



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
FINAL  
November 5, 2022 - Face to Face  
Olympia, Washington**

1. **ROLL CALL** – taken and meeting commenced at: 9:16 am (PST)

<b>OFFICERS/BOARD</b>	<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>
Ron Williams, President	Yes
Shirley McFadden, Vice President	Yes
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	Yes
Joyce Katona, Recording Secretary	No
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	Yes
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	Yes
Kari McCloskey, Region 1	No
Elizabeth Tolley, Region 2	Yes
Amy Sorbie, Region 3	Yes
Kay Novotny, Region 4	Yes
Kristina Terra, Region 5	Yes
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	Yes

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Joyce Katona, the minutes were taken by the Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Danieli.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 29, September 6, September 15 & September 19**

*Motion to delay approving the BCOA Board minutes until there is sufficient time for the Board to review the 9.19.22 minutes as they were received one day prior to the F2F meeting – P. Hlatky  
Second: K. Horn Janek  
All in favor; none opposed  
Motion carried*

- **PRESIDENT – Ron Williams**

K. Terra has set up a tour of the facility for the BCOA Board at 1:00 pm.

R. Williams asked that we stay on track for this meeting as there is a lot of information to cover on the agenda.

R. Williams will contact J. Katona via phone for some areas of discussion that the Board has questions on.

- 10/21/22 – Lyn & I upgraded the IO site to the yearly payment plan of \$220
- Mailed all Welcome letters to sixteen newly elected members
- 10/20/22 - Sent email to Barb Ewing regarding the Board's Nominating Bylaw change Petition decision
- 10/21/22 - Sent Blast email to BCOA members regarding the Board's Nominating Bylaw change Petition decision
- Working with Helen to introduce a calendar of BCOA events on the website
- Received examples of Amy's region letter as an example for a Presidential Membership letter.

- **Vice President – Shirley McFadden**

S. McFadden discussed the Ways & Means Committee. S. McFadden wants the Board to consider raising the membership dues in 2023 and thanked the Board for participating in correcting the discrepancies between the written dues amount in the Standing Rules and the amount on the Dues Renewal form.

S. McFadden addressed the large amount of inventory in the POD. S. McFadden will work with H. Lee to update the inventory on the BCOA website, based on the inventory counted in the POD. S. McFadden provided the BCOA Centrifuge to N. Hopkins for safekeeping for future Health Clinics.

B. Danieli suggested using some of the current National inventory to send to new members.

S. McFadden also mentioned she sold some of the BCOA merchandise at a recent Regional Specialty in Texas. She sold approximately \$135 of merchandise (most done thru PayPal and the remainder to be sent to L. Hoflin, Treasurer).

Discussion ensued about the varying cost schedule for membership dues, ie., single, household, and foreign. It was also discussed the Board entertain a household dues increase effective in 2024.

S. McFadden also mentioned that she and K. McCloskey discussed having a BCOA Flash sale with BCOA inventory; if possible, prior to the holiday season of 2022.

- **REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Joyce Katona (report attached)**

Contacted J. Katona via conference call to discuss questions/comments about her report. R. Williams addressed corrections on the Recording Secretary report with J. Katona. J. Katona made the suggested changes to her report and uploaded the revised Recording Secretary Report to the I/O group site for approval. R. Williams made a note to contact Mr. and Mrs. Dorman when a Social Media Committee is established.

- **Member Applications**

- **First Readings**

- ❖ **Melanie Richards**  
**St. Paul, MN Reg. 6**  
**[queridaroux@gmail.com](mailto:queridaroux@gmail.com)**  
(Sponsors: Kay Cassella & Lydia Pruett)

- **Second Readings (4)**

The Board went into Executive session at 10:40 am to discuss the second reading of a BCOA applicant. An email will be sent to the applicant by the Recording Secretary of the results. The sponsors will be given a chance to appeal to the membership at the annual meeting. The Executive session ended at 11:43am.

- ❖ **Scott & Lori Meister**  
**Verona, WI Reg. 6**  
**[meister@tds.net](mailto:meister@tds.net)**  
(Sponsors: Susan Motisi & Caryl Dumaine)
- ❖ **Anna Piper**  
**Houston, TX Reg. 3**  
**[azamakhov@yahoo.com](mailto:azamakhov@yahoo.com)**  
(Sponsors: Margaret Lucia & Kay Cassella)
- ❖ **Daniel & Lisha Piszczatoski**  
**Murrells Inlet, SC Reg. 2**  
**[lishatoski@gmail.com](mailto:lishatoski@gmail.com)**  
(Sponsors: Susanne Cecere & Stephanie Hawley Parker)
- ❖ **Wendy Wilkinson**  
**Springfield, OR Reg. 5**  
**[Wnd.wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:Wnd.wilkinson@gmail.com)**  
(Sponsors: Robin Riel & Patricia Wiseman)

*Motion to accept the first and second readings as listed – K. Horn Janek*  
*Motion seconded – L. Hoflin*  
*All in favor; none opposed*  
*Motion carried*

R. Williams will send Welcome letters to the elected applicants.

- **Junior (No applicants)**

- **Trophy Supported Entries (None submitted)**

At 11:48 am the BCOA Board went into Executive session to discuss correspondence from a BCOA member. The BCOA Board moved out of Executive session at 11:57 am.

*Motion made to approve the Recording Secretary report (with the appropriate corrections as discussed with J. Katona via conference call) – P. Hlatky*  
*Motion seconded – B. Tolley*  
*All in favor; none opposed*  
*Motion carried*

- **REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Barbara Danieli (report attached)**

*Motion made to approve the Corresponding Secretary report – K. Horn Janek*

*Motion seconded – K. Novotny*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion carried*

- **REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Lyn Snyder Hoflin (report attached)**

B. Danieli inquired about progress on separate spreadsheets that segregate between years (2022 vs 2023). L. Hoflin continues to work in this area.

K. Horn Janek mentioned the fact that the Health Committee's reconciliation for the Health activities at the 2022 BCOA National Specialty do not agree with the Treasurer's reconciliation of monies received and spent.

*Motion to accept the Treasurer report – B. Tolley*

*Motion seconded: - A. Sorbie*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion carried*

- **REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE – Prudence Hlatky (report attached)**

Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding the AKC Delegate report.

Discussed AKC's interest in assigning a Breeder Education Coordinator. A. Sorbie and P. Hlatky tasked with producing a suggested list of oversight and job responsibilities for this new position by 12.31.22.

Reviewed and discussed the remainder of P. Hlatky's report.

*Motion made to approve the AKC Delegate Report – B. Danieli*

*Motion Seconded – K. Horn Janek*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion carried*

- **REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS -**

- **Region One Governor -Kari McCloskey (report attached)**

Discussed Dual Champion class at the BCOA National Specialty and the "mystery" judge. Members are increasingly non-supportive of the "mystery" judge for the Dual Championship Stakes.

- **Region Two Governor – Betsy Tolley (report attached)**
- **Region Three Governor – Amy Sorbie (report attached)**
- **Region Four Governor – Kay Novotny (report attached)**
- **Region Five Governor – Kristina Terra (report attached)**
- **Region Six Governor – Kim Horn Janek (report attached)**

*Motion made to approve the Regional Governors reports – S. McFadden*

*Motion seconded – P. Hlatky*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion carried*

• **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES -**

- **AKC Gazette Columnist – Kristina Terra**
- **Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas**

The Board discussed the need to find N. Katsarelas's replacement Chairperson. R. Williams recorded suggested names to fill this position for 2023.

- **Annual Versatility Award and Versatility Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny**
- **Aristocrat Editor – Helen Lee**

The Board discussed offering a slight discount for holiday greetings per H. Lee's request. R. William to speak with H. Lee about the type of discount, but the Board supports a holiday discount.

- **BCOA Archivist – K.C. Artley**
- **BCOA Shop – Kari McCloskey**
- **BCOA Webmaster – Helen Lee**

R. Williams received a list of website notifications for the BCOA Shop PayPal purchases. R. Williams will forward this list to the Board.

- **Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee – Barbara O'Neill**
- **Borzoi Welfare – Danielle Steenkamp**

The Board discussed fundraising and welfare social media page as presented by D. Steenkamp.

- **Canine Ambassador Program – Susanne Cecere**
- **Championship Medals for Conformation – Christine Danker**
- **Championship Medals for Performance and Companion Titles – Amy Balthrop**
- **Club Inventory and Medals – Barbara O'Neill**
- **Futurity Event – Cindi Gredys**
- **Futurity Entries – Rebecca Neal**
- **Health Chair – Nancy Hopkins**

The BCOA Board went into Executive session at 3:23 pm to discuss health report and issues. The Board came out of Executive session at 3:39 pm.

*Motion made to have Board approval for all future mandated health testing as recommended by the BCOA Health Committee, including those tests required for a CHIC number – A. Sorbie*

*Motion Seconded – B. Tolley*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion carried*

*Motion made to change required advanced cardiac exam (echocardiogram) for CHIC number recommended on the OFA Database site (until the BCOA membership can vote on this topic at the 2023 BCOA Annual Meeting) – A. Sorbie*

*Motion Seconded – K. Horn Janek*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion carried*

*Motion made to reinstate the auscultation requirement for the CHIC number (as required in prior years) – A, Sorbie*

*Motion Seconded – K. Horn Janek*

*All in favor; none opposed*

*Motion carried*

The Board requested that R. Williams contact OFA to inquire on the procedure to update the OFA requirements and report back to the BCOA Board.

- **Health – Canine Health Foundation and Morris Animal Foundation – Ginger Jones**

R. Williams to follow up with G. Jones on her report to the Board at year-end (as G. Jones indicated in an email that she had some items to follow up on and report to the Board).

- **Judges Education – Patti Neale**

A. Sorbie brought the Board up to date on discussions with P. Neale. The history aspect of Judge's Education was discussed as well as not stating what is of highest /least importance. A. Sorbie reported that P. Neale would like assistance with the history piece of Judge's Education and K. Terra offered to assist. Certification of P. Neale's presentation by the Board will be decided after presentations at the 2023 BCOA National Specialty (and potentially, member input).

P. Neale would prefer Member's Education on Thursday evening for the 2023 BCOA National Specialty and Judge's Education on Friday evening.

- **Junior Showmen – Barbara Tyler Lord**
- **Legislative Affairs Liaison – Lyn Snyder Hoflin**
- **Meet the Breeds – New York – Ron Williams**

The announcement of the 2023 AKC Meet the Breeds tour dates and sign-ups will be made available in November.

- **Member Education – Prudence Hlatky (refer to AKC Delegate report)**
- **National Specialty Chairperson – Kim Horn Janek**

- 2023 – Virginia Beach April 22- 29, 2023
  - Still in need of a Trophy Chair
  - O. Abernathy will oversee Grooming space
  - K. Novotny will oversee Grounds
  - Discussed tenting, generator and plastic floor covering; pricing tbd
- 2024 – Olympia, WA April 20 – 27, 2024
- K. Terra asked about a lure coursing budget and using local judges.

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

*Motion made to approve the Standing Committee reports – P. Hlatky*  
*Motion Seconded – S. McFadden*  
*All in favor; none opposed*  
*Motion carried*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Side Committees- Various**

- JEC Trifold Update- R. Williams will have trifold uploaded to the BCOA website and sent to mentors

- Board & Committee Code of Conduct Update – (R. Williams, B. Tolley and J. Katona) R. Williams will implement the updated Code of Conduct when confirming the 2023 BCOA Chairpersons.
- Broad Hock Update – (R. Williams, B. Tolley, P. Hlatky, B. Danieli, P. Neale, and B. Tyler-Lord) – No update at this time.
- Fund Raising – S. McFadden under Ways & Means, working with K. McCloskey (see VP report above)
- AKC Heritage Preservation Bank Update – A. Sorbie (refer to Supporting Documents for email).

The Board discussed A. Sorbie's suggestions/outlined. A. Sorbie to send the discussed/updated criteria to the Board.

- **Electronic Voting Response and changing the By-laws to allow for electronic voting – Kari**

- American Whippet Club uses this company for their electronic voting: <https://www.eballot.com/>

As a club member you are automatically enrolled to use electronic voting with the option to opt out of it, to receive paper ballot instead. They now mail about 10-20 ballots now instead of the entire membership. Their goal is to drop paper ballot eventually as it will not be an option for new membership. There are a few options available for this service.

I think we would need to calculate how much we are spending on printing, mailings, and tabulator, to compare it to this type of service option.

Per B. Tolley -

I think we will need to consult with the certified parliamentarian again before we make any amendments regarding electronic balloting. In addition, we will need to consult with a lawyer who is very familiar with PA law regarding non-profits. I am hopeful the certified parliamentarian may be able to recommend someone. One of my all-breed clubs amended our bylaws to allow for teleconferencing for meetings and electronic voting. After asking its lawyer to review the changes, the lawyer told us that MS laws prohibit email notification of membership meetings. We were surprised because another member, who is also a lawyer in MS, reviewed the Bylaws previously and did not detect that issue. I have to wonder how carefully she made her initial review. We need to be certain that the lawyer we consult is very familiar with PA nonprofits.

Discussion of the above topic was postponed for the next BCOA Board meeting.

- Newsletter Update – Amy & Ron (in process)
- National Poll Follow-up – Amy (no other follow-up necessary)
- BCOA Puppy Referral – postponed to the next BCOA Board meeting.
- AKC Borzoi Network Broadcast Sound Bite Review (BCOA Board will work on this topic via email thru R. Williams)

Originally approved Saturday, 5 November 2016 San Antonio, Texas:

*Borzoi are wonderful companions and make great therapy dogs. An original AKC breed, this large sighthound was recognized in 1891. In earliest depictions from the 12th century, the graceful Borzoi pursued a variety of game in his native Russia. Today, Borzoi participate in conformation, coursing, agility, obedience, as well as other canine competitions. A calm demeanor and sensitive nature belie the powerful and courageous hunter dressed in a beautiful coat which may be any color or combination of colors.*

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- ***Motion made to increase the household dues amount to \$65 effective 1.1.24 – S. McFadden***  
***Motion seconded – B. Tolley***  
***All in favor; none opposed.***  
***Motion carried***

- AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award – the Board is to think about potential nominations and provide member names/bios at the next Board meeting.
- Stud Dog / Brood Bitch and DC Stakes Judge Nominations – P. Hlatky

***Motion made to remove Standing Rule NAT11 which prevents BCOA from offering Amateur Owner Handler – P. Hlatky***  
***Motion seconded – A. Sorbie***  
***All in favor; none opposed***  
***Motion carried***

***Motion made to eliminate Standing Rule NAT22 (Only the regular conformation Judge shall judge the triathlon conformation portion of the event) – P. Hlatky***  
***Motion seconded – K. Novotny***  
***All in favor; none opposed***  
***Motion carried***

***Motion made to ask the “mystery” judge to judge Triathlon and Dual Champion at the 2023 BCOA National Specialty – K. Novotny***  
***Motion seconded – B. Tolley***  
***All in favor; none opposed***  
***Motion carried***

- Junior Showmanship Scholarships – B. Tyler Lord and P. Hlatky (postponed to discussions via email led by R. Williams)
- New Member Applicants – P. Hlatky (refer to Supporting Documents for information)

***Motion made that new member applicants for the first reading be listed on the Member’s Only section of the BCOA Website – P. Hlatky***  
***Motion seconded – B. Tolley***  
***All in favor; none opposed***  
***Motion carried***

- Member Mentoring/Education - Senior breeders Interviews – P. Hlatky (removed as discussed under the AKC Delegate report).
- Review Retiring Kennel Name Criteria – P. Hlatky
  - Update Standing Rules / Form online – BCOA Board has decided to manage on a case-by-case basis.
- BCOA Health Statement Review – P. Hlatky – Discussed within the Standing Committee Reports under Health.
  - Update AKC Statement, but currently the links on the AKC website are not working.



- Current: The Borzoi Club of America does not require any health testing, but does recommend testing breeding stock for eyes, heart, thyroid, and degenerative myopathy. These are the tests required for a Borzoi to receive a CHIC number. Two health issues we cannot test for are bloat and osteosarcoma. This health policy has been approved by the Borzoi Club of America's Board of Directors. Karen Mays, Corresponding Secretary Borzoi Club of America.
- Mark Dunn (AKC Executive VP) statement on AKC policy on content. As Executive VP, Mark continues to lead AKC's core customer and core revenue operations and is responsible for over 60% of AKC's business. He also leads AKC's Business Intelligence and Internal Consulting Group, two teams tasked with supporting the entire organization's self-awareness and growth, and he leads other initiatives as directed by the CEO.
- The target audience for the Parent Club health statements is larger than just parent club members. The statements should provide a clear and concise "call to action" for anyone interested in breeding the breed and should also provide a guide for pet buyers who want to know what tests/clearances a responsible breeder should perform on dams and sires. Such a call to action does not have to use the word "required," but regardless of wording should connote a strong suggestion that all responsible breeders should heed and that all pet buyers should expect all breeders to perform.
- Listing optional tests on the statement is OK, but keep in mind that Breeders of Merit and Bred with HEART breeders are not "required by AKC" to do optional tests. Also, it is likely that optional tests listed on the health statements can cause some confusion for inexperienced breeders and pet buyers who don't understand why/when an optional test is important. Clubs should consider the use of options carefully. Having a laundry list of optional tests might give the wrong impression to pet buyers interested in the breed.

***Motion made to adjourn the meeting - B. Danieli***

***Motion seconded – S. McFadden***

***All in favor; none opposed***

***Motion carried***

**Meeting Adjourned at: 7:04 pm (PST)**