

MINUTES OF THE 2006 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Basenji Club of America, Inc. was held on September 22, 2006, in the Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI. Having established that a quorum 77 members was present, President Sally Wuornos called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Members signing in as attending were: Toni Ackerman, Ron Allen, Dennis Arrand, Lynn Arrand, Lisa Corell Auerbach, Patricia Beckett, Dilys Blair-Bain, Damara Bolté, Judy Brader, Jo York Bradshaw, Dana Braithwaite, A. Tad Brooks, Kim Byrd, Connie Camp, Katie Campbell, Brenda Cassell, Kathy Caton, LeeBeth Cranmer, Iris Craven, Elda R. Cross, Gerald Cross, Jon Curby, Tonda Curry, Robert E. Dean, Donna DeFlorio, Gail Dluzeski, Lee Dluzeski, Linda Ehlers, Robin Friedlander, Michelle Gahgan, Pamela Geoffroy, Anne Graves, Midge Greenlee, Cindy Griswold, Peg Grundman, Holly Hamilton, Kelli Harmon, Julie Hartigan, Lori Hatsiandrou, Louie Hatsiandrou, Debbie Hauri, Laura Mae Hesse, Tim Huff, S. Anne Humphries, Jami Hutchison, Karen Hutchison, R. Lynn Jackson, Norma Jean Johnson, Caryn Jones, Julie Jones, M. Susan Joyner, Janet Ketz, Debbie Konicki, Carol Kuna, Mary Langula, Jane Lodge, Elizabeth Lundell, Sheila Maher, Lisa Marshall, Jean Martin, Bill McCann, Nancy Ann Mitchell, Barbara Narehood, Dennis R. Narehood, Everett Pashley, Karen Pashley, Linda Pence, Brad Phifer, Brenda Phillips, Wanda Pooley, Mary Quinnett, Linda Raines, Jordan Reed, Cindy Russell, Andrew Sawler, Katherine Scott, John Siverson, Laurie Stargell, Gloria Steiger, Donna Stelzl, Cathy Trautman, Dennis Trautman, Sandra Tucker, Gretchen Van Alstyne, Andrea Walters, Carol Webb, Priscilla Weeks, Elizabeth White, Gale Whitehurst, Susan Wilcox, Claire Wisch, Michael Work, Sally Wuornos, Carol Wyatt, June Young.

Also present was Loretta E. Santagata, Professional Registered Parliamentarian.

Katie Campbell moved, Peg Grundman seconded, that the reading of the minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting be suspended. John Siverson called the question. Motion passed.

Treasurer Laura Mae Hesse gave her report, to be published in *The Bulletin* December 2006 issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Bulletin requested copies of photos taken at the National Specialty and other gatherings.

The National Specialty Oversight Committee reported that their procedures are published on the BCOA website. They called for proposals for the 2010 National Specialty, emphasizing long term planning with getting the money for an event early as both good business practice and necessary in today's world.

The group gave a salute of standing applause to the sponsors of the 2006 National specialty: to Bill McCann and Andrew Sawler as the acting chairs. They in turn acknowledged Dan and Donna DeFlorio, Tina Touhy, Pam Geoffroy and Sheila Lund and others for a job well done, a magnificent show.

For the Health Research Committee, Lisa Auerbach reported on the advances – especially in Dr. Johnson's work on Fanconi markers. He is confident that within a year he will find a genetic marker for Fanconi. He will not patent the tests, thus making them more easily available. At this point, he believes that Fanconi is recessive, not polygenic, and that late-onset dogs may be carriers.

Next subjects of research will be PRA, thyroid, heart murmurs, etc. For all of these, it is important to get information from not only the dogs affected, but also family members.

The money for these projects is a big item: about \$43,000 - \$50,000 in the next couple of years. Donations are tax-deductible.

Gale Whitehurst reported for the Archives Committee; her complete report is in the December *Bulletin*. Members gave a round of applause for the committee's careful research and wise conclusions. Debbie Hauri moved, Mary Langula seconded, that we send both a letter of thanks and a memento to Andie Paysinger for her long years of hard work and inconvenience to keep the archives in her house, preserving them from being discarded or otherwise destroyed. Motion passed. Anne Humphreys moved, Andrew Sawler seconded, that we send a letter of thanks to the Archives Committee for their work. Motion passed.

MEMBERS

Carol Webb has been nominated as a Lifetime Member. As provided in the By-Laws, the Club voted on this proposal and it passed. As of January 1, 2007, Carol Webb will be a Lifetime Member of BCOA.

NEW BUSINESS

The President of the Basenji Club of Canada, Lynn Arrand, presented an award of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Basenji Health Endowment to be used specifically for Fanconi research. Members applauded this generous gift.

BCOA's AKC Delegate, Jon Curby, reported on a contentious meeting of the AKC when delegates learned of AKC's entering a contract with the Petland chain of stores, whereby the store would use AKC registration as a benefit of buying a puppy through them. The delegates then present felt that they had not been sufficiently consulted and unanimously opposed the decision.

Curby also reported discussion of the decision that judges could lose their AKC license if they judge in other venues.

There being no further business, Linda Ehlers moved, Sue Joyner seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed; the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne L. Graves, Secretary