



### **Phone Conference Board Meeting - April 10, 2007 8:30PM EST**

**In attendance:**, Cynthia Gredys, Kathleen Kapaun, Laurie Kasowski, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Lydia Pruett, Shen Smith, Jon Steele and R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock.

**Absent:** Irina Terra (out of the country), Jim Gibson

A quorum was established.

President Barbara O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:37 EST.

A motion to approve the February 26, 2007 minutes was made by Karen Mays, with a second by Rebecca Peters-Campbell. MOTION PASSED

#### **Recording Secretary's Report -**

##### **Membership Applications:**

###### *1<sup>st</sup> Readings*

Mary & Mark Richter. 569 N Main St, Northfield, VT 05663. Sponsored by George & Nancy Snook and Dr Kevin Shimel, DVM

Karin Johnson. 9304 Goodman Road, Quinton, VA 23141. Sponsored by Jane Schreiber, Roy Silguero and Dee Burkholder.

Akane Takemura. 2-2-7 Akasaka, Komoro City, Nagano Ken 384-001 Japan. Junior Applicant  
Lydia will email Akane to get her responses to the blank questions on the application.

Rey and Yvonne McGehee, 1491 Thorn Creek Road, Moscow, ID 83843. Sponsored by Jeremy Freshwater and Diane Davis

Any correspondence regarding these applicants should be sent to the Recording Secretary.

###### *2<sup>nd</sup> Readings*

Debra Chiaramonti. 1677 Burlington Jacksonville Road, Bordentown, NJ 08505. Sponsored by Carol Kubiak-Zamora and Dr. Kevin Shimel

Margaret Lucia. 5301 Huepers St, Alvin, TX 77511. Sponsored by Sandra Simmons and R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock.

Leonore Abordo. PO Box 760, Sandia Park, NM 87047. Sponsored by Sandra Moore and KC Thompson & Tom Golcher.

A motion to accept the applicants receiving their second reading as members was made by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. Cynthia Gredys abstained as she had not received a copy of the applications. MOTION PASSED

##### **Reinstatements needed for members:**

Susan Delgalvis, Marvin & Marsha Frace, John & Ruth Heins, Nancy Nichols & Carl Reinhart, Kerry Pettit, Linda Schneider, Charles Shatzkin, Roy Silguero, Chris Swilley, and Nitsa Trayler

A motion was made by Kathleen Kapaun, with a second by Cynthia Gredys, to reinstate those listed as paying dues after 02/27/2007 and prior to 03/01/2007. MOTION PASSED

##### **Members who were dropped March 1, 2007 for non payment of dues:**

David Beach, Jackie Browning, Zo Hawkins, Carla Hofmann, Joel & Marcia Majors Kmetz, Michael & David White Kurt, Bonnie Lapham, Tim Moore, Kim Plache (not renewing), Dr. Mary Shoaf, Colette Smith, Shawn Smith, Robert Torquato, Stephanie Truelsen, Sue Vasick (not renewing), Elizabeth Whitehead and Bari Wroblewski

**Trophy Supported Entry requests were approved for:**

11/10/2007, Cypress Creek KC, Houston TX  
Judge: Pam Levander, Sweeps: Robert Paust  
Contact: Margaret Lucia

A TSE request received from Edna Hanley for the Beaver County KC. The Board was unable to hold a vote on this issue as the application was not received timely and there is conflicting information on the application. Lydia Pruett will contact Edna Hanley to let her know. The Board will be happy to consider the request next year.

\*Information regarding this Trophy Supported Entry was sent to Margie Milne (Borzoi Connection website), Kathleen Kapaun (Borzoi Connection magazine).

**Other:**

The certified ballot results for the Article X Constitution Amendment were sent to the AKC.

Final ballot sent to the membership for 2009-10 National Specialty Judges and Sweeps Judges. Of the top 10 vote getters for sweeps and specialty judges, Edd Abblett, Alice Reese and Karen Staudt-Cartabona declined to have their names included on the ballot for sweeps and Nadine Johnson, Michelle Billings and Barbara Dempsey Alderman declined to have their names included on the ballot for Judge.

The 2007 Membership booklet needs to be printed after the reinstatements are approved. Will order 475 booklets, and have the extras sent to Edna Ogata to send out with the new member packets. Lydia Pruett will contact Helen Lee regarding this.

A motion to approve the Recording Secretary's report was made by Shen Smith, with a second by Laurie Kasowski.  
MOTION PASSED

**Corresponding Secretary's report (see attached)**

In addition to the attached report, Karen Mays received the following correspondence:

The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship award to honor individuals who have made a difference in the world of purebred dogs was sent to the AKC Delegates to give to the parent clubs. The AKC will put the name of the winner on their website. Jon Steele will contact the past delegate to get the medal and instructions from her so that it can be awarded.

Jon Steele's delegate credentials were published in the March and April issues of the AKC Gazette. This issue will be voted on at an upcoming delegate meeting.

Letter from Carol Backers. Carol thanked BCOA for the donation to the NBRF for spay and neuter. NBRF has seen a drop in support from their fundraisers, possibly due to the thought that the Beverly Taylor fund will be used to fund rescue activities. It may be a year or more before any funds are available through the Beverly Taylor estate so rescue organizations still need funds to operate. NBRF insurance costs of \$1242.75 had to be paid out of pocket as they did not have enough money in their treasury to cover it. Carol Backers is asking for reimbursement by BCOA for the insurance. Cynthia Gredys made a motion to give NBRF \$1500.00 from BCOA's Borzoi Rescue to cover NBRF's insurance costs. There was a second from Karen Mays. MOTION PASSED. Shen Smith will send a letter to NBRF when she sends the check to let them know that in the future, all correspondence or requests should go through our rescue chair, Lorrie Scott.

Karen Mays wants to bring it to the membership's attention that while we received \$764.16 for our Borzoi Donor Advised Fund due to participation in the Purina seals program, many clubs receive thousands of dollars. Karen Mays would like to encourage members to participate in this program. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock mentioned that she is updating the BCOA health website and she will highlight this program on the site.

AKC is encouraging clubs to send their archives to AKC for preservation. They would prefer that we signed the documents over to AKC so others can reprint for research. Laurie Kasowski suggested that we get a copy of recommended documents and discuss this at the face to face meeting. Karen Mays will try and send it to the board prior to the meeting.

Karen Mays acknowledged receipt of a letter from Barbara Todd regarding her comments about the recently approved constitution changes.

A motion to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report was made by Laurie Kasowski, with a second by Rebecca Peters-Campbell. MOTION PASSED

**Treasurer's report (see attached)**

Fred Vogel is willing to sit down with Shen Smith at the National to discuss club expenses and his ideas for fundraising. The Treasurer's report will be tabled until the face to face so that all Board members have a chance to review it prior to the meeting.

**AKC Delegate's Report**

Jon Steele reported that his first AKC Delegate meeting is in June.

**Governor Reports (see attached):**

Region 1 – Nothing to add  
Region 2 -- Nothing to add  
Region 3 – Nothing to add  
Region 4 – Nothing to add  
Region 5 – Nothing to add  
Region 6 – Nothing to add

A motion was made to approve the Regional Governor reports by Lydia Pruett, with a second by Cynthia Gredys. MOTION PASSED.

**Committee Reports-** (see attached)

*Club Archives –*

We do not currently have an archivist. Shen Smith has been storing the BCOA archives at this time.

*Health –*

Karen Mays made a motion, with a second by Shen Smith that we award the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship medal to Ginger Jones for her hard work with Borzoi Health. MOTION PASSED.

Ginger Jones is requesting that we appoint her to attend the CHF Parent Club Health Conference, and that Gary or Mickey Nash also be appointed to attend. The Board approved this request.

A motion was made by Laurie Kasowski, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun, to approve the recommendation to donate \$3000 to D06CA-066 Mapping Genes Associated with Canine Mast Cell Tumors. MOTION PASSED.

The Board requested that Ginger Jones provide R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock with a list of all the health grants we have made donations to so that this information can be added to the BCOA Health website

*Legislative*

Laurie Kasowski made a motion to approve the letter drafted by Bill Hemby to oppose AB1634. Rebecca Peters-Campbell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED. Karen Mays will put the letter on BCOA letterhead so that it can be sent to the assemblyman.

Shen Smith suggested that we appoint Bill Hemby as our delegate to the American Dog Owners Association. Shen Smith will give the address to Karen Mays so that she can notify ADOA.

Suggestion that the legislative report be condensed by bill and proposed recommendation, rather than the updates by date. Bill Hemby should create drafts of letters for the bills that he recommends that we oppose or support. These drafts could be approved by email vote and Bill could then send out the letters. Laurie Kasowski will discuss with Bill to see if he has suggestions for streamlining the process with the Board.

*Junior Showmanship*

The AKC stats are the only junior stats that will be counted. Lydia Pruett will email Barbara Lord to let her know.

A motion to accept the Committee Reports was made by Karen Mays, with a second by Cynthia Gredys. MOTION PASSED

The following are members who have contacted us and wish to volunteer for the Beverly Taylor Rescue committee: Jan Leikam, Dee Jones, Ed Bourne, Linda Bourne, Dawn Gibas, Barbara Skinner, and Karen Denning. The Board will be deciding who the two individuals will be at the face to face meeting in Rhode Island

**The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 11:04 EST and will be resumed on April 25, 2007**

**Meeting resumed Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 4:45 PM in Warwick, Rhode Island. All members were present.**

Lydia Pruett indicated that she received two additional TSE Applications.  
10/21/2007, Del Valle Dog Club, Pleasanton, CA.  
Judge: unknown, Sweeps: Lucy Langlois  
Contact: Toby Brandtman

11/17/2007, Greater Ocala Dog Club, Ocala, FL  
Judge: Kalen Dumke, Sweeps: Katrina Averill  
Contact: Monica Barry

A motion to approve the TSE requests was made by Laurie Kasowski, with a second by Irina Terra. MOTION PASSED

A motion to amend original Recording Secretary's report was made by Cynthia Gredys, with a second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED

Karen Mays indicated that she received a letter from June Mintchell. Bonnie Nichols (BCOA Obedience Chair) had suggested she contact us. June would like BCOA to petition AKC to lower the jump heights for Borzoi. She indicated that most of the other giant breeds jump  $\frac{3}{4}$  their heights. After discussion, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock made a motion to reduce the current jump height to  $\frac{3}{4}$  height, with a second by Cynthia Gredys. MOTION PASSED. Karen Mays will write a letter to petition the AKC.

Shen Smith made a motion to approve the amendment to the Corresponding Secretary's report, with a second by Lydia Pruett.  
MOTION PASSED

### **Treasurer's Report**

Shen Smith indicated that her report was amended and corrected as she found an entry for \$436 that should have gone to rescue but was in the account for the 2006 national. The bottom line is the same.

Barbara O'Neill asked if Edmund Sledzik would be doing our taxes. Shen Smith said that he would do our taxes for a set fee of \$640. He does not bill by the hour for taxes. These will be filed in May.

Barbara O'Neill asked why it took Edmund Sledzik a year to bill us the first time. Shen Smith indicated that she had asked him for the bill, as we had not received one. Shen Smith said that the work that Edmund Sledzik did to set up the Borzoi Club of America Charitable Foundation (the 501C3) is a set fee of \$500.

Shen Smith reported that Fred and Carol Vogel fronted the money for the calendar project that was a fundraising for the 2007 national. As Ways and Means chairs, Fred and Carol would like to underwrite future programs and raise money. They would like to take the profit from the calendars and use it for seed money for future projects. This is how the Dachshund Club of America runs their Ways and Means projects. Discussion indicated that we need ideas for fund raising that would be beneficial for the general treasury. Fred Vogel was called and asked if he would attend the meeting to answer questions. Fred Vogel joined the meeting as a guest He indicated that the first \$3000 raised would be used for seed money for National Specialty fundraising, any profits above that would go to the general treasury. Shen Smith indicated that it would cost \$280 to add Fred Vogel to the BCOA bond. Cynthia Gredys made a motion to create a new position on the national show committee, National Ways and Means. There was a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED.

Cynthia Gredys made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, with a second by Rebecca Peters-Campbell.  
MOTION PASSED

### **Unfinished Business**

#### *Health Committee*

Ginger Jones joined the meeting as a guest. She reported that for some clinics or for some years, we have trouble making our minimums numbers needed for the clinics. Ginger Jones gave some suggestions:

Option – maybe hold only one type of clinic each year.

Option – one day just for seminars and clinics, no judging so that people would be more available to attend.

Laurie Kasowski suggested that we raffle off extra clinic appointment slots if we are not meeting our minimums. We would not have a total loss on these slots if we raffled them. Further discussion will be needed on this topic.

#### *Legislative Committee*

Laurie Kasowski reported that she had spoken to Bill Hemby and suggested that we would like the name of the bill, a synopsis and his recommendation for his reports to the Board. Laurie indicated that Bill Hemby said this would work for him.

#### *Constitution & By-Laws Revision*

The Article X Amendments passed.

#### *50/50 Online Shopping*

BCOA members have contacted Shen Smith indicating that 50/50 split for sales items is too high. It was suggested that 20% was more reasonable. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock made a motion to lower BCOA's share of sales to 20%. Shen Smith seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

#### *Mentor Application Requirements*

Barbara O'Neill indicated that Patti Neale is concerned that BCOA's requirements are more stringent than AKC's and that if we have to provide a list of people who can do ringside mentoring for potential judges around the country, we will not have enough qualified mentors. The criteria would not change for mentors for our National Specialty ringside judges mentoring. Jon Steele made a motion that we send our list of current BCOA approved mentors to AKC, and that we take under advisement amending the current BCOA mentor criteria to more closely align with the AKC ringside mentoring program. Shen Smith seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

Jon Steele mentioned that Patti Neale asked for the board's input in providing the judges education presentation around the country. Depending on the region, it is hard for Patti Neale to get to all the education presentations and would like to train approved BCOA presenters. Barbara O'Neill mentioned what a great job Patti did in Louisville KY at the Senior Conformation Judges Association, Hound Group Graduate Institute, and that it was the best presentation. The Board would like Patti Neale to provide a list of potential presenters for Board approval.

#### *Standing Rules*

Tabled to the next meeting

#### *Cuts in BCOA Operating Expenses*

Shen Smith said that there are not a lot of places in the general funds to cut expenses. She feels that we need to look at how to cut expenses for the National Specialty, as that is one of the places that we have some leeway. Shen Smith and Fred Vogel are going to compare several years' worth of specialty expenses to see where costs can be cut.

#### *Code of Conduct for Board Members*

Cynthia Gredys will delete the dos and don'ts that were attached to the Board Members Code of Conduct. All Board members will need to sign the revised version and send to Lydia Pruet.

### **New Business**

#### *BCOA Rescue Committee*

The first tasks of the committee will be to appoint a chair, and determine the criteria for how the rescue funds will be dispersed. Barbara O'Neill would like to appoint Karen Denning and Barbara Skinner for a one-year term as the members at large. Kathleen Kapaun, Laurie Kasowski and Jim Gibson will be the Board members on the committee. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock made a motion to approve these appointments, with a second by Cynthia Gredys. MOTION PASSED.

#### *Borzo International Conference*

Irina Terra asked if BCOA would make a donation to the International Conference. Shen Smith made a motion to donate \$100 to the Russian Borzoi club in support of the International Conference. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock did a second. MOTION PASSED

#### *2009 National Specialty*

Jim Gibson handed out a synopsis of what has been considered as a location. None of the choices are optimal and there are no groups of people willing to take it on at this point. Region 2 is going to pass on the national specialty for 2009 and will let us know by August if they are able to proceed with 2010

Barbara O'Neill indicated that she feels that the National may need to become more regional (eg: east, central, west). We also need to be more flexible about the time of year if people are not going to fly their dogs.

Region 6 was prepared to make a proposal for 2010, but could move to 2009 if needed. Jon Steele made a presentation for the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge. A motion to accept the site pending further information regarding the dates made by Shen Smith with a second by R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock. MOTION PASSED

#### *Perpetual Trophy*

A proposal was made to add a perpetual trophy for High in Trial in Obedience at the BCOA National Specialty. It would be called the Virshina Rose trophy, sponsored by Todd and Toby Brandtman. It will be bronze work done by Shirley Zindler and is in honor of Ch. Virshina Rose of Paradise, CDX, SC, "Lena," whose accomplishments and enthusiasm in the performance events of the National Specialty have been an inspiration. The trophy is a bronze metal casting of an original made for Todd as a present from his wife, Toby, in 2005. It was meant to show the viewpoint of the handler when looking down into the face of the dog when in the ideal obedience "attention" position (the dog on the left side of the person who is looking down into the dog's eyes). It will be placed onto a hollow wooden base (as preferred by BCOA to reduce weight for shipment and to facilitate movement by middle aged persons), preferably with a manually rotating top, in order for people to be able to view the bronze from all angles. Laurie Kasowski made a motion to approve this perpetual trophy, with a second by Cynthia Gredys. MOTION PASSED.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Lydia Pruett, second by Kathleen Kapaun. MOTION PASSED  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

#### **Future Agenda Items**

- AKC Archives
- Health Clinic minimum numbers
- Mentor Application Requirements
- Standing Rules
- Cuts in BCOA operating expenses