

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting
Minutes
January 31, 2022 8:30 pm EST / 7:30 pm CST
Conference call number 614-721-0867
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Attendance:

Anne Midgarden	X	Liz Duncan-Burge	X
Tina Wismer	X	Amy Balthrop	X
Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger		Pam Leichtnam	X
Amy Sikula	X	Dana Thompson	X
Frank Zajac	X	Jamie Bobrowski	X
Tami Marshall			

1. Meeting began at 8:36PM EST. Board members present (see above). Board members absent: Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger, Tami Marshall
2. Minutes from last Board meeting (October 2021).

Motion to Approve October 2021 board meeting minutes – Frank Zajac
Second – Amy Balthrop
Motion passed.

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

Membership booklet and other January mailers are being printed and mailed this week.

Motion to Approve Recording Secretary report – Frank Zajac
Second – Tina Wismer
Motion passed.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Rebecca Heighton Drollinger.
 - The 2021 judges are available on the club website. Here are the approved specialties and judges for 2021-2023:
 - May 28, 2022 - Kalamazoo, MI
Sweepstakes – Pam Leichtnam
Regular Classes – Anne Midgarden
Show Chair is Frank Zajac and Trophy Chair is Amy Sikula.

- September 24, 2022 - Independent @ Crown Point
 Superintendent - Erie Canine Event Services
 Sweepstakes – Terry Ann Doane
 Regular Classes – Dr. Jim Sillers
 Borzoi Lure Coursing Borzoi Judge – TBD
 Lure Operator – Joe Shoemaker
 All Breed Lure Coursing Trial on September 25, 2022
 Show Chair is Judy Dennis and Trophy Chair is Amy Balthrop (conformation and coursing).

- May 27, 2023 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday or Sunday)
 Sweepstakes - TBD
 Regular Classes – Jon Titus Steele

- August 12, 2023 - Caledonia, WI
 Sweepstakes – TBD
 Regular Classes - TBD

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report – Frank Zajac
 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 Wismer
 Motion passed.

6. Report of the Committees.

- **Annual Awards** – Anne Midgarden.
- **Document Proof Reader** – Christiana Hartenstein. (no report needed).
- **Hall of Fame** – Barbara Tyler-Lord.
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - KC Artley. Published in September.
- **MBC Website** - KC Artley. Up to date.
- **NBRF Delegate** – Liz Duncan-Burge. Both loose borzoi in Ohio were surrendered to NBRF and are safe.
- **2022 Nominating Committee** - Anne Midgarden.
- **2022 Spring Specialty.**
 - Trophy chair will be responsible for picking out the Judges’ gifts.

- Treasurer needs to prepare checks for the sweepstakes judge.
- MBF was advised we are providing our own rosettes again.
- **Rosettes** – Jamie Bobrowski.
- **Statistics, Conformation** - Lynne Bennett. Published in the February Bulletin and on the MBC website.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA** - Amy Sikula. Published in the February Bulletin and on the MBC website.
- **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, 2022** – Anne Midgarden

Motion to Approve the Committees' reports – Frank Zajac
 Second – Dana Thompson
 Motion passed.

7. Membership – Amy Sikula.

New Applications – 2nd reading:

- Angela & Susan Campbell
- Emily Johnson
- Kristina Knowski
- Julie Madison

Motion to Approve – Amy Balthrop
 Second – Frank Zajac
 Motion passed.

8. Old Business.

8A. 2024 Committee Report

We need to see if the BCOA National Specialty in 2024 will conflict with Kalamazoo. Amy Sikula will follow up with Kim Horn-Janek regarding the proposed BCOA dates for the next couple of years.

Per Kim: 2023 will be April 22-27. No site has been proposed yet for 2024, it will be Region 5's turn.

No motion at this time.

9. New Business.

9A. Supported entries at shows and lure coursing trials.

- Could we have a committee for supported entries in each state to help ensure we are having at least one per year in our member states? These would not have to be tied to a specialty show. (Amy Sikula)

Pam is thinking about offering an MBC supported entry with the Racine show for the 2023 August shows.

Amy Balthrop volunteered to be on the committee if we form one. We need to discuss this further in our next meeting.

No motion at this time.

- Do we want to give additional ribbons at specialties for classes/awards,(ex. Owner Handler). Suggestions? (Also on the membership agenda for May.)

Amy Balthrop made a motion that we offer rosettes in 2022 for both Specialties. These would include Best of Breed, Best Opposite, Winners' Dog, Winners' Bitch, Reserve Winners' Dog, Reserve Winners Bitch, Best of Breed Puppy in Sweeps, Best Opposite in Puppy Sweeps, Best Veteran in Sweeps, Best Opposite in Sweeps, and four Awards of Merit. We would be adding rosettes for Best Owner Handler, Best Puppy, Best Veteran, and Best Bred By Exhibitor. We will include a plaque for the Best of Breed at the lure coursing trial.

Amy Sikula will follow up with MBF to see if the new rosettes can be included in May's premium list. They responded, and the new rosettes will be included.

Motion to Approve – Amy Balthrop

Second – Pam Leichtnam

Motion passed.

- Suggestions for club activities, other than specialties and lure coursing events (ex. Picnics in member states)? (This is also on the membership agenda for May.)

Jamie Bobrowski made a motion to hold a silent auction online of the quilt that was donated by Grace Connelly.

Motion to Approve – Jamie Bobrowski

Second – Pam Leichtnam

Motion passed.

- All day Health clinic with LKC in Lima, OH.

Anne Midgarden made a motion to have MBC co-host this health clinic, and provide club members from MBC and LKC preferred appointments. Once members are done, we can open up appointments to non-members.

Motion to Approve – Anne Midgarden

Second – Frank Zajac

Motion passed.

9B. MBC Rescue Fund

MBC received a donation from Cookie McNamara for to help people/borzoi in the region in need. Frank has made a line item in his expense report showing the \$500 set aside for this purpose. Liz explained that this donation was in memory of Sue Breaz, specifically for members of MBC.

Dana made a motion that Frank will add this as a line item on the Treasurer's report every quarter, and this donation in honor of Sue Breaz will be used to help a member of MBC in need to feed/help their dogs in case of emergency.

Motion to Approve – Dana Thompson

Second – Liz Duncan-Burge

Motion passed.

9C. Proposed change to Standing Rule 7 – submitted to the board by KC Artley. File attached separately.

This is Standing Rule A7. "Midwest Borzoi Club will provide an Obedience award each year for the highest placing member owned Borzoi in each AKC obedience class. Midwest Borzoi Club will provide a Rally award each year for the highest placing member owned Borzoi in each AKC rally class. Award certificates will be given to all other placements, with no limit, in each class. For the MBC awards year, all qualifying scores in a class are totaled and the average score will determine the placement in that class."

This is what I recommend by added to Standing Rule A7: "Obedience and Rally titles earned through the AKC Virtual program may be recognized by publication in the MBC Bulletin. Since these titles are not earned at an obedience or rally trial, have different requirements, and the AKC does not publish the scores on the AKC website, the wins cannot be listed in numeric order by scores."

Background: The AKC started this program in 2020 because obedience and rally trials were not being held any where due to COVID. A person takes a video of their dog performing the exercises and then

sends the video to the AKC with a \$25 fee. The AKC has a judge review the video and give the dog a score. If the score is qualifying, then the AKC updates the dog's record that the dog earned a "leg" for that title. Get 3 legs and the AKC gives the dog that title. Since there would be no judge present, and no other dogs for the group exercises, the requirements for the titles were changed. For a Beginner Novice (BN) title, the "Sit For Exam by the Judge" was eliminated. For the Companion Dog (CD) title the "Stand For Exam by the Judge" and the "Group Sit-Stay for One Minute" and the "Group Down-Stay for One Minute" were eliminated. For Rally Novice, the exhibitor sends the AKC an application and gets in return, 5 course plans for Rally Novice. The exhibitor picks a course, sets up the appropriate signs, and takes a video of the dog and handler performing that course. The AKC has now expanded the program to include all the Rally titles with the exception of the RAE. I recently talked to the AKC delegate from my obedience training club. She said the AKC has no plans to stop awarding "virtual" titles and no plans to publish the scores on the AKC website. This is a money maker for the AKC. It is to the advantage of the exhibitor to only pay \$75 for a title, to be able to practice until the video shows a very good performance, have no distractions of a judge in the ring, other dogs nearby, background noise, and have less obedience exercises to train for.

The only way to get the virtual scores is to purchase (for \$250 per year) an electronic file from the AKC which contains all obedience and rally scores earned at events and earned via video, for one breed. As the MBC statistician I am not paying for that file, and I do not recommend that MBC purchase the file.

Motion to Approve – Amy Sikula

Second – Tina Wismer

Motion passed.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM

Motion – Pam Leichtnam

Second – Dana Thompson

Motion passed.