MINUTES OF THE 1998 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Held at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings, Warwick, Rhode Island, on

September 23, 1998,

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Margaret Greenlee. Present were Vice-President Andie Paysinger, Secretary Anne Graves, Treasurer Margaret Grundman, Directors Damara Bolté, Stanley Carter, Susan Coe, Iris Craven, and Sally Wuornos; participating from Chicago by speaker-phone was Karla Schreiber; absent was Melody Russell.

The reading of the 1997 Minutes was dispensed with, and the Secretary’s report was accepted. The Treasurer’s report was accepted, subject to audit.

Andie Paysinger gave the Historian’s report.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board approved the correction of beginning date for the 1999 National Specialty from the erroneous Oct. 26 to the correct Oct. 25.

Susan Coe presented the culmination of years of work by the African Stock Committee: the book of African Stock Imports. On a motion by Damara Bolté, seconded by Iris Craven, there passed unanimously:

BALLOT 98 - 35: The books will be sold for ten ($10.00) dollars.

NEW BUSINESS:

Margaret Grundman presented the proposed budget for 1999. After discussion of the lack of monetary support for the Judges’ Education Chair Lu Dye and the fact that some places asking for a seminar do not pay the expenses of the coordinator, on a motion by Margaret Grundman, seconded by Andie Paysinger, there passed unanimously:

BALLOT 98 - 36: The Judges’ Education Chair will have a budget of five hundred ($500.00) per annum as part of the 1999 Budget.

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After discussion of the increasing costs of mailing the Bulletin Board Newsletter and of the original 1989 guidelines for its content, on a motion by Karla Schreiber, seconded by Anne Graves, there passed unanimously:

BALLOT 98 - 37: In addition to the original guidelines for content, rescue listings and news shall be printed in the Bulletin Board Newsletter.

Andie Paysinger proposed buying the newly-published British book of dog paintings for which her pastel of “Fula” is the frontispiece — the only piece of modern art in the book. The pastel had been presented to Veronica Tudor-Williams, who bequeathed it to the Kennel Club.

Margaret Grundman reported that the Florida bank which had held the BCOA and Endowment accounts is now a NationsBank charging unreasonably high fees for such accounts. She found another bank with much more reasonable fees, but there must be a registered agent for corporations to do business there. On a motion by Anne Graves, seconded by Damara Bolté, there passed unanimously:

BALLOT 98 - 38: Margaret Grundman shall register as the agent for BCOA and the Endowment in order to do business with this bank.

Chosen as BCOA nominations for AKC Lifetime Awards were: Conformation: Lu Dye, Obedience: Rex Tanaka, Performance: Wilma Bauer.

Stan Carter proposed sending annual dues notices with opportunities to renew for 1, 2 or 3 years and to make a donation to the Endowment. The motion was tabled. continued p.
Basenji Rescue and Transport, continued

The Online Rescue Form
http://basenjirescue.org/posta.htm
As discussed above, the BRAT site includes automated forms (one to submit rescues and one to tell us you’re looking for a rescue). Our rescue form is a hybrid of many used by other groups, most notably the Basenji Companions club.

The Online Adoption Form
http://basenjirescue.org/adopt.htm
Another innovation of the BRAT page is our Adoption form. This questionnaire, which some might consider intimidating, contains detailed questions about the person and his or her interest in a Basenji. It is a very good initial screening tool.

When the automated form is submitted it is sent as private e-mail to Jackie and myself. I plug the respondents’ e-mail address into a separate list, later used to e-mail them information about available dogs, and Jackie places information on an unpublished BRAT page. I also send a welcome message to explain BRAT’s services and some basic information about Basenjis. We try to paint a neutral picture of the breed; both pros and cons are disclosed.

This adoption information—which we guard from the general public—is available to rescue workers only. Having the form online saves a tremendous amount of time and prevents repetitive questions. It allows the rescue person to focus on more crucial questions about the potential adopter, while screening out clearly inappropriate homes. Although BRAT’s web site has been fully operational only four months, we have placed more than 20 dogs using this system.

BRAT’s Future
We have exciting plans for BRAT this year. One of our goals is to expand communications with shelters so we can rescue dogs that might otherwise fall through the cracks. We are also in the process of incorporating BRAT as a Texas non-profit corporation and applying for IRS tax exempt status. If you have any questions or would like to become part of BRAT, please email me at:

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or call me at (972) 761-8127.

Jackie, BRAT’s Webmaster, can be reached at:

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Mike Swan is a lawyer working for the Federal Government. He and his wife, Kathy Goldman, live in Dallas, Texas. They share their life with three Basenjis: Basil, Flash, and new puppy, Arrow.

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There was general discussion of the possibility of BCOA lure-coursing guidelines and of AKC and ASFA trials being accepted differently in different parts of the country. On a motion by Iris Craven, seconded by Sally Wuornos, there passed unanimously:

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Stan Carter distributed the report from Dr. Gary Johnson on the research on the Fanconi genome.

After discussion of the problem of poorly-qualified persons holding Judges Education Seminars, on a motion by Sally Wuornos, seconded by Karla Schreiber, there passed unanimously.

BALLOT 98 - 40: Our AKC Delegate is asked to urge AKC to have official approval for Judges’ Seminars and to do more than encourage sponsors of such event to contact parent clubs.

After discussion of the disappearance of 1970’s guidelines for affiliation of local clubs with BCOA, on a motion by Iris Craven, seconded by Andie Paysinger, there passed unanimously.

BALLOT 98 - 41: The Events Coordinator, if willing and able, shall draft guidelines for affiliation of local Basenji clubs with BCOA.

After general discussion, on a motion by Karla Schreiber, seconded by Damara Bolté, there passed unanimously.

BALLOT 98 - 42: The Historian is authorized to put historical material from the archives on the BCOA Web site.

The BCOA Rescue Guidelines are not official rules or prescriptions; they are available as a source of possible procedures for local groups.

Lisa Auerbach from the Health Research Committee asks the Board to think about an open, voluntary health registry for dogs affected with various problems, to be used only for research purposes, obviously giving researchers much more working data with affected dogs listed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Anna Graves, Secretary