



Board Meeting August 10, 2011

Meeting called to order at 8:07PM EDT by President Lydia Pruett.

Attending were:

Lydia Pruett

Kelly Brunarski

Jan Leikam

KC Artley

Barbara O'Neill

Jane Schreiber

R.Lynn Shell

Lorrie Scott

Joyce Katona

Robin Riel

Ron Williams joined the meeting in progress at 8:52PM

Karen Mays absent due to prior commitment.

Quorum established.

Jane Schreiber moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, R.Lynn Shell seconded, minutes approved.

Recording Secretary – Jan Leikam

TSE for Atlanta Kennel Club, October 22, 2011. Susan Pennington had submitted this last year but due to a mix up with AKC, we held this over until 2011. Sweeps judge is Steve Simms.

KC Artley moved to approve this TSE, Joyce Katona seconded TSE approved.

Jan Leikam will contact Susan Pennington to resend the TSE application.

No new membership applications received.

Barbara Simpson's membership application still needs a home visit with sponsor. It was decided to hold her application until November 1 and if no paperwork is received regarding this problem, we will return her application fee. Jan Leikam will write Barbara concerning this decision.

New members will be approved at the November meeting.

KC Artley moved to approve the Recording Secretary's report, Kelly Brunarski seconded, report approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Karen Mays

As Mrs. Mays was absent, Lydia Pruett will contact her for the results of her conversation with Kathy Wright regarding the medallions for International Specialties.

Discussion of the need for a new futurity bronze for the Best in Futurity trophy. Garry Newton has been approached to design this as it will be needed for the 2013 National Specialty. Jan Leikam will ask Garry to proceed with this and determine the cost.

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report, Joyce Katona seconded, report approved.

Treasurer – KC Artley

Nothing additional

Jan Leikam moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Kelly Brunarski seconded, report accepted.

Delegate's Report – Barbara O'Neill

Nothing additional

R.Lynn Shell moved to approve the report, Jane Schreiber seconded, report approved.

Governor's Report

Region 1 – Ron Williams

Nothing additional

Region 2 – Jane Schreiber

Nothing additional

Region 3 – R.Lynn Shell

Will be send to Recording Secretary for inclusion.

Discussion of the TSE in Houston July 2011. It was decided that If this TSE does not have majors in 2012, we will not approve future TSEs at that location/date. The Chair is Prudence Hlatky, with Margaret Lucia as Co-Chair.

Region 4 – Lorrie Scott

Will be sent for inclusion

Region 5 – Robin Riel

Will be sent for inclusion

Region 6 – Joyce Katona

Nothing additional

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

Committee Reports

Aristocrat – Helen Lee

Helen Lee has requested artwork for the Aristocrat cover. Lydia Pruett will ask for member input with her next President's message. Joyce Katona has received a number of the statistics reports and will remind the missing ones of the August 15 deadline.

Futurity – Barbara O'Neill

Nothing additional

Gazette Columnist – Jon Steele

Jon requests input from the membership for subjects of future columns.

Judges Education – Patti Neale

Ms Neale has been requested by the Board to prepare a 'pocket brochure' for use by AKC judges and would like this to be done by a committee rather than herself alone. Barbara O'Neill suggested that the Visualization of the Standard committee would be the best to accomplish this, with the Board approving the final brochure. Lydia Pruett will appoint the committee at the November meeting and is requesting the Board to bring suggestions.

National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

Ms O'Neill questioned the feasibility of holding the art contest for the Junior T-Shirt design each year as we may not have someone to chair this in the future. As money is accumulating in the Junior Fund, perhaps we can do something special at the next National for junior handlers.

It was decided that Board Approved Commercial Sponsor links will be allowed on the website for each National Specialty as an incentive for sponsorship of that National with a minimum donation of \$1000.00. These links will be removed three months following that National Specialty. R.Lynn Shell moved to approve, Barbara O'Neill seconded, motion approved.

2012 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

If the guest is member of the Red Lion Club there will be no pet cleaning fee. This is a free membership and can be found on the RedLion.com site under Reward Card. Robin Riel will post this information on the BNL.

We will hold a 'Borzoi Olympics' at the 2012 Specialty with a number of races and games. Jan Leikam will develop this concept. Also at the 2012 National we will offer CGC testing with Elizabeth Moon as the tester.

Barbara O'Neill submitted the following offer to each Specialty Club to participate in the 2012 National Specialty.

"Dear Specialty Clubs - Knowing how difficult it is for clubs in these economic times, the BCOA would like to support your club in its efforts to stay viable. The BCOA is offering regional specialty clubs a table at no cost for use on Saturday, Best of Breed day, at the specialty for you to sell your fund raising items - tee shirts, jewelry, etc. We have done this in the past but it was not widely advertised. Carol will close down the BCOA Specialty Sales table by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and the clubs will share that space. BCOA will not have personnel to help and you will need to have someone there to manage and take care of sales. We do ask that you confine your sales to Saturday only unless you are a vendor, allowing the BCOA to complete its sales.

This is a great way to give your fund raising ideas/items a large audience and we hope it will benefit you. Let me know if this is of interest to you and please R.S.V.P. so we can make sure that you are included in our plans.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and seeing you in Richland, Washington"

2013 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

Robin Riel moved to approve the nominated judges for ASFA, Junior Showmanship and Obedience. R.Lynn Shell seconded, judges approved.

Rescue – Dee Jones

It was requested that the local Contact name be added to each flyer. Dee is requested to send an updated flyer to the Board for approval.

Challenge Trophy Transportation

Lydia Pruett spoke with Cindi Gredys re: Storing and transportation of the bronzes. Cindi offered to store them (with a hold-harmless agreement) and charge the club the current IRS mileage rate for driving them to the National site along with any trailer rental fees. This is currently .555/mile. Jan Leikam moved to not approve this as it is cost prohibitive, Robin Riel seconded. This offer is rejected. The Board appreciates Cindi's offer!

The Specialty Coordinator will be responsible for the receiving of trophy shipments. Lorrie Scott will take the trophies to her house following the 2012 National in Richland, WA and then will ship to Pennsylvania for the 2013 show.

BCOA will purchase boxes and packing material for each trophy.

ROM – Barbara Ewing

Barbara O'Neill moved to approve the ROM list as submitted, Jane Schreiber seconded, motion passed.

Standing Rules – KC Artley

We need a list of Life Members who have not returned the current year's dues/contact form so that these people can be contacted to determine their interest in continuing with BCOA updates..

KC Artley will compile a list of BCOA members who indicate an interest in a specific committee from the dues notices returned for 2011 and will bring to the November meeting.

KC will reformat the dues renewal form and send to Jan Leikam for the September 2011 mailing and will have the form placed on the Secretary's page of the BCOA website.

An additional Standing Rule will require the Recording Secretary to have a rough draft of the Board minutes to the president within two weeks of the meeting. KC Artley moved to approve, Barbara O'Neill seconded, motion passed.

Added to the Standing Rules regarding the National Specialty judges and sweeps judges – each nominee must be eligible for both years.

KC Artley moved to accept this rule, Jane Schreiber seconded, motion passed.

KC Artley will bring copies of the Standing Rules to the November meeting for finalization. We will decide to post them to the website at that time.

Member education – Prudence Hlatky

Mrs. Hlatky is the Chair of the Committee and has developed a multi-year list of subjects to be presented at the National Specialty. There will be a page added to the BCOA website listing by year each topic so that people will know what is planned. R.Lynn Shell will speak to Prudence regarding the design of that page.

Veni Harlan has requested a name change of the BCOA Disaster Plans Committee to BCOA Ready Borzoi Disaster Preparedness committee. The Board decided to not change the name as it had been in place for several years, and instructed Lydia Pruett to so inform Veni.

Also the Board asks Veni Harlan and Robin Casey to put a brochure together for the upcoming New York City and Eukanuba Show Meet The Breeds booth for BCOA. The Board will need to approve the draft and printing costs. Barbara O'Neill moved to utilize a portion of the \$1000 AKC award for public education to print this brochure, Jane Schreiber seconded, motion passed.

Additional Committee reports

2012 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

Ms. O'Neill presented the cost of the traditional cloisonné medallions which have almost doubled in price and requested a decision by the Board to fund them for 2012. The Board felt that these medallions are an expected part of the National Specialty and felt that they should be continued. We will review these costs each year.

Joyce Katona moved to approve the committee reports, Barbara O'Neill seconded, reports approved.

Unfinished Business

AKC Photos for personal devices

Kelly Brunarski will send the selected photos to Karen Mays who will forward to AKC.

The Board revisited an earlier discussion about the possibility of a BCOA Yahoo Group. It was decided to not do this at this time.

The President's Message will be posted on the Secretary's page on the website in addition to the email message that is currently sent out. Lydia Pruett will speak with Shen Smith about doing this.

Barbara O'Neill moved to add this to the Secretary's Page, Ron Williams seconded, motion passed.

Club Banners

Melissa Hundley will coordinate the new banners but she needs information regarding numbers of banners needed, sizes and club logos. Jan Leikam sent a sample banner to Melissa Hundley. It was decided that a new BCOA Shield, the Lone Star Borzoi Club, Greater Omaha Borzoi Club, Puget Sound Borzoi Club and the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club are currently in need of a new/updated banner. Barbara O'Neill has the BCOA logo, R.Lynn Shell will get the Lone Star logo, Joyce Katona will contact the Greater Omaha Borzoi Club, Lydia Pruett will contact the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club and Robin Riel will send the current Puget Sound Borzoi Club logo. The Regional Governors are requested to contact the Specialty clubs in their area regarding their need for updated banners. Results are needed by November 1, 2011.

New Business

Janis McFerin suggested that a 'Generations' clinic be held at the National Specialty as a fundraising idea. Critiques from multiple judges would be given. Lydia Pruett will ask if she is willing to put together a plan including costs, an idea of how many people might be interested in participating etc. Generation classes have been held in the past and we have not had many entries so we would need to have more information in order to approve. It sounds like a great idea if it is cost effective and people would commit to bringing entries.

Purina Weight Chart – Bonnie Dalzell

It was unclear from her letter exactly what she wanted BCOA to do, so Ron Williams will contact her to determine the response she received from the Veterinary School she contacted regarding this Purina Weights for dogs. We will revisit this item in November with additional information. (Letter attached)

Membership Booklet – Bonnie Dalzell

Each member will be listed as a separate entry so they will be easier to find if the people in the household have different last names.

It was also decided to have the Officers and Board listed on the first page of the Membership Booklet with their name, position and region.

Lydia Pruett will reply to Gwen Post inquiry regarding the selling of Borzoi Items through the BCOA website. The Board decided to not allow this commercial enterprise as the Borzoi Finders email list is available for private sale items

AKC Breed Registration numbers will now be supplied only to parent clubs. It was decided that this would be included in the Aristocrat.

Meet the Breed Booth at Eukanuba – Jane Schreiber

The theme will be 'From Russia With Love' – decorative artwork will be done by Cricket Murray. There will be reproductions of old Borzoi photos in poster-size blowups. AKC suggests

illustration of the breed origin and general characteristics which we will display using candid shots of Borzoi in Obedience, Lure Trials, Play, relaxing at home, etc. Rebecca Neale will be contacted for photos from the 2011 National Specialty Costume Class and Kelly Brunarski will send some 16 X 20 photos.

The Business Card magnets and 'So You Want a Borzoi' brochures will be given out. Currently Chet Weston has these and Lorrie Scott will ask him to send to Jane Schreiber.

International Borzoi Conference – Joyce Katona

Joyce asks that each Regional Governor contact Borzoi owners in their region to invite them to join the IBC mailing list.

Jan Leikam moved to adjourn, Barbara O'Neill seconded, meeting adjourned at 12:05AM EDT.

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