

**Midwest Borzoi Club
Annual Membership Meeting
Date: May 27, 2018
Place: Kalamazoo, MI**

1. **ROLL CALL – 10% of members residing in the Midwest region (12 members) required for quorum. 25 members signed the roll.**

The following officers/board members were in attendance: K. C. Artley, Mike Bilak, Barbara Danieli, Laura Hyatt, Pam Leichtnam, Michelene Nash.

The following officers/board members were absent: Kalen Dumke, Liz Duncan, Dana Thompson.

* Meeting was called to order at: 3:00 pm

2. **READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Mike Bilak**
 - Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes and approval of those minutes by Nancy Reimer with a second by Anne Midgarden. Motion was approved unanimously.
3. **REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Mike Bilak**
 - As of this date, we have 112 active memberships. At total of 55 memberships are life members. Family memberships total 42. At total of 83 memberships (117 members) reside in the Midwest region.
4. **REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY –Amy Sikula**
 - The 2019 judges are available on the club website. Here are the judges for 2018-2019:
 - August 11, 2018 Sweepstakes – Kristina Terra
Regular Classes – James E. Frederiksen
 - May 25, 2019 Sweepstakes – Valori Tramtanella
Regular Classes – Barbara O’Neil
 - November 16, 2019 Sweepstakes – Jennifer Steele
Regular Classes – Carol Spritzer
 - The following are the ballot tabulations for the 2021 Specialty Show judges:
 - Breed Judge**
Daniel Dowling
Jim Sillers
Amy Sorbie
Cindy Gredys
E. A. “Skip” Thielen
 - Sweepstakes Judge**
Ron Mater
Lynne Bennett
Pam Leichtnam
Kristi Arnquist
Mickie Nash
Bonnie Dalzell
5. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER. Nancy Reimer. (See attached handout)**
6. **REPORT OF COMMITTEES. None.**

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7. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS. Mike Bilak

- **Second reading for the following Membership Application: Lee Hayes, Gary IN – Single Membership Proposed by: Jonathan Reimer Endorsed by: Nancy Reimer**
 - **Amy Sikula made a motion to accept applicant of Lee Hayes as an MBC member. Motion was seconded by Judy Dennis. Motion was approved unanimously to be final 30 days after General membership Meeting minutes are published to the membership.**
- **First reading for the following Membership Application: Amy Balthrop, Taylor, MI – Single Membership Proposed by: Amy Sikula Endorsed by: Anne Midgarden**
 - **Second reading to be held at the next MBC Board Meeting.**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

9. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES – None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- **Election of MBC Officers and Board Members. As there were no petitions to run for office, the candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee will take office:**
 - **President: K. Carol Artley**
 - **Vice President: Kalen Dumke**
 - **Recording Secretary: Michael Bilak**
 - **Corresponding Secretary: Amy Sikula**
 - **Treasurer: Nancy Reimer**
 - **Board (3-year term): Michelene Nash & Liz Duncan-Burge**
- **The board recommends that the 2020 Annual Specialty and General Membership meeting be held during the West Michigan Apple Blossom Cluster in Kalamazoo in conjunction with either the Grand Rapids Kennel Club (Saturday May 23) or the Kalamazoo Kennel Club (Sunday, May 24).**
 - **Amy Sikula made a motion to accept the board recommendation. Motion was seconded by Mike Bilak. Motion was approved unanimously.**
- **The Board is proposing MBC hold the Borzoi only AKC lure coursing trial on Friday, October 5, 2018 at Twin Towers Park, Yellow Springs, OH and Sighthound AKC Trials October 20 & 21, 2018 in Lima, OH.**
 - **Nancy Reimer made a motion to accept the Board proposal to for AKC Coursing Trials in October 2018. Frank Zajac seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

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- **The following 2018-2019 MBC committees and slate of committee chairs are recommended:**
 - Annual Awards - KC Artley
 - Archives - Lynne Bennett
 - AKC Legislative Liaison - Michelene Nash
 - Breeder Referral - Pat Murphy
 - MBC Bulletin Editor - KC Artley
 - MBC Facebook page - Amy Sikula
 - MBC Inventory (challenge trophies, medallions, ring gates) - Lynne Bennett
 - MBC website - KC Artley
 - Hall Of Fame - Barbara Tyler-Lord
 - Lure Coursing Trials - Nancy Reimer
 - NBRF Delegate - Liz Duncan-Burge
 - Specialty, August 11, 2018, Cudahy WI - Pamela Leichtnam
 - Specialty, May 25, 2019, Kalamazoo MI - Laura Hyatt
 - Specialty, November 16, 2019, Columbus OH - Amy Sikula
 - Statistics, Conformation - Lynne Bennett
 - Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC - KC Artley
 - Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA - Amy Sikula
 - Statistics, Obedience & Rally - KC Artley
 - Sunshine - Michelene Nash
 - Virginia Jones made a motion to accept the 2018-2019 MBC committees and slate of committee chairs. Joan Tierney seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
- ***Annual Audit – Barbara Danieli brought to the floor that the club was not in compliance with the requirement to conduct an annual Treasurer’s Book audit as sited in the following club Standing Rules: “R3. Treasurer’s books to be audited yearly and the treasurer to be bonded. (12-13-80 Rule of Order)”;*** and ***“R4. The treasurer will be bonded for \$10,000.00. (4-14-91 Rule of Order).”***
 - Discussion: K. C. Artley posed a question to the floor on whether there was a need to have the Treasurer bonded due to the unknown cost of bonding insurance and return on investment. It was suggested from the floor that because the Treasurer’s report was published there may be no need for annual audit. However, further discussion from the floor suggested that the audit and bonding was a “best business practice” and investigating the cost of bonding the Treasurer was worth exploring.
 - Virginia Jones made a motion that a committee be formed to explore the cost and need for bonding insurance for the Treasurer. Anne Midgarden seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
 - K. C. Artley announced the formation of a committee to research the cost of bonding insurance. Committee chair – K. C. Artley and Dana Thompson serving on the committee. Committee report due at the Fall Board Meeting.
- **August 2018 Specialty Dedication.** A motion is requested on the proposal that the August 11, 2018 Specialty be dedicated to the memory of Penny Keiffer.

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- Laura Hyatt made a motion that the August 2018 Specialty be dedicated to the memory of Penny Keiffer. Mike Bilak seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

- *Presentation of the member owned "Top 10" Annual Awards.*

* Meeting Adjourned at: 3:16 pm