

Borzoi Club of America, Inc. Spring Board Meeting

Preliminary Teleconference: Monday, March 21, 2016

President Rebecca Peters-Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM EDT

Present: Karen Ackerman, Katie Averill Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Rita Rice, Ron Williams, Joy Windle, Marcella Zobel (8:15)

Minutes of Winter Board Meeting: On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Katie Averill, the minutes of the Winter Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

Officers Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle) On a motion by Karen Ackerman, seconded by Katie Averill, the report was approved.

Membership Applications

First Reading: On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Carol Enz, the following were accepted:

Susanne H. Cecere 8412 Wilson Blvd. Columbia, SC 29203

803 786-6012 greenacres@yahoo.com

Sponsors: Sandra Moore & Paula Moore

Darcy Ferrentino 175 Reserve Rd. W. Seneca, NY 14224

518 598-7061 colliterv6@earthlink.net

Sponsors: Joyce Law & Pamela Jo Leichtman

Debra Maldonado 2607 Sunrise Blvd Kodak, TN 37764

865 712-2607 debra.maldonado31@gmail.com

Sponsors: Cindy Michalak & Patty Anderson

Joyce Mabry-Overmyer 17641 Tedler Circle Round Hill, VA 20141

540-751-2016 jmovermyer@rstarmail.com

Sponsors: Ernest Cheely & Margaret Lucia

Sherri Nichols 9014 Psencik Rd. Richmond, TX 77469

281 896-4572 sanichols57@gmail.com

Sponsors: Prudence Hlatky & Leslie Walenta

Kendra Lord, SSgt USAF 8171A Stillwater Cove Navarre, FL 32566

720 460-7148 lordkd18@icloud.com

Sponsors: Meghann Lord-Fenn & Kathy Wright

Second Reading:

Martine Burton 56 Preakness Street Hanover, PA 17331-7797

ebcpets@gmail.com 717 200-1367 (h) 717 698-6258 (m)

Sponsors: Jamie Lynn Bobrowski/ Marilyn Kivela

Stuart McGraw & Justine Spiers 12736 McCourtney Road Grass Valley, CA 95949

jstartborzoi@gmail.com 530 333-7109

Sponsors: Karen Staudt-Cartabona/ Ernest Cheely

On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Carol Enz, the applications were approved.

Life Members (joined 1991)

Susan Booth	John & Lorrie Scott
Kathleen Croft	Roy Silguero
Pat Hardy	Marjory Whitehurst
Margaret Rice	Ron Williams
Sandra Moore	

Trophy Supported Entry (TSE) Applications

On a motion by Carol Enz, seconded by Katie Averill, these TSEs were approved.

Baton Rouge Kennel Club

January 28, 2017: Amy Sorbie/ Pam Buffington

January 29, 2017: Ron Spritzer/ Joyce Law

Chair: Veni Harlan

Corresponding Secretary (Karen Mays) On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Katie Averill, the report was approved.

2/24/16: BCOA declines Dr. Gerrard Penta's requested donation to Judges Education Foundation on the grounds that our members donate both time and talent to the Foundation. CE/RW

Treasurer (Rita Rice) On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Katie Averill, the report was approved, pending the final report update at the National.

Treasurer Rice requested that the Board add officers Recording Secretary & Vice-president to Bank of America account signers. (RR/ KM) Discussion tabled til 4/11/16

Currently 514 members; Quorum for the Annual Meeting: 51

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill): Delegate O'Neill directed attention to the AKC request that BCOA donate \$500 to AKC/PAC. Because of some uncertainty regarding 501(c)4 status as PAC donations, a final decision was tabled until 4/11/16. On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Katie Averill, the report was approved.

Regional Governors: On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, the report was approved. Governors were reminded that they are vital links between the Board and BCOA members.

Standing Committee Reports

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Carol Enz, the reports were approved.

Annual Top 5 Awards (Deborah Vidaver-Cohen) Jane Berardi-Molloy will ship to any rosettes and certificates not picked up at the Awards Dinner.

Annual Versatility Award and Versatility Hall of Fame (Kay Novotny)

On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Joy Windle, the Board agreed to offer a free *Aristocrat* ad for recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue (Barbara O'Neill):

The Board will review BTRC minutes and First of the Standing Rules on April 11.

On a request from Rita Rice, requesting audit status BTRC meetings, it was agreed that Board will be notified of meetings and are welcomed to audit.

Canine Ambassador Program (Chris Danker): Chris is looking for people to work on committee. Learn more about AKC's Canine Ambassador Program: <http://www.akc.org/public-education/canine-ambassador-program/>

Futurity Event (Joyce Katona): Joyce has been assured that that the trophies will be at the event.

Gazette Columnist (Jon Steele): Another fine column. Subscribe to the on-line Gazette: <http://www.akc.org/pubs/gazette/>

Health (Nancy Hopkins): On a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Katie Averill, the Board approved a request \$2500 **02242: Understanding the Genetics of Adverse Drug Reactions in Sighthounds Principal Investigator: Dr. Michael H. Court, PhD; Washington State University Total Grant Amount: \$150,000.00; Grant Period: 2/1/2016 - 1/31/2018**
Discussion of the Holter proposal was tabled until 11 April 2016.

Judges Education 4/11/16 (Patti W. Neale) On a motion by Carol Enz, seconded by Rita Rice, the report was approved.

Meet the Breeds (Ron Williams): Ron called attention to several items. The revised and updated breed pamphlet was not available for distribution. Rita Rice was directed to send a \$150.00 check made out to AKC to Karen Mays so that we can go forward with the updated breed pamphlet that is sent to new puppy registrants by AKC, as well as distributed at MTB. AKC/MTB printed souvenir Program, 'Meet & Compete' listing parent clubs *but not BCOA* & copy of the 'Family Dog.' BCOA should take an ad in next year's program; Ron Williams will investigate with Gina DiNardo. Rebecca Peters-Campbell will forward email. On a motion by Katie Averill, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, the Board approved BCOA support of 'Meet & Compete' 2017. The Photo backdrop is beautiful and easy to do, but it's not memorable. It was suggested that the booth needs a gimmick.

Standing Rules (Joy Windle): Windle is working on plans for refinement to make the current format searchable and more 'user-friendly.'" *Note: the revised version was viewed at the Kansas meeting.

10:50 PM: On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Katie Averill, the meeting is recessed until 11 April 2016 in Lawrence, KS.

11 April 2016 4:00 PM Lawrence, KS

Present: Karen Ackerman, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O’Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Rita Rice, Ron Williams, Joy Windle, Marcella Zobel **Absent:** Katie Averill (in transit)

Unfinished Business

BTRC: On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Ron Williams, the BTRC minutes were approved. On a motion by Rita Rice, seconded by Marcella Zobel, the Board requested that BCOA Treasurer be granted account access in BTRC Standing Rule #4. The motion carried Barbara O’Neill and Prudence Hlatky abstaining.

BCOA Insurance updates

On the general liability policy, RHS4892937, with Sportsman’s effective 04/07/2016 through 04/17/17.

- 1) The limits are 2 million each occurrence (claim) 4 million general aggregate (one year)
- 2) The defense costs are outside (in addition to) the above limits.
- 3) The policy provides coverage for all locations as long as it is a designated club event.
- 4) Includes liquor legal, if liquor is provided free at events. If there is a charge, there is no coverage.
- 5) Inland Marine (gates, fencing, sculptures etc.) is replacement cost and has a \$250 deductible.
- 6) Current term includes 3 additional insureds.
- 7) Fire legal is for premises rented to the BCOA. The limits are currently \$100,000. Higher limits can be purchased for a fee. May need to purchase higher limits due to contract requirements. If the BCOA contracts with a facility which requires one million for property damage, current limits are not adequate.
- 8) The general liability policy applies to third parties only for bodily injury and property damage. It does not apply to club members, volunteers, participants and/or professional handlers. It does not cover lure coursing, racing, agility, obedience, rally or rescue programs.

Regarding the Philadelphia Insurance Policy, PHSD1078590 Directors and Officers Insurance 11/1/15-11/1/16. This is for negligent decision making by the BCOA board.

- 1) Limits are 1 million
- 2) Defense costs are outside the limits
- 3) Employment practices section extends to volunteers
- 4) No internet coverage for liability and slander, can be purchased.

In regard to the crime (theft) policy which renews 05/07/2016, I have no information, as I did not have access the policy prior to the board meeting.

To be finalized at the Summer meeting:

1. ROM Points Revisions for Higher Level Titles Carol Enz is working to balance points across the various areas of competition.
2. A more user-friendly for pet owners membership application and a separate Juniors application will be reading for implementation
3. Discussion of Holter Proposal. Board agreed to return to Chair Nancy Hopkins to clarify and refine wording.

4. Sweepstakes Judge Qualifications Every nomination accompanied by statement from nominee accepting it.
5. Teleconference Provider Options: Additional provider options will be explored with a summer report. Board members are requested to access draft of SR to experience GoogleDrive before Summer meeting.

6:45 PM Recessed for dinner

9:28 PM Re-convened

On a motion by Rita Rice, seconded by Karen Mays, the Board added officers Recording Secretary and Vice-president as Bank of America account signers for depository transactions. Rita Rice & Karen Ackerman will draft corporate resolution.

New Business

1. Junior Members Proposal (from Barbara Lord): RR will check with AKC re \$\$ for junior awards. PH/JK pending findings.

2. On a motion by Karen Ackerman, seconded by Marcella Zobel, the proposal for 2018 National Specialty May 19-26 2018, in Richland, WA was approved.

3. On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, the Board agreed to revise the voting process for Specialty Judges, reducing the number of candidates on the final (one year) ballot to five (5) for both conformation and sweepstakes.

4. On a motion by Joy Windle, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, the Board agreed to revise the voting process to allow email voting, pending approval at the Annual Meeting.

5. BCOA Policy: Traveling with Service Dogs On a motion by Carol Enz, seconded by **Karen Ackerman**, the Board voted to adopt AKC policy on Service Dogs, pending approval at the Annual Meeting.

On a motion by Prudence Hlatky, seconded Carol Enz, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

01/13/16 - 03/13/16

- 01/22/16 Received a request from C.M. Green, greenwyn@earthlink.net, for breeders near St. Louis. Sent.
- 01/23/16 Received a change of address from Helen Lee to 48-1555 Howe Road, Kamloops, BC V1S 1Va.
Sent Information sent to Joy Windle and Barbara O'Neill.
- 01/26/15 Received information from Prize Possessions Award Supplier regarding trophies.
- 01/26/16 Sent the Board response to Mari-Beth O'Neill's request for input on admitting the Silken Windhound to the AKC Foundation Stock Service.
- 01/27/16 Received an inquiry from Paula Steenson regarding her membership status. Referred to Joy Windle.
- 01/28/16 Received a change of address from Barbara Binder to 323 Smithridge Park, Reno, NV 89502. Phone: 503-307-8596. Email: borzoidv@aol.com. Information sent to Joy Windle and Barbara O'Neill.
- 01/29/16 Received a request from Mick Yip, mick.m.yip@gmail.com for breeders in the northeast. Sent.
- 01/30/16 Received an updated Membership Roster from the Borzoi Club of California.
- 02/04/16 Received acknowledgement from Mari-Beth O'Neill for our response to her request regarding the Silken Windhound.
- 02/06/16 Received a request from Michele Muzones, Michele.muzones@me.com, for breeders in Illinois and the surrounding area. Sent.
- 02/06/16 Sent a request to AKC for an American Kennel Club Outstanding Sportsmanship Award medallion.
- 02/06/16 Contacted Neil Singer at AKC regarding last year's recipient not being listed on the AKC Web site.
- 02/08/16 Received a notice from Charles Schwab regarding the change of email address for our account.
- 02/08/16 Notified AKC that the Crufts certificates that are awarded at the National are to be sent to Barbara O'Neill.
- 02/08/16 Received a request from the Lone Star Borzoi Club for an Independent Specialty to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Bell County Center in Belton, TX. Conformation Judge: Barbara O'Neill. Sweepstakes Judge: To Be Determined. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Margaret Lucia. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 02/08/16 Received an updated Membership Roster for the Lone Star Borzoi Club from Margaret Lucia. Forwarded to R. Lynn-Shell.
- 02/09/16 Received a request for a Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha Specialty to be held on Saturday, October 8, 2016 in conjunction with the Cornhusker Kennel Club Show to be held at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, NE. Conformation Judge: Laura Hyatt. Sweepstakes Judge: Suzanne Deghi. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Paula Steenson. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

02/09/16 Received a request for a second Specialty for a Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha Specialty on Sunday, October 9, 2016 to be held in conjunction with the Cornhusker Kennel Club at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, NE. Conformation Judge: Irving Bonios. Sweepstakes Judge: Krista Hunt. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Paula Steenson. Information sent to R. Lynn-Shell for the calendars.

02/09/16 Received an updated Membership Roster for the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha from Paula Steenson. Forwarded to R. Lynn-Shell.

02/10/16 Received a request for a Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey Specialty to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 in conjunction with the Somerset Hills Kennel Club Show to be held at North Branch Park in Bridgewater, NJ. Conformation Judge to be selected from the Somerset Hills Judging Panel. Sweepstakes Judge: David Giordano. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Lorene Connolly. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

02/10/16 Received an updated Membership Roster for the Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey from Lorene Connolly.

02/11/16 Received a request from Emilee Waugh, Emilee.waugh@gmail.com for breeders in Oregon, Washington and Northern California. Sent.

02/20/16 Received a request from Veronica Kern, veronicakern@yahoo.com, for breeders in Texas. Sent.

02/21/16 Received a note from Veronica Kern who indicated she was very impressed by our national club web page and the information we have there on behalf of the breed and their health. She stated ours is one of the best pages she has seen.

02/21/16 Received a request from Dominick San Angelo, dsailsa@cox.net, for breeders in Arizona and New Mexico. Sent.

02/22/16 Received a request from Candice Cain, DVM, sugarcain52@gmail.com for information on Borzoi and breeders in Illinois and surrounding states. Sent.

02/22/16 Received a letter regarding two membership applicants.

02/24/16 Received a request from Dr. Gerard Penta for a donation to the Dog Judges Educational Foundation.

02/29/16 Received a notice from AKC that a Sweepstakes event in Houston, TX cannot be approved because the signature of a club officer is required.

02/29/16 Received a notice from AKC Event Operations regarding recent changes approved by the Board of Directors that will have an impact on clubs

03/01/16 Received a request from Jordan Wise, jwise09@aol.com, for breeders within 200 miles of Central Indiana. Sent.

03/01/16 Received a second letter regarding two membership applications.

03/01/16 Received information from AKC regarding Specialty Club requests for Non-approved individuals to judge their Specialty Show.

03/01/16 Received a request for a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 with the Lima, Ohio Kennel Club Show to be held in Columbus, Ohio. Conformation Judge: Gayle Bontecou. Sweepstakes Judge: Lorrie Scott. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to KC Artley. Information sent to R. Lynn-Shell for the calendars.

03/01/16 Received an updated Membership Roster for the Midwest Borzoi Club from KC Artley. Forwarded to R. Lynn -Shell.

03/02/16 Received a request from the Puget Sound Borzoi Club for an Independent Specialty to be held on Friday, August 26, 2016, at Cascade Air Park in Snohomish, WA. Conformation Judge: Rita Rice. Sweepstakes Judge: Bunny Kelley. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Patricia Wiseman. Information sent to R. Lynn-Shell for the calendars.

03/02/16 Received a request from the Puget Sound Borzoi Club for a second Independent Specialty to be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016, at Cascade Air Park in Snohomish, WA. Conformation Judge: Shen Smith. Sweepstakes Judge: Edythe Coleman. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Patricia Wiseman. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

03/12/16 Received a request from Meaghan Duck, duckm@ufl.edu, for a list of breeders in the southeast. Sent.

03/13/16 Received a request from David Thomas, davidkthomaskc@gmail.com, for breeders in and near St. Louis. Sent with a recommendation he attend the National to see the dogs and speak with breeders.

03/13/16 Received a request for a Specialty in conjunction with the Del Valle Kennel Club on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA. Conformation Judge: Ann Midgarden. Sweepstakes Judge: Kay Cassella. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Marian Broadhurst. Information sent to R. Lynn-Shell for the calendars.

03/13/16 Received an updated Membership Roster from the Borzoi Club of Northern California. Forwarded to R. Lynn-Shell.

Treasurer (Rita Rice): Please contact treas@bcoa.club for a copy of the Report.

AKC DELEGATE (Barbara O'Neill)

AKC Delegate meeting was held Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Newark, New Jersey.

The three candidates that were elected to the Board of Directors are:

Patricia M. Cruz, Heart of the Plains Kennel Club
William J. Feeney, Sir Frances Drake Kennel Club
Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Kennel Club of America.

An amendment that would permit Delegate judges to charge a fee of up to \$150 was defeated.

There was a great presentation by Carl Ashby on the value of being a donor to the AKC PAC. The American Kennel Club Political Action Committee (AKC PAC) helps elect legislators who share our commitment to reasonable laws that protect our rights and promote responsible dog ownership and breeding. It demonstrates that dog owners will hold their representatives accountable for how they vote on dog issues, and that they stand behind leaders who share our beliefs.

I would like to see the BCOA donate \$500 to the AKC PAC.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held Monday, June 13, 2016, Newark, New Jersey. An agenda has not been determined.

Regional Governors

Region 1 (Ron Williams)

Once again the region has been quiet. I sent out email articles received from AKC.

January I sent the Minutes from the November Board Meeting in Memphis.

February, I sent to the region the following email regarding the 2019 National. I explained our rotation to host the National is coming up and solicited a Facility Coordinator:

It's about that time again where the National Specialty comes to Region 1. The last Region 1 National was held in Lancaster, PA in 2013. The Facility Coordinator was Joy Windle. If you attended that year, it was a good time had by all and very successful. Well, it's time to start looking for someone who would like to be the Facility Coordinator for 2019. Proposal(s) would need to be submitted in 2017 to include the actual planned facility and possible events. Remember, this isn't sponsored by a regional club.

However, the Facility Coordinator would need to be a BCOA Member.

I'm not going to lie, it's a huge undertaking and won't be taken on by a single person. You would work closely with the BCOA Show Chairman. The show committee chairs would do a lot of work and can be outside of the region and members of the committee can be non-BCOA members.

In the coming months you'll see a few emails regarding this. If you're interested and/or have questions, you can first contact me. If necessary, I'll put you in touch with the appropriate person to answer your question(s). Also, if you're attending this year's National in Kansas, you have the opportunity to pay a little more attention to what's going on behind the scenes

To date, I haven't had any responses.

Region 3 (Prudence G. Hlatky)

As it's only been a couple of months since I last reported in January, this report will be somewhat short. The board has faced several issues recently that have needed member feedback. Please contact me so I can inform the board of how the region feels about how the club is responding to the member's needs. I follow a variety of social media, but it's best if you send me your thoughts and feelings. My contact information is listed on the BCOA website and in the member directory. The request for a Borzoi appropriate TV sound bite, from the last report and the BCOA minutes, resulted in one response.

Upcoming events:

1. By the time your read this the following two events will have occurred. Region III is fortunate in that it normally draws large strong entries for its Specialties and TSE. So far this year the events already held had 5-point majors and lots of breed points.
2. The Lone Star Borzoi Club specialty 3/25 has an entry of 44, with 22 class bitches entered. TSE 4/8 Hutchinson KC, Kansas - Shirley McFadden regular classes, no sweeps - Teresa Burks – chair
3. July 22, Houston KC, TSE - Sari Brewster-Tietjen, regular classes – sweeps Nancy Hopkins, Leslie Walenta - chair
4. 2016 BCOA National, Lawrence Kansas April 2016

The entries are closed and we eagerly await the entry numbers. Also, it's never too late to let Kay Cassella, coordinator of Facility and Event logistics know if you are available as last minute help. Her team would love to have you volunteer for as much or as little as you can.

Still of Interest:

Region3 proposed items still on the BOD agenda: The BCOA BOD is working on a couple of suggestions from Region 3 and hopefully some of them will be implemented soon.

1. Simplifying the BCOA Membership application to make it more Rescue and single dog owner-friendly.
2. Revising the ROM requirements to recognize higher-level achievements
3. Looking at revising the BCOA voting policy, to use electronic voting
4. BCOA National Regular and Sweepstakes Judge's qualifications
5. Service dog policy with guidelines. Again, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Region 5 (Karen Ackerman)

In 2018, the BCOA National Specialty will be held in Region 5. Presently, we are searching for a venue. I have reached out personally to a few Region 5 members. Hopefully, I will be able to contact all Region

5 members for their insight. As of this date, there has been no communication from any regional members regarding any issues or concerns in our area.

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

I asked the region to welcome our 2 new members: Chelle T. Griffith and Paula Steenson and congratulated our 2 Life members: Susan Booth and Diana Scott-Cool.

Once again, I reminded them how advertising in the Aristocrat is one of the best deals around, gave them the costs and included the links for each.

I informed the region about the distribution of funds to the 2 borzoi rescue groups and the appointment of the new BTRC.

I mentioned that we were pleased with the decrease in number of borzoi in rescue and that the reports from the two rescue groups will not be edited.

I asked to be notified if the region has ideas of other uses of the CHF funds. I informed them of the proposal from Nancy Hopkins regarding the Holter monitor. I also told them of our vote to donate \$2500 to each of the studies recommended by Ginger Jones, bloat and cancer.

I mentioned the hearings that did not occur due to resignations and named the two members who resigned.