

2007 BCOA BALLOTS AS PUBLISHED IN THE *BULLETIN BOARD NEWSLETTER*

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BALLOT 2007 - 1: APPROVED

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Postmarked: January 1, 2007

Effective: January 10, 2007

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please mark your vote on approving the following administrative procedures for the 2007 Club year:

1. Unless otherwise indicated on the ballot, all Board ballots must be in the hands of the President and Secretary within ten (10) days of the postmarked date on the ballot envelope or electronic record.

2. Ballots must in all cases be presented to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary.

3. An affirmative vote shall require a majority of those voting, except where otherwise specified in the

By-Laws. A vote “WITHHELD” shall not be included in the ballot count.

4. The President will cast her ballot only in the case of a tie.

5. Votes submitted by USPS, FAX or electronic mail will be acceptable.

6. Matters under review or discussion by the Board and ballots in circulation may be discussed among any or all Board members, but such discussion shall not appear in public forum of any sort, electronic or other. Occasionally non-Board members with pertinent information and/or experience may be included in the discussion of a specific ballot.

7. During electronic communication, the subject line should be pertinent to the thread of conversation. If the subject matter deviates from the original content, the subject line shall be changed.

8. Respect and courtesy are essential in discussing club business. Personal comments should be taken to a private conversation between those individuals.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 2: APPROVED

SUBJECT: TREASURER 2009 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: January 17, 2007

Effective: January 27, 2007

Please send your vote on approving Cathy Caton (OH) as Treasurer for the 2009 National Specialty.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 3: APPROVED

SUBJECT: BULLETIN SALES TO NON-MEMBERS

Postmarked: February 6, 2007

Effective: February 16, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving selling single copies, as available, of *The Bulletin* for nine dollars (\$9.00) each and twelve dollars (\$12.00) for foreign residents, and a yearly subscription to non-members for thirty dollars (\$30.00)/US residents and forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for foreign residents.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 4: APPROVED

SUBJECT: RESCUE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Postmarked: February 11, 2007

Effective: February 21, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting the updates to the Rescue Committee Rules, as submitted in the attached file.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 5: APPROVED

SUBJECT: BASSET HOUND UNIVERSITY MATERIALS

Postmarked: February 11, 2007

Effective: February 21, 2007

Please mark your vote on buying the materials for developing breed study materials marketed as "Basset Hound University." The estimated cost is three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 7: APPROVED

SUBJECT: ON-LINE BREEDER REFERRAL

Postmarked: March 21, 2007

Effective: March 31, 2007

Please mark your vote on eliminating BCOA's regional referral coordinator positions because the duties of the regional coordinators have been largely supplanted by the member-breeder directory listings on BCOA's website. Sandy Beaudoin (OK) will remain BCOA's breeder referral contact for AKC and Outreach purposes.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 8: APPROVED

SUBJECT: DONATION TO BASENJI HEALTH ENDOWMENT

Postmarked: March 26, 2007

Effective: April 7, 2007

Please indicate your vote on donating two thousand four hundred four dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$2,404.97) to the Basenji Health Endowment. This amount constitutes fifty percent (50%) of the profits of the 2006 BCOA National Specialty sale of calendars and cookbooks, and thirty-three percent (33%) of the BHE's public sector donations for 2006. This donation comports with the recommendations of BHE's independent accountants. Internal Revenue Service regulations allow BCOA to contribute up to 33% of the total amount of BHE's public sector (non-BCOA) donations in any calendar year without jeopardizing BHE's status as a tax-exempt public charity under I.R.C. 501 (c) (3). BCOA contributions to BHE in excess of the 33% cap could result in BHE being reclassified as a private foundation and thus losing its tax-exempt status.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 9: APPROVED

SUBJECT: STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Postmarked: April 2, 2007

Effective: April 12, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving the following persons as chairs of the various BCOA committees.

AFRICAN STOCK PROJECT: James Johannes and Linda Siekert

AKC DELEGATE: Jon Curby

AKC GAZETTE COLUMNIST: Marcia Woodard

AKC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Vickie Jacobs

BREEDER REFERRALS: Sandy Beaudoin

BREEDERS' EDUCATION: Damara Bolté

BREED STANDARD: Damara Bolté and Midge Greenlee

BY-LAWS: Iris Craven

EDITORIAL REVIEW: Karla Schreiber and Damara Bolté

EVENTS COORDINATOR/LIAISON: Carole Kirk

HEALTH AND RESEARCH: Lisa Auerbach

JUDGES' EDUCATION: Marianne Klinkowski

JUDGE/SITE TALLIER: Betty White

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP TALLIER: Lisa Marshall

LEGAL REVIEW & ADVISORY: Karla Schreiber

LURE COURSING: Russ Jacobs

MEMBERSHIP: Linda Ehlers

NATIONAL SPECIALTY OVERSIGHT: Wanda Pooley

OBEDIENCE TALLIER: Cindy Griswold

OUTREACH: Pat Fragassi

PERFORMANCE EVENTS: Cindy Griswold and Suzanne LaCroix

PUBLIC EDUCATION COORDINATOR: Carrie Jones

RESCUE: Shawn Smith

SECURITY (INTERNET): Carmella Troisi-Hoerr

SUNSHINE: Linda Pence

WEBSITE: Kevin Dragseth and Carmella Troisi-Hoerr

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 10: APPROVED

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE

Postmarked: April 10, 2007

Effective: April 20, 2007

Please mark your vote on adding the following committee to the list of standing committees.

This committee was authorized in BCOA Ballot 2006 – 37 to petition AKC to open the book for African dogs, allow the book to stay open for two years for more than one set of entries and then close the book for five years. The committee will include Chairman Pam Geoffroy (MA), Jon Curby (MO) and others selected by the Chairman subject to Board approval.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 11: APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: April 10, 2007

Effective: April 20, 2007

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the February issue of the *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on accepting these applicants as members of BCOA.

Helen Hale (AR); Terry Cox Fiedler (KY)

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 12: APPROVED

SUBJECT: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Postmarked: May 7, 2007

Effective: May 17, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting these BCOA members as the Nominating Committee for the BCOA Officers and Board for 2008:

Pat Cembura (CA); Sandy Beaudoin (OK); Sue Joyner (IL); Anne Rogers (GA); Rita Pontes (MA)

BCOA BY-LAWS ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTS.

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these by-laws. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors before May 15 and the Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen of their selection. The Committee shall consist of five Regular members from different areas of the United States, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, telephone or electronic mail.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 13: APPROVED

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR 2010 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: May 7, 2007

Effective: May 17, 2007

Please mark your vote on the proposal submitted for the 2010 National Specialty to be held in the Western Region in its turn.

The chair of this group is Pat Bird (CO); other members are Rick Christensen (CO); Arnieta Kurtz (AZ); Flo Havens (AZ); Mary DeWhitt (AZ); Linda Siekert (AZ); Melody Falcone (NE); Heather Ervin (MO); Sue

Joyner (IL); Sally Wuornos (MN); Wanda Pooley (IL). The location is Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley, CO; dates are August 31 (Tuesday) through September 5 (Sunday).

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 14: APPROVED

SUBJECT: NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Postmarked: May 4, 2007

Effective: May 14, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Brenda Jones-Greenburg (AZ) as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the BCOA Officers and Board for 2008.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 15: APPROVED

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP DUES DATE

Postmarked: May 16, 2007

Effective: May 26, 2007

This comes at the request of our treasurer. In the current schedule (Article I Section 2 BCOA By-Laws), the dues for any one year must appear on the books for two different years, increasing the difficulty of bookkeeping.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 DUES. Membership dues shall be payable prior to ~~January 1~~ **February 1** of each year. In ~~November~~ **December** of each year, the Treasurer shall send a dues renewal notice for the ensuing year. Membership of applicants elected during the months of October, November and December shall be extended through the following year. **Only those members whose dues are received prior to February 1 will be included in the Annual Club Membership Roster.** No member may vote on any Club matter, be elected to office or be a committee member unless his or her dues are paid for the current year. ~~Annual membership dues shall not exceed \$25.00 per single membership, \$35.00 per family membership, \$35.00 per Associate membership, \$3.00 per junior membership when joining with an adult, and \$10.00 per junior membership when joining alone, payable on or before the 1st of January of each year.~~ **Affirmative votes of 2/3 of the entire Board voting in person, by electronic mail or by USPS mail shall be required to change the dues amount. The dues amount for each type of membership shall be determined by a 2/3 vote of the entire Board voting in person, by electronic mail or by USPS mail; and any change in the dues amount shall be determined by a 2/3 vote of the Board voting in person, by electronic mail or by USPS mail.**

SECTION 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

(b) BY LAPSING. A membership will be considered lapsed if such member's dues remain unpaid on ~~January~~ **February 1** of each year. An automatic 30-day grace period applies to all members, but if dues remain unpaid as of **March 1**, the membership will be terminated. Members who allow their memberships to lapse and be terminated pursuant to this paragraph must reapply for membership pursuant to Article I, Section 3, of these By-Laws. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of the meeting.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 16: APPROVED

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF "REGULAR MEMBER"

Postmarked: May 16, 2007

Effective: May 26, 2007

This is suggested by the By-Laws committee, as a clarification, not a change to Article I, Section 1 of the By-Laws.

Regular: Any person who has reached his or her 18th birthday **and is a resident of the United States** shall be a regular member with full privileges from the date of membership. **Regular members may vote and may hold office.**

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

DISAPPROVED: Hesse { *“Do we really want to disenfranchise our Canadian members – all now ‘regular’ members? This is no mere clarification; it is a change! Up to now, anyone living in North America would be a ‘regular’ member. At least we should continue to grandfather in those current foreign members who are now ‘regular’ members. Do regular members who move out of the USA lose their privileges? If so, when? – as soon as they change their residence? upon renewal? Would a US citizen living abroad lose his regular membership privileges for the duration of his stay abroad?”* }

BALLOT 2007 - 17: APPROVED

SUBJECT: NAME AND DEFINITION FOR FORMER ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Postmarked: May 16, 2007

Effective: May 26, 2007

~~Associate~~**Foreign:** Those who meet the requirements for regular membership but ~~reside outside the continental boundaries of North America~~ **are not residents of the United States** are eligible. ~~Associate~~ **Foreign** members shall not vote, hold office or sponsor new regular **voting** members. ~~Associate~~ **Foreign** members may sponsor new **non-voting foreign members** (~~Associate members may sponsor new Associate members~~). ~~Associate membership may include two adults residing at the same address.~~ **Two adults residing at the same address may have a Foreign Household membership.** ~~Associate~~ **Foreign** members shall receive a subscription to the Club *Bulletin* and *Bulletin Board Newsletter*.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

DISAPPROVED: Hesse { *“Do we really want to disenfranchise our Canadian members – all now ‘regular’ members? This is no mere clarification; it is a change! Up to now, anyone living in North America would be a ‘regular’ member. At least we should continue to grandfather in those current foreign members who are now ‘regular’ members. Do regular members who move out of the USA lose their privileges? If so, when? – as soon as they change their residence? upon renewal? Would a US citizen living abroad lose his regular membership privileges for the duration of his stay abroad?”* }

BALLOT 2007 - 18: DISAPPROVED

SUBJECT: INCREASING NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

Postmarked: May 16, 2007

Effective: May 26, 2007

ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 of the BCOA By-Laws shall now read:

The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and ~~seven~~ **nine** other persons...

APPROVED: Auerbach { *“I was not the one who proposed this amendment, but I do support it based on my personal experience. I am on the Board of Directors for a Virginia statewide dog federation with 12 board seats. My firsthand experience has been a larger Board provides an organization with the best of both stability and renewal. Larger Boards gain stability from their long time, proven Board members, but they also give the club renewal from newer and younger voices – typically members who have already proven themselves to be hard workers with sound opinions. I have seen, firsthand, these benefits from a larger Board, and thus cannot dismiss them. I believe that this change would give us an opportunity for a younger more vital club. For these reasons, I vote yes to putting this proposal before the membership for their approval or disapproval.”* }; **Curby** { *“There is no liability or downside to this proposal. It has the potential to add more skills and talents to the board as well as better geographic representation. Although the current board makeup has been adequate, recent years have found board members taking on multiple projects as the challenges and responsibilities of running a parent club have increased. The membership should certainly be given the chance to decide this issue.”* }; **Hesse** { *“Adding two members to the board would bring neither panacea nor doom to BCOA. Let the membership decide.”* }; **Stargell** { *“I feel that expanding the board by two individuals has the potential to increase the diversity of representation, both geographically-based as well as life-experience-based, in the*

policy-making functions of the BCOA. The last few elections have been very close in number of votes received for the 7 directors versus the next highest supported candidates. In 2006, there was a tie and a run-off, and this past year only 5 votes separated an elected director and the next two candidates. Since a large number of members supported these alternative and highly qualified individuals, I vote yes to putting this proposal before the membership so they can vote their approval or disapproval of this idea.”}

DISAPPROVED: Graves; Jones;

Bolté {“Do not see that an increase will add to our process”}; **Greenlee** {“I see neither a need for, nor any benefits from, increasing the number of directors.”}; **Pooley** {“(1) Adding more directors to the board will only increase the top management level of the club and possibly provide opportunities for more political sway, but this plan does not guarantee any improvements to the quality of the Club. (2) Moreover, increasing the number of board seats does not guarantee a more effective or efficient board or even a diverse one. (3) An argument has been given that by increasing the number of board members, more people will have the opportunity to be involved in the growing number of club projects. However, that opportunity exists every day because the BCOA has standing committees that are always open to those interested in becoming involved and learning more about the BCOA. Quite frankly, these committees are the heart of the club. People wanting to become active in any organization don’t start at the top sitting on a board; they begin at a grass roots level. (4) The argument has also been given that by expanding the number of directors, those who are edged out by the seven top vote-winning candidates would then have an opportunity to serve on the board. No matter the number of board members an organization has, some candidates are going to fall short of the votes needed to win. That’s because the process is called an election. (5) The BCOA corporate structure has been in force for 65 years without the need for a top-heavy board, so my question to this ballot is ‘If the system ain’t broke, why fix it?’ Lastly, just a personal comment – I can’t think of a single job I held in my work career when I ever said, ‘Boy, I sure could use more supervisors.’”}; **Schreiber** {“I do not believe that increasing the number of BCOA directors is necessary or serves any purpose that advances the Club’s goals as stated in the Articles of Incorporation. The proponents of this measure advance a number of somewhat amorphous possible benefits such as ‘deepening the bench’ or allowing more members to serve the Club, but none of these assertions are compelling. No effort has been made by the proponents to establish why we ‘need a deeper bench’ (after 60+ years of successful operation with a seven member Board), or why it is no longer sufficient that members serve the Club through committees and other positions within the Club before being voted onto the Board by the full membership. Most troubling of all, while expanding Board membership has a ‘democratic’ ring to it, the proponents have not considered the impact, in the real world, of expanding an already up-and-running corporate board. Expanding an existing Board DILUTES the vote of the majority of the Club’s voting members by increasing the strength or weight of minority votes. This dilution occurs because each BCOA Board member (regardless of the number of votes received from the membership) has ONE vote on all Club matters – from mundane issues to those that may seriously impact the Club’s welfare. While it is certainly healthy (and essential) for any organization to hear and consider minority opinions, the governance of the Club should be left in the competent hands of the majority Club members through their choice of elected representatives. Increasing the number of Board members from seven to nine raises the specter of allowing BCOA directors selected by a small (comparatively) number of members to, if acting in consort, control Club affairs. In effect, this proposal can be read as a statement to the majority of voting BCOA members that their director choices are not ‘good enough’ and therefore, additional choices are required. I respectfully disagree and decline to approve this provision.”}

BALLOT 2007 - 19: DISAPPROVED

SUBJECT: STAGGERED TERM FOR DIRECTORS

Postmarked: May 16, 2007

Effective: May 26, 2007

ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 shall now read:

EITHER (for seven at large Directors)

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven ~~other persons~~ **at large Directors**, all of whom shall be members in good standing who are residents of the United States. The ~~Board of Directors~~ **President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer** shall be elected by ballot, as provided in Article IV of these By-Laws, to serve for one year. **The at large Directors shall serve two year terms. There will be alternating election of three directors one year and four the next. (There will be random selection immediately after the first election following implementation to determine the first three directors to serve two year terms)...**

OR (for nine at large Directors)

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and ~~seven other persons~~ **nine at large Directors**, all of whom shall be members in good standing who are residents of the United States. The ~~Board of Directors~~ **President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer** shall be elected by ballot, as provided in Article IV of these By-Laws, to serve for one year. **The at large Directors shall serve two year terms. There will be alternating election of four directors one year and five the next. (There will be random selection immediately after the first election following implementation to determine the first four directors to serve two year terms)...**

APPROVED: Curby

DISAPPROVED: Auerbach; Graves; Hesse; Jones; Stargell

Bolté {“Let’s not fix what’s not broken.”}; **Greenlee** {“Under our existing one-year system, the membership has the opportunity every year to vote for the directors of their choice, whether they be those chosen by the nominating committee or those nominations submitted by the membership itself. This has worked very smoothly for 60+ years and I see no reason to change it.”}; **Pooley** {“While the BCOA is not unique in its voting structure, one good facet of it is that the membership gets to vote the candidates of their choice every year. The main argument for this change is to allow new board members to adjust to their new position. The BCOA doesn’t operate on a scale equal to the US Congress, and much of what we do isn’t difficult, nor are the decisions so pressing that it takes a considerable time to ‘get up to speed.’ After all, the membership has selected candidates they feel have the background to sit on the board and are capable of exercising good judgment. Adding staggered terms doesn’t benefit the general membership; it benefits the seats of board members.”}; **Schreiber** {“The concept of ‘staggered terms’ for corporate directors is one that works well – if it is implemented ‘right out of the box’ when an entity is initially incorporated. However, when staggered terms are implemented as an after-thought, this has the effect of denying the voting members of the entity (BCOA in this case) the ability to vote to elect all of their Officers and Directors annually. This provision, as drafted, entrenches Board members for a two year period – during which they could not be removed by the membership. The proponents of this program argue that the staggered terms for directors could be useful in preventing a wholesale turn-over of the Board and Officers (the type of dramatic turnover that disrupts the ability of the organization to conduct business). This is true. However, BCOA has never, historically, experienced the kind of wholesale turnover of Board members and Officers that would warrant staggered terms. Given that there is no historical basis for establishing staggered terms for BCOA directors, and given that I am strongly committed to allowing the membership to conduct annual election for all BCOA Board Members and Officers, I decline to approve this provision.”}

BALLOT 2007 - 20: APPROVED

SUBJECT: CHANGE FOR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Postmarked: May 16, 2007

Effective: May 26, 2007

The definition of lifetime members in ARTICLE I, SECTION 1 will now read:

...Lifetime members shall receive a subscription to the Club *BULLETIN* and *Bulletin Board Newsletter* and shall hold individual voting privileges, but shall ~~neither hold office nor~~ not pay dues.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee {“This change is long overdue!”}; Hesse; Jones; Pooley {“I have long wondered why valuable members who were granted Lifetime status and have dedicated so much time and energy to the Club were ineligible to remain on any committees.”}; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 21: APPROVED
SUBJECT: DEFINITION OF AKC DELEGATE

Postmarked: May 16, 2007

Effective: May 26, 2007

ARTICLE III, SECTION 3. AKC Delegate. The Club's AKC Delegate shall be appointed by the Board. ~~and shall not be considered a member of the Board~~ **The Delegate shall not serve on the Board or as an Officer, unless the Board appoints as Delegate an officer or member of the Board who has been duly elected by the membership.** The Delegate shall represent the Basenji breed and the Club...

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 22: APPROVED
SUBJECT: CHANGE TO WORDING OF RESCUE PROGRAM POLICY

Postmarked: June 1, 2007

Effective: June 11, 2007

Please send your vote on approving the change to the Rescue Policy wording:

III. BCOA RESCUE CLAIM PROCESS

The BCOA will provide limited "safety net" financial assistance to individual BCOA members or BCOA Affiliated Clubs caring for adoptable, homeless purebred Basenjjs.

Recommended change: The BCOA will provide limited "safety net" financial assistance to individual BCOA members or BCOA Affiliated Clubs caring for ~~adoptable~~, homeless purebred Basenjjs.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 23: APPROVED
SUBJECT: CHANGE TO WORDING OF RESCUE PROGRAM POLICY

Postmarked: June 1, 2007

Effective: June 11, 2007

Please send your vote on approving the change to the Rescue Policy wording:

APPLICATION FOR BCOA RESCUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER section:

Approximately how many adoptable Basenjjs do you have under your care at any one time?

Recommended change: Approximately how many Basenjjs **needing placement** do you have under your care at any one time?

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 24: APPROVED
SUBJECT: VIDEOGRAPHER FOR 2007 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: June 13, 2007

Effective: June 23, 2007

Please send your vote on hiring Gary Weitz of Purebred Studios in Pebble Beach, CA to make DVDs of the 2007 National Specialty regular Conformation classes, Puppy through BOB, following the terms stated in his National Specialty Plan and specifying a charge of two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) per day.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 25: APPROVED

SUBJECT: MEDALLIONS FOR EUKANUBA/AKC SHOW

Postmarked: June 13, 2007

Effective: June 23, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving funds to pay for the medallions to be awarded at the Eukanuba/AKC show in December. Medallions are awarded for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex and Best Bred-by-Exhibitor. The cost is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for the set.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

DISAPPROVED: Graves { *"I still disapprove of the basic principle of this show: that a commercial group 'sponsors' the show and has its name attached, but that it wimps out on adding the special features, such as breed medallions. Of course, I am thrilled to watch our best Basenjis in competition, but I think Eukanuba should go the whole way and actually supply the prizes – or not have its name attached as the 'generous' sponsor."* }

BALLOT 2007 - 26: APPROVED

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO SITE PROPOSAL PROCEDURES

Postmarked: June 22, 2007

Effective: July 2, 2007

SECTION II. HOST AND SITE PROPOSALS

H. **Site Proposal Changes:** ~~Should the dates or location of the site change after the original approval, the BCOA Board must approve any modifications to the original site proposal.~~ **Changes affecting the structure of the proposal after it has been approved, as listed below, must be approved by the BCOA Board. These include:**

1. Specialty Chair
2. Specialty Treasurer, if one has been named
3. Location of the site
4. Dates of the event

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Graves; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Curby; Hesse

BALLOT 2007 - 27: APPROVED

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION A, NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROCEDURES

Postmarked: June 22, 2007

Effective: July 2, 2007

ARTICLE IV. BCOA OFFICERS AND BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

A. BCOA PRESIDENT

1. **Approval of the Specialty Chairperson:** ~~The President will have a ballot submitted on or before August 15th to the Board of Directors asking for the approval of the National Specialty Chairperson named by the group selected to host the national specialty. While every consideration is given to the person submitted with the host proposal, selection of the Chairperson is a function of the Board Directors and their approval must be obtained.~~ **The Specialty Chairperson is approved as part of the ballot for the site proposal form (NSP Appendix D.) Should it be necessary to replace the Specialty Chair, the President will have a ballot submitted to the Board of Directors asking for the approval of a replacement for this position.**

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Graves; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Curby; Hesse

BALLOT 2007 - 28: APPROVED

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION A-2, NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROCEDURES

Postmarked: June 22, 2007

Effective: July 2, 2007

ARTICLE IV. BCOA OFFICERS AND BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES, BCOA PRESIDENT

2. **Approval of the Specialty Treasurer:** The Specialty Treasurer may be approved as part of the ballot for the site proposal. However, if the name of a Treasurer is not designated on the site proposal form, the National Specialty Chairperson shall contact the BCOA President on or before September 3rd of the third year preceding the specialty with the name of the Specialty Treasurer.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Graves; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Curby; Hesse

BALLOT 2007 - 29: APPROVED

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION D-2, NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROCEDURES

Postmarked: June 22, 2007

Effective: July 2, 2007

ARTICLE IV. BCOA OFFICERS AND BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES, D, BCOA TREASURER

2. **Specialty Fund Account:** On or before January 1st of the specialty year, banking needs will be established for that year's specialty. The Club Treasurer and the Specialty Treasurer will work together to get an account operational and to assure all financial reporting measures are in place.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Graves; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Curby; Hesse

BALLOT 2007 - 30: APPROVED

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION D-3, NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROCEDURES

Postmarked: June 22, 2007

Effective: July 2, 2007

ARTICLE IV. BCOA OFFICERS AND BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES, D, BCOA TREASURER

c. Only the signatures of the National Specialty Treasurer and the BCOA Treasurer shall be listed on the account. Only one signature will be required on the checks.

d. ~~The BCOA Treasurer shall arrange to have new Specialty Fund checks printed and mailed to the current Specialty Treasurer.~~

e. ~~The BCOA Treasurer shall arrange to have all bank reconciliation statements mailed directly to the Specialty Treasurer.~~

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Graves; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Curby; Hesse

BALLOT 2007 - 31: APPROVED

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION B, NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROCEDURES

Postmarked: June 22, 2007

Effective: July 2, 2007

ARTICLE VI. DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

B. NATIONAL SPECIALTY TREASURER

1. **Responsibility:** The National Specialty Treasurer shall maintain the financial records for the specialty using accounting software and Chart of Accounts provided by the BCOA. The current year's National Specialty Treasurer shall issue financial reports on a periodic basis, as determined by the NSOC Chair, to the NSC and the National Specialty Oversight Committee.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Graves; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Curby; Hesse

BALLOT 2007 - 32: APPROVED

SUBJECT: AWARDS AND MEDALLIONS FOR NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: June 28, 2007

Effective: July 8, 2007

Please give your vote on approving the revised list of awards and medallions for National Specialties.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Hesse

BALLOT 2007 - 33: APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: June 28, 2007

Effective: July 8, 2007

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the April and May issues of the *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received.

* indicates Junior membership.

Please mark your vote on accepting these applicants as members of BCOA.

Sandy Cimino (TN); Rose Marie Holt (ID); Jim Hughes (OR); Donna Kaplan (AZ); Roberta Kosek (NH); Jackie Sieg,

*Garret Smith (IN); Sandra E. Walker (CA); Linda Carlson (Sweden); John-Michael Ekeblad (NY); Irene Guerra (PA); *Veronica Predale (NJ)

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Hesse

BALLOT 2007 - 34: APPROVED

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF "DEBT TO CLUB"

Postmarked: July 17, 2007

Effective: July 27, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving this restatement, suggested by Mara Holiday, AKC Member and Club Coordinator, in her letter giving necessary AKC approval for amendments.

Subsection (a) of Article I, Section 4, Termination of Membership:

Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. ~~Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club become incurred on January 1 of each year.~~ **Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the Club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.**

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 35: APPROVED

SUBJECT: RETURN TO FORMER DUES STATEMENT

Postmarked: July 17, 2007

Effective: July 27, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving a return to the previous dues statement in the BCOA By-Laws, because AKC refuses to approve a dues requirement without an uppermost limit.

Previous Article I, Section 2:

Annual membership dues shall not exceed \$25.00 per single membership, \$35.00 per family membership, \$35.00 per Associate membership, \$3.00 per junior membership when joining with an adult, and \$10.00 per junior membership

when joining alone, payable on or before the first day of ~~January~~ **February** of each year. Affirmative votes of 2/3 of the entire Board voting in person, by electronic mail or by USPS mail shall be required to change the dues amount.

Revision refused by AKC:

~~The dues amount for each type of membership shall be determined by a 2/3 vote of the entire Board voting in person, by electronic mail or by USPS mail; and any change in the dues amount shall be determined by a 2/3 vote of the Board voting in person, by electronic mail or by USPS mail.~~

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 36: APPROVED

SUBJECT: DATE CHANGE 2008 SPECIALTY

Postmarked: July 19, 2007

Effective: July 29, 2007

Because South Fork Ranch, Plano, TX, made an error of double-booking the facility for the dates BCOA had reserved (Sept. 23 – Sept. 28, 2008), South Fork will give us the week earlier: Sept 16. – Sept. 21, 2008. Additionally, they will give us six days for the fee of five days.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 37: APPROVED

SUBJECT: TALLIER FOR VOTES TO AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Postmarked: July 22, 2007

Effective: August 1, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving Elizabeth P. Miller as tallier of the votes on the proposed amendments to the BCOA By-Laws to be submitted to the membership on July 27, 2007. She has served as Inspector of Elections for at least ten years; as a former CPA, she observes special precautions in an election such as ours and retains the ballots and paperwork for a calendar year following each election or general vote. For counting the votes on these proposed amendments, she asks a fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). The ballots will be returned to the Secretary, as prescribed in the By-Laws, and they will be tallied by the Inspector.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 38: APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: August 15, 2007

Effective: August 25, 2007

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the July issue of the *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received.

Please mark your vote on accepting these applicants as members of BCOA.

Judy and Tony Adams (NC); Becky Blansett (OH); Catherine Charles (NC); Lou DeBello and Brooke DeBello (IL); Pat Hoffer and Dave Lindgren (CA); Cynthia Jacobucci (OR); Christine O’Rear (CA); Laura Pond (WA); Amy Rutledge (GA)

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 39: APPROVED

SUBJECT: INSPECTOR OF ELECTION

Postmarked: August 15, 2007

Effective: August 25, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving Elizabeth P. Miller (Houston, TX) as Inspector of Election for the BCOA Officers and Board of Directors for the club year 2008. She asks a fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Sawler; Schreiber; Webb

BALLOT 2007 - 40: APPROVED

SUBJECT: BOARD MEETING

Postmarked: August 26, 2007

Effective: September 5, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving the annual meeting of the BCOA Board of Directors on Monday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. (hour subject to change by mutual agreement) in whatever room has been appointed by the host committee.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Sawler; Schreiber; Webb

BALLOT 2007 - 41: APPROVED

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Postmarked: August 30, 2007

Effective: September 9, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving Liz Guthridge, a former parliamentarian for AKC, as Parliamentarian for the BCOA Annual Meeting in Livermore, CA, on October 17, 2007. She asks a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per hour plus travel expenses (IRS mileage from Kensington, CA). She does not charge travel time for non-profit organizations.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Sawler; Schreiber; Webb

BALLOT 2007 - 42: APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: September 22, 2007

Effective: October 2, 2007

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the August issue of the *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received.

Please mark your vote on accepting these applicants as members of BCOA.

Karen Jones (CA); Sylvia Jordan (WI); Phyllis A. Martin (CA); John Richardson (AZ)

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 43: APPROVED

SUBJECT: OBEDIENCE AND RALLY JUDGE FOR 2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: September 22, 2007

Effective: October 2, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Joseph (Bud) Skarbek as Obedience and Rally judge for the 2008 National Specialty in Plano, Texas. He asks for a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00); no lodging needed.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 44: APPROVED

SUBJECT: ASFA LURE COURSING JUDGE FOR 2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: September 22, 2007

Effective: October 2, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Parry Talmadge as ASFA Lure Coursing judge for the 2008 National Specialty in Plano, Texas. He asks for round trip airfare from San Francisco, CA; two nights' lodging; banquet; lunch on day of judging.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 45: APPROVED

SUBJECT: ASFA LURE COURSING JUDGE FOR 2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: September 22, 2007

Effective: October 2, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Jack Downing as ASFA Lure Coursing judge for the 2008 National Specialty in Plano, Texas. He asks for lunch on day of judging.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 46: APPROVED

SUBJECT: AKC JUNIOR COURSER TEST 1 JUDGE FOR 2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: September 22, 2007

Effective: October 2, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Parry Talmadge as judge for the AKC Junior Courser Test 1 for the 2008 National Specialty in Plano, Texas. He asks for round trip airfare from San Francisco, CA; two nights' lodging; banquet; lunch on day of judging.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 47: APPROVED

SUBJECT: AKC JUNIOR COURSER TEST 2 JUDGE FOR 2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: September 22, 2007

Effective: October 2, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Jack Downing as judge for the AKC Junior Courser Test 2 for the 2008 National Specialty in Plano, Texas. He asks for lunch on day of judging.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 48: APPROVED

SUBJECT: JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE FOR 2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: September 22, 2007

Effective: October 2, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Joe Tomey as Junior Showmanship judge for the 2008 National Specialty in Plano, Texas. He asks no fee.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 49: APPROVED

SUBJECT: AGILITY JUDGE FOR 2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: September 22, 2007

Effective: October 2, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Judith Flagle as Agility judge for the 2008 National Specialty in Plano, Texas. She asks for a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 50: APPROVED

SUBJECT: AFRICAN STOCK EXHIBITION JUDGE FOR 2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: September 22, 2007

Effective: October 2, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Pam Geoffroy as African Stock Exhibition judge for the 2008 National Specialty in Plano, Texas. She asks one night's lodging; banquet ticket.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 51: APPROVED

SUBJECT: CONFORMATION JUDGE 2010

Postmarked: October 4, 2007

Effective: October 14, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Kent Delaney (OH) as conformation judge for the 2010 BCOA National Specialty. He was the only nominee to receive as many as 10 nominations. He has agreed to the terms specified in the BCOA National Specialty Procedures: the judging fees and expenses shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), excluding the hotel expenses and meals for the duration of the judging assignment.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 52: APPROVED

SUBJECT: JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP TALLIER

Postmarked: October 4, 2007

Effective: October 14, 2007

Please mark your vote on accepting Joel Brody (AZ) as Junior Showmanship Tallier.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 – 65: DISAPPROVED

SUBJECT: DONATION OF A PORTION OF 2006 NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROFITS TO THE BASENJI HEALTH ENDOWMENT

Postmarked: October 28, 2007

Effective: December 8, 2007

[Petition received October 27, 2007, in accordance with BOCA Bylaws Article II, Section 4: “Business items may be presented for Board action by: . . . (b) Written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20 members in good standing. Items presented by such petition shall be voted upon by the Board within six weeks of the date the petition was received by the Secretary. . . . Current reports of Board action shall be forwarded within ten days of the Board vote to the Editors of the Club Bulletin and Bulletin Board Newsletter for immediate publication.”]

We, the undersigned BCOA members in good standing, do hereby ask that the BCOA Board of Directors vote on the following ballot:

To donate \$3,000.00 of the 2006 BCOA National Specialty Profits to Dr. Gary Johnson, University of Missouri, in support of Basenji health research. This amount, added to the \$2,404.97 already donated, will bring the total to \$5,404.97, an amount more in keeping with the club's tradition of supporting Basenji Health Research.

Signed:

Kristen Marshall (FL); Teresa B. Gavaletz (CA); Chris Maxka (AZ); Tari Parish (AZ); Cecily Rappe (CA); June C. Young (WA); Melissa Skillman (WV); Carol Wyatt (CA); Kathryn R. Britton (OR); Marilyn A. Leighton (CA); John Donald (NY); Lisa R. Voss (CA); Brenda Phillips (WA); Parry Tallmadge (CA); Joseph Hurt (IN); Russella Bowen (SC); Linda Ehlers (MO); Pam Sweeney (IN) Sue Kite (OH); Pamela Geoffroy (MA); Denise Searcy (CA); Brenda J. Cassell (TX); Catherine Ongaro (CA); Linda Siekert (AZ); Katherine M. Scott (AZ); Debbie Hauri (NH); Andrew Sawler (MA); Jo Bradshaw (NM); CarolAnn Worsham (OH)

APPROVED: Carrie Jones;

Lisa Auerbach {*"Since the IRS limits our contributions to BHE, having BCOA give direct donations to grant requests allows us additional flexibility and increases the amount BCOA can give to health research. Please note that IRS limitations are on BCOA donations to BHE – not limitations on our ability to give to other charities or good causes, including health research. No IRS-related limitations or problems with these direct donations have been identified to me. Therefore I believe BCOA should take advantage of this approach."*};

Jon Curby {*"If the Treasurer determines that we can give the BHE \$3000, I would agree to vote for a motion that is identical to the petition except for the donation recipient being the BHE instead of Dr. Johnson. If that motion is approved, I will then change my vote for the petition to NO."*};

Laurie Stargell {*"This ballot provides us with the opportunity to honor the efforts of the BCOA members who contributed items, money, and/or their time, to the 2006 National Specialty with the intent to support Basenji health research."*}

DISAPPROVED: Anne Graves; Laura Mae Hesse;

Damara Bolté {*"I like following the procedure giving \$2500 to BHE and \$500 to Dr. Johnson , which amounts to the same thing but done legally or correctly according to National Specialty Procedures. I look forward to 'if this petition is voted down, then the Secretary will be sending out the ballot to send \$2500 to BHE and \$500 directly to Dr. Johnson.'"}*};

Midge Greenlee {*"The stated objectives of the petition are that BCOA donate \$3000 directly to Dr. Gary Johnson in support of Basenji health research, to bring the total for the year to 'an amount more in keeping with the club's tradition of supporting Basenji Health Research.' BCOA does not donate funds for health research. The Basenji Health Endowment does. BCOA donates funds to BHE in an amount that is, in the best judgment of the BCOA Treasurer and the opinion of our accountant, both advisable and in compliance with IRS rules and regulations. The folks who put on such a wonderfully successful specialty in 2006 and who did so with great expectations that their success would result in a substantial contribution to the BHE were told, time and time again, that the reason more was not initially donated had to do with IRS rules, and that BCOA would, at the end of 2007, contribute the maximum additional amount allowed by the IRS. And BCOA will do just that. If the amount allowed is less than \$3000, I concur with sending whatever balance is needed to bring the total to \$3000 directly to Dr. Johnson with the stipulation that it be 'for Basenji health research.' That is not the best way to donate funds, from a business (and IRS) standpoint, but I would support doing it to satisfy the amount requested in the petition. BCOA has always supported BHE and will always continue to do so. But the amount donated in any given year, and the manner in which funds are donated, cannot be at the decision or direction of even the best-intentioned people if it is not in compliance with IRS regulations, or if it might cause the IRS to question BHE's status."*};

Wanda Pooley {*"I vote No for Ballot 2007 – 65 covering the petition, and I endorse creating a new ballot to have the BCOA contribute the maximum allowable amount (as determined by our Treasurer) to the BHE that fits the formula for the public support test. At this point, the additional amount the BCOA can contribute will*

closely match the request of the amount stated in the petition. This is also the proper channel to provide funds to support health and research of our breed and to assure 100% of our dollars are used to benefit Basenjis.”};
Karla Schreiber {*“I vote No for Ballot 2007 – 65 because, on the advice of BHE’s accountants and Treasurer, BCOA can donate an additional \$2700 to BHE in the calendar year 2007 – in addition to the sum of \$2400+ already donated by BCOA to BHE during that time frame. I believe making the maximum gift to BHE in 2007 is an important show of support for BHE by BCOA – and is in keeping with the expectations of the many individuals and clubs that generously donate to BHE each year. An additional donation of \$2700 to BHE comes very close to the sum of \$3000 requested by the Ballot 2007 – 65 petition, and for all intents and purposes, the request made by the petition should be considered satisfied by the additional \$2700 amount that BCOA can donate to BHE (without running afoul of the IRS public support test) pursuant to the advice of BHE’s Treasurer and accountants.”}*}

BALLOT 2007 - 66: APPROVED

SUBJECT: MAILING VIDEOS OF NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: November 7, 2007

Effective: November 17, 2007

Please mark your vote on Lynn Jackson (CA) to be in charge of the disbursement of the 2007 DVDs ordered after November 13, 2007 and through the year 2008. Lisa Auerbach (VA) has agreed to act as back-up.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 67: APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: November 7, 2007

Effective: November 17, 2007

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the October issue of the *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received.

* indicates Junior membership.

Please mark your vote on accepting these applicants as members of BCOA.

Kaye Bennett and *Mikola Bennett (WI); Kara Berrey (AZ)

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 – 68 (amended): APPROVED

SUBJECT: ADDITION TO WORDING TO NATIONAL SPECIALTY SITE PROPOSAL

Postmarked: November 11, 2007

Effective: November 21, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving this addition to the wording of the BCOA National Specialty Site Proposal: Following the signature of the proposed Chairperson, add this statement:

As Specialty Chairperson, I understand that any profits generated from the events, activities, merchandise sales and other revenue-generating activities directly associated with the national specialty are the property of the Basenji Club of America, Inc., unless BCOA approves specific direct fundraising efforts for the Basenji Health Endowment, Inc., in writing, and in advance of any such fundraising efforts.

APPROVED: Bolté; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber

DISAPPROVED: **Auerbach** {*“I think this would have a chilling effect on fundraising not just for the Endowment, but for other worthy causes. Spontaneous fundraisers and ‘pass the hat’ have a long and worthy history at Nationals. I feel that our membership would be responsive to requests to direct fundraising to where it is most needed, as long as we clearly communicate such needs.”}*}; **Curby** {*“Unnecessary.”}*}; **Stargell** {*“I*

think this ballot is too restrictive to the host group with regard to fundraising for special projects that are relevant to local issues, and too vague with regard to 'activities directly associated with the national specialty.' I support fundraising for the BHE as an excellent option for specialty revenues, but the future may see other projects that are also worthy."}

BALLOT 2007 - 69: APPROVED

SUBJECT: BULLETIN BOARD NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Postmarked: November 17, 2007

Effective: November 27, 2007

Please send your vote on one of these three candidates to serve as editor of the *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. All have submitted resumes and stated their willingness to serve.

Connie Camp (NC)

Susan Coe (Australia)*

Jackie Jones (OR)

*For domestic mailings, Pam Geoffroy (MA) has volunteered to assist; but most of the editor's work can be handled via electronic mail.

APPROVED: With the most votes, Jackie Jones was approved.

BALLOT 2007 - 70: APPROVED

SUBJECT: ROSETTES FOR JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Postmarked: December 2, 2007

Effective: December 12, 2007

An award is offered for the top Junior Showmanship competitor in each breed having defeated the most competitors during a calendar year. The rosette is presented at a party before Westminster. If the competitor does not attend, the award is mailed to the winner.

Please send your vote for the options below.

Option 1: 1 rosette, no logo sponsor Best Junior Breed Rosette: \$15.00 (includes S/H directly to junior)

Option 1a: 1 rosette, w/National Club logo: \$46.15 (includes 1 x \$30.00 charge for embossing plate and \$1.15 set up fee). Plate will remain on file at Centaur Rosettes for future club use. All future BJ rosettes will include logo for \$1.15 set up fee.

Option 2: 2 rosettes, no logo sponsor Best Junior Breed Rosette and 1 additional rosette (different colors) for club presentation: \$30.00 (includes S/H to junior and second rosette to parent club representative)

Option 2a: 2 rosettes, w/National Club logo: \$61.15 (includes 1 x \$30.00 charge for embossing plate and \$1.15 set up fee). Plate will remain on file at Centaur Rosettes for future club use. All future BJ rosettes will include logo for \$1.15 set up fee.

APPROVED: Option 1a: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 71: APPROVED

SUBJECT: RECONSIDERATION OF SPECIALTY LEGACY DATES

Postmarked: December 6, 2007

Effective: December 16, 2007

First, consider **Ballot 2003-35**.

Preface to Ballot 2003-35:

In order for everybody to understand the issues in this ballot, here are a couple of AKC policies:

1. For a club to hold a show, AKC grants its permission by the numbered weekend, not the day of the month. AKC figures show weekends this way: the first show weekend is the first weekend in which Saturday's date is neither January 1 nor January 2. Thus, in 2003, the first show weekend was January 4 – 5; in 2004, it will be January 3 – 4; and in 2005, it will be January 8 – 9. So the dates for a club's show will change according to AKC numbered weekends.

2. If a club holds a show on a particular weekend or joins (on Friday or Monday) with shows on that weekend, the AKC considers that the first time this occurs establishes a corresponding date for that club for the following years or until such time as the club requests a different date. That club has a "legacy" date, i.e. it has "dibs" on that date for the next year. If the club changes to another weekend or does not hold a show on that weekend, the club goes back to square one, relinquishing its claim to the former legacy date.

Ballot 2003-35:

The President has asked that we make a statement clarifying the policy governing the Board's decision to approve local specialties. In each specific case of approval for a member club's specialty, the BCOA Board of Directors has based its decision on the principles above, in accordance with AKC policies regarding dates. The Board also does not approve conflicting dates for specialties within our own designated regions, even though the AKC distance requirement (200 miles between shows) would permit those shows. (AKC would permit a club to hold a show within another club's territory but only with the other club's permission for both the show and the date.) These policies underlie the Board's request that a club inform the Liaison as early as possible of the club's intention to hold a show either on its legacy date or on a new date.

This ballot was **approved** in 2003.

For **Ballot 2007-71**, consider revising this statement to read:

While the BCOA discourages affiliate clubs from scheduling specialties that may conflict with another club's date in the same designated region, the Board shall consider, on a case-by-case basis, the approval or disapproval of such should a date conflict arise. The Events Coordinator shall notify the BCOA Secretary of any such conflicts. Consideration will be given to the distance between the two events and the impact of reduced entries to one or both sides. The Board shall provide the Events Coordinator with its decision.

APPROVED: Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Pooley; Stargell;

Auerbach {*"I think conflicting specialties should be **very strongly** discouraged, not just discouraged, and every possible alternative should be explored by the clubs involved before a conflicting date is presented to the Board for consideration. I also expect that, if the Board is presented with such a case, the Board will approve such conflicts of scheduling only in the most exceptional circumstances and after every alternative is considered. I am approving this ballot because of these expectations. I do not think that conflicting specialties should be scheduled or approved in non-exceptional circumstances, due to the many problems such conflicts give to clubs and exhibitors."*}; **Hesse** {*"I approve this ballot to give the club more flexibility. Our regions are now so large that affiliate clubs holding specialties at opposite corners of a region could not be considered to be real competition for one another, and we should be able to allow conflicting specialties in those cases if absolutely necessary. Ironically, clubs in neighboring states but different regions could be in more conflict than widely separated clubs in the same region. Ideally, there would never be two basenji specialties held on the same date anywhere in the country."*};

DISAPPROVED: Bolté;

Jones {*"Because exhibitors will travel farther for a specialty show than they will for an all-breed show, it is in the best interest of clubs within the same region to hold their specialties on different dates. Otherwise, one specialty show will suffer from lost entries."*}; **Schreiber** {*"After much thought, I believe this change has the potential to pit regional clubs against one another, and may encourage them to spar with one another for potentially advantageous regional specialty dates. We need to provide BCOA affiliate clubs that draw from the same pool of entries with some sense of security that their specialty entries will not be decreased by conflicting BCOA-approved affiliate club specialty dates within the same region."*}

BALLOT 2007 – 73: APPROVED

SUBJECT: FUNDS FOR BASENJI HEALTH ENDOWMENT AND GARY JOHNSON

Postmarked: December 15, 2007

Effective: December 25, 2007

Please mark your vote on approving the donation of funds to be used for further research into Basenji health research, especially Fanconi syndrome.

two thousand seven hundred (\$2700.00) dollars to Basenji Health Endowment, and
three hundred (\$300.00) dollars to Dr. Gary Johnson at the University of Missouri

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2007 - 74: DISAPPROVED

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SPECIALTY DATE APPROVAL

Postmarked: December 29, 2007

Effective: January 7, 2008

Please send your vote on approving the request of the Basenji Fanciers of Greater Phoenix to hold their specialty show on AKC Weekend #42 (October 18) 2008.

APPROVED: Graves { *"I feel that BCGP has made a long-term, good faith effort to find another date for their show, and I know that the number of show entries fluctuates for many reasons. I fear that losing this date will contribute to losing another local Basenji affiliate club."* }; **Greenlee** { *"It will unlikely impair BCONC's entries, but otherwise Phoenix will continue to have its entry severely impaired – as verified by every alternative Phoenix has tried over the years. When the November show did that work for Phoenix changed its date to January, Phoenix was effectively left with no date, other than Kachina, and that would not be a money-loser."* }; **Pooley** { *"This is a difficult decision because one club will be disappointed no matter the decision. It's unfortunate that the members of the Phoenix club have found themselves in this spot. Since the ballot was drafted in 2003, they have made a sincere effort to avoid using a date that conflicts with BCONC. While the BCONC will probably lose a small percentage of their entry, it concerns me more that this may spell the end for the Phoenix club to be able to even put on a specialty show, in fact the only basenji specialty in the southwest US. The distance between both these clubs is also a significant factor to be considered. While it's true they are both in the same region, the BCOA only has three regions that are very large. The original ballot 2003-35, written when the club had four regions, declares that clubs in the same region may not use the same specialty dates. What the language fails to address is that, based on that ruling, it exempts clubs in the neighboring region from scheduling a conflicting date used by a club in the next region. As long as the club in the neighboring region complies with the AKC 200 mile rule, BCOA would have difficulty enforcing the original rule. This is a serious issue that should be addressed on a case-by-case basis because circumstances can vary from one region to another."* }; **Stargell** { *"This is a tough one because I agree with all the comments that both clubs will lose out on a minority of their entries if the specialties are on the same weekend. Having said that, 700 miles is a heck of a long way, and the AZ specialty would offer a venue that is more accessible to the central/mid-west area."* }

DISAPPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby;

Hesse { *"I really do think we should get approval from BCONC for a conflicting specialty on their legacy show date that is close enough to affect their entries. That said, I sincerely hope that once BCONC no longer feels itself the victim, it will take the high road and grant that approval. It would be the right, generous and decent thing to do for a fellow basenji club that finds itself between a rock and a hard place. Surely the clubs could find a way if their heart was in the right place...one for all and all for one in the basenji world."* }; **Jones** { *"If the Basenji Fanciers of Greater Phoenix hold their specialty show on the same weekend as the Basenji Club of Northern California's specialty shows, the two clubs will be unnecessarily competing against each other. It is in the best interest of both specialty clubs that they avoid holding shows that are in direct conflict with each other. Since the Northern California Club held their specialty show on week 42 for all but one weekend in the past 25 years, they should be given priority for this particular weekend."* }; **Schreiber** { *"We need to provide BCOA affiliate clubs that draw from the same geographic pool of entries with some sense of security that their specialty entries will not be decreased by conflicting BCOA-approved affiliate club specialty dates within the same region. In the case at hand, while the AZ and CA events at issue would be 700 miles apart, both events*

would compete directly with one another for entries from Southern California. Historically (2005, 2006 – but discounting BCONC’s specialty followed the National in ’07) BCONC has drawn very close to 20% of its entry from Southern California and Arizona. Unless two affiliates within a BCOA region agree to share a specialty weekend, I am not comfortable approving a specialty date within the same BCOA region that conflicts with another affiliate’s long-standing legacy date.”}

2007 BCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting Date: October 16, 2007

PRESENT: Schreiber; Hesse; Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Greenlee; Jones; Pooley; Stargell

SPEAKER-PHONE: Graves

ABSENT: Wuornos

Ballot	Subject
07 – 53	2006 Board Meeting Minutes
07 – 54	Treasurer's Report
07 – 55	Contract Terms of Conformation and Obedience Judge for 2010 National Specialty
07 – 56	Liability Insurance for Officers and Board
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07 – 61	Recommendations on Audit Procedure
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07 – 64	Basenji Health Endowment Board and Officers

BALLOT 2007 – 53

Bolté moved, Auerbach seconded,
to suspend the reading of the minutes of the 2006 Board Meeting.

Motion carried.

BALLOT 2007 – 54

Bolté moved, Pooley seconded,
that the Treasurer's report be accepted as read.

Motion carried.

BALLOT 2007 – 55

After discussion of terms for the contract of Kent Delaney, Conformation and Obedience judge for the 2010 National Specialty, Stargell moved, Greenlee seconded,
that we accept his terms of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per day for three days of judging conformation classes and no charge for judging obedience classes, and that round-trip economy airfare be split between obedience and conformation.

Motion carried.

BALLOT 2007 – 56

Schreiber explained that some parent clubs are finding that an increasing number of people are refusing to sit on Boards that do not have liability insurance (essentially "bad acts" policies). Currently, any club's board of directors and officers could be held liable if the treasurer makes poor or illegal financial decisions. Liability insurance would cover each director or officer from paying his own legal fees and some money amounts. Tonda Curry gave some more background and information. After more discussion, the Board determined to appoint volunteers to investigate various liability policies.

Auerbach moved, Bolté seconded,

that Hesse contact Equisure for premium and policy quote for officers and board liability insurance.

Motion carried.

BALLOT 2007 – 57

Pooley reported that *The Bulletin* now can offer center page advertisements in color, provided that a combined number of four advertisers is available. Currently, inside cover advertisements are one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

Pooley moved, Bolté seconded,

that all inside color advertisements (inside cover and center spread) be increased to one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) per page, and that outside cover color advertisements remain at the current two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) per page.

Motion carried.

BALLOT 2007 – 58

Pooley and three other Board members, having recently received anonymous emailed “messages,” spurred discussion of such problems.

Pooley moved, Greenlee seconded,

that the Editor(s) of *The Bulletin*, *The Bulletin Board Newsletter* and any other club publications be directed not to print anonymous correspondence, and to have the editorial committee verify the author’s authenticity for any correspondence deemed negative, defamatory and/or controversial.

Motion carried.

BALLOT 2007 – 59

Curby moved, Stargell seconded,

that for National Specialty judges, if fewer than four receive nominations for Sweepstakes and Conformation classes, judges receiving the top four nominations, including any ties, will appear on the ballot for the membership’s vote.

Motion carried.

BALLOT 2007 – 60

The Board discussed the problems encountered by Basenji fanciers who live outside the USA in submitting payment to the University of Missouri for the marker link Fanconi DNA test, since the university does not have a PayPal account, nor any plans for one. Thus, those fanciers must pay for the test either by sending a check on non-USA banks or asking someone in the USA to pay for them.

Greenlee moved, Pooley seconded,

that this issue be tabled until the Treasurer can research this topic further.

Motion carried.

BALLOT 2007 – 61

Curby moved, Greenlee seconded,

that the Board approach our CPA for recommendations on the audit procedure for our organization.

Motion carried.

BALLOT 2007 – 62

Curby moved, Stargell seconded,

that BCOA establish a budget committee to consider budgeting priorities and submit them for Board review and approval.

Pooley amended the motion to say the committee shall consist of Board members and officers.

Amendment was approved;

Motion carried as amended with “no” votes from Auerbach, Curby and Stargell.

BALLOT 2007 – 63

After discussion of approval of National Specialty sites and the idea that more guidance be given to host groups, with a site coordinator to oversee all events, as well as the idea of finding a permanent National Specialty site,

Curby moved, Jones seconded,

that a site coordinator be appointed to gather a group for site locations.

Motion carried.

BALLOT 2007 – 64

Bolté moved, Greenlee seconded that,

BCOA Officers and Board of Directors be appointed as the Officers and Board of Directors of the Basenji Health Endowment.

Motion carried.