

## MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

The annual meeting of the Basenji Club of America, Inc., was held on September 19, 2008, in the Southfork Hotel, Plano, Texas. Having determined that a quorum was present, President Sally Wuornos called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

In attendance were: Officers and Board of Directors: President Wuornos; Vice-President Karla Schreiber; Treasurer Laura Hesse; Secretary Anne Graves; Directors: Lisa Auerbach, Damara Bolté, Jon Curby, Caryn Jones, Wanda Pooley and Laurie Stargell.

Members Attending: Lynn & Dennis Arrand; Holly Benton; Eva & Larry Birch; Sam Bishop; Kathryn Boyd; Jo Bradshaw; A. Tad Brooks; Charles Bruton; Connie Camp; Katie Campbell; Susan Campeau; Patricia Cembura; Rick Christensen; Terry Colbert; Jan Cook; Susan Cook; Iris Craven; Elda & Gerald Cross; Daniel & Donna DeFlorio; Linda Ehlers; Melody Falcone; Teresa Gavaletz; Pamela Geoffroy; Judi Glass; Cindy Goss; Michael & Christine Graves; Margaret Grundman; Susan Harbison; Debbie Hauri; Sherry Heath; Kay Henderson; Jacque Holdaway; S. Anne & Bill Humphreys; Cynthia Jacobucci; Julie Jones; Sylvia Jordan; Susan Joyner; Janice Kahl; Janet Ketz; Carole Kirk; Sue Kite; Marianne Klinkowski; Mary Langula; Cherry Lawson; Julie Leicht; Jo Ann Linebaugh; Jane Lodge; Sheila Lund; Lisa Marshall; Patricia Marshall; Randee & Steve Mathers; Chris Maxka; Fran Medley; Kem Muckleroy; Barbara & Dennis Narehood; Tari Parish; Brad Phifer; Brenda Phillips; Mary Quinnett; Bethany Redo-Rahm; Cindy Russell; Stella Sapios; Andrew Sawler; Karlene Schoonover; Katherine Scott; Peggy Shifflet; Linda Daves Siekert; Sherry Stevens; Linda Stilwell; Parry Tallmadge; Jo Thompson; Joe & Cathy Tomey; Sandra Tucker; Carol & James Webb; Susan Wilcox; CarolAnn & Don Worsham; Bruce Wuornos

**Reading of the Minutes:** The minutes of the 2007 BCOA Annual Meeting were read by the Secretary; on a motion made by Carol Webb and duly seconded, they were approved as read.

**Report of Secretary:** Graves reported that despite the arrival of Hurricane Ike in Houston, Texas, on September 13, the ballots for the annual election of BCOA Officers and Board were able to be mailed on schedule September 15, with the post office's assurance that they would go into the mail that day. Jones moved that the report be accepted as submitted; motion was seconded and passed.

**Report of Treasurer:** The report of the Treasurer will be published in the next *Bulletin*.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Health Committee:** Chair Auerbach reported that Katy Scott will be co-chair of this committee. Curby reported a major step forward in the genetic testing procedures: Gary Johnson of the University of Missouri has developed a method of using cheek swabs rather than blood draws for the material to be tested. There will be no change in the test itself. The new technique is both more convenient and less expensive than having to manage/ship the blood samples.

**2009 National Specialty:** Joe Tomey, Chair of the 2009 National Specialty Committee, reported the details of the pending contract for the hotel for this specialty. The Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa, Lexington, Kentucky, offers terms comparable to those of the previous hotel, the Executive Inn, Owensboro, Kentucky, closed for sale as a different venue. He reported that the terms are actually more favorable because the Griffin Gate is a 5-star hotel with very dog-friendly policies. The dates will be August 31 – September 6, 2009. Later in the meeting he announced that there will be a Top 20 event, at no cost to BCOA.

**Website:** Connie Camp reported for Carmella Troisi-Hoerr that the club website has received thousands of visits since early August; it is a very helpful contact tool for the club.

**African Stock Program:** Linda Siekert reported that the CDs have been updated and are available.

**Election of Lifetime Member:** On a motion by Margaret Grundman and duly seconded, Sally Wallis (England) was proposed for Lifetime Membership because of her service to this club and to Basenji owners all over the world: she has constructed a database of Basenji pedigrees, encyclopedic and meticulous, which she shares freely with those who ask. Motion passed with a unanimous vote and cheers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The President announced that Carmella Troisi-Hoerr is resigning as editor of the *BCOA Roster*. Anyone who wants to volunteer for that task should submit a request and statement of qualifications to the President by 10/15/08. The President later announced the formation of the committee to revise the procedure for nominating judges at National Specialties.

## **LURE COURSING AWARDS**

The award for the 2007 ASFA top-ranking Basenji owned by a BCOA member was presented to Thor's Jukebox Hero, owned by Judy Brader.

Winning ASFA BOB at this specialty was Sinbaje Howl at City Lights, bred and owned by Linda Daves Siekert and Katy Scott.

## **UNSUNG HERO AWARD**

This award, presented to a member who works faithfully and quietly behind the scenes and helps to make things work, was presented to Peggy Shifflet.

Sue Kite reminded that Junior Showmanship classes must be divided according to age, not all in one class.

On a question by Kem Muckleroy about honoring deceased Basenjies, the President gave a fervent plea for members to come forward and use their talents. Bring your skills; give your efforts to give your time and work. Show the club what you are good at!

The parliamentarian was introduced and thanked.

On a motion by Damara Bolté, duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

## **AWARDS**

The Reveille Re-up Award for 2007, presented to the sire of the largest number of champions for that year, was presented to CH Jerlin-SS Special Forces, bred and owned by Linda Ehlers. CH Nyanga Signet Sweet William actually tied in the number of champion get, but since he had won for 2006, he graciously gave his share of the trophy to Special Forces.

The Diane Coleman trophy for most Best of Breed wins in 2007 was awarded to CH Klassic's Ms. Mata Hauri, JC, bred by Sue Kite and Jeff Gillespie, owned by Nigel daSilva and Debbie Hauri.