



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Date April 11, 2022 – Teleconference**

1. **ROLL CALL** – taken and meeting commenced at: **8:05 PM EST**

<b>OFFICERS/BOARD</b>	<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>
Ron Williams, President	<b>Yes</b>
Shirley McFadden, Vice President	<b>Yes</b>
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	<b>Yes</b>
Joyce Katona, Recording Secretary	<b>Yes</b>
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	<b>Yes</b>
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	<b>Yes</b>
Kari McCloskey, Region 1	<b>Yes</b>
Elizabeth Tolley, Region 2	<b>Yes</b>
Amy Sorbie, Region 3	<b>Yes</b>
Kay Novotny, Region 4	<b>No</b>
Kristina Terra, Region 5	<b>Yes</b>
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	<b>Yes</b>

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2/7/22, 2/15/22 & 2/21/22**

*Motion to approve the minutes from 2/7, 2/15, and 2/21/22: P. Hlatky*

*Second: A. Sorbie*

*All in favor, motion carried*

2. **PRESIDENT – Ron Williams**

R. Williams mentioned a former Board member who is terminally ill. L. Hoflin also gave an update on the same member's current condition.

3. **Vice President – Shirley McFadden**

S. McFadden commended the Show Committee for the work they are doing getting ready for the 2022 National.

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

K. Terra asked to use her personal email for the Board io group mails. I will remove her Board email from the group list. A. Sorbie doesn't get any email from R. Williams to her personal account unless it is part of a forwarded email but she can access them via the IO Group online. Discussion regarding the various email issues.

- **Member Applications**
  - **First Readings**
    - ❖ **Carly Blaughter**

Discussion was held regarding getting sponsor forms and applications for pending members.

*Motion to accept the first reading: L. Hoflin*

*Second: K. Horn Janek*

*All in favor, motion carried*

*Motion to accept the Recording Secretary report: B. Danieli*

*Second: L. Hoflin*

*All in favor, motion carried*

- Second Readings (No second readings for review)
- Junior (none)

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

P. Hlatky mentioned that the club contacts are still incorrect on the AKC website. B. Danieli is aware of this and has written to the AKC regarding this previously. She will reach out to the AKC again. Also, P. Hlatky said the AKC is spelling the plural of borzoi with an 's'. B. Danieli will inform them of that as well.

- Trophy Supported Entries  
None
- Mailings  
None

*Motion to accept the Corresponding Secretary report: K. Horn Janek*

*Second: P. Hlatky*

*All in favor, motion carried*

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

Taxes have been filed. BCOA lost \$1,970 in unpaid PayPal fees.

L. Hoflin will be meeting with the bookkeeper to make sure everything is accurate before the report is created for the annual membership meeting.

R. Williams asked to be informed when L. Hoflin would be ready for us to schedule an audit. She will do so.

L. Hoflin still has not heard back from Rita Rice regarding the PayPal account. If she hasn't heard back from R. Rice after the National L. Hoflin will clear out the old PayPal account and open a new one that does not have R. Rice's name attached.

As a BCOA member residing in the state of Pennsylvania (BCOA's State of Incorporation), Deb West has been designated as the recipient of any BCOA official communication involving the state of Pennsylvania. D. West received a letter from the IRS and will forward it to L. Hoflin.

K. Horn Janek asked if the cost of the Pod should be charged to the National? Discussion as to if it is a National expense or not. It was determined to leave it the way it is since the Pod contains mainly items used for each National Specialty.

*Motion to accept the Treasurer report: J. Katona*

*Second: P. Hlatky*

*All in favor, motion carried*

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

AKC is interviewing breeders of the year and other club breeders who have made an impact on their club. Parent Clubs will have an opportunity to nominate up to five breeders for inclusion in this project. The Board asked for the criteria used to choose these breeders. A. Sorbie asked P. Hlatky to get clarification as to the wording of the statement. Does the AKC mean breeders who have had an impact on their club or breeders who have had an impact on their breed? P. Hlatky will get back to the Board regarding this.

BCOA's health statement on the AKC website is from 2018. P. Hlatky asked if it needs updating. A. Sorbie asked if our new requirement for the advanced cardiac testing should be added. Basically, it just lists what we require for a CHIC number. P. Hlatky will send our health statement to N. Hopkins to see if she agrees and approves.

For Meet The Breed, the rare breeds are having trouble getting people to attend these events. AKC will do whatever they can to get representatives there. P. Hlatky mentioned the various steps that AKC will take to get these individuals, for instance, if we do not recommend our own people, AKC will choose and the Parent Clubs will have no say in the matter.

R. Williams mentioned we have no volunteers for Tampa on April 23-24 which is the weekend of the BCOA National. We have members who volunteered to do Dallas on June 25-26 and San Diego on September 10-11. We still need volunteers for Columbus on November 19-20 and Atlanta, on November 22-23.

B. Tolley called everyone in the BCOA membership directory within driving distance of Tampa. She got a couple of members who were very enthusiastic, but it is not realistic to expect 2 people to manage the booth for an entire weekend. There are no other members in the area who were able to attend and/or had Borzoi able to attend as it is a huge time commitment.

The Board will accept the Delegate report after P. Hlatky gets more information to us.

#### 6. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS -

- Region One Governor -Kari McCloskey (report attached)
- Region Two Governor – Betsy Tolley (report attached)
- Region Three Governor – Amy Sorbie (report attached)
- Region Four Governor – Kay Novotny (report attached)
- Region Five Governor – Kristina Terra (report attached)

K. Terra gave an update as to the progress on finding a site for the 2024 National. It is possible we may have two proposals.

- Region Six Governor – Kim Horn Janek (report attached)

*Motion to accept the Regional Governor reports: P. Hlatky*

*Second: B. Danieli*

*All in favor, motion carried*

#### 7. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES –

We will hold off on these reports until we are in TX except for those dealing with the National Specialty.

- AKC Gazette Columnist – Kristine Terra
- 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 – Karen Ackerman
- 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
  - Pomona, CA 3/5-6/22 – POSTPONED
  - Tampa, FL 4/23-24/22 – Not Registered
  - Dallas, TX 6/25-26/22 – Gary Gideon
  - San Diego, CA 9/10-11/22 - Tomomi Mikawa
  - Columbus, OH 10/15-16/22
  - NYC 11/12-13/22
- Meet the Breeds – Orlando – Patti Neale
- Member Education – Prudence Hlatky
- National Specialty Chairperson – Kim Horn Janek
  - 2022 – Mesquite, TX April 23 – 30. 2022
  - 2023 – Virginia Beach April 22- 29, 2023
  - 2024 – Region 5

K. Horn Janek stated that Laura Young, the hired ASFA judge canceled, and Amy Balthrop will judge ASFA in her place. Dawn Hall, the LGRA secretary has a work conflict and had to cancel. Victor Whitlock will be the LGRA secretary.

There were many issues with online entries vs. snail mail entries. There will be changes made for next year.

Entries are down a little, but the Committee is hearing politics are causing people to boycott the TX show. Two of the workers at the performance events are leaving after the performance events are over. What is sad is that people don't realize that their boycott will not hurt the state of Texas, it will only hurt the BCOA.

It looks like BCOA will meet the minimum contract requirement for food but possibly not for rooms. Some people have asked for refunds on meals so the Committee is aware they will not be attending but they have not canceled their rooms. Other people have reserved 3 and 4 rooms but there is no guarantee all these rooms will be used. People have mentioned on social media that they will not be attending but have not yet canceled their rooms. K. Horn Janek praised the National Specialty Committee, stating they were a joy to work with.

B. Tolley reported on the progress for 2023. She asked Rhonda Robins to design a logo for VA, Beach. B. Tolley and R. Robins had both seen the Neptune statue at a park in Virginia Beach and also on the internet and thought to use that concept for the 2023 logo. R. Robins designed the logo. The regional members have been very complimentary regarding the logo. B. Tolley will have a gift for attendees at the banquet in Mesquite to introduce the Virginia Beach location.

K. Horn Janek offered to print the pages for the trophy pledge book for 2023 since B. Tolley is working on the PowerPoint presentation. Trophy prices need to be adjusted. The book needs to be available for the Obedience and Rally competition and also the Annual Membership Meeting and the Awards Banquet.

P. Hlatky reminded all that the presentation of the proposal(s) for the 2025 National to the Board should be given at the face-to-face board meeting at the 2023 National. With the cancelation of the 2020 National, the presentations got out of sync.

- Nominating Committee – TBA
- Ready Borzoi – Veni Harlan
- Registry of Merit (ROM) – K.C. Artley
- Shop – Kari McCloskey

K. McCloskey gave an update on the Specialty sales. She is keeping a running tally of what is ordered and sold and money made on each item. K. McCloskey is hoping to avoid having an excess of old inventory. The Company she is using has small minimums that must be ordered and it does not matter as to color, size, item, etc. and there is no minimum on embroidered items which will help in that regard.

- Specialty Guidelines – Barbara O’Neill
- Standardized Trophies – Barbara O’Neill
- Standing Rules – TBA
- Webmaster – Helen Lee

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Side Committees:

- Broad Hock – (Ron, Betsy, Prudence, Barbara D, Patti Neale, and Barbara Tyler-Lord) –

The Committee met on March 14, 2022. They are gathering information on the history of the omission of broad hock from the Borzoi Breed Standard. They are looking at BCOA’s archived minutes and also waiting for a response from another BCOA matriarch. If they can present to AKC a validation of the omission, AKC will allow the correction otherwise it would need to go to the membership for a vote. The gathering of this history will also aid the membership. The Committee, with the assistance of P. Hlatky, is understanding the AKC requirements for a change to a Breed Standard. The AKC will need to approve any change before a membership vote. P. Hlatky explained that this is a very long process since it will need to be presented to the AKC Board of Directors, then be listed in the AKC Gazette with a period of several months given for any feedback to the AKC. If there is no negative feedback, it goes back to the AKC Board of Directors for approval for us to then follow BCOA’s Constitutional or Bylaw Guidelines to be voted on by the membership. The results of that vote will then go back to the AKC.

- Board Code of Conduct – (Ron, Joyce, and Betsy) 3/16/22

The Committee met on March 16, 2022, to discuss the areas of the current Code of Conduct that need to be revised. The Committee will also present to the Board a document for non-board members who work or assist on certain committees with requirements to sign.

- Home Visitation Form for New Members – (Kay & Kristina)  
See Supporting Documents and 2 files on io site
- AKC Heritage Preservation Bank - Amy

- Age Breakdown for Regular Veteran classes- Per last meeting, the Board will re-evaluate after 2023 National.
- Lifetime Achievement Results - **on 3/18/22 in the Corresponding Secretary’s Report**
- Board Response to BHWF request of two BCOA Board members sitting on their Board
- 2022 Fall F2F

A. Sorbie has been getting more feedback from other potential judges in regards to our Judge's Education Program. She requested that the Board attend the Judge's Education Presentation on Friday at the National. Additionally, R. Williams sent the link to the Judge's Education Webinar and suggested the Board all view that before arriving at the National.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- New Chair for Championship Medals for Open Field – Ron Lyn Hoflin has accepted the position of Chairperson for the Open Field Championship Medals.
- Ukraine Donation – Kristina

Discussion regarding how to help with the Ukraine situation occurred via email. Any donations the Board decides to make should be sent to the NBRF-International Division. On March 31, 2022, S. McFadden made a motion via email.

*Motion for BCOA to donate \$5,000 to NBRF to be used to assist in their Ukraine borzoi efforts: S. McFadden  
Second: B. Danieli*

*A majority of the board voted in favor and the motion carried.  
A vote was not received from: K. Novotny*

L. Hoflin sent a check for \$5,000 to NBRF-I.

- Nomination Standing Rule Request Change by Barb Ewing – Joyce
  - Joyce has a box of 115 signed petitions

P. Hlatky explained the process for making a change in the BCOA Bylaws. First, the AKC defers to the laws in the State of Incorporation. The Board cannot make any changes that are not allowed by the State of Incorporation which for BCOA is Pennsylvania. If the Board follows AKC guidelines and opens the bylaws to change, the AKC is at liberty to review all of BCOA's bylaws and may require the Club to change things the Club may not want to change.

There are several flaws in the petition, things that go against AKC policy specifically as it relates to the Nominating Committee. In addition, the petition must have an end date at which time all petitions must be received. The petition conflicts with Robert's Rules.

BCOA bylaws state that the parliamentary authority for BCOA is Robert's Rules of Order. We would have to change and remove that and substitute another parliamentary authority to be able to put this into place. Robert's Rules contains almost verbatim the current procedures that our Nominating Committee follows. The verbiage in our bylaws about the Nominating Committee and how it operates comes directly from Roberts Rules, so, the BCOA cannot just do away with the Nominating Committee.

B. Tolley will contact BCOA's attorney to ask if this is a legitimate petition and to verify if it matches what is required by Pennsylvania's code and the timeline we need to follow. She will also find out who in the AKC we need to communicate with for bylaw changes.

B. Tolley will update the Board via email as to what our next step needs to be.

R. Williams will give an update at the Annual Membership Meeting as to the process, what the Board has done so far, and what the next steps will be.

R. Williams asked the Board to review the agenda for the Annual Membership Meeting and advise him if it looks complete or if any changes need to be made.

K. Terra informed the Board that she will be unable to attend the Annual Membership Meeting due to a work conflict. She will write up a statement regarding the Ukraine situation for R. Williams to read in her place.

*Motion to postpone this meeting at 11:20 until April 25 in Mesquite, TX: L. Hoflin*

*Second: P. Hlatky*

*All in favor, motion carried*

- Breeder Mentoring / Education - Prudence
- Fund Raising Committee – Kari & Ron
- Annual Membership Meeting Agenda Items for Discussion
  - Electronic Voting Response and changing the By-laws to allow for electronic voting
  - Juniors Recognition
  - 2023 AKC BBE Award - Barbara
  - 2023 National Judge Concern
  - AKC Heritage Preservation Bank – Amy
  - Nomination Standing Rule Request Change

- From 2021 meeting - 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.

**Meeting Adjourned at: 11:20 pm (EST) to be reconvened on April 25, 2022, during the National.**