



Phone conference February 1, 2006 8:30PM EST

In attendance: Barbara O'Neill, Karen Mays, Irina Terra, Jim Gibson, Lydia Pruett, Kathleen Kapaun, Shen Smith, Cynthia Gredys, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. A quorum was established.

President Barbara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:37 EST.

Barbara O'Neill reviewed the duties and responsibilities being a Board member, which are to follow the bylaws of our constitution.

Barbara O'Neill reported that she has received the resignation of two Board members, Maureen Bardwell and Chris Bradley. She indicated she had spoken with Rebecca Peters-Campbell and Laurie Kasowski who are willing to finish the Governor's terms vacated by Maureen Bardwell in Region 1 and Chris Bradley in Region 4. Irina Terra felt we should hold an election to fill these positions since we were just beginning the 2006 year. Cindi Gredys referred to p. 7, section 4 of the By-Laws that states: "Any vacancy occurring on the Board during the year shall be filled until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board". R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock made a motion to accept the appointment of Laurie Kasowski as Region 4 Governor, with a second by Lydia Pruett. The vote was eight in favor with one opposed. The President does not vote. MOTION PASSED. A motion was made by Lydia Pruett to appoint Rebecca Peters-Campbell as Region 1 Governor, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. The vote was eight in favor with one abstention. The President does not vote. MOTION PASSED. Barbara asked that Rebecca Peters-Campbell and Laurie Kasowski be included in the meeting. Karen Staudt-Cartabona objected to this and made a motion to cancel the meeting until a later date as she did not feel that there was time for them to download and read our reports. No second was received. Laurie Kasowski and Rebecca Peters-Campbell were then called and they joined the conference call.

The Board was asked for additions or corrections to the November 9, 2005 minutes. Shen Smith indicated that there was a correction to her Treasurer's report and the correction is included in her report for this meeting. Barbara O'Neill stated that she wanted it to be clear that Amelia Gredys did tell us in her letter to the Board that she would be showing a Corgi at the Eukanuba Invitational, but that she would be showing her Borzoi at Westminster. Karen Staudt-Cartabona made a motion to disallow the minutes as she felt they were unrepresentative of the actual meeting. There was a second by Irina Terra. The vote was eight opposed, with one for. MOTION FAILED

Karen Staudt-Cartabona made a motion that the minutes always be sent to the Board for approval prior to publication to the membership. Jim Gibson seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Shen Smith, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED

Recording Secretary's Report -

Membership Applications:

1st Readings

George and Nora Pridham: 3074 Homa Hills Road, Casper WY 82601, sponsored by Steve Gross and Kim Plache.

Lydia Pruett will make a copy of the application and send to Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Karen Mays, Kathleen Kapaun, Irina Terra, Rebecca Peters-Campbell and Laurie Kasowski as they were not able to download the electronic copy. Lydia Pruett will contact the applicants and inform them that they need a letter from a veterinarian or kennel club as a reference as their sponsors have not visited their home.

2nd Readings

None

Any correspondence regarding these applicants should be sent to the Recording Secretary.

Reinstatements needed for members paying dues after 12/31/2005:

Colleen Allen, Carol Backers, Jean Brauner – owes \$5.00, Elizabeth Coney, Therese & John Healy, John & Ruth Heins – owes \$10.00, Leslie Henderson, Michael Kurt & David White – owes \$10.00, Karen Murray, Gwen Little-Newholm, Meghann Lord, Aaron Rowlett, Kevin Shimel, Terry Steele – owes \$10.00, Suzan Tintorri – owes \$10.00, Robert Torquato, Dennis & Nancy Williams.

A motion was made by Kathleen Kapaun, with a second by Irina Terra, to reinstate those listed as paying dues after 12/31/05 as long as late fees are paid prior to March 1, 2006. MOTION PASSED

Members who will be dropped March 1, 2006^t for non payment of dues:

Janet Adams, Rex Allen, George & Janmarie Anders, Linda Barad, Deanna Bolt, Edward & Linda Bourne, Suzan Breaz, Robert & Missy Brong, Susan Caulkins, Joel & Camelle Chaney, Robyn Davidson, Nancy Dotsicas, Lisa & Allan Durand, Lize Edland, Harriet Grube, Linda Harbertson, Vic Harrison, Lorie Hunter, Ralph Jamison, Steve & Dianna Kassimatis, Dawn Kelly, Pam Kilby, Cindy Klein, Michael Koss, Carol Kubiak-Zamora & Vivian kubiak, Paul & Jennifer Link, Jack & Linda Lube, Margaret Lucia, Ed & Beverly Max, Jim & Susan McCartney, Dora McDonald, Yvonne & Ray McGehee, William & Marilyn McGraw, Patricia Meeks, Carolyn Meyer, Deborah Meyer, Joe & Maggie Michael, Anne Midgarden & Gregg Fugate, Anneene Miller, Robert & Alicia Miller, Charles & Barbara Mullis, Pamela Myers, Ed & Cathy Nasierowski, Teresa Newland, Kathleen Novotny, Margie Paschall, Tom & Toni Paskey, Melissa Pearce, Joyce Pulani, Christine Rafton, Katherine Ratcliffe, S.Michelle Ray, Peter Redding, Mark & Kim Rice, Martha & James Richards, Rhea & Jasper Russo, Jan Saab, Stephen Sharp, Joseph & Frances Stroschio, Richard Terry, Gayle Thear, Teri Timm-Miller, Valori & John Trantanella, Stephanie Truelsen, Judith Wallace, Debra West, Marie White, Raymond & Terri Yaw, Shirley Zindler, Marcella Zobel.

Deceased members:

Donna Maharan, Richard Dana

Trophy Supported Entry requests were approved for:

06/03/06 Yakima Valley KC, Yakima WA.

Judge: Nitsa Trayler, Sweeps: Dr. Kevin Shimel

Contact: Robin Riel

06/11/06 Lake Minnetonka KC, Waconia MN

Judge: Thomas Kilcullen, Sweeps: Doreen Carlstad

Contact: Lydia Pruett

*Information regarding these Trophy Supported Entries was sent to Margie Milne (Borzoi Connection website), Kathleen Kapaun (Borzoi Connection magazine) and to Chris Bradley (BCOA Medals Chairman).

TSE applications received for:

10/29/06 Middleburg KC, Leesburg VA

Judge: TBA, Sweeps: Veni Harlan

Contact: Sally MacDowell

Application on hold until Judge is confirmed.

07/22/06 Nebraska KC, Omaha NE

Judge: Roy Holloway, Sweeps: Valori Trantanella

Contact: Cindi Gredys

07/23/06 Nebraska KC, Omaha NE

Judge: Helen Lee James, Sweeps: R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

Contact: Cindi Gredys

A motion to approve the TSE requests in conjunction with the Nebraska KC was made by Shen Smith, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED

A motion to approve the Recording Secretary's report was made by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED

Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached)

In addition to her attached report, Karen Mays received the following correspondence:

A letter from Nancy Katsarelas regarding the status of her review of our books.

Certified mail from Kevin Miller requesting copies of BCOA's application for recognition of tax exemption (Form 1023) and its last three years' annual information returns. Shen Smith indicated that this has been mailed to Mr Miller with return receipt requested.

An email from Kevin Miller regarding the BCOA Charitable Foundation and requesting that we send copies of BCOA's application for the proposed subsidiary charitable branch being formed as a 501c(3) and known as the "Borzoi Club of America Charitable Foundation. It was noted that we have not filed our approved articles of incorporation yet. Everything is still in draft so there is nothing to send to him at this time.

A letter from Betsy Denning.

A letter from The American Dog Owners Association, encouraging us to become members. Dues are \$50. This organization fights anti dog legalization. Karen Staudt-Cartabona made motion that we become members, with a second from R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED.

An email from Amelia Gredys, thanking us for our donation but indicating she was returning the money because of the misunderstandings about her dogs entered at the Eukanuba and Westminster Shows. She noted that she will be showing her Borzoi in juniors at Westminster.

A motion to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report was made by Karen Staudt-Cartabona, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED

Treasurer's report (see attached)

Correction to internal audit, date should read 2003-2005. Karen Mays will send Nancy Katsarelas and Carol Backers a letter thanking them for the time they spent reviewing the financial records.

Edmund Sledzik, Attorney-At-Law specializing in taxes joined our meeting as a guest. He suggested that we go into executive session for our discussion, and explained that an executive session is a private session and the minutes will not be public. He stated that everyone is on their honor to not repeat what is discussed during an executive session. It is a libel problem if the information gets out without board approval. At our next Board meeting we can approve or disapprove what was said at the executive meeting. Shen Smith made a motion for this discussion with our attorney that we go into executive session as we are in contract negotiations. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

The executive session began at 9:15 PM, EST. The regular Board meeting resumed at 10:05, EST.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Lydia Pruett, with a second by Cindi Gredys. There were eight in favor, with one opposed. The President does not vote. MOTION PASSED

AKC Delegate's Report – none provided

Karen Staudt-Cartabona indicated that she did not have time to provide a Delegate's report. She reviewed the HEC meeting that she attended and said that Don Adams was voted in to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Nancy Aiken. Don has a strong background in coursing, and was a member of the Parent Club Committee for several years. Karen stated that the committee members were introduced to our new AKC staff liaison, Carol Delsman, who comes from a background in herding. After the meeting Carol called a meeting of the four coursing people. She explained how AKC coursing needs to be revamped since AKC is losing money yearly because of ASFA events. The committee met the next morning to discuss ideas to help the AKC coursing program. They will start by sending a survey to Parent Clubs.

Barbara O'Neill asked Karen Staudt-Cartabona if it was indicated just how the AKC is losing money with coursing events. Karen Staudt-Cartabona stated that they were not specific.

Governor Reports (see attached):

Region 1 – Nothing to add

Region 2 -- Nothing to add

Region 3 –. Nothing to add

Region 4 – Nothing to add

Region 5 – Add congratulations to Mike and Vicki Savage.

Region 6 – Nothing to add

A motion was made to approve the Regional Governor reports by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Jim Gibson. MOTION PASSED.

2006 Standing Committee Appointments

Changes to last year's Committee Appointments are:
BCOA Website – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

Gazette columnist – Jon Steele
Rescue – Lorrie Scott

Tabulator – Patricia Swanson will continue as our tabulator until May but then she will be out of the country until the end of the year. Irina Terra will check with an attorney who she knows, to see if he could be the backup for Pat until she returns. Irina will report back to Barbara O'Neill. If anyone else has a suggestion, let Barbara O'Neill know. The person should not be a Borzoi owner or BCOA member.

2007 Nominating Committee Chair – Kathleen Kapaun. We need a person from the east coast and from the central part of the country to work with Kathleen. Suggestions were Tammy Smith for the east with Chris Danker and Sandy Cambreleng as alternates. Marilyn Polsfuss was suggested for the central, with Pat Murphy and Chris Swilley as alternates. Lydia Pruettt will send a Kathleen Kapaun draft of the letters sent to candidates.

A motion was made to accept the standing committee appointments by Cindi Gredys, with a second by Jim Gibson.
MOTION PASSED

BCOA members interested in running for a Board position for 2007 should contact a member of the Nominating Committee prior to August 1, 2006.

Committee Reports- (see attached)

Annual Versatility Awards

The Board agreed that there was no problem with publishing the names and scores based on Barb Ewing's request. We could add this information to the BCOA website. Barbara O'Neill will ask Karen Ackerman to send these to R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock to be published.

Club Inventory and Medals –

Our supply of medals needs to be transferred from Tom Carroll to the current Chris Bradley. Rebecca Peters-Campbell is available to pick them up from Tom and send them to Chris. People are waiting for medals they have earned, so if these medals cannot be accessed in a timely fashion, the Club will order new ones

Health

Shen Smith made a motion to contribute \$1000 to the CHF for Grant 634, Genetic Determination of Canine Malignant Melanoma and \$1700 to the CHF for Grant 632 for Micro RNA's and Canine Lymphoma. Kathleen Kapaun seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

Barbara O'Neill will talk to Ginger Jones about the thank you gifts that Ginger would like to distribute to those that donate \$50 or more to health.

2006 National Specialty

Edmund Sledzik will attend the National to meet with the Board and address the membership on May 26, 2006.

2007 National Specialty

Rebecca Peters-Campbell indicated that we need to get input from the membership for a logo. We need this by May 1st 2006.

Rescue

We need to make our annual donation to NBRF. Cindi Gredys made a motion that we donate \$1000 to NBRF, to be used for spay and neutering. There was a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED. Shen Smith suggested that Karen Staudt-Cartabona be placed in charge of creating a plan for how to disperse the funds for rescue from the Beverly Taylor Foundation. Karen Staudt-Cartabona will brainstorm with Lorrie Scott to develop this plan. Karen Staudt-Cartabona will solicit other people to help with this process.

Lure Coursing

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock indicated that we can send 2 delegates to the ASFA Convention. Lynn will try to attend.

ROM

The Board clarified that Barbara Ewing can purchase any and all Borzoi Champions books that she needs. A motion to this effect was made by Kathleen Kapaun with a second by Karen Staudt-Cartabona. MOTION PASSED

There was a motion to accept the listed applications for ROM's by Shen Smith, with a second by Irina Terra. MOTION PASSED

A motion to accept the Committee Reports was made by Kathleen Kapaun, with a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED

Unfinished Business

Junior Showman Program

Barbara O'Neill indicated that she would like to drop the word scholarship from the title as she feels that implies that the funds can only be used for education. We would also like to be able to have juniors apply for assistance to show in juniors at the Eukanuba Invitational or Westminster. Shen Smith made a motion to rename our junior showman program to Junior Showman Fund. There was a second by Kathleen Kapaun. Shen Smith made a motion to amend her original motion to remove the word fund and replace it with the word program. Jim Gibson seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

Constitution & By-Laws

Tabled to next meeting

Trust and Foundation

There was a motion by Kathleen Kapaun that we approve Edmund Sledzik to provide service to BCOA on a salary in order to work on our trust and foundation documents and give him permission to proceed. There was a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED

New Business

Internal Audit Requests

An independent audit may run as much as \$10,000 per year or more. The Board considers the cost of an independent audit prohibitive and cannot justify spending the money in that way. We will publish Nancy Katsarelas' report. If those requesting an audit are not satisfied with her findings, they may finance an audit themselves. Our books are open and anyone can view them if they want and they can make an appointment with the treasurer to do so. Karen Mays will respond to those that sent us a request for an audit and cc the Board as well.

Karen Staudt-Cartabona stated that the problem is that people want to find out what is happening to the subscriptions for the Borzoi Connection. BCOA pays a larger share for the Aristocrat pages than the other clubs do as we have a larger membership but that should change now that the BC is on a subscription basis. We determined that this was not the forum to discuss the BC as BCOA is not responsible for the BC.

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock asked how to clarify to the membership that the BNL is not a BCOA email list. This list is privately owned by Shen Smith. People post BCOA issues on the list and then are upset if they are not addressed. The BNL is not the place for BCOA business to be discussed as there are non-members subscribed as well. The BNL is occasionally used to make general announcements.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathleen Kapaun, with a second by Cindi Gredys. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 AM EST.

Future Agenda Items

Constitution & By-Laws