



BCOA Board Meeting: Miami, Florida
Sunday, November 14, 2004 9:30 AM EST

In attendance: Barbara O'Neill, Karen Mays, Irina Terra, Maureen Bardwell, Nadine Johnson, Lydia Pruett, Shen Smith, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Chris Bradley, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. A quorum was established. Kathy Wright and Prudence Hlatky were absent for personal reasons.

President Barbara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM EST.

There were no additions or corrections to the August 11, 2004 Board meeting minutes. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Nadine Johnson, second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock.
MOTION PASSED.

Recording Secretary's Report -

Membership Applications:

1st Readings

Janice McGivney: 99 Bellport Ave, Medford NY 11763, sponsored by Janice Butkowsky and Sandra Moore.

Garnett Thompson: 4354 Fallbrook Road, Concord, CA 94521, sponsored by Richard Mason Terry and Chris Meyer.

2nd Readings

Stephen Sims: 1515 Willingham Hill Rd, Tuscumbia, AL 55674, sponsored by Sandra Moore and Susan Pennington.

Patricia Wiseman: PO Box 186, Lopez Island, WA 98261, sponsored by Irina Terra and Phyllis Potter.

Patty Hull: 22022 133rd Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296, sponsored by Jan Leikam and Nolan Rundquist.

No correspondence was received on the applicants having their second reading. A motion was made by Irina Terra to approve these membership applications, with a second by Nadine Johnson. MOTION PASSED.

Trophy Supported Entry requests were approved for:

3/20/05

Detroit Kennel Club (Detroit, MI)

Judge: Helen Stein, Sweeps: Laura Hyatt

*Information regarding these Trophy Supported Entries were sent to Margie Milne (Borzoi Connection website), Kathleen Kapaun (Borzoi Connection magazine) and to Tom Carroll (BCOA Medals Chairman).

Life Members effective in 2005:

Chris Bradley, Suzanne Deghi, Jeremy and Jackie Freshwater, Janine Gabel, Kenneth and Virginia Graff, Tom and Laurie Kasowski, Karen Mays, Carole Watson, Sara Whittington-Rowe.

Packet received notifying BCOA of the establishment of the Heart of Texas Borzoi Club. President Barbara O'Neill asked Lynn Shell-Whitlock to refrain from offering an opinion during the discussion in order to avoid any conflict of interest. Lynn will respond to direct questions only. BCOA recognized the Lone Star Borzoi Club on 12/4/99. Per AKC representative Mike Liosis, there can not be two Regional Clubs in the same region. Both of these clubs are in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Corresponding Secretary Karen Mays sent a letter to AKC in 10/04 verifying that BCOA had approved the Lone Star Borzoi Club. Karen Mays will send a letter Heart of Texas Borzoi Club to let them know that BCOA has already recognized the LSBC for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but we would be glad to entertain a proposal from a club that is at least 150 miles from the radius of Killeen, Texas (eg: Houston area).

Email received from Edwina Berg regarding suggestions for member appreciation and concern regarding the proposal to go to online minutes only. Karen Mays will send Edwina a letter thanking her for her suggestion. It will be taken under consideration.

A petition was received on behalf of Micheline Nash, nominating her for Region 6 Governor. A ballot and the bios for the two candidates have been sent to the mailing house to be postmarked by 11/15/04. Ballots are due to the tabulator by 12/15/04. Chris Bradley passed out a bio for our new tabulator Patricia Swanson.

A motion to approve the Recording Secretary's Report was made by Maureen Bardwell, a second by Karen Mays. MOTION PASSED.

Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached)

There was a correction to the report. On the 10/17/2004 entry, the date referred to should be 2005 not 2004.

Karen Staudt-Cartabona asked Karen Mays how she handles requests for puppy referrals. Karen Mays indicated that she gives the requestor the BCOA member's names in alphabetical order by state. She tells the potential buyers that the names are in alphabetical order and that they need to do their own research. Karen Mays reminded us that we wanted to add a line to the dues notices that asked members if they wanted to be contacted with puppy referrals.

Karen Mays passed around a copy of the premium for the AKC Invitational show.

There was a motion to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report was made by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, seconded by Nadine Johnson. MOTION PASSED.

Treasurer's report (see attached) -

There was a discussion regarding the Borzoi Connection and BCOA dues.

- Should the dues be raised to include the BC for BCOA members? If so, how would we address Life Members? We could subsidize the subscriptions for Life Members, but this could become a bookkeeping problem.
- Should the Aristocrat pages be sent out separately from the BC?
- Should a pdf be created for the Aristocrat pages and be put online?

No decision was reached at this time.

Shen Smith attended the AKC Parent Club Conference where she met with a tax attorney who was one of the presenters. She reported that our tax status needs to be changed from a C7 (for social clubs, which is fine as long as we don't make any money) to a C4 (club for the public good, as long as we make charitable contributions) because we have too much income from non members (we are only allowed to have 30% of our income come from non members with our current tax status). Most of this income is received at the National Specialty. We need to reduce our profit for 2004 (the National brought in much more income than was anticipated) or we will pay a large amount of these profits to income taxes.

- One of the suggestions from the attorney is that we should offer member discounts for everything that we can. If we offer things for free, that constitutes a profit (no member may profit from the club). This is an incentive for being a BCOA member! Our National Specialty One Stop Shopping form could have a line item discount at the bottom for BCOA members. Specialty sale items at the show would be priced higher than pre-orders. Members would be encouraged to use the discount on the pre-orders as it would be impossible to check for membership status while conducting the sales at the show.
- The attorney recommended that we should not include ads from non-members in the BCOA yearbook. We determined that there should be a price break for members but we would not want to exclude non-members from advertising as these books become historical references.
- Per the tax attorney, we should not have Treasurer's from the states of California, Connecticut, Minnesota or Indiana. We have to pay state income taxes if our checking account is located in a bank in those states. We owe state income taxes for the years that Marilyn Polsfuss was Treasurer (Minnesota) as we were unaware of this law at the time.

There was a motion from Maureen Bardwell, with a second from Karen Staudt-Cartabona, to change our tax status from a C7 to a C4. MOTION PASSED.

There was a motion from Karen Mays, with a second from Christine Bradley; that as a benefit of membership in BCOA, we are implementing member discounts. MOTION PASSED.

- Per advice from our tax attorney, rescue funds need to be used during the tax year in which they are received. Our \$5000 umbrella needs to be used by the end of this year. Maureen Bardwell will contact the rescue organizations that have a record of positive performance and disburse rescue monies to them.

A motion was made by Maureen Bardwell, with a second by Nadine Johnson, to dissolve the rescue umbrella and disperse the \$5000 we are currently holding, prior to the end of 2004, based on the advice of our tax attorney. MOTION PASSED.

- The tax attorney also indicated that there are several states in which we should not hold the National Specialty due to an issue with sales and local taxes. He suggested that we determine the sales tax status of the state prior to negotiating any contracts. Shen Smith will check with the attorney about this as it was not clear.
- Per the tax attorney, anyone that we pay (not reimburse) an amount over \$600.00 must be issued a 1099. Clarified that fees are separate from expenses when paying judges.

Shen Smith noted that our Membership Application and Code of Ethics need to be approved by the membership. Barbara O'Neill will make the following revisions on the application: Note that sponsor forms must be completed; bold the \$5.00 application fee; remove the reference to the rebate after 9/1. She will wordsmith and send it to the Board. Email Barbara with any recommendations.

There was a break for lunch at 12:15 EST. Meeting resumed at 1:30 EST.

To reduce our profits, the Board determined that we would pay the other half (\$1250) of pledged to the Thyroid Health Foundation Grant Study in 2004 instead of 2005. We will also give NBRF our annual contribution in 2004 for 2005.

There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report by Maureen Bardwell, seconded by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED.

AKC Delegate's Report (see attached) –

Karen Staudt-Cartabona asked what was happening with the electronic Stud Books. Karen Mays said she had sent a letter to AKC and told them to contact R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock regarding the Stud Books. Lynn indicated that she had not heard anything from AKC. We have not received any of the monthly updates at this point. She will contact them to find out the status.

A motion to approve the Delegates Report was made by Nadine Johnson, second by Lydia Pruett. MOTION APPROVED.

Governor Reports (see attached)-

Region 1 – BCGNY and BCDV had their specialties a week following the 2004 National Specialty. The BCGNY feels that the National was scheduled too close in time to these specialties and may cause a travel problem for those who wish to attend both. Several members are now threatening to boycott the National and International Conference in response. The Board is concerned that these clubs are unhappy, but the problems with scheduling and the process for accepting the National proposals have been explained. The 2007 National is to be held in Region 1. No proposals have been received at this time.

Region 2 – Nothing to add

Region 3 – Nothing to add

Region 4 – The Pickle Hill rescue situation is still on hold.

Region 5 – Nothing to add

Region 6 – Nothing to add

A motion was made to approve the Governor reports by Nadine Johnson, with a second by Karen Mays. MOTION PASSED.

Committee Reports- (see attached)

Club Historian –

Shen Smith indicated that the Specialty photo albums are being photographed and put on discs. Do we need hard copies of Specialty show photos in the future? Photographers are able to put these on CD and they cost less than the hard copies. If we have hard copies, we need a historian to maintain them. We will discuss this further prior to the National. There was a motion by Shen Smith, with a second by Christine Bradley, to prepay ½ the price of converting the albums to digital.

2005 Futurity – We now have 46 new litter nominations.

Health Committee – Maureen Bardwell made a motion, seconded by Karen Staudt-Cartabona, to approve a donation of \$5000 to be paid over a 2 year period for Grant Study #373 Mapping Genes. MOTION PASSED.

Maureen Bardwell and Ginger Jones have been in contact with Sue McGorray. She is drafting the health survey. Maureen will forward the draft to the Board when it is received. They would like to distribute it at the Texas National.

There was not enough information to make a decision about purchasing the books as a fundraiser, as proposed in the Health Committee report. This item was put on hold until there is more information.

Judges Education –

Shen Smith mailed the JEC CD's to all Board members. Karen Mays will send Shen a master set of the BCOA approved articles that are used in the JEC presentations. Shen will make copies and send out as needed.

Keeping in Touch – What is the criteria for submitting members names to this committee? Lydia Pruett will ask Edna Ogata for the criteria.

National Show Committee and Guidelines – Lydia Pruett asked that Board members help to solicit for trophy donations. Regional specialties, TSE's and performance events are a good place to solicit for donations so it would be helpful if Board members took a copy of the trophy list to these shows when they are attending them.

Barbara O'Neill showed us some ideas for items that could be used for "I Made the Cut" at the National If you have ideas, email Barbara prior to the February Board meeting. They will need to be ordered by March.

Rescue – There was a motion by Karen Staudt-Cartabona, with a second by Shen Smith, refusing to accept Maureen Bardwell's resignation as Rescue Chair. MOTION PASSED.

ROM – Karen Staudt-Cartabona indicated that she is concerned that many dogs are not listed as ROM that are listed in the last Borzoi Champions statistical book. Since this book is fairly recent it had been decided that the documentation on these dogs would still be easily accessible so owners/breeders should be able to submit it with their ROM applications. Barbara O'Neill will check with Barbara Ewing to see if there is another reason for not accepting dogs that are entered in all of the Champion books.

A motion to approve the Committee Reports was made by Maureen Bardwell, second by Lydia Pruett. MOTION APPROVED.

Unfinished Business:

Sweepstakes Judges List – At the annual membership meeting it was proposed that BCOA maintain a list of members interested in judging sweepstakes for TSE's or independent specialties. The Board was asked to develop the criteria and to maintain a list. After discussion it was agreed that the criteria for a member to have their name on this list should be that they have been a BCOA member for at least 5 years and are willing to travel at their own expense unless the club offers a stipend.

Those interested in being included on this list should send their names to Lydia Pruett, BCOA Recording Secretary (Lydia@hvalahounds.com). The list will be kept on the BCOA website. A motion to accept these criteria was made by Chris Bradley, with a second by Nadine Johnson. MOTION PASSED.

Online Minutes – Jennifer Beach-Buda and Shen Smith are creating a database for the Irish Wolfhounds that has such features as when dues are paid, the members will receive a username/password to be able to access their minutes. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock and Shen will work on a system for BCOA.

TSE Approvals – BCOA will support TSE's when held in conjunction with Regional Specialties and in areas not adequately covered by Regional Clubs. The Board will reevaluate the process and number of TSE requests during 2005.

Health Medallions – The issue of receiving a gift of a health medallion when donating \$50 or more to Borzoi Health is being reviewed.

AKC Invitational Meet the Breed Booth – Tammy Smith has volunteered to do the booth again. We own the set that was created for the booth in California last year. We can ship the backdrop but Florida members would still need to provide props. Chris Bradley will see if Michael McClain can communicate with Tammy regarding how to do the set up.

Borzoi Online – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock and Shen Smith are working on creating the online site Breeder Directory for BCOA members. This will be a paid ad site. Lynn will email a link to the site to the Board so that we can view the draft. There was consensus that webmasters should receive a stipend for formatting ads.

AKC Parent Club Conference – The hotel used for the conference is too small, so clubs can only send two people to this event. The conference is very informative and we would like to be able to pay to send more people (eg: Chairs for Rescue chair or Club Education) as there is a lot of very pertinent information. Shen Smith made a motion, with a second by Maureen Bardwell that Karen Mays write to AKC and the sponsors. She should thank them for putting on this valuable conference and offer suggestions for future events (eg: seminars for different levels of experience, send additional people at our own expense, etc). MOTION PASSED.

New Business:

AKC Registration - Karen Staudt-Cartabona indicated that she was unable to register a pure white Borzoi using the new registration forms. She said the closest option she could find was white, spotted on white. Before bringing this back to our Color Committee, Karen Staudt-Cartabona will check the AKC registration online to see if that is any different than the paper copy she has.

There was a break for dinner at 6:30 PM EST. Meeting resumed at 8:30 PM EST.

AKC Gazette Article – Karen Staudt-Cartabona thought that the article in the Gazette regarding our Centennial was disappointing as it did not fully cover the Centennial as we thought it would. The cover photo has been previously used in advertising and she didn't feel that was appropriate. Karen Staudt-Cartabona made a motion, seconded by Chris Bradley that BCOA send a letter to AKC stating that we were disappointed in the article as it did not fully cover our Centennial and that the cover of the issue used a photo of a dog that had been used in advertising. There were 2 for, 4 against, 3 abstentions. MOTION FAILED.

Rescue Umbrella – Further discussion was held on ways to disburse the rescue umbrella of \$5000. Some ideas: purchase additional microchips, purchase spay and neuter contracts. Maureen Bardwell will develop a list and email the Board with her suggestions. Email Maureen if you have any ideas.

Spending down our taxable income for 2004 - There was a discussion regarding setting up a trust. Money would already have to be taxed (it would then be an asset). We would have a broker invest the money for us. We need to pay the State of Minnesota \$2000 in state income tax, we will pay \$1000 to the photo lab for photographing our specialty photo albums and putting them on disc, we will pay the other \$1250 that we already pledged to the thyroid study and we will pay \$5000 to the osteosarcoma study. We will determine if we need to do more than that after Shen Smith meets with the tax attorney again

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM EST was made by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, second by Irina Terra. MOTION APPROVED.

Future Agenda Items:

Unfinished Business -

- Standardized Trophies
- Borzoi Online