President Margaret Greenlee called the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Basenji Club of America, Inc. to order at 7:50 p.m. on September 26, 2003, in the Washington County Fair Complex, Hillsboro, Oregon having determined that a quorum was present.

A quorum is 85 members; 93 members were present: Sandra Anderson (WA), Lynn Arrand (Canada), Lisa Auerbach (VA), Dilys Blair-Bain (OR), Wilma Bauer (IL), Edward Boese (CA), Damara Bolté (VA), Terray Boomir (Canada), Jo York Bradshaw (NM), Patricia Bright (WI), Kathyn Britton (OR), Charles Bruton (TX), Katie Campbell (WA), Stanley Carter (MO), Brenda Cassell (TX), Martina Cortez (OR), Valerie Cortez (OR), Iris Craven (MD), Jon Curby (MO), Vicki Curby (MO), Mary DeWhitt (AZ), John Donald (NY), Kay Doolittle (WA), Sherri Fleetwood (WA), Frances Foster (OR), Patricia Fragassi (CA), Christine Frost (England), Terri Gavaletz (CA), Anne L. Graves (TX), Midge Greenlee (FL), Bryan Gregory (WA), Laurie Gregory (WA), Cindy Griswold (TX), Peg Grundman (FL), Lisa Hart (WA), Florine Havens (AZ), Laura Mae Hesse (WI), Evelyn Hirt (WA), S. Anne Humphries (CA), Sharron Hurlbut (WA), Charletta Jones (OR), Jacqueline Jones (OR), Terry Jones (OR), Julie Jones (CA), Kathy Jones (CA), Shirley Jones (OK), Brenda Jones-Greenberg (AZ), Sandy Kernen (OR), Sue Kite (OH), Marianne Klinkowski (CA), Celia Krogue (WA), Arnieta Kurtz (IL), Judith Lange (IL), Julie Leicht (OR), Kevin Leimback (WA), Therese Leimback (WA), Andrew Logan (NY), Darlene Lowit (OR), Donna Lubbe (OR), Karen Luke (HI), Patricia Marshall (TX), Zandra McMahon (WA), Catherine Ongaro (CA), Connie Paulsen (OR), Jerry Paulsen (OR), Linda Pence (IN), Veronica Perrine (OH), Mary Quinnett (WA), Cecily Rappe (CA), Jordan Reed (WA), Rita Ross (KY), Gary Schwichtenberg (HI), Donna Smith (NV), Linda Stilwell (OK), Richard Stilwell (OK), Maxine Stringer (CA), Melvin Stringer (CA), Betty Swadener (WA), Pamela Sweeney (IN), Sandra Tucker (IL), Jane Tusten (KS), Andrea Walters (OH), Carol Webb (CA), James Webb (CA), Rita Webb (HI), Elizabeth White (MD), Susan C. Wilcox (Canada), Kari Wuornos-Winger (MN), George Woodard (WA), Michael Work (MI), CarolAnn Worsham (OH), June Young (WA).

Also present were Father Brown, Parliamentarian, and several guests.

After introducing the BCOA Board of Directors, the President expressed thanks and appreciation for the well-organized events and warm hospitality to Connie Paulsen, Chair, and all the Willamette Valley Basenji Club.

Donna Lubbe moved, Melvin Stringer seconded, that the minutes of the 2002 BCOA meeting be approved as published in the Bulletin Board Newsletter. Motion carried.

Donna Lubbe moved, Mary DeWhitt seconded, that the report of the Secretary be accepted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Margaret Grundman read her report; Rita Webb moved, Wilma Bauer seconded, that the report be accepted subject to audit. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Most committee reports were submitted to the Bulletin in order that all members may read them. Committees that had information of special interest reported thus:

AKC Delegate Jon Curby reported that the AKC Dog Show Rules committee has approved the BCOA proposal that neutered dogs coming from the Veterans class be allowed to compete in Brace and Team classes. The proposal will be submitted to the delegates’ meeting in December.

He also reported that many problems which member have encountered recently came because AKC replaced its entire computer system. Parts of this process did not go smoothly, with the result that several people were fired.

The Health Research committee presented several reports, which will be published in The Bulletin.
Lure Coursing committee member Judy Laing presented a plaque honoring the lure coursing record breaker, DC Klassic Gebeep Hakuna Matata LCM8 (“Maddy”), owned by Suzy Clark.

Cindy Griswold reported that the Versatility Program website is up and working.

Linda Pence, Sunshine committee, reminded all to send news to her.

Website chair George Woodard reported that he has changed the ISP twice in the last year and now has a much better ISP.
The website has received 3000 – 5000 hits.
It will have a link with the programs produced by the Outreach committee.

CarolAnn Worsham reported that the new Outreach committee has as its purpose to put out a flow of information to the buying public, a flow to get in the way of puppy mills and irresponsible breeders which depend on the web and journalistic media to sell their puppies.
The committee will first target certain geographic areas with the greatest need.

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS

Jane Tusten reported that the National Specialty Lure Coursing Guidelines are being posted on the website. These guidelines have good suggestions.
Sandra Anderson urges a full day of coursing at national specialties.
No action was taken, but it was recommended that suggestions be submitted to Russ Jacobs.

Wilma Bauer moved, Betty Swadener seconded, that at national specialties you sell your merchandise from the Basenji store or booth space; there should be no selling from cars, vans or hotel rooms.
After some discussion, Donna Lubbe called the question; Betty Swadener seconded, call for the question carried. Motion was defeated.

The BCOA Unsung Hero award was awarded to Wanda Pooley, honoring her years of quiet, efficient and cheerful work for BCOA.

Linda Stilwell presented a plaque and framed picture to Wilma Bauer in honor of the work that she and the late Mervin Bauer did in order that Basenjis might be admitted to Lure Coursing events.
This was greeted by a standing ovation.

Connie Paulsen told the WVC’s dealings with Martha Van Loan, the artist with whom WVC had contracted some years before for art work of which the artist agreed not to make copies or prints for sale elsewhere.
Ms. Van Loan did have some prints of this artwork in her booth at this specialty.
The two were to meet the next day, when Ms. Van Loan planned to return to the show site.

Julie Jones asked for a clarification of BCOA’s position on the Basenji Club of Southern California, which is said not to have meetings.

The Parliamentarian advised that since there was not enough information, the club could not act on either of these last two matters.
On a motion by Mel Stringer, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne L. Graves, Secretary