

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

**Continuation of the April 11, 2022 Board Meeting
April 25, 2022 – Face-to-Face—Mesquite, TX**

1. ROLL CALL – taken and meeting commenced at: 3:50 PM

OFFICERS/BOARD

IN ATTENDANCE

Ron Williams, President	Yes
Shirley McFadden, Vice President	Yes - left at 8:30 returned 8:59
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	Yes
Joyce Katona, Recording Secretary	Yes
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	Yes
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	Excused due to judging
Kari McCloskey, Region 1	Yes - left at 8:40, ill, did not return
Elizabeth Tolley, Region 2	Yes
Amy Sorbie, Region 3	Yes
Kay Novotny, Region 4	Yes
Kristina Terra, Region 5	Yes
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	Yes

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

2. PRESIDENT – Ron Williams

3. Vice President – Shirley McFadden

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

• Member Applications

There was a discussion regarding the acceptance of video home visits. S. McFadden expressed concern that since the Board voted to change the home visit requirement in the Standing Rules in February 2022, if a virtual video visit occurred within the last year it should be valid. There was an application that was received and discussed in both February and April that did not yet have the first reading. There was a discrepancy with the sponsor forms, unrelated to the home visit, for this application that had prevented it from having the first reading. J. Katona will speak with the two sponsors for this application this week in Mesquite in hopes to resolve this issue. Once the issue is resolved, the application will move forward in the approval process.

• First Readings

Carly Blaughter

Pittsburgh, PA Reg. 1

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(Sponsors: Monika Stachon & Jamie Bobrowski & home visit by Marylee Jenko)

• Second Readings (No second readings for review)

- **Junior- No Junior applications.**
 - **Trophy Supported Entries**
 - **Mailings**
5. **REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Barbara Danieli (report attached)**
 6. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Lyn Snyder Hoflin (report attached)**
 7. **REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE – Prudence Hlatky (report attached)**

P. Hlatky stated that the cost for her to attend the March delegate meeting was \$982.89. She asked the Board if we want her to not attend the June meeting. The \$500 budget allowed for this purpose does not cover the expenses. Discussion occurred regarding increasing the budget. This topic will be on the agenda for the next meeting. We feel the importance of having our representative there. She was asked if she wants to attend. The amount we reimburse to the AKC Delegate has not changed since 2011. A motion was made (see below) to increase the amount the Board will reimburse the AKC Delegate to attend meetings and to revise the standing rule that speaks to this topic. Action items for changes to the AKC website are the BCOA Health statement revisions. The DM name needs to be changed and change our corresponding secretary from Karen Mays to Barbara Danieli. P. Hlatky provided the necessary information for the Delegate report to be accepted.

Motion to accept the Delegate's Report: B. Danieli
Second: K. Novotny
All in favor, motion carried.

Breeder Development Committee

P. Hlatky stated that the AKC is asking the Parent Breed Clubs to submit a list of breeders to be interviewed by the AKC. It was stressed the people listed should be those who can teach well. Ron asked the Regional Governors to come up with several names to recommend.

Motion to make an exception to the Standing Rule ACC6 for the AKC Delegate June meeting and to reimburse the delegate for the cost of attending up to \$1000: B, Danieli
Second: A. Sorbie
All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to revise Standing Rule ACC6 for future AKC Delegate meetings: B. Danieli
Second: K. Horn Janek
All in favor, motion carried.

8. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS

Motion to approve the Regional Governors reports: B, Danieli
Second: K. Novotny
All in fayor, motion carried.

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

9. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES -

- **AKC Gazette Columnist – Kristina Terra**
- **Annual Awards –**

Nancy Katsarelas stated we don't have all the awards yet. We are waiting to hear about shipping.

- **Annual Top 5 Awards – Leonore Abordo**
- **Annual Versatility Award and Versatility Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny**
- **Archivist – K.C. Artley**
- **Aristocrat Editor – Helen Lee**

R. Williams will ask Linda Turner to be the statistician for Open Field to replace K Ackerman.

- **ASFA Delegate – Sandra Moore**
- **Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee – Karen Ackerman.**

With the passing of K. Ackerman, B. O'Neill will continue as chair for this year.

Motion that the BTRC will reimburse the BCOA for the cost of using Chorus Call for their teleconference meetings with the understanding that in the future Dial Pad will be used for all calls: B. Danieli

Second: S. McFadden

All in favor, motion carried.

K. McCloskey suggested a change in the website for the National and sales, possibly a totally separate website.

S. McFadden suggested the BCOA President should obtain and keep in his possession, a hard drive back up of our website in case of unforeseen circumstances such as we experienced when our Recording Secretary passed away.

- **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**

C. Gredys has resigned as Chairperson of the Futurity Event. We can put out a survey to determine the interest of the membership. B. Danieli and K. Horn Janek volunteered to take on the chairperson role as co-chairs.

- **Futurity Entries – Rebecca Neal**
- **Health Chair – Nancy Hopkins**

Executive Session began at 7:15 regarding the health clinics at the National. Executive session ended at 7:33.

- **Health – Canine Health Foundation and Morris Animal Foundation – Ginger Jones**
- **Judges Education – Patti Neale**

We still do not have the tri-fold printed and available. S. McFadden raised the concern that the JEC Tri-Fold Judge's Education pamphlet was reviewed and approved by the Board at the meeting in November

2018 and has been used for Judge's Education since then but it has never been available to members, uploaded to the website, or shared with member breed mentors. In addition, at the Board meeting on Oct 31, 2020, a motion was made to remove committee members' names from all Judge's Education materials. The Tri-Fold pamphlet has been used for Judge's Education and is being distributed to judges for approximately 2 years with all of the Board's recommended changes except for the removal of committee members' names. As of this date, it still has not been updated to reflect this change nor has it been made available for use by the breed judge mentors. R. Williams will speak with P. Neale to learn the current status of this document.

Executive Session began at 8:44 regarding the Judge's Education presentation. Executive Session ended at 8:57.

- **Keeping in Touch – Edna Ogata**
- **Legislative Affairs Liaison – Lyn Snyder Hoffin**
- **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**
- **Nominating Committee – TBA**
- **Ready Borzoi – Veni Harlan**
- **Registry of Merit (ROM) – K.C. Artley**
- **Shop – Kari McCloskey**
- **Specialty Guidelines – Barbara O'Neill**

This will be handled by K. Horn Janek and B. Danieli.

- **Standardized Trophies – Barbara O'Neill**

We need a new chair to replace B. O'Neill.

- **Standing Rules – TBA**
- **Webmaster – Helen Lee**

Paused for dinner.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Side Committees:**
- **Broad Hock – (Ron Williams, Betsy Tolley, Prudence Hlatky, Barbara Danieli, Patti Neale, and Barbara Tyler-Lord)**
- **Board Code of Conduct – (Ron Williams, Joyce Katona, and Betsy Tolley)**
- **Home Visitation Form for New Members – (Kay Novotny & Kristina Terra) See Supporting Documents and 2 files on the IO site.**
- **AKC Heritage Preservation Bank – Amy Sorbie**
- **Age Breakdown for Regular Veteran classes**

Per our last meeting, the Board will re-evaluate after 2022 National.

- **Lifetime Achievement Results**

- **BHWF**

BCOA Board Response to the BHWF request of having two BCOA Board members sitting on their Board of Directors. The BCOA Board is opposed to this.

- **2022 Fall F2F - Olympia, WA in the fall of 2022. Oct, 1–Nov. 12, 2022**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- **New Chair for Championship Medals for Open Field – Ron Williams**

Linda Turner will be asked by R. Williams.

- **Ukraine Donation – Kristina Terra**
- **Nomination Committee Bylaws Request Change by Barb Ewing – Joyce Katona**
- **J. Katona has a box of 115 signed petitions.**

B. Tolley heard from our attorney but not the AKC. AKC stated 4-6 weeks for a response.

- **Breeder Mentoring / Education - Prudence Hlatky - postponed**
- **Fund Raising Committee – Kari McCloskey & Ron Williams - postponed**

Nominating committee—

No one volunteered to Chair the committee.

- **Annual Membership Meeting Agenda Items for Discussion**
- **Electronic Voting Response and changing the By-laws to allow for electronic voting—Kari**

K. McCloskey had left the meeting due to illness so we did not discuss it.

- **Juniors Recognition**

This will begin in 2023.

- **2023 AKC BBE Award –**

R. Williams will announce this at the annual membership meeting. The winner will receive a free litter registration from the AKC.

- **2023 National Judge Concern**

It is still too soon to make a decision.

- **AKC Heritage Preservation Bank –**

A. Sorbie will introduce this at the annual membership meeting.

- **Nomination Standing Rule Request Change from Barbara Ewing**
- **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.—R. Williams and A. Sorbie will conduct a survey of the membership.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:35 pm (EST)