



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

August 29, 2022 – Teleconference 8 PM (EST)

1. **ROLL CALL** – taken and meeting commenced at: **8:04 EST**

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	YES
Shirley McFadden, 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
Amy Sorbie, Region 3	YES
Kay Novotny, Region 4	NO
Kristina Terra, Region 5	YES
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	YES

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 11, 2022 & April 25, 2022**

Motion to accept the minutes from April 11 & 25, 2022: L. Hoflin

Second: A. Sorbie

All in favor, motion carried

Motion to accept the minutes from the Annual Membership Meeting: P. Hlatky

Second: K. Horn Janek

All in favor, motion carried

2. PRESIDENT – Ron Williams

Agenda Adjustment - Add Judge's Education which was mistakenly left off the list of Standing Committees-A. Sorbie

- i.o. site upgrade

We have the free plan with IO Groups which includes 1 GB of storage and we have run out of space to upload documents. R. Williams has been putting items onto a thumb drive and deleting them from the site to allow more documents to be uploaded. We need to upgrade to a paid service. A Premium paid plan is available and it includes 30 GB storage and several other features for a yearly fee of \$220. Discussion occurred regarding if we want to go with a monthly paid plan or a yearly paid plan.

Motion to upgrade to the yearly premium paid plan for \$220: S. McFadden

Second: B. Danieli

All in favor, motion carried

R. Williams stated that in a few months, we can reevaluate the plan to see if we are happy with it or want to look into different options.

Motion to move the Membership Chairperson discussion from New Business to after the Regional Governor reports and before Standing Committees: B. Danieli

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor, motion carried

3. Vice President – Shirley McFadden

No Report

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

- Member Applications

The new membership sponsor form with the option for a video home visit has not been added to the website. It was stated in the minutes from the Annual Membership meeting that it would be added within the month but it has not yet been done. R. Williams asked K. Terra to send the revised form to himself and J. Katona. K. Terra will send the new sponsor form with video visit information included to R. Williams and J. Katona. R. Williams stated he will make sure that it gets on the website.

Discussion occurred regarding the need for actual signatures versus a name typed in a cursive font. All Board members felt we need a signature.

Motion to uphold the requirement that an actual signature must be on membership applications and sponsor forms: B. Danieli

Second P. Hlatky

All in favor, motion carried

- First Readings

- ❖ (15) Conducted via email

- ❖ Scott & Lori Meister

Verona, WI. Reg. 6

meistro@tds.net

(Sponsors: Susan Motisi & Caryl Dumaine)

- ❖ **Anna Piper**
Houston, TX Reg. 3
azamakhov@yahoo.com
(Sponsors: Margaret Lucia & Kay Casella)
- ❖ **Daniel & Lisha Piszczatoski**
Murrells Inlet, SC Reg. 2
lishatoski@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Susanne Cecere & Stephanie Hawley Parker)
- ❖ **Wendy Wilkinson**
Springfield, OR Reg. 5
Wnd.wilkinson@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Robin Reil & Pat Wiseman)

Motion to accept the first readings: P. Hlatky

Second: K. Horn Janek

All in favor, motion carried

Executive session: 8:39 Discussion regarding an applicant for membership. Membership standing rule MMB4, lists the reasons to table. Voting must be done in person by written secret ballot. Executive session ended: 9:31

Motion to approve the 2nd readings of all applicants listed below: P. Hlatky

Second: L. Hoflin

All in favor, motion carried

The following individuals have been accepted into BCOA membership:

- **Second Readings (16)**

- ❖ **Carly Blaugher**
Pittsburgh, PA Reg. 1
crblaugher@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Monika Stachon & Jamie Bobrowski & home visit by Marylee Jenko)
- ❖ **Javier Ocasio & Keishla Brito**
Summit, MO Reg 5
datawarriors@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Sandra Moore-Doby & Kristen Suhrenbrock)
- ❖ **Lily Butcher**
Madison, WI Reg 6
Lmsurprise17@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Caryl Dumaine & Pat Murphy)
- ❖ **Angela & Susan Campbell**
Muncie, IN Reg 6
amcampbell3@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Ashley Sydow & Sherri Nichols)
- ❖ **Randi Chylinski**
Los Angelas, CA Reg 4
randichyinske@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Tamonmi Mikawa & Karen Staudt-Cartabona)
- ❖ **Samantha & Anna Isaacs**
Aurora, CO Reg 3

chernayavodaborzoi@gmail.com

(Sponsors: Lyn Hoflin & Erica Wolf)

❖ **Jessica Johnson**

New York, NY Reg 1

jljohnsonD95@gmail.com

(Sponsors Ron Williams & Danielle Steenkamp)

❖ **Emily Lynn**

Huntsville, AL Reg 2

emilyelizalynn@gmail.com

(Sponsors: Sandra Moore-Doby & Veni Harlan)

❖ **Adrienne Montgomery**

Tornillo, TX Reg. 3

adrienne@gmariya.com ??

(Sponsors: Leigh Paintin & Sandra Moore-Doby)

First reading was on 5/3/21 and then moved. Membership was on hold until a home visit was done at her new address. Video home visit completed.

❖ **Tonja Renae Osborn**

Carlisle, IA Reg 6

info@iowadogtrainer.com

(Sponsors: Terry Doane & Lyn Hoflin)

❖ **Phil & Carly Ryan**

Mesa, AZ Reg 4

Carly.francis86@gmail.com

(Sponsors: Bunny Kelley & Jenny Coomler)

❖ **Andrea (Andy) Scasserra**

Limerick, ME Reg 1

newfdoc@roadrunner.com

(Sponsors: Beth Collins & Meghann Lord-Fenn)

❖ **George & Shawna Stone**

Chehails, WA Reg 5

serendipitywolfhounds@gmail.com

(Sponsors: Dawn Hall & KC Thompson)

❖ **Christopher & Rebecca Strieby**

Tifton, GA Reg 2

grimoireborzoi@gmail.com

(Sponsors: Ashley Cirimeli & Amy Balthrop)

❖ **Hillary Tregillus**

Olympia, WA Reg 5

olyhillary@gmail.com

(Sponsors: Monica Barry & Kristina Terra)

❖ **Janet Welter**

Columbus, WI Reg 6

jmwelter@mg.com

(Sponsors: Caryl Dumaine & Susan Motisi)

○ **Junior**

❖ **Deborah Strieby**

Tifton, Ga Reg 2

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AKC # 44568743001
❖ Stella Piper
Houston, TX Reg. 3
azamakhov@yahoo.com
AKC # 23250134001

Two entries in the Recording Secretary's report were questioned and modified to clear up any confusion.

Motion to accept the Recording Secretary report: B. Danieli

Second: P. Hlatky

All in favor, motion carried

- **Trophy Supported Entries**

- Jill Zamowski (4.8.23 Tuscaloosa KC, Sweeps: Cricket Murray and Regular Judge: TBD) and 4.9.23 Birmingham KC, Sweeps: Beth Blough and Regular Judge: TBD))
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Motion to accept the TSE from J. Zamowski: B. Tolley

Second: P. Hlatky

All in favor, motion carried

- **Mailings**

- R. Williams sent the "IMPORTANT 2023 BCOA National Specialty Changes" BLAST email to membership on 7/20/22

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

There were three instances of duplicate entries that were mentioned and corrected.

Motion to accept the Corresponding Secretary report: A. Sorbie

Second: J. Katona

All in favor, motion carried

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

Discussion / Question: Clarification of dues - per Standing Rules should dues be \$40 per year which includes a \$5 application fee for new members or does it mean dues are \$40 and then the individual should add \$5 on top of that for application fee?

There are inconsistencies regarding the amount paid for dues. There is a \$5 application fee plus the dues amount for new members. Renewal dues would also need to be consistent. All forms including the ones on the website and the Standing Rules MMB 2 and MMB 7 need to be updated to have the dues be \$40 for a single membership and \$50 for a household membership. We will delete MMB 7. R. Williams and J. Katona will reword the language for MMB 2 and make sure that the Standing Rule, membership application, and renewal forms as well as the website are all consistent.

There were several comments regarding separating the 2022 National funds from the upcoming 2023 funds and the various categories listed. Also the placements of the Futurity and Health committee funds were discussed.

Various categories need to be clarified. Plans need to be made to have an audit done for 2023.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: B. Danieli

Second: K. Horn Janek

All in favor, motion carried

Membership Chairperson – Barbara

Moved this New Business item to discuss at this meeting so B. Danieli can share it with the Nominating Committee.

B. Danieli suggested that BCOA reinstate the Membership Chairperson position to alleviate the workload of the Recording Secretary concerning the membership duties. We did have this position in the past, but it was removed. B. Danieli explained her reasoning for this change, discussion occurred.

Motion to reinstate the Membership Chairperson who will work with the Recording Secretary for the purpose of compiling and maintaining the membership directory and associated activities pertaining to such: B. Danieli

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor, motion carried

Adjourned until Sept. 6 when we will begin with the Delegates report.

7. REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE – Prudence Hlatky (report attached) moved to Sept 6 meeting

Delegate Expenses increase discussion

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September 6, 2022 – Teleconference 8:00 PM (EST)

Per the BCOA Constitution, “In the event of the incapacitation or absence of the Recording Secretary, the duties shall be filled by the Corresponding Secretary.”

2. ROLL CALL – taken and meeting commenced at: 8:02 pm

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	YES
Shirley McFadden, Vice President	YES
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	YES
Joyce Katona, Recording Secretary	NO
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	YES
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	YES
Kari McCloskey, Region 1	YES

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

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

Discussed Delegate expense reimbursement policy and the handling of the past few months reimbursement.. Discussed current SR of up to \$500.00 reimbursement for each meeting attending and the one-time BCOA Board adjustment for the Delegate meeting in NY for Fall of 2022 (voted on at F2F Board meeting at the 2022 National Specialty).

A. Sorbie made motion that we reimburse the AKC Delegate going forward, up to \$1k for any meeting requiring travel on behalf of performing the responsibilities as Delegate on behalf of BCOA (with original receipts). L. Hoflin seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Discussed prior reimbursements of 2021-2022 and any overages being returned to BCOA. P. Hlatky to provide a reconciliation prior to the next BCOA Board meeting and L. Hoflin should collaborate with her to make certain there is a proper paper trail.

P. Hlatky discussed the next F2F BCOA Board meeting coincides with her trip to FL as AKC Delegate and the handling of the expenses being appropriately split between the two meetings (one being personal cost and the other a BCOA cost). The Board suggested different ways to account for each cost for proper accounting. \

Discussed the AKC Delegate report and the required voting P. Hlatky will follow at her next AKC Delegate meeting.

A.Sorbie made a motion to vote no on ending term limits amendment. B. Tolley seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. (refer to attached AKC Delegate report for details).

L. Hoflin made a motion to vote “yes” on extending points to the group placements. B. Tolley seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. (refer to the attached AKC Delegate report for details).

P. Hlatky put emphasis on donating to AKC PAC (Political Action Committee) and called attention to the concern with animal rights activists. Individuals can only make donations, not clubs. A. Sorbie mentioned the Canine Chronicle and the new rules in Germany with regards to dog ownership. Also, review the many recent Government Regulations with AKC for additional information. She inquired of the Board if they were knowledgeable about any/some of these people. She also noted there were not enough individuals to run against people for certain positions and asked the Board if there were specific people they wanted her to vote on as AKC Delegate.

K. Novotny made a motion to accept the Delegates report. A. Sorbie seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

9. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS -

- **Region One Governor -Kari McCloskey (report attached)**

K. McCloskey recently received correspondence from BCDV club regarding FAST CAT trials. K. Horn Janek asked that she be sent the information to be shared with her region. B. Tolley requested the same.

- **Region Two Governor – Betsy Tolley (report attached)**

Note: B. Tolley submitted a report as Facility Chair; not as Region 2 Governor. B. Tolley received a message from E. Killian regarding the AKC championship points for lure coursing. Discussion to be managed via email.

- **Region Three Governor – Amy Sorbie (report attached)**

A. Sorbie added her regional club had an independent specialty this past weekend that was highly successful.

- **Region Four Governor – Kay Novotny (report attached)**

Nothing to add to her current report.

- **Region Five Governor – Kristina Terra (report attached)**

K. Terra mentioned a note from P. Anderson addressed to the BCOA officers regarding third party assistance with facility selection and coordination. K. Terra mentioned the manager of the 2024 National Specialty hotel is being very flexible and does not believe the most recent BCOA Cancellation policy put into effect should be used for the 2024 National Specialty. Discussion ensued.

L. Hoflin will be signing this contract for 2024. Minimum room nights are 375 (only have to achieve 80% of that figure). S. McFadden expressed concern over the number of nights that must be met due to location/history of region, i.e., small turnout compared to other areas of the country.

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

K. Horn Janek went to Springboro, OH to collect some art pieces from the estate that was donated to BCOA. K. Horn Janek to take photos and put on a spreadsheet for the BCOA Board and will also provide the same for the 2023 National Specialty Silent Auction Chair (C. Dumaine). An inventory will be done shortly and provided to the board.

P. Hlatky made a motion to accept all the Regional Governor reports. L. Hoflin seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

10. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES -

- **AKC Gazette Columnist – Kristina Terra (report attached)**

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

Report not submitted. Discussion ensued regarding the condition of the leftover ribbons; they were never collected and it's unclear if and how were they ever delivered to the appropriate recipient. R. Williams asked if we should poll the membership if they want to continue with the Annual Top 5 Awards and/or if a new Chairperson should be solicited. R. Williams suggested the Regional Governors send out a survey and all use a master sheet for conformity. R. Williams will create the master sheet....no timeframe discussed.

R. Williams to send L. Abordo an email of inquiry to establish the delivery outcome of the Annual Top 5 Awards. B. Danieli to forward R. Williams an outstanding item related to the Annual Top 5 Awards.

- **Annual Versatility Award and Versatility Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny**

- **Archivist – K.C. Artley**

R. Williams spoke to K.C. Artley about the BCOA Yearbooks. KC indicated she does not have them and believes they were sent to New Mexico. They are not offered on the website any longer; only at the BCOA National.

- **Aristocrat Editor – Helen Lee**

Discussion ensued about H. Lee signing a Code of Conduct. R. Williams indicated the form is being updated and will follow up with H. Lee upon its completion and Board approval.

- **Club Inventory and Medals – Barbara O'Neill**

Regional specialty medallions up to date. Discussed the costs of items that may be reordered and consideration of replacing the Wolfhound medallions. Discussed offering the medallions to the regional clubs for purchase. R. Williams to obtain additional specifics from B. O'Neill.

- **Futurity Entries – Rebecca Neal**

R. Williams discussed concerns about R. Neal's continued unresponsiveness to BCOA members inquiry. A replacement will be considered.

- **Judges Education – Patti Neale**

A. Sorbie requested that the BCOA Board approve any changes to P. Neale's presentation. A. Sorbie takes exception to the long commentary on AFSA and feels the presentation should be shortened. She requested the Board consider what is important and what is not to the presentation. Discussion ensued.

A. Sorbie suggested shortening the section of comparison of sighthounds and do not say the head is the least important. A. Sorbie would like the Board to approve these suggestions. A. Sorbie to contact P. Neale with suggestions and request an updated presentation to review with the Board at a later date.

- **Junior Showmanship – Barbara Tyler Lord**

- **Keeping in Touch – Edna Ogata**
- **Meet the Breeds – New York – Ron Williams**
 - Pomona, CA 3/5-6/22 – POSTPONED
 - Tampa, FL 4/23-24/22 – BCOA not submitted
 - Dallas, TX 6/25-26/22 – G. Gideon – refer to his report – MTB in Texas went very well.
 - San Diego, CA 9/10-11/22 – POSTPONED until 2023 and R. Williams sent updated info to Chairperson.
 - Columbus, OH 10/15-16/22 K. Horn Janek inquired if R. Williams had contacted G. Snoddy. R. Williams to check and respond to the Board.
 - NYC 11/12-13/22 R. Williams would like to find a replacement Chairperson for this MTB date. K. McCloskey offered to inquire of her region’s membership if there was any interest.
- **National Specialty Chairperson – Kim Horn Janek**

- 2023 – Virginia Beach April 22- 29, 2023 Region 2
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R. Williams indicated K. Mays is not interested in stewarding for the 2023 National Specialty (she had previously expressed an interest).

R. Williams inquired about the 2023 National Specialty judge contracts. Discussed judges campaigning for placement on social media and Code of Conduct.

P. Hlatky made a motion to approve PVBC to hold a regional specialty independent along with the BCOA national specialty. Limiting it to one hundred entries. B. Tolley seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

P. Hlatky mentioned she would like to see the Dual Champ Stakes returned to the Dual Champ class (regular class). K. Horn Janek suggested that particular suggestion be pushed to 2024 because the current 2023 National Specialty schedule (tight) will make it difficult. R. Williams suggested tabling for the F2F Board meeting in Washington.

- 2024 – Olympia, WA April 19 – 28, 2024 Region 5

- **Nominating Committee – Barbara Danieli (report attached)**

A. Sorbie made a motion to accept the slate. S. McFadden seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

- **Registry of Merit (ROM) – K.C. Artley**

B. Danieli made a motion to accept the slate as outlined by K.C. Artley. K. Horn Janek seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

- **Shop – Kari McCloskey**

K. McCloskey still searching for a vendor for screen printing so the merchandise can be preordered and shipped directly to the purchaser (no BCOA storage). K. McCloskey working with B. Tolley on merchandise and an embroidery vendor.

Discussed the channels of notification when merchandise is purchased through the website. K. McCloskey indicated the forwarding emails are still an issue. P. Neale has indicating she is not receiving the forwards for the “visualization of the Standard”. S. McFadden also mentioned issues with trophy sponsorships in 2022.

R. Williams indicated he will check with H. Lee and make the necessary changes going forward.

- **Standing Rules**
- **Webmaster – Helen Lee**
- **Junior Showmanship** – Scholarships, etc.

Regarding Members Ed – P. Hlatky to have an update after the next AKC Delegates meeting. Discussed two presentations: The actual cost of the National and what is involved and Judging Borzoi. The Board requested more information (a proposal) before deciding. Tabled to the F2F Board meeting in Washington.

B, Tyler Lord and P. Hlatky suggest two separate proposals for juniors: Scholastic scholarship and the other for scholarship to further dog education activities. P. Hlatky asked L. Hoflin how much money has been provided to Junior Showmanship. P. Hlatky suggested we postpone further discussion for the F2F Board meeting in Washington. L. Hoflin to provide the information as requested at the next F2F Board meeting.

Next board meeting will be Thursday, September 15 at 8:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 11:12pm. B. Danieli made a motion to end and reconvene on 9.15.22. L. Hoflin seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

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September 15, 2022 – Teleconference 8:00 PM (EST)

1. **ROLL CALL** – taken and meeting commenced at: 8:06 pm

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	YES
Shirley McFadden, 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
Amy Sorbie, Region 3	YES
Kay Novotny, Region 4	YES @ 8:17
Kristina Terra, Region 5	YES @ 9:53
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	YES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Side Committees:

- JEC Trifold – Patti Neale

The quick reference brochure will be ready to mail shortly after Labor Day.

P. Neale is having 2000 of the JEC trifold printed. We could have some available for sale to the membership. S. McFadden asked if they would be available to the mentors via free download. R. Williams stated that P. Neale ‘cleaned’ up the rough version and removed the names of the committee members. All Board members will get a copy.

There are 362 Borzoi judges, and an additional 351 judges that do not have Borzoi at the breed level, but can see them in the Best in Show ring. Mailing labels for all of them are on the way from AKC.

We will have 2000 printed, so after the first 713 are mailed there will be enough for distribution well into the future.

I’d like to get a volunteer to check the Gazette each month for newly approved Borzoi judges, and mail a quick guide to them. It would not be much work, but requires a commitment to read the Secretary’s pages online, to get the information and mail out one, two or none, as needed.

P. Hlatky reads all those pages and volunteered to work with P. Neale and do this.

- Broad Hock - – (Ron Williams, Betsy Tolley, Prudence Hlatky, Barbara Danieli, Patti Neale, and Barbara Tyler-Lord)

Information is still being gathered. B. Danieli previously submitted everything that she had to the committee. Karen Staudt-Cartabona said she would go through her files for more information but has not yet been able to do so. P. Hlatky looked at old files and found some things in minutes from 1967-68. It was published for approval in the AKC Gazette in 1972. B. Danieli stated she heard that when the original was created, it was on old technology (possibly mimeograph) and the words ‘broad hock’ were on the edge of the page and were mistakenly cut off during the coping process.

P. Hlatky learned that the AKC is going through old files and copying things. She will go look at the AKC archives to see if there is anything pertaining to this discussion. R. Williams will schedule another meeting with the committee to get more information. An update will be shared at the November F-2-F meeting.

- Board Code of Conduct – (Ron Williams, Joyce Katona, and Betsy Tolley)

Board Member’s Code of Conduct/Roles and Responsibilities Pledge

I, _____, a member of the Board of Directors for the Borzoi Club of America, will:

1. Not use my service on this Board for my own personal advantage or for the advantage of my friends, relatives or supporters.
2. Not knowingly disclose confidential information gained through Board involvement.
3. Represent the interests of the people served and not favor specialty interests inside or outside the Club.
4. Support and respect the decisions of the Board.
5. Approach all Board issues with an open mind.
6. Make the best decisions I can for everyone involved.
7. Focus on the mission of the Board, not personal goals.
8. Consider myself a “trustee” and do my best to ensure that the BCOA is well-maintained, financially secure and operating in the best interest of those we serve.
9. Avoid all conflicts of interest.
10. Will recuse myself from any discussion, debate or votes that may benefit my friends, my family or myself *Added:* and will disclose my reasons for doing so.
11. Will conduct myself in a manner of integrity representing the BCOA Board whether at a dog event or communicating on social media sites
12. Any Board member failing to uphold these roles and responsibilities is subject to removal from the Board by two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, per Article III, Section 1 of the Club Bylaws.

Board Member Signature

Date

Motion to accept the revisions to the Board Code of Conduct: P. Hlatky

Second: B. Danieli

All in favor, motion carried

BCOA Committee Member’s Code of Conduct - Roles and Responsibilities Pledge

I, _____, a Chair or member of the BCOA Committee for _____ will:

1. Not use my service on this Committee for my own personal advantage or for the advantage of my friends, relatives or supporters.
2. Not knowingly disclose confidential information gained through my involvement.
3. Represent the interests of the BCOA Board and not favor specialty interests inside or outside the Club.
4. Approach all Board decisions for my committee with an open mind.
5. Make the best decisions I can for everyone involved.
6. Focus on the mission of the Board, not personal goals.
7. Avoid all conflicts of interest.
8. Will conduct myself in a manner of integrity and professionalism representing the BCOA Board and my committee whether at a dog event or communicating on social media sites.
9. If I fail to uphold my roles and responsibilities on this committee, I am subject to removal from the Committee by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board, per Article V, Section 2 of the Club Bylaws.

It was agreed that ALL committee members MUST sign this agreement.

Discussion was held regarding what happens if a person is kicked off a committee, can they join another committee? It was decided that since the President must approve all committee Chairs, to not address this on the form.

Motion to approve the New Committee Members Code of Conduct document: B. Danieli

Second: L. Hoflin

All in favor-motion carried

- Mentor Guidelines (Conformation) –
- AKC Heritage Preservation Bank – Amy
 - Introduced at the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting
- A. Sorbie confirmed with the AKC that BCOA does want to participate in this project and that she is the Committee Chair.

AKC asked for participating clubs to form a committee and decide what criteria BCOA will allow, health, DM status, things BCOA does not want to carry forward in the breed, etc. for semen being donated.

We need to think about how many members and who we want on this committee. A. Sorbie will send out her thoughts to the Board and ask what we feel is important criteria for committee members. Committee should be up to 5 members, no more.

P. Hlatky added that AKC has tax exempt status for this project. They are detailing the importance of the sperm bank and are developing a model for acceptance and the disbursement of the semen. They are also creating a form for dispute resolution and are working with various storage facilitators.

It is important to note that the parent clubs do NOT have control as to where the semen goes, only the criteria for accepting and dispersing the semen.

It was also discussed that the Board needs to develop criteria for the individuals who will be on this committee. R. Williams asked A. Sorbie to send an email to the Board to begin this discussion. P. Hlatky offered her help since she has the questions the AKC uses when selecting their Board of Directors.

- Age Breakdown for Regular Veteran classes
 - Per our last meeting, the Board will re-evaluate after 2022 National.

After reviewing the entries from the Veteran classes at the 2023 National we discussed changing the age breakdowns. It was discussed changing Sweeps and regular Veteran classes to 7-8, 8-9, 9-10 and 10-over effective 2024.

Motion to change the Sweeps to mirror the regular Veteran classes to 7-8, 8-9, 9-10 and 10-over effective 2024: P. Hlatky

Second: S. McFadden

S. McFadden, K. McCloskey and P. Hlatky in favor, L. Hoflin, J. Katona, B. Danieli, B. Tolley, A. Sorbie, K. Novotny, and K. Horn Janek opposed

Motion failed

After reviewing, K. Horn Janek found that a motion passed at the Winter 2022 meeting where the board approved changing the regular veteran classes to 7 and under 9 and 9 and over. It was not unanimous; President R. Williams broke the tie.

- New Chair for Championship Medals for Open Field – Ron

L. Hoflin will be the new Chair for distributing the medals for open field dogs.

Linda Turner has accepted the position of Statistic Chair for Open Field.

- **Ukraine Donation – Kristina**

No update due to the absence of K. Terra

- **Membership Survey – Amy**

BCOA National Poll Results -- 182 people answered Poll

Question #1. Should we add a Bred-By Exhibitor Puppy class (6 months and under 12 months) to the National schedule? (Winner of the 6-12 Bred-by-Puppy would be eligible for Best-Bred By but would not be eligible for Best Puppy.)

55.6%, 99 votes: Yes

44.4%, 79 votes: No

Question #2. If you could only have one of the following classes at the National, which would you rather have?

60.9%, 109 votes: Amateur Owner:

38.5%, 69 votes: Novice

Question #3. Would you prefer to:

62.1%, 110 votes: Keep Futurity

24.9%, 44 votes: Neither National is too long

13%, 23 votes: Top 20

Question #4. Which field event at the national is most important to you?

39.7%, 71 votes: AKC

30.2%, 54 votes: None (I do not participate on these events):

21%, 34 votes: ASFA

11.2%, 20 votes: LGRA

Question #5. If two field events were on the same day in which would participate?

36%, 65 votes: Neither

23.9%, 42 votes: LGRA

21%, 34 votes: ASFA

18.2%, 32 votes: Both

Question #6. In regard to the National Venue, which would you prefer?

37%, 67 votes: Work with 4 Venues in different parts of the country and rotate through the same 4 every 4 years

23.8%, 43 votes: Less expensive venue like a fairground with multiple hotels nearby

19.9%, 35 votes: Keep what we do currently, regional members finding hotels with a ballroom.

19.3%, 34 votes: Find a central location like Purina Farms and have the National there every year

The option that the membership felt was best was to concentrate on four regions and rotate among them. There were several different options brought up by the membership that can be considered such as, combining regions to share the workload, sometimes going to a hotel, sometimes using a fairground, etc.

- A. Sorbie will send out a blast email to the entire membership with the results of the survey.**

- Electronic Voting Response and changing the By-laws to allow for electronic voting UPDATE – Kari **TABLED for now**
- Newsletter – Amy & Ron

An idea of creating a Presidential newsletter was discussed. A. Sorbie uses a template through Mail Chimp to create her regional newsletter and offered to work with R. Williams to get this started.

- Nomination Committee Bylaws Request Change by Barb Ewing –
 - Request was submitted to AKC

Executive Session began at 9:34 PM. The Board discussed items related to the proposed bylaw amendment regarding the Nominating Committee. Executive Session ended at 9:53

Current AKC rules do not let clubs vote on amendments to bylaws unless they are approved by the AKC.

B. Tolley stated upon receiving the proposed amendment from B. Ewing, the Board submitted it to AKC's bylaws services. The AKC stated it was an improper proposed amendment. They cited the section from Roberts Rules and noted the inconsistency with the portion of Roberts Rules relating to the Nominating Committee specifically Section 3 "Nominations and Ballots."

Motion the BCOA Board disapprove the proposed amendment as being improper according to the directive of the AKC: B. Tolley

Second: L. Hoflin

All in favor-motion carried

R. Williams and B. Tolley will work on letter to be sent to B. Ewing and the blast email to the membership.

B. Tolley will prepare a document stating the changes the AKC recommended to our Bylaws and send it to the Board.

- **National Specialty Chairperson – Kim Horn Janek**
 - 2023 – Virginia Beach April 22- 29, 2023 Region 2 Betsy Tolley

P. Hlatky shared that she was contacted by a woman from the Virginia Beach Kennel Club. The club has volunteered 2-6 people during the week to assist with our 2023 National. They have donated ring gates, obedience and rally equipment to the Founders Inn. They are very excited to help.

B. Tolley gave updates to the plans for the 2023 National. B. Tolley reserved a total of 107 room nights for the Board and folks coming in early to help. As of September 2, 2022, there are 383 room nights reserved.

The outside setups can begin the weekend before our National. B. Tolley will be at Founders Inn in October for the Bearded Collie National and will look into how the Breaded Collie club handles their indoor grooming with the thought that BCOA may be able to move grooming indoors as well and eliminate the need for tenting and auxiliary power. B. Tolley will also determine how much plastic BCOA will need to put down. B. Tolley has looked into people available to provide a health seminar. Hospitality plans are coming together as well including a casual party on Friday evening and possibly a companion parade or a costume contest. BCOA is committed to a field for lure coursing and have the judges under contract.

There will likely be an online auction as well as a live auction during the week. BCOA still needs a Trophy Chair. B. Tolley gave a review of the schedule for the week of the 2023 National Specialty.

There was much discussion regarding the Members' Education presentation for 2023.

B. Tolley mentioned there may be items for sale as limited edition items that would be pre-order only and not available at the National to not have extra inventory. Some items may be pre-ordered online only to open up the items to those who may not be able to attend.

*Motion to adjourn at 10:46 PM and reconvene on Sept. 19 at 8:00 PM: B. Tolley
Second: K. Horn Janek*

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

September 19, 2022 – Teleconference 8:00 PM (EST)

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

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	YES
Shirley McFadden, 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
Amy Sorbie, Region 3	YES
Kay Novotny, Region 4	YES
Kristina Terra, Region 5	YES
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	YES

Discussion commenced regarding how to conduct meetings in the future. R. Williams would like to continue the way the Board did for the last set of meetings. Each quarterly meeting will be scheduled in four parts, the first part will be the Officer Reports, the second part will be to discuss the Standing Committees, the third will involve Old Business and the fourth meeting will cover New Business. Each meeting will be 2--2.5 hours in length. This schedule will be tried out to see if it is helpful to the Board.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Fund Raising Committee – Kari & Ron

Several areas related to the National Specialty and the BCOA Club will need additional funds, for example, the Juniors Fund, and the BCOA Health Fund. Discussion occurred regarding creating a fundraising committee, including members who have experience and success with raising funds. P. Hlatky reminded the Board that fundraising is part of Ways & Means which falls under the role of the Vice President. Should the VP be the Chair of the Fund Raising Committee?

S. McFadden would be happy to do whatever she could to raise money for the club with the committee. She suggested to have items removed from the POD to have the ability to sell them during the year. K. McCloskey volunteered to work with S. McFadden with fundraising.

K. Horn Janek asked if a line could be added to the dues renewal notice asking for donations for each National. J. Katona stated there was no extra room on the form without going to a second page. She suggested replacing the line for the 'operational expenses' donations since very few people donate to that fund annually.

K. McCloskey would like us to have a point-of-sale system that will adjust inventory as it is sold so that inventory in-stock is kept up to date.

S. McFadden said she could probably go to get things from the POD to take to the two Regional Specialties coming up. Inventory could be sold there and possibly sell some items online as a starting point to reduce current inventory.

Members have inquired about purchasing Yearbooks, which are stored in the POD. K. Horn Janek asked if L. Hoflin had the contact information for the POD storage company. L. Hoflin will send K. Horn Janek the POD company's contact information so that K. Horn Janek may inquire about access to the POD in the near future. K. Horn Janek will call to see where our POD is now so we may be able to get some sale items out of it.

S. McFadden stated that she learned last year that the cost of many of the 2022 National trophies exceeded what BCOA was charging to sponsor that trophy. She suggested the Board ascertain the future donation amount (at a minimum) equals the cost of the trophy. K. Horn Janek stated that BCOA lost about \$30 for each of the larger trophies, pewter items, plaques, etc. in 2022 due to not increasing the trophy pledge amount to coincide with what BCOA is currently being charged for them. K. Horn Janek was working with B. Tolley on the trophy pledge book to adjust pricing as necessary. Copies of the 2023 BCOA Trophy Book have been sent to B. Tolley, B. Danieli, and H. Lee. H. Lee is also working to ensure the amounts charged on the website match the pledge book. If BCOA can't get pledges for the appropriate amounts, the BCOA may have to look into getting different trophies.

➤ Breeder Mentoring / Education – Prudence

P. Hlatky has the interview questions that AKC will use for what the AKC is calling 'master breeders' or 'historic breeders' and will share them with the Board. The AKC will be interviewing Breeder of the Year candidates but the rest of the list of 'experts' is up to the Parent Club. The Board discussed which members should be used as experts and who will conduct the interviews. The Board possibly should consider the senior breeders and those who are health compromised. The object is education NOT promotion!

L. Hoflin has possession of interviews that have been published in the Borzoi Quarterly publications. L. Hoflin is willing to share those interviews however it would require a huge time commitment to locate all of them. Other members possibly have access to interviews from past publications. If obtained, these interviews may also be posted on the website for Member Education. AKC is initiating the process with the top five identified individuals but will take as many interviews as we have.

P. Hlatky has several ideas to further help educate our members such as possibly including the judge's tri-fold on the BCOA website and having a Member Education section in each of the Aristocrat issues. K. Horn Janek asked if these things should be available to everyone or in the 'club access' section of the BCOA website.

➤ Website Calendar Content – Ron

Things that should be on the calendar include Board meeting dates, the deadline for receipt of annual dues, the date after which a late fee occurs, when judge ballots are sent, voting deadlines, dates when the nominating slate is sent, when petitions are due, items with specific dates mentioned in the BCOA bylaws, etc. R. Williams will be in charge of the calendar initially but suggested it may be added to the responsibilities of one of the BCOA secretaries in the future.

➤ Social Media Coordinator Discussion

Bunny Kelley submitted the following to Joyce via email. (Email attached in Supporting Documents). We can discuss and have Kay, RG, to respond:

J. Katona received email offers from two fairly new members, Lewis and Elena Dorman. They have volunteered their time and expertise in managing social media and internal communication to the BCOA Board. They have offered to help with giving BCOA a more modern virtual presence online and with Facebook. J. Katona made it clear that all BCOA positions are voluntary, unpaid positions, and the Dormans understood and agreed. J. Katona will send the Dormans an email asking if she can share their emails with the Board.

K. Novotny will reply to Bunny Kelley and let her know a Social Media Coordinator position was discussed and that the Board is considering a greater social media presence and to thank her for her suggestions.

➤ BCOA name & Logo Trademarks Discussion

Patti Neale designed the BCOA logo. It is not trademarked. B. Danieli reached out to several people including the BCOA attorney, a trademark/patent attorney and Shen Smith regarding trademarks and our domain names and our logo being copied and used on non-official Facebook pages. B. Danieli received information and will share the information she received regarding copyrights, trademarks, etc. with the Board.

Shen sent an email with lots of information about how to register the domain name, etc. regarding our logo being copied and used on non-official Facebook pages. R. Williams will find it and send it to the entire Board. None of the BCOA domain names are set to expire soon. Shen Smith has been renewing the domain names and keeping the Club up to date. They will not expire until 2027.

S. McFadden stated that artwork always belong to the artist and it is instantly copyrighted. If other groups are taking the BCOA logos without getting permission from the artist, they are violating the artist's copyright for that image. BCOA has a form that must be signed by each year's specialty logo designer. It gives the BCOA permission to use the logo in any way in relation to the National Specialty. No other group has permission to use the logos. It would be costly to trademark each year's specialty logo.

BCOA members have been helpful by commenting and stating that only the official BCOA Facebook page has the artist's permission to use the logo.

➤ November F-2-F

There is nothing to discuss at this time. K. Horn Janek asked the Board to be thinking of individuals to recommend for the Dual Champion judge and the Stud Dog/Brood Bitch judge for the secret ballot at the November meeting. The Board needs to keep in mind that the Stud Dog/Brood Bitch judge must be a licensed AKC judge. It is also preferred that the judge is local to the Virginia Beach area.

➤ AKC Award request from Ginger Jones

Given to a club that does the most to educate the breeder education to members and others interested in breeding Borzoi.

Based on Ginger Jones' note to the Board, B. Danieli spoke with her regarding an award the AKC offers to clubs that do the most to help educate new members and potential new members. This led to a discussion about BCOA becoming more active in helping to educate the public about Borzoi. B. Danieli mentioned several ideas of resources that could be posted on the website, books, health information, how to find a responsible breeder, etc. This information will help BCOA improve our website. Ginger Jones would like to work on this project with others. P. Hlatky offered her assistance in this endeavour since she has seen what some other clubs are doing in the areas of canine anatomy, genetics, health testing, etc. R. Williams will send the link to the section of the AKC website that discusses the Eddy Award.

Motion to create a committee led by Ginger Jones and including P. Hlatky to pursue options to strengthen BCOA's position to qualify for the AKC Eddy Award; P. Hlatky
Second: B. Danieli
All in favor, motion carried

➤ Age Discrimination Concerns – Barbara

B. Danieli stated that when commenting on seeking new Board members, club members and/or committee members, using the word 'young' can be perceived as discriminatory. B. Danieli cautioned the use of the word "young" in future conversations as the Board should be welcoming of all members, regardless of age. B. Danieli feels we may be opening ourselves up to a discrimination lawsuit by saying 'young' when speaking of members to fill positions.

➤ Updating the BCOA Website for Puppy Referrals and New Members - Barbara

Should BCOA offer a list of potential breeders on the website? Discussion regarding if BCOA should charge for the service or make it a member benefit. AKC charges \$35 to list a litter for sale for 90 days. B. Tolley will ask our Attorney if there may be problems implementing this idea and will report back to the Board. The Board will vote on this issue at the November face-to-face meeting.

➤ Breeder's page to the BCOA website (Email in Supporting Documents)

Public page for breeders to voluntarily participate to place puppies and adults / Cindy Gredys
– Kim

This is a free weekly email newsletter from the AKC with personalized content based on the puppies breed and age. It would reference the BCOA and the BOCA will be considered the experts. The Board feels this is a good idea. B. Danieli will follow up with the AKC and report her findings back to the Board.

Motion, the BCOA join the AKC Pupdate Program Publication: P. Hlatky
Second: J. Katona
All in favor, motion carried

P. Hlatky had suggestions regarding our bylaws that need to be discussed and possibly changed. It was decided to work on these changes at the November face-to-face meeting.

Motion, B. Tolley moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM
Second: B. Danieli
All in favor, motion carried

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:20 pm (EST)