

**MINUTES OF THE 2004 ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

President Margaret Greenlee called the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Basenji Club of America, Inc. to order at 6:14 p.m., on September 7, 2004. The meeting was attended by a quorum of ninety-seven (97) members in good standing, as evidenced by current copies of the membership roster marked and signed by BCOA members Troy Shadbolt (CA), Parry Tallmadge (CA) and Dennis Trautman (IL) [which copies have been duly submitted for safe-keeping to the BCOA Secretary].

**Board Members/Officers Present:** President Margaret Greenlee (FL), Treasurer Margaret Grundman (FL), Vice-President Sally Wuornos (MN). Board Members: Lisa Auerbach (VA), Karla Schreiber, (IL), Wanda Pooley (IL), George Woodard (WA), Carol Webb (CA) and Damara Bolté (VA). Absent: Anne Graves (TX, Secretary) and Stan Carter (MO, Board).

Serving as Secretary Pro Tem for the Annual Meeting – Karla Schreiber.

**Members present:** Toni L. Ackerman, Eva M. Allen, Lynn Arrand, Dennis Arrand, Cindy Ayala, Sandy Beaudoin, Patricia Bird, Kathryn Boyd, Jo York Bradshaw, Sherry Brisco, Charles B. Bruton, Karen Butler, Connie J. Camp, Katie Campbell, Susan M. Campeau, Brenda Cassell, Elda R. Cross, Gerald T. Cross, Jon Curby, Robert E. Dean, John Donald, Debra J. Dvorachek, Linda K. Ehlers, Frances J. Foster, Christine Frost, Michelle T. Gahgan, Carolyn Noll Gerics, Judith Glass, Laura Mae Hesse, Carmella Troisi-Hoerr, Jacque Holdaway, Ann House, Bob House, S. Anne Humphries, Karen J. Hutchison, Vickie S. Jacobs, Russell A. Jacobs, Allan J. Jelinek, James J. Johannes, Caryn J. Jones, Shirley J. Jones, Brenda Jones-Greenberg, M. Susan Joyner, Janice Kahl, Janet L. Ketz, Arnieta Kurtz, Suzanne LaCroix, Stacy (Marco) LeBlanc, Jo Ann Linebaugh, Jane Lodge, Sylvia Lofrano, Elizabeth Lundell, Kristen Marshall, Lisa Marshall, Patricia Marshall, Mary Massey, Barbara Narehood, Dennis Narehood, Linda Pence, Veronica Perrine, Brenda Phillips, Mary K. Quinnett, Jeffrey L. Raines, Dona Rosales, Andrew Sawler, Sharron Schmidgall, Denise Searcy, Troy Shadbolt, Linda Daves Siekert, Cheryl Silver, Shawn M. Smith, Richard Stilwell, Linda Stilwell, Elizabeth Straub, Parry Tallmadge, Dennis Trautman, Cathy Trautman, Sandra K. Tucker, Jane Tusten, Gretchen Van Alstyne, Andrea Walters, Timothy Walters, Rita L. Webb, Anita White, Elizabeth White, Susan C. Wilcox, Kari A. Wuornos-Winger.

Sharron Schmidgall (MI) moved that the membership accept the minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting as published. Motion seconded by Brenda Jones-Greenberg (AZ). Motion carried.

**President's Report:** BCOA President Midge Greenlee address the membership, thanking those who participated in any way in the Kansas City rescue operation conducted in the Fall, 2003 -- including all those who contributed funds, foster assistance or transportation.

**Treasurer's Report:** BCOA Treasurer Peg Grundman reviewed BCOA's financial statement for the quarter ending August 31, 2004.

A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached and incorporated into these minutes by reference.

The Treasurer further reported that members and non-members from all over the world contributed funds for the KC rescue operation. Total contributions for the BCOA KC rescue project were in excess of \$36,000.

A complete break down of KC project funds received/disbursed as of August 31, 2004 appears in the Treasurer's report, a copy of which is incorporated into these minutes by reference.

The Treasurer requested that all members and non-members present who contributed to the KC rescue project financially or otherwise rise to be formally acknowledged by the membership.  
(Long round of applause.)

The Treasurer's report is submitted for approval, pending a final year-end report to be submitted for publication in the BCOA *Bulletin*.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **African Stock Project Committee:** James Johannes (WA) & Linda Siekert (AZ)

James Johannes told the membership that Linda Siekert experienced a computer crash that resulted in the loss of data for the Project submitted over recent months, and requested that data be resubmitted. He also indicated that the Committee has not received many updates in 2004 regarding new litters, and asked the membership to please send information regarding new full or half African litters (including photos) to the Committee.

### **AKC Delegate's Report:** Jon Curby (MO)

Jon Curby reported that the issue of whether neutered dogs may compete in the Brace Class at specialties has been reviewed by AKC (currently, neutered dogs may not compete in the Brace Class). The matter went to the AKC Rules Committee, and that Committee expanded the proposal to include allowing altered dogs to participate in any class in the specialty.

The AKC Board of Directors rejected this expanded proposal.

The only alternative will be to reintroduce the Brace Class issue, or allow the matter to drop.

### **AKC Legislation Liaison:** Vickie Jacobs (KS): No report.

### **Archives Action Committee:** Carol Webb (CA): No report.

### **Breeder Referral Committee:** Sandy Beaudoin (OK)

Sandy Beaudoin told the membership that the requests for referrals she receives typically come from primarily from the AKC website.

However, the BCOA Outreach Committee is now using her phone number and contact information as well – on the Outreach web pages and in print ads.

In the coming months, she will know more about the number of inquiries coming from Outreach activities as opposed to the AKC website.

Overall, Sandy reported that the number of inquiries is down for 2004 as compared with prior years. However, she has not contacted regional referral coordinators to see if this is a National trend.

Carol Webb (CA), regional coordinator referral coordinator for the Western region, told the membership that her referral requests have not diminished this year, but do seem to come in clusters.

### **Breeder Education Committee:** Damara Bolté (VA): No report.

### **Breed Standard Committee:** Damara Bolté (VA)

Damara Bolté informed the membership that the Committee is working on breed-specific literature that will be provided by AKC to everyone who registers a Basenji. The materials will include a summary description of the breed and its unique characteristics, as well as BCOA website and contact information.

### **By-Laws Committee:** Margaret Greenlee (FL): No report.

### **Ethics Committee**

No report. (Note to Anne – I don't recall who is chair of this committee, or whether they were present/absent -- my slip up!)

### **Events Coordinator:** Carole Kirk (KY): No report.

### **BCOA Health Committee:** Lisa Auerbach (VA)

Lisa informed the membership that the Committee is currently working on a list of questions for Dr. Johnson's Phenome Project. Membership participation will be required to make the project successful. A full report regarding the project will be provided in the BCOA *Bulletin*.

**Historian:** Andie Paysinger (CA): No report.

**Judges' Education:** Jeraldeen Crandall (CA): No report.

**Junior Showmanship:** Lisa Marshall (WI)  
Report will appear in BCOA *Bulletin*.

### **Lure Coursing Committee**

Karla Schreiber (IL), Field Trial Chairman, 2004 National Specialty Field Trial and AKC JC Tests, reported the results of the 2004 coursing events held September 4, 2004.

Open Stake Winner

Caiya Princess Lightning, Rande Mathers and Steve Mathers

Field Champion State Winner

Ch Rafikis Twilights Last Gleaming, Susan Cook and Michelle Gahgan

Veteran Stake Winner

Royal Red Jubilee LCM5, Jack McCartney, Jane Tusten and Kathy Hickey

Single Stake Winner

Taji-Rennek-Platinum Quercus JC, Andrea Walters, Tim Walters and KT Campbell

Breeder Stake Winner

DC Stilwell's Blue Moon SC LCM, Richard Stilwell and Linda Stilwell

Kennel Stake Winner

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Oldest Qualifying Dog

DC Akuaba The Sportsman CDX SC FCH OA NAJ, Linda Daves Siekert

Highest Qualifying AKC Champion

Ch Rafikis Twilights Last Gleaming, Susan Cook and Michelle Gahgan

Additionally, seven (7) Basenjjs earned AKC Junior Courser titles at the event.

BCOA Lure Coursing Committee Chair Russ Jacobs (KS) presented the ASFA 2004 BCOA National Specialty Award to Caiya Princess Lightning owned by Rande Mathers and Steve Mathers.

Russ Jacobs informed the membership that as the BCOA delegate to ASFA, he attended the ASFA Annual Convention of Delegates in Las Vegas, NV, in March 2004. A report on the convention has been submitted to the BCOA *Bulletin* for publication.

Russ Jacobs further provided the 2003 ASFA and AKC lure coursing statistics.

### **ASFA Statistics for 2003**

198 Basenjjs competed in ASFA Field Trials in 2003, earning the following titles:

14	Field Champions
5	Lure Coursers of Merit
2	Lure Coursers of Merit 2
1	Lure Coursers of Merit 5
1	Lure Coursers of Merit 9

The # 1 ASFA Lure Coursing Basenji for 2003 was DC Klassic GeBeep Hakuna Matata LCM10 ("Mati") owned by Suzy Clark (IN).

## **AKC Statistics for 2003**

Basenjis running in AKC field events in 2003 earned:

81	Junior Courser titles
33	Senior Courser titles
4	Master Courser titles
18	Field Champion titles
2	Lure Coursers Excellent titles
1	LCX 2 title

The # 1 AKC coursing Basenji for 2003 was DC Tamsala Rocket Socks MC LCX owned by Kathy and Julie Jones (CA).

Russ Jacobs congratulated all new title holders – especially our “top” Basenjis – and reminded the membership that the Coursing Committee always welcomes comments and suggestions.

**Membership Committee:** No report.

**National Specialty Committee:** Wanda Pooley (IL)

Wanda Pooley informed the membership that a new National Specialty Oversight Committee has been formed consisting of eight BCOA members experienced in putting on various elements of a National Specialty. The role of the new National Specialty Oversight Committee is to provide detailed guidance and assistance to all host groups sponsoring future National Specialties. This committee is currently replacing the old National Specialty Guidelines with National Specialty Procedures that will serve as concrete directions on how to run a successful specialty. Once the BCOA Board approves the new Procedures, the document will be published on the BCOA website. As an ongoing “work in progress,” the Procedures will be updated frequently to incorporate lessons learned from future Nationals.

**Obedience Committee:** No report.

**Performance Events Committee:** No report.

## **Outreach Committee**

Lisa Auerbach (VA) advised the membership that the Outreach Committee has created a new BCOA Outreach web page located at [www.basenji.org/learn](http://www.basenji.org/learn).

The site was designed by BCOA member Eunice Ockerman (CA) and contains information regarding breed traits, questions to ask breeders, training information, etc.

In 2003 – 2004, the Outreach Committee has also sponsored BCOA ads in all-breed magazines and on various breeder websites.

The goal of the new Outreach site and ad campaign is to assist the public in locating responsible breeders, as opposed to purchasing Basenji puppies through pet shops and from backyard breeders.

The Committee is actively working to spend its budgeted funds more effectively in order to reach more people.

**Public Education Committee:** No report.

**Rescue Committee:** Linda Ehlers (MO) and Carrie Jones (MN)

Linda Ehlers, BCOA Rescue Committee Chair, presented the following report to the membership.

## **The Kansas City Rescues**

In October 2003, 120+ basenjis were confiscated by the Kansas City Animal Control from a long time breeder of basenjis. After the 10-day holding period, the Kansas City Animal Control facility allowed one day of open adoption to the public of these dogs. Five to seven of these dogs were adopted by the general public.

The rest of the dogs were to be released to me, Linda Ehlers, representative for the BCOA and Chairperson of the Rescue Committee, after they were altered, vaccinated, heart worm tested and micro chipped. This procedure took several weeks.

- One basenji escaped from the Animal Control Facilities while being transported.
- Three of these 120 were of mixed breed and rescued by an individual.
- Three dogs were euthanized at the Shelter; of these dogs, two dogs were euthanized for poor health and one dog for unstable temperament.
- One female died after complications from her spaying.
- 107 basenjjs were removed by the BCOA Rescue Committee.
- Of these 107 basenjjs, 12 went into the Basenji Rescue and Transport Organization.
- BCOA took the responsibility of the other 95 basenjjs and they were placed into foster homes throughout the States.
- Two of these 95 were later transferred into the BRAT system.
- My records indicate that 20 of the 93 basenjjs being fostered have been adopted into permanent homes. There are more that have been adopted but have not received the adoption paperwork from some of the foster homes.
- According to my records, the BCOA has reimbursed 22 individuals for health care on these dogs for a total of \$6,303.86.
- Two more reimbursement forms are being processed in the amount of \$1,050.76.
- BCOA has reimbursed the Chairperson in the amount of \$294.80 for telephone calls during the procedure of finding foster homes for these 107 basenjjs.
- BCOA has reimbursed an individual for transporting dogs from Missouri to the Northwest states in the amount \$524.76.

### **BCOA Rescue Policy and Procedures**

The BCOA Rescue Committee has presented the final draft of the BCOA Rescue Policy and Procedures to the Board for their approval.

### **BCOA Rescue Chair Contacts**

As Chair of the Rescue Committee, I am still receiving many emails and telephone calls from persons across the states that are either wanting to adopt a basenji or wanting to place a basenji into rescue. I am referring these people on to the representatives in their area.

### **Sunshine Committee**

Linda Pence (IN), Chair of the Sunshine Committee, thanked Lisa Marshall (WI) for filling in for Linda during a health-related absence from her Committee duties.

Linda reminded the membership that the Committee can send cards for any occasion – happy or sad.

### **BCOA Website Committee**

George Woodard (WA), BCOA Web Master, informed the membership that the Website report will be published in the *Bulletin*.

BCOA President Margaret Greenlee next called for any unfinished business. There was no unfinished business.

BCOA President Margaret Greenlee next called for any new business to be brought before the membership at the 2004 BCOA Annual Meeting.

Wanda Pooley (IL) moved that the National Specialty host groups have the option to set the time and schedule for Veterans Sweepstakes, in order to allow for consideration of weather conditions.

If weather does not constitute a factor, the current rule should apply (the Veterans Sweeps takes precedent over Puppy Sweeps in the order of judging).

At a prior specialty, we voted as a membership that Veterans Sweepstakes must take place before Puppy Sweepstakes. However, that decision was made at an annual meeting when the weather at Nationals was extremely hot.

In future years and in different geographic areas, the weather could be extremely cold in the morning. Host groups should be able to have the flexibility to make the determination about whether Veteran Sweepstakes is held before or after Puppy Sweepstakes.

Karla Schreiber (IL) seconded the motion to allow the National Specialty host group to have the option of setting the time and schedule for the Veteran Sweepstakes in order to allow for weather conditions, with the caveat that if the weather is not a consideration, Veteran Sweepstakes shall proceed Puppy Sweepstakes in the order of judging.

Karen Hutchison (PA) asked when this determination must be made.

Wanda Pooley responded that the determination must be made after the final judging schedule is prepared. More discussion?

Katie Campbell (WA) called the question regarding Wanda Pooley's motion.

The calling of the question was duly seconded. The motion to call the question was voted and carried.

The motion as made by Wanda Pooley and seconded by Karla Schreiber was voted and carried.

### **Unsung Hero Award**

BCOA President Margaret Greenlee presented the BCOA 2004 Unsung Hero Award to Linda Ehlers (MO) and Carrie Jones (MN) for their extraordinary efforts with respect to the Kansas City Rescue project.

### **Nominations for 2008 Specialty Judges**

BCOA Vice-President Sally Wuornos (MN) advised the membership that the nomination forms for the BCOA National Specialty 2008 class and sweepstakes judges were available to be filled out at the annual meeting.

Each BCOA member can only nominate one judge for regular classes and one judge for sweepstakes. When nominating judges, member should make sure that persons nominated to judge the regular classes are licensed by AKC to judge Basenjis as of the date of the nomination.

Sally also asked for volunteers to host the BCOA 2008 National (Central Region) and advised that there will be a Host Proposal Form on the BCOA website to assist clubs/groups wishing to host a National Specialty.

### **2007 BCOA National Specialty**

Troy Shadbolt (CA) provided the following announcement regarding the 2007 BCOA National Specialty: The 2007 Basenji Club of America National Specialty will be held in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. Events will run from Saturday, October 13 through Monday, October 22. There will be 2 lure coursing trials (ASFA and AKC), 2 (or more) agility trials and four point shows during the 10-day period.

### **Ch. Reveille Re-Up Award**

Damara Bolté (VA) presented the Ch. Reveille Re-Up award (given to the Basenji who produced the most AKC Champions in the preceding calendar year) to Ch. Jerlin's General Patton, owned by Linda Ehlers.

### **Diane Coleman Award**

Damara Bolté presented the Diane Coleman Award (for the Basenji winning the most group points in competition during the preceding calendar year) to DC Jasiri-Sukari The Illustrated Man SC ("Timmy") bred and owned by Kathy and Julie Jones and Judy Secaur (ID) and currently handled by Michael Work.

### **Special Award Presentation to Midge Greenlee and Peg Grundman**

Damara Bolté presented special commemorative awards to Midge Greenlee for her ten years of service as BCOA President and to Peg Grundman for her 19+ years of service as BCOA Treasurer.

BCOA President Margaret Greenlee called for any additional business to come before the 2004 Annual Meeting.

Beth Straub moved to adjourn, and the motion was seconded.

The 2004 Annual Meeting of the Basenji Club of America was adjourned by general consensus at 7:28 p.m., September 7, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne L. Graves, Secretary