

April 4, 2011
Lawrence, Kansas
3PM CDT

Board Meeting

Present were:

Barbara O'Neill

Joyce Katona

Jane Schreiber

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock

KC Artley

Karen Mays

Jan Leikam

Lorrie Scott

Robin Riel

Ron Williams joined the meeting at 6PM – missed flight

Lydia Pruett joined the meeting via Skype at 3:30PM

In the absence of President Pruett and Vice President Brunarski, Ms. Barbara O'Neill led the meeting at the request of the President. Meeting called to order at 3PM CDT.

Minutes of the last meeting

Correction: KC Artley stated that Diane Davis and Terry and Dawn Swope were dropped in error. They have been reinstated.

R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Robin Riel seconded, minutes approved with corrections.

Recording Secretary: Jan Leikam

As there was insufficient time following the posting of the February Minutes to allow any correspondence regarding the membership applications, there were no 2nd readings.

KC Artley presented a TSE request for Nov 20 at the Central Ohio Kennel Club. Sweeps judge: Barbara Danelli Regular class judge: Fred Vogel

Jan Leikam moved to approve the TSE and the Recording Secretary's report, Jane Schreiber seconded, motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary – Karen Mays

AKC Lifetime Achievement Award. There has been one nomination of Ariel Duncan for all three sections, Conformation, Obedience and Performance.

Lorrie Scott moved to nominate Ariel, Joyce Katona seconded. Motion passed.

Karen Mays presented the AKC request for photos to be used in the Breed Standards app for the I-Phone. It was decided to use photos from the 'Visualization of the Standard' as these have been approved by the Club. KC Artley will select 5-6 photos and send them to the Board for input on selection of three of them. Jane Schreiber moved to approve, Robin Riel seconded, motion passed.

At the past March AKC Delegate meeting BCOA was recognized for the 'Ready Borzoi' website dealing with disaster planning and emergency preparedness. Barbara O'Neill moved that Robin Casey and Veni Harlan be awarded a President's Certificate of Appreciation to be presented at the Annual Award dinner Saturday April 9, KC Artley seconded, motion passed. In addition to the AKC recognition, BCOA has received a \$1000 check from AKC to be used for Public Education. There was discussion about using these funds for the 'Meet the Breeds' events this year.

Karen Mays received the Canine Health Conference information. The registration fee is \$200 which has not changed from last year. KC Artley moved to pay this fee for Ginger Jones plus allocate the previously approved amount of \$300 in travel expenses to enable her to attend this important conference. Joyce Katona seconded, motion passed.

Mrs. Mays suggested that we change the term 'Breeder directory' to 'Breeder Referral' on all publications including the website. AKC has encouraged clubs to make this change to avoid legal issues. The Board by consensus has agreed to this change.

A discussion of the cost of conference calls resulted in KC Artley volunteering to do research and cost comparisons of the various plans.

KC Artley moved to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report, Jane Schreiber seconded, report approved.

Treasurer's Report – KC Artley

Robin Riel moved to accept the report, Jane Schreiber seconded, report accepted.

Region Governors Reports

Region 2 – Jane Schreiber

Jane Schreiber is beginning to put together the Meet the Breeds booth to be done at the Eukanuba show this coming December. Deb Vidaver-Cohen has volunteered to assist Chair Jane Schreiber. The Board wanted to emphasize that the people participating in this activity do NOT have to be BCOA members.

Region 4 – Lorrie Scott

Governor Scott reports that she held a BCOA Regional meeting following the BCNC Specialty.

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve the Governor's Reports, KC Artley seconded, Reports accepted.

Committee Reports

Aristocrat Deadlines

After discussion it was decided to approve the following deadlines for the on-line edition of the Aristocrat:

Feb 15

May 15

Aug 15

Nov 15

This will allow the Feb issue to include the end-of-year stats. Lydia Pruett will contact Helen Lee to confirm that these deadlines would work for her and to ask if she would be willing to put out a supplemental National issue after the national so that those results could be available ASAP.

BTRC – Barbara O'Neill

A meeting of the Committee was held March 23, 2011 to approve the disbursement of the 2011 funds to NBRF, \$14,104 and BRNC, \$7,592. R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock moved to approve these disbursements, KC Artley seconded, motion passed.

Club medal inventory – R.Lynn Shell Whitlock will send medals to Karen Ackermann for Open Field awards.

Futurity – Joyce Katona

The 2011 Futurity trophies are here. Although Joyce Katona feels they aren't the best, they are within budget and she has requested suggestions and bids from some of the club members for the 2012 and future trophies.

Per Barbara O'Neill, we have 2 bronze puppies left which will last through the 2012 Futurity. We cannot reorder or remake these as the mold has been lost following the death of the sculptor. Garry Newton has agreed to do a replacement piece with Joyce Katona sending information on a 'mock up' to the Board for input.

Judge's Education – Patti Neale

Robin Riel presented the program at the Western WA Cluster in January in Puyallup, WA and Marilyn Polsfuss and Lydia Pruett presented the approved program to the Minnesota Judges Organization in February. Barbara O'Neill will ask Patti to give a verbal report of Judge's Education activities to the membership at the annual meeting, and also clarify that all presenters use the BCOA approved program.

A presentation of this program including 'hands on' should be scheduled for the membership at either the 2013 or 2014 National Specialty. Lydia Pruett will suggest this to Prudence Hlatkey, Member Education Chair.

National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

So far the Specialty is going well; the Junior T-Shirt has turned out very well and we hope to sell all of them with the profit going to the Junior Showmanship fund.

ACoD report – Josie Haumont, who attended in place of R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock, has given her report to Ms Shell-Whitlock. KC Artley recommends that the report be included in the Aristocrat and extends the thanks of the Board to Ms. Haumont for her assistance.

Karen Mays moved to approve the Committee Reports, Barbara O'Neill seconded, reports approved.

President Pruett announced a new **Standing Rule Committee** with KC Artley as head. Barbara O'Neill moved to approve this appointment, Jane Schreiber seconded, appointment approved.

Standing Rules governing balloting for National Specialty Judges were reviewed, when finalized they will be posted.

As we are still in need of a back-up tabulator, Jane Schreiber and Karen Mays will send suggestions and information to Lydia Pruett so that she can appoint this tabulator. It was clarified that the President will contact tabulators of her choice each year to determine their willingness to serve on this Standing Committee. She will then inform the Recording Secretary of her choices so that the Recording Secretary can determine the availability of tabulators as needed throughout the year.

TSE requirement revisions

Discussion of minimum entries expected at TSE included the previous year's entry (if not a major entry the reason that a major can be expected for this TSE application). Lydia Pruett will revise the TSE forms to include these entry expectations.

TSE trophies

It was clarified that the TSE guidelines should state that 'any trophies offered at a TSE, if not delivered on the day of the show must be delivered by the TSE Chair within 30 days of the event', including any BCOA medallions offered. Barbara O'Neill moved to add this condition, Robin Riel seconded, motion passed.

Hold Harmless agreement

Jan Leikam asked that the BCOA do a Hold Harmless Agreement for members storing/transporting the Challenge Trophies.

Karen Mays will send a copy of the agreement with the Brandtmanns to Jan Leikam.

Meet the Breeds – Ron Williams

To be held at the Javits Center in NYC this Nov 19 & 20.

Ron has contact a number of Borzoi people in his area that will hopefully assist in this project.

Discussion of new Club Banners is deferred until August.

New Business

‘Growing Borzoi Mug’ Barbara O’Neill has located a new vendor who will do the ‘ice process’ etching on either 11oz or 15oz mugs. Barbara is getting pricing for discussion at the August board meeting.

There was discussion of forming a **Yahoo List** to distribute the President’s Messages. In order to limit the number of posts, debate will not be allowed on the List, it will be set up as ‘Announcement Only’ by R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock. Joyce Katona moved to approve the formation of this List, Jan Leikam seconded, motion passed.

The suggestion of a **Facebook** page was also discussed with the consensus of the Board to be ‘No’ at this time.

Joyce Katona moved to adjourn, Ron Williams seconded, meeting adjourned
7:09PM CDT