



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

Dates (4) August 29, 2023 – Teleconference
(3) August 21, 2023 - Teleconference
(2) August 16, 2023 - Teleconference
(1) August 7, 2023 – Teleconference

1. **ROLL CALL** – taken and meeting commenced at: **8:04pm, 8:00, 8:03 & 8:06 (EST)**

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

*S. McFadden called into the meeting at 8:44pm

**L. Snyder Hoflin called into the meeting at 8:09pm

***K. McCloskey called into the meeting at 8:10pm

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 3rd & April 23rd**

Motion made to approve the Board minutes of April 3rd & 23rd- B. Danieli

Motion seconded – P. Hlatky

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

2. **PRESIDENT – Ron Williams**

R. Williams discussed with the Board the need to schedule a fall F2F meeting sometime during the months of October or November. The meeting will be held at the National Specialty location for 2025. A request was made to the Board to provide eligible dates and determine the National Specialty location based on the proposals to be provided by K. Horn Janek once she has them available for review.

3. **VICE PRESIDENT – Shirley McFadden (nothing to report at this time)**
4. **REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Ginger Jones (report attached)**

Motion made to approve the Recording Secretary Report – L. Snyder Hoflin
Motion seconded – A. Sorbie
All in favor; none opposed
Motion passed.

○ **New Member Applications**

➤ **First Readings**

- **Angela Kohls**
Ewart, MI Reg 6
Angela.kohls@outlook.com
(Sponsors: Virginia Jones & Marcella Zobel)
- **Cindy Hunt & Justin C. Worth**
Orlando, FL Reg 2
Dogsnhogs6s@yahoo.com
(Sponsors: Roy Silguero & Stephanie Parker)
- **Courtney Sepeck**
Hanover, MA Reg 1
shilohthezoi@gmail.com
(Fred Vogel & Jane Berardi-Malloy)
- **Doreen Carlstad**
Snohomish, WA Reg 5
carlstaddoreen@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Kristina Terra & Kay Novotny)
- **Hyde & Tracy Gillespie**
Estacada, OR Reg 5
hydegillespie@yahoo.com
(Sponsors: Mary Ann Rose & Jana Brinlee)
- **Patricia OHara**
Port St. Lucie, FL Reg 2
paobyers@gmail.com
(Sponsors :Deb Vidaver-Cohen & Susanne Cecere)
- **Brian & Brenda Bruinekool**
Saranac, MI Reg 6
brendavanderhoek@att.net
(Sponsors: Lynne Bennett & Barbara A Danieli)

Discussion ensued regarding what specifically the Board is approving at the first reading for new Members.

B. Tolley, Parliamentarian, clarified that for Members' first readings, the process is that the Board is not approving the membership, but verifying that all requirements for the applications are complete to allow the application to move forward.

Motion made that all application documentation are verified complete for their first reading – P. Hlatky

Motion seconded – B. Tolley

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed.

➤ **Second Readings**

The Board moved to executive session at 8:46pm EST.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:09pm EST.

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

Motion made to postpone the consideration of the application pending additional information – E. Tolley

Seconded – B. Danieli

In favor: S. McFadden, L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, B. Danieli, P. Hlatky, E. Tolley, K. McCloskey, K. Terra,

K. Horn Janek

None opposed

Recused: A. Sorbie

Motion passed

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

Motion made to postpone the consideration of the application pending additional information – E. Tolley

Seconded – B. Danieli

In favor: S. McFadden, L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, B. Danieli, P. Hlatky, E. Tolley, K. McCloskey, A. Sorbie, K. Terra

None opposed

Recused: Horn Janek

- **Erin and Tom O'Brien**
Nederland, CO Reg. 3
zvesdamagnoli@gmail.com
(Sponsors Lyn Snyder Hoflin and Janice Haldi)

- **S. Frances Butler**

Warwick, NY Reg. 1

nyreveuse@yahoo.com

(Sponsors Renee McCartin and Kari McCloskey) Kari recuse

The Board requested that K. McCloskey update her home visit date on the form to her most recent visit and resubmit.

Sponsor form corrected and resubmitted when K. McCloskey joined the meeting.

- **Shay Alder**

Kyle, TX Reg. 3

BluQanary@gmail.com

(Sponsors Nancy Hopkins and Kari McCloskey)

*Motion Made to approve the following membership applications – E. Tolley
Motion seconded – B. Danieli*

Erin and Tom O'Brien

In favor: S. McFadden, G. Jones, B. Danieli, P. Hlatky, E. Tolley, K.

McCloskey, A. Sorbie, K. Horn Janek

Recused: L. Snyder Hoflin

S. Frances Butler

In favor: S. McFadden, L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, B. Danieli, P. Hlatky, E.

Tolley, A. Sorbie, K. Horn Janek

Recused: K. McCloskey

Shay Alder

In favor: S. McFadden, L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, B. Danieli, P. Hlatky, E.

Tolley, A. Sorbie, K. Horn Janek

Recused: K. McCloskey

- **Junior**

No new applications.

- **Trophy Supported Entries**

- **Mailings**

Motion made to suspend the meeting until August 16 – K. Horn Janek

Motion seconded – B. Danieli

Meeting ended at 11:10pm

BOARD MEETING PART (2) AUGUST 16, 2023

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

The Board reviewed the Report of the Corresponding Secretary and noted that a couple of corrections were required.

Motion Made to accept the Report of the Corresponding Secretary with the noted date on title correction – K. Horn Janek

Motion seconded – E. Tolley

All in Favor; None opposed

Motion passed

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

The Board discussed a letter received from Dr. Anne Midgarden inquiring when an income and expense report for the 2023 National Specialty would be provided to the membership. L. Snyder Hoflin will respond to her inquiry.

L. Snyder Hoflin reported that the 2022 taxes (preparation cost of \$2053.00 total) were filed by the tax professional. The Board discussed and agreed that funds from the Beverly Taylor Fund should cover their portion of tax filing as filing for the Beverly Taylor Fund is separate from the BCOA filing. Approximately 25 percent of the total tax filing cost are for the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund, so the associated costs for tax preparation will be estimated at this rate. The Board agreed that this charge to the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund should start with 2022 tax year filing. R. Williams will have a discussion with the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund Committee to make them aware of this decision.

L. Snyder Hoflin raised a question to the Board if they wanted to take advantage of the cashback offerings some credit card companies are currently offering by opening an account with one of them. The Board discussed this proposal, and the question arose whether this cashback offering is available to non-profit organizations. The Board also asked if they charge an annual fee, and if so, what is the fee?

L. Snyder Hoflin to follow up and provide a response back to the Board.

The numbers contained within the Treasurer's report relative to the National Specialty are still being reconciled.

Motion Made to accept the Treasurer's report – E. Tolley

Motion seconded – K. McCloskey

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

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

P. Hlatky discussed with the Board that the AKC delegate cannot charge a fee for their judging assignments. They can only be reimbursed for their expenses.

P. Hlatky inquired if the Board would like to approve the awarding of a 3pt major for Reserve Winners' Dog and Reserve Winners' Bitch at independent Specialties. This approval would require double the normal numbers of dogs/bitches for a 5pt major. The AKC leaves this decision up to the Parent club to decide whether to offer this or not.

Motion Made to approve the awarding of a 3pt major for both Reserve Winners' Dog and Bitch at Independent Specialties – L. Snyder Hoflin

Motion seconded – S. McFadden

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

AKC has made a change in regulations that now show documentation requirements must be accessible during the show event, but not necessarily in hard copy.

A change was made to the AKC rules for Lure Coursing, FCAT and CAT regarding muzzle requirements.

“Muzzles must not have sharp edges and must be of the basket type that allow the dog to open its mouth to pant and breathe freely. The Huntmaster is responsible for ensuring and checking the muzzles are used appropriately.” (as copied from the AKC Rules and Regulations updates July,2023 & August,2023)

Motion Made to accept the Report of the Delegate – E. Tolley
Motion seconded – K. Horn Janek
All in favor; none opposed
Motion passed

8. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS -

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

E. Tolley discussed with the Board that members who did not attend the National Specialty were not aware that someone they knew had passed away. Not all members purchase a catalog where the memorials are published. E. Tolley suggested that it would be beneficial to add a memorial page to the BCOA website. The Board discussed this proposal and R. Williams will follow up with Helen Lee. The Board discussed a letter B. Tolley received from member, Lance Pearson, and forwarded to the Board that described his intent to not renew his membership based on all the negative comments posted on various social media sites. Since the Board cannot control comments posted on social media, the Board is at a loss as to how to rectify his discontent.

- **Region Three Governor – Amy Sorbie (report attached)**
- **Region Four Governor – Kay Novotny (report attached)**
- **Region Five Governor – Kristina Terra (report attached)**
- **Region Six Governor – Kim Horn Janek (report attached)**

The Board moved to executive session at 9:28pm.

The Board left the executive session at 9:38pm.

Motion made to accept the reports of the Regional Governors – P. Hlatky
Motion seconded – B. Danieli
All in favor; none opposed
Motion passed

9. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES -

- **AKC Gazette Columnist – Kristina Terra (report attached)**
- **Annual Awards – Pam Leichtnam (report attached)**
- **Annual Top 5 Awards – TBD**

The board discussed the difficulty in finding someone to take on this Standing Committee position as well as the expense for the ribbons, certificates, and mailing. B. Danieli recommended that this open position, along with a description of the responsibilities, be posted to the membership to see if anyone is interested in heading up this committee. S. McFadden recommended that if we do not get a volunteer that the Club discontinue to offer the Top 5 Annual Awards. R. Williams will follow up on gathering the details of the responsibilities and will send out a notification to the membership. B. Tolley recommended we investigate the cost associated with these awards as most of the recipients are not present at the National when the ribbons and certificates are handed out. The costs of these ribbons, certificates, and mailing of these

awards are quite expensive. The Board then discussed the possibility of providing a slide show of the recipients of Top 5 or possibly the Top 10 during the banquet at the National Specialty as a special way to recognize these members and their achievements. R. Williams will submit a request to the membership to see if someone is willing to coordinate this initiative.

○ **Annual Versatility Award and Versatility Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny (report attached)**

K. Novotny requested that the Board approve points to be awarded to the Select Dog and Select Bitch. Currently points are awarded to the Awards of Merit, but not Select Dog and Select Bitch and these are more prestigious awards that are not being credited (See report for specific points recommendations for National Specialty, Regional Specialty and All Breed Show). K. Novotny also asked for guidance from someone familiar with the sport of Dock Diving on how to establish points for this sport. BCOA has members competing in this sport and she would like to include point recognition but needs assistance from someone who competes in this to determine the point system. K. Horn Janek recommended that K. Novotny contact Lou Avant for guidance on determining the Dock Diving points. A. Sorbie also recommended that Ariel Duncan is actively competing in Dock Diving as well. R. Williams will provide these names to K. Novotny for follow-up assistance with determining points for Dock Diving.

Motion made to approve the awarding of points for Select Dog and Select Bitch as reflected in K. Novotny's report – S. McFadden

Motion seconded – K. McCloskey

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

○ **BCOA Archivist – K.C. Artley**

(nothing to report currently)

○ **BCOA Shop – Gary Gideon (report attached)**

S. McFadden stated that as of the date of this meeting, \$264 of sales for 2024 National Specialty items have been received.

○ **Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee – Barbara O'Neill (report attached)**

The Board reviewed the report and agreed that it required some corrections to remove comments of a political nature not pertinent to the report summary.

○ **Borzoi Welfare – TBD**

○ **Championship Medals for Performance and Companion Titles – Amy Balthrop**

Amy Balthrop has notified the Club that she needs to step down from this position due to personal health reasons.

○ **Futurity Event – Cindi Gredys (report attached)**

○ **Futurity Entries – Lydia Pruett (report attached)**

○ **Health Chair – Ginger Jones (report attached)**

The Board requested that G. Jones post to the BCOA Members IO group to let members know there is an opening on the Health Committee for someone interested in working on the information team.

P. Hlatky had some additional questions regarding the Health Committee report. She requested clarification on whether a Holter exam could replace or take precedence over the echo cardiogram as a less expensive and more accessible way for members to get a complete and comprehensive heart analysis on their dogs. G. Jones explained that the two exams measure very different things in the heart and that neither one could replace the other as a complete heart exam. While the echo cardiogram assesses the heart size, shape and beating rhythm, as well as the valve openings and closing functions and blood flow through the valves, it has no capability to record the electrical rhythms of the heart which the Holter exam provides. Both tests would be necessary to have a complete assessment of all heart functions. The discussion continued concerning ways to make heart clinics more accessible for our members' benefit. G. Jones reported she is working with the Health Committee Clinic Team and H. Lee, BCOA Webmaster, to develop and publish clinic information to be conducted at Regional Specialties on the Health Website if the Regional Clubs want this information published. Information will also be posted to the BCOA Health Facebook page if the Regional Clubs want this information posted. Regional Clubs must provide the complete information for their clinics to the Health Committee for posting. In addition, the OFA provides a calendar of upcoming clinics that BCOA members can search through for clinics located in their area. Premium lists can also be reviewed as soon as they are available from the superintendents to see if the show-sponsoring club is offering clinics. G. Jones indicated her ultimate goal (as BCOA Health Chair) would be to pull all this data together and provide a monthly list of clinics by region or state to be posted on the BCOA website.

The Board moved to executive session at 10:55pm.

The Board left the executive session at 11:10pm.

- **Health – Canine Health Foundation and Morris Animal Foundation – Ginger Jones (report attached)**
(See health committee report)
- **Nominating Committee discussion**
S. McFadden discussed the nominating committee process and R. Williams forwarded the proposed slate to the Board.

Motion made to suspend the meeting until 8pm, Monday August 21st – B. Tolley
Motion seconded – K. Horn Janek
All in favor; none opposed
Motion passed
Meeting ended at 11:26pm EST

BOARD MEETING PART (3) AUGUST 21st, 2023

- **Nominating Committee – Shirley McFadden**

The Board had additional discussions about the Officers' slate provided by S. McFadden (Nominating Chair) as the Board did not vote on the slate at the meeting of August 16th. The Board confirmed that all nominated candidates on the slate fit the required criteria as described in the BCOA By-Laws and were eligible to serve in the positions they were slated for as submitted by S. McFadden.

*Motion made to accept the slate as presented by S. McFadden – L. Snyder Hoflin
Motion seconded – B. Tolley
In favor; L. Snyder Hoflin, P. Hlatky, K. McCloskey, E. Tolley, K. Horn Janek
Recused; B. Danieli, A. Sorbie
Abstained; G. Jones
Motion passed*

- **Keeping in Touch – Ron Williams (report attached)**
The Board discussed the report provided by R. Williams.
R. Williams requested that the Regional Governors ask their members to submit the names of members in their region who would like to be recipients of the Keeping in Touch Committee members.
- **Meet the Breeds – New York – Ron Williams (nothing to report at this time)**
- **Membership – Kelley Frary (report attached)**
The Board discussed Items 1, 2 and 4 from the attached Membership report.

Item 1)

The Board discussed the difference between digital signatures vs electronic signatures. Digital Signatures require special software that not all members may have access to. Both the sending and receiving party need to have the software. The Board wanted to confirm with Kelley if she is recommending digital software or the use of electronic signatures. The Board will need to review the Standing Rules to see what updates are required in order to accommodate either application. The Board would like follow-up information from Kelley regarding which method is being recommended and will add this topic to the F2F agenda for further discussions.

Item 2)

The Board discussed the proposal to have the entire application process online and to move forward in an automatic sequence once each step is completed as it would automatically send to the next person in the sequence to complete their portion and submit. The Board will need to investigate what is required in the line of software updates on our website in order to determine whether it can be accommodated at this time or if different software would be required. This will be added to the F2F agenda for further discussion.

Item 4)

Provide information to regional clubs for BCOA Membership applications when new members join their regional clubs. The Board discussed this and agreed that it was a good idea. The BCOA Corresponding Secretary receives the updated Regional Club's list of officers when they submit an application to hold a Regional Specialty. Kelly can request this information from the BCOA Corresponding Secretary. Follow-up will be required to determine if the Club has appropriate hand-out materials for this purpose.

- **National Specialty Chairperson – Kim Horn Janek (report attached)**
 - 2024 – Olympia, WA April 20 – 27, 2024
Committee members are utilizing a sight to share the tasks and status of each of the functions. The Bonfire Specialty Sales site is up and running. Grooming options at the hotel are a room on the 2nd floor with limited grooming space and the patios for the hotel rooms in the courtyard. Health Clinics – Echo cardiograms and Eye exams will be offered. More details to follow.
 - 2025 – Region 1 Discussion – K. McCloskey
K. Horn Janek provided a spreadsheet of all the hotels under consideration that included costs and amenities and pros and cons of each. The Board discussed each of the facilities in detail. The Board also discussed locations for the 3 or 4 regional sites for future National Specialties. Some of the facilities BCOA has used in the past are no

longer available or no longer allow dogs or have priced themselves completely out of reach. More discussions on determining the 3 or 4 alternating locations will be discussed at the F2F meeting.

- **Parliamentarian – Betsy Tolley(report attached)**
- **Registry of Merit (ROM) – K.C. Artley (report attached)**

Motion made to accept the dogs reported for ROM recognition – A. Sorbie
Motion seconded - P. Hlatky
All in favor; none opposed
Motion passed

- **Standardized Trophies – K. Horn Janek**
K. Horn Janek discussed the current prices for the plaques for BOB, BOS, WD, WB, BOW, Reserve WD & WB and High In Trial and that the prices would be going up again for next year. The Board agreed that an alternative is needed to find these awards at a more reasonable price. K. Horn Janek discussed a proposal for high-quality canvas chairs - \$60 each, customized with embroidered BCOA National Specialty logo for these awards.
- **Standing Rules – Shirley McFadden**
Postponed to next meeting.

Motion made to accept the reports of the Standing Committees – A. Sorbie,
Motion seconded – P. Hlatky.
All in favor; none opposed
Motion passed

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Treasury Discussion – B. Danieli and L. Snyder Hoflin

The Board moved to executive session at 10:04pm.

The Board left the executive session at 10:15pm

- Side Committees:
 - **Broad Hock – Ron Williams**
Supporting documentation needs to be pulled together for why this term was accidentally dropped from the Breed Standard. P. Hlatky and R. Williams will continue to work on this.
 - **Junior Handler Scholarship – Ron Williams**
Plans are being developed for 2 awards.
 - **Region Realignment – Kay Novotny, Kim Horn Janek & Amy Sorbie**
This would require a change to the BCOA By-Laws. K. Novotny, K. Horn Janek and A. Sorbie plan to continue to work on this proposal.
 - **Limited Specialty Locations – Kim Horn Janek & Prudence Hlatky** (see Specialty Report included in Standing Committee Reports)
 - **ROM Point Amendment – L. Snyder Hoflin & K.C. Artley**
L. Snyder Hoflin will form a committee to work on this initiative. Nothing to report at this time.

- **AKC Purebred Preservation Semen Bank Committee Report – Amy Sorbie**
A. Sorbie is looking for additional people to be on this committee and will send a notification to all members. G. Jones will post the inquiry to the BCOA Members IO List. AKC has been moving along on this project.

A. Sorbie reports out the following:

AKC Purebred Preservation Bank Committee Report

AKC has been moving along on this project.

In the beginning of May AKC sent out a survey to Parent Club Presidents, Secretaries and Delegates containing a Poll for Parent Clubs. The poll closed May 31st with 69 responses received. Unfortunately, BCOA did not participate in the poll. In the future, hopefully this type of information will be forwarded to the AKC PPB Committee chair to implement.

Current requirements for Committee members:

1. Committee members must be in good standing with AKC and BCOA.
2. Committee members must have been in Borzoi for at least 15 years
3. Committee members must have bred at least 5 litters, one of which has to have been bred solely by them in their home.
4. Committee members must have bred at least 10 AKC Champions.
5. Committee members must have owned and completed ASFA or AKC lure Coursing Championship on at least two Borzoi.

I would like to add to the requirements:

6. Committee member must be an AKC Breeder of Merit

I have had three people approach me with interest in serving on this committee after it was brought up at the National.

Those are:

Valori Trantanella

Lynn Bennett

Stephanie Hawley Parker

AKC has let BCOA know that this should be part of the new Breeder Education Committee that they have asked all Parent Club's to create. I would like to volunteer to head this committee.

Next steps: Send a message to all members asking for volunteers to be on the BCOA AKC PPB committee and the requirements for membership in the committee.

P. Hlatky provided an update from the AKC regarding Breeder Members Education.

AKC, in conjunction with the Delegates Parent Clubs, is in the process of developing their Breeder Education Coordinator position and criteria. The Breeder Education Coordinator will have responsibility for the Eddie Award, breeders' education, breeders' interviews, interviews of breeders by parent clubs, breeder fancy mentoring and breed health. P. Hlatky believes it is in the best interest of the Clubs that these items remain as separate committees, so they mesh with the structures of the parent clubs. P. Hlatky will provide detailed information to the Board and requests that the Board add this as an agenda item to our F2F meeting.

- **Breeder Referral – Barbara Danieli**
Pending information.
- **BBE Puppy Ruling - Kim Horn Janek**

Motion made allow Bred By Puppy entrants to compete for Best Bred By, but not Best Puppy at the BCOA National Specialty – A. Sorbie

Motion seconded – P. Hlatky.

In favor; P. Hlatky, A. Sorbie, G. Jones, B. Danieli, K. McCloskey, E. Tolley, K. Horn Janek

Opposed; L. Snyder Hoflin

Motion passed

- **Judges Education – Patti Wydick Neale**

Motion made that the BCOA Board certify Patti Neale’s Judges Education Seminar as revised and presented at the 2023 National Specialty – A. Sorbie

Motion seconded – P. Hlatky

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

Motion made to suspend the meeting until 8pm, Monday August 29th – B. Danieli

Motion seconded – K. Horn Janek

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

Meeting ended at 11:02pm EST

BOARD MEETING PART (4) AUGUST 29th, 2023

11. NEW BUSINESS

- **Regional Specialty Approvals – Barbara Danieli**

The Board discussed Specialty Judge approvals for emergency situations. Approval for a non-licensed judge must come from BCOA parent club as established by AKC (unless deemed an emergency on the day of the show by the AKC). The Superintendent should be notified immediately of the Specialty Judge’s inability to attend, and a Borzoi approved Judge from the current panel at the show weekend should be selected by the Superintendent.

Judges need to be listed on the Specialty application when the club submits it to BCOA for approval. Several BCOA members communicated with the BCOA Corresponding Secretary indicating their disapproval of the Sweepstakes judge that was selected by GTCBC. B. Danieli will write a letter to GTCBC indicating the concern expressed by BCOA members.

- **Face to Face Dates**

The Board agreed that the F2F meeting will be November 18th. The closest airport is TRI (Tri Cities). The Board meeting will commence first thing in the morning on Saturday, November 18th. B. Tolley will contact the Hotel and provide the list of Board Members attending. The Board will be able to tour the facility during a large group gathering, which will allow us to see how they set up and accommodate large groups in attendance.

- **Welfare Chair (establishing guidelines) – Group discussion**

The Board will review the description of the duties. B. Danieli and P. Hlatky will work together to draft a proposal to review at the F2F meeting in November.

- **2024 National Field Judges Approval – Kristina Terra (see Supporting Documents for judges list)**

Motion made to approve all 4 Lure Coursing Judges provided (2 unique judges each day) – B. Danieli

Motion seconded – K. Horn Janek

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

Dual Championship Judge – The Board discussed the 4 names submitted and determined that the number 3 and number 4 judges on the list were ineligible per the Standing Rule that reflects the judge shall not have any other judging assignments for any other events at the National Specialty.

Obedience and Rally judge – The Board approved all judges on the list and will leave the selection up to K. Terra to decide.

Motion made to approve the number 1 and number 2 judges for Dual Championship and all 4 of the Obedience and Rally judges – E. Tolley

Motion seconded – K. Novotny

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace, Team, Triathlon and Altered Classes

Motion made to approve all 3 judges on the proposed list – K. Novotny

Motion seconded – K. Tolley

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

- **Updating the AKC Parent Club Membership lists – Barbara Danieli**
Corresponding Secretary responsibility – B. Danieli has updated the BCOA officers list and will provide the updated BCOA Membership list to the AKC.
- **Memorial section to the BCOA website – submitted by Barbara Tyler Lord**
A request was received from Barbara Tyler Lord to publish the memorial sections of the catalog on the club website. R. Williams will ask Kelley Frary, Membership Chairperson, if she is willing to assist H. Lee by providing the information and a design for a website memorial page.
- **Financial Review Procedures – Barbara Danieli**
B. Danieli is working with L. Snyder Hoflin to draft a potential procedure dependent upon whether the review is internal or external.
- **AKC PupDate – Barbara Danieli**
B. Danieli will provide AKC with puppy pictures for this feature.
- **BCOA Website Update – In the event of Member death; Prepare for Your Dogs – Barbara Danieli**
The Board Discussed adding an In Case of Emergency, not just death, section to the Website and recommended creating a proforma for the information under Ready Borzoi. R. Williams will contact member, Denise Ross, and B. Danieli will work with her should she accept.
- **National Specialty Logo and Artwork – 2025 and Beyond – Barbara Danieli**
The Board discussed what would be the criteria for this logo and artwork if there is a permanent 3 or 4 area Specialty rotation in lieu of the current Regional rotation. B. Danieli

proposed to have the board define the “theme” (which could be a Board approved message versus a location theme, i.e., Health message, Juniors message, etc.) and ask the members to submit artwork designs to a committee to select the logo. The Board will include this with the discussions/decision about the National rotation as well as an option to consider shortening the length of the National to Monday through Sunday which would substantially cut down the overall costs for the National Specialty in light of the reduction of entries over the past several years.

- **Lifetime Achievement Awards – Ron Williams**

The Board discussed the requirements for this award and R. Williams will provide documentation for the requirements along with the lists of past winners.

Additional Discussion items:

K. Horn Janek discussed vendor locations for the National Specialty. She also shared that Heather Lukashin needs approval in the amount of \$100 for setup in order for her to move forward with the logo embroidery.

G. Jones notified the Board that the Health Committee has arranged for a cardiologist for echos for 2024 and an ophthalmologist for eye exams.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting – K. Horn Janek

Motion seconded – B. Danieli

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:32 pm (EST)