

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting
Minutes
April 17, 2023 7:30 pm EST / 6:30 pm CST

,Attendance:

Anne Midgarden	X	Liz Duncan-Burge	X
Tina Wismer	X	Amy Balthrop	
Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger	X	Pam Leichtnam	X
Amy Sikula	X	KC Artley	X
Frank Zajac	X	Jamie Bobrowski	X

1. Meeting began at 7:31PM EST. Board members present (see above). Board members absent: Amy Balthrop.
2. Minutes from last Board meeting (January 2023).

Motion to Approve January 2023 board meeting minutes – Pam Leichtnam
Second – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger
Motion passed.

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

January meeting minutes are available on the website and were emailed/snail mailed to the membership.

Motion to Approve Recording Secretary report – Frank Zajac
Second – Pam Leichtnam
Motion passed.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Rebecca Heighton Drollinger.
 - The 2023 judges are available on the club website. Here are the approved specialties and judges for 2023-2024:
 - May 27, 2023 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday)
Sweepstakes – Barbara Danieli
Regular Classes – Jon Titus Steele
Show Chair – Judith K Dennis
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Anne Midgarden
 - August 12, 2023 - Caledonia, WI

Sweepstakes – Kristi Arnquist
Regular Classes – Prudence Hlatky
Show Chair – Pam Leichtnam
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Diane Bilak

○ May 25, 2024 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday)
Sweepstakes – Judy Dennis
Regular Classes – Daniel Dowling (pending signed contract)
Show Chair – Frank Zajac
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Jamie Bobrowski

○ October 12, 2024 - Lima, OH (2 Specialties on Saturday w/ picnic)
Sweepstakes – Joyce Law
Regular Classes 1 – Chris Neale
Show Chair 1 – Sandra Hilbert
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts 1 – Amy Sikula
Regular Classes 2 – Patti Neale
Show Chair 2 – Sandra Hilbert
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts 2 – Amy Sikula
Lure Coursing (Sun)
Chair – TBD

*Site is reserved and AKC has approved both specialties.

The field is not available on 10/13/24. Does someone want to do LGRA instead? The Lima show site is suitable for LGRA, but not coursing. (Moved to new business.)

○ May, 2025 - Kalamazoo, MI
Sweepstakes – TBD
Regular Classes – TBD
Show Chair – TBD
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – TBD

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report – Tina Wisner
Second – Pam Leichtnam
Motion passed.

5. Report of the Treasurer – Frank Zajac. Attached separately.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's report – Liz Duncan-Burge
Second – Tina Wisner
Motion passed.

6. Report of the Committees.

- **Annual Awards** – Tina Wismer.
- **Document Proof Reader** – Christiana Hartenstein. (no report needed).
- **Hall of Fame** – Barbara Tyler-Lord. All board votes have been received, and she has written to the top 3 to request needed information.
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - KC Artley.
- **MBC Website** - KC Artley.
- **NBRF Delegate** – Liz Duncan-Burge. Intake of 5 dogs in 2023. Vet prices are going up outside of the Midwest.
- **2023 Nominating Committee** - Anne Midgarden. Sandra Hilbert is chair of the nominating committee.
- **Ribbons** – Jamie Bobrowski.
- **Statistics, Conformation** - Lynne Bennett.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA** - Amy Sikula. Provided to KC for the website.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC** - KC Artley.
- **Statistics, Obedience & Rally** - KC Artley.
- **Sunshine** - Michelene Nash.
- **Digital Archive** – Amy Balthrop & Amy Sikula. Amy Balthrop will be reaching out to Lynne Bennett to get access to the physical archives. Amy Sikula will find a company to quote us a price for the work.
 - We need to provide estimates on the amount of material to be scanned in order for these companies to quote us a price.
- **Supported Entry Committee** – Amy Sikula. Amy is looking for members from each state. Interest expressed by: Jennifer Morgan (WI), Gale Snoddy (OH), Mia Paletta (IL), Kaley Ross (MI), Angela Campbell (IN), Tina Pickett (IN). Amy will be reaching out to members directly by phone to try to drum up interest in mentoring. Offers to mentor in their region include: Pam Leichtnam (WI/IL), Jill Zamowski (any – currently in AL), Amy Balthrop (MI). Amy is planning to set up the first conference call in May.

Motion to Approve the Committees' reports – Frank Zajac

Second – Liz Duncan-Burge

Motion passed.

7. Membership – Amy Sikula.

New Applications – 1st reading:

- Allison Flinn
- Angela Kohls

Motion to Approve – Pam Leichtnam
Second – Frank Zajac
Motion passed.

8. Old Business.

8A. 2025 Committee Report

Discuss options for Fall 2025 specialty. No BCOA National specialty site has yet been proposed.

BCOA: Kim can tell us that we will be in Region 5 for 2024 (Pacific Northwest) but a contract has not been signed. 2025 we will be in Region 1 (Northeast) but no location has been determined. No additional information about 2024 can be made available until it is announced to the membership at the meeting this spring.

- August 9, 2025 - Caledonia, WI (concurrent, date TBD)
Sweepstakes – TBD
Regular Classes – TBD
Show Chair – Pam Leichtnam
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Diane Bilak

Motion to hold Fall 2025 specialty in Winsconsin – Pam Leichtnam
Second – Amy Sikula
Motion passed.

8B. Other club activities, such as member picnics, health clinics etc.

MBC and LKC jointly sponsored health clinic will be on 7/22/23.

8C. Fundraiser discussion.

- 1) We didn't do a second fundraiser in the fall with black logo and different colors. Are we doing one this winter/spring? Amy Balthrop & Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

Rebecca reported that the fundraising site we used was connected to her PayPal account, because we couldn't use the club's account. She was charged taxes on the money we made, and does not want to go this route again.

Frank is willing to inquire how an acquaintance's company handles this. Amy will reach back out to Turquoise Trail Club and find out how they set this up.

Frank spoke with his acquaintance, and the information she provided didn't give us anything new to add to the conversation. He will go back to her again and then send out an email with some information to the board. Amy Balthrop was absent and unable to make a report at this time.

8D. Annual Club Picnic, 2023

We have held picnics in OH, IN and MI. Frank Zajac has offered to "host" this for 2023. He is talking to Kalamazoo KC about renting their facility. Jamie offered her back yard and suggested some local parks. Frank will report back next meeting.

Frank put down a \$200.00 deposit on the Kalamazoo KC facilities for the picnic on August 5, 2023. We will have a fun match, an educational seminar, and a picnic. We have access to the kitchen, an inside meeting room, and an outdoor space.

Fun Match – Frank Zajac

Seminar – Anne Midgarden

Food – Rebecca will ask Claire Breen about this

9. New Business.

9A. MBC Member Education Series.

Long standing members and Breeder making presentations at MBC events on subjects like their breeding program, starting a breeding program, improving the breed, kennel design, feeding, etc. could be stand-alone event or part of a Specialty or picnic.

Tina will call Nancy Reimer to see if she would be interested in doing a presentation, or write something for the website. Amy will reach out to OSU to see if Dr Runcan would give a presentation in 2024 October.

Amy Balthrop/Jamie Bobrowski are looking into putting together an education panel for members, with experienced breeders and the opportunity to put their hands on multiple dogs.

9B. Tami Marshall stepped down. We need to find a replacement.

Per the Standing Rule C7. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one(1) or more candidates for each office and two (2) or more candidates for the other two (2) positions on the board. After securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall report his or her nominations in writing to the Recording Secretary 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee or the Recording Secretary shall submit the slate of nominations in writing to the membership by first class mail 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Per the Constitution Section 4. Vacancies. A. Any vacancies occurring in the Board during the year shall be filled immediately by appointment of the President for the unexpired term, except if the vacancy occurs in the office of either Secretary where the offices shall be combined for the remainder of the current official year. Such appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Board at the next regular meeting following such an appointment.

Per the Constitution Section 4. Nominations. C. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one (1) or more candidates for each office and two (2) or more candidates for the other two (2) positions on the board. After securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall report his or her nominations in writing to the Recording Secretary 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee or the Recording Secretary shall submit the slate of nominations in writing to the membership by first class mail 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting."

We cannot meet this schedule at this time. After discussion, we will have to move forward with the slate as written at the membership meeting, and then have the President appoint someone. The board will then have to approve the appointment.

Amy will compile a list of members by state and send to the board for review. We can then make suggestions for potential members.

9C. Judy Dennis needs to know how many catalogs for the specialty that MBC wants MBF to print? We will need to pay for these.

We will print thirty.

9D. Are there any plans for snacks during the annual meeting? KC would like to add this information to the website and the FB page.

Claire Breen has set up a potluck list for the specialty. She posted it on the MBC Facebook page.

9E. The field is not available on 10/13/24. Does someone want to do LGRA instead? The Lima show site is suitable for LGRA, but not coursing.

Jamie and Tina will work on putting together a LGRA race meet.

9F. We need judges for October 21/22 AKC lure coursing trials in Muncie IN. Tina will work on this with Kristen Suhrenbrock.

9G. All Breed ASFA trial for 2023. Liz is happy to volunteer as secretary and use her property. There is a SLASH trial on October 21/22. Liz will look into dates and send suggestions to the board.

[Motion to adjourn – Pam Leichtnam](#)

Second – Tina Wismer
Motion passed.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.