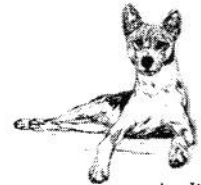




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**MINUTES
1999 MEETING
BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANN GRAVES, SECRETARY**



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The Board of Directors of the Basenji Club of America, Inc., met on October 26, 1999, in the Ramada Inn Valley Ho in Scottsdale, Arizona. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President **Margaret Greenlee**. Members present were: **Damara Bolté; Stan Carter; Anne Graves; Margaret Grundman; Andie Paysinger; Michael Swan; Carol Webb; L. Jane Williams; and Sally Wuornos**. Absent was **Karla Schreiber**.

Damara Bolté moved, **L. Jane Williams** seconded, that the minutes of the 1998 meeting of the Board of Directors be accepted as published in the Bulletin Board Newsletter; motion carried.

Secretary **Anne Graves** read her report; **Andie Paysinger** moved, **Damara Bolté** seconded, that the report be accepted. Motion carried. Treasurer **Margaret Grundman** read her report; **Stan Carter** moved, **Sally Wuornos** seconded, that the report be accepted for audit. Motion carried.

Reports of committees were read in the following order, with Board members moving and seconding acceptance in parentheses.

Breeder Referral: sent by **Melody Russell (Sally Wuornos; Stan Carter)**.

The Bulletin: sent by **Carmella Troisi-Hoerr (Margaret Grundman; Sally Wuornos)**.

African Stock Project: given by **L. Jane Williams (Andie Paysinger; Carol Webb)**.

These reports were all accepted.

Health and Research: given by **Stan Carter**, who moved, seconded by **L. Jane Williams**,

BALLOT 99 - 34a:

that BCOA participate as one of five breeds in a pilot project of the Canine Health Information Center to take over our HA database, making the data usable to experts. Motion carried unanimously. After discussion of CERF and the amounts of PPM required to pass, **Margaret Grundman** moved, **Carol Webb** seconded,

BALLOT 99 - 34b

that Stan Carter find out whether the BCOA Board of Directors can recommend changes in the allowable amount of PPM to pass a CERF exam. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

BALLOT 99 - 35:

Anne Graves moved, Damara Bolté seconded, that Linda Raines, CPA, (MO) be approved as Treasurer for the 2001 BCOA National Specialty. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Ballot 98-32

Because Ballot 98-32 received

more than four votes of disapproval at its first submission, Administrative Procedures require that it be reconsidered and resubmitted to the Board for another vote. The initial vote is considered "discussion" and all comments will be published with the final vote. **Margaret Grundman** moved, **Carol Webb** seconded,

BALLOT 99 - 36:

that we uphold the majority vote of "disapproved" on Ballot 98 - 32, Affirmation of BCOA Code of Recommended Practices. Motion carried unanimously. (See addendum for full text of Ballot 98 - 32 and the comments on it.)

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Anne Graves moved, **Carol Webb** seconded

BALLOT 99 - 37:

that, the applicants' names having been published in the October issue of the Bulletin Board Newsletter, along with a call for comments, and no comments having been received, the following persons be accepted as members of BCOA: **Russella Bowen (FL); Charles Fredrick (FL); Cindy Horan (MD); Terri Lyddon (MO); Ramey McCullough (CA); Catherine Ongaro (CA); Jan Robert (AUSTRALIA); Mark & Patti Savrick (TX); Anna & Greg Swindler (FL); MaryR. Williams (TX)** Motion carried unanimously.





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NEW BUSINESS:

These topics were discussed, but no action was taken.

Lifetime memberships should be a permanent bestowal; lifetime members should not expect to be able to relinquish the honor and then take it up again.

Suggestions were given for the on-line *Regional Breeder Referral* people, along with the reminder that anything on the BCOA website must be approved by the Board.

A letter from **Sharon Schmidgall** (MI) proposing a clearer definition of acceptable colors was read; the President reminded that any change in the Basenji Standard must be approved both by the whole membership of BCOA and by AKC.

An alternative set of *Standing Rules* for the BCOA Annual Meeting, proposed by **James Smith** (GA) was read.

Anne Graves moved, **Sally Wuornos** seconded,

BALLOT 99 - 38:

that **Jayne Wilson Stringer** (ENGLAND) be approved as conformation judge for the 2002 BCOA National Specialty. Mrs. Wilson Stringer asks no fee, but economy airfare, lodging, and meals for the duration of the assignment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Anne Graves moved, **L. Jane Williams** seconded,

BALLOT 99 - 39:

that **Erin Roberts** be approved as Sweepstakes judge for the 2002 BCOA National Specialty. Mrs. Roberts asks no fee, but economy airfare, two nights' lodging, and meals for the assignment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

BALLOT 99 - 40:

for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards, the Board chose **Josephine Deubler** (Conformation) and **Robert Self** (Obedience). **Sally Wuornos** moved, **Carol Webb** seconded,

BALLOT 99 - 41:

that dues for affiliated clubs be raised to twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per year. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Sally Wuornos moved, **Carol Webb** seconded,

BALLOT 99 - 42:

that the Treasurer include the Criteria for Affiliation along with a cover letter and request that the club certify that it meets the criteria, and that this assurance arrive by January 15. **Motion carried, with one dissenting vote from Michael Swan.**

Sally Wuornos moved, **Michael Swan** seconded,

BALLOT 99 - 43:

that this last motion take effect on February 1, 2000. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Damara Bolté moved, **Carol Webb** seconded,

BALLOT 99 - 44:

that annual dues be raised: Family/Household membership to twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars; Junior membership to two (\$2.00) dollars; that the amount for subscription to *The Bulletin* be raised to three (\$3.00) dollars; and that these dues are to be in hand by February 1 (not postmarked by February 1). **Motion carried unanimously.**

Damara Bolté moved, **Carol Webb** seconded,

BALLOT 99 - 45:

that the revised Budget proposed by the Treasurer for 2000 be approved as of November 1, 1999. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Andie Paysinger moved, **Damara Bolté** seconded,

BALLOT 99 - 46:

that the Treasurer be reimbursed for accumulated personal expenses for carrying out business for BCOA. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Addendum:

**BALLOT 98 - 32 DISAPPROVED* SUBJECT:
AFFIRMATION OF BCOA CODE OF
RECOMMENDED PRACTICES**

Anne L. Graves, Secretary

Postmarked: November 9, 1998 Effective: November 27, 1998

Circulated at the request of the President following the majority vote of the general membership at the 1998 Annual Meeting of BCOA in Rhode Island:

Shall the BCOA add a line to the current membership applications stating "I have read and choose to abide by the BCOA Code of Recommended Practices." The same line shall be included in the next renewal notices to be mailed, should there be an affirmative vote on this ballot. The only further outcome of the adoption of this ballot is to be an unobtrusive symbol of some sort (for instance, an asterisk) to appear in all future membership rosters preceding the names of those members who have so chosen.

It is to be understood that this is in NO WAY an attempt to "legislate morality"; this does NOT require a change in the By-Laws; there will be NO restrictions on those who do not choose to abide by the Code; and there will be NO special consideration given to those who do. This is a simple matter of information and identification.

Please mark your vote on approving the actions described in the ballot. **Ballot 98 - 1** on Administrative Procedures states: "If four (4) or more members disapprove a ballot or indicate that more discussion is

necessary, that ballot will automatically be reconsidered and subsequently resubmitted to the Board for another vote. The initial vote will thus be considered 'discussion,' and all comments will be published with the final vote."

APPROVED: Carter; Coe ["The line added should probably identify the year of the 'Code' -- the 19__ Code of Recommended Practices -- in case of later changes which one might disagree with."]; **Paysinger; Schreiber** ["I am voting to approve Ballot 98 - 32 with a couple of caveats. If this ballot is approved, I suggest that an additional disclaimer be added to the Roster. The disclaimer should provide that the BCOA, and in particular the Roster editor/publisher and printer are not responsible for errors or omissions with respect to the placing the 'unobtrusive symbol' next to a member's name. Corrections can be duly published in the Bulletin Board and/or Bulletin, but the Club should not have to pay for any republications or special mailings to correct errors concerning the Code of Recommended Practices designation. While it would be frustrating, as a BCOA member, to have the Roster published without the designation [by virtue of an oversight], there should be no more liability for the Club or for the folks who put together the Roster than if an error had been made with respect to a name, address, etc. For the record, I am concerned that just about EVERYONE will check the 'I Agree' box except for those who fail to do so in error. Having one's name appear in the Roster for a full year WITHOUT the designation [even if



the error is rectified in the Bulletin Board and Bulletin] seems a heavy price to pay for forgetting to check a box. Our efforts to 'record' morality may prove nearly as difficult as legislating it! I'm voting for Ballot 98 - 32 because it may have the positive effect of encouraging BCOA members to review the Code of Recommended Practices [to see if they agree or disagree]. However, the Ballot does add a new layer of intricacy to publishing the Roster. Time will tell whether the effort has been worthwhile, or whether problems outweigh benefits."

DISAPPROVED: Bolté ["I do not feel that we are ready for this decision. What is the difference between a code of ethics and signing on that you adhere to the Code of Recommended Practices? If there's no mark by one's name, that person will probably be excoriated on the internet."];

Craven ["I believe the BCOA Code of Recommended Practices is a learning tool for both experienced [breeders] as well as the newcomer to our breed and sets forth guidelines that we should all be proud of. I do not feel that we need to require BCOA members to indicate that they are following the recommendations that are set forth in this document. If they are responsible Basenji owners, I am sure they are trying to live up to this standard. On the other hand, if they are not responsible, what would stop them from indicating that they would abide by the recommendations and continue as they have done in the past. I think it would be better to continue to build a national breed club where members have a dialogue and the ability to bring education to fellow Basenji owners in the many areas that are noted in the Code of Recommended Practices, as well as using this document as a guide in their own actions. I feel very strongly that it is far better to educate them to try and legislate responsible members for the dog world."];

