Danieli

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

Motion: To create a committee consisting of, R. Williams, B. Danieli, B. Tolley, P. Hlatky, Barbara Tyler Lord and Patti Neale to consider ways to inform the members of the need to correct the omission of the word 'broad' in our standard: B. Danieli

Second: K. Horn Janek

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

Review our Confidentiality Agreement – Prudence H

- “It isn't well written and could be greatly approved upon, with input from legal counsel. It would also be more appropriate to call it a ‘Non-Disclosure Agreement’.”

Discussed the current code of conduct and how it can be improved. There was discussion as to whether it is a code of conduct, a confidentiality agreement, a non-disclosure agreement, etc. It is about conflict of interest and confidentiality and the fiduciary responsibilities and ethics involved in being board members. We have a fiduciary responsibility to work together in the best interest of our club. Non-disclosure agreements are more appropriate for businesses and research and development and state exactly what you are not allowed to disclose.

The agreement states that board members will not disclose information gained through board involvement. It does not say that it stops after you are off the board.

The board feels that the language needs to be reviewed and possibly changed.

Motion: Form a committee composed of B. Tolley, R. Williams, and J. Katona to review the Code of Ethics and make recommendations to the board: K. Ackerman

Second: K. Horn Janek

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

- President's newsletter was briefly discussed and tabled.

R. Williams will create a President's Newsletter for 2022. He will request assistance from several board members for this project.

10. NEW BUSINESS

We went into executive session at 8:12 PM

Motion: A new standing rule was brought before the board: K. Ackerman

Second: B. Tolley

Discussion took place.

Motion: We vote by private ballot sent directly to R. Williams by 9 PM EST on 11/29/21: B. Tolley

Second: J. Katona

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

R. Williams asked that the votes be sent to his personal email address with the subject line “Secret Ballot”.

R. Williams will send a copy of the motion to each board member’s personal email address.

We came out of executive session at 8:57 PM

➤ **AKC Humane Fund – Ron**

October is AKC domestic violence awareness month. AKC is asking for donations to the AKC Humane Fund which awards grants to pet-friendly domestic violence shelters across the country.

Motion: BCOA donate \$200 to the AKC Humane Fund for domestic violence: L. Hoflin

Second: J. Katona

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

➤ **Service Award – Barbara**

Discussion whether to have a service award as well as a sportsmanship award. There has been confusion as to the qualifications required to receive the sportsmanship award. Many times the qualifications of a nominated member related more to service than sportsmanship. There is also a Presidential Award for service that has rarely been used. B. Danieli will research to see if the Presidential Award would be what she would like to see used for service to the club. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

➤ **Cruft Qualifying Certificate – Barbara**

Is there a certificate that we must provide to qualifying dogs or does that come from Crufts?

R. Williams stated that a link is sent from Crufts. The Corresponding Secretary would need to go to the link, print out the certificates and present them to the qualifiers at the National. The qualifying dogs are: Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Best Bred-by Exhibitor, Awards of Merit dogs and Select Dog and Bitch. R. Williams will find the link and get the information to B. Danieli.

➤ **Lifetime Achievement Awards**

R. Williams asked all board members to submit nominations via email for the three AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards, conformation, companion, and performance.

➤ **Report from the Obedience/Rally committee – Betsy
(See Supporting Documents for report)**

B. Tolley listed the three recommended judges from the 2023 specialty Obedience and Rally Committee. They are: Russell Hornfisher, Carol Mett, and Ted McCall. A discussion of the qualifications of each of the judges took place.

Motion: To accept the recommendations in the following order: Ted McCall, Carol Mett, and Russell Hornfisher for the companion events at the 2023 National: K. Ackerman

Second: B. Danieli

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

➤ **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.

Much discussion occurred concerning the fact that the Health Committee lost money in 2021 and the BCOA had to subsidize the health clinics. To avoid this in 2022, we discussed increasing costs for the health tests but still giving a discount to BCOA members.

Motion: To charge \$85 for BCOA members and \$125 for non-members for the heart echos at the TX National: J. Katona

Second: L. Hoflin

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried

➤ 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:

"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", ""

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.)

Motion to adjourn: B. Tolley

Second: J. Katona

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:54 PM (EST)

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Katona

BCOA Recording Secretary