

## MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

The annual meeting of the Basenji Club of America, Inc. was held in the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky, on September 4, 2009. Having determined that a quorum was present, President Sally Wuornos called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

In attendance were the following members: Toni Ackerman; Tony Adams; Dennis Arrand; Lynn Arrand; Lisa Auerbach; Patricia Beckett; Sam Bishop; Beverly Bland; Becky Blansett; Damara Bolté; Jo Bradshaw; Ellen Bramble; Kim Byrd; Kyle Cabral; Connie Camp; Katie Campbell; Susan Campeau; Kathy Caton-Eiler; Susan Coe; Susan Cook; Allison Cowie; Susan Cowie; Nancy Craigie; LeeBeth Cranmer; Jon Curby; Alice De Bellis; Michael De Bellis; Daniel DeFlorio; Donna DeFlorio; Diana Dickhausen; Gail Dluzeski; Lee Dluzeski; Robyn Dubbert; Doreen Duffin; Linda Ehlers; Maxine Elliott; Terry Fiedler; Christine Frost; Pamela Geoffroy; Carolyn Gerics; Katherine Goldman; James Goodin; Anne Graves; Midge Greenlee; Elizabeth Hall; Kelli Harmon; Janice Harrison; Bryce Hart; Lisa Hart; Julie Hartigan; Debbie Hauri; Deborah Henning; Laura Mae Hesse; Jacque Holdaway; Tim Huff; S. Anne Humphreys; Karen Hutchison; Vickie Jacobs; Caryn Jones; Sylvia Jordan; Sue Joyner; Janice Kahl; Janet Ketz; Carole Kirk; Sue Kite; Marianne Klinkowski; Carol Kuna; Suzanne La Croix; Cherry Lawson; Tracy Leonard; Jo Ann Linebaugh; Jane Lodge; Sheila Lund; Lisa Marshall; Jean Martin; Fran Medley; Annette Muentner; Barbara Narehood; Dennis Narehood; Kimberley Noyes; Bradley Phifer; Brenda Phillips; Wanda Pooley; Mary Quinnett; Bethany Redo-Rahm; Marti Reed; Jessica Ryno; Andrew Sawler; Sharron Schmidgall; Karla Schreiber; Katherine Scott; Cynthia Shattuck; Sidney Sher; Sue Sher; Jackie Sieg; Nicole Smith; Laurie Stargell; Stephen Strobel; Michael Swan; Pamela Sweeney; Cathy Tomey; Joe Tomey; Sandra Tucker; Lisa Tyler; Sharon Unrau; Denise Vertrees; Andrea Walters; Timothy Walters; Carol Webb; Jim Webb; Rita Webb; Gale Whitehurst; Joanne Wilds; Michael Work; CarolAnn Worsham; Tondalea Wtight; Sally Wuornos; Kari Wuornos-Winger; June Young.

Also in attendance was parliamentarian Martha Grise of Richmond, KY.

Vickie Jacobs moved, Sue Kite seconded, that the reading of the minutes of the 2008 annual meeting be suspended. Motion passed.

The President gave a brief report, as did the Secretary and the Treasurer.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**2010 National:** Wanda Pooley reported for Pat Bird that the 2010 National Specialty will be held September 1 – 5 in Greeley, Colorado.

**AKC Delegate:** Jon Curby reported that AKC is in real trouble with declining rates of puppy registration, which contributes to a reduction in support for shows, clout, puppy mill action, etc. They are seeking commitment from breed clubs, especially by the Registration Challenge, for which a bonus of \$1000 will be awarded the breed club that shows the highest percentage of registration of puppies. Denise Vertrees [TX] is managing our response to this challenge.

**AKC Legislation:** Vickie Jacobs warned members to watch for changes in local regulations and legislation concerning dog ownership and breeding, along with breed-specific legislation.

**Breeders' Education:** Carole Kirk reminded of the seminar at this meeting.

**ByLaws:** Karla Schreiber discussed the advantages of electronic ballots, which are used by several non-profit organizations, along with government and educational entities. Since changing to this action can be done only

with approval from AKC and would require an amendment to the By-Laws, any decision to change would be left to the incoming Board of Directors.

**Health and Research:** Lisa Auerbach gave an update on health research and on Gary Johnson's work: he is ready for the next stage of his investigation of genetic signals for Fanconi.

**National Specialty Site Selection:** Michael Work emphasized the need for suitable sites in the West Coast region; several are available in East and Central, but sites in the West Coast are difficult to find.

**Public Education Committee:** Carol Webb reported on the activities of the Public Education Committee, among them the printing of a coloring book designed to attract and educate young learners.

**Videography:** Karla Schreiber reported on the sales of National Specialty DVDs.

**Judges' Selection:** Mary K. Quinnett discussed the new procedure, designed to give the widest representation of members' wishes.

**Bulletin Editor:** Wanda Pooley gave a brief history of the publication costs of the *Bulletin*, from the earliest slim issues with few photos to the fuller ones today, including color pages and covers. She presented alternatives to covering the costs of the publication: the \$3.00 of the annual dues now given could be changed to a regular subscription process or a separate fee. Any changes will require amendment of the By-Laws.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Jon Curby reported that, in the work on Fanconi, Dr. Gary Johnson (University of Missouri) has not yet isolated the marker in the genetic material. The Health and Research Committee will be asking for money to fund Johnson's work.

Proposals for the 2013 National are now being taken; it is scheduled for the West Coast area.

## **LIFETIME MEMBER ELECTION**

Sue Joyner moved, Lisa Hart seconded, that Margaret (Peg) Grundman be voted a Lifetime Member for her years of devoted and effective service as BCOA Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously and enthusiastically.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Sue Kite discussed the feelings of some members that having the co-chairs for the National Specialty also serve as judges was inappropriate and might bring AKC criticism. In reply, the President pointed out that neither event judged was an AKC event in which a dog's standing would be affected.

By this time, the quorum had broken, thus preventing transaction of any official business.

Michael Goldman moved that the meeting adjourn; it was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Graves, Secretary

## **AWARDS**

These awards are traditionally presented after the BCOA Annual Meeting.

The Reveille Re-up Award for Stud Dog (producing most champion get for the year): CH Illusion Tech Sun JC, owners Bob and Terry Reed.

The Diane Coleman Award for the top-winning dog in all-breed shows: CH Klassic's Ms Mata Hauri, owner Debbie Hauri.