

**MINUTES OF THE 2003 ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' OF THE BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

The 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Basenji Club of America, Inc. was held September 24, 2003 in Hillsboro, Oregon, in the Board Room of the Red Lion Hotel. President Margaret Greenlee called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present were: President Margaret Greenlee, Vice-President Sally Wuornos, Secretary Anne Graves, Treasurer Margaret Grundman, Lisa Auerbach, Damara Bolté, Carol Webb and George Woodard. Karla Schreiber participated in discussion and votes by speakerphone.

On a motion by Carol Webb, seconded by Lisa Auerbach, the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was suspended.

Secretary Anne Graves reported the number of BCOA members to be 857, to be increased to 870 if the membership ballot (2003 – 48) is approved.

Treasurer Margaret Grundman gave the Treasurer's report; it was approved unanimously subject to audit on a motion by Sally Wuornos, seconded by Damara Bolté. Discussed at the 2002 Board meeting but with no formal action taken, the cost of advertisements in the *BCOA Roster* raised by \$5.00; (1 full page: \$60; extra photo: \$10; ½ page \$40) was approved by a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

BALLOT 2003 - 42

On a motion by Carol Webb, seconded by George Woodard:

Dee Scanlon (IL) has agreed to serve as judge for the ASFA lure coursing trials at the 2004 BCOA National Specialty. She asks expenses for one night's lodging, meals and travel expenses (gasoline).

Motion approved unanimously.

BALLOT 2003 - 44

On a motion by Carol Webb, seconded by George Woodard:

Mike Ferris (MO) has agreed to serve as judge for the ASFA lure coursing trials and the AKC coursing tests at the 2004 BCOA National Specialty. He asks expenses for meals.

Motion approved unanimously.

BALLOT 2003 - 45

On a motion by Carol Webb, seconded by George Woodard:

Karla Schreiber (IL) has agreed to serve as judge for the AKC coursing tests at the 2004 BCOA National Specialty. She asks no expenses.

Motion approved unanimously.

BALLOT 2003 - 46

On a motion by Sally Wuornos, seconded by Karla Schreiber:

the Board asks that all supporting documentation for expenses for the 2002 National Specialty be sent to the BCOA Treasurer as required by the National Specialty Guidelines.

Motion approved unanimously.

BALLOT 2003 - 47

On a motion Lisa Auerbach, seconded by George Woodard:

the Treasurer will send the funds (\$125.00) for expenses of Erin Roberts, Sweepstakes judge for the 2002 National Specialty, as agreed in the contract.

Motion approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

BALLOT 2003 - 48

On a motion by Carol Webb, seconded by George Woodard:

the following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the August 15, 2003 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received.

* indicates Junior membership.

Please mark your vote on accepting these applicants as members of BCOA.

Motion approved unanimously.

Michelle Smith Barbour and *Breanna Barbour (FL); Marjory Ellen [Mo] Dean (KY); Larry and Linda Hathaway (KY); Dawn and Gary Houser (OR); John and Denise Haws (WA); Tom and Robin Inwards (ID); Soraya Jenkins (CA); Jeannie Whitaker (SC)

NEW BUSINESS

BALLOT 2003 - 49

On a motion by Sally Wuornos, seconded by Damara Bolté:

the number of BCOA supported entries will be increased from **four** per region to **five** per region per year.

Motion approved unanimously.

This motion was discussed and tabled for future action:

that BCOA medallions, awarded for “bests” (BOB, BOW, BOS, etc.) at supported entries and specialties, will be given for all performance events at these shows as well. Discussion included these points: in some cases, the medallion could be awarded for classes (obedience, agility, etc.) which have only one entry, making the award less significant; there could be other ways (special trophies, etc.) of supporting/rewarding those who persevere in the performance events.

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The Board discussed these ideas: put the form for affiliated clubs to renew their affiliation with BCOA (sent annually to the BCOA Liaison in January) on the BCOA website. Thus, clubs, which have elections of officers and payment of members’ dues at various times of the year, could download and send in the form and BCOA club dues at a time more convenient and accurate for the affiliated club’s schedule.

On a motion by Sally Wuornos, seconded by Lisa Auerbach:

the Events Coordinator/Liaison chair, Carole Kirk, will submit the wording for this idea to the Board for appropriate action.

Motion approved unanimously.

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On a motion by Karla Schreiber, seconded by Carol Webb:

all BCOA official guidelines will be put on the BCOA website.

Motion approved unanimously.

At this point, discussion of New Business stopped and the Board sent an affirmation of the lower limit of the age of Veterans in lure coursing: AKC allows that national club for each breed to set the lower limits, and BCOA has set the lower limit at the age of 7. The Board sent this affirmation in writing, signed by each member.

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Stressing that puppy mills and irresponsible breeders have increased their own presence in advertising and selling puppies, the Outreach Committee stressed that BCOA needs to move fast to help counter this onslaught of bad information.

On a motion by Lisa Auerbach, seconded by George Woodard:

the Outreach Committee is authorized to place advertisements on free websites, as well as to receive beginning funding (amount unspecified), for advertisements on other websites and in popular dog publications. The advertisements will emphasize the need for learning about Basenjis and for responsible ownership.

Motion approved unanimously.

BALLOT 2003 - 53

On a motion by Anne Graves, seconded by Sally Wuornos:

the Outreach Committee will send a re-wording of the description of the Basenji read on the television broadcast by David Frei.

Motion approved unanimously.

BALLOT 2003 - 54

On a motion by Sally Wuornos, seconded by Carol Webb:

the BCOA Officers and Board of Directors for 2004 duly elected by the membership shall serve as the 2004 Officers and Board of Directors of the Basenji Health Endowment.

Motion approved unanimously.

On a motion by Damara Bolté, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m., to be reconvened after the meeting of the Basenji Health Endowment Board of Directors.

At 11:41 a.m., the President called the meeting to order again.

BALLOT 2003 - 55

On a motion by Carol Webb, seconded by Sally Wuornos:

the BCOA Board of Directors grants to The House of Argyle Products, a non-profit organization, exclusive rights to produce merchandise utilizing the embroidered version of the official BCOA logo designed by Carlos Jimenez. Mr. Jimenez donated the copyright for the official logo to BCOA, to be used with the approval of the BCOA Board, on the condition that any profits resulting from the use of the logo accrue solely to BCOA and not to any other entity or individual. The agreement between BCOA and The House of Argyle Products concerning the BCOA logo designed by Mr. Jimenez is in effect for a five-year period, beginning on the date of this Ballot and ending on September 30, 2008. The House of Argyle has also donated additional logo designs to BCOA, and pursuant to this agreement, The House of Argyle will receive exclusive right to The House of Argyle designs for the same five-year period ending September 30, 2008.

Motion approved unanimously.

BALLOT 2003 – 56

On a motion by Sally Wuornos, seconded by Lisa Auerbach:

adding the Top Twenty event to the events offered at any BCOA National Specialty will be at the discretion of the sponsoring show committee.

Motion approved unanimously.

On a motion by Damara Bolté, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Graves, Secretary BCOA