



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
MAY 7 & 18, 2009 BOARD MEETING**

Meeting called to order by President Pruett at 8:07PM EST. Additionally present were: Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Jan Leikam, Kelly Brunarski, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Jane Schreiber, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Lorrie Scott, and Jim Anderson. Quorum was established.

President Pruett announced the Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 18 in Frankenmuth, MI following the completion of the Performance Events. Barbara O'Neill stated that we have the meeting room reserved for 3PM; Lydia Pruett will confirm the start time on the day of the meeting.

R.Lynn Shell Whitlock moved to approve the **minutes of the February Board** meeting as published. Barbara O'Neill second, motion passed.

Jane Schreiber moved to approve the **minutes of the March meeting** which finalized the recommendations of the BTRC as published. R.Lynn Shell Whitlock seconded, motion passed.

Recording Secretary's Report

Membership applications

1ST Reading

Dick Hafner and **Patricia Silverman**, 2515 Winsted DR, Dallas, TX 75214; sponsored by Kalen Dumke and Veni Harlan

Stephen and Kathe Vaughn, 604 Meadowmont Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27517; sponsored by Yorkio Dixon and Lois Schultz

Victoria Newbill, 2801 NW 113th ST, Vancouver, WA 98685' sponsored by Robin Riel and Barbara Binder

Linda Tindle, 19831 S Creek RD, Oregon City, OR 97045, sponsored by Jonnie Bradley and Monika Stachon

TSE application received from Joyce Katona for Aug 22, 2009, Sugarbush KC. Sweeps judge: Dr. Greg Gomori; Regular class judge: Elizabeth Muthard

TSE application received from Marilyn Lockhart for Oct 24, 2009 Kennesaw Kennel Club. Sweeps: Tammy Ream, Regular class: TBD

TSE application received from Toby Brandtman for Oct 18, 2009, Del Valle Kennel Club. Sweeps: Chris Swilley, Regular class: TBD

All approved by the Board and sent to AKC.

Karen Mays moved to approve the **Recording Secretary's Report**, Kelley Brunarski seconded, motion passed.

Barbara Skinner and Joyce Katona joined the meeting in progress at 8:21PM EST

Corresponding Secretary's Report

01/31/09 – 04/26/09

- 02/05/09 Received information from Margie French, frenchm@optonline.net, regarding Platinum Visa Card for organizations. Sent information to Lydia Pruet.
- 02/14/09 Received request from Diane Varner, diane@cottagek9's.com, for breeders in North Carolina. Sent.
- 02/15/09 Received request from Jeff Baskins, jabasking@gmail.com, for breeders in Midwest. Sent.
- 02/15/09 Received request from Jean-Claude Soniat, jcsoniat@gmail.com, for breeders in Louisiana. Sent.
- 02/15/09 Contacted AKC regarding status of Barbara O'Neill's eligibility as our new AKC Delegate.
- 02/15/09 Received request from Lisa & Walter Whitt, lwwhitt@verizon.net, for breeders in Virginia. Sent.
- 02/16/09 Received AKC approval for Futurity Judge Shirley McFadden at Frankenmuth, Michigan on 05/19/09.
- 02/17/09 Received request from Anne Smith, asmithK9@peoplepc.com, for breeders in Kansas. Sent.
- 02/18/09 Sent request for qualifying cards for Crufts to Neil Singer at AKC. Copy to Barbara O'Neill.
- 02/23/09 Received notification from Neil Singer, AKC, that to save postage they are asking the parent clubs to print their own copies of the Crufts qualifying cards. Notified Barbara.
- 02/23/09 Received request from Tami Marshall for MBC Specialty on Sunday, May 24, 2009, at Frankenmuth, Michigan. Conformation Judge: Dr. Edna Martin. Sweepstakes Judge: Kathy Wright. Approval sent to AKC with copy to Tami. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for calendars.
- 02/23/09 Received request from Karen Miller for Borzoi Club of New England Specialty on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at the "Big E" in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Conformation and Sweepstakes Judges: To be determined. Approval sent to AKC with copy to Karen. Information to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for calendars.
- 02/26/09 Received updated Borzoi Club of New England Membership List from Karen Miller.
- 03/01/09 Re-sent 2009 Officer List to Mike Liosis at AKC.
- 03/12/09 Received request from Ann Corrado for Potomac Valley Borzoi Club Specialty on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg, Virginia. Conformation Judge: John Reeve Newson. Sweepstakes Judge: Priscilla White-Lineker. Approval sent to AKC with copy to Ann Corrado. Information to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for calendars.
- 03/12/09 Received updated Potomac Valley Borzoi Club officer and member list from Ann Corrado.
- 03/16/09 Received call from Jennifer Steele that AKC did not have a record of the MBC Specialty Approval that was sent on February 23rd. Emailed copy of approval to Tabitha Shepherd at AKC.
- 03/17/09 Received information from Olympia Resort and Conference Center, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, offering a 1% rebate to clubs holding events at their facility.
- 03/19/09 Received request from "Susannah" baroquehorses1@aol.com, for breeders in Colorado. Sent.
- 03/20/09 Received request from Laurie Bradshaw for Borzoi Club of Northern California Specialty on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Conformation Judge: Carol Spritzer. Sweepstakes Judge: Sally Poole. Approval sent to AKC with copy to Laurie Bradshaw. Information to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for calendars.
- 03/23/09 Received notice from AKC that the application for our DS Event on September 19th has not been received. Information sent on to Barbara O'Neill who was unfamiliar with this designation. Upon notifying AKC, we were informed that this was sent in error.
- 03/23/09 Received change of email from Paula Moore to: davidoffbz@bellsouth.net.
- 03/24/09 Received a request from Mary Beth Markham, mycanineconciierge@live.com, a dog trainer who wants a list of breeders to give to a client. She was told we do not work through brokers and that her client needs to contact me directly.
- 03/28/09 Received phone inquiry from a Mr. Gomez for information on Borzoi and breeders in the Atlanta area. Also wanted information on Borzoi publications. Was referred to Shen Smith.

- 03/28/09 Received information from AKC regarding their "Meet the Breeds" event to be held October 17 and 18, 2009 at the Javits Center in New York City. The Northeast Borzoi clubs will be contacted to see if they wish to participate.
- 03/28/09 Received information from AKC regarding our holding a specialty or supported entry with the AKC/Eukanuba show in Long Beach, California.
- 03/28/09 Received information from the Holiday Inn Convention Center inviting us to use their facility for a future specialty.
- 03/28/09 Received AKC approval for a Sweepstakes on 10/25/09 with the Middleburg Kennel Club at Oaklands Plantation in Leesburg, VA. Sweepstakes Judge: Amelia Gredys.
- 03/30/09 Received phone request from Marian Lipira for breeders in the southwest.
- 04/01/09 Phone request from Betty Kasper for breeders in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.
- 04/06/09 Sent email to Mike Liosis at AKC indicating we had received no response to our request about revisiting our constitutional changes regarding the need for a second envelope for voting by the membership.
- 04/14/09 Received request from Robin Arrington, rcarkitek@att.net, for breeders in Florida. Sent.
- 04/20/09 In response to a phone call to AKC, received a response from Mike Liosis indicating that ballots sent to an independent teller for opening and counting do not require an additional blank envelope. Notified Lydia Pruett and Jan Leikam of this decision.
- 04/21/09 Received an application from Tami Marshall for a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty with Western Reserve Kennel Club on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at the International Expo Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Conformation Judge: Dr. Richard Meen. Sweepstakes Judge: Pam Leichtnam. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Tami Marshall. Information to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the calendars.
- 04/21/09 Received a request from Katherine Fitzpatrick, kfitzpatri@nch.org, for breeders in the Midwest. Sent.
- 04/25/09 Received AKC approval for a Sweepstakes with the Atlanta Kennel Club on 09/19/09. Sweepstakes Judge: Sandra Moore.

Karen Mays asked for nominations for the AKC's Lifetime Achievement Award. It was decided to nominate the following for the three areas of interest:

Companion	Paula Moore
Performance	Sandra Moore
Conformation	Dr. Fred Edlin

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

Treasurer's Report -Kelly R. Brunarski

Income: In addition to twenty-six dues payments received from 2/15 to 3/1, the BCOA received \$161.35 in income from the trophy-supported entry and sweepstakes at the Sugarbush Kennel Club show in Ohio last year. We also received \$1,763.22 from the Purina Weight Circles Program; half of which was deposited in our donor advised fund with the AKC, and half of which was received, as a check, and has been deposited to our BCOA charitable fund (for health).

Post-deadline dues: Two sets of dues received after March 1st were either refunded or returned, with an invitation for the individuals with lapsed memberships to reapply. Note that, by the time these dues were received, other individuals with expired memberships had already been informed by club officers of the need to re-apply.

Liability Insurance: Our liability insurance was in the same amount as in 2008 and has been paid. Also, three liability riders were paid for insurance coverage at the lure coursing grounds, the specialty hotel, and the adjacent park grounds and parking lot.

Additional payments: As approved at the previous board meeting, the videographer has been contracted to video our national specialty for the next three years. We also paid for 1,024 1-1/2" Borzoi

Medallions and 310 Futurity Medallions ordered in early January from Creative Castings. Rent on our storage locker (in Michigan) has been paid through August, 2009, and the BCOA's Spring Aristocrat has been paid. Alphagraphics was paid for their printing for end of year reports and the ballots. Alphagraphics will not invoice the BCOA for postage, and thus all postage must be paid at the time of the mailings using funds in Jan Leikam's advance.

Beverly-Taylor Funds: The forms to facilitate the transfer of the Beverly Taylor funds for Borzoi Rescue to Schwab have been mailed to the appropriate officers for their signatures and other required information.

Charitable Fund Balances (as of 4/20/09):

Health: \$9,646.55

Juniors: \$590.00

Rescue: \$3427.67

Additional financial information is contained in the first quarter financial reports, to be sent to board members and club officers as a separate email attachment prior to the May board meeting.

Discussion of Ways and Means which has been assigned to the Vice President. Barbara Skinner will put together a proposal for the sale of raingear (not at the National) and will email this proposal to the Board prior to the meeting in Frankenmuth on May 18th.

Kelly Brunarski noted that we need approximately \$6K over our dues income for operating expenses each year.

Discussion regarding the expense of printing and mailing ballots. We will review our proposed Constitution changes to see if we can have ballots available for downloading from our website. This would also speed up the process for getting ballots to the membership. We could still mail to those who request it.

Discussion regarding the cost of the medals for TSEs. We go through approximately 200 medals a year.

Karen Mays moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Jan Leikam seconded, motion passed.

Delegate's Report

As Barbara O'Neill has not yet heard from the AKC regarding her seating as our delegate for the June meeting in Raleigh, NC, Karen Mays will call AKC on Friday, May 8th to confirm this event. Barbara O'Neill said that with airfares so cheap currently, she would like to make her reservations soon.

There was no report from out-going delegate, Jon Steele.

Governors Reports - additions

Jane Schreiber announced that the Potomac Valley Borzoi Club is celebrating it's 30th Anniversary show this year. She requested that BCOA send a congratulatory note in honor of this achievement. Karen Mays will send the note.

Rebecca Peters-Campbell noted that the TSE at Greenwich KC will need a medallion for Hi-Score Obedience, Veterans and Puppies, but not for Rally.

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

Committee reports - discussion

Disaster Planning.

Veni Harlan has submitted a very detailed report with many resources listed. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock sent her information to help her move this site onto the BCOA server but she is having technical difficulties.

Health

Ginger Jones needs a Fund-Raising Chair. If anyone is interested, please contact her. The Canine Health Foundation conference this year in St. Louis has a registration fee of \$200 per participant. Ginger Jones has generously offered to attend at her own expense if BCOA will pay the Registration. Barbara O'Neill moved to pay this for Ms. Jones, Karen Mays seconded, motion passed.

Ginger Jones reported that as she was unable to obtain a centrifuge for use at the National for Health Clinics, she purchased one herself for approximately \$180.00 and has asked for reimbursement from BCOA. Jan Leikam moved, Barbara O'Neill seconded to approve this expense. Motion passed.

National Specialty.

Barbara O'Neill reported that Kay Cassella will present a proposal for the 2011 Specialty to be held in Lawrence, Kansas.

Our flea problem in 2006 at the Red Lion in Olympia, WA has hurt us for other hotels in this chain as we are unable to consider sister locations for future specialties. Robin Riel is investigating locations in Eastern Washington for 2012. This area has very good weather in the Spring.

Gale Snoddy would like to put the 2010 information sheet in the Hospitality Bags which will be given out at the 2009 National Specialty. Joyce Katona moved to allow the inclusion of information about the site, etc., with no mention of Specialty sales items in the bags. Jim Anderson seconded, motion passed.

Standardized trophies

Kelly Brunarski will transport the trophies following this year's National. Jan Leikam has sent an email to Mickey Nash regarding storage and transportation to Ft Mitchell KY for the 2010 National.

The future of these trophies and their transportation and storage needs to be addressed very soon.

Nominating Committee

Terry Clement has been replaced by Robin Clifford.

Junior Showmanship

The BCOA webpage dedicated to Juniors has been started plus the Board's revisions to the Junior Scholarship application have been approved.

9:47PM Motion by Jan Leikam to temporarily adjourn the balance of the meeting until Monday, May 18th. Barbara O'Neill second, motion passed.

**Board meeting continued
May 18, 2009**

Meeting reconvened at 3:05PM by President Pruett in Frankenmuth, MI.

Attending were Lydia Pruett, Karen Mays, Jan Leikam, Kelly Brunarski, Barbara O'Neill, Jane Schreiber, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, Lorrie Scott and Joyce Katona. Absent were Jim Anderson, Barbara Skinner and Rebecca Peters-Campbell (personal reasons). **Quorum established.**

A proposal to hold the 2011 National Specialty to be held the week of April 5, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Lawrence, KS, was presented by Barbara O'Neill, on behalf of Kay Cassella. Rooms will be \$89/night with a 4-dog max. There is a shuttle service available to/from the Kansas City Int'l Airport. Field events will be held 6 miles from the host hotel. Kay Cassella is the Facility Coordinator. Jan Leikam moved to accept this venue, Kelly Brunarski seconded. **Motion passed.**

Unfinished Business

Specialty Judges: Jan Leikam reported the results of the latest ballot for judges: Regular classes – Amy Sorbie, Patti Neale; Sweeps classes – K C Artley, Lorrie Scott. As top vote getters, Amy Sorbie and KC Artley will have their choice of year.

Constitution: Barbara O'Neill reported that as the proposed Constitutional changes have taken so long to go thru the AKC inspection process; we need to update the Life Membership clause to reflect December 31, 2009 as cut-off date of current requirements. Barbara O'Neill moved to update this clause, Jan Leikam seconded, **motion passed.**

The problems with the postal service delivery of the last ballot mailing has persuaded us to post the ballot forms on the website to be downloaded by the membership and mailed to the tabulator. Ballots will only be accepted when received by the tabulator in the prescribed manner. We will continue to mail to those members who have requested that minutes be sent via USPS.

A discussion of the Trophy Supported Entry application resulted in a clarification of the six month rule. The President's List will be used to send an explanation of the deadline with an example to further illustrate the deadline *i.e.:* a June 26th event will require an application prior to December 26th of the prior year.

On-Line ads – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

Work is continuing on this project and she will speak at the General Membership meeting to update the membership.

New Business

VISA Card program– it was decided not to participate.

AKC Stand-alone 'Meet The Breeds' to be held at the Jacob Javits center in NYC, October 17, 2009. Lydia Pruett contacted the three Regional Borzoi Clubs in the NE area. None of the clubs were interested so BCOA will not participate.

President Pruett has received a request from AKC to purchase an ad (\$475.00) in the AKC Gazette in honor of AKC's upcoming 125th Anniversary. The Board felt the cost was prohibitive.

In celebration of the AKC 125th anniversary, each Parent Club has been invited to do a supported entry at the Eukanuba show in Long Beach, CA December 12th & 13th. Barbara O'Neill moved to hold a TSE with Sweepstakes, Joyce Katona seconded. Motion passed. As we are unsure of the availability of sweepstakes, Karen Mays will contact Pat Laurens to clarify this.

The 'Meet the Breeds' project is again at the Long Beach Convention center in conjunction with the Eukanuba show. In 2008 BCOA placed 4th in the Hound Group for competition for Best Booth and the Board felt we should participate again. Lorrie Scott will contact Chet Weston about the feasibility of using the same booth and report to Lydia Pruett in time to respond to AKC by the October 1 deadline.

**note: Chet Weston has agreed to head this effort.*

BCOA will place an ad in the Eukanuba catalogue. Jan Leikam moved to spend \$90 for this, R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock seconded, motion approved. Barbara O'Neill moved to support our Breed entry with medallions for BOB, BOS, WD, WB & Best BBE plus Obedience and Agility if a Borzoi entry qualifies. Cost \$45 each area of competition. Joyce Katona second, **motion passed.**

A clarification of the Championship Medal requirement was done concerning the co-owner position. We reviewed the current policy and determined it was adequate and did not need revising.

We received correspondence from the International Kennel Club, Chicago asking that BCOA support their 2010 show. Joyce Katona will contact her Region 6 members asking for their input on this matter.

Jan Leikam moved to adjourn, Kelly Brunarski seconded,
Adjourned 5PM

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