

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting
Minutes
October 8, 2024 6:30 pm EST / 5:30 pm CST

Attendance:

Anne Midgarden	X	Liz Duncan-Burge	X
Tina Wismer	X	Pam Leichtnam	X
Rebecca Drollinger	X	Jenni Steele	X
Amy Sikula	X	Jamie Bobrowski	X
Frank Zajac	X		
Jennifer Morgan	X		

1. Meeting began at 6:30 PM EST. Board members present (see above). Board members absent:
2. Minutes from last Board meeting (July 2024).

Motion to Approve July 2024 board meeting minutes – Jennifer Morgan
Second – Tina Wismer
Motion passed.

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

- Dues: Most have paid, but there are a few stragglers. I will pass the checks to Frank at the Lima specialty.
- I need to start preparing the January mailing. I will send items out via email for review by the board in early December.
 - Please suggest topics for the membership meeting agenda.
 - 2028 judging ballot

Motion to Approve Recording Secretary report – Jenni Steele
Second – Pam Leichtnam
Motion passed.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Rebecca Drollinger.

- Here are the approved specialties and judges for 2024-2025:
 - October 12, 2024 - Lima, OH (2 Specialties on Saturday w/ picnic)
Sweepstakes – Joyce Law
Regular Classes 1 – Chris Neale

Show Chair 1 – Sandra Hilbert, Anne Midgarden

Trophy Chair 1 – Amy Sikula

Judges Gifts 1 – Pam Leichtnam

Regular Classes 2 – Patti Neale

Show Chair 2 – Sandra Hilbert, Anne Midgarden

Trophy Chair 2 – Amy Sikula

Judges Gifts 2 – Pam Leichtnam

*1st draft of premium has been sent to the superintendent. Claire Breen is ring steward and Ameera Hoffman is doing the picnic. Trophy list is complete.

*Pam is doing one gift for both judges, and is handling the plaques. Amy Sikula is responsible for the judges gift for the sweeps judge.

○ May 24, 2025 - Kalamazoo, MI (Concurrent)

Sweepstakes – Neil Trilokekar

Regular Classes – Daniel Dowling (pending signed contract)

Show Chair – Jamie Bobrowski

Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Jennifer Morgan – list due by Dec 1, to Rebecca by Nov 11

*(Laura Hyatt Lanaway donated some items, which are in Frank's possession.)

○ August 9, 2025 - Caledonia, WI (Concurrent)

Sweepstakes – Lyn Snyder Hoflin

Regular Classes – Amy Sorbie

Show Chair – Jennifer Morgan

Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Diane Bilak

○ May 23, 2026 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday)

Sweepstakes – Amy Sikula

Regular Classes – TBD

Show Chair – TBD

Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – TBD

○ October 10, 2026 – Crown Point, IN (Independent)

Sweepstakes – TBD

Regular Classes – TBD

FTC/Show Chair – Anne Midgarden

Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – TBD

○ May 22, 2027 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday)

Sweepstakes – TBD

Regular Classes – TBD

Show Chair – TBD

Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – TBD

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report – Pam Leichtnam
Second – Jennifer Morgan
Motion passed.

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

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's report – Liz Duncan Burge
Second – Jenni Steele
Motion passed.

6. Report of the Committees.

- **Annual Awards** – Tina Wismer.
- **Digital Archive** – Amy Sikula. Amy S found 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.
 - Amy B touched base with Lynne over the summer, but wasn't able to work out a date. Amy S talked to Lynne briefly at the May specialty, but needs to follow up again. Email sent on 10/2.
- **Document Proof Reader** – Christiana Hartenstein. (no report needed).
- **Hall of Fame** – Barbara Tyler-Lord. Next Hall of Fame mailing will be in July of 2024.
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - Claire Breen. Jenni and Tina offered to help Claire. Rebecca will also talk to some friends who might be interested.
- **MBC Website** – Jamie Bobrowski.
- **NBRF Delegate** – Liz Duncan-Burge.
- **New Membership** – Diane Bilak. Tina Wismer will provide information to Diane.
- **2024 Nominating Committee** - Anne Midgarden. Sandra Hilbert is chair of the nominating committee. Members remain the same for 2025.
- **Ribbons** – Jamie Bobrowski.
- **Statistics, Conformation** - Lynne Bennett.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA** - Amy Sikula.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC** – Kristen Suhrenbrock.
- **Statistics, Obedience & Rally** – Tina Wismer.
- **Sunshine** – Michelene Nash.
- **Supported Entry Committee** – Amy Sikula. The July meeting needed to be rescheduled.
- **Ways & Means (Fundraising)** – Jamie Bobrowski.

Motion to Approve the Committees' reports – Tina Wismer
Second – Jennifer Morgan

Motion passed.

7. Membership – Amy Sikula.

1st reading – Emily Killian.

2nd reading - Hope Burdette.

Motion – Jennifer Morgan

Second – Jamie Bobrowski

Motion passed.

8. Old Business.

8A. 2025/2026/2027 Specialty Committee Reports

BCOA Rep Update: BCOA National Specialty Show in 2025 will be April 19-26, in Kingsport, TN. Nothing definitive for 2026 but we are looking at our region. We will be doing our Fall F2F at the potential site and the tentative date will be the last week in March.

Pam is looking at a potential supported entry in Shaumburg, IL in either January or November. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

8B. Annual Club Picnic, 2025

Liz Duncan-Burge volunteered her place as a location. She proposed June 14 as a tentative date. We will continue to work on finalizing the date.

8C. Other events.

- ASFA Lure Coursing trial in IL on October 18th
- AKC Lure Coursing trial in Muncie, IN on October 26th and 27th
- Events for 2025? Liz would like to do the ASFA trial again. We may do an AKC trial in March in Lima OH.

8D. 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.

- We will have 1 presentation at the Lima independent specialty: 1) Dr. Runcan, Theriogenology @ OSU will present on care of the bitch during pregnancy and whelping. The presentation will need to be between the specialties, so 1:00PM is a good time, and she will have one hour. Amy S. reached out to Dr. Runcan to see if she had any additional questions. All her questions have been answered at this time.
- Liz Duncan-Burge will put together a handout on how to select a good home. She will present in person if her schedule allows at a future event. This could also be added to the website.
- Jamie Bobrowski is looking into putting together an education panel for members, with experienced breeders and the opportunity to put their hands on multiple dogs. She will continue to look into this.
- We received a request from Magdalena Krasny for a canine first aid course at a future event. She volunteered to help coordinate and set up the event if we can find a presenter. Anne spoke to Teresa West-Holmes, and she agreed to put on this presentation. Frank will talk to Kalamazoo to see if we could do this in 2026.

8E. Write/update procedures explaining how to put on MBC events.

- Rebecca will start updating the show committee guidelines starting in January 2024. She wants to make an interactive document with links and screenshots, and this should be done by the end of the year.
- She created a Google Drive to house this document. It includes a Show Chairman's guide with step by step instructions. She also has saved various templates, the logo and a list of all our past judges in the drive.
- Veronica is trying to get workers for the Muncie trial.

8F. Should MBC apply to be a 501c organization? This would make fundraising much easier and would allow us to use PayPal for electronic payments.

Frank recommends we file for an EIN (Employer ID Number). This would allow us to use PayPal without the other paperwork, except for a short tax form which is filed electronically. Frank will go to the bank to see how the account was opened and what EIN is attached to the account.

Anne reached out to the AKC delegate to discuss, but did not receive a call back. She spoke with a client in Great Danes (Mark Davenport) who is a CPA. He feels we need to apply for 501C status. However, he advises that we should be filing a tax form. He will walk us through this.

Jenni made a motion for the club to hire qualified CPA licensed in Ohio to help us obtain the Tax ID and apply for the correct status 501c.
Second – Pam Leichtnam

Motion passed.

8G. Medallions – Jenni Steele

MBC board voted in, approved, ordered and received new one size medallions for the main wins at the specialties.

Jenni would like to discuss the small medallions. Her vendor has provided an estimate with a graphic. The cost for the smaller medallions is based on size of the order.

- For 300 pieces, the price would be \$1.95 each.
- For 250 pieces, the price would be \$2.05 each.
- For 200 pieces, the price would be \$2.25 each.
- For 150 pieces, the price would be \$2.75 each.
- For 100 pieces, the price would be \$3.50 each.
- For 50 pieces, the price would be \$5.75 each.

Jenni made a motion to bring back the 1.25" smaller medallion for WD and WB, and to order 150 pieces.

Second – Pam Leichtnam

Six in favor, and four opposed.

Motion passed.

9. New Business.

9A. Corresponding Secretary position – Anne Midgarden.

Rebecca is stepping down to take some additional responsibilities for BCOA. Anne would prefer to have a current board member step into that position and then nominate someone to a director position. Suggestions for either?

Pam suggested Mike Bilak for corresponding secretary.

9B. Board position – Anne Midgarden.

Amy Balthrop has lost her battle with cancer and will need to be replaced.

Pam suggested Diane Bilak.

9C. New Rally and Obedience scoring – Tina Wismer.

Tina made a motion that we accept BCOA new scoring schedule for rally and obedience statistics.

Second – Jennifer Morgan

Motion passed.

9D. Specialty Schedule – Pam Leichtnam.

Is there a documented process for putting together the schedule of a specialty? Who should be consulted? Does this need to be prepared by the entire board?

No motion was made.

9E. Meeting schedule for 2025.

Amy made a motion to continue the current schedule with meetings starting at 7:30PM on the third Monday of the month in January, April, July and October.

Second – Frank Zajac

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn – Tina Wismer

Second – Amy Sikula

Motion passed.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.