



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
STANDING RULES REVIEW AND UPDATE
DECEMBER 14, 2023**

ROLL CALL – taken and meeting commenced at: 8:03 pm (EST)

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

*Shirley joined at 9:02pm EST

1. The Board agreed to start the meeting review of corrections to the Standing Rules with the marked-up file provided by G. Jones for ELJ 14, ELJ 12, NAT 3 & NAT 18.

❖ ELJ 14 Judges, Voting, Timetable

14.1 NOMINATION PROCESS & TIMING:

The Judges Nomination Form will be sent to the membership along with their dues notice. Completed Nomination Forms are to be sent to the Recording Secretary from the members, either by email or US Postal First-Class mail, and must be received by March 15th. The President will notify, by email, the current members in good standing, of the mailing.

14.2 BREAKDOWN BALLOT PROCESS & TIMING:

The Recording Secretary shall have two (2) weeks to compile the Breakdown Ballot and confirm if each nominee is willing to accept the assignment. The Recording Secretary will post the Breakdown Ballot, containing the final list of nominees, to the BCOA Members section of the website, the Members Only IO group site, and mail by US Postal service First Class to those members without email. The Recording Secretary will notify the President when the ballots are mailed. The President will notify the entire membership of the mailing by email.

Five (5) weeks shall be allocated for members to mark their ballots and to be received by the Tabulator from the members. The Breakdown ballot will contain voting instructions, the Tabulator's return address, email address, and required deadline date and time to be received from the membership. The Tabulator will be required to give the results to the Recording Secretary and to the President, within one (1) week of the deadline.

14.3 FINAL BALLOT PROCESS & TIMING:

The Recording Secretary shall be given one (1) week to contact the five (5) persons receiving the highest number of votes for Breed Judge and the five (5) persons receiving the highest number of votes for Sweepstakes Judge to confirm acceptance of the assignment, the judging restrictions, and Club offered provisions. They will also be required to submit a 100 maximum word biography to be returned to the Recording Secretary within two (2) weeks of their notification and acceptance. In the event of any ties, those people will also be contacted, provided the same information and requirements, and included on the Final ballot.

The Final ballot will contain the top five (5) vote receivers in each category and names of any ties from the breakdown ballot, listed in alphabetic order. Members will be allowed to vote for one (1) choice in each category.

The Recording Secretary shall have one (1) week to prepare the Final Ballot once all the information is received. The Final Ballot, including biographies of each candidate, will be posted on the BCOA Members section of the website, the Members Only IO group, and mailed by US Postal service First Class to members without email. The Recording Secretary will notify the President when the ballots are sent. Five (5) weeks will be allocated for ballots to be marked and received from the members by the Tabulator by the deadline date and time reflected on the Final ballot. The Tabulator will be required to send the results to the Recording Secretary and the President, within one (1) week of the Final ballot deadline. The President will notify the membership of the mailing using the current Membership List. The results from the Tabulator of the Final Ballot will include the top five (5) vote receivers in each category in order of votes received and will be retained by the Recording Secretary for a period of one (1) year.

The Recording Secretary will notify the winner of the Regular Conformation classes and the winner of the Sweepstakes class within one (1) day of receipt from the Tabulator. The President will notify the entire membership of the final results by email and the Recording Secretary will post to the BCOA website and the Members IO group list.

Motion made to accept the proposal to update the wording as proposed by G. Jones including changes made during this meeting for ELJ 14– K. Novotny

Motion seconded – K. Horn Janek

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

❖ ELJ 12 Judges, Voting, Break-down Ballot from Tabulator

On the report to the President and Recording Secretary which will be provided within one (1) week of the voting deadline, the Tabulator shall list Specialty Judges in order of total number of points received, with the Judge receiving the highest number of points listed first. In the event of ties, more than five (5) names will appear on the final ballot.

Motion made to delete “If there is a tie, the Board will decide how to break the tie.” and replace with “In the event of ties, more than five (5) names will appear on the final ballot.” – E. Tolley

Motion seconded – K. Novotny

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

❖ **NAT 3 Awards, CHIC**

Cash award, amount to be determined by the Board and Health Chair based on available Health Committee funds for the winners of Best of Breed and Triathlon if the winners have a CHIC number currently on OFA record as of the opening date of the BCOA Specialty. Additionally, a cash award for the Best in Futurity will be offered if both the sire and dam of the winner have a CHIC number currently on OFA record as of the opening date of the BCOA Specialty. Cash award amounts will be listed in the Specialty catalog.

Motion made to replace the wording specifying exact cash amounts and remove Sweepstakes winner as a recipient – G. Jones

Motion seconded – K. Horn Janek

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

❖ **NAT 18 Health Clinic**

The Show Secretary will periodically keep the Health Clinic Chair updated with how many Borzoi are signed up for each health clinic offered. The final count will be provided within one (1) week of the entry closing date. If it is likely that the number of dogs will not meet the minimum requirements as specified in the clinic contract, the Health Clinic Chair may open the clinic(s) to all breeds of dogs by notifying local all-breed clubs and requesting the OFA to add to their clinic calendar or any other means of communication necessary to satisfy the contract minimum requirements. The reduced rate for the Health Clinic, paid for by the BCOA Health Fund, is only available to BCOA member owned Borzoi registered before entries close.

Motion made to accept the updates to the National Health clinics standing rule as provided above – G. Jones

Motion seconded – K. McCloskey

All in favor; none opposed

❖ **MMB 1**

Clarification, the 45 day rule for membership applications: This rule is used only in situations where the minutes with the 1st reading are not sent to the membership on a timely basis. Once the minutes are sent, the clock starts ticking. If no correspondence regarding the applicants is received within 45 days of the publication of the minutes, the membership application is approved.

Motion made to delete this Standing Rule as it conflicts with the By-Laws- B. Tolley

Motion seconded – G. Jones

All in favor; none opposed

Motion made to adjourn the meeting – B. Danieli

Motion seconded – B. Tolley

All in favor; none opposed

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm EST