



### **August 5, 2010 Board Conference Call**

Meeting was called to order at 8:05PM EDT. Present were Lydia Pruett, Kelly Brunarski, Karen Mays, Jan Leikam, KC Artley, Barbara O'Neill, Ron Williams, Jane Schreiber, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Lorrie Scott and Joyce Katona. Quorum was established.

### **Robin Riel joined the meeting in progress at 9:20PM EDT.**

Joyce Katona moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published, Jane Schreiber seconded. Minutes approved.

### **Recording Secretary's Report – Jan Leikam**

Laghan Burkey, a junior handler, was read for membership sponsored by Jane Schreiber.

Jan Leikam revisited the ongoing situation of Michelle Copeland's application. There has not been a home visit, but there is a letter from her vet. However, there is only one signed sponsorship form so it was decided to refund her application fee with the note that she is welcome to reapply when the two sponsor criteria is met. Jan will write a letter to Ms. Copeland and send to KC Artley for the refund check inclusion.

Claudia Cullison and Betty Kelly were approved as members.

### **Mentor applications**

KC Artley moved to approve the Mentor application from Barbara Ewing, Barbara O'Neill seconded, application approved. Jan Leikam will add Ms. Ewing to the list of approved mentors and forward to R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the BCOA website.

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve the Recording Secretary's report, Jane Schreiber seconded. Report approved.

### **Corresponding Secretary – Karen Mays**

We have received an invitation to hold a supported entry with sweepstakes at the International Kennel Club, Feb 26 and 27, 2011. As BCOA does not initiate TSE's Regional Governor, Joyce Katona will send an email to the members of Region 6 asking for local BCOA member to chair this activity.

Karen Mays will also be the BCOA representative at the Parent Club Conference.

Karen Mays requested information for the Meet the Breed booth at the Eukanuba Invitational in Long Beach, CA. Randi Boysen-Karl and Chet Weston have volunteered to head this project and Karen Mays will submit their names to AKC.

In conjunction with this show, BCOA will again sponsor medallions for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex. The cost will be \$125.00. As we had no entries in either Obedience or Agility in 2009, it was decided to forgo sponsorship of these medallions.

Barbara O'Neill announced that Elaine Russell-Rushton will again be the official photographer at the 2011 Kansas National.

Jan Leikam moved to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded, report approved.

### **Treasurer's Report – KC Artley**

The 2010 Yearbook has an estimated profit of \$21K thanks to the hard work of Helen Lee and Barbara O'Neill. Barbara changed printers which minimized the costs dramatically.

A \$2000 check was received from the Estate of Lorraine Groshans for Borzoi Rescue. This generous gift will be acknowledged in the Aristocrat. Debra Groshans Aycock has been asked for a bio and photo of her mother for the BCOA website, Aristocrat and the 2011 Catalogue.

There was much discussion of acknowledgement of donors to BCOA. It was suggested that varying levels of donations be designated as Silver, Gold, Platinum or other appropriate designations. Kelly Brunarski will chair a committee to explore this idea with additional members of Barbara O'Neill and Ron Williams.

Barbara O'Neill offered kudos to KC for the thoroughness and detail of her reports.

Jan Leikam moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Joyce Katona seconded. Report accepted.

### **Delegate's Report – Barbara O'Neill**

Barbara did not attend the June Delegate's meeting due to the lack of a pertinent agenda coupled with the expense.

Ms. O'Neill stated that she will attend the Sept 14, Newark NJ meeting.

Karen Mays moved to approve the Delegate's report, Kelly Brunarski seconded. Report approved.

### **Regional Governors reports**

President Lydia Pruett remarked on the importance of attending the Board meetings and submitting reports in a timely manner.

#### **Region 1 – Ron Williams**

I've been as they would say "full steam ahead" regarding getting the word out about the 20013 Region 1 National. I've sent an email with the national guidelines out to the region members. I attended a membership meeting of the Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley where I gave a small presentation and handed out information regarding committees. I also received a commitment from one of their members to accept the responsibility to prepare and submit a proposal as Facility Coordinator. Several of their members expressed willingness to participate in the planning and/or assistance during the show. I can now breathe a sign of relief knowing a proposal is eminent. We are also looking at scheduling the National so that the local clubs could co-host a Sunday Specialty.

**R.Lynn Shell Whitlock will send her Region 3 report later.**

#### **Region 5 – Robin Riel**

No report submitted.

#### **Region 6 – Joyce Katona**

Joyce is planning to hold a Regional membership meeting at the Columbus MBC specialty.

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve the Regional Governors reports, Kelly Brunarski seconded. Reports approved.

### **Committee Reports**

Jan Leikam stated that the request to committee chairs for their committee reports was lost in cyberspace.

### **Health – Ginger Jones**

#### **2011 National Specialty**

Leonore Abordo has been INCREDIBLY helpful in searching out a guest speaker and proposing fundraising alternatives. We are currently awaiting a response from Liz Hanson - recommended by Dr. Joan Coates – who is a DM researcher who helped develop the current gene marker tests.

The OFA is not able to accommodate DM testing in a 'clinic' setting yet so for not it looks like we will offer either heart or thyroid testing depending on the available expertise in the area for the 2011 National

#### **CHF Research Update**

I just received the final report from one of our sponsored research grants. Expect to see announcements regarding details for the specific pancreatic enhanced testing protocol

There has been a recent CHR request for samples from dogs with melanoma. Membership please participate if possible.

### **National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill**

2013 National Specialty will be in Region 1. A suggestion has been made by this Region to hold the National in Lancaster PA beginning Sept 12-15 through Sept 21. R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock thinks this will conflict with the Lone Star Borzoi Club specialty. She will verify this and contact Barbara O'Neill.

It was decided to continue the discussion of dates for the National Specialty at the November meeting.

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#### **2010 National Specialty**

There are many outstanding checks and billing for the DVD, however Barbara reports an estimated profit of \$10K.

#### **2011 National Specialty**

Chairperson O'Neill had nothing to add, and reports that the Calendar sales total \$2005 so far.

#### **2012 National Specialty**

Sweepstakes judge is KC Artley and Regular Class judge is Patti Neale.

### **BTRC – Barbara O'Neill**

A meeting is scheduled for August 19 to finalize the maturing bond policy.

### **Rescue – Dee Jones**

Dee has received the names of all who donated to the Rescue Fund when renewing their membership and will be writing Thank You notes to each of them.

Dee Jones will also write a Thank You to Debra Groshans Aycock acknowledging the generous bequest from the estate of Lorraine Groshans.

The Costume Contest and Companion Parade at the 2010 National were a great success. I have already talked to Edna Ogata about making Borzoi Doll Wizard of OZ main characters for the 2011 Costume Contest awards.

I will be requesting updated information for the In-Home Visit Volunteer list within the next few weeks.

**Borzo Rescue – N. Calif – Nancy Joeckel**

In April we held our spring fund-raising LGRA weekend. This was our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and attendance was excellent.

Two littermates were in Rescue and have been adopted.

**NBRF – Liz Duncan-Burge**

NBRF has had a total of 23 dogs in Rescue to date this year.

Fundraising for Operation Air Lift Thor – the Borzoi in the Korean shelter – has been very successful with donations coming in from personal checks, paypal and eBay. We anticipate Thor will be flying to the USA within the next two weeks where he will be fostered, vetted and placed in his new home.

This rescue has been accomplished with NO NBRF, BCOA or other rescue funds used. This has been performed through private funding and donations of time and resources.

**Borzoi Throw – Barbara O’Neill**

Barbara has contacted Ardetta Thompson, Marilyn Polsfuss and Patty Anderson to invite artwork to be submitted for this project. Patty Anderson has said she is too busy and we’re waiting for the others to reply. Ardetta did the last throw with the bitch, puppies and onion domes.

Barbara O’Neill proposes a retail price of \$65.00+shipping. Ron Williams will receive the product and ship to the purchasers. It was decided to go with the minimum order of 25 initially, as we can reorder if necessary.

**Logo Patches – Barbara O’Neill**

These patches are 3” diameter and cost is \$1.20 - \$1.90 per patch depending on design with a 100 patch minimum order.

**Rescue Flyer – Dee Jones and Jane Schreiber**

These flyers will be distributed by BCOA members to local shelters and rescue organizations to provide current local contact information for rescue. After discussion the board requests that the photos used be ‘generic’ dogs or perhaps actually rescued dog photos. Lorrie Scott has many pictures of dogs rescued and will send them to Jane Schreiber and Dee Jones for use in the flyer to illustrate the many varieties of color and patterns.

The Board noted that Dee Jones has done a great job with this flyer. The updated flyer will be sent to Jan Leikam for distribution to the board.

**ROM report – Barbara Ewing**

Applications have been received for the following dogs who qualify with the designations shown:

Dams:

CH Aldemoor’s Wyvern Catera	ROM-C
Rising Star Mariza Filigree	ROM-C
CH Rising Star’s Penelope	ROM-C
CH Rising Star’s Liberty Belle	ROM-C
CH Majenkir Whimsical Escapade	ROM-C

Sires:

CH Kazan of Rising Star	ROMX-C
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CH Riva Ridge of Rising Star  
CH Rising Star Danilov of Sunbarr, JC  
CH Rising Star Auroral Tanqueray  
CH Majenkir Nearctic

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Barbara O'Neill moved to accept the sires and dams submitted, Jane Schreiber seconded.  
Report approved.

**TSE application – Lydia Pruett**

Lydia will revise the current TSE form based on the Board's feedback and will submit to the Board for final approval.

**Large Photo project – Jane Schreiber**

Jane will forward sample photos to the board.

Barbara O'Neill will acquire a debit card for the National Specialty checking account so that invoices can be paid directly. She did state that money will need to be in the account. It was decided to discuss the funding of the specialty account at the November meeting.

The ongoing issue of challenge trophy storage will be again addressed in November.

Jane Schreiber moved to approve the Committee Reports, Joyce Katona seconded, reports approved.

**Unfinished business**

**Online Ads – R.Lynn Shell Whitlock**

Lynn has sent information to Lydia Pruett who will send out the information on the online ads when the project is ready to go 'live'.

**Meet the Breed – NY**

Lydia Pruett and Ron Williams will send another request for volunteers to attend this event and man a BCOA booth to the membership in that area.

The BCOA vote for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award Nominees were discussed.

Jan Leikam moved to vote for Jean Fournier as Conformation nominee, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded. Approved.

Jan Leikam moved to vote for Jill Jones as Companion nominee, Jane Schreiber seconded.  
Approved

Jane Schreiber moved to vote for Linda Stilwell as Performance nominee, Robin Riel seconded.  
Approved.

**Legislative Statements**

It was decided to defer this discussion until the November meeting. The Board was encouraged to send input to Lydia Pruett.

November face-to-face meeting will be in San Diego. Lorrie Scott will do the accommodation research and forward her finding to the Board. The meeting will be Saturday November 6, 2010.

Jan Leikam moved to adjourn, Ron Williams seconded. Meeting adjourned.