

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting
Minutes
April 13, 2020 8:15 pm EST / 7:15 pm CST

Attendance: Anne Midgarden, Kalen Dumke, Rebecca Heighton Drollinger, Amy Sikula, Nancy Reimer, Tami Marshall, KC Artley, Liz Duncan-Burge, Mickey Nash, Pam Leichtnam, Dana Thompson, Laura Hyatt.

1. Meeting began at 8:15PM EST. Board members present: All. Board members absent: None.
2. Minutes from last Board meeting (December 2019).

Motion to Approve December 2019 board meeting minutes – Pam.
Second – Laura. Motion passes.

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

- Membership report. Dorothy Farmer is deceased.
- Report on email vote taken by the Board on February 23, 2020. Pam Leichtnam reported that our previous approved concurrent specialty scheduled for August 14, 2021 with the Cudahy kennel club at Franksville WI, cannot be held, as that site is no longer available. The Cudahy kennel club members do not know when or where, they will be holding their shows in 2021. Pam has been in contact with the people who organize the shows at Grayslake Illinois in June. Pam recommended that we hold our specialty June 19, 2021, at the same site and on the same day as the Chicagoland Hound Association show. This is part of a 4 day cluster of all-breed and specialty shows. Motion made by KC Artley seconded by Pam Leichtnam. Motion approved.
- Report on mailing to membership in February (December minutes, quarterly treasury report, nominating committee report, Membership book).

Motion to Approve Recording Secretary report – Laura.
Second – Dana. Motion passes.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Rebecca Heighton Drollinger.

- Report on cancelling/rescheduling our May 23, 2020 specialty.
- Update on the MBC supported entry August 8, 2020 in Wisconsin. AKC has lost our application three time due to employees working from home. They now have it and it is being processed.
- Report on judges for the June 19, 2021 MBC specialty in Grayslake Illinois. This is in process.
- Results of the election for 2023 specialty breed judges (top 5) and Sweepstakes judges (top 5) (Per our standing rules, we do not publish the

actual number of votes per person, but a member can contact the Corresponding Secretary to get that information).

- Breed (Top 5): Jon Steele, Rita Walker, Rita Biddle, Molly Martin, Cindy Gredys
- Sweeps (Top 5): Mickey Nash, Rhanda Glenn, Barbara Lord, Kristi Arnquist, Christine Danker

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report – Pam.
Second – Kalen. Motion passes.

5. Report of the Treasurer – Nancy Reimer. There were no questions about the January-April 2020 report, and the 2019 End of Year report.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's report – Kalen. Second – Mickey. Motion passes.

6. Report of the Committees.

- **Annual Awards** – Anne Midgarden. These will be mailed in 2020. (see item 8C below).
- **Document Proof Reader** – Christiana Hartenstein. (no report needed).
- **Hall of Fame** – Barbara Tyler-Lord. (No report needed, since the Hall of Fame awards are given every other year).
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - KC Artley. Published in February.
- **MBC Website** - KC Artley. Up to date.
- **NBRF Delegate** – Liz Duncan-Burge.
- **2020 Nominating Committee** - The report of the nominating committee for 2020 was mailed to members in February 2020.
- **Specialty, November 14, 2020** – Anne Midgarden.
- **Statistics, Conformation** - Lynne Bennett. Published in the February Bulletin and on the MBC website.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA** - Amy Sikula.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC** - KC Artley. Published in the February Bulletin and on the MBC website.
- **Statistics, Obedience & Rally** - KC Artley. Published in the February Bulletin and on the MBC website.
- **Sunshine** - Michelene Nash.
- **Trophy Supported Entries, 2020** – Pam Leichtnam. Saturday, August 8, 2020, MBC supported entry with the Cudahy kennel club all-breed show. This show has been moved to the Waukesha WI fairgrounds. Borzoi and Hound Group judge is Edna Martin and borzoi sweeps judge is Judi Roller. Superintendent BaRay Event Services, P.O. Box 508 Burlington WA 98233 barayevents.com/index.phtml.

Motion to Approve the Committees' reports – Nancy.
Second – Mickey. Motion passes.

7. Membership – Amy Sikula.

7A. Second reading.

- Rebecca Peters-Campbell
- Louise O'Bryan
- Kayla Fields
- Jennifer Kauffman
- Veronica Spach
- Brenda Lund

These people are now members, and per our standing rules, the wins of their dogs count starting on this date.

7B. First reading

- Jill Zamowski, McCalla AL, sponsors Pamela Leichtnam and Anne Midgarden
- Lily Butcher, Madison WI, sponsors Susan Motisi and Kristi Arnquist.
- L. Scott Sumaracki, Westchester IL (family member with MarySue Marcyn), sponsors Susan Motisi and Kristi Arnquist

Motion to Approve – KC. Second – Kalen. Motion passes.

8. Old Business.

8A. Guidelines for the Nominating Committee. Dana Thompson reviewed the draft written by KC Artley. Changes made by Dana have been put into this document which is on the MBC website.

8B. May 23, 2020 Specialty and Annual Membership Meeting – Anne Midgarden . Due to the COVID-19, all five of the shows scheduled for May 21-25 at Kalamazoo have been cancelled. Therefore, our May 23 specialty and the Annual Membership meeting cannot be held at Kalamazoo. Those Kalamazoo shows have been moved to the end of August, on the same dates as the Borzoi Club of America's National Specialty. Our rules call for a Membership meeting to be held once a year, with the first specialty of the year, so where and when should we reschedule the meeting?

Option 1. Hold an independent specialty and membership meeting Saturday October 10 at the Lima kennel club show grounds. This site is in a rural area, a few miles from an exit to I-75 in Lima, Ohio. Hopefully, we could have the same judges (Shen Smith and Lydia Pruett). This is the only Fall weekend that does not conflict with an all-breed show within 200 miles. Rental fee is \$50. The cost for superintendent Nina Fetter is \$9.50 per entry which includes the AKC fees, but not the cost of ribbons. We would be the only group there. The site has a large pavilion for parking, grooming and a ring. If the weather is good, the dogs could be gaited on grass next to the pavilion. There is also a building with a fully equipped kitchen, tables and chairs so we could have a lunch and membership meeting.

Option 2. Have a specialty and membership meeting outdoors with the Monroe Michigan all-breed shows September 26 or 27. Anne Midgarden reported that the Monroe show chairperson would be happy to have us, would try and give us the same ring all 3 days and would give us a \$3 per dog rebate for having a supported entry with the all-breed shows on Saturday and Sunday. They already have all their judges on contract, and approved by the AKC. There are a number of breed independent specialties on Friday, and if we wanted to hold a specialty, they want us to hold our specialty on Friday.

Option 3. Have the membership meeting with our designated specialty indoors Saturday November 14 at Columbus Ohio, and not have two specialties this year. Problems are that the building is crowded and noisy, two of our officers are also members of the Lima kennel club and will be working all day at that show, and a third MBC officer will be judging all day.

KC: Motion to hold the specialty and Membership meeting on Friday, 9/25 in Monroe MI, with Laura Hyatt as chairperson and Frank Zajac as the trophy chairperson.
Second – Liz. Motion passes.

Pam: Motion to hold supported entries on Saturday and Sunday at Monroe on 9/26 and 9/27. Second – Laura. Motion passes.

8C. Awards for conformation, obedience and lure coursing for last year (1 September 2018 - 31 August 2019) – KC Artley. Our rules call for the annual awards to be presented at the annual Membership meeting in the spring. At this time, we can't be sure that we will be able to hold a Membership meeting in the fall. Should these awards be mailed this spring? The awards were published in the February Bulletin and are listed on the MBC website.

Motion to mail the awards in 2020 – Nancy. Second – KC. Motion passes.

9. New Business.

9A. Dues for the Michigan Association of Purebred Dogs and the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) – Nancy Reimer.

Liz: Motion to continue to pay dues to Michigan Association of Purebred Dogs and NAIA for this year. Second – Nancy. Motion passes.

9B. Cudahy kennel club no longer has a show site, for our planned specialty in 2022. Pam will stay in contact with the club, and keep the board informed as we get closer to 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21PM. Motion – Pam. Second – Laura.