



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FINAL**

May 3, 2021 – Teleconference

1. ROLL CALL – taken and meeting commenced at: 8:02 PM EST

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	Yes
Carol Enz, Vice President	Yes
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	Yes
Joyce Katona, Recording Secretary	Yes
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	Yes
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	Yes
Kari McCloskey, Region 1	Yes
Elizabeth Tolley, Region 2	Yes
Shirley McFadden, Region 3	Yes
Kay Novotny, Region 4	Yes
Karen Ackerman, Region 5	Yes
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	Yes

1. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Ron Williams

R. Williams reminded the board members to make sure to submit their reports on time so everyone will be up to date for the meetings.

R. Williams stated that since we do not have a signed Code of Conduct from everyone, unless otherwise noted all proceedings of this meeting are to be held confidential until the minutes are published.

R. Williams also listed the standing committee reports that needed approval on the annual awards that N. Katsarelas sent out. R. Williams indicated there were missing names on the awards. Since that time, the board has received an updated report. N. Katsarelas's report reflects these corrections.

Motion to approve the Standing Reports for this meeting with corrections in this report: S.

McFadden

Second: L. Hoflin.

All in favor, none opposed – motion passed

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1/25/2021

J. Katona received a correction to the minutes from the 1/25/21 meeting. Erik Fuller's name was misspelled and will be corrected going forward. H. Lee was advised to make the change on the website.

Motion to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes as amended above: B. Danieli,

Second: L. Hoflin

All in favor, none opposed – motion passed

3. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Joyce Katona (report attached)

Member Applications

First Readings:

Adrienne Montgomery

(Tornillo, TX)

Sponsors: Pearly Leigh Paintin & Sandra Moore

Erik Fuller

(Tijeras, NM)

Sponsors: Leonore Abordo & Karla Smith

Maren Couch

(Portland, OR)

Sponsors: Monica Barry & Jan Leikam

J. Katona noted that the home visit for Adrienne Montgomery took place more than two years ago. C. Enz reported that Adrienne moved recently. The Board had a first reading of A. Montgomery but she will need to have a home visit at her new residence before the second reading will take place.

Motion to accept the new member first readings with the notation that A. Montgomery must have a home visit at her new address before her second reading: S. McFadden

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor, none opposed – motion passed

Second Readings:

Brian & Diva Davis

(Houston, TX)

Sponsors: Shirley McFadden & Kay Cassella

Sheryl Amburgey

(Manchester, MD)

Sponsors: Roy Silguero & Anne Midgarden

Ron will send a welcome letter and membership pins to the new members.

Motion to accept the new member second readings: P. Hlatky

Second: K. Ackerman

All in favor, none opposed – motion passed

Junior:

Leah Graham

(Danville, PA)

Jr. ID# 47571198001

Performance Trophy Supported Entries

1. Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club (PTSE)

Santa Fe, NM April 10 and 11, 2021

Notated on these minutes; approved by BCOA board via email vote on 4.6.21

2. Houston Kennel Club (TSE)

Houston, TX July 23, 2021

The above PTSE and TSE were already approved...no additional acceptance needed.

Motion to accept the recording sec report: B. Tolley

Second: P. Hlatky

All in favor, none opposed – motion passed

4. **REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Barbara Danieli**

Tabled until next meeting

5. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Lyn Snyder Hoflin (Financials available upon request)**

L. Hoflin is in process of getting all the signature cards changed over to the current officers. She is currently the only legal signer on everything for BCOA. The plan is to take care of this in person at the National when B. O'Neill (Specialty account), B. Danieli and J. Katona (General account) are in attendance in one location

L. Hoflin is continuing to be educated with the Quick Books program and advised the board she intends to find a local accountant with whom to confer for a better understanding.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report: S. McFadden

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor, none opposed – motion passed

6. **REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE – Prudence Hlatky (See Supporting Documents)**

The AKC proposal to allow Juniors to show with Canine Partner dogs was approved by the AKC Board.

Three of the Candidates we instructed P. Hlatky to vote for to fill the vacant AKC Board positions were elected, one was not. Those elected are Rita Biddle, Dominic Palleschi Carota, Dr. Thomas M. Davies and Thomas Powers.

Motion to accept the AKC Delegate report: K. Ackerman

Second: S. McFadden

All in favor, none opposed – motion passed

7. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS

Region One Governor -Kari McCloskey (report attached)

Region Two Governor – Betsy Tolley (report attached)

B. Tolley is working with members in Region 2 to create a proposal for the National in 2023. Two different sites are being considered with the concern that temperatures in the area during May could be too warm to run lure coursing. Accordingly, April is being considered as an alternative. Locations need to be booked early in order to get the dates we prefer. B. Tolley has a good start and a group of volunteers lined up to be committee chairpersons. A proposal is anticipated in the near future.

Region Three Governor – Shirley McFadden (report attached)

Region Four Governor – Kay Novotny (report attached)

B. Simpson wants the BCOA to look into recognizing the ATTS temperament test. P. Hlatky explained why it was not approved the first time it was proposed. Discussion ensued regarding the test. This test measures things that are not part of the original purpose of the borzoi breed. There was a question if this would lead to an additional title. P. Hlatky will send the link to K. Novotny for B. Simpson explaining the AKCs position regarding the original purpose of the borzoi. The group asking for this stated they would be willing to make presentation to the board. It was agreed that would be a good thing to determine what they are hoping to accomplish with this test and get our questions answered. K. Novotny will ask B. Simpson to give her documentation explaining what their goals are and let us know when they would be able to make a presentation to us.

K. Novotny will tell K. Henderson to contact B.Danieli each year to make sure she is still on the puppy referral list.

B. Ewing would like to see CHIC numbers be published on the website. There was discussion as to the purpose of this request. K. Novotny will ask B. Ewing if she is volunteering to collect the stats for the CHIC numbers.

B. Ewing asked if the membership would want to switch from having a novice class to having an amateur owner class instead at the National. Discussion ensued. This will be placed on the agenda for the annual membership meeting at the National. K. Novotny will put together information as to how you qualify for each of these two classes so people understand the difference between the novice class and the amateur owner class.

Region Five Governor – Karen Ackerman (report attached)

Region Six Governor – Kim Horn Janek (report attached)

Motion to accept the Regional Governor's reports: P. Hlatky

Second J. Katona

All in favor, none opposed – Motion passed

8. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES – (See Supporting Documents for Complete Reports)

Motion to approve the 2020 Standing Committee reports received after the deadline for the January 2021 board meeting. S. McFadden

Second – L. Hoflin

All in favor; none opposed – Motion passed.

- **Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas**
- **Annual Versatility Award and Versatility Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny**

- **Archivist – K.C. Artley**
KC Artley requested the board provide guidance regarding Borzoi china plates that are in the archives. Discussion ensued about whether to sell/keep. The board decided to inform KC Artley to bring the plates to the 2021 National where they will be auctioned and/or be made available for sale (sold for \$15-\$20 in the past). Any plate not sold will be placed in the BCOA Pod.

- **ASFA Delegate – Sandra Moore**
We really do need to have an ASFA trial at the next Borzoi National as in pre-Covid19 times the club would lose its license to have ASFA trials after two years without an ASFA trial. R. Williams will contact K. Cassella about offering ASFA at the TX National. Can it be an ASFA TSE? Shirley found in the ASFA rules a statement that says Parent clubs are exempt from the 2-year rule. The local group putting on the National will decide. L. Hoflin suggested to send a copy of that rule to S. Moore.

- **Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee – Barbara O’Neill**
K. Ackerman has been named Chairperson of the Bev Taylor Trust Committee for 2021.

Motion to approve the annual distribution of \$15,000 to NBRF. B. Tolley

Second: B. Danieli

All in favor—non opposed—motion passed

- **Championship Medals for Conformation – Christine Danker**
- **Futurity Event – Joyce Katona**
- **Health Chair – Nancy Hopkins**
- **Keeping in Touch – Edna Ogata**
- **Legislative Affairs Liaison – Lyn Snyder Hoflin**

- **Meet the Breeds – New York – Ron Williams**
- **All 2021 dates are Saturday and Sunday:**
- **San Diego – Reg 4**
August 14 & 15

- **Dallas – Reg 3**
August 21 & 22

- **Tampa – Reg 2**
September 18 & 19

- **Philadelphia - Reg 1**
September 25 & 26
Corissa Fanning – Liaison

- **Chicago – Reg 6**
October 15 & 16
- **Minneapolis – Reg 6**
October 23 & 24
- **Columbus – Reg 6**
November 13 & 14
- **New Orleans – R3**
November 20 & 21

R. Williams requested the Regional Governors recruit people to be involved in the new locations at the various Meet the Breed events. He needs members to act as the liaison for each of the new cities. Once the liaisons are decided, they should be told to contact R. Williams for all the details. Deadlines must be met, which includes having named a contact person for each location. K. Horn Janek expressed concern that having three in a short time frame in Region 6 will be difficult to find people to participate. There will be more information coming about these events from Ron.

- **National Specialty Chairperson – Barbara O’Neill**
 - **2021 – Wilmington, Oh May 22 - 29, 2021**
 - **Health Clinic Update (See Supporting Documents)**
 - **2022 – Mesquite, TX April 23 – 30. 2022**
 - **2023 – Region 2 B. Tolley will possibly have a presentation for the May 24, 2021 meeting if not, she will present it at the August meeting.**
- **Registry of Merit (ROM) – K.C. Artley (See Supporting Documents)**
- **Standing Rules – Ron Williams**
Sent discussion document to Board on 4/29
Motion to table until the F-2-F in May. P. Hlatky
Second: B. Danieli
All in favor—non opposed—motion passed
- **Webmaster – Helen Lee**

R. Williams explained that the AKC learned about our online National entries and the feature of exhibitors being able to check their own entry online. They stated that since exhibitors were able to look up other people’s entries, it was against AKC policy and the club was subject to a fine. The website was corrected and AKC did not fine the club.

H. Lee is asking for photos that are missing on the website of past National placements as she is converting the pdf’s into webpages. She would like the regional governors to ask their local members for help finding and sending her the missing, needed placement photos.

P. Hlatky asked if the board could send a thank you to D. Jones for all the work she did on getting the AKC Emergency Relief trailer. B. Danieli will do so.

P. Hlatky asked if KC Artley was informed of the November 11, 2016, board decision to award points towards a dog's ROM if their offspring achieve their own ROM. It doesn't appear to be on the list of ROM criteria at this time. R. Williams will ask KC Artley.

Keeping In Touch

J. Katona noted there is no current BCOA member named D. Constant. R. Williams will ask E. Ogata to whom she sent the birthday card.

*Motion to accept the standing committee reports with the typo corrections (Tina instead of Tine, should *note* instead of *not* in N. Hopkins' report): K. Ackermann*

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor--none opposed--motion passed

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- **Club Banners – Ron Williams**

Local club banners are 33 ½ x 46 inches

R. Williams got the measurements from banners to which he had access. C. Enz to check in the pod in Ohio to confirm the dimensions are correct.

Rising Star Top National Owner-Handler Trophy – P. Hlatky

The trophy is to be delivered to P. Hlatky and will be brought to the National by P. Hlatky or L. Courtney.

10. NEW BUSINESS –

- **Nominating Committee Selection – Open Discussion**

The board member will be the chair of the Nomination committee.

Motion that R. Williams be appointed chairman of the 2021 BCOA Nominating Committee: S. McFadden

Second: B. Danieli

All in favor—none opposed—motion passed

R. Williams will ask M. Lord-Fenn, F. Wright, P. Hardy, A. Sorbie, T. Doane, and J. Spiers if they would be interested in being a nominating committee member or alternate.

Membership Involvement and Outreach – Prudence Hlatky

Tabled until May F-2-F

- **Eastern National Specialty (Canada) Donation**

K. Horn Janek will reach out to R. Walker to enquire as to what we have given in the past.

Motion to send a reciprocal award to the Eastern National Canadian Specialty for the BOB winner: J. Katona

Second: K. Horn Janek

all in favor--none opposed--motion passed.

- **2021 Sportsmanship Award**

Tabled to do via email

- **2021 Lifetime Achievement Awards**

J. Mintchell—Companion

Tom Golcher & KC Thompson—Performance

Karen Cartabona—Conformation

- **Annual Membership Meeting**
Tabled to do agenda via email
- **Hand Sanitizer Refund Update – Carol Enz**
The company from whom we purchased the hand sanitizer to use in the 2020 welcome bags has refunded the cost. C. Enz has sent the refund to B. O'Neill

Special Award for Outstanding Achievement

B. Tolley and L. Scott will offer a special award to D. and M. Eelman for their borzoi Bambi and Merlyn achieving RACHs and to L. Avant for Whimsy earning her MACH.

P. Hlatky moved to recess until May 24

Meeting Recessed at: 12:02 AM (EST) on Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Meeting Reconvened on: Monday, May 24, 2021