



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

**Date: (3) February 20, 2023 Teleconference**  
**(2) February 6, 2023 Teleconference**  
**January 26, 2023 – Teleconference**

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1. **ROLL CALL** – taken and meeting commenced at: 8:03 – 8:05 – 8:05 pm (EST)

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
Ron Williams, President	Y – Y - Y
Shirley McFadden, Vice President	Y – Y - Y
Lyn Snyder Hoflin, Treasurer	Y – Y - Y
Ginger Jones, Recording Secretary	Y – Y - Y
Barbara Danieli, Corresponding Secretary	Y – Y - Y
Prudence Hlatky, AKC Delegate	Y – Y - Y
Kari McCloskey, Region 1	Y* – Y – Y***
Elizabeth Tolley, Region 2	Y – Y - Y
Amy Sorbie, Region 3	Y** – Y - Y
Kay Novotny, Region 4	Y – Y - Y
Kristina Terra, Region 5	Y – Y - Y
Kim Horn Janek, Region 6	Y – Y - Y

Guest – Joyce Katona	Y- N/A – N/A
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- \* K. McCloskey left the meeting at 10:32 pm
- \*\*A. Sorbie left the meeting at 8:56 pm and returned to the meeting at 9:49 pm.
- \*\*\* K. McCloskey called into the meeting at 8:30 pm

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11.5.23**

**Motion made to approve the board minutes of 11.5.23 – L. Hoflin**  
**Motion seconded by P. Hlatky**  
**All in favor; none opposed.**

**3. PRESIDENT – Ron Williams**

- Welcome – R. Williams welcomed the BCOA Board to a new year and welcomed G. Jones to her new position of BCOA Recording Secretary. R. Williams also mentioned there remains areas that G. Jones needs access to, i.e, Dial-pad meeting notices. R. Williams also reminded G. Jones to contact him with any difficulties or questions.

R. Williams thanked J. Katona for all her contributions to the BCOA Board over the years.

R. Williams indicated the BCOA Board will review the officer reports at this meeting and the next meeting will be the governor reports.

P. Hlatky asked if all Board members had signed the Code of Conduct for 2023. R. Williams to work with J. Katona to determine if any Board member has yet to sign the Code of Conduct. J. Katona did not have a list of Board members who have not signed the Code of Conduct in time for this Board meeting.

The Board discussed the status of the former Health Committee (as all verbally resigned, except for Karla Smith, at the 1.24.23 Health Committee meeting (R. Williams, A. Sorbie and G. Jones attended from the BCOA Board).

Discussion ensued regarding the survey/poll/feedback and the Board committed to polling the membership as quickly as possible.

R. Williams has reached out to several members with regards to replacing the BCOA Health Chair and Health Committee. R. Williams will continue to keep the Board advised of any progress made in replacements.

R. Williams reviewed his list of Committee Chairs with the BCOA Board. R. Williams mentioned there were some Chair positions that are unfilled as of today’s date. He will continue to search and follow up with recommendations (descriptions of the job functions will be forwarded to prospective candidates). All Committee Chairs have signed the BCOA Chair Code of Conduct form.

**New Chairs:**

- Canine Ambassador Program - Emily Killian
- New Membership Chair - Kelley Frary
- Parliamentarian – Betsy Tolley
- AFSA Delegate – Susan Van de Water, MD

There were additional discussions and recommendations for the open Chair Committee positions. R. Williams asked S. McFadden to be the Standing Rules Chairperson, who is uncommitted as of this meeting.

**4. Vice President – Shirley McFadden**

S. McFadden discussed the wearables in the BCOA POD that is currently taking up much space. S. McFadden brought the Board up to date advising she has worked with H. Lee in setting up an online store. S. McFadden is working on the merchandising for the Specialty sales for the 2023 National Specialty. National Specialty sales for 2023, will primarily be pre-sell items, with very limited items being made available at the National.

In addition, S. McFadden has been assisting Joyce Law with the 2023 trophies for the National. B. Tolley thanked Shirley for all her efforts.

**5. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Ginger Jones / Joyce Katona (report attached)**

The Board discussed the Recording Secretary report, and some corrections were made.

**A motion was made to accept the Recording Secretary report with the corrections:**

**B. Danieli**

**Motion seconded: A. Sorbie**

**All in favor; none opposed.**

**• Member Applications**

**○ First Readings**

❖ Pamela Schwentner  
Cedar Grove, NC Reg. 2  
[flyingratdog@gmail.com](mailto:flyingratdog@gmail.com)  
(Sponsors: Randi Jackson & Sandra Moore-Doby)

❖ Claire Breen  
Saint Johns, MI  
[helloclairebreen@gmail.com](mailto:helloclairebreen@gmail.com)  
(Sponsors: Erica Wolf & Barb Ewing)

**Motion made to accept the first readings of the new**

**applicants: B. Danieli**

**Motion seconded: B. Tolley**

**All in favor; none opposed.**

**○ Second Readings**

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

**Motion made to approve the second reading of the new**

**BCOA member: P. Hlatky**

**Motion seconded: L. Hoflin**

**All in favor; none opposed.**

**○ Junior**

❖ None submitted.

**• Trophy Supported Entries**

P. Hlatky brought to the Board's attention her late submission of the Houston Kennel Club TSE. B. Danieli indicated she would send an email to the Board, with the pertinent information, requesting a vote via email.

- **Mailings - None**

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

**A motion was made to approve the Corresponding Secretary report: P. Hlatky  
Motion seconded: B. Tolley  
All in favor; none opposed.**

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

L.Hoflin advised the Board that dues and trophy payments are continuing to be received. Not all transactions have been categorized in QuickBooks yet.

The Board discussed the Treasurer's report and requested L. Hoflin separate 2022 and 2023 financials for purposes of review. The review of the Treasurer's report has been postponed pending L. Hoflin providing the updated report. To be discussed at the next BCOA Board meeting on 2.6.23.

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

**Motion made to accept the AKC Delegate report with the slate of Officers postponed to next board meeting: B. Danieli  
Motion seconded: K. Horn Janek  
All in favor; none opposed.**

**Meeting Adjourned at: 11:08 pm (EST)**

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

B. Danieli raised a concern for the necessity of a financial review and L Hoflin said that she planned to schedule a review of the books after the National Specialty.

B. Danieli also offered to work with Lyn to develop a clear plan of what the "reviewer" will review, sample, trace, etc. so there is a clear understanding of the functions to be expected and performed by the reviewer. This financial review plan will be provided to the BCOA Board for comments and review prior to securing a third party to review the BCOA financial statements.

B. Danieli also asked Lyn (going forward) to provide Excel account schedules that separate 2022 postings from 2023 on the financial statements and continue this process for all years going forward. B. Danieli also reminded Lyn that she needs to close the 12.31.22 financial statements (no more posting to 2022).

B. Danieli inquired if the reconciliation for prior AKC Delegate's expenses had been provided to the Treasurer (L. Hoflin) and was everything to her satisfaction. L. Hoflin indicated she received the reconciliation, it was reviewed, and P. Hlatky was owed less than \$10 (which P. Hlatky donated to BCOA vs. taking a refund).

The Board discussed account classifications on QuickBooks with L. Hoflin.

***Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report: P. Hlatky  
Motion seconded: B. Danieli  
All in favor; none opposed.***

## **10. REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE – Prudence Hlatky (report attached)**

*Motion made to accept and have P. Hlatky vote for the following AKC Board candidates at her next AKC Delegate meeting (Charles Garvin, Dan Smythe and Eduardo Toshio): B. Danieli  
Motion seconded: L. Hoflin  
All in favor; none opposed.*

## **11. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNORS –**

R. Williams stressed the need for Regional Governors to attend at least one meeting in their region on a yearly basis. He reiterated that it is imperative Regional Governors communicate with their local clubs and send reports to them.

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

K. McCloskey also added she is working with the Delaware Hound Association in an attempt to get larger entries for Region 1 shows. K./ McCloskey discussed the continued difficulty in getting entries for shows.

- **Region Two Governor – Betsy Tolley (report attached)**

Refer to B. Tolley’s National Committee report. B. Tolley has been working to contact life members who have not responded to dues notices (updating contact information).

- **Region Three Governor – Amy Sorbie (report attached)**

A. Sorbie added she has been making progress with life members responding. She also received a request from Veni Harlan indicating she had not received the BCOA medal for a dog that had completed its championship. Follow up required with Chris Danker.

- **Region Four Governor – Kay Novotny (report attached)**

K. Novotny addressed the Board regarding a letter received from Barbara Binder. B. Binder was concerned with two statements issued within the updated BCOA Tri-fold. One – the use of the word “plush” when referring to the Borzoi coat. This term is not reflected in the Borzoi Breed Standard, and Two – “teeth are not that important (B. Binder believes teeth and bites are very important to the overall form and function of the Borzoi. B. Binder is requesting further discussion to be held in an upcoming meeting, either in a BCOA Board Meeting or the BCOA Annual Meeting in Virginia.

R. Williams will also forward B. Binder’s letter to Patti Neale for her opinion/interpretation.

- **Region Five Governor – Kristina Terra (report attached)**

K. Terra mentioned she has some member address updates and will forward to the applicable Board members. She inquired about the status of the hotel contract for 2024 National and B.Tolly indicated that the negotiations are going well.

- **Region Six Governor – Kim Horn Janek (report attached)**

K. Horn Janek indicated all members in her region (that were past due) have paid their dues, except for one member.

*Motion made to accept the Regional Governor reports: P. Hlatky  
Motion Seconded: G. Jones  
All in favor; none opposed.*

## **12. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES –**

R. Williams reviewed updated responses and interest in committee positions from the membership with the Board. R. Williams indicated the following members are interested in the committee chairmen positions and committees as follows:

Stuart McGraw – Top Five Awards  
Justine Spiers – Annual Awards and member of the Health Committee  
Gary Gideon – Specialty Sales  
Ginger Jones – interim Health Committee

There was additional discussion about responses received and potential candidates to fill the open BCOA Committee Chair positions. R. Williams to send an updated list of open positions to the Regional Governors.

*Motion made to accept the new Chairs as listed above (S. McGraw, J. Spiers, G. Gideon, and G. Jones): K. Horn Janek  
Motion seconded: K. Novotny  
All in favor; none opposed.*

- **AKC Gazette Columnist – Kristina Terra**
- **Annual Awards –**
- **Annual Top 5 Awards –**
- **Annual Versatility Award and Versatility Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny**
- **Aristocrat Editor – Helen Lee**
- **ASFA Delegate – Susan Van de Water**
- **BCOA Archivist – K.C. Artley**
- **BCOA Shop –**
- **BCOA Webmaster – Helen Lee**
- **Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee – Barbara O’Neill**

*Motion to approve the expense of approximately \$150 for the updating of the BTTF Applications form: G. Jones  
Motion seconded: S. McFadden  
All in favor; none opposed.*

*Motion to approve conf call expenditures of approximately \$300 being returned to BCOA (due to following BCOA Board mandated procedure with regards to conference call savings): B. Danieli  
Motion seconded: P. Hlatky  
All in favor; none opposed.*

*Motion to approve the expenditure to NBRF in the amount of \$5,000: S. McFadden  
Motion seconded: G. Jones  
All in favor; none opposed.*

- **Borzoi Welfare –**
- **Canine Ambassador Program – Emily Killian**
- **Championship Medals for Conformation – Christine Danker**
- **Championship Medals for Performance and Companion Titles – Amy Balthrop**
- **Championship Medals for Open Field – Lyn Hoflin**
- **Club Inventory and Medals – Barbara O’Neill**
- **Futurity Event – Cindi Gredys**
- **Futurity Entries – Lydia Pruett**
- **Health Chair – Ginger Jones**
- **Health – Canine Health Foundation and Morris Animal Foundation – Ginger Jones**
- **Judges Education – Patti Neale**
- **Junior Showmen – Barbara Tyler Lord**
- **Keeping in Touch –**
- **Legislative Affairs Liaison – Lyn Snyder Hoflin**

- Meet the Breeds – New York – Ron Williams
- Meet the Breeds – Orlando – Patti Neale
- Member Education – Prudence Hlatky
- National Specialty Chairperson – Kim Horn Janek
  - 2023 – Virginia Beach April 22- 29, 2023
  - 2024 – Olympia, WA April 20 – 27, 2024
- Nominating Committee – TBA
- Ready Borzoi –
- Registry of Merit (ROM) – K.C. Artley
- BCOA Shop –
- Specialty Guidelines –
- Standardized Trophies –
- Standing Rules – TBA

*Motion made to accept all committee reports: K. Novotny*

*Motion seconded: L. Hoflin*

*All in favor; none opposed.*

*Motion made to end this Board Meeting at 10:56 pm and postpone the remainder of this meeting to February 23, 2023: R. Williams*

*Motion seconded: B. Danieli*

*All in favor; none opposed.*

### **13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Side Committees Updates:**

- **Broad Hock Update – (R. Williams, B. Tolley, P. Hlatky, B. Danieli, P. Neale, and B. Tyler-Lord)**

R. Williams indicated this Committee has not met since last year. R. Williams indicated he will make it a priority moving forward and will send a notice this week to the Committee.

P Hlatky reported that Grace Conally's daughter has moved to Seattle and took Past BCOA President Grace's records with her. At a later time, she'll look through Grace's documents. Russ Everhart was chair of the Standard revision committee and BCOA President. His records were first given to Ginger Pruss and then later to Judith Dennis. R. Williams will set up further meetings to address this topic.

- **Fund Raising – S. McFadden under Ways & Means, working with K. McCloskey**

K. McCloskey resigned from this committee and S. McFadden has assumed the responsibility for BCOA Fund Raising for the 2023 National.

- **AKC Heritage Preservation Bank Update – A. Sorbie**

AKC is yet to move forward with this initiative.

A. Sorbie updated the Board on the plan and purpose for the AKC Preservation Bank.

A. Sorbie is planning to add 3 committee members. R. Williams asked A. Sorbie to bring her Committee member recommendations to the Board for review.

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

Postponed – K. McCloskey not yet present at the board meeting. B. Tolley offered to follow up on this project and determine if it is cost effective. B. Tolley offered to assist K. McClusky if K. McClusky plans to continue.

- **BCOA Puppy Referral**

The Board discussed a proposal to allow breeder referrals on the BCOA website. This proposal would require a disclaimer as BCOA cannot make any guarantees regarding puppies. Recommendation was to make it more of a space to advertise puppies at a fee and members can pay an annual fee to have their information listed in this section.

G. Jones suggested B. Danieli and B. Tolley work together to refine the plan and present the plan to the Board for review at the F2F Board meeting in April. If approved, the new program would be announced at the Annual membership meeting.

B. Danieli – AKC Pup Date – B. Danieli will provide information to the AKC for this program.

- **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*

P. Hlatky had an action item to update the AKC Executive Secretary (Gina M. DiNardo) with this information. This information is used when AKC announces breed information during televised AKC show events.

K. McCloskey joined the meeting at 8:30 pm



The Board reviewed the original proposal above with the following actions:

***Motion made to remove the following verbiage “and make great therapy dogs”:  
G. Jones***

***Motion seconded: B. Tolley***

***8 in favor: L. Hoflin, G. Jones, B. Danieli, P. Hlatky, B. Tolley, A. Sorbie, K. Horn Janek, K. Novotny***

***3 opposed: S. McFadden, K. McCloskey, K. Terra***

***Motioned passed.***

***Motion made to insert “therapy” after Obedience: K. Terra***

***Motion seconded: S. McFadden***

***Motion made to withdraw this change: K. Terra***

***Motion withdrawal accepted: S. McFadden***

***Motion made that after “obedience” add “therapy” and change “competitions”  
to “activities”:* K. Terra**

***Motion seconded: S. McFadden***

***7 in favor: S. McFadden, L. Hoflin, G. Jones, K. Terra, A. Sorbie, K. Novotny, B. Tolley***

***4 opposed: B. Danieli, P. Hlatky, K. McCloskey, K. Horn Janek***

***Motion Passed***

***Final Board approved AKC Network Broadcast Sound Bite will read as follows:***

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*P. Hlatky will submit the revision to AKC and to the Westminster KC Delegate (Donald Sturz).*

- **AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award – the Board is to think about potential nominations and provide member names/bios at F2F meeting in April.**

The Board discussed some potential candidates and will vote on this at the F2F in April.

- **Junior Showmanship Scholarships**

R. Williams indicated he is still working on this.

- **BCOA Health Statement Review – P. Hlatky – Update AKC Statement, but previously the links on the AKC website were 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.**

P. Hlatky indicated the AKC website is currently working.

Need to Replace Karen Mays’ name with B. Danieli who will correct this information with AKC.

The Health Committee will work on updating verbiage and bring recommendations back to the Board for review.

A. Sorbie reminded everyone about the survey coming out and discussion should be postponed until this Board receives results from the survey.

#### **14. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Health Committee**

New Committee : Ginger Jones (Chairman), Justine Spiers, Karen Klein, PhD, Karla Smith, DVM, Caryl Dumaine (Holter Coordinator), Kristi Arnquist, DVM and Anastasia Hester, DVM

**The Board moved to executive session at 9:28pm EST**

**The Board left executive session at 10:24pm EST**

- **Nominating Committee Selection  
Fred Vogel & Lorrie Scott 2022 alternates**

R. Williams mentioned P. Hlatky volunteered to Chair the Nominating Committee. K. Horn Janek asked the Board to be provided with additional time to consider Chair/Committee members as the deadline is June 30, 2023.

- **Lifetime Achievement Awards (see Supporting Documents)**

- Conformation
- Companion Events
- Performance

The Board should consider submitting recommendations for these awards. R. Williams will provide additional information.

- **Health Survey – B. Tolley**

B. Tolley tested the new program being used and the survey is ready to be sent to the membership.

- **Membership Booklet – G. Jones**

The Board reviewed an alternate printing company and associated costs. The current printing company also mails out the Membership booklet, but the alternate printing company would need to utilize an independent mailer. The Board agreed to stay with current printing company.

- **OTHER**

Shirley McFadden questioned whether the standing rules on the website were all current. Ron will look into his notes from past meetings to make sure all have been sent to Helen and will update board.

**Meeting adjourned at: 11:00pm EST**