

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting Minutes
Conference Call March 7, 2019

1. Meeting began at 9:02 pm. Members present: KC Artley, Kalen Dumke, Mike Bilak, Amy Sikula, Nancy Reimer, Liz Duncan-Burge, Mickey Nash, Barbara Danieli, Dana Thompson, Laura Hyatt, Pam Leichtnam. Members absent: None.

2. Minutes from the last meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting made by K. Dumke, seconded by N. Reimer. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Mike Bilak.

Member information – new address for Kristen Suhrenbrock, 2305 Roland Drive, Champaign IL 61821-1137.

Corrected 2018-2019 Membership Directory was mailed. Reference attached Treasury report for 2019. Mike reported that the club was not charged for postage or reprinting of the 2018-2019 Membership Directory due to the printing company's error (the center page was left out of the first version).

Dues Notice/Life Member Update Notice. Mike recommended that each member's information (address, phone, etc) from the club's directory should be printed on the Notices, so that members can see what the club has, and make any corrections. Discussion. Add to Standing Rule H13 "The member's information on the club's file should be printed on the Notice via a Mail Merge or by printing a label. The alternative is to print the categories (name, address, phone, email) and request that the member print his information on the Notice before mailing back to the recording secretary."

Motion to approve the recording secretary's report made by K. Dumke, seconded by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary Report - Amy Sikula.

Gwen Post has agreed to judge our specialty Saturday May 23, 2020 in Kalamazoo Michigan. Our show will be held the same day, and at the same site as the Grand Rapids all-breed show.

Correspondence received from Joyce Katona: "Attached is the new application for Regional Specialties. If MBC would like them, please include a note saying you are interested in receiving the new BCOA pewter and gold plated medallions. The small pewter medallions are now being offered for Trophy Supported Entries not Specialties." Amy Sikula asked if we want to offer these medallions at our shows, for BOB and BOS.

There was a general agreement, that yes, thank you BCOA, we would like to offer these medallions. Laura Hyatt reported that she just received a box of medallions with the written note that the medallions be offered at our May 25, 2019 show. KC Artley pointed out that the premium for this show is done, and that the superintendent's deadline for making changes to the premium has passed. Also, the AKC does not allow trophies to be presented that were not listed in the premium. Pam agreed to ask the kennel club if these could be added to the trophy list for the August TSE.

Laura Hyatt said she would respond to the BCOA medallion chairperson, that we would offer the medallions at future shows.

KC Artley and Amy Sikula agreed to ask for clarification around the intent of the medallions (i.e. BOB, BOS, WD, WB, etc.)

Motion to approve the corresponding secretary's report made by P. Leichtnam, seconded by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Report of the Treasurer – Nancy Reimer. The 2 page report is attached. A typo was mentioned that Nancy said she would correct.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by K. Dumke, seconded by P. Leichtnam. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Report of the Committees (committees with no report, are not listed here).

Annual Awards – Anne Midgarden. Awards for 2018 will be presented at the May 25, 2019 Membership meeting.

Document Proof Reader – Christiana Hartenstein. The premium for the May 25, 2019 concurrent (independent) specialty has been proof read and returned to the superintendent MBF.

Hall of Fame – Barbara Tyler-Lord. The winner of the Breeder award will be announced at the May 25 Membership meeting.

MBC Bulletin Editor - KC Artley. The February 2019 Bulletin was sent to all members.

MBC Website - KC Artley. The website is up to date with information about the 2019 events, including the premium for the May 25, 2019 specialty.

NBRF Delegate – Liz Duncan-Burge. One 4 page report attached. B. Danieli asked questions about the financial statements. Discussion. Due to the large number of USA borzoi rescued by NBRF recently, KC Artley requested that the Board consider making a donation to NBRF. Motion to donate \$2000 made by D. Thompson, seconded by M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

N. Reimer stated that while we were on the subject of donations to dog groups, she had not received dues invoices from either the Michigan Association For Pure-Bred Dogs nor from the National Animal Interest Alliance. Nancy Reimer reported that for several years, we have paid dues to these organizations in January, and made donations to them. Nancy asked if we want to continue supporting them. Discussion. Motion to continue paying dues plus a donation of \$100 to each organization made by B. Danieli, seconded by N. Reimer. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee - The report of the nominating committee (Judi Dennis, Anne Midgarden, June Mintchell, Pat Murphy and Pam Leichtnam, chairperson) was presented. Discussion. M. Bilak left the meeting. Motion to accept the report made by K. Dumke, seconded by A. Sikula. Motion approved by K. Dumke, A. Sikula, N. Reimer, D. Thompson, L. Hyatt, P. Leichtnam. Motion not approved by B. Danieli, L. Duncan-Burge, M. Nash. Motion passed.

Specialty, May 25, 2019, Kalamazoo MI - Laura Hyatt reported that arrangements have been made to get all trophies to the site, to have bottled water available during the specialty show, and to have snacks available during the Membership meeting which will be held ringside after the specialty judging is over. The cost of the snacks and drinks has been donated by a member.

Statistics, Conformation - Lynne Bennett. The list of Top 10 Dogs and Top 10 Bitches, for 2018 has been given to the Awards chairperson, and is on the MBC website. Will be printed in the next Bulletin.

Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC - KC Artley. The list of Top 10 for 2018 has been given to the Awards chairperson, printed in the September 2018 issue of the Bulletin and is on the MBC website.

Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA - Amy Sikula. The list of Top 10 for 2018 has been given to the Awards chairperson, and is on the MBC website.

Statistics, Obedience & Rally - KC Artley. All members' dogs who received qualifying scores in AKC rally and obedience classes, have been ranked by their scores. The list for 2018 has been given to the Awards chairperson, printed in the February issue of the Bulletin, and is on the MBC website. Also, the two members' dogs who earned AKC agility titles are listed on the MBC website.

Sunshine - Michelene Nash. Sent a get-well card to Karen Dumke. Mickey also reported that Gary Nash is out of the hospital and doing better.

Trophy Supported Entry, May 25, 2019 with the Grand Rapids kennel club at Kalamazoo. KC Artley reported that MBF will be asked to schedule the borzoi judging for Grand Rapids in the morning, before the scheduling of our independent specialty in the afternoon.

Trophy Supported Entry, August 10, 2019 with Cudahy kennel club at Franksville Wisconsin. Pam Leichtnam reported that we will have puppy sweepstakes and veteran sweepstakes. Our sweepstakes judge is Mr Kevin Carlson, who is a Whippet and Saluki breeder from Wisconsin. Our regular class judge is Mrs Robin Casey. The sweepstakes trophy list as well as the regular trophy list has been submitted to Mrs

Beverly Felten who is the show chair for the Cudahy kennel club. She is responsible for submitting this information for the Cudahy Kennel Club premium. I have been told, it has already been set to Roy Jones who is the superintendent for this show. The show will be on the same grounds as the Racine Kennel Club who have shared expenses with the Cudahy Kennel Club for the last two years. One show site, with plenty of parking. I am not sure we will have our own tent this year, since it is not a specialty, but will check at a later time, and report back. Once I know that information, I can still set parking on the grounds for the borzoi exhibitors either way.

7. Election of New Member(s) – No new membership applications have been received.

8. Old Business. Selection of date and location for the other 2021 specialty. Discussion of options available. Amy Sikula presented a report on having an independent specialty indoors Saturday April 24 with other breed specialty clubs, in Columbus Ohio, the day before the Central Ohio kennel club's all-breed show April 25. Our costs would be \$3 per dog for building rental, our own contract with MBF, and the costs of our borzoi judge. Central Ohio kennel club is willing to share judges' costs, if they can use our judge at their Sunday show. Mickey Nash reported on holding a June specialty with the Detroit kennel club show. The officers in the Detroit kennel club have not planned their show for 2021. KC Artley recommended that we hold our specialty Saturday or Sunday May 29 or 30, at Kalamazoo. Even though the BCOA National Specialty will be held in Huron Ohio, a week before the Kalamazoo cluster, there is an advantage to keeping our specialty and membership meeting on the weekend that members are used to. The people running this cluster are easy to work with and willing to share judges' costs. They let us use the site for free and pay us \$3 per dog. Motion to hold a specialty Saturday May 29 or Sunday May 30, 2021 at Kalamazoo, made by A. Sikula, seconded by N. Reimer. Motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business. Borzoi health issues – Mickey Nash reported that there is a new strain of tick found in several states including Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Owners should make sure their borzoi have been given proper anti-tick protection.

10. Changes to standing rules – KC Artley.

Under Annual Awards: "The Award for # 1 that is referenced in standing rules A5 through A10, is the member's choice of either a certificate or a 4" x 6" plaque engraved with "Midwest Borzoi Club, #1 category and year, and the dog's registered name. The dollar amount is not to exceed \$35.00 per award".

Replace A9 with "Any title earned in AKC Agility will be recognized by an award."

Motion to approve these two changes to the standing rules made by N. Reimer seconded by B. Danieli. Motion passed unanimously.

K.Artley asked that the rest of the standing rules changes be tabled to the next board meeting.

There being no more business, a motion to adjourn was made by M. Nash, second by K. Dumke. Meeting adjourned 10:19pm.

The following day, the Nominating Committee report was withdrawn, due to two nominees informing the chairperson, that they were no longer willing to serve. The chairperson will call another meeting of the nominating committee and come up with a new slate.