Roll Call and Quorum: The meeting was called to order by President Ron Williams at 7:37 PM. Present: Karen Ackerman, Carol Enz, Chuck Grabosky, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Jan Leikam, Karen Mays, Shirley McFadden, Lorrie Scott, Betsy Tolley, Ron Williams, & Joy Windle

Approve Minutes of November 17, 2018 On a motion by Jan Leikam, seconded by Carol Enz, the minutes of the Autumn 2018 were approved with the following correction to the wording regarding micro-chip requirement for futurity. Puppies should (replaced by) ‘must’ be micro-chipped and registered by the breeder and the information given to the owner with the instruction to keep the breeder on as a second contact when the owner adds himself the registration.

Additionally, Prudence Hlatky pointed out that the nominating committee’s report was missing from the Combined Standing Committee Reports; that has been corrected.

President's Comments
Ron Williams welcomed new Region 2 Governor Betsy Tolley and Prudence Hlatky, returning to the board as AKC Delegate, after a brief hiatus.
Approval of 2019 Standing Committee Chairmen
Changes: Sari Hefferman replaces Patricia Swanson as Tabulator; Patricia becomes the Alternate.
The position of Legislative Liaison is open. If interested, please contact Ron Williams.

From this point forward, regular Board conference calls will begin 7:30 PM EST

Officers' Reports
Recording Secretary Report (Joy Windle) On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Shirley McFadden, the report was accepted.
Member Applications
First Reading On a motion by Jan Leikam, seconded by Shirley McFadden, the applications were accepted. Members may contact the Secretary with any concerns before the next meeting.
Dean & Melissa Eelman  2310 Smokey Rd. Newman, GA 302263
770 252-0802  dkeelman@att.net  meelman@att.net
Sponsors: Katie Averill & Melissa Hundley
Sophia Linck  3205 Lansdowne Dr. Lexington, KY 40502
864 519-6230  autumnism@yahoo.com
Junior: 7/18/2005 AKC Jr# 26672812002
Second Reading On a motion by Joyce Katona, seconded Jan Leikam, the following are accepted as members, with exception of Linda Barad, who needs a second sponsor.
Kyle & Olivia Abernathy 5325 Cascade Palmetto Highway Fairburn, GA 30218 770 238-2013 o_brown13@att.net Sponsors: Katie Averill & Melissa Hundley

*Linda Barad PO Box 985 Harriman, NY 10926 914 646-3097 lindasnowboy@aol.com Sponsors: Lois Schultz & Karen Staudt-Cartabona

Gillian S. Cookenboo 6221 Bluebell Lane Evergreen, CO 80439 303 674-7154 Cookenboo@msn.com Sponsors: Amy Sorbie & Pamela Buffington

Tomomi Mikawa PO Box 261 La Canada Flintridge, CA 91012 310 504-1521 Tomomi.Mikawa@gmail.com Sponsors: Karen Staudt-Cartabona & Karen Berry

Molly Anne Forsyth 35750 Yellowstone Avenue Davis, CA 95616 Junior (d.o.b. 11/12/01) 530 750-1192 jamora@pacbell.net

Trophy-Supported Entry
On a motion by Karen Ackerman, seconded by Betsy Tolley these TSEs were approved:
Friday, 31 May 2019  Saturday, 1 June 2019
Baton Rouge Kennel Club Northlake Kennel Club
Judge: Roger Hartinger Judge: Paula Hartinger
Sweeps: Archie Doby Sweeps: Sandra Moore-Doby
Chairs: Veni Harlan & Julie Bergen Chairs: Veni Harlan & Julie Bergen

On a motion by Betsy Tolley, seconded by Jan Leikam, the TSE was approved.
Friday, 19 July 2019
Houston Kennel Club
Judge: Nancy Leising
Sweeps: Janice Finney
Chair: Prudence Hlatky

Corresponding Secretary (Karen Mays) On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Lorrie Scott, the report was accepted with the correction of two typos.

Treasurer (Jan Leikam) On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Carol Enz, the report was accepted.
Jan has moved low-earning funds into 3-year CD at 2.61%
A complete copy of the Treasurer’s report is available by contact Jan Leikam leikamjan@gmail.com

AKC Delegate (Prudence Hlatky) On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Betsy Tolley, the report was accepted. Barbara O’Neill’s final report of the 12/12/18 AKC Delegates’ Meeting was included. Because of timing, Prudence will attend her first meeting in June 2019.

Regional Governors
On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, the reports were accepted.
Standing Committee Reports On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Betsy Tolley, the reports were accepted. See notes below.

Annual Top 5 Awards (Deb Vidaver-Cohen)
Annual Versatility Award & Hall of Fame (Kay Novotny)
Kay is currently revising the titles eligible for the versatility awards for 2019.
Aristocrat (Helen Lee)
ASFA Delegate (Sandra Moore)
Archivist (KC Artley) Major thanks for all her hard work and contributions to the website re-design.

BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust (Barbara O’Neill)
Approval of Minutes, (BTRC 2019 Annual Budget, the Standing Rules #2019-1 “Investment Policies”) and Standing Rules #2019-1 “Annual Budget, Annual Distributions & Authorized Members”

Borzoi Welfare (Dee Jones) On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Shirley McFadden, the Board approved BCOA transferring $5000 from the BCOA Welfare Fund to NBRF to assist them with costs of the large 2018 rescues involving member dogs. This will augment the amount that the Bev Taylor Committee has been able to recommend as the 2019 distribution.

Club Inventory & medals (Barbara O’Neill)
Futurity (Barbara O’Neill)
Health (Nancy Hopkins) including CHF & Morris Animal Foundations (Ginger Jones)
Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata) Edna does a lovely job keeping in touch with our older, less-active members. Members are reminded to let her know if such a member would smile to be included on her list.

Meet the Breeds/NYC (Ron Williams) After long service in the role, Ron is retiring as chair of the event, passing the job on to Elisabeth Szymanski, beginning after the current one in February. He will continue as a member of the committee. There was some discussion of any gain BCOA realizes from participation. It was pointed out that the benefits may be more long-range than immediate. BCOA shall continue to participate.

National Owner-Handled Standings (Deb Vidaver-Cohen) On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Betsy Tolley, “only AKC-Eligible first owners can earn NOHS awards for their dogs” will be added to Standing Rule AWD 3.

National Specialty (Carol Enz)
• 2019 Gettysburg, PA Four months and counting; the premium is at the printer; downloads will be available on borzoiclubofamerica.org this week.
• 2020 Albuquerque, NM The Contracts have been signed. The committee is happily at work.
• 2021 – Huron, OH The Contracts have been signed, and the deposit has been paid.

Registry of Merit (KC Artley) On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Jan Leikam, the following dogs were accepted. The motion carried, Karen Ackerman abstaining:
Sires: Dams:
CH Kachina Valeska Dream Dancer SC - ROM GCH Kirov Pulsatilla ROM-C
DC Teine Twist of Fate SC FCH - ROM CH Scheremetjew Lyra’s Vega SC ROM-C

Specialty Guidelines (Barbara O’Neill)
Standing Rules (Joy Windle) Helen Lee is currently reformatting the xls file for easy reference on borzoiclubofamerica.org

Versatility (Kay Novotny)
On a motion by Shirley McFadden, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, the board accepted the list. Congratulations to these hardworking members and their talented borzois!

The overall winner for 2018 Annual Versatility Award:

GCH Hemlock Hollow Aruzia Journey to Tahoe, BN CGC, RN, SC, FCh (call name Joe) HP 48679408, for the second year in a row! Congratulations, K. C. and Joe! Joe achieved a total score of 55.5 points. Hearty congratulations to owners Steven and K. C. Artley and breeders Christine Danker and Lorrie Scott! The other applicants and their scores:

2. Score 53.4125: CH Avalon WW Dazzle In The Dark, SC, RN, RI, BN, CGC, FCh, HP 44574107, owned by Sunny Grant and Sandra Moore, bred by Sandra Moore, Susan Vandewater, Diane Embry and Shelby Bergstesser.

3. Score 46.5: CH Wildhunt Quantum Singularity of Rhynka, RN, HP 51414701, owned and bred by G. Ariel Duncan and Diana Darling.

4. Score 39.05: CH Islehaven Sentinel, RN, CGCA, CGCU, TKP, TT, JSR, RATN HP 51081903, Owner Linda Beisswenger, breeder Phyllis Potter.

5. Score 36.5: FCh Kirov Windrift Fly Above Tahoe, SC, RN, CGCA, CGCU, HP 49909003, owned by K. C. Artley, bred by Barbara Ewing and Nancy Reimer

6. Score 32: Kirov Windrift Flying Ace O’ Tahoe, SC, RN, CGCA, CGCU, FCh, HP 49909005, owners Steven and K. C. Artley, bred by Barbara Ewing and Nancy Reimer

Congratulations to all these wonderful dogs for having a great 2018!

5 dogs were submitted for a Life-Time Achievement Versatility Award.

• DC, FC Gladki Vetr N’Vision Snowstag, LCX, CD; owned by Stephanie Parker and Roy Silguero, bred by Mary Childs, Roy Silguero, Curtis Judd, and Dora McDonald.

• DC Wild Hunt Savoir-Faire, MC, LCX, FCH, RA, BN, TKN, CGCA, CGAU; bred and owned by G. Ariel Duncan

• CH, CT Romanoc Gerhard’s Gaze Of Coburn, GRC, CDX, BN, GN, VER, RAE, JC, RATO, CGCA, CGCU, TKP, TDJ, TT, owner Linda Beisswenger, bred by Kris Woodall

• DC RiverRun Avalon Whiskey In The Jar Oxota, RN, SC; owned by Kristen Suhrenbrock & Karla Smith, DVM, bred by Karla Smith, Lenore Abordo, & Sandra Moore.

• DC Wildhunt Joie De Vivre At Highpoint, RN, MC; owned by Anne & Walter Ford, bred by G. Ariel Duncan

Webmaster (Helen Lee) On a motion by Jan Leikam, seconded by Joy Windle, the Board voted to move bcoa.org to Helen’s preferred server. The cost to BCOA will be approximately $130.00 US.

The motion carried. The move will do several things:

1. Create a secure shopping cart.
2. Include dedicated officer and board emails.
3. Allow for a secure password-protected Members Only section

Unfinished Business

• Criteria for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards

From Standing Rule AWD 2: AKC Lifetime Achievement 11-14-2009 Each Regional Governor will contact their area members asking for suggestions and a letter of recommendation detailing why that person should be considered for this honor. The Governors will forward these recommendations to the Recording Secretary in time for the first Board meeting of each year. These areas of nomination will cover Conformation, Companion, and Performance. It was noted that the BCOA nominees are from the ranks of BCOA members only. The Board will decide on no more than one nominee for each area, and does not have to make any recommendation. The corresponding secretary will forward the name to the AKC.

New Business

• Junior Showmen: In the last year, we have happily approved an increasing number of junior members. We will emphasize Junior Showmen in 2019. Letters of congratulations and certificates will be sent to top juniors, whether BCOA or not. Those who are not yet members will be invited to join. As discussion on exploring
501(c)(3) status for BCOA to award junior scholarships was tabled until May meeting.

- **Proposal for Annual Versatility Awards**

Shirley McFadden suggested a committee of stakeholders to consider additional point categories for Lifetime Versatility Achievement Award; Karen Ackerman, Carol Enz, and Shirley McFadden will represent the Board. Ron will invite Kay Novotny (Chair of the Versatility Award Committee), Veni Harlan (submitter of the proposal), as well as June Mintchell, and Ariel Duncan to fill out the committee.

- **Reducing Mailing Postal Costs:** On a motion by Jan Leikam, seconded by Prudence Hlatky where feasible, future mailings will be electronic except for those who have paid for mailed minutes. The motion carried.

  Members will receive postcard notification of where to find the contents of the mailing on borzoiclubofamerica.org.

- **Membership Awards for 25 / 50 Years:** The list of new Life Members with 25 years with BCOA and Gold Star Members with 50 years of membership is being compiled.

  - **1994**
    - Rene Green
    - Melissa Hundley
    - David & Margie Milne
    - Shari Moore
    - Rhonda Robins
    - Cyndi Schroeder
  
  - **1969 Gold Star**
    - Elaine Misko
  
  Karen Mays reports that there are 7 gold stars on hand. More diamonds will be ordered.

- **Tabled:**
  - Home Visits for Member Applications
  - Nominating Specialty Judges

**Next meeting:** In Gettysburg, PA Monday, 12 May 2019 after coursing, exact time to be determined. We will schedule a teleconference for late April to clear routine business, including regular board and standing committee reports.

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 PM.