



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

September 12, 2021 – Face-to face, Virginia Beach

1. ROLL CALL – taken, meeting commenced at: 11:35 AM EDT

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	Yes
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	Yes
Joyce Katona, Recording Secretary	Yes
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	Yes
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	Was at the AKC delegate meeting
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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 5/3 & 5/24/2021 and 5/28/2021 Annual Membership Meeting

The minutes from May 3, 2021, and May 24, 2021, board meetings were previously approved via email and posted on the website.

*A motion was made to approve the minutes from the annual membership meeting on May 28: L. Hoflin
Second: K. Ackerman
All in favor, none opposed, motion passed*

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Ron Williams

A blast email to the entire membership will be sent by Ron Williams.

**4. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Joyce Katona
(See supporting document)**

Based on a suggestion by member D. Nutting in the Recording Secretary's report, the following motion was made.

*A motion was made to add the list of members by state and foreign countries in the membership directory: K. Horn Janek
Second: B. Tolley
All in favor, none opposed, motion passed*

*A motion was made to accept the recording secretary report: B. Danieli
Second: B. Tolley
All in favor, none opposed, motion passed*

Member Applications

First Readings

Lewis & Elena Dorman
(Alexandria, VA)
Sponsors: Ariel Duncan & Mary McDonald

Janice Tyler
(Thurmont, MD)
Sponsors: Kari McCloskey & Renee McCartin

*A motion was made to accept the first readings: B. Danieli
Second: K. Ackerman
All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.*

Second Readings

Adrienne Montgomery

(Tornillo, TX)

Sponsors: Pearly Leigh Paintin & Sandra Moore

Her second reading is pending a home visit at her new address.

Erik Fuller

(Tijeras, NM)

Sponsors: Leonore Abordo & Karla Smith

Maren Couch

(Portland, OR)

Sponsors: Monica Barry & Jan Leikam

A discussion took place regarding how to facilitate membership applications in a timelier manner.

A motion was made to accept Erik Fuller and Maren Couch as members: L. Hoflin

Second: K. McCloskey

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

R. Williams will send a welcome letter, membership address booklet and pin to each new member.

Junior – None

BCOA Mentor Application

Barbara Binder

Region 4

A motion was made to approve the mentor application from B. Binder:

K. Novotny

Second: S. McFadden

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

Trophy Supported Entries

1. Tuscaloosa Kennel Club (TSE)

Columbiana, AL. April 9, 2022

2. Birmingham Kennel Club (TSE)

Columbiana, AL. April 10, 2022

3. Rocky Mountain Coursing Club (PTSE)

Shirley Basin, WY. November 13, 2021 & November 14, 2021

There is a policy to not hold a supported entry within 14 days before a National. A discussion was held regarding the time frame and how it will affect these TSEs in the future due to scheduling the National dates.

A motion was made to approve the 2 TSE's and the PTSE making a one-time exception to the 14-day requirement: L. Hoflin

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Mailings

The membership booklet was mailed and should have been received by all members. None came back as undeliverable. This year there was a delay in printing due to many revisions to the accuracy of the booklet. Next year should go much smoother.

5. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Barbara Danieli (See supporting document)

B. Danieli will send info from AKC to streamline the process of TSEs.

A motion was made to accept the corresponding secretary report:

K. Horn Janek

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

6. REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Lyn Snyder Hoflin

Much discussion was had regarding L. Hoflin's concerns regarding the treasury, one-stop shopping, secretary expenses, etc. L. Hoflin asked again for permission to consult a bookkeeper to become more familiar with quick books and various other financial programs. This had been approved in our updated standing rules. Much discussion regarding the treasurer's ability to get an accurate accounting of the monies available. The categories are not clear. R. Williams, B. O'Neill, and L. Hoflin will meet to better understand the documents L. Hoflin received from B. O'Neill.

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as written: K. Ackerman

Second B. Tolley

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

7. REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE – Prudence Hlatky (See supporting document for items of note)

*A motion was made to approve the AKC delegate report: S. McFadden
Second: B. Tolley
All in favor, none opposed, motion passed*

8. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS -

R. Williams stated there should always be something to report to the region. Discussion regarding the types of things to include in the governor's reports. R. Williams had received communication from members stating that the governors don't always give info about events happening locally.

- **Region One Governor -Kari McCloskey (See supporting document)**
- **Region Two Governor – Betsy Tolley (See supporting document)**
- **Region Three Governor – Shirley McFadden (See supporting document)**
- **Region Four Governor – Kay Novotny (No report submitted)**
- **Region Five Governor – Karen Ackerman (See supporting document)**
K. Ackerman amended her report to include that she heard from people who are researching sites for the National specialty in her region. Also, she forwarded the FAST CAT changes to the region.
- **Region Six Governor – Kim Horn Janek (See supporting document)**

*A motion was made to accept the regional governors' reports with the changes K. Ackerman made to her report: B. Danieli
Second: L. Hoflin
All in favor, none opposed, motion passed*

9. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES -

- **Archivist – K.C. Artley / Ron W**

Nothing to report from K.C. Artley.

R. Williams passed around a scrapbook that he received from Walter Wieckert, the son of Anita M. Wieckert. Anita started the “Nothing but Borzoi” scrapbook at least 80 years before her passing in 2002. This original book is filled with vintage black and white photos and articles on Borzoi.

The Board looked at it, found it to be of historical importance, and discussed what to do with it. It was decided that it would be a shame to just include it in the archive storage. It should be displayed where the membership could view it. The scrapbook is in fragile but good condition and should not be laid out on a table to be picked through. It was suggested that R. Williams start by photographing the book to possibly create a binder. Auctioning it off was also discussed.

- **ASFA Delegate – Sandra Moore**
- **BCOA Shop –**

Discussion regarding who should be assigned to do this job. Since Ways and Means are a part of the Vice President’s job requirements, should the VP take on this responsibility as has been done in the past? Several ideas were mentioned.

A motion was made to appoint K. McCloskey the 2022 specialty sales chairman: S. McFadden

Second: L. Hoflin

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

- **Canine Ambassador Program – Susanne Cecere**
- **Championship Medals for Performance and Companion Titles – Amy Balthrop**
A. Balthrop was appointed to this position.
- **Club Inventory and Medals – Barbara O’Neill**
- **Futurity Entries – Barbara O’Neill**
- **Health Chair – Nancy Hopkins**
- **Health – Canine Health Foundation and Morris Animal Foundation – Ginger Jones**
- **Judges Education – Patti Neale**
- **Junior Showmanship – Barbara Tyler Lord**

A motion was made to accept B. Lord’s suggested changes to the standing rule Juniors #9 to use the AKC statistics as published in the canine chronicle: K. Novotny

Second: B. Danieli

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

- **Keeping in Touch – Edna Ogata**
E. Ogata reminded all the members that they need to inform her when a member has a life change, birthday, illness, etc.
- **Legislative Affairs Liaison – Lyn Snyder Hoflin**
- **Meet the Breeds – New York – Ron Williams**
 - San Diego 8/14-14 – Tomomi Mikawa
 - Dallas 8/21-22 – Gary Gideon *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID*
 - Tampa 9/18-19 *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID*
 - Philadelphia 9/25-26 *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID*
 - Chicago 10/15-16 *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID*
 - Minneapolis 10/23-24 *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID
 - Raleigh, *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID*
 - Columbus, OH 11/13-14
 - New Orleans 11/20-21

A motion was made to send an acknowledgment to T. Mikawa and G. Gideon for their work on getting the MTB organized in their area on such short notice: K. Novotny

Second: B. Tolley

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

- **National Specialty Chairperson – TBD**
 - 2021 – Wilmington, Oh May 22 - 29, 2021 (See financial closeout report from Barbara O’Neill).

Discussion involving the 2021 National Specialty closeout report. We need an itemized list of expenses and income to better understand. R. Williams will provide the board with a copy of the contract to be used to compare with the expenses. B. O’Neill will be asked to provide paperwork to document expenses.

R. Williams is considering being the show chairman after the difficulty encountered with trying to hire a show secretary. Discussion regarding possible show secretaries such as Foy-Trent, MB-F, and Rau. A point was made to make sure that whoever we hire has liability insurance.

- 2022 – Mesquite, TX April 23 – 30, 2022
- 2023 – A tour of the Founder’s Inn in Virginia Beach was held for board members the morning of 9/12/21. To possibly hold the National there on April 22, 2023—April 29, 2023.

Dean Eelman and Katie Averil are considering presenting a proposal for the 2023 National for the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Resort in Stone Mountain, GA. The deadline is October 15 to present a proposal.

- **Nominating Committee – Kim Horn-Janek**

On September 6, the proposed slate was sent to the nominating committee members and J. Katona. K. Horn Janek listed committee members and alternates along with the open positions.

- **Registry of Merit (ROM) – K.C. Artley**

Sire:

GCH DC Windrift Tahoe Chances Are SC FCH ROMX-C (from a ROM-C)

Dams:

GCHB Soyara's Karmen Fantasy ROM-C
CH Starswift Lightning Quick SC FCH ROM
GCH Windrift Need You Tonight JC ROM-C

A motion was made to accept the nominees for the ROMs: S. McFadden

Second: J. Katona

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

- **Standing Rules – Ron Williams**

The accounting and officers & board sections were recently updated.

A motion was made to approve the standing committee reports: K. Horn Janek

Second: L. Hoflin

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Pennsylvania Club Incorporation – Ron Williams**

The documents needed to renew our address of incorporation were posted on the io site.

- Regional Governor's Mentor Inquiry

K. Ackerman asked the current mentors in her region. All their info was correct on the website, and all wanted to remain as mentors. No other governors had anything to report.

- Home Visits for Applying for Membership – Group Discussion

Much discussion was held to simplify the membership process concerning home visits. Veterinarians can be used if they come to your home and fill out a sponsor form.

S. McFadden surveyed her region. A small number responded and of those that did, the majority felt that a video should be sufficient while some didn't feel anything should be required to check out potential members. The board discussed how to involve the membership in this decision.

It was agreed to have the regional governors all send out the same survey to their members.

R. Williams asked S. McFadden send her survey to everyone on the Board and have the governors send it to their regions.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- Futurity Chairman Candidates

- Cindi Gredys
- Barbara Simpson
- Rebecca Neal

A motion was made to offer the position of Futurity Secretary to Rebecca Neal and the Futurity Chairman position to Cindi Gredys pursuant to them agreeing to the job description: L. Hoflin

Second: S. McFadden

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

- PayPal Increase / Sale Item Charges: Apply actual fee or flat rate?

Tabled until next meeting.

- Parent Club Survey

P. Hlatky will be asked to fill out the survey.

- Changing the age breakdowns for our Regular Veteran classes –

P. Hlatky

“Veterans are a non-regular class and as a result at our National we are able to set our own age brackets. I believe it would be a welcome move to have the same age brackets as in the sweepstake classes.”

Tabled until next meeting.

➤ 2023 Judge Announcement

A motion was made that we announce the 2023 judges: B.

Danieli

Second: K. Novotny

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

The judges for 2023 are as follows:

Conformation Judge: Marina Ostrovskaya (Russia)

Sweepstakes Judge: Roy Silguero

➤ BCOA Facebook Page

Tabled until next meeting.

➤ BCOA approval with the AKC to accept Silken Windhounds – Kim H-J

A discussion was held regarding C. Swilley’s request to have the membership make a decision whether or not to give our approval to the AKC to accept Silken Windhounds. We were approached by AKC once, five years ago, and voted against their acceptance. It was decided to contact C. Swilley and ask her to create a proposal for the board to review.

➤ BCOA By-Laws Revision – Kim H-J

K. Horn Janek received a request from A. Balthrop to be included in a committee to revise the by-laws.

➤ Adjustment to Breed Standard – Barbara Tyler Lord

“I make a formal request that the Borzoi Club of America address the accidental removal of the word BROAD from the description of the Borzoi hock in our official breed standard. As I suggested during our conversation, Lena Tamboer should be contacted to detail this matter as she was on the committee when the accidental removal of the word took place.

I believe the word BROAD is vital in providing an accurate description of this part of our breed's structure. If any committee

is formed, I formally ask to be included as a member of such committee. My hope is that this matter is put on the front burner by the board and dealt with through the proper channels, as soon as possible.”

Apparently, when this happened, the then-current board voted to leave the error in the standard and it was kept off.

A brief discussion was held, and the topic was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

- Review our Confidentiality Agreement – Prudence H
“It isn't well written and could be greatly approved upon, with input from legal counsel. It would also be more appropriate to call it a ‘Non-Disclosure Agreement’.”
Tabled until the next meeting.

President’s newsletter is tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn: K. Horn Janek

Second B. Danieli

All in favor, none opposed, motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:15 pm (EST)