



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

Date - November 18, 2023
F2F-Kingsport, TN

1. **ROLL CALL** – taken and meeting commenced at: 8:10 am

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	Y
Shirley McFadden, Vice President	N
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	Y
Ginger Jones, Recording Secretary	Y
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	Y
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	N
Kari McCloskey, Region 1	N
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
Guest Phyllis Potter (2024 Corr Sec)	Y
Guest Jon Steele (2024 VP)	N
Guest Fred Vogal (2024Reg 1)	Y
Guest Heather Lukashin(2024 Reg 5)	N

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 7, 16, 21 & 29**
Motion made to approve the Board minutes of August 7, 16, 21, & 29 – A. Sorbie
Motion seconded – E. Tolley
All in favor; none opposed
Motion passed

2. **PRESIDENT – Ron Williams**

The Board left the meeting at 8:35 am to take a tour of the facilities provided by Ashley Bishop.

The Board meeting resumed at 9:30 am

- Power Paws Ribbons were shipped to Amber Makowicz
- R. Williams confirmed that Denise Ross is willing to take over as Chair of Ready Borzoi.

3. **Vice President – Shirley McFadden**

No report was provided at this time.

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

• **Member Applications**

○ **First Readings**

○ **Nyla & John Napariu**

Greenfield, IN Reg 6

Nylanapariu2015@gmail.com

(Sponsors: Kim Horn Janek and Barbara Danieli)

Motion made that all application documentation is verified complete for their first reading – E. Tolley

Motion seconded – L. Snyder Hoflin

Recused - B. Danieli & K. Horn Janek

In favor; L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, E. Tolley, A. Sorbie, K. Novotny, K. Terra

None opposed

Motion passed

○ **Second Readings**

○ **Angela Kohls**

Evart, MI Reg 6

Angela.kohls@outlook.com

(Sponsors: Virginia Jones & Marcella Zobel)

Motion made to approve the following membership application - B. Danieli

Motion seconded -K. Horn Janek,

Recused – G. Jones

In favor; L. Snyder Hoflin, B. Danieli, E. Tolley, A. Sorbie, K. Novotny, K. Terra &

K. Horn Janek

None opposed

Motion passed

○ **Cindy Hunt & Justin C Worth**

Orlando, FL Reg 2

Dogsnhogs65@yahoo.com

(Sponsors: Roy Silguero & Stephanie Parker)

Motion made to approve the following membership application - K. Novotny

Motion seconded – A. Sorbie

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

○ **Doreen Carlstad**

Snohomish, WA Reg 5

carlstaddoreen@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Kristina Terra & Kay Novotny)

Motion made to approve the following membership application - B. Danieli

Motion seconded – L. Snyder Hoflin

Recused - K. Terra & K. Novotny

In favor; L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, B. Danieli, E. Tolley, A. Sorbie, & K. Horn Janek

- **Hyde & Tracy Gillespie**
Estacada, OR Reg 5
hyde_gillespie@yahoo.com
(Sponsors: Mary Ann Rose & Jana Brinlee)

Motion made to approve the following membership application - A. Sorbie

Motion seconded; L. Snyder Hoflin

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

- **Patricia OHara**
Port St. Lucie, FL Reg 2
paobyers@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Deb Vidaver-Cohen & Susanne Cecere)

Motion made to approve the following membership application - K. Novotny

Motion seconded – E. Tolley

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

- **Brian & Brenda Bruinekool**
Saranac, MI Reg 6
brendavanderhoek@att.net
(Sponsors: Lynne Bennett & Barbara A Danieli)

Motion made to approve the following membership application – K. Horn Janek

Motion seconded – K. Navotny

Recused - B. Danieli

In favor; L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, E. Tolley, A. Sorbie, K. Novotny, K. Terra & K. Horn Janek

- **Courtney Sepeck**
Hanover, MA Reg 1
shifaelegacyborzoi@gmail.com
(Sponsors: Fred Vogel & Jane Berardi-Malloy)

Motion made to approve the following membership application - K. Horn Janek

Motion seconded – B. Danieli

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

The Board moved to Executive Session at 10:36 am.

The Board left Executive Session at 11:04 am.

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

Motion made to approve the following membership application – K. Novotny

*Motion seconded – L. Snyder Hoflin
Recused; A. Sorbie
In favor; L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, B. Danieli, E. Tolley, K. Novotny, K. Terra &
K. Horn Janek*

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

*Motion made to approve the following membership application – K. Novotny
Motion seconded – E. Tolley
Recused; K. Horn Janek
In favor; L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, B. Danieli, E. Tolley, A. Sorbie, K. Novotny &
K. Terra*

The Board moved to Executive Session at 11:05 am.

The Board left Executive session at 11:19 am.

The Board left the meeting at 11:19 am for a break.

The Board resumed the meeting at 11:33 am.

G. Jones reported that the full report of the Recording Secretary was missing some information from the months of October and November, and she was unable to complete it in time for the F2F Board meeting.

- **Junior**
No Junior membership applications at this time.

- **Trophy Supported Entries**

- **Mailings**

Membership dues notice and National Judges nomination form was mailed to the membership on October 30, 2023.

Motion made to accept the Report of the Recording Secretary noting that October and November are still work in progress and the balance will be submitted for the next meeting of the Board - B. Danieli

Motion seconded – L. Snyder Hoflin

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

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

Motion made to accept the Report of the Corresponding Secretary – L. Snyder Hoflin

Motion seconded - E. Tolley

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

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

The Board discussed having bookkeeper, Kari Bartkus of Bartkus Financial, (who reviews and reconciles BCOA accounts and QuickBooks every quarter with the Treasurer,) provide signed itemized invoices, notating the work performed and if any discrepancies were noted.

Motion made to accept the Report of the Treasurer – B. Danieli

Motion seconded – K. Horn Janek

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

- **Bev Taylor Taxes**

The Board approved the \$500 fee to be billed for the Bev Taylor Fund to cover expenses related to its portion of yearly tax preparation.

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

Motion made to accept the Report of the AKC Delegate – E. Tolley

Motion seconded – L. Snyder Hoflin

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)**

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

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

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

K. Terra reported that she had received the 1st draft of the 2024 National Specialty contract from the replacement hotel.

The BCOA National Specialty Committee is still working on securing a field for the field events for the dates of June 1 – 3.

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

K. Horn Janek reported that there were 2 very successful Meet the Breed events held in Region 6 for this quarter. She also received a note from member Barbara Tyler Lord applauding the Club for the Memorial Section that has now been loaded to the website by Webmaster Helen Lee.

Motion made to accept the Reports of the Regional Governors – L. Snyder Hoflin

Motion seconded – B. Danieli

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

The Board took a break for lunch at 12:28 pm.

The Board meeting reconvened at 1:11 pm.

9. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES -

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

- **Annual Top 5 Awards – Samantha Isaacs**

S. Isaacs reported that the certificates were printed and are ready to be mailed out to the recipients.

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

K. Novotny reported that currently points are only awarded for BOB & BOS, but not for Select Dog or Select Bitch. She recommended that the Club offer points for both Select Dog and Select Bitch.

Motion made to approve the awarding of points for both Select Dog and Select Bitch

– K. Horn Janek

Motion seconded – B. Danieli

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

- **BCOA Archivist – K.C. Artley (report attached)**

- **BCOA Ready Borzoi – Denise Ross (report attached)**

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

- **Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee – Barbara O’Neill (report received)**

- **Borzoi Welfare – TBD**

The Chair for this Committee has yet to be determined.

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

A replacement Chair is still TBD at this time.

- **Futurity Event – Kim Horn Janek (report attached)**

K. Horn Janek reported that she is working on a replacement for the current trophy. She also reported that with the date change for the new location of the National Specialty, one Futurity nominated dog is now ineligible.

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

- **Health Chair – Ginger Jones**

The Health Committee Clinic Team is currently contacting other cardiologists and ophthalmologists located in the Pasco, WA area to determine availability for new dates and location of the National Specialty.

- **Health – Canine Health Foundation and Morris Animal Foundation – Ginger Jones**

The Health Committee is continuing to work on the AKC Health Statement and will resubmit the information for the next BCOA Board meeting.

- **Junior Showmen – Barbara Tyler Lord**

- **Keeping in Touch – Ron Williams**

The Board clarified the specifics of this function. It is intended to be a way for the Club to stay in touch with our members who have failing health or for aging members who no longer have access to email and would appreciate communication from the BCOA. In the event of one of our members passing away, BCOA would like to send condolences to the family of the deceased BCOA member. This request needs to be posted on our website, included in the Aristocrat, and sent out periodically through the Members IO group posts to remind all members to notify the Chair of this committee if there is someone the committee needs to reach out to.

- **Legislative Affairs Liaison – Lyn Snyder Hoflin (report attached)**

- **Meet the Breeds – New York – Ron Williams (report attached)**

The Board discussed putting together a package of handout materials to provide to the coordinators for each of the AKC Meet The Breed events. R. Williams will provide copies to B. Danieli of what he has been using at the New York Meet the Breeds event. He has asked the Regional Governors to notify him when they will have a Meet The Breed event in their region.

- **Membership – Kelly Frary (report attached)**

The Board discussed the proposals made by K. Frary for membership application signatures.

Motion made to approve accepting electronic signatures on the following forms: Membership Application form, Sponsorship form, and Code of Conduct form – E. Tolley.

Motion seconded – G. Jones

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

The Board discussed the proposal made by K. Frary to have a pamphlet created that provides information about joining the BCOA to be provided to the Regional Clubs to offer as a handout. This handout can be used at Regional Specialties and BCOA Supported shows for the purpose of encouraging membership at both the Regional and National Club level.

Motion made to approve K. Frary developing the pamphlet with assistance from K. Novotny and provide to the Board for final approval – G. Jones

Motion seconded – B. Danieli

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

- **National Specialty Chairperson – Kim Horn Janek (report attached)**

K. Horn Janek provided that the 2023 Virginia Beach National Specialty reconciliation was completed and published to the membership.

Discussion of the 2024 National Specialty ensued, and the Board considered approval of the new location and dates even though a field has not yet been secured to support the field events. In addition, the Board discussed making an offer to the Puget Sound

Borzoi Club to have the opportunity to hold their Specialty on Monday of the National Specialty week.

The Board also discussed incorporating the 3 to 4 rotating locations for all future National Specialty events beginning with the 2025 National Specialty.

Motion made to approve the Pasco, WA location and the dates of June 1 – 8, 2024 – L. Snyder Hoflin

Motion seconded – A. Sorbie

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

- **Parliamentarian – Betsy Tolley (report attached)**

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

No new applications were received at this time.

- **Specialty Guidelines – Kim Horn Janek**

Nothing to report at this time.

- **Standardized Trophies – Kim Horn Janek, Betsy Tolley and Barbara Danieli**

K. Horn Janek discussed some alternative options for the trophies once the Club moves to the 3 or 4 Specialty rotating locations starting in 2025. More information will be provided at the next Board meeting.

- **Standing Rules – Shirley McFadden (report attached)**

The Board elected to move this discussion to a Special Meeting before the end of the year to allow enough time to complete their review of the recommended changes and approve the balance of corrections required to the Standing Rules.

Motion made to accept the reports of the Standing Committees except for the Standing Rules – K. Novotny

Motion seconded – E. Tolley

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Side Committees:**

- **JEC Trifold –**

This is a finalized project and will be rolled into the Judge's Education as the Trifolds are now mailed to new judges as part of Judge's Education.

- **Broad Hock – Ron Williams**

A meeting of the committee was held on 11/6. The AKC Archives doesn't have the original standard that was submitted. The committee has yet to confirm when the statement regarding broad hocks was removed. However, by 1972, broad was missing from the standard. K. Novotny offered to report back to the Board what is reflected for hocks in her 1968 edition of the AKC Dog Book (K. Novotny forwarded photos to the Board showing the description

included in the book is “broad hock”). The committee continues to reach out to our long-time members who may have more information.

○ **Junior Handler Scholarship – Ron Williams**

The committee will develop requirements for the two scholarship awards:

- a) Junior achievement award. This award will be available to juniors participating in all areas of purebred dog activities.
- b) Scholarship for college tuition. This award would be sent directly to the college of choice facility after receipt of the Junior handler’s official first semester grades are received.

○ **Region Realignment - (Kay Novotny, Kim Horn Janek & Amy Sorbie)**

The board discussed different proposals for the regional realignment to better balance the membership fluctuations as well as the relative location from state to state. The proposal requires a change to the BCOA By-Laws which will require a vote from the membership. Information will be provided to the membership outlining the details of the proposal at a later date. The Board agreed not to pursue this proposal at this time.

○ **Limited Specialty Locations (Kim Horn Janek & Prudence Hlatky)**

Discussion tabled.

○ **ROM Point Amendment - (Lyn Snyder Hoflin)**

L. Snyder Hoflin will form a committee including KC Artley to develop a proposal for changing some of the points. Nothing more to report at this time.

○ **AKC Breeder Education – Prudence Hlatky**

Discussion tabled.

○ **AKC Purebred Preservation Bank – Amy Sorbie**

A notice was sent out on 10/13/2023 to the Members IO group asking for members who were interested in serving on the AKC PPB committee. Members were asked to relay their interest if they could meet the following criteria:

Current requirements for Committee members:

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

Several members contacted me with their interest in being part of this committee. There are a few people who would like to serve on the committee, but they do not meet the Lure Coursing requirement. I would like the Board to review the requirements.

People who wish to be considered for the committee:

Valori Vitrina Trantanella
Lynne Bennett
Susan Van de Water

Caryl Dumaine
Shirley McFadden
Sandra Moore

Barbara Ewing
Amy Sikula

Martha Richards

People who may not meet the criteria:

Stephanie Hawley Parker (has experience not sure meets criteria)

Pat Hardy- Does not meet

Ginger Jones (#5 LC)

Karen Dumke (#5 LC)

Pat Toy (not certain if meets)

I would like to choose 4-6 people to serve on this committee.

The Board discussed modifying the original requirements as recommended by A. Sorbie to say individuals must meet 5 of the 6 criteria. A. Sorbie will notify the membership of the change in criteria.

○ **Memorial section to the BCOA website – Helen Lee**

The Board discussed the outstanding job Helen Lee did with this project and it has been very well received by the membership. Regional Governors need to communicate to their members that it is important for them to keep their Regional Governors updated when they become aware of the passing of one of their Regional BCOA members so that this information can be provided to the Recording Secretary, Membership Chair and the Webmaster.

○ **National Specialty logo and artwork – 2025 and beyond – Barbara Danieli**

The Board discussed trademark and copyright laws as it pertains to the BCOA and National Specialty logos.

○ **BCOA Banner Requests – Barbara Danieli**

B. Danieli is researching possible alternatives to support the request for the use of the BCOA Banner by offering a BCOA Flag that can be rented for appropriate BCOA events. B. Danieli discussed this with J. Zamowski who originally made the request.

○ **Lifetime Achievement Awards**

P. Hlatky provided the following information:

The AKC requires that the Lifetime Achievement Awards be submitted to them in September of a given year. For this year (2023) the date was September 30th. The BCOA Board determines our Lifetime Achievement Awards at the end of the year or the beginning of the following year. P. Hlatky inquired if the Board would want to pull our voting process ahead earlier to align with the AKC submission date request. The Board agreed to continue with our current selection timing for this award.

Selections for BCOA Lifetime Achievement awards for 2024 deadline is January 31, 2024.

○ **4-6 Month Class – Prudence Hlatky**

The Board discussed the pros and cons of offering this class at the National Specialty. Concern was expressed for the welfare of puppies so young at such a long event. It was agreed that we should leave it up to the discretion of the owner to decide whether to enter or not.

Motion made to offer the 4 – 6 month puppy classes at the National Specialty Starting in 2024 with the Judge to be selected by the Show Committee – E. Tolley
Motion seconded – B. Danieli
All in favor; none opposed
Motion passed

11. NEW BUSINESS

- **Welfare Chair (establishing guidelines) – Barbara Danieli & Prudence Hlatky**
B. Danieli and P. Hlatky reported this is still a work in progress and there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Age Limit for Conformation Sweepstakes & Futurities AKC Option**
The age limit for Conformation Sweepstakes and Futurities has been increased by the AKC at the Club's discretion from 18 months to up to 24 months of age. Following COVID, the AKC temporarily allowed Clubs to hold Sweepstakes and Futurities for dogs up to 24 months of age. Based on the feedback from Clubs and the success of those events, the AKC has permanently increased the age limit availability to Clubs to offer classes up to 24 months of age. The use of the increased age limit is an option for the Clubs to decide. This change is effective immediately. The Board discussed whether to extend the age limit for Sweepstakes. The maximum age limit for BCOA Futurity has remained at 24 months.

Motion made to offer two additional classes for Sweepstakes for each sex, one for age 18 - 21 months of age and one for 21 – 24 months of age beginning with the 2024 National Specialty – K. Novotny
Motion seconded – L. Snyder Hoflin
All in favor; none opposed
Motion passed

- **Breed Spotlight program – Prudence Hlatky**
P. Hlatky reported this information was sent out by the AKC Museum to the BCOA President, Corresponding Secretary and Delegate. This program is described as a short 2-hour meet and greet at the NY Museum. P. Hlatky received a letter from Sarah Moshenberg of the AKC Museum, about highlighting the Borzoi breed in the month of December. They are also offering the Club the opportunity to do this in a different month. P. Hlatky inquired if the Board wanted to support the December event or postpone it to a later date.

The Board agreed that they would like to support this special breed-focused event but would like to request that it be moved to a later month to allow time to confirm there are members who can support the event for this exhibit. This will also allow the Club to have Meet the Breed handout materials completed and ready for the event.

- **Reunite Adopt a K9 Cop – Prudence Hlatky**
Information provided from a notice sent out to the AKC Delegates. P. Hlatky inquired if BCOA would like to donate to the AKC Reunite Adopt a K9 Cop program. This request is only offered on a Club level, not to individuals.
R. Williams will confirm if BCOA is already on the donor list for AKC Reunite programs. He recommended the K9 Cop program is much better focused at a local level rather than at the National Breed Club level. The Board agreed with this recommendation.

- **The future of the BCOA Website and Website Assistant Webmaster – Betsy Tolley**

B. Tolley recommended the Board consider Lewis and Elaina Dorman, who are interested in investigating future website software applications for the Club as they are professional web designers. The Board agreed the tools to be considered are easy to use and allow backup personnel to be able to fill in as BCOA Webmaster when required to do so. E. Tolley will provide more information for the next Board meeting.

- **AKC Fit Dog Program – Barbara Danieli (Requested from Randi Chylinski)**
The Board is receptive to the idea and asked that R. Chylinski submit her proposal for the Board to review at the next BCOA Board meeting in January, if possible.
- **Obedience and Rally rankings (Submitted by Dean Eelman)**
A proposal was sent by Dean Eelman to the Ad-hoc Obedience/Rally Rules committee to revise the Obedience and Rally rankings because of some issues that have occurred.

The Board has agreed not to make any changes in rankings for this year.

- **Social Media and National Specialty Judges – Kim Horn Janek**
K. Horn Janek recommended the Club provide the AKC verbiage relative to social media comments from Specialty judges on other dogs to future National Specialty Judges. The intent is to clarify what is and is not considered acceptable. The Board agrees with this recommendation.
- **Limit BCOA National Specialty Judge**
A BCOA member submitted a request to increase the length of the moratorium for future National Specialty Judges. The Board discussed this request and agreed to move forward with extending the moratorium.

Motion made to make the moratorium 15 years beginning with the 2026 National Specialty for the Regular Conformation Class Judge – K. Novotny

Motion seconded – B. Danieli

Recused – A. Sorbie

In favor; L. Snyder Hoflin, G. Jones, B. Danieli, E. Tolley, K. Novotny, K. Terra & K. Horn Janek

Motion made to adjourn the meeting – E. Tolley

Motion seconded – K. Novotny

All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:26 pm (EST)