

Supporting Documents for November 5, 2022

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

8/1/22 – 10/31/22

- 8/1/22 Blast email was sent to the membership with the names of the persons who had their first reading for membership comments.
- 8/1-8/22 Received emails from members stating they had no concerns regarding the applicants for membership.
- 8/2/22 Received an email from Lisa Hisey offering her deceased parents' borzoi collection containing figurines and 22 framed art pieces to the BCOA and responded.
- 8/2/22 Received an application for membership and payment from Melanie Richards.
- 8/5/22 Received an email from Bunny Kelley about the club's social media presence and some changes she would like to see implemented and replied that I would share her ideas with the Board.
- 8/6/22 Received an email from Lewis Dorman offering the services of himself and his wife in helping with our social media presence. Responded that I would like to better understand their offer before presenting it to the Board.
- 8/7/22 Received an email from Laura Lavanway containing her biography for the 2024 judge's ballot and thanked her.
- 8/10/22 Received an email from Bunny Kelley asking if all the potential members were approved. I replied that the second reading will be at our August 29th meeting.
- 8/11/22 Received an email from Mary Richter asking me to resend the blast email with the new applicants and did so.
- 8/12/22 Received an email from Mary Richter concerning a potential member and thanked her.
- 8/12/22 Sent an email to Melanie Richards stating that I received her application for membership and payment. I reminded her to have her sponsors get their forms to me before our August 29th meeting.
- 8/12/22 Sent an email to Lisha Piszczatoski reminding her that I have only received one of her sponsor forms.
- 8/12/22 Sent an email to Melanie Richards reminding her that I have not received her membership sponsor forms.
- 8/12/22 Sent an email to John Sazy reminding him that I have not received his membership sponsor forms.
- 8/12/22 Sent an email to Adrienne Montgomery reminding her that I have not received her home visit sponsor form.
- 8/14/22 Received an email from Mary Richter with additional information regarding an applicant. Told her I would share the information with the Board.

8/15/22 Received an email from Lydia Pruett containing a sponsor form for Melanie Richards.

8/15/22 Received an email from Elena Dorman explaining her thoughts as to how she can help the BCOA with our social media presence and responded.

8/16/22 Sent an email to Laura Lavanway requesting her to shorten her judge biography to be 100 words or less.

8/16/22 Sent an email to Meghann Lord Fenn requesting her to shorten her judge biography to be 100 words or less.

8/16/22 Sent an email to Gwen Post requesting her to shorten her judge biography to be 100 words or less.

8/16/22 Sent an email to Corrine Miller requesting her to shorten her judge biography to be 100 words or less.

8/16/22 Received an email from Meghann Lord Fenn stating she has used the same biography several times in the past and I am the first person to ask her shorten it to be in the 100 word limit and replied.

8/16/22 Received an email from Corrine Miller with her shortened biography and thanked her.

8/16/22 Received an email from Meghann Lord Fenn with her shortened biography and thanked her.

8/16/22 Received an email from Laura Lavanway with her shortened biography and thanked her.

8/16/22 Received an email from Gwen Post with her shortened biography and thanked her.

8/17/22 Received an email from Adrienne Montgomery stating she has completed a video home visit with Leigh Paintin.

8/17/22 Sent an email to Akland Printing with the ballot, judge biographies and the membership list with instructions to be printed and mailed.

8/17/22 Received an email from Leigh Paintin stating she completed the video home check for Adrienne Montgomery and asking about the sponsor form to indicate it was done via video. I responded stating I will add the video information to her current sponsor form.

8/17/22 Sent an email to Adrienne Montgomery stating her application is now complete and she will have her second reading at our August 29th meeting.

8/18/22 Sent an email to the Board with the 2024 judges ballot attached, stating the biographies are now complete and that the ballot will be mailed soon.

8/19/22 Received an email from Akland Printing with the estimate for the ballot mailing and replied to go ahead with the job.

8/19/22 Sent an email to R. Williams stating that the I/O group site was out of space to upload documents and asked that he clear out some old files prior to our meeting on the 29th. Received a reply that he will do so.

8/19/22 Received an email from K. McCloskey including her sponsor form for new applicant S. Francis Butler and indicating that her signature was changed to text upon sending. I replied that I would need a form with an actual signature but there was no rush since I hadn't received her application yet.

8/19/22 Received an email from K. Novotny asking for the state to be added for potential judge David Miller since there are 2 AKC judges with that name. Replied stating the printing had already begun and that the David Miller in GA is not licensed to judge borzoi.

8/21/22 Received an email from Stephanie Parker containing a sponsor form for a new applicant.

8/22/22 Received an email from B. Danieli forwarding an email from Renee McCartin containing a sponsor form for a new applicant.

8/22/22 Sent an email to Stephanie Parker stating I will need a sponsor form with an actual signature before the second reading can be completed.

8/22/22 Sent an email to Renee McCartin stating I will need a sponsor form with an actual signature before the second reading can be completed.

8/22/22 Received an email from Stephanie Parker stating she will correct her sponsor form and mail it to me and thanked her.

8/22/22 Received an email from K. McCloskey stating she will correct her sponsor form and send it to me and thanked her.

8/23/22 Scheduled the Dialpad meeting for August 29, 2022 at 8 PM.

8/23/22 Received an email from Lewis Dorman thanking me for bringing his and Elena's offer to help with social media to the Board and replied that I was happy to do so.

8/24/22 Received an email from Deb Vidaver-Cohen saying she was traveling and didn't have her membership booklet and asking me to send her the file. I responded saying the booklet is in the Club Access section of the website.

8/27/22 Sent an email to B. Shayesteh including the ballot for the 2024 judges and confirming that she has the membership roster.

8/29/22 Received an email from K. McCloskey containing her sponsor form with signature for S. Francis Butler and thanked her.

8/31/22 Got a Facebook message from Renee McCartin asking if she had asked me to change her mailing address to 161 Country Club Rd. Red Lion PA 17356. Replied she had not but made the change.

9/2/22 Sent an email to Anne Quinn asking for more information regarding an applicant she sponsored.

9/2/22 Sent an email to Cherie Hunchak asking for more information regarding an applicant she sponsored.

9/2/22 Received an email from Kay Cassella containing a sponsor form for Melanie Richards.

9/3/22 Received two emails from Anne Quinn with the information requested regarding an applicant she sponsored.

9/5/22 Received an email from Lois Shultz to change her email address to loisandtern@gmail.com. I did so and reminded her to inform her regional governor..

9/5/22 Received an email from Cherie Hunchak with the information requested regarding an applicant she sponsored.

- 9/5/22 Deleted the Corresponding and Recording Secretary reports and uploaded the revised versions to the I/O group for the summer meeting.
- 9/6/22 Scheduled the Dialpad meeting for September 6, 2022 at 8 PM.
- 9/6/22 Received an email from B. Shayesteh with questions about votes on the 2024 judges' ballot and answered.
- 9/7/22 Received a Facebook message from Renee McCartin stating she had not received a ballot
- 9/8/22 Received an email from Jill Zamowski asking if the TSE she requested had been approved.
- 9/8/22 Received an email from B. Danieli copying me on her reply to Jill Zamowski that the TSE was approved.
- 9/8/22 Received an email from Deb Vidaver-Cohen asking if the ballot was on the website and responded it was not.
- 9/8/22 Sent the ballot and judge bios to Renee McCartin via email.
- 9/9/22 Received an email from Deb Vidaver-Cohen saying that she doesn't understand why it can't be posted online and replied.
- 9/9/22 Received an email from K. Horn Janek saying that Susan Van de Water did not receive her ballot and asked if I took care of her concern.
- 9/9/22 Received an email from Susan Van de Water stating she did not receive a ballot and sent her the ballot and judge bios via email.
- 9/9/22 Sent an email to Deb Vidaver-Cohen asking if she needed me to send her a ballot.
- 9/10/22 Sent a reminder email to Renee McCartin that I still need her sponsor form for S. Francis Butler with her signature.
- 9/12/22 Received an email from Deb Vidaver-Cohen stating that Barb Ewing sent her a ballot via email and she voted and thanked her.
- 9/13/22 Received an email from B. Danieli forwarded from Monika Stachon asking for another membership booklet. Replied saying that R. Williams has the extra booklets, not me and that there may not be any left since he just sent one to each of our new members. I stated the entire booklet is in the Club Access section of the BCOA website.
- 9/13/22 Received an email from R. Williams that was sent to Monika Stachon stating he only has 3 more membership booklets and that he will speak with me about possibly ordering more.
- 9/14/22 Received an email from Beth Collins stating she never got a ballot or a membership booklet. She asked a friend and found her address was wrong in booklet and sent me the correct one which is: PO Box 155 167 Harrison Road Naples, ME 04055. She asked for a ballot and directory and if she could vote online.
- 9/15/22 Sent an email including the ballot and judge bios to Beth Collins with instructions on how to vote vial email. I told her there were no extra membership booklets but that she could find it on the website.

- 9/15/22 Received an email from Carol Hill asking if she was to get an acknowledgement of her vote that she mailed to the tabulator. I replied saying that only email votes were acknowledged.
- 9/15/22 Received a Facebook message from R. Lynn Shell requesting to join the member's only group. Replied that she and Victor will already members and asked if she wanted to change the email address she is using. She replied stating she didn't realize she was already a member.
- 9/18/22 Received an email from Susanne Cecere asking the status of the membership application for the Piszczatoskis. I replied that I still need a signed sponsor form from Stephanie Parker. She said she would contact Stephanie again and thanked her.
- 9/19/22 Sent an email to the Dormans asking permission to forward their emails to the Board. Got a reply to feel free to share.
- 9/20/22 Received an email from Helen Lee asking me to proof read the committee list in the Aristocrat and notify her of any needed changes. I found four errors and informed her.
- 9/20/22 Received an email from Lewis Dorman thanking me and giving me permission to share his and Elena's emails with the Board. They are open to answering any questions the Board may have.
- 9/20/22 Received an email from Ginger Jones with her new email address. Thanked her and made the change to the membership list. It is riverviewborzoi@outlook.com.
- 9/20/22 Received an email from Stephanie Parker with her signed sponsor form for the Piszczatoskis and thanked her.
- 9/21/22 Received an email from K. McCloskey with a new email for Jill Venturo, thanked her and made the change. The new email address is: venturocollies@outlook.com.
- 9/22/22 Received an email from H. Lee asking if I knew if there should be a CHIC report in every issue of the Aristocrat and replied I didn't think so.
- 9/22/22 Received an email from B. Shayesteh with a question about the eligibility of a voting member and replied.
- 9/23/22 Received an email from Liz Duncan asking for the form called "Request for BCOA-BTRC Rescue Funds" and replied that the form has not yet been created. I advised her to check with Shen Smith for how to apply this year.
- 9/23/22 Sent the Nomination of Officers and Governors letter to Akland Printing to be mailed out to the membership.
- 9/26/22 Received an email from Kay Cassella asking what she could do about a BCOA member who was acting unprofessionally towards a new borzoi owner and who is a detriment to newcomers to the breed. I sent her to the section of the Constitution, Article VI - Discipline, Section 2 - Charges to read about the process.
- 9/27/22 Received an email from B. Shayesteh with the results for the voting for the 2024 judges. Thanked her and reminded her to send the list of voting members and the method they used.

- 9/27/22 Received an email from B. Shayesteh with the list of members who voted for the 2024 judges.
- 9/28/22 Received an email from B. Danieli and the Nominating Committee thanking me for my years of service to the BCOA.
- 10/1/22 Received an email from K. Horn Janek stating she did not receive the nominating slate in the mail.
- 10/1/22 Received an email from B. Shayesteh with her invoice for tabulating the 2024 judge ballots. I thanked her for a job well done and sent the invoice on to L. Hoflin for payment.
- 10/1/22 Sent an email to H. Lee asking her to send the nominating slate to the membership via blast email so that all members receive it on 10/1/22.
- 10/1-3/22 Received emails from several members thanking me for sending the email of the nominating slate.
- 10/3/22 Received an email from Renee McCartin asking why I accepted Lydia Pruett's electronically signed sponsor form but not hers. I replied stating that no signature came through on hers as it did on Lydia's and asked for her to resend a signed copy.
- 10/7/22 Received an email from Shen Smith explaining the situation with the BTRC Rescue Funds form and thanked her.
- 10/8/22 Sent an email to Karen Dumke congratulating her on being chosen as the Conformation judge for the BCOA 2024 National Specialty and stating that a print version was mailed to her.
- 10/8/22 Sent an email to Rebecca Peters-Campbell congratulating her on being chosen as the Sweepstakes judge for the BCOA 2024 National Specialty and stating that a print version was mailed to her.
- 10/8/22 Updated the membership renewal and life member update form.
- 10/10/22 Received an email from B. Danieli forwarded from Karen Dumke with her new address it is P.O. Box 49, Florence, WI 54121.
- 10/11/22 Notified the membership of the chosen judges for the 2024 National Specialty via the members only I/O group.
- 10/12/22 Notified the membership of the chosen judges for the 2024 National Specialty via the Official Facebook page.
- 10/11/22 Received an email from Stephanie Parker stating she is planning to run for Region 2 Governor and asking if there is a form to do so and replied that I did not believe there was a form for this process.
- 10/14/22 Sent an email to K. McCloskey apologizing for asking her but needing her assistance in getting a signed sponsor form from Renee McCartin for S.Francis Butler. She replied that Renee does not have a printer to print or scan a form and that she put it on her list to do.

- 10/19/22 Received an email from R. Williams asking if we discussed the medallions to support agility in Orlando. Replied I didn't remember those specific medallions but that we have always approved sponsoring medallions whenever asked.
- 10/23/22 Sent an email to the Dormans thanking them for their offer to help and stating the Board is looking into the matter but that since I was not continuing on as Recording Secretary, someone else will be contacting them regarding this matter and received a thank you.
- 10/23/22 Sent the string of emails between the Dormans and myself to the Board.
- 10/24/22 Sent an email to Stephanie Parker stating that I received her petition to run for Region 2 Governor.
- 10/25/22 Received an email from Amy Balthrop with a change of address. Her new address is: 4551 Wright Road, Leslie, MI 49251. Thanked her and made the change.
- 10/26/22 Sent the Renewal and Life Member Form to Akland printing along with an updated membership spreadsheet.
- 10/29/22 Received an email from Lydia Pruett asking for the tabulator's contact information since she will be doing Futurity and sent.
- 10/30/22 Received an email from P. Hlatky requesting that I change her email address used on the I/O group members only list. Sent her an invitation under the new address.
- 10/31/22 Received a second email from Virginia Jones with her new email address. She mentioned needing to change it on the I/O group page. I sent her an invitation with her new email to join the group.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT
8.27.22 – 10.30.22

- Various Meetings with 2023 BCOA National Specialty Committees (Hotel, Scheduling, Sales, Coursing, etc.)
- Various Meetings with 2023 BCOA Nominating Committee
- 8.29.22 Participated in a BCOA Board Meeting via conference call.
- 9.2.22 Received correspondence from S. Moore regarding AKC lure coursing points. Responded and presented to the BCOA Board
- 9.2.22 Received correspondence from P Hull regarding a recommendation concerning BCOA Specialty sites, selections and contracts. Responded and presented to the BCOA Board.
- 9.1.22 Presented BCOA Board with draft of BCOA Membership Chairperson responsibilities
- 9.2.22 Received from AKC Communications – Back to School: How It Affects Your Dog
- 9.4.22 Received from AKC – Bi-Annual Parent Club Registration Stats Mid Year 2022 and shared with BCOA Board and membership.
- 9.5.22 Shared the BCOA Nominating slate with the BCOA Board as voted on by the 2022 BCOA Nominating Committee.
- 9.6.22 Participated in a BCOA Board meeting (via conference call) and took minutes due to absence of J. Katona.

9.6.22 Sent follow up note to B. O'Neill regarding medallions for the Lone Star Borzoi Club Regional Specialty (10.29.22 and 10.30.22).

9.7.22 Received Regional Specialty application from the Potomac Valley Borzoi Club

9.14.22 Received from AKC (Dennis Sprung) – To the Core: Updates from the American Kennel Club

9.14.22 Submitted changes to H. Lee regarding judging schedule changes for the Borzoi Club of Northern California Designated and Concurrent Specialties.

9.15.22 Participated in a BCOA Board Meeting via conference call

9.16.22 Received from AKC – Update to Clubs – September 2022

9.16.22 Received from AKC Communications – What Will Happen to the Royal Corgis?

9.19.22 Received from AKC Meet The Breeds – Represent Your Breed at AKC Meet The Breeds – Columbus, OH

9/19/22 Participated in a BCOA Board Meeting via conference call

9.22.22 Received from AKC Government Relations – Share Your Thoughts on AKC GR's Communications

9.23.22 Received from AKC Political Action Committee - Learn About the 2022 AKC PAC Sweepstakes

9.23.22 Received from AKC Communications – AKC Celebrates 138th Anniversary

9.26.22 Received from AKC – Warning: Email and Text Message Scams

9.27.22 Received from AKC – Parent Club and Local Specialty Club Collaboration Efforts

9.29.22 Received from AKC – Participate in the Second Annual AKC FIT Dog Turkey Trot

9.30.22 Received from AKC Communications – AKC's Fastest Dogs USA Takes ABC

10.4.22 Submitted the draft of the BCOA Board Meeting (9.6.22 conf call) minutes to the Board.

10.4.22 Responded to J. Wolfie regarding a BCOA Breeder Referral requesting additional information.

10.7.22 Received from AKC Communications – Trick Dog Winner Announced

10.7.22 Received from AKC – Show Off NOHS Rankings, Working Breeds and More

10.9.22 Submitted the final minutes of the BCOA Board meeting (9.6.22) to J. Katona for publication.

10.10.22 Received address change from Karen Dumke. Responded and forwarded to J. Katona for her update to BCOA records.

10.11.22 Submitted to AKC Events – TSE for the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa Kennel Clubs for 4.8.23 and 4.9.23, respectively. TSE Chair (J. Zamowski), B. O'Neill and H. Lee were copied on this correspondence.

10.12.22 Received from AKC (Dennis Sprung) – To the Core: Updates from the American Kennel Club

10.12.22 Received from AKC – Regarding “Important American Kennel Club Update Save and Open”

10.14.22 Received from AKC Communications – Support Shelters During Domestic Violence Awareness Month

10.14.22 Received a regional specialty application from R. Fundom for 2.18.23 and 2.19.23 (Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club)

10.18.22 Received from AKC Canine Health Foundation – Health Research for the Canine Athlete

10.20.22 Received from AKC – What To Do If Your Dog Eats Chocolate This Halloween

10.21.22 Received from AKC Communications – Tune in to the Flyball CanAM Classic on ESPN2

10.21.22 Received from AKC – Update to Clubs – October 2022

10.25.22 Received from AKC – Recognize Breeders with the Best Bred-By Exhibitor Award

10.25.22 Received from AKC – Have You Started your AKC IT DOG Turkey Trot

10.26.22 Received from AKC Judging Operations – Recent Conformation Judge Approvals

10.27.22 Received from AKC Meet The Breeds – Sign up today for AKC Meet the Breeds NYC

10.27.22 Received from AKC – Why You Shouldn't Stare Down a Dog

10.28.22 Received from AKC Communications – Happy Howl-o-ween from AKC

Delegates Report

This report will cover the September 2022 Delegates Meeting and the items of interest for the December 2022 meeting. The minutes from both the September Delegate meeting and the AKC Board of Directors meetings are available on the AKC site. Please take time to read the AKC Secretary's page in the Gazette to see what changes may have been made in your areas of interest.

Delegate Meeting (September)

The amendments voted on at the September 2022 meeting of special interest to the BCOA Board were:

Article VII, Section 1:

AKC BOD Director's election process which will eliminate term limits

Chapter 16, Section 2 amendment:

A dog in its breed competition at a show which has placed Winners, and which also has finished second, third, or fourth in its group competition at the same show shall be awarded championship points figured at the highest point rating of any breed or recognized variety of any breed entered in the show and entitled to winners points in its group, exclusive of any breed or variety that placed higher in the group class.

Article VII, Section 1 the BCOA Board was opposed to **Article VII, Section 1** eliminating AKC Board Officer Term Limits – the amendment to eliminate Term Limits did not pass.

Chapter 16, Section 2 amendment the BCOA Board was in favor of awarding championship points for second, third or fourth place group placements. **Chapter 16, Section 2 amendment** was approved.

Delegate Meeting (December)

Up for vote in December are two proposed amendments: (See backup material)

Proposed amendment on the Nominating Committee ARTICLE VIII, Section 1 - Aligns with current practices

Chief Financial Officer responsibilities - ARTICLE X, Section 1

Slate of Officers for the AKC Board (voted on in March 2023)

Please contact your Regional Governor if have any comments about the candidates or me if you have any questions

Committee Slate -

By Petition – Eduardo Toshio Fugiwara

From the Delegate Committee Meetings: (will update at the F2F)

Parent Club (PC):

[Breeder Development Education – This is our Member Education.](#)

Under the Breeder Development Committee there will be an official [Breeder Education Coordinator](#) position of all Parent Clubs. Approved by the Board at the May 2022 Board meeting. The necessary changes to the database which will allow the Breeder Education Coordinator to be included in the list of Parent Club Officers no later than May 1, 2023.

[The EDDY Award – which is an award to recognize clubs who have a unique or interesting Breeder Education Program.](#)

[Iconic Breeders Interviews – a program to be developed in individual Parent Clubs to interview breeders who have made a major impact on their breed and or club.](#)

[Health Statements:](#) Health statements appear in Bred with Heart, breed pages and Marketplace. Currently the Borzoi statement links do not work. I'm investigating if it's waiting on approval.

[Parent Club Pedigree Databases - Along the lines of the Borzoi Archives \(Files\) the Parent Club \(PC\) committee is looking into developing a standard and a program for Parent Clubs to create and administer their own pedigree databases. This is the basic formation stage and I'll keep you advised as it progresses.](#)

AKC Preservation Bank – work is progressing in getting this program. Amy Sorbie is chairing this for the BCOA and will be updating us.

Breed Health through the Breed Standard – combating the AR agenda by using the verbiage of the Breed Standards to educate the general public in how the Breed Standard details the features that make a correctly bred dog a healthy dog. Terms from the stand such as “great stability, vigor and strength, the gait must be “unrestrained, free and vigorous,” (example is from the Bulldog Standard)

All-Breed Committee – a new economic impact of dog shows study- A recent examination of the economic impact of these events revealed that exhibitors attending a show spend about \$800.00 on hotels, meals, gas, and local shopping. Clubs contribute to the local economy through rental of facilities or grounds, show equipment such as tents, and hosting of judges. In some cases, in which states may be host to multiple clusters, the economic impact can be over 2 million dollars per year. Government relations has compiled state-by state economic impact figures. <https://www.votervoice.net/AKC/campaigns/94751/respond> She said clubs could use these figures to persuade local officials to reduce or waive fees for local permits and to remind them of the value of dog events in their community.

AKC Reunite has funded 200 police dogs this year and the 100th Disaster Relief Trailer has been delivered.

Herding, Earthdog, Coursing, Scent Work Committee (HECS): From the committee minutes- these are recommendations to the AKC Board. (See back up materials)
Regional Point Schedule for Lure Coursing and lowering the point scale for Borzoi in 3 Regions
Consistency in Fast Cat Regulations and Procedures
Separating CAT and Fast CAT

Please contact me if you have any questions.

PPB UPDATE – Amy Sorbie

We will discuss this at the meeting next weekend but I have put together a few thoughts on what criteria I would recommend for the members of our AKC PPB committee. I believe we should have 3-5 members on this committee.

1. Committee member must be a BCOA member.
2. Committee member must have been in Borzoi for at least 15 years.
3. Committee member must have bred at least 5 litters (3 of which have been whelped and raised in the members' home)
4. Committee member must have owned and piloted two Borzoi to AKC or ASFA Lure Coursing titles.
5. Committee members must have bred 10 AKC conformation champions of record.

6. Committee members must have CHIC numbers on Sires and Dams of last three litters produced (not including frozen semen litters where sire is no longer living and did not have a CHIC#)

This is a starting point only. I'm sure many of you have ideas about this and I look for to a discussion next weekend. Below I have included my Committee report so you know what AKC is asking us to do.

AKC Purebred Preservation Bank Year End Report:

I officially let AKC know in August that BCOA would be participating in AKC's Purebred Preservation Semen Bank.

AKC Requests we:

- Create a Committee for important decisions that need to be made, particularly in determining criteria and there may also be some disputes and controversies that will occur. - I have recommendations for criteria for the committee and number of members which I will discuss with the Board at the November meeting.
- Designate an individual representative that will be empowered to literally sign the registration forms when necessary, and to communicate with the PPB. I am assuming this will be me. This person will need to be renewed or reappointed each year.
- Committee will discuss recommended criteria for acceptance and distribution of frozen semen. Note at this time only discussions are needed, not final decisions. There will be generic criteria provided by PPB, such as that donated frozen semen must be from an AKC registered dog or acceptable foreign registry and that no other semen from that sire is available from the owner or other sources. Perhaps a CHIC number will be required, although some special considerations for legacy semen frozen prior to that availability may be necessary.
- The important discussions will be breed specific criteria - what is critically important for your breed? There may be specific diseases that are especially important for which you will want to consider requiring testing or clearance. You may want to avoid especially deleterious conformation attributes.
- There likely will be different criteria for accepting semen versus distributing the semen. The former requires information about the sire while the latter will involve ensuring both the dam and the prospective breeder are appropriately qualified to whelp and raise the planned litter.
- AKC recommends that criteria be lenient for acceptance, as it is better to have more semen acquired than necessary, and if need be, it can be sorted out or culled later. It is also important to note that any criteria that are developed now could be changed in the future if circumstances dictate. For example, there may be new diseases that arise in the future that need to be accounted for, or there may be changing regulations so that what is important now may not be important in the future, or vice versa.
- Discuss what information should be available on the website for your breed's section. Basic pedigree information, breeding record and results, and photographs will be important data.

New Member Applicants – Prudence Hlatky

A couple of years ago I brought the PBGV membership approval procedure before the Board as a means of simplifying our membership application process. This has proven to be a efficient and effective approval method for the PBGV club. Given that we are now having a membership chairman, perhaps this is something that we can consider again.

The Board of Directors have voted on and adopted a procedure for voting in new full members. Each month, provided we have new applicants, their information will be put in the "Members Only" section of the PBGV.org website. All current members will receive an e-blast letting them know when there are new applicants. Members who do not have email will be mailed the new member applicant information. If no negative feedback is received, the Board will vote on the new member applications after 30 days. This will allow members to be voted on in a timelier manner rather than having them wait until the next issue of Saber Tails. The new members voted in will still be listed in Saber Tails.

PBGVCA New Member Applicants

The following person(s) has applied for membership. All comments, pro or con, are invited and will be held in strict confidence by the board. Send comments within 30 days to Andrea Elledge, Corresponding Secretary, either via email at jbelledd@att.net or U.S. Mail to, 1516 South P Street, Elwood, IN 46036