

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting
Minutes
October 17, 2022 8:30 pm EST / 7:30 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
Tami Marshall	X		

1. Meeting began at 8:31 PM EST. Board members present (see above). Board members absent: Amy Balthrop
2. Minutes from last Board meeting (July 2022).

Motion to Approve July 2022 board meeting minutes – KC Artley
Second – Pam Leichtnam
Motion passed.

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

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

The printer mailed the dues notices very late due to staffing issues. For our next mailing, I will need to contact them a month in advance to see what their wait time is, and provide the files accordingly.

The following members are not renewing their membership:
Sussie and Ingvar Nilsson
Barb and Jim Benjamin

Current count: 121 members, 61 of these are life members.

List of judge nominations and Hall of Fame nominations provided.

Tina makes a motion that Anne research the new AKC rule allowing non-AKC judges for Specialties, and leave Pam on the list of judges. We will create a new Standing Rule to address this new scenario at the next board meeting.

Second – Frank Zajac

Motion passed.

[Motion to Approve Recording Secretary report – Pam Leichtnam](#)

[Second – Liz Duncan-Burge](#)

[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 – Joyce Law
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 – TBD
Show Chair – Frank Zajac
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Jamie Bobrowski

[Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report – KC Artley](#)

[Second – Tina Wismer](#)

[Motion passed.](#)

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

Amy, Jamie and Rebecca paid their dues with Zelle. Frank was able to accept the deposits. No fees were changed to the pilot group, or to the club.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's report – Pam Leichtnam
Second – Tina Wismer
Motion passed.

6. Report of the Committees.

- **September Specialty** – Frank. See attached file; 73 dogs entered and 28 dogs in Sweepstakes. MBC Borzoi Specialty Lure Coursing Trial. 26 dogs entered in trial, 11 dogs entered in tests.
- **Annual Awards** – Tina Wismer.
- **Document Proof Reader** – Christiana Hartenstein. (no report needed).
- **Hall of Fame** – Barbara Tyler-Lord. (2022 award will be provided in 2023 Membership meeting.)
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - KC Artley. Published in August, and deadline for the next issue is November 1.
- **MBC Website** - KC Artley. Up to date.
- **NBRF Delegate** – Liz Duncan-Burge. Have received 27 dogs into Rescue in USA to date (10/17/22). Veterinary expenses \$28,143.92 for USA dogs to date (10/17/22) with 10 dogs still to be altered, all are young and NBRF has placed in foster to adopt homes with altered dogs of opposite sex, so can wait until older and growth plates are closed before altering.
International: War continues in Ukraine and NBRF-International continues to send dog food into Ukraine regularly and get dogs moved out of Ukraine when possible and at request of their owners/breeders, assisting with fuel, food, dog passports, medications.
- **2023 Nominating Committee** - Anne Midgarden. Sandra Hilbert is chair of the nominating committee.
- **Ribbons** – Jamie Bobrowski. We need to order ribbons for next year.
- **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.
- **Digital Archive** – Amy Balthrop & Amy Sikula. No update.
- **Supported Entry Committee** – Amy Sikula. Amy is looking for members from each state.

Motion to Approve the Committees' reports – Pam Leichtnam
Second – Frank Zajac
Motion passed.

7. Membership – Amy Sikula.

New Applications – 1st reading:

- Emily Lynn
- Magdalena Krasny
- Lori & Scott Meister
- Katlyn O'Neill
- Maria Sabella
- Neil Trilokekar

New Applications – 2nd reading:

- Claire Breen
- Patricia Mandernach
- Mia Paletta
- Steven Rush & Migdiel Hiram Moretta

Motion to Approve – Frank Zajac

Second – KC Artley

Motion passed.

8. Old Business.

8A. 2024 Committee Report

Discuss options for Fall 2024 specialty.

Ideas proposed: IN – Fort Wayne, IL – Grayslake, Chicago; Monroe; OH – Wilmington, Columbus; WI – Madison

Rebecca made a motion to hold an independent specialty in Lima OH at the LKC showgrounds, with 2 specialties on Saturday and coursing on Sunday at the UAW field.

Second - Jamie Bobrowski

Motion passed.

8B. 2025 Committee Report

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

Ideas proposed: Schaumburg, IL for January 2025.

Pam will enter in January 2023 to review the location and local hotels. Tabled for our next meeting.

Jamie suggested Monroe MI for the fall 2025 specialty. Jamie will talk to the club to see if they would be willing to work with us to put on a designated specialty.

Jamie also mentioned we could look at another possibility for an independent specialty at Oberlin OH in 2026. The grounds have a pavilion, with rentals for tables and chairs.

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.

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

Jamie suggested getting member ideas. Amy Sikula suggested a FaceBook poll on the group site. If we are going to do this, someone will need to take ownership of the poll and results.

Amy Balthrop and Jamie Bobrowski will look at putting together something similar to the judges' education panels, where different owners/breeders bring dogs for attendees to go over and talk about strengths and potential improvements.

8D. T-Shirt Fundraiser discussion. Amy Balthrop & Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger.

We will do a second fundraiser this fall/winter with black logo and different colors.

Motion to Approve – Frank Zajac

Second – Jamie Bobrowski

Motion passed.

9. New Business.

9A. Accepting applications and dues electronically. Amy Sikula

Amy will provide an electronic fillable membership application form in PDF format for review. Amy will also provide a new dues notice with updated verbiage for the board to review for 2023.

When the Treasurer looks at the transaction, it gives the name of the person who paid it, the date, and a transaction number. Members will still need to send in the form to the Recording Secretary.

9B. Annual Club Picnic, 2023

We need a volunteer host. We have held picnics in OH, IN and MI. Frank Zajac has offered to "host" this for 2023.

9C. MBC Member Education Series. Frank Zajac

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.

Tami will call Nancy Reimer to see if she would be interested in doing a presentation, or write something for the website.

9D. Online auction of quilt from Grace Conally. Jamie Bobrowski

Jamie posted on Facebook for ideas about how to auction the quilt. She found an app that will randomize a "wheel" in order to draw a name to win the quilt. She will charge \$10.00 per slot on the wheel. She will do the drawing in the February time frame.

Motion to Approve – Jamie Bobrowski

Second – Amy Sikula

Motion passed.

9E. Change time of meeting to an earlier start. Next year's meetings. Frank Zajac & Amy Sikula

In 2023 we will schedule the meetings at 7:30 EST instead of 8:30pm. We will stick with the third Monday of the month.

Motion to Approve – Frank Zajac

Second – Tina Wismer

Motion passed.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:31PM.

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