

**MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' OF THE BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Basenji Club of America, Inc. was held in the Legacy Room of the Southfork Hotel, Plano, Texas, on September 19, 2008. President Sally Wuornos called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m., a quorum of the officers and directors being present: Vice-President Karla Schreiber; Treasurer Laura Hesse; Secretary Anne Graves; Directors Lisa Auerbach; Damara Bolté; Jon Curby; Caryn Jones; Wanda Pooley; Laurie Stargell. Director Margaret Greenlee participated by speaker-phone. Visitors present were Tonda Curry; Brenda Phillips; Parry Tallmadge; Joe Tomey.

Minutes of the 2007 Meeting: Bolté moved that the minutes of the 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors be accepted as published. The motion was seconded and passed.

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: Hesse distributed copies of the interim report as of 9/13/08; the quarterly report of 9/30/08 will update this information. Since the decision of placing costs for balloting the Studbook Committee's submissions to the membership will be part of the 2009 budget, discussion at this time concerned the need for a CPA to count the results. The Board hopes for suggestions of a non-member CPA with reasonable fees. Pooley moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as submitted; motion was seconded and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2009 National Specialty Committee: 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. After discussion, this report enabled the vote on Ballot 2008-28, dated July 25, 2008:

BALLOT 2008 – 28

After the sale of the Executive Inn in Owensboro, Kentucky, which held our previous contract for the 2009 BCOA National Specialty, the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa in Lexington, Kentucky, has agreed to offer room rates and terms commensurate with those of the Executive Inn. The dates available are 8/31 – 9/6. There is a suitable place for lure coursing nearby.

The ballot was approved **unanimously**.

POLICY MANUAL

BALLOT 2008 – 36

Wanda Pooley, Policy Manual Chair, brought several matters for discussion which resulted in these changes to the BCOA Policy Manual:

Amendment to Ballot 2003 – 49: Up to 7 supported entries will be allowed in each of the three BCOA regions. Any additional supported entries must be requested and those requests approved by vote of the Board. Other changes to the manual excised repetitive wording in order to clarify meaning but not change it. Motion was seconded and approved **unanimously**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BALLOT 2008 – 37

Schreiber moved,

the funds received in 2008 from Pedigree Company to be used for rescue will be donated to Medfly, a public charity, for rescue of pure-bred Basenjis.

Motion was seconded and approved **unanimously**.

After noting that our current procedures for nominating judges for National Specialties make difficult the largest representation of member wishes, President Wuornos appointed a committee for researching and recommending such procedures. The committee is to submit its recommendations by 1/1/09.

Judges Nomination Committee: Karla Schreiber, Chair; Brenda Phillips; Laurie Stargell

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

BALLOT 2008 – 38

The names of the following persons were published in the August *Bulletin Board Newsletter*, along with a call for comments. No comments have been received. The Board unanimously approved them as members of BCOA.

Arlene Bacon (Canada); James & Theresa Goodin (KY); Sharon Unrau & Thomas S. Meade II (OH); Joan Crawford (CO); Joan Gormley (WA); Tammy & Timothy McQuigg

NEW BUSINESS

BALLOT 2008 – 39

Schreiber moved,

that the fee for website breeder listing be increased from \$20.00 per annum to \$25.00 per annum.

Motion was seconded and passed **unanimously**.

Pooley submitted for discussion the idea of offering the option to publish ads in the *Bulletin* on the website during the quarter for which the *Bulletin* is issued. No action was taken.

The President will announce at the Annual Meeting and via the website that the position of Editor of the *BCOA Roster* is open, to be filled by 1/1/09. Any BCOA members interested in this position should send name and qualifications to the President by 10/15/08.

Following a motion by Bolté, seconded and approved, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Graves, Secretary BCOA