Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
Summer Board Meeting Teleconference
Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 7:30 P.M. EDT

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Peters-Campbell at 7:34
Present: Karen Ackerman, Katie Averill, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O’Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Rita Rice, Ron Williams, Joy Windle, Marcella Zobel

On motion by Katie Averill, seconded by Rita Rice, the Spring Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

Officers Report
Recording Secretary (Joy Windle)
On motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Katie Averill, the report was approved.

Applications for Membership

Second reading: On motion by Joyce Katona, seconded by Katie Averill, these new members were accepted

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Sponsors: Ernest Cheely & Margaret Lucia

First Reading: On motion by Karen Ackerman, seconded by Katie Averill, these applications for membership were accepted.
On motion by Karen Ackerman, seconded by Katie Averill, this application was tabled, pending the availability of sponsors.

Bruce & Nancy Harvey  
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Sponsors:

Application to Mentor: On motion by Katie Averill, seconded by Rita Rice, this application was accepted.

Bunny Kelley 
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Trophy-Supported Entry: The application was not approved owing to the availability of regional club to sponsor a TSE; the date also falls outside the deadline for application.

Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers 14 January 2017  
Chair: Jan Leikam 
Judge: TBD  
Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran) 
Lori Wilson-Paust

Member Address Changes

Members are reminded to update any contact information changes to their Regional Governors and the Recording Secretary.

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**Corresponding Secretary (Karen Mays)** On motion by Barbara O’Neill, seconded by Katie Averill, the report was accepted.

Discussion regarding the advisability of approving a regional specialty in a different region (6) the day after the national specialty ends in a different region (5). On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Karen Ackerman, MBC’s 27 May 2017 specialty with Kalamazoo Kennel Club was granted a one-time approval.

The vote:

Yes: Ackerman, Averill, Enz, Rice, Windle, Zobel
No: Hlatky, Mays, O’Neill, & Williams
Abstain: Katona

On a motion by Barbara O’Neill, seconded by Joyce Katona, $125 was approved to sponsor 5 commemorative medals at the National championship, December 2016. $125

**Treasurer (Rita Rice)** On a motion by Barbara O’Neill, seconded by Katie Averill, Rita’s request to add Trophy Chair Lorrie Scott to Gmail account so that she may edit the trophy list, was approved. Please contact Treasurer Rice treas@bcoa.club for her report.

**AKC Delegate (Barbara O’Neill)** On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Joy Windle, the Board instructed Delegate O’Neill to vote in favor of proposed changes. (See report for details.)

**Regional Governors** On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Barbara O’Neill, the reports were accepted with the following corrections:

Region 3: The Board approved email voting at the spring meeting, not electronic.
Region 4: Borzoi Club of Greater Los Angeles needs AKC approval to form specialty club.

**Standing Committee Reports** On a motion by Joyce Katona, seconded by Ron Williams, the reports were accepted. Please see reports for details.

**BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue (Barbara O’Neill)**

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Karen Ackerman, the Board expressed a Vote of Confidence for BTRC’s excellent work this year; Corresponding Secretary Mays will send a note informing the committee.

**Conformation Championship Medals (Chris Danker)**

Barbara has ordered new medals which will be sent to Chris Danker. President Peters-Campbell will ask Chris to also send medals to Obedience/Rally titlists.

**Health (Nancy Hopkins):** Appreciation for Nancy’s good work as Health Chair was expressed. the revised Holter proposal was accepted. Nancy Hopkins will form a committee.

**Legislative Liaison (Rita Rice):** ADA Changes may impact borzoi breeders in selling/placing dogs sight unseen. Rita will create bullet point summary of the USDA/APHIS Guidelines for the November meeting.

**National Specialty**

**2017:**

- The Board donate Aristocrat ad and 1day video to the Stuffed Crate Raffle.
- Silent auction only this year.
- Added Attraction: PeeWee handling class after Junior Showmanship on Saturday.
- Community donation: to be decided
- On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Katie Averill, the Board approved aligning Puppy Sweepstakes classes with those of the Futurity.
- KC Artley will tabulate Triathlon scores; volunteers are needed to serve on committee updating scoring.

**2018 Judges**

On a motion by Joyce Katona, seconded by Joy Windle, the Board approved the suggested judges (Please see the report for details)

**Nominating Committee (Carol Enz);** The slate will be ready by 1 September 2016 for the member mailing.

**Welfare/Rescue (Dee Jones):** On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, the Board approved BCOA donation of $2,000 from the from Rescue & Welfare Fund, specifically for Louisiana. We will ask Dee to spearhead
a fund drive to secure the remaining funds necessary for trailer in her state. Per AKC Reunite, the cost of a trailer is $22,000. However, matching funds are available for donations of $10,000. BCOA contributed $1,200 toward a trailer in California.

Unfinished Business: All unfinished business will be addressed at the November meeting.

- Member Roster Management & Member Directory
- ROM Points Revisions for Higher Level Titles – Update
  Please send Carol Enz or Barbara Ewing ideas for updating ROM to make achievements equal.
- Revised Membership Application update
- Holter Proposal update
- Sweepstakes Judge Qualifications Update (revised nomination form)
- Pending: Teleconference Provider Options
- Canine Ambassador Program – clarification CD resigned
- Status update on Judges Education

New Business

Fall Board Meeting on 5 November, details to be confirmed.

2019 National Specialty Proposal (Region 1)
Ron Williams, Facilities Co-ordinator

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Katie Averill, the Board accepted the proposal to return to the Lancaster Host & Conference Center 9-19 May 2019. The motion carried 8-3, Barbara O’Neill, Carol Enz, & Rita Rice voting ‘no.’

Triathlon with Rally & LGRA, 2-Year Review
Per conversation on BCOA Members Only, people are happy with the expansion but have concerns regarding the fine points.
A committee to address concerns: KC Artley, Sandra Moore, & Rebecca Peters-Campbell will present a proposal at the November meeting.

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 PM
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT
04/10/16 – 08/08/16

04/10/16 Received a request from Karen Miller for a Borzoi Club of New England Specialty to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 with the Big E in Springfield, MA. Conformation Judge: Rita Walker. Sweepstakes Judge: Ed Carlson. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Karen Miller. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the calendar.

04/10/16 Received an updated membership list for the Borzoi Club of New England from Karen Miller.

04/18/16 Received a request from Audrey Kim, audrey1130@gmail.com, for breeders in NC, SC, Virginia, Maryland, and Texas. Sent.

04/23/16 Received correspondence from K.C. Artley regarding a possible conflict with the 2018 MBC Specialty and asking for Board input at their next Board Meeting.

04/24/16 Received confirmation from Charles Schwab regarding a transfer of funds to Borzoi Rescue of Northern California.

04/24/16 Received a notice from Joy Windle that, since she was not listed in the Spring Recording Secretary’s Report, Sandra Moore did not receive her Lifetime Member Certificate at the Annual Meeting in Kansas. The certificate was printed and sent to Sandra. Life Member Certificates had been distributed to Susan Booth, Kathleen Croft, Pat Hardy, Margaret Rice, Rita Rice, John & Lorrie Scott, Roy Silguero, Marjory Whithurst, and Ron Williams.

04/25/16 Received a request from Rheagan Hefner, rhearhe55@gmail.com, for breeders in California. Sent.

04/27/16 Received the Close-out forms for this year’s National from AKC.

05/11/16 50 year milestone letters for Elizabeth Forry, Grace Conally, Harry Ohlinger, Helga Kauffman, Irmgard Thompson, Judith Harris, June Clark Louise Siegert, Luenna Avery, Marianne Endicott, Priscilla White-Lineker, and Ralph Barger sent to Carol Enz for inclusion with mementos.

05/21/16 Received a request from Archie Hankins, archiehankins@hotmail.com, who has been attempting to reach his breeder with no success.

05/22/16 Asked Rita Rice to send an electronic submission of our updated membership list to AKC.

05/23/16 Received a request from AKC to participate in the AKC Meet the Breeds in Orlando on December 17 & 18, 2016 at the Orange County Convention Center.

05/24/16 Received a request from Becca Hagan, rebeaird@yahoo.com, for breeders in Texas. Sent.

05/31/16 Received the monthly Financial Statement for the Beverly Taylor Rescue Account from Charles Schwab.

05/31/16 Received updated list of officers for the Midwest Borzoi Club from K.C. Artley.

06/01/16 Received a request from AKC to sponsor a set of five commemorative 3” medallions at a cost of $125.00 for the AKC National Championship Show.
Treasurer (Rita Rice) Please contact the Treasurer treas@bcoa.club for a complete report.

AKC DELEGATE (Barbara O’Neill)

July 22, 2016
The AKC Delegate meeting was held Monday, June 13, 2016 in Newark, New Jersey. I did not attend.

The following amendments to Rules Applying to Dog Show will be voted on at the September meeting.

Chapter 3, Section 5: In a single show with multiple days of judging, the first day of a show is considered to be the first day on which there is regular conformation judging in accordance with Section 3 of this chapter. (Sweepstakes and Futurities are not considered regular conformation classes.)

Chapter 3, Section 4, 7, 17, 19: Remove italics.

Chapter 6, Section 9: Whenever the closing day noted above falls on a postal holiday, entries received in any form up to 24 hours after the published closing date and time may be accepted.

At the June meeting, Dennis Sprung, AKC President, reported that the following steps have been taken to address disqualified dogs:
• AKC took out an accident insurance policy to cover all judges at AKC events.
• Criteria was established for proof of insurance by the owner of the dog being considered for reinstatement.
• A disqualified dog must immediately leave the grounds. The same is true for a reinstatement examination.
• A club will be notified two weeks in advance of a reinstatement procedure at its show, and the club may agree or disagree to it.

The AKC Board is considering a requirement that a DNA swab be taken of any dog disqualified for attacking at a show. If the dog is not DNA’d, it will be ineligible for reinstatement. The dog would also be DNA swabbed at the time of the reinstatement procedure. The fee for reinstatement would be raised to $500 to cover all costs of the reinstatement procedure.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held Monday, September 12, 2016, Newark, New Jersey. An agenda has not been determined.

Regional Governors
Region 1 (Ron Williams) Nothing to report
Region 2 (Katie Averill)
Region 2 Newsletter
Region 3 (Prudence Hlatky)
With the onset of summer heat activities in Region III have been minimal, but normally picks up in the fall.

Upcoming events:
Our next two scheduled Region III specialty events have Borzoi breeder judges. On September 5th the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club will hold its Fall specialty, with Fred Vogel judging regular classes and Ernie Cheely sweeps. The Lone Star Borzoi Club specialty is September 24, 2016 and has Barbara O’Neill doing regular classes, and Joyce Law sweeps.

Still of Interest:
Region III proposed items on the BOD agenda: Still active suggestions from Region 3 are:
• Simplifying the BCOA Membership application to make it more Rescue and single dog owner friendly
• Revising the ROM requirements to recognize higher-level achievements in all events.
• Looking at revising the BCOA voting policy, to use email voting
• BCOA Judge’s qualifications

Working through the details takes time, but we’re making steady progress.
Congratulations to Region II member Shirley McFadden for being selected as the 2018 BCOA National conformation judge.

Earlier this year I sent an email out about the AKC Reunite Canine Support and Relief, which provides assistance during natural disasters. With so many Region III currently facing adverse weather conditions, I've resent the message. With a reminder about the BCOA Welfare Program being able to offer BCOA member’s assistance. Again, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Region 4 (Marcella Zobel)

I haven't had much member feedback, since the National. I am certain we are busy with summertime activities. Members, please share thoughts and information on our Reg. 4 Facebook group page.

Great News - I believe that Borzoi Club of California will offer a Spring Specialty in Southern Calif. in 2017. Further information will be shared on their web page.

Ellen Hall approached me, to ask me to let BCOA know of her proposal to form a new breed club, Borzoi Club of Greater Los Angeles. She emailed me to let me know she has about 15 potential new-to-the-breed members coming together to discuss this idea. I had a brief conversation with Ellen at the Camarillo dog show in July, why this club is being considered. The idea has been sparked by an increase in the number of breed fanciers, mostly in the Los Angeles area. While the BCOC club has been a wonderful breed club for many years, their club meetings are held in San Diego on a work day (usually Tues.) and the increasing traffic makes it difficult to attend for those 2 hours north.

In the AKC Delegate report, delegates have recommended dates can be removed from ribbons, this proposal is to allow Clubs to save money by purchasing ribbons in bulk.

Upcoming Events: we have a Borzoi Club of Northern California supported entry at the Two Cities KC, Yuba, CA. September 24. CGC tests will be available. Please plan on attending our BCOA Fall Specialty, October 22, in conjunction with Del Valle KC shows in Pleasanton. Sweeps: Kay Cassella, Judge Dr. Anne Midgarden.

Region 5 (Karen Ackerman)

Report to the Region

Congratulations to our own Region 5 lifetime members, Elizabeth Forry and her daughter, June Clark, both of Monmouth Oregon! 2016 saw each of these ladies achieving fifty years with the BCOA. Quite an accomplishment! Another congratulatory note to Robin Casey who has been approved as an AKC Borzoi judge! In addition, she is provisional on several other sighthound breeds.

This year the BCOA National Specialty was held in Lawrence, Kansas. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of Region 5 who were in attendance and who made it a success. I also had the occasion to meet several of you personally and I enjoyed our visits.

Regarding the BCOA Health Fund, three health research grants were voted on to receive BCOA funds in the amount of $2500.00 each in 2016. These are: 1. A Cancer Vaccine for Osteosarcoma, 2. Evaluation of a Novel Technique for Gastric Decompression in Dogs with Gastric Dilation and 3. Understanding the Genetics of Adverse Drug Reaction in Sighthounds. In addition, the BCOA is exploring the concept of the Holter Monitor for use by its members. More details on these are posted on the BCOA website for your review.

The number of Borzoi in rescue is down this year. Funds released by the BTCBR for 2016 were as follows: BR-NC received $7556.15 from Beverly Taylor Committee for Borzoi Rescue and NBRF received 15,135.27. Since the funds from the BTCRB can only be used for borzoi rescue, it was voted on by the membership at the annual meeting to
explore the setting aside of BTCRB funds for a National Borzoi Disaster Fund. The proposal for this will be presented at the 2017 annual meeting.

I encourage everyone to read the AKC Sportsmen Code. At the annual meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, the BCOA membership voted to adopt the AKC policy for service dogs. In addition, should you not have done it, please read and sign the BCOA Code of Ethics. Please return to me or to Joy Windle or anyone on the board for that matter.

On a side note, our own Ron Williams wrote a wonderful article on sportsmanship which was featured in the Spring 2016 issue of the Aristocrat. I encourage everyone to read it.

Speaking of the Aristocrat, it is a great place to advertise your hound’s accomplishments. $35.00 for a full page ad and $25.00 for a new title holder ad are the deals of the day!

To spotlight our juniors the BCOA is offering several programs for these young people. Barbara Lord is the BCOA contact person for this. Additional programs available to BCOA members include the mentor program, judge’s education, member education, registry of merit, versatility award, and placement assistance. Should you be interested in any of these, please contact me or the appropriate chair person.

I would like to make special mention of the AKC Canine Ambassador Program. This can be accessed by going to http://www.akc.org/public-education/canine-ambassador-program/resourcecenter/information-for-canine-ambassadors/. If you are interested in it, please check out the site or contact me. The BCOA has also added this as standing committee with Chris Danker heading the group. Should you be interested in volunteering, please contact her.

At the April BCOA Board Meeting the board voted to approve the 2018 National Specialty to be held in Richland, Washington the week of May 19 through May 26. Region 5’s own Jan Leikam has graciously agreed to spearhead the operation. We are calling for all volunteers. Please let Jan or I know should you be able to help in any capacity.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any issue, please feel free to contact me in any of the following ways. Home PH (307) 468-2696 or Office PH (307) – 468-2486. In addition, you can contact me via my email at adii@tribcsp.com, or via BCOA Region 5 group.

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

Region 6 has had several successful Specialties this summer, the most recent being the Midwest Borzoi Club in Cudahy, Wisconsin the weekend of August 12-14. Many more are planned for this fall.

In just a few days on August 26-28, the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club will have their specialties and supported entry shows in conjunction with the St. Croix Valley KC shows. The judges are Friday GTBCB Specialty, Conformation: Prudence Hlatky and Sweeps: Lorrie Scott. Saturday Concurrent GTBCB Specialty with Dr. A. Todd Miller as judge and Sandra Frei for Sweeps. The supported entry on Sunday, August 28 welcomes judge Ekaterina Senashenko from Russia and Karen Urban for Sweeps.

October brings with it the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha Specialties with the Cornhusker KC show. On October 8 in Lincoln, NE, Laura Hyatt will judge conformation and Suzanne Deghi with the the Sweeps. The following day will bring judge Irving Bonios and Krista Hunt for Sweeps.

That same weekend for those folks not so far West, the MBC is hosting AKC lure coursing trials in Crown Point, IN. Rounding out the year on November 19, the MBC will have a Specialty held with the Lima KC show in Columbus, OH. The conformation judge is Gayle Bontecou and Sweeps judge, Lorrie Scott.

Here’s to successful specialties for all the region 6 clubs!