



**November 6, 2010
Board Meeting, San Diego**

President Pruett called the meeting to order at 9:40AM PDT.

Present were: Lydia Pruett, Kelly Brunarski, Jan Leikam, KC Artley, Barbara O'Neill, Ron Williams, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Lorrie Scott, Robin Riel and Joyce Katona.

Absent were Karen Mays and Jane Schreiber due to prior commitments.
Quorum was established.

Barbara O'Neill moved, Ron Williams seconded to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2010 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Recording Secretary – Jan Leikam

1st Reading

Barbara Simpson, 1100 Bayfield DR, Denton, TX 76209, Sponsored by Kay Casella and Marilyn McGraw. As there was no 2nd BCOA member-signed sponsor form, this will be tabled until the February 2011 phone conference.

Juliet and Dale Rigtrup, 13455 Olive Tree Ln, Poway, CA 92064, Sponsored by Kay Henderson and Lorrie Scott

Gwen Little, sponsored by Kay Novotny and Lorrie Scott

2nd Reading

Michelle Copeland, As we have now received a second sponsor form from Kevin Schimel, this application will be accepted.

Barbaranne Benjamin, 2837 Jodore AVE, Toledo, OH 43606, sponsored by Lynne Bennett and Barbara Daniele

Logan Burkey, Junior membership, 12965 State Route 188, Thornville, OH 43076

Barbara O'Neill moved to accept these applicants into membership with this second reading. R.Lynn Shell Whitlock seconded, applications approved.

Nominations for 2011 Officers and Board

No petitions for additional candidates received, therefore as the slate is unopposed, the secretary casts one vote to elect the proposed nominees.

Joyce Katona moved to approve the Recording Secretary's report, Kelly Brunarski seconded. Report approved

Corresponding Secretary – Karen Mays

Additional correspondence from Natalya Miller received to thank BCOA for her Junior Showman DVD offered by Purebred Studios from the 2010 National Specialty.

KC Artley Moved to approve the Corresponding secretary report, Robin Riel seconded, report approved.

Treasurer's Report – KC Artley

Barbara O'Neill moved to accept the report, Jan Leikam seconded, report accepted.

AKC Delegate's report – Barbara O'Neill

Barbara presented the new 'Breeder of Merit' program from the AKC in her Delegate's Report. The criteria for participation by applicants is listed and the BCOA recommended health screenings are in our CHIC program: Heart, Eye and Thyroid with Hip & Elbow optional at breeder's discretion.

KC Artley moved to approve the AKC Delegate's report, Kelly Brunarski seconded, report approved.

Governor's reports

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock moved to approve the Governor's Reports, Barbara O'Neill seconded, reports approved.

Committee reports

BTRC Committee – Barbara O'Neill

No additional information to report.

There was discussion that the BTRC investment and disbursement strategies may not be clear to the membership. Kelly Brunarski volunteered to put these in layman's terms to be posted on the BCOA website. Kelly will send her draft explanation to the Board members for input.

Club Specialty Trophy Inventory and Medallions – Barbara O'Neill

Barbara presented a quote for 5 years of First Place Cast Heads and Double Eagle/ The Board requested that Barbara O'Neill order this inventory.

Futurity – Barbara O'Neill

As we have only 3 of the bronze puppies for Best in Futurity left, Barbara O'Neill will contact the artist, Garry Newton to discuss the design of a new bronze trophy.

Health – Ginger Jones

The need for a new microchip scanner and additional microchips for the 2011 National Specialty Health Clinics was discussed. Barbara O’Neill moved that Ginger Jones be directed to purchase these items, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded, motion passed. Jan Leikam will notify Ms Jones.,

Judges Education

Barbara O’Neill presented a sample of a small pamphlet produced by the Basset Hound Club of America which summarizes the most important points of judging the Basset Breed. Barbara feels that a small tri-fold brochure will be welcomed by the judging community. Lydia will contact Patti Neale requesting that she do the layout of this brochure using pertinent examples from the Visualization of the Standard. If so, once the Board approves the format these will be printed and sent to current Borzoi judges plus sent to each newly approved judge in addition to the Visualization.

National Specialty – Barbara O’Neill

Barbara O’Neill requested an advance of \$3000 for each upcoming Specialty to cover expenses that occur prior to many coming in from Specialty Sales, etc. Robin Riel moved to approve this disbursement, Ron Williams seconded, motion approved.

In the past, official photos and critiques were not released to any publication until after the publication in the Aristocrat. As the Borzoi Connection will not publish until the Fall following the National Specialty, KC moved to put the results, photos and critiques on the BCOA website as they become available thus allowing the other magazines access to the material in a more timely manner. These items will also appear in the Aristocrat BC. Joyce Katona seconded, motion passed. Barbara O’Neill will inform the Specialty judges and photographer of this change.

2011 National Specialty – Barbara O’Neill

The Membership Education Committee will present a panel discussion featuring Lena Tamboer, Pat Murphy, Ariel Duncan and Lorrie Scott as panelists and Jon Steele as Moderator. It was decided to offer light refreshments – cookies & coffee – during this presentation. KC Artley moved to approve this expense, Robin Riel seconded. Expense approved.

Rescue – Dee Jones

The flyer for Animal Shelters and other rescue organizations was approved. Dee will need to coordinate the distribution.

The Board expressed thanks to Dee and her Committee for this work.

Standardized Trophies – Barbara O’Neill

Robin Riel will transport the challenge trophies from the 2011 National in Kansas to the 2012 National in Washington State. Jan will write Cyndi Gredys who is

currently storing the trophies to ask her if she will arrange for the engraving of the Challenge Trophies with the 2010 winners.

The meeting was suspended at 1PM for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 2:27PM

TSE Guidelines – Lydia Pruett

Lydia Pruett presented the updated TSE guidelines and application form. Jan Leikam moved to approve the proposed changes effective Jan 1, 2011 Kelly Brunarski seconded, changes approved.

Ways and Means

Barbara O'Neill presented the finished 3" X 3" logo patches. These will be sold to the membership for \$8 each. Joyce Katona will take some of these to the Midwest Specialty to sell along with the Calendars for the 2011 National fund-raising. Each Regional Governor is encouraged to present them to their BCOA members.

Throw – Barbara has had only one design submitted to date and the Board decided to table this project for now.

ROM – Barbara Ewing

Robin Riel moved to approve the nominated dogs and bitches, Joyce Katona seconded, report approved.

Disaster Plans Committee – Robin Casey and Veni Harlan

Nothing additional

TSE Guidelines – Lydia Pruett

Discussion of the necessary steps for AKC approval will be inserted into the updated guidelines. Lydia Pruett will make the revisions and send the new form and guidelines to R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the website.

501c(3) committee update – Prudence Hlatky

The Board would like this to specify what kinds of donations will be accepted, i.e. artwork and/ money. Plus we will need a presentation detailing the management structure indicating who will head the committee and who will be responsible for storage and transport of the donated goods (if any accepted), and how the proceeds of sales or fundraising will be used. This proposal will be reviewed by the Board and then recommended to the membership for voting.

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve the Committee Reports, K C Artley seconded, reports approved.

Unfinished Business

Online Ads – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

This tool will be available only to BCOA members through the website. R.Lynn will design the form and send to Lydia and the Board for testing by December 1, 2010 with the completed program planned to go 'live' on January 2, 2011. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock is currently assisting Shen Smith to set up the BCOA Shopping Cart to accept payments. The Board decided to charge \$45.00 for 6 months of both litter and stud dog listings.

Meet The Breeds Committee for Javits Center in New York next October and Eukanuba in Tampa in Dec of 2011.

Lorrie Scott will speak with Chet Weston to develop his ideas as past Chair to assist the next Chair.

Membership development

Barbara O'Neill feels that Borzoi companion owners should be encouraged and included in all Borzoi activities to develop membership. To promote this outreach she would like all independent Borzoi Clubs to forward a list of non-BCOA members to appropriate Regional Governors for their area.

It was decided to have a binder listing Standing Committee Chairs available at the National Specialty for members to indicate areas which may interest them.

Jan Leikam will send an email to the committee heads asking for input for needed assistance and skills.

Jan Leikam will also modify the dues renewal forms to include a space for volunteering; this will begin with the 2012 dues notice.

Altered Class at the National Specialty

This will be a 'unisex' class with Rosettes for placements 1-4.

Per Board request, Jan Leikam will modify the current dues renewal notice to state that the BCOA Health Fund subsidizes our Health Clinics at the National Specialty and ongoing research relevant to Borzoi.

2011 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

As we have so many talented Juniors, Barbara O'Neill with Lynn Wall will develop an Art Contest which will be judged by Lynn Wall. This contest is open to any Junior showing Borzois whether or not a BCOA member, with deadline of March 1, 2011. The winning entry will be printed on T-Shirts and sold on Saturday only with all proceeds going to the Junior Showmanship Fund plus each entrant will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

Additional information will follow

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance

Robin Riel moved to continue our insurance 'as is' until the face-to-face meeting at the National next April. Lorrie Scott seconded, motion passed.

Obedience

KC Artley requested that BCOA add a "top 10" category for Obedience Beginner Novice (BN) scores which is a new AKC title. June Mintchell agreed that this should be done and listed in the BC rankings.

Barbara O'Neill moved to add the Beginner Novice class to the 2011 National Specialty, Jan Leikam seconded, motion approved.

Additionally KC Artley requests that a non-competitive list of any qualifying score achieved in any AKC agility trial or tracking test be published along with the current 'Top 10" list in the Borzoi Connection. This will not be a Top 10 as there are so few participants in these activities, and it will be the responsibility of each BCOA member to submit the results to June Mintchell with the date, class and score.

Robin Riel moved to add a 'Top 10 GCH' list to the current statistics with only BCOA member eligible. Barbara O'Neill seconded, motion passed.

2013 National Specialty

Barbara O'Neill presented the proposal from Region 1 for the 2013 National Specialty to be held in Lancaster, PA at the Lancaster Host Hotel and Conference Center May 12-18, 2013. Jan Leikam moved to approve this proposal, Robin Riel seconded, motion approved. Barbara O'Neill will do a site visit in the near future.

Aristocrat

Now that the Borzoi Connection will be published only twice per year, we will need to move the Quarterly Stats, New Titles, Committees and other basic information to the BCOA website. Joyce Katona has accepted the position of Aristocrat Editor and will collate reports from the various contributing Committees to forward to R.Lynn Shell Whitlock to post on the Website. Joyce will need to contact the statistics committees to ask for their reports.

Barbara O'Neill moved to adjourn 5:15PM