

2016 BCOA Board Ballots

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BALLOT 2016-01 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: January 7, 2016

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 December 2015 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Carolyn Boutchyard [VT], Lori Clough [ME], Tonda Curry & Terry Fehrman [TX], Lianna Frazer [MI], Rob & Nicole Freedman [CA], Michelle Hogan & Alexis Tilton (Junior) [MI], Christine Petersen [Australia], Elizabeth Reed [NH] and Wanda Pooley [TX].

APPROVED: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016 – 02 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2016 Administrative Policy BCOA Board

Effective Date: January 7, 2016

Please indicate your vote on the 2016 Administrative Policy for the BCOA Board.

1. Motions must, in all cases, be presented to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary. Motions must be seconded, to initialize an action. The President or Secretary shall circulate all motions, which have been seconded, to the Board for discussion and for a vote, which may be conducted by ballot.
2. Ballots may be submitted by USPS, Fax, or Electronic Message and returned by any of the following: USPS, Fax, or Electronic Message. A signature is required, Electronic Messages will be considered signed if returned by the member utilizing an electronic reply and which includes the member's name with the vote.
3. Unless otherwise indicated on the ballot, all Board ballots must be in the hands of the President and Secretary within seven (7) days of the ballot issuance date, which will be noted on all ballots. Ballots sent by USPS shall be provided an additional three (3) days for delivery.
4. Board members consent that actions maybe be taken outside of a meeting. Such actions shall specify the action taken, and will be distributed to all Board members, by USPS, Fax, or Electronic Message. Action is approved when signed by the number of directors necessary to take that action at a meeting at which all of the directors are present and voting. The approval must state the date of each director's signature. Prompt notice of the taking of an action by directors without a meeting by less than unanimous written approval shall be given to each director who did not approve in writing to the action.
5. Board members shall vote: "APPROVE," or "DISAPPROVE." Actions require a simple majority of the members present at a meeting or of all members for an action conducted outside of a meeting to pass, except where otherwise specified in the Bylaws. Abstentions (a record of not voting) shall not be included in the ballot count.

6. Board members who recuse themselves from an action will be considered as not in attendance for that action. Quorum and the required majority to pass an action will be adjusted accordingly.

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

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

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

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

APPROVE: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-03 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2016 Committees

Please indicate your vote on the following items for 2016 BCOA Committees:

- Renaming, realignment and/or combining of some of the Committees for 2016
- Selection of Committee Chairs and Report of Members
- Committee chairs are permitted to name additional committee members, which shall be reported to the Board.

Committee

African Stock Project	James Johannes - Chair Linda Daves Siekert - Member
AKC Delegate	Katie Campbell - Delegate
AKC Gazette Columnist	Marcia Woodard - Chair
AKC Legislative Liaison	Vickie Jacobs - Chair
Annual Club Roster	Mary Ellen Chaffin (Chair) Suzanne La Croix (Member)
Breeder Referral Liaison	Denise Vertrees - Chair
Breeders' Education	Susan Coe - Chair Laurie Stargell - Member Pamela Geoffroy - Member
Breed Standard	Damara Bolte` - Chair
Bylaws	Bill McCann - Chair Bryan Gregory - Member
Bulletin Board	Chris Maxka (Chair - Editor) Suzanne La Croix, (Member -Proof Reader) Pamela Geoffroy, (Member - Proof Reader)
Bulletin of BCOA, The Official	Mary Ellen Chaffin (Chair - Editor) Suzanne La Croix (Member)
Editorial Advisory	Suzanne La Croix - Chair
Public Education	Natalie Mortelmans - Chair
Events Coordinator & Affiliate Club Liaison ¹	Veronica Predale - Chair
Judges Education	Marianne Klinkowski - Chair Sandra Bridges - Member Katie Campbell - Member

Lure Coursing Membership ³	Penny Inan - Member Pamela Geoffroy - Member Bryan Gregory - Member Russ Jacobs (ASFA Delegate) Jon Curby - Chair Denise Vertrees - Member
National Specialty Advisory ⁴	Annette Muentner - Member Jackie Jones - Chair Jon Curby - Member (Demographics) Lee Cramer - Member
Native Stock (Studbook) Pedigree Research Rescue Liaison	Pamela Geoffroy Sally Wallis - Chair Joe Carlson - Chair Sharron Hurlbut - Member
Social Media	Karen Hutchison - Chair Andrea Stone - Member
Specialty Judge Selection ⁵	Brenda Phillips - Chair Sarah Smith-Falkner - Member Peg Grundman - Chair
Sunshine Videographer Website Administration and Security ⁶	Andrew Sawler - Chair Jeff Falkner - Chair Lisa Auerbach - Member Kyle Cabral - Member
Website Content Manager ⁷	Susan Coe - Chair Jared Reisinger - Member

Changes made to Committees for 2016:

¹Medallion Committee disbanded, medallions will be moved to Events Coordinator & Affiliate Club Liaison

²Junior Liaison and Junior Tallier will be combined into Junior Showmanship Committee

³Membership Committee will be added

⁴National Specialty will be Advisory rather than Oversight

⁵Judge Selection will be renamed to Specialty Judge Selection Committee and include tally

⁶Website Admin & Security

⁷Website Content Manager

2016 Conformation Pending: Health and Research, Corporate Documents, Legal Review & Liaison, SD/BB Honor Roll Conf, Stud/Brood Honor Tallier (Perf), Membership Ballot Tallier, Archive Action Committee, Performance Events/Versatility, Obedience/Rally Tallier, Junior Showmanship²

APPROVE: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-04 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Foreign Member Dues Rates

Effective: January 7, 2016

Please indicate your vote to set the dues at \$25 for all Single Foreign Members regardless of voting privileges, effective for 2016. Dues shall be \$25 US Dollars for ALL Single Foreign Members and \$35 US Dollars for all Household Foreign Memberships.

APPROVE: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-05 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2016 Committee Chairs

Effective: February 4, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws.

Please indicate your vote on the following items for 2016 BCOA Committees:

Renaming, realignment and/or combining of some of the Committees for 2016 and selection of Committee Chairs. Committee chairs are permitted to name additional committee members, which shall be reported to the Board.

Archive Actions – Donna DeFlorio

Health & Research – Katy Scott Member: Laurie Stargell

Junior Showmanship* – Sharon Unrau Member: combining Jr Tallier -Kathy Britten

Obedience/Rally Tallier – Katy Scott

Performance Events/Versatility – Co-Chairs Cindy Griswold and Suzanne La Croix

Conformation Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Honor Roll* – Julie Jones

Performance Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Honor Roll* - Susan Kamen Marsicano

*name change

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-06 APPROVED

SUBJECT: AKC Canine Ambassador Recommendation

Effective: February 4, 2016

In a 2015 communication from AKC, a newly improved and enhanced Canine Ambassador Program was introduced providing clubs multiple opportunities to promote purebred dogs, responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs. In addition, it allows clubs to impact local policies by addressing issues relevant to purebred dog owners. With numerous updated lesson plans, new resources, and collaboration amongst Ambassadors, the program will provide the connection between clubs and purebred dog fanciers of tomorrow.

BCOA Member, Karla Schreiber, IL would like to volunteer with AKC for the program. Requirements include a recommendation letter from the Parent Club. Please indicate your vote to send a recommendation letter to AKC for Karla Schreiber and her canine partner(s) for the AKC Canine Ambassador Program.

APPROVED: Curby, Cranmer, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment: *[For more information on this AKC program, go to <http://www.akc.org/public-education/canine-ambassador-program/> or contact the AKC Public Relations department at publiced@akc.org], La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work*

BALLOT 2016-07 APPROVED

SUBJECT: ASFA Conference Expenses for 2016

Effective: February 4, 2016

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve the ASFA (American Sighthound Field Association) Delegate Conference expenses of \$600 for 2016. Russ Jacobs (KS) our BCOA Lure Coursing Committee Chair and ASFA Delegate will be attending the 2016 ASFA ACoD (Annual Convention of Delegates) Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Renton, WA, March 19 & 20, 2016.

APPROVE: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz - Comments: *(For more information on ASFA – American Sighthound Field Association or their Annual Delegates Convention see: www.asfa.org), La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work*

BALLOT 2016-08 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Cloud Storage Purchase

Effective: February 4, 2016

Cloud Storage is a way of backing up, managing, maintaining and properly securing large amounts of data which can be accessed by authorized users over the Internet. This access can be done anywhere in the world, at any time and is shared with every authorized user. BCOA is in need of this type of system for many aspects of club business such as banking, National Specialty, membership rosters/mailling lists and archives. Treasurer, Laura Hesse, has done a preliminary investigation on Cloud options and is prepared to move forward with setting up Cloud Storage for BCOA. Estimates of cost are \$20 month first year and \$40 thereafter.

Please indicate your vote to approve the purchase of Cloud technology.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-09 APPROVED SUBJECT:Code of Recommended Practices-Special Committee

Effective: March 3, 2016

Circulated at the request of the President and in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws.

The BCOA Code of Recommended Practices (code of ethics) was last updated in 2002. The Code sets forth voluntary guidelines, representing a distillation of the personal codes of conduct and valid concerns of BCOA members. This currently adopted (2002) code needs to be brought up to date to reflect current standards and practices.

Please indicate your vote on appointing a Special Committee to update the Basenji Club of America Recommended Code of Practices. Andrea Stone [WA] will chair the Committee.

BCOA Board appoints a Special Committee to update Basenji Club of America Recommended Code of Practices. The committee is directed to amend the document to include the follow elements, and any other elements as determined by the committee.

- Encourage participation in the AKC Breeder of Merit program and or the new AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T program.
- Encourage individual registration of all basenjjs bred.
- Promote current and future DNA testing, and the best practices of such testing.
- Promote breeding consistent with recommendations and specifications of the Health and Research committee.
- Affirm the AKC Care and Conditions Policy
- Affirm the AKC Code of Sportsmanship
- Recommend practices to be used by members in social media, consistent with recommendations and specifications of the Social Media committee.

The Committee shall consist of 5 or 7 members, and shall follow parliamentary procedures, as set forth in BCOA bylaws. Committee members shall be selected by the Chair, which must represent all aspects and demography of the Club, including and not limited to Breeders, Conformation Exhibitors, Performance Exhibitors, Judges, Rescue, and Companion Owners. The Board may recommend members for the Chair's consideration. Committee will be affirmed by a vote of the Board.

The committee is directed to seek the participation of the entire membership, in a variety of methods, including comment periods, and may include discussion groups, polls, or any other means the committee deem appropriate. Outlines and drafts are required, and will be presented to the membership in the official publications of the BCOA, which will include a reasonable written comment period. All written comments will be retained by the committee and filed for Club records. Committee is required to keep records, and produce a committee workbook for Club records and is required to provide the Board of Directors a monthly report at the 1st of each month.

Final proposal shall be presented to the Board and reviewed to ensure compliance to the directive, established policy, and the bylaws of BCOA. Upon Board approval, final proposal will be sent to the entire membership for approval. Given the significance of the Recommended Code of Practices, the Board will require a 2/3 vote of the membership to amend the current adopted Recommended Code of Practices. Passage shall constitute an affirmation of all members.

Basenji Club of America Recommended Code of Practices shall have a prominent place on the Club's web site, and distributed to each new membership during the application process.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz-Comments: [*The current Code of Recommended Practices can be viewed on the BCOA website –www.basenji.org. at members>documents and archives>club documents. Need assistance with your members-only log-in? Contact webmaster or jlketz@aol.com for assistance.*], Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance; Jones, La Croix, Sawler

BALLOT 2016-10 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: March 3, 2016

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 February 2016 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please indicate your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Lizabeth Nickless & Nathan McCargo [NJ], Janice Buckjune [KS] and Lynn Reimer [WA].

APPROVED: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Jones, La Croix, Sawler

BALLOT 2016-11-APPROVED

SUBJECT: Website Hosting

Effective: April 7, 2016

Our current website hosting expires on 7-24-16. Website Content Manager, Jeff Faulkner suggests we renew with 'Go Daddy' for 1 year while we evaluate alternatives for the website. Cost estimates based on last year, \$8.99 month for 12 months was \$107.88 and SSL certificate was \$69.99. Total \$177.87. Please indicate your vote to renew 'Go Daddy' for 1 year.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work

Not in attendance - Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-12 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Public Education Budget for 2016

Effective: April 7, 2016

The Public Education Committee, Chair Natalie Mortelmans reported on the expenses related to our participation in the 2015 Orlando Meet the Breeds (\$900) and the 2016 NYC Meet the Breeds (\$2200) Events. The committee would like to upgrade the booth materials to make setup easier and faster for volunteers and more visible for visitors. They also want to purchase electricity at future events for display of videos, etc. They are asking a total of \$3920 for their 2016 Budget. Please indicate our vote.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work

Not in attendance - Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-13 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2016 Lure Coursing Judges/Fees and ASE Fees

Effective: April 7, 2016

Please indicate your vote on the following 2016 Judges and expenses.

Lure Coursing Judges and Expenses:

Sandy J McArthur of McMinnville, OR is asking transportation expenses of \$50.00.

Beth Levine of Sultan, WA is asking transportation expense of \$50.00.

African Stock Exhibition Expense:

Judge Therese Leimback (Approved in Ballot 2015-32) asks transportation expenses of \$50.00.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work

Not in attendance - Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-14 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Direction of Funds for AKC Disaster Relief Trailer

Effective: April 7, 2016

In Ballot 2014-47, the BCOA board approved and sent a \$1000 donation to AKC Reunite and the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Program. They work in conjunction with AKC clubs, is raising funds to help supply stocked mobile AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers that deliver essential, nonperishable necessities for sheltering pets when and where needed to local emergency management. The trailers provide animal care services during the first critical hours following a disaster.

<http://www.akcreunite.org/akcpetdisasterrelieftrailer/>

These funds were not directed to any specific trailer and need to be distributed to a specific project. In an article (page 20) in the 4th Quarter 2015 BCOA Bulletin BCOA members were offered the opportunity to use these funds to bring a trailer to their local area. No one stepped forward by the March 31, 2016 deadline.

There is currently a second Seattle area Trailer Project in the work and BCOA member Katie Campbell (WA) is involved with this project. Please indicate or vote to send the \$1000 to the "Puget Sound WASART Trailer #2".

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work

Not in attendance - Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-15 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Avongara Kiri

Effective: April 7, 2016

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please indicate your vote on Avongara Kiri 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.

Link to Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lQ4q-OuEDw>

<https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List2016.html>

For complete procedure on Native Stock Dog go to www.basenji.org>> members>>Native Stock Committee>>Procedures and forms necessary to submit native Stock are available here

Approved: Cranmer - Comment: *[Avongara Kiri's a dark chestnut red, moderately angulated Basenji who received good to very good evaluations. Her health evaluations are clear, and her temperament sounds even*

tempered and friendly.], Curb – Comment: [*The proposal shows the origins of the dog to be perfectly typical. Her conformation is well within the bounds of what we have come to expect of a native basenji.*], Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix – Comment: [*Based upon the submitted materials and the evaluators' comments, Avongara Kiri is a solid representative of basenjis from that geographic area and conforms to our standard. I look forward to seeing her progeny.*"], Sawler, Work; Recuse: Jones; Not in attendance: Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-16 APPROVED

SUBJECT: National Specialty Judges 2017

Effective: April 7, 2016

Please indicate your vote to approve the following 2017 National Specialty Judges:

- AKC Agility – Sharon Williams [MO] asks a fee of \$1.40 per run, meals the day of the trial, one night's RV stay at Purina Farms, \$.55 per mile round trip. (approx. \$193.60 for travel)
- AKC Obedience/Rally – Fred Buroff [IL] asks a fee of \$200 for the day, meals the day of the trials, plus gas expense and one night's hotel stay.

Lure Coursing – AKC, ASFA and JC Test -

- Russ Jacobs [KS] asks expenses including gas, hotel, meal day of trial and banquet meal.
- Sandy Simmons-Gamble [MO] asks gas expense round trip.

Above listed Judges agree to judge all classes offered for their events at the 2017 BCOA National Specialty. All National Specialty judges are also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners/Banquet, symposia, seminars) free of charge. Contracts are sent upon Board approval.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work; Not in attendance - Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-17 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Nominating Committee

Effective: May 5, 2015

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 for 2017:

Chair - Lisa Auerbach [VA]; Steffie Cheng [CO]; Jane Lodge [VA]; Jarod Reisinger [WA]; Carol Webb [CA].

APPROVE: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Sawler

BALLOT 2016-18APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2016 BCOA Documents Committee and Chair

Effective: May 5, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws

The previous Bylaws & Corporate Documents Committee will become two separate committees. The Corporate Documents portion of that previous committee will be known as the BCOA Documents Committee. Judy Lange [WA] and Bryan Gregory [WA] will co-chair the committee. Committee chairs are permitted to name additional committee members, which shall be reported to the Board. The Purpose and Description for this committee will be rewritten once the committee is operational.

Previous sample of Purpose and Description included:

Review and oversee changes to BCOA documents, including but not limited to Standing Committee Definitions and Purposes, the Policy Manual, and National Specialty Oversight Procedures.
Responsibilities: Maintain and update all BCOA documents to reflect Board ballots, ensure symmetry, and prevent redundancy. Supply current versions of Club documents for BCOA's website. Propose corporate document revisions to the Board as necessary to further the purposes stated above.

Please indicate your vote on the 2016 BCOA Documents Committee.

APPROVE: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: Sawler

BALLOT 2016-19 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Sunshine Committee Chair

Effective: May 5, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws

After many years of dedicated serve as our sunshine person, Peg Grundman has decided to take a well-deserved retirement.

Linda Stilwell has agreed to step up and take responsibility for the sunshine committee.

Please indicate your vote on the Sunshine Committee Chair.

APPROVE: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: Sawler

Ballot 2016-20 APPROVED

SUBJECT: African Stock Ballot Tallier

Effective: June 2, 2016

With the planned move to electronic balloting, the BCOA Membership Ballot Tallier position was not filled in 2016. With the application of a native stock dog, board approval of the dog by a membership ballot will be circulated in 2016. Please indicate your vote on Jane Johnson [PA] as the Tallier for this membership Ballot.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, Sawler, Vertrees, Work
Not in Attendance: La Croix

Ballot 2016-21 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2016 Annual BCOA Meeting and Parliamentarian

Effective; June 2, 2016

Please indicate your vote on the 2016 BCOA Annual meeting and retaining Kevin Connelly, PRP, CP, Professional Registered Parliamentarian and Certified Parliamentarian for the BCOA Annual Membership Meeting

The BCOA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, August 12, 2016 at the Cowlitz County Event Center, 1900 7th Ave., Longview, WA 98632 in the Mt St. Helens Room. The exact time is to be determined. The meeting will follow the African Stock Exhibition in late afternoon or early evening.

Parliamentarian Expenses: Estimated fees - \$150 per hour for the actual meeting time, with a minimum of 2 hours. The distance from Federal Way, WA to the Longview, WA location as 107 miles, and a drive time of about 2 hours. The first hour of travel time is complimentary, and charges are half of hourly fee for any time that exceeds that, and also for the IRS mileage rate. In addition to hourly rate for the actual meeting time, 2 hours @ \$75 per hour (1 hour each way), plus 214 miles @54 cents per mile (107 miles each way). Total Estimate \$570.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, Sawler, Vertrees, Work
Not in Attendance: La Croix

BALLOT 2016-22 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New/Reinstated Members

Effective: June 2, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for new membership/reinstatement in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the May 2016 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please indicate your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

New Member: Norman Mason [GA], Reinstated Member: Natalie Scherwin [WA].

APPROVED: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, Sawler, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: La Croix

BALLOT 2016-23 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2017 Nat Spec African Stock Exhibition Judge

Postmarked: June 5, 2016

Effective: June 12, 2016

Please send your vote to approve Laura Hesse (WI) to judge the African Stock Exhibition at the 2017 Basenji Club of America National Specialty on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Ms. Hesse has asked a banquet ticket as compensation with no fees or expenses. Her assignment will include the judging of all ASE classes. We offer her lunch the day of the ASE and free seminars during the 2017 National Specialty.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work
No record of vote: Hesse, Sawler Abstain: Hesse

BALLOT 2016-24 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Extension of deadline for Stage 1 Judge Selection Nominations

Effective: June 14, 2015

Circulated at the request of the President

The National Specialty Procedures states:

III. JUDGES NOMINATIONS, SELECTION, AND COMPENSATION

B. Selection Procedure

1) **STAGE 1 - NOMINATION COLLECTION** - Timeline: January 1 - June 30

e) A BCOA member may nominate up to five candidates by email or regular mail by sending the nominated judge's name, address, phone number and email address to any member of the JSPC **by June 15th.**

Judge Selection Chair, Brenda Phillips noted that her e-mail was incorrect on the Stage 1 Judge Selection Form published in recent issues of the BCOA Bulletin Board Newsletter and would like to **extend the deadline for submissions to June 30, 2016.** Please send your vote to extend the deadline.

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-25 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Reinstated Member

Effective: July 7, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following person has applied for reinstatement in BCOA, and the name, along with a call for comments, were published in the June 2016 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please indicate your vote on election to membership in BCOA.

Reinstated Member: Donna Santangelo [NY].

APPROVED: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-26 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Budget for Year 2016

Effective: July 7, 2016

The 2016 Budget was formulated to be consistent with the Club's By-Laws, applicable State law and sound business practices. Please indicate your vote on approving the BCOA Budget for 2016.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-27 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New/Reinstated Members

Effective: August 15, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for new membership/reinstatement in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the July 2016 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please indicate your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

New Member: Allie Noble [WA], Reinstated Member: Nancy Craigie [MN].

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-28 Approved

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Paper Balloting Revisions

Effective: August 15, 2016

In Ballot 2014-43, The 2014 Board had concerns with the previous process for counting paper membership ballots. Areas of concern were address and the guidelines were approved. A few minor revisions were needed for these guidelines. The revised document is included below. Please indicate your vote on accepting the Ballot Guidance Document Revisions.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hutchison, Hesse, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

Guidance for Paper Balloting

Paper ballots will be sent to the General Membership as determined by the Board of Directors (BOD) and by-laws. Ballots will be sent to members in good standing at the time the ballot is issued. The BCOA secretary maintains the master membership list.

The BOD approves the Ballot language and the BCOA secretary prepares the ballot on BCOA letterhead and mails them to members in the master membership list. Single members get 1 vote and household members get 2 votes per ballot.

Single Membership ballots will include the Ballot to be voted on with one area to mark the vote, instructions for voting, and an envelope marked with BALLOT in red, and a preprinted envelope with the address of the Tallier.

Household Membership ballots include the Ballot to be voted on with two areas to mark votes, instructions for voting, an envelope marked BALLOT BALLOT in red, and a preprinted envelope with the address of the Tallier.

The Tallier may be a BCOA member in good standing and approved by the BOD.

All completed Ballots are placed in the secondary envelope marked BALLOT or BALLOT BALLOT (as determined by the membership status), mailed to the Tallier in the preprinted envelope provided, and post marked prior to or on the due date given on the ballot.

Members choosing not to vote in secrecy will submit their ballot in the pre-addressed envelope to the Tallier and post marked prior to the due date given on the ballot.

Voting instructions to be included on every ballot to the membership (after Ballot details):

Members must comply with the instructions below for voting. If not, the vote will be determined by the Tallier to be invalid.

- Each BCOA member gets one vote. Single members get 1 vote. Household members get 2 votes per ballot. Please mark your ballot accordingly.
- Mark your vote on the voting area only on the ballot.
- Place your completed ballot inside the preprinted envelope marked "BALLOT" or "BALLOT BALLOT". Do not write your name or provide comments on this envelope. **This keeps the vote anonymous.**
- Place the "BALLOT" or "BALLOT BALLOT" envelope in the preaddressed envelope to the Tallier.
- Your vote must be post marked by MM-DD-YEAR
- Your vote must be received by the Tallier deadline.
- For any Ballot issues please contact the secretary (info on letterhead)

Guide for Talliers for counting ballots

- Ballots will come in at a rapid pace. On a daily basis compare the return address of the ballot to the current/ appropriate BCOA membership list to make sure the returned ballot is from a current member. If the name is not on the membership list contact the secretary immediately to resolve the issue.
- Check the postmark date to assure the ballot received is within the appropriate time frame. Ballots received after the official cut off postmark date are considered received but invalid for this reason.
- After the return addresses have been cross checked with the master membership list open all the outside envelopes and separate those marked "BALLOT" and "BALLOT BALLOT" for ease of counting.
- Remember those marked "BALLOT BALLOT" or returned from a Household membership may have two ballots for voting (check front and back if a two sided ballot). It is valid if only 1 vote is marked for a household as the 2nd household member can abstain from voting.
- Ballots must be counted with two additional current BCOA members. If a situation arises where the Tallier cannot find 2 BCOA members in good standing to assist in the count contact the BCOA secretary to resolve the issue.
- Any comments or notes from member received regarding an invalid or updated address must be directed to the secretary.
- Ballot counting will take 2-4 hours depending on the complexity of the vote. Plan accordingly.
- The Tallier must keep all ballot materials for 1 year after ballot is resulted to the BOD. In doubt contact the BOD prior to disposing the ballot materials.
- Ballots must be counted and resulted by the designated date selected by the BOD.

Counting ballots. Considerations for Tallier selection.

Counting the African Stock Ballot, the Tallier and assistants must:

- Not be on any committee directly involved in the African Stock Process
- Not own/co-own any of the dogs
- Not be an importer of any of the dogs
- Not be an evaluator of any of the dogs during the BCOA Studbook Process.
- Not be a member of the household of any of the above.

Counting Other Ballots, the Tallier and assistants must:

- Not be on any committee directly involved in the process
- Not be a member of the household of any of the above

Rules for invalid ballots:

- Members who exceed the vote maximum per their membership (1 - single / 2 - Household) as determined by pre-addressed return envelope = invalid.
- Postmarked after the cutoff date = invalid.

- No single clearly marked option = invalid
- Vote received from a non-member per the master membership list = invalid. Confirmed with the secretary.
- Ballots not placed in the pre-addressed return envelope = invalid.
- Ballots received after the designated receipt date (Tallier Deadline) = invalid
- **Reporting results must include (template as below):**
 - Ballot number and title
 - Date, start and stop time of ballot counting.
 - Talliers names
 - Methodology – if a spreadsheet was used for calculations, etc.
 - Number of invalid ballots and reasons
 - Number of ballots received
 - Number of valid ballots
 - Results
 - Signature of Tallier and assistants to the tallier for this vote.

Template/Guide for results:

July 1, 2016

Report from the Tallier: **BALLOT 2016-XX OF THE BCOA MEMBERSHIP: BALLOT TITLE**

Tallying of ballots began at TIME, DATE at PLACE COUNTING WAS DONE and completed at approximately TIME.

Tallying was assisted by BCOA members listed below. Ballots were checked against the list of members in good standing as provided by the BCOA treasurer. Ballots were counted 3 times to assure accuracy. TALLIER NAME will retain ballots for a period of one year.

Results are as follows:

Membership Ballot 2016-XX-

Invalid ballots due to exceeding membership maximum (1 - single / 2 - Household) ballots per envelope _____

Invalid ballots due to NO single clearly marked option per ballot _____

Invalid ballots from non-members or members not in good standing _____

Invalid ballots with no pre-addressed return enveloping _____

Invalid ballots due to postmark after Postmark deadline _____

Invalid ballots due to receipt after the Tallier deadline _____

BALLOTS RECEIVED (VALID AND INVALID) _____

INVALID BALLOTS _____

VALID BALLOTS _____ (TOTAL NUMBER RECEIVED minus TOTAL NUMBER OF INVALID BALLOTS)

RESULTS- Number approved, Number Disapproved

Respectfully submitted by:

TALLIER

Address of Tallier

BCOA member ballot counter and witness:

ASSISTANT #1

ASSISTANT #2

BALLOT 2016-29 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Medallions for AKC/Eukanuba Events

Effective: August 24, 2016

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 17 & 18, 2016. 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.

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-30 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2017 National Specialty Logo

Postmarked: August 27, 2016

Effective: September 2, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA National Specialty Procedure.

VI. COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Chairperson and Specialty Committee shall develop a theme and design, or arrange to have designed, a specialty logo symbolizing the theme.
 - a. The logo artwork shall be available for many sources such as tee shirts, web advertising, premium and catalog cover, specialty flyer, ribbons, etc.
 - b. The artwork should be fairly simple in design that will be readable in both small and large images.
 - c. Artwork created on behalf of BCOA for events or activities shall not consist of images or photographs of living basenjis so as to avoid the appearance of bias or influence.
 - d. Images of well-known basenjis that are deceased may be used as drawings, but not their actual photographs.
 - e. Written permission to use photographs and drawings shall be provided by the photographer of pictures or artist of any drawings.
 - f. The BCOA Board shall approve all artwork.
 - g. All artwork shall become the property of the Basenji Club of America.



Written permission from the artist for this artwork has been provided.

Please indicate your vote for acceptance of the Artwork for the 2017 National Specialty Logo.

Approve: Cranmer, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-31 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Unsung Hero 2016

Effective: July 7, 2016

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.

Candidates nominated have displayed 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 and/or consistently and willingly extending a helping hand.

Please indicate your vote on naming Mary Ellen Chaffin [WA] as recipients of the 2016 Unsung Hero Award.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz- Comment: [*ballot omitted until the award was presented at the BCOA Annual Membership Meeting August 12, 2016*], La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016-32 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: September 8, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for new membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the August 2016 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please indicate your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

New Members: JoAnn Linebaugh [TX], Craig Garcia & Dwight Yeager [HI] and Samantha Roshak [CA].

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work

Not in attendance: Hesse, Jones, Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-33 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Website Upgrades Budget

Effective: September 8, 2016

The Web Administration and Site Security Committee, Chair Jeff Falkner, will be doing several updates and changes to our website during the remainder of 2016. The Budget for 2016 only included web site hosting for basenji.org for a total of \$177.87 based on previous yearly expenses.

Additional estimated expenses include purchase of 1 year of domain hosting on the new

platform based on previous renewal \$109, funds for data migration - GoDaddy \$100, application purchase for the new membership program \$40 and renewal of the old site if needed. Please indicate your vote to raise the budget to \$500.

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work

Not in attendance: Hesse, Jones, Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-34 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Judge Selection Ballot 2016

Effective: September 8, 2016

Based on the National Specialty procedures for judge selection and the guidance for paper balloting, the 2016 Judge Selection Ballot has been prepared by the secretary, the tallier will be Brenda Phillips, the deadline for postmark October 15 will be extended to October 31 and a received by Tallier date of November 7, 2016 has been added to the ballot.

Please indicate your vote on approving these items.

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work

Not in attendance: Hesse, Jones, Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-35 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Purina Pavers for Lifetime Members

Effective: September 8, 2016

The BCOA board wanted to honor our past, present and future lifetime members. An opportunity to do that and also contribute to the AKC Canine Health Fountain is available at the Purina Farms Event Center in Gray Summit, MO, to honor any pet, person, club or kennel the Purina offers for purchase an engraved brick paver on their Path of Honor at the Event Center. Each brick costs \$100, and \$70 from each brick is a tax-deductible donation to the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

BCOA Bylaws, Article I Membership, Section 1,

Lifetime: The Club may appoint lifetime members in recognition of outstanding service to the breed. Lifetime members may be nominated either by means of a petition addressed to the Secretary signed by five members in good standing or by a majority vote of the Board. Nominees shall be notified of their nomination by the Club Secretary and shall be given the option of accepting or declining the nomination. The names of those accepting nomination shall be submitted to the Club membership for vote, and lifetime membership shall be granted if the nominee receives affirmative votes of 2/3 of those voting. Lifetime members shall receive a subscription to the Club *BULLETIN* and *Bulletin Board Newsletter* and shall hold individual voting privileges, but shall not pay dues.

Please indicate your vote to purchase a brick to honor for all of our BCOA Lifetime members.

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work

Not in attendance: Hesse, Jones, Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-36 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Agility Money Distribution

Effective: September 8, 2016

In Ballot 2013-04, the BCOA board approved the distribution of the proceeds of 2012 BCOA Agility Trials with \$500.00 each to both the 2013 and 2014 National Specialty host groups to be spent to benefit the National Specialty Agility Trials. This money was never used. The money will be distributed to the 2017 & 2018 National Specialty Agility Trials. Please indicate your vote.

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work

Not in attendance: Hesse, Jones, Vertrees

BALLOT 2016-37 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: October 6, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for new membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the September 2016 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please indicate your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Rick Calmalet [IL], Theresa Cuzzetto [OR], Neldo & Elsa Izquierdo [IL], Arnieta Kurtz [AZ] and David Whitman [CA].

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2016- 38 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: November 8, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for new membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the October 2016 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please indicate your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Laurie & Greg LaRock [CA]; Jan Scheffler [AZ]; Theresa & Alyx Tuttle [AZ].

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2016- 39 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: December 10, 2016

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for new membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the November 2016 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please indicate your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Roy Gladson & Jeff Scherer [NC] and Terray Boomir [CANADA].

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Sawler, Work