

**Borzoi Club of America
Board Meeting Teleconference
Tuesday, 19 January 2016
7:30 P.M. Eastern Time
Continued Monday, 25 January 2016, at 7:30 P.M. EST**

Minutes

Roll Call & Quorum

Karen Ackerman, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Rita Rice, Ron Williams, Joy Windle, & Marcella Zobel (8:10)
The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM

President's Greeting President Peters-Campbell thanked both Robin Casey and Kasey Parks for their service to the Board and BCOA. She welcomed Karen Ackerman as the new Governor for Region 5. Finally, she reminded the Board that all matters discussed at meetings or in Board correspondence are strictly confidential until such time as reports are published.

On a motion by Joyce Katona, seconded by Rita Rice, the **Minutes of the November 2015 Meeting** were approved as published.

Officers' Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle): On a motion by Karen Mays, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, the report was approved.

Applications for Membership

Members have 45 days to comment on the applications of the following applications:

First Reading:

Martine Burton 56 Preakness Street Hanover, PA 17331-7797
ebcpets@gmail.com 717 200-1367 (h) 717 698-6258 (m)
Sponsors: Jamie Lynn Bobrowski/ Marilyn Kivela

Stuart McGraw & Justine Spiers 12736 McCourtney Road Grass Valley, CA 95949
justartborzoi@gmail.com 530 333-7109
Sponsors: Karen Staudt-Cartabona/ Ernest Cheely

Second Reading: There being no comments from members, on a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Rita Rice, these new members were approved.

Gianna Bertsch 15 Fawn Court, Delanco, NJ 08075
856 425-4727 Annabell.1230@hotmail.com
Junior DoB: 12/30/2004

Chelle T. Griffith 1630 S. 24th Street Lincoln, NE 68502
402 359-7974 chelgriffith@gmail.com
Sponsors : Rita Rice & Caryl Dumaine

Paula Steenson 1301 S. 35 Avenue, Omaha, NE 68105
402-346-3950 ppresents@aol.com
Sponsors: Cindi Gredys & Dawn Hall

Ashley Sydow 9014 Psencik Rd, Richmond, TX 77407
281 896-4603 Ashnichols.rvt@gmail.com
Sponsors: Leslie Walenta & Trestina Gilbert

Resignation of Membership:

Mary Childs, effective her letter of 25 December 2015

Liz Green, effective her letter of 9 December 2015 Her 2016 dues were refunded.

Mentor: On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Karen Ackerman, the application by Robin Casey to become a judges mentor was approved.

Resignation: The Board accepted with regret the resignation by Kasey Parks as Region 2 Governor for reasons of health.

Applications for Trophy-Supported Entry

Houston Kennel Club

15 July 2016

Judge: Sari Tietjin Sweepstakes: Nancy Hopkins

Chair: Leslie Walenta

Nomination of 2018 Judges

107 Members voted

5 ballots arrived after the deadline

Nominated

50 Conformation

45 Sweepstakes

The breakdown ballot were mailed first class via USPS, 21 January 2016. It is also available for download on MembersOnly and borzoiclubofamerica.org

Corresponding Secretary (Karen Mays): On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Joy Windle, the report was accepted. No discussion of the correspondence followed.

Treasurer (Rita Rice): For a copy of the report, please contact the Treasurer treas@bcoa.club On a motion by Joyce Katona, seconded by Ron Williams, the report was approved. Rita was authorized to order insurance certificates to increase coverage for national specialty events. Final approval 25 January 2016.

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill): On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Rita Rice, the report was approved.

On a motion by Rita Rice, seconded by Joy Windle, the Board advised the Delegate to support Gretchen Bernardi, Patricia Cruz, William Feeney in the AKC Board election.

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Karen Ackerman, the Board instructed the Delegate to vote against allowing Delegate judges to charge \$150 fee to judge dog shows. (Currently, AKC Delegates may not charge a fee to judge.)

Regional Governors On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Karen Ackerman, the reports were approved.

Standing Committee Reports On a motion by Karen Mays, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, the reports were approved.

Annual Versatility Committee (Kay Novotny): After some discussion of the deadline for application, it was decided to leave the deadline at 15 January with the proviso that supporting data may be accepted later for title earned at year end at the discretion of the committee chair. It is the applicant's responsibility to communicate with the committee chairman prior to the deadline concerning any titles or points earned in late December.

Annual Awards: On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Rita Rice, it was agreed to add a page to borzoiclubofamerica.org of Current Annual award winners, using the photo & information on the award plaques.

Aristocrat (Helen Lee): Members are reminded that an Aristocrat ad is the best deal in town. It was suggested that the dating of issues be brought into line with current publishing practices, which will make finding articles easier to find.

Beverly Taylor Committee for Borzoi Rescue (Barbara O'Neill): On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Joy Windle, the requested distribution was approved.

\$22,769.16 available for distribution minus \$77.74 expenses

\$22,691.42 available for rescue.

Final distribution: \$15,135.27 NBRF \$ 7,556.15 BR-NC

All further action is postponed until a full committee is named and meets.

BCOA Shop (Carol Enz): Items re currently stored in four locations, making timely shipping problematic. While researching different 'store' applications, the Treasurer will cc Carol Enz on all orders. Carol can then notify the correct person to ship the item.

Breed Welfare & Rescue (Dee Jones): The Board is happy to see a decrease in number of borzoi in rescue, which is most likely related to improvement in the economy. After discussion the board agreed that reports from the two rescue groups should be submitted as written (without editing that had been requested previously).

Championship Medals (Chris Danker): A total of 150 Borzoi completed their Championships in 2015, of which 98 were owned by BCOA members (listed as first owners if co-owned).

Health (Nancy Hopkins): On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, Discussion ensued regarding the use of CHF funds. It requires a vote of the membership at the annual meeting to approve the use of BCOA's Donor-Designated Funds held with the CHF for any but heart research. Members should contact their Governors regarding the use of these funds. If members' interest supports a change to allow these funds also to be used for research related to cancer and bloat, this can be addressed at the annual meeting.

Nancy Hopkins proposed using the monies raised by Renee McCartin's annual calendar to purchase one Holter monitor, leads, consumables, and at least one Holter monitor vest (to accommodate different sizes of borzoi) for club member use. (See full report for details.)

The Board likes the concept of a rental Holter monitor and asks Nancy Hopkins to draft a more specific plan, including an application form.

On a motion by Rita Rice, seconded by Karen Ackerman, the Board approved health fundraisers to fund health clinics as proposed by the Health Committee, beginning in 2017.

On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Joy Windle, The Board approved unanimously the expenditure of \$5000 from the general health fund to support the following two research grants in the amount of \$2500 each:

02233-A: Evaluation of a Novel Technique for Gastric Decompression in Dogs with Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus and 02215: A Cancer Vaccine for Canine Osteosarcoma (see the Health Research Report for details)

Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata): Edna always appreciates members' sending her any extra notecards, especially borzoi-related.

Legislative Liaison (Rita Rice): It's currently a quiet legislative season. Things will heat up again when legislatures return to work in February.

Meet the Breeds (Ron Williams): Saturday, 13 February 2016 on Pier 94, NYC.

Member Education (Prudence Hlatky): The schedule currently on borzoiclubofamerica.org needs updating. Prudence reported that the next Member Education presentation will address movement and will take place at the 2017 national specialty. It was suggested that Member Education discussion of modern codes of ethics and what they mean in real terms would be a good use of time during the national specialty week.

National Specialty Committees (Barbara O'Neill)

Futurity: Judge Veni Harlan

It was suggested that a "Welcome to the Futurity" page be added to the futurity materials available on borzoiclubofamerica.org. Barbara did that between the first and second meetings (1/19 & 25).

2016 National Specialty Facebook & MembersOnly will be encouraged to share room availability and those with rooms to cancel. Contact Barbara O'Neill before calling the hotel as she has the waiting list.

Registry of Merit (Barb Ewing): On a motion by Joyce Katona, seconded by Rita Rice, the Board accepted Ch Phaedra Esperanza ROM-C

Standing Rules (Joy Windle): Everyone is requested to check the Standing Rules for inconsistencies and possible need for clarification or updating.

Website: Please send updates & corrections to Joy Windle.

On a motion by Carol Enz, seconded by Rita Rice the meeting was recessed at 11:03 PM until 7:30 pm 25 January.

The meeting was re-convened on 25 January at 7:40 P.M.

Present: Karen Ackerman, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Rita Rice, Ron Williams, Joy Windle, & Marcella Zobel

Unfinished Business

1. Reports from Hearing Committees: Because both members resigned from BCOA before they could meet with their committees, no hearings were held. The Treasurer will refund the \$10 filing fee to the members who brought the charges.
2. Discuss teleconference provider and online files site(s): Rita will prepare a system demonstration for the face-to-face meeting in April.
3. Revised Applications, Membership & Junior Member: The committee will confer by 15 February and have draft applications for review in April.
4. ROM proposals to incorporate new AKC titles: Update should be complete by April.
5. AKC's Enhanced Canine Ambassador Program: The Board encourages BCOA members to participate in this AKC program, designed to counter the presence of the AR agenda presented in our schools and youth groups. Read about the program:
<http://www.akc.org/public-education/canine-ambassador-program/resource-center/information-for-canine-ambassadors/>
The board decided that a Canine Ambassador Committee will be added to Standing Committees, and a committee will be appointed soon.

New Business

1. March teleconference: 7:30 PM EST 21 March 2016
Face-to-face meeting: 2 PM or later CST 11 April 2016, time to be decided after entries close.

2. On motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Rita Rice, the Board approved payment for working Board lunch in Memphis.
3. Appoint a Regional Governor for Region 2 to serve the balance of the term. Rebecca will contact the several individuals were suggested.
4. Appoint 2016 chairmen for all Standing Committees: The current Standing Committee Chairs have agreed to continue their good work, except for a 2016 ASFA Delegate for the ACoD.
5. Appoint 2016 Beverly Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee members.
The board did not reach consensus about this committee. Appointments will be made by the April meeting – sooner if possible.
6. Nominating Committee for Election of Officers 2016: Chair: Carol Enz Committee: Caryl Dumaine, & Jane Schreiber Alternates: Dee Jones
7. Discuss advantages/disadvantages of a Financial Advisory Subcommittee. On motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Ron Williams, the Board agreed to establish a panel of 3-5 consultant-members.
8. Club insurance. Board members discussed concerns about insurance coverage and bonding for the club and for individual board and committee members. Karen Ackerman agreed to review our current insurance. She will report at our next meeting with her assessment and any recommendations.
9. AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards
Conformation: Lorrie Scott,
Companion Events: Linda Beisswenger
Performance: Tom Golcher & KC Thompson-Golcher
10. AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award will be presented at annual awards dinner.
11. New Life Members, all of whom became members in 1991, who receive certificates at the Annual Meeting,

Susan Booth	John & Lorrie Scott
Kathleen Croft	Diana Scott-Cool
Pat Hardy	Roy Silguero
Sandra Moore	Marjory Whitehurst
Margaret Rice	Ron Williams
12. 2016 ASFA ACoD representative for BCOA: The board hopes to identify a member who will be BCOA's ASFA delegate for the Annual Conference of Delegates in Renton, WA, 19 & 20 March, 2016.
13. Discuss request from AKC Foundation Stock Committee requesting Board thoughts on admitting silken windhounds to the stud book (AKC recognition of the breed): The BCOA Board of Directors does not support the inclusion of silken windhounds in the AKC's Foundation Stock Service Program at this time.
14. Prudence Hlatky requests that we revise the on-air description of Borzoi used at Kennel Club of Philadelphia & Eukanuba Shows, both of which are AKC shows. The AKC Parent club should provide the text. If you wish to submit a two minute sound bite for consideration, please send to Prudence Hlatky at: Soyara@aol.com
15. On a motion by Ron Williams, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, it was agreed to drop the requirement that only those who have owned borzoi are eligible to judge sweepstakes at the national specialty.
16. The revised text for AKC Borzoi flyer included with the registration packet has been sent to AKC.
17. The Board is reminded to send Barbara baby photos for use at the national.

Tabled for the Spring Meeting

1. Discuss teleconference provider and online files site(s): Rita will prepare a system demonstration for the face-to-face meeting in April.
2. Review draft of revise application for membership to make it more welcoming and user friendly.
3. Revise on-air script describing Borzoi.
4. Review a draft proposal for incorporating new AKC titles into the Registry of Merit Program for the April meeting.
5. Further discussion of AKC Canine Ambassadors Program

The hour being late, on a motion from Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15

Special meeting

22 February 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 pm.

Role Call

Present: Karen Ackerman, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Ron Williams, Joy Windle, & Marcella Zobel Absent: Rita Rice
Quorum established. g

1. On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, the Board approved Katrina Averill as interim Governor for Region 2.
2. On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Karen Ackerman, the Board appointed the 2016 Beverly E. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee
Board members: Barbara O'Neill, Joyce Katona, Rebecca Peters-Campbell
Members-at-large: Shen Smith, Dedra Jones

There being no further business, on a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Karen Ackerman, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM