

Minutes of the Feb 28, 2008 board meeting via conference call

Meeting called to order at 7:32PM EST by President Lydia Pruett. Also present were: Jim Anderson, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Jon Steele, Barbara O'Neill, Kelly Brunarski, Jan Leikam, Karen Mays, Lauri Kasowski, Shen Smith and Cindi Gredys; Jim Gibson was absent due to illness. Quorum was established

President Pruett extended a welcome to new Board members, Jan Leikam, Kelly Brunarski and Jim Anderson and reviewed meeting protocol and confidentiality guidelines.

Jim Anderson asked if he could relay any answers to questions brought by members of his region or did those replies had to wait until the minutes are published. Lydia Pruett told him this would depend on the subject and the action of the Board as to the appropriate response vehicle.

As there were no additions or correction to the minutes of the Sept 22, 2007 meeting, Karen Mays moved to approve the minutes as published. Barbara O'Neill seconded – **MOTION PASSED**

Membership Applications

1st Readings for the following:

Nagel, Linda I, 6741 Jollipan CT, Anchorage, AK. Sponsored by Laura Van Diest and Barbara Binder

Novotny, Kathleen (Kay), 4521 Sharon DR, La Palma, CA 90623. Sponsored by Rendi Boysen-Carl and Michael McLain

Young, Frank & Brenda, P O Box 10773, Midwest City, OK 73140-0773. Sponsored by Victor Whitlock and Joe Rogers

Parsells, Michelle, 1444 Old Manchester RD, Westminster, MD 21157. Sponsored by Pricilla White-Lineker and Joan Cole

Harris, Laura, 422 N Canyon Blvd, Monrovia, CA 91016. Sponsored by Bunny Kelley and Susan Tintorri.
Any correspondence regarding these applicants should be send to the Recording Secretary.

2nd Readings for the Following:

Sneath, Kay, P O Box 649, Hawthorn, Victoria 3122, Australia

Sharkey, Keith & Janice, 8350 N Ira Martin Ave, Crystal River, FL 34428. Sponsored by Lynda Gillaspey and Barbara Binder

Convertini, Karyn, 799 Cabrillo PL, Morro Bay, CA 93442. Sponsored by Lauri Kasowski and Linda Turner

Greenhill, Mavis, 437 100 Hwy 395, Doyle, CA 96109. Sponsored by Garnet Thompson and Barbara Tyler Lord. Junior Applicant

Lutsch, Brigitte, 53 St Katherine Way, Brockport, NY, 14420. Sponsored by Barbara Tyler Lord. Junior Applicant

Zucksworth, Candace K., 3521 Plover DR, Decatur, IL 62526. Sponsored by Kris Woddail and Linda Beisswenger.

Midgarden DVM, Anne, 12014 Bay Rd., Wapakoneta, OH 45895. Sponsored by June Mintchell and Jane Schreiber.

Michael, Joe & Maggie, 6174 San Diego AVE, Corning, CA 96021. Sponsored by Toby Brandtman and Lynda Gallaspey

Cedano, Cassey, 2511 Lititz Pike, Apt H, Lancaster, PA 17601. Sponsored by Dee Burkholder and Dianna Darling

Nelson, Kasey, 220 Elijan Simmons RD, Woodruff, SC 29388. Sponsored by Pat Hardy and Monica Barry

As no correspondence was received regarding any of the applicants, Shen Smith motioned to approve all applicants with second reading. There was a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock – **MOTION PASSED**

TSE's for the following dates were approved:

Saturday July 19, 2008
Nebraska KC
Omaha, Nebraska
Judge: Dr Dan Dowling, Sweeps: Lynne Bennett
Contact: Cindi Gredys jubilee@futuretk.com

August 23, 2008
Sugarbush KC
Geauga City, Ohio
Judge: Pete Dawkins, sweeps: Kersti Palmer
Contact: Joyce Katona joyce@showborzoi.com

Sunday July 20, 2008
Nebraska KC
Omaha, Nebraska
Judge: Anthony DiNardo, Sweeps: Terry Doane
Contact: Cindi Gredys jubilee@futuretk.com

October 26, 2008
Middleburg Kennel Club
Leesburg, VA
Judge: June Penta, Sweeps: Tami Marshall
Contact: Robin Casey SGBorzoi@aol.com

The TSE request for August 10, 2008 at the Greater Racine KC was denied due to receipt of application past the 6mo. deadline.

Barbara O'Neill moved to reinstate the following members with late renewals, with a second by Cindi Gredys – MOTION PASSED

Cherrie, Roderic; Coney, Elizabeth; Courtney, Laurie & Steven; Curtis, An; Delgalvis, Susan; Frace, Marvin & Marsha; Green, Rene; Henderson, Leslie; Kelley, Bunny; Lapham, Bonnie; Mason, Roma; McDonald, Dora; McGivney-Keise,r Janice; McGraw, Marilyn & William; Nichols, Nancy and Reimer, Carl; Rundquist, Nolan & Melissa; Turner, Linda; West, Debra; Zobel, Marcella.

Members dropped for non-payment of dues:

Cole, Lisa; Como, Denise; Goodchild, Suzanne; Grube, Harriet; Heins, John & Ruth Ann; Nguyen, Shawn; Nye, Mabelle; Schneider, Linda; Secret, Jack; Shatzkin, Charles; Snook, George & Nancy.

Corresponding Secretary Report: See Attached

Barbara O'Neill had a question re: AKC Specialty events. We need to have the JC tests and their judges added to the AKC website. Barbara O'Neill also reported that she has received the Crufts Invitations for the BCOA National winners.

Jim Anderson asked what information Karen Mays sends out to people who request lists of breeders. Karen sends a list of people in the closest 3-4 states compiled from the response to the dues notice each year which has a box to be checked if a member is interested in having information included in puppy referrals.

The Board discussed candidates for the AKC Lifetime Achievement award and determined that we will submit the following names to the AKC:

Conformation	Patti Neale
Obedience	Chris Danker
Performance	K.C. Artley

Barbara O'Neill motioned to accept this list, Lauri Kasowski seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED**

A letter from the AKC regarding updating club incorporation was read. Shen Smith reported that the BCOA incorporation with the State of Pennsylvania does not expire until 2011. She also reported that Edmund Sledzik had previously verified that BCOA was in fact conducting business within Michigan and Washington in accordance with those two state laws and in compliance with the IRS. Kelly Brunarski will consult with Edmund Sledzik as to compliance with the State of Ohio.

BCOA has received a letter from AKC Humane Fund requesting \$1000 to become a Founding Member. There was some concern that our treasury could not afford this currently but we will revisit this at a later time.

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock motioned to approve the Corresponding Secretary report, Rebecca Peters-Campbell seconded – **MOTION PASSED**

AKC Delegate's report

Jon Steele reported that the Amateur Owner-Handler Class is now an official AKC class. The decision to include this at our National Specialty beginning with the 2009 National will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. The next Delegate meeting is March 3rd & 4th. Motion made by Barbara O'Neill to accept the delegate's report, seconded by Cindi Gredys – **MOTION PASSED**

Treasurer's report including the final report of 2007 is attached.

Shen Smith provided a closeout report on the 4th Quarter/2007 and that all Michigan accounts have been transferred except the certificate of deposit account which is not due to renew until 3/14/2008. She also reported that there were two checks that had not cleared the Michigan bank - both checks were issued stop payment and Kelly Brunarski re-issued these check. Kelly Brunarski provided a report of her activity since taking over as the BCOA treasurer, and also reported that she has opened new accounts with the Wright-Patt Credit Union in Ohio with the addition of one new account specifically for the BCOA charitable accounts (Health/Rescue/Juniors). The charitable account will be interest bearing with a limited number of checks issued annually. She reported that in the past our overdraft fee was \$25.00 but the new financial institute charges a higher fee. A motion was made by Barbara O'Neill, second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, that BCOA assess a fee of \$35.00 for all overdraft returned items. Motion passed. Discussion regarding the Ways & Means project created by Fred & Carol Vogel resulted in a report that Fred did not wish to continue the program and will turn over to the BCOA treasurer the balances in those funds. Final payment for Fred's expenses was paid by Kelly Brunarski in January.

Shen Smith suggested that we sell the Calendars through the BCOA website.

Jan Leikam moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded – **MOTION PASSED**

Regional Governors Reports: See Attached

Region 4: No written report received.

Laurie Kasowski reported that Toby Brandtman has contacted her about the new AKC Compliance requirements for Specialty Clubs to qualify to hold shows. Discussion followed with suggestions for projects to fulfill these requirements and it was decided that Laurie Kasowski should thank BCNC for their concern and she will forward the suggestions.

Region 5 – Jim Anderson reported that Diane Davis had asked him if there were any financial assistance available for Jordan Davis's Eukanuba competition this past December. Jordan has qualified showing her Veteran bitch and will be using the same Borzoi to compete in Long Beach. Barbara O'Neill had received this correspondence from Jordan and advised her to contact the Corresponding Secretary, who has not received the request. Jim Anderson asked if there were guidelines for help for Juniors and was told to inform Ms. Davis of the suggestions made by Cindi Gredys: contact local All-Breed clubs and local Borzoi Specialty Clubs requesting financial support. Also formally contact BCOA for reimbursement of expenses.

Jim Anderson then read a letter from Janis McFarrin who suggested that Life Members send donations in lieu of dues to offset the cost of mailings, etc. Shen Smith pointed out that there is an option in the annual dues billing that addresses this. Jim will send a copy of Ms McFarrin's letter to Karen Mays.

Motion to approve the Governor's Reports made by Cindi Gredys. Jim Anderson second. **MOTION PASSED**

Standing Committees – see attached

Lydia Pruett reviewed her recommendations for committee appointments. All proposed members have agreed to serve.

Lydia Pruett pointed out that currently the BCOA VP does not have any assigned club duties though all other offices do have major duties to perform for the club, and she requested a consensus from the board that the major committee Ways & Means will be assigned as a specific duty and responsibility to the office of the Vice President. A consensus was received

Nominating Committee for 2009:

Chair	Shen Smith SBS@bokhara.com
East Coast	Jan Butkowsky jbutkows@stny.rr.com
West Coast	Valori Trantanella valori@vitrina.us
East Coast Alternate	Mary Vile psodaya@cs.com
West Coast Alternate	Toni Paskey TPask551@aol.com

BCOA members interested in running for a Board position for 2009 should contact a member of the Nominating Committee prior to August 1, 2008.

Kelly Brunarski moved to approve the Standing Committee roster Barbara O'Neill second – **MOTION PASSED**

Committee Reports – see attached

Lure Coursing -

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock announced that as she cannot attend the upcoming ASFA Convention, she is appointing Victor Whitlock to cast any vote for the BCOA interests in her stead..

Club Inventory & Medals -

The Borzoi Club of Victoria (Australia) would like BCOA to offer one of our Medallions as a Best of Breed prize at their upcoming show. Barbara O'Neill volunteered to take care of this.

Trophy Supported Entries:

The Trophy Support Entry applications have been revamped to include Obedience medallions needed. This will affect the number needed to be sent.

Versatility Hall of Fame –

Discussion of Annual Versatility Awards and titles earned. Cindi Gredys was concerned that dogs may earn additional titles during the time that they become eligible and when they are inducted. She would like to be able to update the titles received so that they are current. Lydia Pruett will contact Karen Ackermann to obtain the current guidelines for this award for review.

Report of the Health Committee:

Ginger Jones recommended we donate \$1000 for the Bloat Study through the CHF. After discussion, Barbara O'Neill motioned with Cindi Gredys seconding to approve this contribution, Jon Steele abstained due to lack of information about the Grant – **MOTION PASSED**

Judges Education –

Patti Neale has asked if we would like the slides and other materials from the original presentation. We requested that she store these for now.

National 2008

There will be a presentation in Sacramento for the 2010 National Specialty in Northern KY. Gayle Snoddy will be Facility Coordinator with Kelly Brunarski and Barbara O'Neill doing the actual presentation to the Board.

Jenni Steele has requested startup funds for fundraising for the 2009 National. Barbara O'Neill moved that BCOA advance \$500 for this purpose and Lauri Kasowski seconded. **MOTION PASSED**

Rescue Committee:

Request received from Carol Backers re: expenses for the New England rescues. Many people are under the impression that the funds from the Beverly Taylor Foundation are taking the place of donations to NBRF and others are actually donating to BCOA rescue thinking that the funds go to NBRF. Barbara O'Neill moved that BCOA donate \$500 for spay & neuter costs with an additional \$1000 to be used where needed. Kelly Brunarski will send the check to NBRF from the 'Rescue Fund'.

ROM Report – List attached

A motion to accept the listed applications for ROM's was made by Rebecca Peters-Campbell, seconded by Barbara O'Neill. **MOTION PASSED**

Please note new address and email for Barbara Ewing:

17 County Road A16C, Las Vegas, NM 87701

Barb_Ewing@wildblue.net

Cindi Gredys made a motion to approve all committee reports, seconded by Jim Anderson, **MOTION PASSED**

Future Meeting schedules:

The ongoing topic of Constitutional Revisions was determined to need a Special Meeting dealing with this issue only. Several short conference calls will be scheduled to review the recommended changes. The goal of the review is to be completed, including membership and AKC approval, by the end of 2008.

There will be a face-to-face Board meeting in Sacramento on April 16 at which time we will confirm the schedule of phone conference calls. Prior to the Board meeting, Monday April 7th will be a phone conference to discuss some of the routine agenda items so that the face to face meeting will not need to be very long

Correspondence:

A letter of inquiry was received from Robin Casey with questions and opinions in relation to the previous election process. Lydia Pruett addressed the questions reporting that BCOA had been in contact with Mike Liosis, AKC with his answer being that the election would not be invalid, nor was there a need to rebalot as there were no ballots not accepted for lack of a second blank envelope. Lydia Pruett also discussed the tabulating process as provided by the tabulator and reported that the ballots were removed from the envelopes following verification of the names from the membership roll with all ballots later tabulated and then retabulated. Barbara O'Neill addressed the question regarding how BCOA came to use the alternate tabulator as the primary tabulator was not available for this election's ballots. Cindi Gredys had a question as to who the alternate tabulator was as she could not find information on the business when she called the State of Washington. Barbara O'Neill indicated that Ms. Johns, who owns the alternate tabulating service, is a Notary Public in the City of Edmonds and that Ms. Johns does tabulating for other dog clubs. Jim Anderson noted that

the response by Lydia Pruett to Robin Casey certainly explained all procedures. Lydia Pruett indicated that she would do a follow up contact with Mrs. Casey. It was also decided that no Tabulator would be allowed to donate his fee to BCOA in an effort to ensure the unbiased count.

A draft of the **Regional Governor guidelines** developed by Cindi Gredys and Rebecca Peters-Campbell was sent to the Board for review and will be discussed at the April meeting.

Standing Rules – Cindi Gredys will have them organized this week and will send out to the Board members for review with discussion and action at the April meeting.

Membership Committee – The growing percentage of non-dues paying Life Members and the effect of this lack of revenue has been addressed by the Membership Committee. The proposal presented to the Board must be addressed by the General Membership and will be brought up at the Annual Meeting in Sacramento. President Pruett will send out a message detailing the Membership Committee proposal to the general membership asking them to please read and consider carefully the solutions proposed. Members should take any questions or alternate solutions to the Regional Governors and/or the Board members.

New Business:

Based on information provided at the AKC Parent Club Conference, Lydia Pruett would like us to consider the following changes and enhancements to our current financial policies:

1. There are two signors on each account but only one of the two is required for checks under \$500.00 as long as payment has been approved by board directive.
2. Checks in any amount payable to reimburse officers or club member expenses do require two signatures.
3. Checks under \$500.00 which are approved by or directed by the board to issue payment require only one signor.
4. Checks over \$500.00 which are approved by or directed by the board as being on the "Approved List" i.e. insurance premiums, printers, etc. require one signor.
5. Checks over \$500.00 which come from our charitable funds do require two signors - i.e. AKC Health Foundation, NBRF, etc.

Motion to adjourn at 12:09AM EST by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, second by Cindi Gredys – **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted:

Jan Leikam
Recording Secretary.