

August 6, 2009

Board meeting called to order by president Pruett at 8:04PM EDT. Present were: Lydia Pruett, Barbara Skinner, Karen Mays, Jan Leikam, Kelly Brunarski, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Jane Schreiber, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Lorrie Scott, Jim Anderson, Joyce Katona. Quorum established.

Joyce Katona moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting as published; Jim Anderson seconded, motion approved.

Recording Secretary report – Jan Leikam

Jan Leikam moved, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded to accept the membership applications of the individuals receiving their second readings today. Motion approved.

Jan Leikam will send the Constitutional Ballot to R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock to post on the Secretary's Page of the BCOA website so that it is available to members who may not receive a mailed package.

The Constitutional Ballots were mailed to the General Membership on August 6, 2009.

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve the Recording Secretary's report, Jane Schreiber seconded, report approved.

Corresponding Secretary's report – Karen Mays

Jane Schreiber brought to the Board's attention that the Potomac Valley Borzoi Club is celebrating their 30th Anniversary Show this October. The Board was unanimous in praising the PVBC for this accomplishment and requested Karen Mays to send a note of congratulations from BCOA.

Barbara Skinner moved to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report, Rebecca Peters-Campbell seconded, report approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kelly Brunarski

Kelly Brunarski has transferred \$3,839.45 to the 2009 Specialty account. Of this, \$3,102.62 was for the ½ priced health clinics and seminar from the BCOA Health Fund, and \$736.83 from the General Treasury for the 2009 Membership Education seminar.

Losses noted are due in part to the pre-purchase of Specialty Medallions which will be used for a number of years.

Kelly Brunarski stated that as we have an expected operational expense shortfall of \$5,000 next year, she will need to withdraw \$10,000 from the maturing CD's for anticipated regular expenses for 2010 operations. Jan Leikam moved to make this withdrawal and deposit as requested by the Treasurer, Barbara O'Neill seconded, motion passed.

It was decided to discuss the Challenge Trophy freight at the November 14, 2009 meeting and all Board Members are encouraged to explore solutions to this on-going problem.

If a member elects to receive ballots concerning Borzoi Club of America elections via US Postal Service rather than obtaining the forms from the Recording Secretary's page on the BCOA website, these mailings will be at no cost to the member. There will be a section to select this option added to the annual dues notice.

Kelly Brunarski was asked to survey the past few years to determine the average yearly percentage of the costs of printing and mailing the various notices vs. the annual dues income.

In order to more efficiently distribute notices, it is crucial for the general membership to supply current email addresses to the Recording Secretary. Each Region Governor is encouraged to verify emails in his/her region and pass along any corrections to the Recording Secretary.

Karen Mays moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jane Schreiber seconded. Report accepted.

Delegate's Report – Barbara O'Neill

Barbara discussed the upcoming group realignment vote at the September Delegate's meeting and asked how the BCOA wanted her to vote. Jan Leikam moved to direct a 'Yes' vote, Jim Anderson seconded. Motion approved.

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock moved to approve the Delegate's report, Kelly Brunarski seconded, motion approved.

Additional Governor's Reports

Region 2 – Jane Schreiber

Nothing new to report.

Region 5 – Jim Anderson

President Pruett expressed the gratitude of BCOA for Jim Anderson's service to the club during his term.

Region 6 – Joyce Katona

A BCOA regional meeting was held at the Twin Cities and Midwest Borzoi Club specialties. Joyce Katona reports they were a 'meet and greet' type of meetings and that she requested updated email addresses from the region's members. She has two members who do not have email access – names and addresses will be sent to Jan Leikam to add to the list of members needing communications mailed.

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve the Governors Reports, Karen Mays seconded, motion passed.

Committee Reports

Jan Leikam stated that the Nominating Committee report is due Sept 15 with the slate mailed to the membership Oct 1.

Kelly Brunarski reported that the Schwab account for the BTRC is now open.

Barbara O'Neill reported that we need additional TSE medallions. Kelly Brunarski stated that the funds are available to order 500 of these. Jan Leikam moved to purchase 500 medallions, Kelly Brunarski seconded, motion passed.

Barbara O'Neill stated that the Constitutional Ballot was mailed Aug 6.

Special thanks went to Veni Harlan for her Disaster Report. BCOA was the only AKC club representative at this comprehensive seminar which concerning disasters in Louisiana. Many of the points made were certainly applicable to dog owners everywhere.

Barbara O'Neill updated her report that as of this meeting, there were 26 litter nominations and an additional 22 Bitch nominations for the upcoming Futurity.

Health Committee reports that the half-price testing at the 2009 National was very well-received and includes the submission of the results to the appropriate agencies. Ginger Jones reported that the Donor-Advised fund has money available for Heart Research. As the IRS rules have changed to require that 10% of this fund be paid out each year, Barbara O'Neill moved to contribute \$2500 from this fund to tricuspid valve dysplasia research. Jane Schreiber seconded, motion passed. Jan Leikam is to contact Erica Warner at the CHF or Ginger Jones to determine the procedure to accomplish this donation.

As the Clinics at the 2009 National were such a success, it was decided to again offer the half-price Health testing at the 2010 National. We have received membership application from CERF, \$75 annual fee. Kelly Brunarski asks that Lydia Pruett and Ginger Jones contact CERF to determine the benefits of membership. Jan Leikam moved, Barbara O'Neill seconded to have Lydia Pruett and Ginger Jones decide BCOA's membership at their discretion. Motion approved.

2009 National – Barbara O'Neill

In accordance with the agreement that the MBC would pay for one-sixth of the grounds expenses and receive one-sixth of vendors and grooming space income, an invoice for \$913.91 has been sent and \$323 has been received.

2010 National – Barbara O'Neill

Barbara O'Neill stated she has nothing to add to her report. The site of the Field Events is yet to be determined since we now have two days of trials. The BCOA website has been updated to include the information on dates, hotel, etc. and will be updated as additional information is received. It was decided to list the past winners on the website – Jane Schreiber volunteered to compile the list for R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock to post.

2011 National – Barbara O'Neill

This National follows a weekend cluster of all-breed shows – the Wichita cluster -with AKC lure coursing offered in addition to the conformation classes. Due to the necessity of holding both ASFA and AKC lure trials, Kelly Brunarski moved to leave the option of JC testing to the show committee as the time required to hold all the events may preclude this activity. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded. Motion passed. The Board reviewed the names of judges submitted for approval, in order of preference, by the show committee for field and obedience/rally events. Jan Leikam moved to approve the submitted judge names. Kelly Brunarski seconded, motion passed. The Show Chairman will contact first choices for availability.

Rescue – Dee Jones

Dee Jones reported that the website has been updated with the current name and contact information for those members volunteering for home checks.

ROM Report – Barbara Ewing

Jan Leikam moved to approve both the May and August submissions. Rebecca Peters-Campbell seconded. Motion approved.

Joyce Katona moved to approve the committee reports, Barbara Skinner seconded. Reports approved.

Old Business

R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock reported that the guidelines for the Web Ads have been added to the site. The address will be: www.Borzoi-online.org R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will add a link to the BCOA webpage to this site which Lydia Pruett will announce to the membership. The site will also include links to other pages with disclaimers as to the content of any site not controlled by BCOA.

Veni Harlan and R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock are in the process of adding the Borzoi Ready site for disaster preparation to the BCOA website.

The upcoming October 'Meet the Breeds' event hosted by AKC at the Javits Center in New York City was discussed again. We are one of about 30 breed clubs who are not participating due to the inability to find a local club to handle this. Rebecca Peters-Campbell will attempt to find someone to represent BCOA at this event.

New Business

Lydia Pruett presented the information on the AKC Registration Challenge. A question from Rebecca Peters-Campbell regarding the ability to change a 'Limited Registration' at the time of transferring a puppy to a new owner was brought up. Karen Mays informed Rebecca to contact John Lyons at AKC to determine the exact ruling/process. Rebecca Peters-Campbell will inquire of AKC and report her findings to the Board.

Barbara O'Neill stated that we need to encourage all our breeders and members to sign this pledge as BCOA has joined this effort. Lydia Pruett will include this item in the email to the membership and R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock will add this link to the BCOA website.

Triathlon

A proposal for Triathlon rule changes was received from K.C. Artley and June Mintchell. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

Specialty Performance judge selection

Bonnie Nichols submitted a proposal which would amend the current procedure: Should we use a set dollar amount charged rather than distance from site; should the general membership also vote on obedience and coursing judges as currently done for Breed judges; and should the Board determine the amount available to hire these judges?

At this time it is not financially practical to have the entire membership vote on all the obedience and coursing judges.

Barbara O'Neill will summarize the past five year's expenses for the performance judges and present her findings at the November meeting. We will determine the financial issue at that time.

Jane Schreiber reported that she had received a message from one of her regional members questioning the process by which the Board selects our AKC Lifetime Achievement Award nominees. We will discuss further in November.

2010 Yearbook – Barbara O'Neill

Barbara O'Neill reported that she has received printing bids and has found a bid that looks good. We will need to raise ad rates by \$5 to \$75 for the first 2 pages and \$65 for each subsequent page with one copy to each kennel. Color option is available at \$220/page for the first two pages and \$200 for each additional page.

The ad deadline is January 15, 2010 and this is firm.

There will be a flyer included in the next BC and a link on the BCOA website to the form with Lydia Pruett including this information in her President's message. It was decided to put an ad in the Borzoi Connection and email the flyer to the general membership and Specialty clubs.

Barbara Skinner reported that she has information that states that the breeder of a litter can change the 'Limited' designation to 'Full' status.

Eye Diseases and Research Funding Request

Lydia Pruett stated that the General Membership had determined the focus of Health research by vote many years ago. At that time heart problems were overwhelmingly selected as the focus of funds committed to research. We received correspondence from Kevin Shimel regarding micro ophthalmic research and its connection to our breed, listing a number of researchers we could support. Ginger Jones will speak with CHF about this proposal asking for any experience CHF has had with any of these researchers as BCOA does not have the resources to fund a study of this complexity without assistance.

Karen Mays will respond to Kevin Shimel assuring him of our concern and our appreciation of his efforts to bring this problem to our attention. If the researchers can qualify for CHF funding, BCOA will happily lend our name to any publicity and encourage the General Membership to participate in fund-raising and physical DNA contributions. Karen Mays will send each Board Member a copy of her letter to Dr. Shimel.

Lydia Pruett will contact Ginger Jones to set up an on-line survey of the membership concerning Health problems and we will revisit this question in November following the survey results.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49PM EDT