

Archive 2013 BCOA BOD Ballots

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BALLOT 2013-01 APPROVED

Postmarked: January 1, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to appoint Eunice Ockerman (CA) and Kim Noyes (ME) as the Co-Editors of the BCOA quarterly magazine, *The Bulletin*.

APPROVE: **Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert**-Comment: *[I am excited to see what these ladies can do with the BCOA Bulletin publication. With their professional expertise and creative eyes, this magazine should POP! THANK YOU BOTH for your willingness to donate your valuable time and professionalism to the club!]*, **Straub, Work**.

ABSTAIN: **Auerbach**.

RECUSE: **Pooley**-Comment: *["I have to recuse myself from this ballot as I am the editor of another magazine. However, I heartily support this team as a good choice to serve as the next Bulletin Editors."]*

SUBJECT: BCOA Bulletin Editors

Effective: January 11, 2012

BALLOT 2013-02 APPROVED

Postmarked: January 6, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

In 2012, BCOA purchased Adobe Creative Suite 5.5 Software for a total of \$428.41 for use by the Bulletin staff. This software will not be needed for future Bulletin work. Connie Camp has offered to purchase the software for \$214.21. Please send your vote to approve the sale of this software.

APPROVE: **Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert**-Comments: *[My understanding of this is Connie purchased the software for the BCOA last year using a student discount. In the eyes of Adobe, she is and always has been the owner thus Connie is in effect reimbursing the BCOA for half the cost that was paid to her for its use by her.]*, **Straub, Work**.

ABSTAIN: **Pooley**.

SUBJECT: Adobe Software Sale

Effective: January 16, 2013

BALLOT 2013-03 APPROVED

Postmarked: January 6, 2013

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The Norton Antivirus software used on the Club's Dell 1535 laptop computer that is currently in use by the 2013 National Specialty Treasurer needs to be renewed. The maximum allowance will be \$80.00. Please send your vote to approve the renewal expense.

APPROVE: **Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work**.

SUBJECT: Antivirus Software Purchase

Effective: January 16, 2013

Ballot 2013-04 APPROVED

Postmarked: January 14, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

For the first time in 2012, the Basenji Club of America (BCOA) had supported entries on December 1 & 2, 2012 at the Dayton Dog Training Club (DDTC) all-breed agility trials. BCOA received \$1000.00 for the supported entries. Please send your vote on distribution of the proceeds with \$500.00 each to both the 2013 and 2014 National Specialty host groups to be spent to benefit the National Specialty Agility Trials.

APPROVE: **Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert**-Comment: *[Huge SHOUT OUT to Becky Blansett, Epic Basenjies and the Dayton Dog Training Club for the idea of having the BCOA host an all breed agility trial. It cost the BCOA absolutely nothing except a few BCOA members time (SHOUT OUT TO YOU ALL as well) and brought in \$1000 dollars to be used*

Subject: Distribution of Agility Trial Earnings

Effective: January 24, 2013

for future National Specialty agility trials. Can't get any better than that!), Straub-Comment: [Very glad this worked out so well! Thanks, Becky!], Work.

BALLOT 2013-05 APPROVED

SUBJECT: AVONGARA MAHA GANY

Postmarked January 14, 2013

Effective January 24, 2013

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on Avongara Maha Gany to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook. By voting "approve" each person believes, to the best of their ability, that the dog is a basenji.

<https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List2013.html>

APPROVE: Auerbach, Greenlee-Comment: [I previously voted against this dog because he appears to be quite lacking in breed quality--but he is a Basenji, and the concerns expressed by others in the breed regarding the increasing threat to the purity of native stock have convinced me that he should be accepted.], J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Work, Siekert- (Comments: For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08. Below you will find how I voted in January 2012 for the 2012 Native Stock applicants, since my opinion has not changed, if anything 2012 Board discussion re: Native Stock procedures, similar discussion on various chat lists, discussions with various import groups, discussions within the Native Stock committee on the original intent of the procedures and the responses from importers, judges and native stock owners to the Native Stock committee questionnaires - have only strengthened these opinions, therefore I have chosen to vote identically in 2013.

My job: Carefully study every application and determine if each applicant has enough breed type to be sent through to the membership for their review and voting.

Criteria:

- 1/ Breed type
- 2/ Phenotype
- 3/ Provenance: Historical, historical presumptions
- 4/ Application process: evaluations, health testing
- 5/ Breeder interest
- 6/ Membership Inclusion

Criteria key points:

1/ Breed type: The definition of breed type in relations to a land race can not be dependent on whether or not they immediately breed true due to the expected variability of type found in the native source population and the inability to breed multiple generations as our founders did, producing well over 100 puppies between 1936-1941 while culling non-conforming (to them) specimens, before accepting the first breed standard in 1942.

Breed type cannot be defined as "Is this a dog I would breed to?" There are domestic Champions I would never use in my breeding program but they are no less a basenji because of it nor does it mean they are not on someone else's breeding radar screen. Expecting native stock to look like show stock, much less produce like show stock, within the first generation(s) is unrealistic.

2/ Phenotype: Do the 2013 applicants have atypical variations? Is there anything in their phenotype which has not been seen in the domestic population? Is there anything in their offspring which has not been seen in the domestic population?

Historically domestic populations have produced too little white, too much white, odd colors (saddles, sables, piebalds, pintos, creams, dilutes), loopy/sickle tails, low set tails, longer coats, shorter legs, long backs, soft toplines, large ears, cathedral fronts, shelly ribcages, barrel chests, flat feet, round eyes, light eyes, etc.

There is no genetic test available to prove or disprove breed purity; just like the founders, one can only presume purity due to their phenotype and should be judged accordingly.

Breed type variation is important for genetic diversity - the primary goal of importing native stock. The less tolerant we become of variation, the more our gene pool is reduced for future generations.

3/ Provenance: Presumption has been the basenji only originates and exists in a small geographical area despite vast tracts of Africa in which no one has specifically travelled while looking for basenjis - until the early 21st century when first Veronica Tudor-Williams, then Jon Curby, Michael Work and Damara Bolte, went looking for, and found, basenjis in other regions.

We have descriptions of basenji-type dogs throughout Africa from Western explorers/travelers such as Schweinfurth (1868-1871), Hamilton (1882), Cleote (1950) to individuals with a particular interest in the basenji such as O. Burn (Congo), VTW (Sudan) and Standifer (Liberia); I currently have on my computer a 2011 photograph of native Ethiopian children, amidst a pack of basenjis.

Historically the basenji has ranged and/or been depicted in wall paintings from as far West as Liberia, as far North as Egypt, to Sudan, which is North and East of the present day DRC, as late as the 1960s; there is no reason to presume 1) the population of basenjis has shrunk to a relatively small region of the DRC, nor 2) to presume they have not.

European dogs have historically traveled with their masters throughout Africa for hundreds of years, long before the western basenji was developed; all original founders were selected for by their phenotype; therefore all current native stock should be equally judged.

4/ Application process: Evaluations: The current process was designed to allow multiple evaluators hands on experience of the imports. Photos can make a nice dog look bad or a bad dog look nice, making the hands on observations and evaluations critical; it makes no sense to disregard such experienced evaluations and opinions and not allow any applicant which receives an average score of fair or higher to be seen and voted on by the membership.

For me, breeder judges and/or long time breeders carry more weight than all breed judges, with those who have lived closely with and/or bred to higher percent Africans carrying the most weight due to their understanding of the whole native dog.

Health testing: Health issues can impact the breed much more negatively long term than adding a dog presumed, but not proven, to be impure. I am a firm believer that all native stock be tested to the fullest, if not at the time of the application, then before being bred, once approved. Having full health testing and disclosure is a must in foundation stock and while I would not stop a stellar application from proceeding to the membership based on inferior testing, I look more favorably on those applicants who have spent their time and money to do more testing prior to being accepted for registration.

5/ Breeder Interest: As with domestic populations, a breeder has the choice to use or not use a dog in their breeding program. If any native dog does not produce well, or worse, produces atypical traits (to mean traits not found in the source population or domestic population) they will not be well received by the fancy, will not be used and will eventually become extinct within the breed.

It is far better for the breed long term to have breeders breeding for variation.

6/ Membership Inclusion: One of the biggest issues in the 1990 acceptance process was membership complaints regarding the Board having all the power in who was accepted leaving the membership with no voice in the matter.

The Native Stock committee took membership concerns seriously and designed a process to have three independent and experienced evaluators (an all breed judge approved to judge the breed, a breeder judge and a long term breeder (greater than 15 years)) vet the applicants up close and personal, to be our hands, eyes and ears if you will; all evaluations which averaged fair or above would then be presented to the BCOA Board, and would then move forward to membership voting.

Not allowing an applicant, which has passed such a stringent process, to move into the hands of the membership implies the Board has little faith in the membership's ability to make informed and intelligent choices, leaving the Board to make the decision for us.

Conclusion:

None of the breed variations found in the applicants or their offspring suggest they lack sufficient breed type. After careful consideration and long deliberations, based on the above criteria, I approve the following ballots/imports to be put forward to the BCOA membership for their final review and voting.]

DISAPPROVE: Straub-Comment: [With regret, I disapprove all applicants. While I respect and admire the efforts of those who have worked so hard to bring these dogs back, I don't feel any of them are true Basenjis. That does not make them any less loved by those who have them in their hearts and homes and I am truly sorry that they will no doubt feel that this is a personal decision, it is not. I would love to have, in good conscience, approved them all, but I'm not convinced that these are truly Basenjis.

ABSTAIN: Curby.

BALLOT 2013-06 APPROVED

Postmarked January 14, 2013

SUBJECT: AVONGARA NGUBA

Effective January 24, 2013

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on Avongara Nguba to be submitted to the membership for their vote by region of import to be added to the AKC studbook. By voting "approve" each person believes, to the best of their ability, that the dog is a basenji.

<https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List2013.html>

APPROVE: Auerbach, Greenlee-Comment: [She is unquestionably a Basenji and I agree that she does have something to offer the breed (despite a woefully uncooperative tail).], J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert- (Comments: For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.

DISAPPROVE: Straub-Comment:[Listed only once in Ballot 2013-05 but is applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.]

ABSTAIN: Curby, Work

BALLOT 2013-07 APPROVED

Postmarked January 14, 2013

SUBJECT: AVUVI ENAGNON

Effective January 24, 2013

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on Avuvi Enagnon to be submitted to the membership for their vote by region of import to be added to the AKC studbook. By voting "approve" each person believes, to the best of their ability, that the dog is a basenji.

<https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List2013.html>

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby-Comment: [Evaluators saw enough merit in these dogs that they should have the benefit of the membership expressing an opinion.], J. Jones-Comment: [I really would like to see some video of this one. The static pictures to me do not show enough.], Ketz, Kirk, Siekert-Comments: [For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.], Work.

DISAPPROVE: Greenlee-Comment: This is a handsome dog, but I do not think that he, or any of the other Avuvis I have seen, are/were Basenjis.], Pooley-Comment: [After more consideration I am unable to change my decision from the 2012 ballot.], Straub-Comment:[Listed only once in Ballot 2013-05 but is applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.]

BALLOT 2013-08 APPROVED

Postmarked January 14, 2013

SUBJECT: NTOMBA MOBENGI

Effective January 24, 2013

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on Ntomba Mobengi to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook. By voting "approve" each person believes, to the best of their ability, that the dog is a basenji.

<https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List2013.html>

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby- Comment: [Evaluators saw enough merit in these dogs that they should have the benefit of the membership expressing an opinion.], J. Jones-Comment: [I really would like to see some video of this one. The static pictures to me

do not show enough.], Ketz, Kirk, Siekert-Comments: [For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.], Work.

DISAPPROVE: Greenlee-Comment: [I do not think this dog is a Basenji. If I saw this dog walking down the street, I would not identify him as a Basenji, and having observed him on many occasions, have never thought that he was a Basenji.], Pooley-Comment: [I am sorry, but I still remain unconvinced that this dog is a basenji. This dog exhibits that primitive look often found in Africa. The video on the owner's website bears out this fact as many different types of dogs living in the villages, including the one where this dog was collected, can be seen on the selected footage of the trip.], Straub-Comment:[Listed only once in Ballot 2013-05 but is applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.]

BALLOT 2013-09 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Lure Coursing Committee Chair

Postmarked: January 30, 2013

Effective: February 8, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to appoint Susan Campeau (NC) as the Lure Coursing Committee Chair, along with a stipend of \$550.00 to attend the ASFA ACoD Meeting in Denver, CO during March, as the BCOA Delegate.

APPROVE: Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Straub.

DISAPPROVE: Work-Comment: [I feel that we needed to vote her as committee chair BEFORE we vote to spend that money which was unbudgeted.]

ABSTAIN: Auerbach-Comment: ["Committees are, per the bylaws, to be appointed by the BCOA Board. The Board was not told that this position was vacant until a ballot was presented. While I have no objection to the nominee, cutting the Board out of suggesting nominees is a process that has historically caused problems for BCOA. When the Board doesn't know about a position until voting on a specific nominee, the Board's role changes - from suggesting members who might be a good choice, to voting for or against a single specific person. That, in fact, is why I am abstaining rather than voting against - I have no reason to think that Sue won't do a good job, and frankly I do not want to vote against her. My concern is the process, not the person. Having the president ballot new committee chairs, without prior Board notification, was abandoned in recent years specifically because it caused problems for the club. The issues were as follows: Some clubs and some groups of friends were very well represented by committee chairs while others had minimal or no representation. Some people chaired or served on multiple committees while some people who were interested in serving on committees were never asked to participate. The term "clique" was frequently bandied about by those who felt excluded. Over time, more and more members commented that this gave the impression that serving BCOA was determined by who you knew, not by your skills and willingness to serve. While I don't believe that was ever the intent, in practice, good people were being left out and not everyone got an equal chance to serve. As a result, in the past few years that I served, the Board was told when chairs no longer wanted to continue, and potential nominees were identified to the Board before the new chairs were put to a vote. In some cases there was a good bit of discussion before committees were balloted, which included identifying new potential volunteers who had not previously chaired or co-chaired committees. Several of those nominees are still serving, and doing very well. I've seen both approaches in action and the wider input, to me, appears to work much better. Giving eleven people the chance to make suggestions makes nominations more likely to include new faces. Often these people were proven at their local levels - they were known to their clubs, but previously they were not committee members or chairs for BCOA.

Serving BCOA on a committee, whether standing, special, or Nationals, increases one's commitment to the club. Having a diverse group of members committed to the club strengthens BCOA. These choices are important. No one person, president or otherwise, will know every willing and skilled BCOA member. I believe it's vital to have the Board made aware of committee vacancies, and given enough advance warning to be able to suggest potential committee chairs.], Siekert-Comment: [Unfortunately the manner in which this ballot was originally written, to which I am voting, equates to a ballot I cannot approve. We were asked by the President to vote on an ASFA Lure Coursing Delegate, not Lure Coursing Committee Chair. Another concern is the process in which this nominee was presented to the Board; the nominee had already been picked to fill a vacancy with zero discussion amongst the Board. The ballot/nominee was then sent to the board with a call for votes. While discussion was perfunctorily allowed after the fact, suggestions for another nominee, who is quite active within ASFA, therefore possibly able to serve the BCOA for considerably less money, was seemingly ignored. No obvious (to mean communicated to the board) follow up was done with the second person to see if they were even a feasible alternative. The BCOA bylaws state the Board appoints committee chairs; to me this means the full board should be a part of the process from beginning (learning which committee chairs are stepping down, discussion of nominees, selection of nominees) to the end (vote). While I have no doubt of the current nominees ability to represent the BCOA, someone equally as qualified but potentially at little to no cost to the club should have been more seriously considered - if not before the job was presented to someone else, then once an alternative suggestion was made.]

BALLOT 2013-10 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Committee Chairs for 2013

Postmarked: February 3, 2013

Effective: February 12, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on the following Committee Chairs for 2013 and the elimination of the Volunteer Liaison due to zero response from membership.

African Stock Project: James Johannes, Linda Siekert

AKC Gazette Columnist: Marcia Woodard

AKC Delegate: Katie Campbell

AKC Legislative Liaison: Vickie Jacobs

Archive Action Committee: Donna DeFlorio

Breeder's Education: Susan Coe, Laurie Stargell
Breeder Referral: Sandy Beaudoin
Breed Standard: Damara Bolte, Midge Greenlee, Andrew Sawler (Trainee)
By-Laws & Corporate Documents: Midge Greenlee
Committee Liaison: Pat Fragassi
Editorial Advisory: Carmella Troisi-Hoerr
Events Liaison: Libby Cox
Fund Raising Committee: Sue Campeau
Health & Research: Kirsten Sigrist
Judge Education: Marianne Klinkowski
Judge Selection: Kim Noyes
Judge Selection Tallier: Laurie Stargell
Junior Liaison: Sharon Unrau
Junior Tallier: Tonda Wright
Legal Review & Liaison: Karla Schreiber
Membership Ballot Tallier: Kim Brown
Native Stock (Studbook): Pam Geoffroy, Damara Bolte
National Specialty Oversight: Jackie Jones
Bulletin Board Newsletter Editor: Melody Falcone
Obedience Tallier: Katy Scott
Pedigree Research: Sally Wallis
Performance Events/Versatility: Cindy Griswold & Suzanne LaCroix
Performance Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Honor Tallier: Susan Kamen Marsicano
Public Education: Brad Phifer
Rescue Liaison: Carrie Jones
Social Media: Clay Bunyard
Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Tallier: Julie Jones
Sunshine: Peg Grundman
Videography: Andrew Sawler
Website Security: Lisa Corell Auerbach
Website: Susan Coe, Kyle Cabral, Clay Bunyard
James Johannes (African Stock Project)
Suzanne LaCroix (Versatility)
Susan Coe (Native Stock and Basenji University)
Libby Cox (Events)
Vickie Jacobs (AKC Legislative Liaison)

APPROVE: **Auerbach, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Straub**-Comment: [Thank you to all of our new and especially returning volunteers!]

DISAPPROVE: **Work**-Comment: [I feel these should all be separate ballots. For me to disapprove just one committee head I must disapprove them all. This makes no sense to me.]

ABSTAIN: **Siekert**-Comment: [see Ballot 2013-10. Once again I am concerned the current process for the selection of Committee chairs is not line with the process outlined in BCOA bylaws. We are being handed a slate of nominees in which we had zero input. I am also concerned any committee chair selections which elicited Board discussion/concerns were not appropriately segregated so they could be further discussed and/or voted on separately. Grouped together as they are, Board members are forced to approve all, disapprove all or withhold voting altogether. This is not how the process should be working, in my opinion.]

No Record of Vote: **Curby**.

BALLOT 2013-11 APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: February 4, 2013

Effective: February 13, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the January, 2013 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Craig Garcia & Dwight Yeager [HI]

Mike Roach & Adam Therrell [GA]

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2013-12 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Amendment to Ballot 2013-09 (ASFA Delegate for 2013)

Postmarked: February 19, 2013

Effective: February 28, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve Russ Jacobs (KS) as the BCOA ASFA Delegate. He will attend the 2013 ASFA ACoD Meeting in Denver, Colorado, during March.

(Susan Campeau (NC) will remain as the Lure Coursing Committee Chair, per Ballot 2013-09.)
 APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2013-13 APPROVED **SUBJECT: BCOA Bulletin Advertising Rates and Comp. Copies**

Postmarked: February 19, 2013 Effective: February 28, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on changes to the Bulletin including Complimentary Copies, Ad Photo Limits and Bulletin Rates.

Complimentary Copies- One (1) complimentary copy for each full-page advertisement, three (3) complimentary copies for outside front cover advertisements and two (2) complimentary copies for outside back cover advertisements.

The Bulletin will accept unlimited photos at no additional fee to those who provide their own final layout. For those who request design services, the limit is three images at no additional charge, four (4) plus images and the price is to be negotiated.

Bulletin Rates - effective starting with the 2013 - 2nd Quarter Bulletin Ads. (see chart below)

Current and proposed (in red) advertising rates

Rates	Members		Commercial Ads
	Color	B/W	
Front Cover	\$225	N/A	N/A
Inside Front Cover	\$140	N/A	N/A
Inside Back Cover	\$140	N/A	N/A
Back Cover	\$175	N/A	N/A
Full Page	\$110	\$70	\$85
Center Spread Set/Color Contact Editor for Details	\$140/pg	N/A	\$200
Half Page	\$65	\$40	\$55
Column-1/3 Page	\$55	\$35	\$45
Quarter Page	\$35	\$25	\$40
Half Columns - 1/6 Page	\$30	\$20	N/A
Affiliated Club Specialty: text only	FREE*	Free	N/A
Affiliated Club Specialty - 2 Page Spread - Win Photos & Text	\$110*	\$75	N/A
National Specialty Results	Free*	N/A	N/A

**results must be provided electronically or with a marked catalog*

APPROVE: Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert-Comment: *(I like that we are able to offer full color and still be competitive with other basenji publications, seems many of our color prices are actually lower; the membership deserves that perk and we should encourage them to showcase their beautiful candid's and win shots at an affordable price each quarter.)*, Straub, Work.

RECUSE: Auerbach, Pooley.

BALLOT 2013-14 APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: March 1, 2013

Effective: March 10, 2013

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The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the February, 2013 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Sara McMurrey [CA]

Bruno Mondello [IL]

Larry & Deborah Nelson, Amiah Nelson* [WA]

Elizabeth & William Stern [KY]

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2013-15 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Policy Manual Addition-Unsung Hero Award

Postmarked: March 1, 2013

Effective: March 10, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve the following addition to the BCOA Policy Manual. **The Unsung Hero Award will be added to the Policy Manual in a new section titled SPECIAL MEMBER RECOGNITION- "PURPOSE: To describe the various awards that may be given to individual club members for outstanding service to the BCOA."**

Unsung Hero Award

CRITERIA USED IN SELECTING THE "UNSUNG HERO"

The Unsung Hero Award recognizes that BCOA member who has made a positive contribution that would not ordinarily be acknowledged by other types of formal awards.

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD:

The candidate nominated for this award shall have demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics.

- Displaying extraordinary effort to advance the purpose of the BCOA.
- Unselfishly sharing his/her time and expense to promote events, activities, and materials in support of the BCOA.
- Consistently and willingly extending a helping hand.

HOW NOMINATIONS ARE SUBMITTED:

- Submitters must provide the BCOA Board with the full name of the nominee and a statement of 250 words describing why this person should be considered for the award.

HOW A MEMBER CAN BE NOMINATED:

- Any BCOA Board member, a BCOA affiliated club, or a group of current BCOA members.

WHEN AND HOW AN UNSUNG HERO IS CHOSEN:

- During the 120 days previous to the BCOA annual meeting for the current year, the BCOA Board will accept nominations.
- The BCOA Board will review the nominations and **may but is not required to** select a recipient for the award. The BCOA Board will make its decision at least 45 days prior to the BCOA Annual Meeting to allow time for the award to be prepared.
- The name of the winner will remain undisclosed until the presentation at the Annual Meeting.

FORM OF RECOGNITION: The winner of the Unsung Hero Award shall receive a suitable award, including the recipient's name and year received, at the BCOA Annual Meeting.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-16 APPROVED

Postmarked: March 1, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the By-Laws.

Please send your vote on the date and time of the 2013 Annual Meeting to be held at the Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA on Monday, July 15, 2013. (Time and Room TBA).

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert-Comment: [Just an FYI, any performance venues I might have paid for/entered will take precedence should they be running concurrently. I will, of course, provide Janet with any necessary information should this be an issue.] Straub, Work.

SUBJECT: 2013 Annual Membership Meeting

Effective: March 10, 2013

BALLOT 2013-17 APPROVED

Postmarked: March 10, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve the following: The BCOA to announce that Dr. Johnson will be offering a DNA test for PRA in basenjis through OFA and that all results will be made public for this testing.

APPROVE: **Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley**-Comment: [*This is wonderful news for our breed!*], **Siekert**-Comments: [*I am very thankful for Dr. Johnson and his team. A few BCOA members publicly advocated dumping Dr. Johnson because he was not working fast enough; now just a few short years later we have DNA tests for fanconi test AND one type of PRA. Good job Dr. Johnson!], **Work.***

Proposed Announce Information from the H & R Committee:

The BCOA is very happy to announce that Dr. Johnson will be offering a DNA test for PRA in basenjis through OFA within the week! This test will identify individual dogs as clear, carrier, or affected for **one** form of PRA in basenjis. This test will be a cheek swab test, and the the genotyping will be done by PCR, like the current Fanconi test. New samples will need to be submitted to OFA for this test. It may be possible to obtain results from existing samples, if the dog is deceased. These test kits can be ordered at the OFA website soon. The price for this test will be \$65. The breeding recommendations for this form of PRA are the same as those for Fanconi: Acceptable breedings: clear x clear, clear x

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carrier, clear x affected Breedings not recommended: carrier x carrier, affected x carrier, affected x affected. Look for an FAQ about this test on the BCOA website soon. It is clear from Dr. Johnson's research that there is more than one gene responsible for PRA in basenjis. **Because of this, testing clear for this particular form of PRA does not indicate that any individual dog is clear for PRA.** Dr. Johnson found this gene to be responsible for approximately 60% of the PRA in affected basenjis that he sampled. Dr. Johnson is continuing to research this form of PRA and other possible genetic causes for PRA in basenjis.

BALLOT 2013-18 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Replacement of Vice President

Postmarked March 20, 2013

Effective March 29, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

With the resignation of Carrie Jones as 2013 President (March 4, 2013), Beth Straub (2013 VP) will automatically fill the vacancy in the office of President for the remainder of 2013.

Please send your vote on approving **one candidate** as Vice President of the BCOA for the remainder of 2013:

Pam Geoffroy [MA]

Midge Greenlee [FL]

BCOA By-Laws

Article III- Board of Directors

SECTION 4. VACANCIES. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President, and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

Pam Geoffroy-Approved: **Auerbach-Comment:** *After reviewing club precedent, previous vacancies have been filled by the person getting the next number of votes for that position, whether officer or Board, when there was another candidate for that year.*], **Curby, J. Jones, Siekert-Comment:** *[The BCOA Bylaws clearly define how a Presidential vacancy is filled. All other vacancies are filled by the Board. Bulletin Board research through the last 5 (five) BCOA Board resignations show a clear precedent. Precedents which has been the Board picking the next highest vote count either from the vacant office runner ups (if applicable) or director pool (if applicable) of the previous election results.*

1988-89 - Barbara Camp (Pres) resigned, Sandy Bridges (VP) moved to Pres., Linda Ehlers, was appointed VP. Linda was the top runner up for the office of VP in the 1988 election for the 1989 term.

2005-06 - George Woodard (Pres) resigned, Sal Wuornos (VP) moved to Pres., Karla Shreiber (Dir.) appointed to VP. 2006 Board ran uncontested, no VP runner up or Director runner up to pull from. 2006 Board went to the last contested election (2004 election for 2005 term) and appointed Andrew Sawler to Director. Andrew tied with Carrie Jones for the 7th Director spot but lost in the ensuing run off.

2008-09 - Wanda Pooley (Dir.) resigned, Brenda Phillips was appointed Director. Brenda was the top runner up for Director in the 2008 election for the 2009 term.

2009-10 - Sue Joyner (Dir.) resigned, Tonda Curry was appointed Director. Tonda was the top runner up for Director in the 2009 election for the 2010 term.

2011-12 - Carol Webb (Dir.) resigned, Jackie Jones was appointed Director. Jackie was the top runner up for Director in the 2011 election for the 2012 term.

I always advocate following the rules and will look to the rules for guidance on how to proceed. In the absence of clearly defined rules, I will look to precedent for guidance; Precedents outline the best way to solve a problem without giving any Board an opportunity to purposely change its complexion. Precedent shows the 2013 BCOA Board should be giving first right of refusal for the position of VP to Pam Geoffroy.], **Work-Comment:** *[We already have Midge's expertise on the Board. Pam had the 2nd highest votes for VP. Simple as that!]*

Midge Greenlee-Approved: **Ketz, Pooley-Comments:** *[[Comments: Among those of us on the 2013 elected Board, Midge Greenlee is the perfect choice to fill the vacancy of Vice-President. As she is already an elected official, this transition to the VP position simply makes good sense. Midge is highly respected in the basenji community; has dedicated many years promoting the best interests of the BCOA and the breed; her experience of 10 years as BCOA President will benefit not only the new President, but all of us. Midge is fair, thoughtful, and a peaceful negotiator. A responsible Board should make the decision to fill the vacancy by taking into account all the qualifications a potential candidate has; Board members should NOT make such an important decision based solely on the past election results to consider the candidate that lost the VP election. The membership was quite clear about its choice. This is an important position to fill and all care and thought should be given to what is in the best interest of the BCOA and to respect the By-laws. Moreover, I personally believe it is important to have a fair and balanced BCOA Board and by appointing Midge to the VP spot, this will create a smooth transition in order to move forward on the Club's behalf.]*

Recuse-**Greenlee**.

No Record of Vote: **Kirk**.

BALLOT 2013-19 APPROVED SUBJECT: BCOA Corporate and Registered Agent Withdrawal from the State of Florida

Postmarked March 27, 2013

Effective April 5, 2013

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Please send your vote on the withdrawal of BCOA as a corporation doing business in the state of Florida and the withdrawal of BCOA's registered agent in Florida. Cost of paperwork will be \$70.

History- Peg Grundman (FL) was treasurer of BCOA thru 2004. Florida State Laws require that any corporation doing business in FL is required to have a "resident agent" in the state, which is listed in the state records. During the many years that Peg served as treasurer, BCOA did its banking in FL and thus was considered to be doing business in the state. Peg was listed as both an officer and as agent for the corporation. At this time, BCOA no longer needs to be registered with the State of Florida.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-20 APPROVED

Subject: BCOA Medallion Committee

Postmarked: April 16, 2013

Effective: April 25, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve the Medallion Committee, along with the Purpose and Responsibilities for the committee. Peg Grundman will chair the Committee.

BCOA MEDALLIONS COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: To maintain an inventory of BCOA Medallions for national specialties and supported entries.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The BCOA Medallion Chair will store and distribute, as needed, BCOA medallions for each year's national specialty and for all BCOA Supported entries at all-breed shows.
- Each year the BCOA Medallions Chair will send medallions for the national specialty to the National Specialty Trophy Chair. The National Specialty Trophy Chair will provide the number of medallions needed. [National Specialty Procedures, Appendix B is the master list] The number of medallions distributed to the NS Trophy Chair is dependent upon the optional events offered in any given year.
- If BCOA Medallions are going to be displayed in a special manner, at least two months in advance of the specialty the National Specialty Trophy Chair will contact the BCOA Medallion Chair with shipping instructions for sending the medallions to the person(s) making the displays.
- SUPPORTED ENTRIES: The BCOA Medallions Chair will send medallions for all supported entry shows when notified by the Event Coordinator/Liaison that these shows have been approved.
- The BCOA Medallions Chair is responsible for all inventory. After the national specialty is over, the National Specialty Chair will return all unused medallions to the BCOA Medallions Chair.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-21 APPROVED Subject: BCOA Medallions for Supported Entries

Postmarked: April 16, 2013

Effective: April 25, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve the BCOA Supported Entry Medallions Document to be added to the BCOA Policy Manual.

BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA SUPPORTED ENTRIES

BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA Medallions shall be offered as prizes for Basenjies in the following manner:

1. BCOA will supply Antique Gold Tone Medallions to a BCOA AFFILIATED CLUB that sponsors a BCOA supported entry at an ALL BREED SHOW, Providing a SIGNED WRITTEN REQUEST for the Event has been received and is APPROVED by the Events Chairperson. However, if the entry is supported by the Affiliated club no medallions will be provided. The medallions allowed as prizes for a BCOA SUPPORTED ENTRY AT AN ALL BREED SHOW, sponsored by an Affiliated Club will be:

Best of Breed

Best of Opposite Sex NOTE: Best of Winners NONE

Winners Dog

Winners Bitch

Select Dog

Select Bitch

Best Veteran dog (If offered by Kennel Club)

Best Veteran Bitch (If offered by Kennel Club)

Best Bred-By Exhibitor Basenji (If offered by Kennel Club)

Best Basenji Brace (If class offered by Kennel Club)

Best Basenji Puppy (If class offered by Kennel Club)

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes (If class offered.1 Only)

Best Veteran In Sweepstakes (If class offered.1 Only)

2. BCOA will supply Antique Gold Tone Medallions for a BCOA SUPPORTED entry at an ALL BREED SHOW SPONSORED by FIVE (5) BCOA MEMBERS or an Affiliated BCOA Basenji Club in good standing. A signed, written petition requesting the Event must be received by the Events Chairperson, and the Event and Classes must be approved. Five persons must sign the petition but they need not be a member of an affiliated club.

The medallions allowed as prizes for a BCOA SUPPORTED ENTRY AT AN ALL BREED SHOW, sponsored by Five (5) BCOA Members will be:

Best of Breed

Best of Opposite Sex NOTE! Best of Winners NONE

Winners Dog

Winners Bitch

Select Dog

Select Bitch

Best Veteran Dog (If class offered by Kennel Club)

Best Veteran Bitch (If class offered by Kennel Club)

Best Bred -By-Exhibitor Basenji (If class offered by Kennel Club)

Best Basenji Brace (If class offered/allowed by Kennel Club)

Best Basenji Puppy (If class offered/allowed by Kennel Club)

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes (If class offered. 1 Only)

Best Veteran in Sweepstakes (If class offered.1 Only)

3. BCOA Affiliated Clubs that have point shows shall provide their own Medallions if they have them. This is NOT a BCOA event, and NO Medallions will be provided by BCOA.

4. ALL unclaimed BCOA medallions will be returned to the BCOA Medallions Chair.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-22 APPROVED

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR 2016 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Postmarked: April 20, 2013

Effective: April 29, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedures.

Please send your vote on the proposal submitted for the 2016 BCOA National Specialty to be held in the West Region in its turn. The chairperson of the group is Donna Lubbe [OR]; the Event Coordinator is Jackie Jones [OR]; Treasurer is Julie Leicht [OR]; other members are the Willamette Valley Basenji Club. The location is the Cowlitz Regional Conference Center in Longview, WA; dates are August 10 (Wednesday) through August 14 (Sunday) 2016. CRCC web site: www.thecenterofthenorthwest.com

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy-Comment: [*I want to thank Donna Lubbe, Jackie Jones and the Willamette Valley Basenji Club for their willingness to volunteer yet again to put on the National Specialty.*], Greenlee, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

RECUSE: Jones.

BALLOT 2013-23 APPROVED

SUBJECT: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Postmarked; April 29, 2013

Effective: May 8, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws

Please mark your vote on approving the following persons to serve as the Nominating Committee for BCOA Officers and Board of Directors 2014: Chair-LeeBeth Cranmer [PA]; Linda Ehlers [MO]; Kathy Jones [CA]; Lisa Saban [WA]; Denise Vertrees [TX].

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert, Work.

Abstain: Pooley.

BALLOT 2013-24 APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: April 29, 2013

Effective: May 8, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the April, 2013 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA. Shelia Armstrong [TX], Ed & Sylvia Howard [TX], Whitney Podhradsky [SD], David & Karen Shellie [MI].

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-25 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BCOA REPRESENTATIVE FOR AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

NATIONAL PARENT CLUB CANINE HEALTH CONFERENCE

Postmarked May 20, 2013

Effective May 29, 2013

Please send your vote on sending Health & Research Committee member Susan Campeau as the BCOA Representative at the 2013 AKC Canine Health Foundation Biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference to be held Aug 9-11, 2013 in St. Louis, MO. Susan will report on the conference in the Bulletin.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert – Comment:[*I look forward to reading her report in the Bulletin!*], Work.

BALLOT 2013-26 APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: May 30, 2013

Effective: June 8, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the May, 2013 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA. Lynn Lane [PA], Kerry O'Neil [RI], Mark & Dianna Sanders [TX]

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-27 APPROVED

SUBJECT: NATIONAL SPECIALTY TREASURE & CONFORMATION SHOW CHAIR 2014

Postmarked June 2, 2013

Effective June 11, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA National Specialty Procedure:

IV. BCOA OFFICER AND BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES – Judges, Proposals, Contracts,

A. BCOA PRESIDENT, Section 2.

Please send your vote, on BCOA member in good standing, Jan Kahl [MO] as Treasurer and Lisa Stewart [MO] as Conformation Show Chair for the 2014 National Specialty.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

ABSTAIN: Curby.

BALLOT 2013-28 APPROVED

SUBJECT: National Specialty 2014 Dates

Postmarked: June 2, 2013

Effective: June 11, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

The National Specialty Procedure: II. Host and Site Proposals, B, Proposal Elements: c) state in part - the National Specialty **must utilize a full weekend**. The 2014 Host Group requests a variance to the procedure. The Specialty would run from Monday, September 22 thru Saturday, September 27, 2014.

Please send your vote on the requested 2014 National Specialty dates and the variance from the Nat. Spec. Procedures.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert-Comment: [*My understanding is the Host club (and therefore the BCOA) can save upwards of \$1000 by not having the NS extend through to a Sunday. Due to the low number of attendees in recent years, a 6 day NS, with 2 days reserved for conformation seems workable. I am always in support of saving club money whenever/wherever we can.*], Work.

ABSTAIN: Curby.

BALLOT 2013-29 APPROVED

Subject: 2014 National Specialty Conformation Judge Replacement

Postmarked: June 2, 2013

Effective: June 11, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Dr. Donald Sturz Jr. [NY] has agreed to the requirements stated in the BCOA National Specialty Procedures, Section III:

- A, 1, d: "*Judging fees and expenses combined may not exceed \$1000 US. BCOA Specialty Group will pay hotel expenses and meals for the duration of the judging assignment*"
- A, 1, c: *The selected judge shall not judge Basenjis in the USA and/or Canada for the six (6) months prior to the BCOA national specialty. Failure to comply with this requirement shall disqualify that person from serving as a judge at the BCOA national specialty.*
- C, 3, b: *In addition to any compensation they may receive, all specialty judges shall be entitled to BCOA National Specialty activities (dinners, symposiums, etc.) at no charge.*

The assignment will include all basenji Conformation classes and all Junior Showmanship classes.

(Dr. Donald Sturz received the largest number of votes for Conformation Judge for the 2014 National Specialty. He was originally unavailable for the assignment. Russell Hendren was the judge with the next highest number of votes. He agreed to accept the assignment in 2012. Mr. Hendren will not be able to fulfill the assignment.)

Please send your vote.

APPROVE: **Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert**- Comment: [*I was sorry to learn Judge Hendren would be unable to fulfill his judging assignments; I so appreciate his tenacity to ensure the BCOA was alerted to this fact as early as possible. As previously stated in past ballots, in the absence of specific mandates on how best to proceed, I will default to precedence. In this particular case there has never been a time (to the best of my knowledge) when the contracted Judge needed to rescind his obligation and the original dates of the National Specialty needed to be changed; therefore I have no precedence in which to refer. The NS policy states (in part) regarding how to determine the best substitute judge should the contracted judge be unable to fulfill their obligation: "c.....The purpose is to avoid hiring a substitute judge that does not represent a clear consensus of the membership." While written policies are helpful guidelines they are not mandates. They do not cover every kind of scenario that could possibly arise and they are not bylaws that must be adhered to. At times, logic needs to step in and guide us, such as with this issue. My understanding is Judge Sturz originally declined because the original 2014 dates conflicted with his schedule; however the 2014 NS dates have since changed (see Ballot 2013-28) after Dr. Struz was originally approached. Since a) the NS policy implies the purpose of finding a substitute judge is to represent a clear consensus of the membership b) the 2014 NS dates have changed c) Judge Sturz garnered to the most membership votes, logic tells me we should attempt to give the membership what they wanted by at least asking the judge with the most votes to see if the new dates are more workable for him. Thankfully they were and the 2013 Board has been able to secure the members first choice for 2014.*], **Work**.

ABSTAIN: **Kirk**.

BALLOT 2013-30 APPROVED

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR 2013 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Postmarked: June 15, 2013

Effective: June 24, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on approving Mr. Kevin Connelly of Seattle, WA as Parliamentarian for the 2013 BCOA Annual Meeting in Auburn, WA, on Monday, July 15, 2013. He asks a fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per hour with a minimum of 2 hours and maybe an hour of prep time (review of governing documents, minutes, etc.) Estimated total costs \$300 to \$450.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley-Comment: [*The cost for this year's parliamentarian seems higher than normal. At this rate, I hope our AGM moves along in a timely manner.*], Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-31 APPROVED

Subject: African Stock Ballot Recount Expense

Postmarked June 20, 2013

Effective June 29, 2013

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Please send your vote to provide a meal and small gift, not to exceed \$75 total, to compensate two non-BCOA members to review the disqualified African Stock ballots and recount valid African Stock ballots.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert, Work.

ABSTAIN: Pooley- Comments: [*I would like to have approved this motion because certainly far too much time has passed in seeking a resolution on the issue of one dog's ballot. Nevertheless, I have reservations about the "legality" of this ballot and have chosen to*

abstain. The BCOA Bylaws, the BCOA Policy Manual, and the Native Stock Procedures have no language provisions for handling a recount of a close ballot, and while I recognize that in most circumstances a Board may have some latitude to create new policy to resolve an unusual situation, that may not be the case with this issue. Prior to the 2012 Annual General Meeting, the BCOA Board had full authority to modify any steps in the Native Stock Procedures. However, at that year's AGM a motion was made and passed by a majority of the members present that requires ALL changes to the Native Stock process (other than housekeeping) must be approved by 2/3 of the voting BCOA members prior to those changes/modifications going in to effect. Creating a recount for a native stock ballot is adding a step to the process.

[APPROVED MOTION AT 2012 AGM: J. Curby – Motion: Any changes, other than those generally considered housekeeping, to the approval process for including new native dogs into the AKC registry be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote of the BCOA membership. Motion passed.]

By writing a ballot to approve a recount process, the Board may be overreaching its present authority with regard to the Native Stock Procedures. My reservation is that we may be adding a new step (a major change to the process) to the Native Stock Procedures to accommodate the occurrence of a close ballot without the direct approval of the membership and, as the Board, might be acting outside the boundaries that were set down by that AGM approved motion.]

No record of Vote: Curby.

BALLOT 2013-32 APPROVED

Postmarked: June 27, 2013

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Please mark your vote for acceptance of the Artwork for the 2014 National Specialty Logo. This artwork shall become the property of the BCOA and will be used as BCOA deems acceptable.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert-Comment: [*Neat!*], Work.

SUBJECT: ARTWORK FOR 2014 NATIONAL SPECIALTY LOGO

Effective: July 6, 2013



BALLOT 2013-33 APPROVED

Effective: July 14, 2013

At the Annual BCOA Board of Directors meeting a motion was made by Curby with a second by Pooley to add the PRA-BJ1 Test to the CHIC Requirements.

Approved: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

Subject: PRA BJ1 added to CHIC

BALLOT 2013-34 APPROVED

Effective: July 14, 2013

At the Annual BCOA Board of Directors meeting a motion was made by Pooley with a second by Geoffroy to table the vote on the 2014 BHE BOD.

Approved: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

Subject: BHE BOD for 2014

BALLOT 2013-35 APPROVED

Effective: July 14, 2013

At the Annual BCOA Board of Directors meeting a motion was made by Curby with a second by Geoffroy. BCOA will halt sales of the current printing of the book, and will prepare/edit new copy and have it printed.

Approved: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

Subject: Vavra Book

BALLOT 2013-36 APPROVED

Effective: July 14, 2013

At the Annual BCOA Board of Directors meeting a motion was made by Curby with a second by Jones. The BOD will look into updating and/or streamlining the Announce Process. Lisa Auerbach will look into the process with Kyle Cabral, Clay Bunyard and Susan Coe to look into needs, issues and options to improve the process.

Subject: Membership Announcements

Approved: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-37 APPROVED

Subject: BOD Meetings

Postmarked: August 3, 2013

Effective: August 12, 2013

Please send your vote to set up a conference system for BOD meetings. Available options will be investigated and tested to see which services will meet the needs of the BOD. The first meeting will be planned for August 2013.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz,

BALLOT 2013-38 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Postmarked: August 8, 2013

Effective: Aug 17, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the July, 2013 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Dawn & David Kivela [Virgin Islands], Noemi Lago-Garcia & Juan Garcia [FL], Robert Gooderl [MO], Leslie VanderVeer[MN].

Foreign- Kathy Davies & Bernd Weissmann [Canada] and Debra Verzyl [Canada].

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Greenlee, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-39 APPROVED

SUBJECT: MEDALLIONS FOR AKC/EUKANUBA SHOW

Postmarked: August 27, 2013

Effective: September 5, 2013

AKC has offered the opportunity for BCOA to purchase medallions for Basenjis in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, AKC Obedience Classic and the AKC Agility Invitational on December 14 & 15, 2013. The medallions are Conformation [BOB, BOS, BBE, SD, SB] 5 for \$125.00; Obedience [top scoring Basenji] \$45.00; and Agility [top scoring Basenji] \$45.00. Please indicate which of these you vote to purchase, if any.

Conformation -Yes

Agility - Yes

Obedience* -No

***OBEDIENCE MEDALLION INFORMATION:** Research conducted by the BOD shows no Basenjis have qualified for entry in Obedience at this event this year.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-40 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Committee Chair for By-Laws and Corporate Documents Committee

Postmarked: August 28, 2013

Effective: September 6, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Due to the resignation of Midge Greenlee from her committee position, please send your vote to name Wanda Pooley as Chair of the By-Laws and Document Committee.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert.

Ballot 2013-41 APPROVED

Subject: National Specialty Procedure Revision- Specialty Store

Postmarked: August 29, 2013

Effective: September 7, 2013

Please send your vote on Revisions to the National Specialty Procedure, Section VI Committee Descriptions and Responsibilities that will consist of removal of section N. Specialty Store Committee (if offered). Specialty Store Committee information will be moved to a new appendix of the National Specialty Procedure.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

Ballot 2013-42 APPROVED

Subject: Distribution of Agility Trial Earnings

Postmarked: August 30, 2013

Effective: September 8, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

For the first time in 2012, the Basenji Club of America (BCOA) had supported entries on December 1 & 2, 2012 at the Dayton Dog Training Club (DDTC) all-breed agility trials. BCOA received \$1000.00 profit from the supported entries.

BCOA Ballot 2013-04 originally distributed this money, with \$500.00 each to both the 2013 and 2014 National Specialty host groups to be spent to benefit those National Specialty Agility Trials. The 2013 National Specialty did not require the additional funds for Agility. Please send your vote on distribution of the proceeds that were originally intended for the 2013 National Specialty Agility Trials (\$500) to be spent to benefit the 2015 National Specialty Agility Trial.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert – Comment: *[AWESOME JOB NS Team2013. How great to pay it forward. Thank you!]*

BALLOT 2013-43 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 3 Year Contract with Videographer for National Specialty Shows 2014, 2015 & 2016

Postmarked September 3, 2013

Effective September 12, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedures.

Please send your vote on approving the three-year contract with videographer Gary Weitz/Purebred Studios to record, edit, and supply copies of the conformation classes, Sweepstakes classes and the African Stock Exhibition at the BCOA National Specialties September 22-27, 2014 in Gray Summit, MO; Sept-Oct 26-Nov 1, 2015 in Gettysburg, PA; August 10-14, 2016 in Longview, WA. Reservation Fee is \$100 per year for a total of \$300.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-44

Subject: BCOA Standing Committee Descriptions Updates

Postmarked: September 3, 2013

Effective: September 12, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve the new and/or updated Standing Committee Purpose and Responsibilities for numerous BCOA Standing Committees. The Standing Committee Descriptions Document on the BCOA website will be updated to include all additions and updates.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Work.

ABSTAIN: Siekert-Comment: In the quick glance I took at this update I noticed several housekeeping errors (spelling, grammar, sentence structure, etc.). I do not have the time to go through it properly to give needed feedback; therefore I must abstain my vote on the current updates as they are currently written.)

BALLOT 2013-45 APPROVED

Subject: Standing Rules for Annual Meeting-Quorum

Postmarked: September 3, 2013

Effective: September 12, 2013

Please send your vote to add the rules for a loss of the Quorum at the annual general meeting to the Standing Rules of Order in the BCOA Policy Manual.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-46 APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: September 4, 2013

Effective: September 13, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the August, 2013 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Susan Cook [WI], Michael Schaal, [IL], Lori Stowe [TX] and Natalie Scherwin [WA].

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-47 APPROVED

SUBJECT: AKC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Postmarked: September 4, 2013

Effective: September 13, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on approving the nominees listed for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards in each of the three categories.

Majority Votes to:

Conformation- Dr. Thomas Davies

Companion Events- Bill Iwamoto

Performance- Jeannie Wagner

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013- 48 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BOD Vacancy

Effective: September 14, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

With the resignation of Midge Greenlee as a member of the 2013 BCOA Board of Directors (August 2013), please send your vote on approving Andrea Stone, WA to fill the board vacancy for the remainder of 2013.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert-Comments: *[Welcome Andrea. There is no need to be brave to join this group. Just have honest intentions to do what you feel is right for the breed and for the BCOA and you'll do fine!]* Work.

Ballot 2013-49 APPROVED

Subject: Policy Manual- Supported Entry Information Relocation

Postmarked: September 11, 2013

Effective: September 20, 2013

Please send your vote to adjust the BCOA Policy Manual. The following wording will be moved from the Affiliate Club section and added in to the Supported entry section of the Policy Manual.

BCOA will allow seven Supported Entries at all-breed shows per region per year by its affiliate clubs [Ref. 2008-36] If additional supported entries are requested in a region, the BOCA Board must approve each additional supported entry.

A request to offer a supported entry at an all-breed show shall be sent to the Events Coordinator/Liaison.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-50 APPROVED

Subject: Breeder Directory Listing Policy Update

Postmarked: September 18, 2013

Effective: September 27, 2013

Please send your vote to update the Current Breeder Directory Listing Policy. The BCOA Policy Manual will be updated to reflect this revision and the web site link to the Policy will also be updated.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2013-51 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2014 NATIONAL SPECIALTY AKC OBEDIENCE AND RALLY JUDGE

Postmarked: October 3, 2013

Effective: October 12, 2013

Please send your vote on Virginia Kinion (St. Charles, MO) as judge for AKC Obedience and Rally - All Levels at the 2014 BCOA National Specialty at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Ms. Kinion has asked for a fee of \$150 plus travel expenses of \$20.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Stone, Work.

BALLOT 2013-52 APPROVED

Subject: BHE Board of Directors for 2014

Postmarked: October 10, 2013

Effective: October 19, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve the 2014 Basenji Club of America, Inc. Officers and Board of Directors as the 2014 Basenji Health Endowment Officers and Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2014 with term to end on December 31, 2014.

Officers

President--Jon Curby--MO

Vice President--Pamela Geoffroy--MA

Secretary--Janet Ketz--IL

Treasurer--Linda Daves Siekert--AZ

Board of Directors

Lisa Auerbach--VA

Kimberly Brown--PA

Bryan Gregory--WA

Karen Hutchison--PA

Jackie Jones--OR

Suzanne La Croix--MI

Michael Work--VT

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert, Stone, Work.

Abstain: Pooley.

BALLOT 2013-53 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Public Education Expenses

Postmarked: October 15, 2013

Effective: October 24, 2013

Please send your vote to allocate available funds from the online Breeder Referral Directory income for 2013, in the amount of \$1,500, to the Public Education Committee.

(Per the BCOA Policy Manual - The BCOA Board of Directors will decide on the use of the income from the breeders' listings on the club website for matters related to breeders, such as (but not limited to): Public Education (countering commercial breeders), judges' education, breeder education, fighting anti-dog legislative endeavors, the Basenji Health Endowment, and the like. This income will not be used for day-to-day club operations, Club reserves, or funding national specialties. [2008-04]).

The Public Education Committee has purchased material for a new Meet the Breeds Booth, sent BCOA members to the AKC Meet the Breeds Event in New York City, NY on Sept 28 & 29 and is planning to send BCOA members to the AKC/Eukanuba Meet the Breeds Event in Orlando FL, on December 14 & 15, 2013.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Stone, Work.

Recuse: Ketz

BALLOT 2013-54 APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: November 9, 2013

Effective: November 18, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the October 2013 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA. Joan Doyle [MN], Rosalind Magill & Diane Stephenson [MA]

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Stone, Work.

Ballot 2013-55 APPROVED

Subject: Native Stock Procedure Housekeeping Revisions

Postmarked: November 12, 2013

Effective: November 21, 2013

Please send your vote on housekeeping changes to the Native Stock Procedure to bring it up-to-date to match past ballots.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Stone, Work.

The revised procedure is below. The housekeeping changes are marked in red.

Procedures for Submitting Native Stock

Introduction

The evaluations and voting are stringent to answer the concerns of the membership about the previous opening of the Studbook. The evaluation procedures developed for the native imported dogs have these highlights:

There will be three pre-qualified evaluators who are judges and/or long-time breeders doing hands-on evaluations of the imported dogs with regard to whether they are Basenjis and the quality level of each individual. The imports will be graded by the evaluators from "Excellent" to "Unacceptable." All applications and evaluations will be published.

Any dog received a "Fair" or above rating will be presented to the BCOA Board for their approval.

Any dog getting a positive majority vote by the BCOA Board will be put on a general membership ballot by area of importation. A two-thirds vote in favor will be required before the dogs are submitted to AKC.

Following a motion by Dr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to extend the Open Registration for Basenjis imported from Africa, until December 31, 2018, with any dogs imported into the United States prior to December 31, 2018, eligible for registration until December 31, 2020 — *AKC Board meeting November 7 & 8, 2011.*

BCOA membership ballot 2012-03 regarding the extension of the studbook opening as approved by the AKC was passed with an approval of over 2/3rds of the voting membership.

Any changes, other than those generally considered housekeeping, to the approval process for including new native dogs into the AKC registry shall be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote of the BCOA membership. *[2012 AGM motion. Approved July 13, 2012]*

Requirements:

Applicant must be at least one year old at time of evaluations.

Applicant must be imported after 1990 directly from Africa or in utero from Africa.

Process:

Step 1

All necessary forms can be found on the BCOA web site: <http://www.basenji.org>. Additionally one can write to Native Stock Committee Chair: Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St, North Attleboro, MA 02760, to obtain printed copies of all forms. Print Application for "Submitting Native Stock."

Step 2

The person submitting an application is responsible for setting up and keeping appointments with evaluators. The Chair of the Native Stock Committee must be notified of evaluator selections for each dog when the application is sent in.

Applications are due by December 1. *[2008-41]*

Evaluations will be done in person by three pre-qualified AKC judges and breeders. There will be no additional charge to you for the work of the Evaluator but you must work with the Evaluator to find a mutually workable time and place for evaluations. We will provide a list of approved evaluators to choose from.

Please note: One evaluator must be chosen from each category listed below.

Evaluator Categories:

AKC Judge: licensed by AKC to judge basenjis

AKC Basenji Breeder Judge: is or has been a basenji breeder and is licensed by AKC to judge basenjis

Long-term basenji breeder: has bred basenjis for 15+ years, bred 7 litters with 5 champions and is a member in good standing with BCOA

The evaluators will evaluate each applicant using the "Guide for Native Stock Evaluators" as posted on the BCOA web site: <http://www.basenji.org>. All dogs receiving an evaluation rating of Fair, or above, will be presented to the BCOA Board for voting.

Step 3

Photographs: The required 3 photographs must be in color and show full body (from ears to feet): 1) front on, 2) left side and 3) right side. See: Photo Submissions for Native Stock Application. These are the photos as required by AKC and they will be used when the dogs are to be registered. There will be NO exceptions regarding the photos.

Similar pictures of all offspring (if applicable) must be included with the application when it is submitted.

Photo requirements are specific. See our prepared webpage for all guidelines and requirements for the 3 photos to be prepared to accompany your applications. The webpage address is: www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Application/Photos.htm

Step 4

Send in filled out application form for dog(s) and the 3 required photos of each dog. Evaluator appointments will be part of the form so be sure to have the appointments made. Include the nonrefundable \$50 fee (check or money order) made payable to BCOA and mail to Native Stock Committee Chair, Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St., North Attleboro, MA 02760. Send application and photos in as early as possible. The final date for applications and photos is December 1.

Step 5

Print out forms “Form for Native Stock Evaluators” and “Guide for Native Stock Evaluators” for evaluators to use. The forms can be found on the BCOA web site <http://www.basenji.org>. You must have these with you when you go for your evaluation appointments.

The person submitting an application is responsible for setting up and keeping appointments with evaluators. Proceed with the evaluation appointments.

Step 6

Collect and submit the 3 completed Evaluator Forms to Native Stock Committee Chair: Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St., North Attleboro, MA 02760.

Evaluator forms must be in the hands of the Chair by December 31 to be part of the year’s submission to AKC. *[2008-42]*

Step 7

The Native Stock Chair will send completed applications with photos and evaluations to the BCOA Board of Directors. The application fees (checks or money orders) will be forwarded to the BCOA Treasurer.

Step 8

The Board will vote on each application individually, using the photographs and evaluator’s comments. Note: If an applicant fails to make it to the ballot they will have the option to go through Step 1 through Step 7 one additional time in the following year.

The Native Stock Committee, via an official BCOA Ballot, will present all applicants who receive a majority vote of Pass by eligible Board members to the membership at large to be voted on.

To allow BCOA membership to make informed decisions, photographs of each applicant being voted on along with the Evaluator’s scores will be published in the BCOA *Bulletin before the voting date*. The BCOA web site <http://www.basenji.org> will have the same information as well as the evaluators’ comments and application information before the date for voting.

Each Board approved applicant will be grouped by area of import for ease of voting.

The results of the membership ballot will be published in the next available BCOA Bulletin Board Newsletter. *[2013-55]*

Step 9

All individuals in each group getting a 2/3rd vote of “Approve” by the voting membership will be submitted to the AKC to be registered as Foundation Stock.

Step 10

The BCOA will follow this process once per year until December 31, 2018, with any dogs imported into the United States prior to December 31, 2018, eligible for registration until December 31, 2020. After December 31, 2020, the Studbook will be closed. *[MB 2012-03 6-24-12]*

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- Ballot 2006-37
- Ballot 2007-10
- Ballot 2008-41
- Ballot 2008-42
- MB 2012-03
- 2012 AGM minutes
- Ballot 2013-55

DATE ORIGINATED	REV. LETTER	BALLOT #	NAME
08-18-2008	NEW	AKC Approved process	Pam Geoffroy
10-21-2008	A - change dates for apps & evaluations	2008-41 & 2008-42	Pam Geoffroy
06-24-2012	B - studbook extension	MB 2012-03	Bylaws & Docs Committee
11-11-2013	C - add 2012 AGM motion	MB 2012-05	Bylaws & Docs Committee
11-11-2013	D - approve updates	2013-55	Bylaws & Docs Committee

BALLOT 2013-56 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 20, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to appoint Chris Maxka [NJ] as the Editor of the BCOA *Bulletin Board Newsletter in 2014*.

APPROVE: Curby, Auerbach, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Stone, Work.

SUBJECT: BCOA Bulletin Board Newsletter Editor

Effective: November 29, 2013

BALLOT 2013-57 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 20, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to appoint Mary Ellen Chaffin [WA] as the Editor of the BCOA *Roster*.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Stone, Work.

SUBJECT: BCOA Roster Editor

Effective: November 29, 2013

BALLOT 2013-58 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 20, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedure.

Julie Jones [CA] received the largest number of votes for Sweepstakes Judge for the 2015 National Specialty. She has agreed to the requirements stated in the BCOA National Specialty Procedures, including Section III, A, 2, d: *Expenses such as travel, meals may not exceed \$400 US. BCOA Specialty Group will provide lodging and meals for the duration of the judging assignment.*

We ask that she does not judge Basenjis sweepstakes for one (1) year prior to the specialty. Ms. Jones is also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners, symposia, etc.) free of charge. Please send your vote.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Stone, Work.

SUBJECT: 2015 National Specialty Sweepstakes Judge

Effective: November 29, 2013

BALLOT 2013-58 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 20, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedure.

Julie Jones [CA] received the largest number of votes for Sweepstakes Judge for the 2015 National Specialty. She has agreed to the requirements stated in the BCOA National Specialty Procedures, including Section III, A, 2, d: *Expenses such as travel, meals may not exceed \$400 US. BCOA Specialty Group will provide lodging and meals for the duration of the judging assignment.* We ask that she does not judge Basenjis sweepstakes for one (1) year prior to the specialty. Ms. Jones is also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners, symposia, etc.) free of charge. Please send your vote.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Stone, Work.

SUBJECT: 2015 National Specialty Sweepstakes Judge

Effective: November 29, 2013

BALLOT 2013-59 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 22, 2013

Circulated Per *Ballot 2010-53*-- Each year, BCOA will donate an amount equal to 50% of National Specialty Auction profits (not to exceed the maximum IRS allowable donation*) to the Basenji Health Endowment.

Per our Tax consultant, Kari Sledzik-Staub *At least 1/3 must come from the general public, not including club officers or directors. Up to 2/3 of BHE donations could come from BCOA. The dollar amounts are averaged over 4 years.

The 2013 National Specialty Auction proceeds were \$4,386. 50% = \$ 2193, which falls within the IRS rule for allowable donations by BCOA to BHE. Please send your vote on donating \$2193.00 to the Basenji Health endowment for the year 2013.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Stone, Work.

SUBJECT: Annual BCOA Donation to the Basenji Health Endowment

Effective: December 1, 2013

BALLOT 2013-60 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 25, 2013

BCOA Ballot 2013-35 was approved to halt sales of the current printing of the book *Canis Basenji* by Robert Vavra, and to prepare/edit new copy and have it printed. The estimate from Modern Litho in Jefferson City, Missouri is \$3222.02 for 600 copies. Please send your vote.APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert -*Comments: [I am not a big fan of huge expenditures but feel better approving this based on the knowledge the BCOA will be doing a fund raiser/auction of one of Mr. Vavra's books as well as a piece of art owned by VTW, to help offset printing costs.]*, Stone, Work. ABSTAIN: Pooley**Subject: Canis Basenji Printing**

Effective: December 4, 2013

BALLOT 2013-61 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 27, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedure.

William Shelton [CA] received the largest number of votes for Conformation Judge for the 2016 National Specialty. He has agreed to the requirements stated in the BCOA National Specialty

Procedures, Section III, A, 1, d: *"Judging fees and expenses combined may not exceed \$1000 US. BCOA Specialty Group will pay hotel expenses and meals for the duration of the judging assignment."* He agrees not to judge basenjis in the USA and/or Canada for the six (6) months prior to the BCOA national specialty. The assignment will be **BASENJI – ALL REGULAR CLASSES**. Mr. Shelton is also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners, symposia, etc.) free of charge. Please send your vote.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Stone, Work.

SUBJECT: 2016 National Specialty Conformation Judge

Effective: December 6, 2013

BALLOT 2013-62 A & B**SUBJECT: African Stock Member Petition**

Effective: December 15, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

A member petition was received by the BCOA Board on November 1, 2013. (copied below-see African Stock Petition).

Per the BCOA By-Laws: **ARTICLE II - MEETINGS; SECTION 4. BOARD BUSINESS.**

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. The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail through the Secretary or by phone ballot through the Secretary and/or the President. The quorum shall be a majority of the Board. Current reports of Board action shall be forwarded within ten days of Board vote by the Secretary to the Editors of the Club *BULLETIN* and *Bulletin Board Newsletter* for immediate publication.

2013-62 A. DISAPPROVED Vote whether future African native stock ballots should be tallied by a disinterested CPA,**APPROVE:****Curby-** Comments: [*This vote, along with Standard changes and bylaws updates, are the most important issues the membership must consider.*]**Jones.****DISAPPROVE:****Auerbach-**Comments: [*I would like to see Native Stock Ballots brought in line with how we do Board and Bylaws ballots - however, we do not always use CPAs for Board ballots, as we can't always find CPAs willing to do this. Requiring a CPA would also rule out being able to use electronic balloting. I would strongly support a ballot to bring these in line.*]**Geoffroy-** Comments:[*With the probability of going with e-balloting in the near future there will be no need.*]**Ketz.****Kirk-**Comments: [*The club is currently working towards moving the membership from voting via paper ballots to voting electronically. The electronic voting process should remove some of the problems experienced with paper ballots and there would be no need for a disinterested CPA to manually count ballots.*]**Pooley.****Siekert-**Comments: [*Even without the eventual advent of e-balloting, which has the potential to remove human error sans those from any paper ballots, I would still disapprove the need for a disinterested CPA for Native stock ballots as I do not feel the issues surrounding this ballot were related to any kind of bias for or against the ballot itself. I do feel the tally process could be made more clear/specific going forward since it is highly likely not everyone will embrace e-ballots and paper ballots will still persist.*],**Stone-**Comments: [*Once eBalloting is in place, it should rectify most/all of the errors found in our current system.*]**Work.****2013-62 B. APPROVED** Vote whether there should be another membership ballot on the 2013 Avuvi group, opened and tallied by a disinterested CPA.**APPROVE:****Auerbach-**Comments: [*I would like to see this go to the membership to decide if the balloting irregularities are sufficient to justify re-balloting. Since the concern here is whether or not members feel they can have confidence in this vote, asking them seems the ideal way to find out.*]**Curby-**Comments: [*Only because of the margin of the disapproval of this dog and the questions with a few, but very important potential votes. I would prefer this situation be addressed in the African Stock procedures.*] **Geoffroy-** Comments: [*Re-balloting was also suggested by other BCOA members prior to the recount besides the actual petitioners due to the close results of the initial tallying on the Avuvi Group. I feel our talliers did an exceptional job with the initial count and as well as the recount with new talliers who allowed previously disallowed ballots. It is not an easy job with all the varieties of invalid ballots. The only fair way to resolve this is to re-ballot from scratch as we have learned we can not duplicate the results. We need a clearer procedure for disallowing ballots that members make errors with.*]**Jones.****Siekert-**Comments: [*When the Board originally considered a re-count of the Avuvi ballot due to how close the original tally was, my concern was the inability to recreate the exact process from start to finish (receiving the ballots, cross referencing to the membership list, verifying which ballots are allowed one vote, which are allowed two votes, etc.).*]

A BCOA member, with zero vested interest in the outcome of this particular ballot (nor did they sign this petition), suggested via an email to the Board, for the Board to consider a re-ballot; I believed this suggestion was the most logical thing to do; however by then the Board seemed set on a re-count.

A recap of the original vote: 303 valid votes (reason given for 303 vs 304 votes the other groups had - a voter abstained from voting at all for the Avuvi, therefore they were not included on the total number of Avuvi ballots since they were a non-vote.)

201 approved

102 disapproved

 $201/303 = 0.663 = \text{the difference between pass/fail is } 0.004 \text{ of a percent.}$

HOWEVER per the petition three (3) members said they never received a ballot. Not everyone is "plugged" in to social media, email, chat lists etc.; even if they were, official BCOA announcements are not sent informing its membership that ballots have been mailed; therefore it is plausible not every member would know to be on the lookout should a ballot not arrive in a timely fashion, in order for such a member to alert the Secretary for a resend.

Wanting more information, I emailed Anne and asked her who these three members were so I could substantiate their claims. Anne informed me the three people she was told had not received a ballot consisted of a couple, Mr/Mrs Member AB, one of whom is a co-owner of the Avuvi applicant, and single Member C.

I then emailed the tallier, and asked her if she received ballot envelopes from members AB or member C, as per her cross referenced membership list (when Ballots come in, talliers use a membership list to verify the outside ballot envelope comes from a BCOA member). Per the tallier, a ballot was **not** received from Mr/Mrs Member AB while a ballot **was** received from Member C.

We have two members (Mr/Mrs Member AB) who say they did not receive a ballot, nor was a ballot cast in their name, despite one of them being a co-owner on one of the applicants listed on the ballot and having a vested interest in the outcome of the vote. We **ALSO** have one member, Member D, who did not get the original ballot because of an error processing their membership renewal; the original mailing list did not include member D, as the database erroneously had member D listed as lapsed. Once this error was discovered, a ballot was immediately mailed to member D, who immediately returned their vote to the tallier, in the required time. **HOWEVER**, the tallier's membership list (to which they cross reference ballot envelopes as they come in) was printed at the same time the original ballot mailing list was printed, which meant member C was **not** on the tallier's list either. The tallier contacted me via email the night of the original count, asking if this person was indeed a member in good standing but I did not get the email until an hour or so after the tally was completed. Member C's vote was therefore **not** included in the original tally, as I was unable to verify membership before the count closed.

Had these three folks been afforded the opportunity to vote and/or have their vote recorded and had they voted affirmatively we potentially could have had the following count:

303 original + 3 (Mr/Mrs Member AB, Member D) = 306 votes

201 original + 3 = 204 approve

102 disapprove

204/306 = 0.667% **OR APPROVE**

Some might think the Board is taking the "easy way out" and shirking their duties by "punting" the decision to the membership should this particular ballot pass. In my opinion the easy way would be for the Board to make the ultimate decision to address the petition without membership input; I am of the opinion this petition is not asking for a permanent change to the existing Native Stock procedure regarding re-balloting the Avuvi import, thereby I personally feel the Board could take full responsibility for answering the petitions two requests.

However other members of the Board felt the Board would be unable to do their job without ratification of membership due to the 2012 AGM motion (approved July 13, 2012 noted above). That only leaves one option in my opinion - let the membership ultimately decide if they want the Avuvi import to be re-balloted.

I personally do not find this to be the easiest way but in the end, the membership will have the final say and going forward, that is probably the best option for the club as it will hopefully curb any future concerns/dissent re: this matter. Therefore I fully support including the membership at this time; I feel to do so is in line with the spirit of intent of the creation of the current Native Stock procedures.],

Work.

DISAPPROVE:

Kirk-Comments: [In my tenure as a board member I normally have not made comments regarding my vote on ballots as I felt my votes spoke for themselves. But in this instance during my thought process, there were times where it was difficult to separate my personal feelings from the needs of the club and I felt the club members should know on what I based my vote for this issue. Personally I would like to see this dog registered with AKC - those members who know me know my affinity for the African Imports and that almost all of my litters since my first litter in 1991 have been by either a full African or dogs who were/are a percentage African. However, in making my decision on how to vote for this ballot before the Board of Directors, I had to consider the following:

A) There have been and always will be difficulties experienced with paper balloting. The problems noted during the recounts are not new or just restricted to this particular vote;

B) It is the individual club member's responsibility to follow the instructions for casting a ballot to ensure they have voted correctly. The club and it's membership as a whole cannot be held responsible because one or more club members failed to follow the instructions and their vote may have been deemed ineligible. If a member is unsure about the directions for casting a ballot, then they should contact the BCOA Secretary, one of the BCOA officers or BCOA Board Members for guidance;

C) At this time since we are utilizing paper balloting, each club member has a responsibility to ensure they have a ballot if they want to vote on any issue before the club. It is the club member's responsibility to contact the BCOA Secretary to make her aware the club member has not received a ballot and request one. Personally I was ready to contact the Secretary to inquire after a ballot for this vote but then mine arrived in the mail. Had the ballot not arrived and as a club member I had missed casting my vote for the applicants, it would have been on me for not following up.

D) Since 2009 there have been 19 African imports approved by the club membership and registered with AKC. With the 2 imports approved in 2013 by the membership, that number may soon be 21 imports registered with AKC. I think all of us are aware one dog, or bitch, can certainly influence the breed, my own lines come down mostly from the influence of one of the African imports from 1987/1988. While this many additions are now available to breeders, I recognize all of these dogs or bitches may not be used in breeding programs. However, this many new African import additions to the studbook plus additional applicants in the upcoming years coupled with recent DNA tests now available to breeders make it less imperative to the breed as a whole that one dog be approved for AKC registration.

E) While personally I might not agree with the outcome of the membership vote for this particular applicant, I know the policies regarding the import application process and voting procedures were developed with great care and concern by knowledgeable people in our club and our breed. And I have to respect that the club follow these policies and procedures no matter what my own personal feelings are.]

Pooley-Comments: [It is important to understand these points are allegations. They do not represent evidence of any intentional wrong doing on the part of the BCOA Board and its members.

1. This point is a worthy goal, but is not a merit for the case.

2. A close election is a valid election. The recount was handled by an outside group of people not connected to basenjis.

3. (a) There is no way to challenge if discrepancies discriminated against any one specific group. If the ballot was irregular for the Avuvi Group, then it was irregular for ALL the groups. The tally cannot be irregular for just one portion of a ballot. The entire slate would have to be re-balloted. (b) The BCOA has many documented elections citing these same discrepancy categories have occurred with every election of native stock. BCOA cannot control how members handle or mark their paper ballots or what groups they do or do not cast a vote.

4. The percentage point of a win or a loss does not validate authorizing another ballot. The Native Stock Procedures do not describe a method for how to handle "close" elections. Such language would have to be added and any new language requires approval by 2/3 of the voting members.[2012 AGM Motion, July 13, 2012]

5. It cannot be proven if ballots were not received. It was later revealed that one BCOA member who stated no ballot was received actually did receive the ballot and voted. It is the responsibility of the members, especially interested parties such as co-owners, to make sure they get a ballot. BCOA nor the appointed Tallier has control over who does and who does not choose to vote.

6. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE - CLUB PROCESS DOCUMENTS:

NATIVE STOCK PROCEDURE

(a) The Native Stock Procedure makes no reference at all to HOW ballots shall be counted, (b) AKC did not raise this issue when it reviewed/agreed to the Procedures, and (c) precedent-wise, BCOA has never used a CPA to count the ballots. The Native Stock Procedure would need to be revised to include an official tallying process. This additional language to allow this would require 2/3 approval by the general membership. [2012 AGM Motion, July 13, 2012]

The Native Stock Procedures also do not include a provision to authorize the Board to issue another ballot on a Group/dog that failed to win the previous election. Additional language to allow such a measure would have to be added. Such action requires approval by 2/3 of the voting members. [2012 AGM Motion, July 13, 2012]

BCOA BYLAWS

The BCOA Bylaws do not require a CPA to count ballots when the BOD takes "other questions" to the membership. The only reference in the Bylaws to an "outside firm" is in regard to Annual General Elections. [Article IV, Sec. 3]. Therefore, there is no precedent.

BCOA POLICY MANUAL

The Policy Manual addresses who is responsible for tallying votes [ELECTIONS, General Elections] and [ELECTIONS, Judges for National Specialty] but does not outline a direction for tallying other elections, nor does it reference any other policy that either describes or authorizes re-balloting of any completed election.

I am bound by the Club's own process documents, and moreover, it would behoove all board members to follow corporate governance and not attempt to rewrite rules in order to give special consideration to just one group.]

STONE-Comments: [I am conflicted about this situation, but ultimately I must do what I think is most logical and ethical regardless of how unpopular it may be. I am respectful and sympathetic to all members who are disappointed in the result and who feel that the 2013 Avuvi Group is deserving of being allowed into the Studbook, as well as all of the expense and hard work in trying to make it happen. However that is not what I am being asked to consider and it can in no way influence my vote. Based on what I know, I do not believe that the voting process was mishandled or that there were ballots lost or discounted in a fashion outside of what may occur normally in any BCOA voting situation. We currently use regular mail and hand counting of ballots for all membership votes and we must trust the process and the intentions of those conducting it. USPS is imperfect. Humans are imperfect. Procedure was followed and both the original count and the re-count of the ballots ended the same way. Therefore I feel the that the current vote must stand. Once e-balloting is in place, my hope is that we will have a highly accurate system with greater membership participation and thus avoid any such conflicts or questions.]

ABSTAIN: Ketz-Comment: [I will refrain from voting on ballot 2013-63B. As Secretary, I was involved in the membership voting process during 2013 and will be again in 2014].

AFRICAN STOCK PETITION

To: Board of Directors, Basenji Club of America, Inc.

For the following reasons:

The inclusion of African native stock in the AKC studbook is a critically important issue to the Basenji Club of America and the breed we seek to preserve.

The 2013-1 Membership Ballot on the inclusion of the Avuvi group from Southern Benin was so close that the Board requested a recount.

There was a notable discrepancy in 6 categories between the initial tally report and the recount tally report (both of which were completed using the same ballots).

Those categories were:

Invalid ballots: non-member, member not in good standing 1/0

Invalid ballots due to voter signing or writing on the ballot 6/3

Ballots received (valid and invalid) 324/328

Valid ballots 304/312

Approved (Avuvi group) 201/204

Disapproved (Avuvi group) 102/107

The vote was decided by less than a percentage point.

There were at least 3 BCOA members-including a co-owner of the sole dog in the 2013 Avuvi group—who did not receive ballots.

There is precedent for critical BCOA ballots to be sent directly to and tallied by a disinterested CPA.

The undersigned BCOA members request that the Board:

1. consider whether future African native stock ballots should be tallied by an disinterested CPA, and

2. consider whether there should be another membership ballot on the 2013 Avuvi group, opened and tallied by a disinterested CPA.

Signed by:

Brenda Cassell, Marianne Klinkowski, Dianna Sanders, Robert H. Reed Jr, Theresa Reed, Kathryn Britton, Elizabeth H Cox, Ellen M.

Bramble, Sarah Smith-Falkner, Connie Paulsen, Carolene S. Rose, Cynthia Stehl, Gerrald F. Paulsen, Penelope C. Inan, Sandra L.

Bridges, Patricia Kushnir, Ann Calhoun, Patricia Dean, Robert Dean, Katherine Scott, S. Anne Humphres, Lynn Jackson, Rose Marie

Holt, Keath Rymer.

BALLOT 2013-63 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Postmarked: December 12, 2013

Effective: December 21, 2013

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the November (28), 2013 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting her to membership in BCOA.

Katharine Elliot [CA]

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Geoffroy, Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert, Stone, Work.
