



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

**Dates: (2) April 23, 2023 F2F Virginia Beach  
(1) April 3, 2023 – Teleconference**

1. **ROLL CALL** – taken and meeting commenced at: **8:06pm - F2F 3:23pm EST**

<b>OFFICERS/BOARD</b>	<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>
Ron Williams, President	Y - Y
Shirley McFadden, Vice President	Y - Y
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	Y - Y
Ginger Jones, Recording Secretary	Y - Y
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	Y - Y
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	Y - Y
Kari McCloskey, Region 1	Y* - Y
Elizabeth Tolley, Region 2	Y - Y
Amy Sorbie, Region 3	Y - Y
Kay Novotny, Region 4	Y - Y
Kristina Terra, Region 5	Y** - Y
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	Y - Y

\*Kari joined at 9:04pm

\*\*Kristina joined at 10:44pm

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1/26/23, 2/6/23 & 2/20/23**

*Motion made to approve the Board minutes of 1/26/23, 2/6/23 & 2/20/23 - K. Horn Janek*

*Motion seconded – E. Tolley*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion passed*

2. **PRESIDENT – Ron Williams**

R. Williams reviewed the agenda and asked the Board for any updates.

*Motion made to add “Review of the agenda for the Annual Membership Meeting and include updates for the Health Committee after the Delegate Report” – E. Tolley  
Motion seconded – L. Snyder Hoflin  
All in favor; none opposed  
Motion passed*

**3. Vice President – Shirley McFadden**

S. McFadden provided the status of Specialty sales progress to date at a sale of 156 items totaling \$1433 and that income from the Borzoi metal sign has brought in \$800.

**4. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Ginger Jones (report attached)**

*Motion made to approve the report of the Recording Secretary with corrections as provided during the review – K. Novotny  
Motion seconded – S. McFadden  
All in favor; none opposed  
Motion passed*

• **Member Applications**

**First Readings:**

❖ **Patricia O’Hara**

Port Saint Lucie, FL Reg. 2  
paobyers@gmail.com  
(Sponsors Susanne Cecere and Deb Vice Cohen)

The Board requested that sponsor Deb Cohen correct her name to match what is reflected in the membership directory and resubmit her signed sponsor form.

❖ **John A. Sazy, MD**

Westover Hills, TX Reg. 3  
sidhrtha3@gmail.com  
(Sponsors Amy Sorbie and Susan Van de Water, MD)

❖ **Erin and Tom O’Brien**

Nederland, CO Reg. 3  
zvesdamagnoli@gmail.com  
(Sponsors Lyn Snyder Hoflin and Janice Haldi)

❖ **Jennifer Morgan and Melissa Graham**

Madison, WI Reg. 6  
Jenn.morgan23@gmail.com  
(Sponsors Anne Midgarden and Amy Sikula)

❖ **S. Frances Butler**

Warwick, NY Reg. 1  
nyreveuse@yahoo.com  
(Sponsors Renee McCartin and Kari McCloskey)  
The Board requested that Kari McCloskey update her home visit date on the form to her most recent visit and resubmit.

Sponsor form corrected and resubmitted when Kari joined the meeting.

❖ **Shay Alder**  
Kyle, TX Reg. 3  
BluQanary@gmail.com  
(Sponsors Nancy Hopkins and Kari McCloskey)

❖ **Troy Lyons**  
Fennimore, WI Reg. 6  
troy@whitelyonsborzoi.com  
(Sponsors Terry Ann Doane and Kim Horn Janek)

*Motion made to accept applicants' first readings for John Sazy, MD, Tom and Erin O'Brien, S. Francis Butler, Shay Alder and Troy Lyons, and to have the sponsor form corrected and resubmitted as noted above for Patricia O'Hara and put their first reading on hold at this time – A. Sorbie*

*Motion seconded by B. Danieli*

*John Sazy –  
9 in favor; none opposed, 1 recused  
Erin and Tom O'Brien -  
9 in favor; none opposed, 1 recused  
S. Francis Butler -  
9 in favor; none opposed, 1 recused  
Shay Alder –  
9 in favor; none opposed, 1 recused  
Troy Lyons –  
9 in favor; none opposed, 1 recused*

*Motion approved*

The Board moved to Executive session at 9:02pm EST.

The Board came out of Executive session at 9:32pm EST.

### **2nd Readings:**

❖ **Pamela Schwentner**  
Cedar Grove, NC Reg. 2  
flyingratdog@gmail.com  
(Sponsors: Randi Jackson & Sandra Moore-Doby)  
*Motion made to accept application for the second reading –  
L. Hoflin Snyder  
Motion seconded – K. Novotny  
All in favor; none opposed.  
Motion approved*

The Board moved to Executive session at 9:39pm EST.

The Board came out of Executive session at 9:49pm EST.

### **• Trophy Supported Entries**

○ None Submitted

- Mailings

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

*Motion made to approve the report of the Corresponding Secretary – V. Jones*

*Motion seconded – K. Horn Janek*

*All in favor; none opposed.*

*Motioned passed*

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

*Motion made to accept the report of the Treasurer – B. Danieli*

*Motion seconded – P. Hlatky*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion passed*

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

P. Hlatky brought forward to the Board a proposal that will be presented at the next AKC Delegate meeting regarding Delegates being allowed to be paid for judging fees as well as being reimbursed for their expenses as all other AKC non-delegates are allowed to charge. The Board discussed the proposal.

*Motioned made to have P. Hlatky vote on behalf of BCOA in favor of allowing AKC Delegates to charge a judging fee as well as being reimbursed for their travel and accommodation expenses for their accepted assignments – A. Sorbie*

*Motion seconded - K. Novotny*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion passed*

P. Hlatky brought forward the AKC proposal to allow Reserve winners to receive major points at regional specialties on a breed-by-breed approval basis if the number of entries meets the current criteria of twice the number of dogs required for a 5pt major by region. This is particularly beneficial to breeds that do not hold a regular National Specialty Event. The Board discussed the pros and cons of this relative to Borzoi and that it was up to the parent clubs to approve the awarding of points for Reserve or not for a regional specialty. After much discussion, a decision was tabled at this time for Borzoi so that a more thorough analysis could be done to see if this would be beneficial to certain regions in the Club.

P. Hlatky brought forward the request from AKC to provide an all-inclusive list of breeder judges by breed created by each breed parent club to submit to their regional clubs as recommendations for judging panels. A. Sorbie indicated that she was willing to help compile the list.

*Motion to approve the Delegate report – B. Danieli.*

*Motion seconded – K. Novotny*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion passed*

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Health Survey - Included on Annual Membership Meeting Agenda.**

It was decided to postpone the discussion of this from the Board's current agenda and hold a special meeting to review the results and statistics. A Special Meeting is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 8pm EST to finalize what will be presented at the BCOA Annual Membership Meeting.

- **AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award**

B. Danieli indicated that she has received the medallion from the AKC. The Board discussed and agreed that potential candidates will be reviewed and voted on via email once the candidate profile forms have been submitted to the Board.

- **Lifetime Achievement Awards (see Supporting Documents)**

- Conformation
- Companion Events
- Performance

R. Williams requested that the Board put together a list of potential candidates and submit write-ups for each candidate for review prior to the F2F.

- **Electronic Voting Response and changing the By-laws to allow for electronic voting.**

B. Tolley offered to follow up on this project and determine if it is cost-effective. B. Tolley offered to assist K. McCloskey if she plans to continue in this role. B. Tolley may also have software to accomplish this.  
The topic was moved to a future agenda.

- **BCOA Puppy Referral – *Included on Annual Membership Meeting Agenda.***

The Board discussed a proposal to allow breeder referrals to be posted on the BCOA website. This proposal would require a disclaimer as BCOA cannot make any guarantees regarding puppies. The recommendation was to make it more of a space to advertise puppies at a fee and members can pay an annual fee to have their information listed in this section. G. Jones proposed that B. Danieli and B. Tolley work together to refine the plan and present the plan to the Board for review at the F2F Board meeting in April. If approved, the new program would be announced at the Annual membership meeting.

AKC Pup Date – B. Danieli will provide information to the AKC for this program. Details to follow at the next board meeting.

- **Nominating Committee Selection**

To be discussed at the F2F.

The Board went into Executive session at 11:12pm EST.

The Board came out of Executive session at 11:29pm EST.

***Motion made to postpone the balance of the agenda until the F2F on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April - E. Tolley***

***Motion seconded – K. Novotny***

*All in favor; none opposed*

The meeting adjourned at 11:56pm EST.

## **APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> FACE TO FACE MEETING, VIRGINIA BEACH**

Ron thanked the Board members who jumped in quickly to run out and purchase some of the critical items needed for the Monday specialty show due to the POD not arriving in time.

The meeting started at 3:23pm.

The Board discussed the need to update the password for the BCOA Members Only section of the website and decided on a new password. Ginger will notify H. Lee of the new password and advise the Board when the update has been completed so the Regional Governors can cascade to their region's members.

### **9. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS -**

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

Nothing new to add. See attached report.

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

Discussed issues with the missing POD and how we are working around it. The closest POD facility is in Chesapeake.

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

See attached reports.

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

- See attached reports.

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

K. Terra has officially taken over as the BCOA Facility Coordinator for 2024 National Specialty. Status to date was discussed for the committee members.

See attached report.

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

See attached.

*Motion made to accept the reports of the Regional Governors – S. McFadden*

*Motion seconded – L. Snyder Hoflin*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion passed.*

### **10. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES – (see attached)**

- **AKC Gazette Columnist – Kristina Terra**
- **Annual Awards – Justine Spiers**
- **Annual Top 5 Awards – Stuart McGraw**
- **Annual Versatility Award and Versatility Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny**
- **Aristocrat Editor – Helen Lee**

The Board had a discussion about offering nonmembers advertising at a higher rate than what is offered for members.

- **ASFA Delegate – Susan Van de Water**
- **BCOA Archivist – K.C. Artley**
- **BCOA Shop – Gary Gideon**

- **BCOA Webmaster – Helen Lee**
- **Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee – Barbara O’Neill**
- **Borzoi Welfare – TBA**
- **Canine Ambassador Program – Emily Killian**

R. Williams asked the Regional Governors to encourage their region’s members to pursue the Canine Good Citizen title.

- **Championship Medals for Conformation – Christine Danker**
- **Championship Medals for Performance and Companion Titles – Amy Balthrop**
- **Championship Medals for Open Field – Lyn Snyder Hoflin**
- **Club Inventory and Medals – Barbara O’Neill**
- **Futurity Event – Cindi Gredys**
- **Futurity Entries – Lydia Pruett**
- **Health Chair – Ginger Jones**
- **Health Liaison – Canine Health Foundation and Morris Animal Foundation – Ginger Jones**
- **Judges Education – Patti Neale**

The Board will attend this year’s presentation to confirm that it includes changes requested from previous the year’s presentation.

*Motion made to make hard copies of the BCOA Tri-fold available to purchase for \$2 to defray the cost of printing - L. Snyder Hoflin*

*Motion seconded – A. Sorbie*

*9 in favor; 2 opposed.*

*Vote Roll Call: In Favor – S. McFadden, L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, E. Tolley, K. Novotny, K. Terra, K. Horn Janek, K. McClosky, A. Sorbie .*

*Opposed – B. Danieli, P. Hlatky.*

*Motion passed.*

- **Junior Showmen – Barbara Tyler Lord**
- **Keeping In Touch - TBA**
- **Legislative Affairs Liaison – Lyn Snyder Hoflin**
- **Meet the Breeds – New York – Ron Williams**

K. Horn Janek will promote the AKC Meet the Breeds events to the BCOA membership for Region 6 when she attends the Kalamazoo, Michigan cluster at the end of May, 2023.

- **Member Education – Prudence Hlatky**
- **National Specialty Chairperson – Kim Horn Janek**
  - 2023 – Virginia Beach April 22- 29, 2023
  - 2024 – Olympia, WA April 20 – 27, 2024
- **Nominating Committee – Shirley McFadden**
- **Ready Borzoi – TBA**
- **Registry of Merit (ROM) – K.C. Artley**

*Motion to accept the Registry of Merit applicants provided by K.C. Artley - K.*

*Novotny*

*Motion seconded by B. Danieli*

*All in favor; None opposed*

*Motion passed.*

- **Specialty Guidelines – K. Horn-Janek**
- **Standardized Trophies – Barbara Danieli, Elizabeth Tolley and Kim Horn Janek**
- **Standing Rules – S. Mc Fadden**

The Board set a date of May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 to continue the review and updating of the Standing Rules.

*Motion made to accept the Standing Committee reports – P. Hlatky*

*Motion seconded – L. Snyder Hoflin*

*All in favor; non opposed*

*Motion passed*

## 11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Region Realignment Discussion**

R. Williams requested that a committee be put together to analyze the potential of realigning the Regions. K. Novotny, A. Sorbie and K. Horn Janek volunteered for the committee.

- **Limit National Specialty sites to 2 or 3 locations. *Included on Annual Membership Meeting Agenda***

R. Williams recommended a committee be put together to investigate and bring recommendations forward for review by the Board.

*Motion made to form a committee to review 3 to 4 locations to be considered for holding future National Specialties with the committee to be chaired by K. Horn Janek– P. Hlatky*

*Motion seconded - K. Novotny*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion passed.*

- **Should BCOA award any ROM points for the new NOFCA titles, and if so, how much. – KC Artley**

From KC Artley: NOFCA recently approved three new intermediate titles for open field coursing. (These titles are retroactive). I was asked to look into getting ROM points awarded for these titles. I explained that I don't determine ROM points, that I collect information and pass on to the BCOA board, who will decide if a committee of experienced open field coursers should be formed. Currently the only ROM points BCOA gives is 10 points for a CC/NACC or CM/NACM. I contacted BCOA members who have experience with open field coursing. 4 responded and their comments are listed below.

New NOFCA rules:

1. A permanent title of OFC Intermediate Courser 1 (OFC IC1) may be added as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following qualifications:
  1. Received 30 hunt points in either breed or mixed hunts
  2. Received one first place, or two second placements, in regular stakes
2. A permanent title of OFC Intermediate Courser 2 (OFC IC2) may be added as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following qualifications:
  1. Received 50 hunt points in either breed or mixed hunts
  2. Received first place, or two second placements, in regular stakes
3. A permanent title of OFC Intermediate Courser 3 (OFC IC3) may be added as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following qualifications:
  1. Received 75 hunt points in either breed or mixed hunts



2 Received first place, or two second placements, in regular stakes”

- From Karla Smith: My thoughts; NOFCA was basically pushed to award "participation" titles. Similar, sort of, to the JSR, SSR that were added recently to LGRA. In general I'm of two minds regarding this change. One is that it seems a little silly, but on the other hand getting a kill and an actual CC is very challenging for borzoi. I would give points for OFC IC3, because you need to be a talented dog to earn 75 points. I think perhaps 3 points would be reasonable, I wouldn't say it's worth 5.
- From Anne Midgarden: It is certainly true that OFC championships are the hardest to get. Lots of people who hunt regularly do not get titles on their hounds. Mostly due to the nature of hunting- not many hare, native terrain hiding visibility from the judges, etc. Where the other titles mostly require beating the competition or doing the exercises, OFC requires beating wild animals at their own game. So, yes I like the idea of these smaller achievement titles that NOFCA has initiated. We should consider them in counting points for ROM titles.
- From Barb Ewing: NOFCA recently approved several new intermediate titles for open field coursing. I think these should be added to the ROM. They could get the 2-4-6 point awards similar to those used in other events.
- From: Yvonne McGehee: I'm responding to your request for input on the new NOFCA titles. I'm not very familiar with how titles are weighted for the ROM, so I don't know how a JC or an SC would be weighted, if they are at all. I will say from the get-go that, as a long-time OFC participant who has bred many of the top ranked OFC dogs, I am very disappointed in these new titles. I have long thought that, because the real OFC titles are so very difficult to attain and consequently rare, while lure FCh titles are much easier to attain and are common, the dogs who earn points and placements equivalent to those required for a lure FCh title in OFC should be awarded some lesser title than the full CC, NACC, CM, and NACM, because they do deserve the same recognition lure titled dogs receive. So I am not at all against an OFC title that is a lower title than the titles requiring kill credits. However, these new titles do not require the dog to do as much as a dog earning a lure coursing title. The first one can be earned by a dog running in one hunt in one course without even a final. In an entry of 8, finishing on prelims, a dog getting first can earn 32 points and a first place. This is pretty minimal and in no way demonstrates real field proficiency. The IC2 and IC3 are a little better, but still in my eyes are not equivalent to the requirements of a lure FCh, and are a cheap way for people to participate very minimally, for maybe one or two weekends, and yet claim an OFC title and, in the eyes of those who don't know better, claim OFC proficiency. This cheapening of OFC titles really rubs me the wrong way. So, that's just my 2 cents. I don't think the IC1 or IC2 should get any ROM points, the requirements are quite minimal. The IC3 shouldn't get more than a lure FCh. I'd suggest somewhere between 4 points for it. Had it been set up as equivalent to the FCh in requiring 100 points, then I think it would have been worth 5 to 6 points. The CC, CM, NACC, NACM are truly worth their 10 or 12 points, they are extremely challenging and rare.

***Motion made to have L. Snyder Hoflin act as the Board liaison for a committee including K.C. Artley to amend the ROM point system for Open Field Coursing – K. Novotny***

***Motion seconded – K. Horn Janek***

***All in favor; none opposed***

***Motion passed.***

- A request was made by member Bernard Schuster who won the ASFA award for 2022 and also for 2023 to take home the trophy for one year. He was willing to provide a deposit assure the trophy was delivered to the 2024 National Specialty in Washington State.

The Board discussed the proposal and decided that keeping track of where trophies are located and making sure that they are delivered to the show on time and undamaged was a significant concern and passed on his request.

- **Annual Membership Meeting – Finalize Draft Agenda**

- AKC Market Place – AKC is requesting that the people listed on the AKC Market Place be parent club members and that they conduct the proper health testing that they are claiming. The Board declined to police this activity on a regular basis but did provide a cursory review of those currently listed and found them all to be current BCOA members.
- Recommendation from Renee McCartin:

Ron, I'd like to add something to the agenda to the membership meeting that we look at possibly changing our performance events to make them more profitable or at least not as expensive for the club.

1) change events to all breed to bring in entries. We do not need to do big awards for other breeds, rosette for BOB, flats for placements.  
and/or

2) contact a local club in the area and get an event planned for that weekend where we only have to worry about sponsoring the borzoi entry. They run the event, pay the field fees, pay the judges, and we are just out trophies. The IG club of America has done this a few times.  
and/or

3) In KY we ran LGRA and a coursing event in the same day. LGRA in the morning, coursing afterwards. Texas clubs often run ASFA in the morning, and AKC in the evening. That way we only need the field two days versus three.  
and/or

4) cancel whichever coursing event pulls the smallest entry. Cuts down on one day of the event (or two if we stick with just borzoi events and do LGRA in the morning and coursing in the afternoon), and thus cost of field rental  
and/or

5) add fastcats after one of the events. (maybe racing as the field is set up, just have to shorten it, but it means investing in timing equipment.

AND

6) allow gate entries. There's no reason to have pre entries for coursing/racing be a month ahead of the event. It's quite easy to have the entries close the Wed before and the secretary get everything together. For our area, the first AKC event of the year is the first weekend in April. The first LGRA was nasty weather and nobody came out, 2nd was cancelled due to the weather in your area this last weekend, the 3rd is the weekend after closing date., If you have young dogs that are now old enough to run, you don't have a chance to cert them prior to the nationals, thus losing out on entries.

The Board reviewed the recommendations made and decided to incorporate this into the new committee responsible for reviewing the proposal to investigate 3 to 4 locations for future National Specialties. The Board needs a proposal from

Region 1 by the end of June, 2023 regarding whether or not they would be able to hold the 2025 BCOA National Specialty in their region.

- Member Barb Binder wants her concern addressed regarding the conflict of what is described in the trifold compared to what is reflected in the Breed standard regarding less significance placed on missing teeth and the reference to “plush coats”.
- The Board discussed potential candidates for the BCOA Lifetime Achievement award.

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting – P. Hlatky**

**Motion seconded – B. Danieli**

**All in favor**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm EST**