

## **Basenji Club of America 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes**

The Annual Meeting of the Basenji Club of America, Inc., was held in the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Hotel, Greeley, Colorado, on September 3, 2010. Having determined that a quorum was present, President Pam Geoffroy called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. In attendance were the following members:

Dennis Arrand, Lynn Arrand, Lisa Auerbach, Becky Blansett, Damara Bolte`, Russella Bowen-Wilkerson, Kathy Boyd, Jo Bradshaw, Ellen Regan Bramble, Kathryn Britton, Clay Bunyard, Kyle Cabral, Laura Caldwell, JaNell Canady, Pat Cembura, Stephanie Cheng-Rutherford, Rick Christensen, Susan Coe, Nancy Craigie, Elda Cross, Tom Cross, Jon Curby, Vicki Curby, Donna DeFlorio, Linda Ehlers, Kay Eldred, Nicole Freedman, Christine Frost, Teresa Gavaletz, Pam Geoffroy, Elizabeth Getty, Michael Graves, Christine Graves, Katherine Graves, Bryan Gregory, Laurie Gregory, Flo Havens, Deborah Henning, Laura Mae Hesse, Fred Hughes, Joyce Hughes, Anne Humphreys, Sharron Hurlbut, Karen Hutchison, Vickie Jacobs, James Johannes, Caryn Jones, Jackie Jones, Terry Jones, Sue Joynor, Janet Ketz, Carole Kirk, Carol Kuna, Arnieta Kurtz, Pat Kushnir, Julie Leicht, Tracy Leonard, Ken Linberg, Jane Lodge, Darlene Lowitt, Donna Lubbe, Shiela Lund, Kim McNeill, Tammy McQuigg, Jennifer Miller, Annette Muentner, Barbara Narehood, Dennis Narehood, Brenda Phillips, Marti Reed, Kristin Reed, Bob Reed, Lisa Saban, Andrew Sawler, Katie Scott, Linda Siekert, Laurie Stargell, Karen Terry, Richard Terry, Miles Tihansky, Sandy Tucker, Nancy True, Carol Webb, Rita Webb, Claire Wisch, George Woodard, Marcia Woodard, Sally Wuornos, Kari Winger, June Young and the Parliamentarian was Lola Fair. The required quorum for the meeting was met.

Motion to accept 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes as published by D. Lubbe, second R. Webb.

### **Report of the President**

Welcome to the Basenji Club of America's Annual Meeting.

We are here to celebrate the Basenji and the mission of the BCOA, which is to promote the breed through Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Coursing and importantly companionship and to protect the breed with Health Research and diversity through Health testing and Native Stock. We are trying something new this year with a Power point presentation. I would like to thank the 2010 host group for all their efforts on behalf of the BCOA I have been pretty busy these past few months as President learning all the ropes. There is a ton of work to be done and I would like to reach out to our members for some help. If you have a skill that might be useful and a little free time we could use your assistance in areas like webmaster for the web site this will be a team effort as we have so many new features, organizational skills, Chairing committees, scanning Archive items, writing skills for procedures and much more. I just want to let you know how hard Janet and Mike have worked for you. Janet has had some big shoes to fill since Anne Graves had been the Secretary for many years. Janet has taken every challenge with a positive attitude, a commitment to excel at her tasks and an incredible attention to detail.

Mike Graves your treasurer also had big shoes to fill in Laura Mae Hesse. Mike tackled this surprisingly big job with enthusiasm, efficiency and a dedication to you the members. Join me in thanking Mike. Special thanks to Lisa Auerbach and Kyle Cabral who have done a marvelous job on

converting the web site over so we may all benefit from all the new technology now available on our web site. We have a few New Items that our many volunteers have worked hours, weeks and months on for you our members. They will be presented in the New Business section of this presentation. I hope you enjoy them. If you have any suggestions, concerns, comments, ideas, projects, criticism please take the time to write it down on a slip of paper sign it or not and place it in the President's suggestion box. The box will be floating around at the show tomorrow and Sunday. Please help make this the club you want it to be.

### **Report of the Secretary**

One new affiliate club- Route 66 Basenji Club (Missouri)  
21 new members  
One membership ballot-African Stock  
51 Board of Directors ballots  
One 2013 National Specialty Proposal-West

### **Report of the Treasurer**

TOTAL ASSETS \$71,863.92 (Complete Report at the end of these minutes)

### **Reports of the Committees:**

#### **AKC Animal Legislation Committee** Vicki Jacobs, Chair

Throughout the year the American Kennel Club notifies me of all Legislation taking place all over the United States. There are a number of issues that pertain to the dog fancy. At the present time I would advise anyone interested in animal legislation go to AKC.org and visit these sections on the website:

Legislative Alerts - [http://www.akc.org/news/sections/legislative\\_alerts.cfm](http://www.akc.org/news/sections/legislative_alerts.cfm)

Government Relations - [http://www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation/index.cfm](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/index.cfm)

In the future these links will be made available on the new BCOA Site. Become proactive in your area to protect your rights as a basenji breeders.

#### **BCOA Archives Committee**

Donna DeFlorio, chair; Lisa Auerbach, technical support

What we have-

1998 - Approval to put archives online

2006 - Archives moved to Oklahoma State University for safekeeping and storage

2010 - Reviewed inventory to determine best way to move the archives online

Challenges-

Initial OSU inventory was still high-level. From that inventory, we could see the archived material fell into a few broad categories:

\*BCOA documents and history

\*BCOA publications

\*Copyrighted third party material – print and audio-visual

\*Historical material that might be out of copyright

Consisting of 35 boxes of papers, books, magazines, photos, DVDs, video tapes, and audio tapes.

Game Plan-

OSU can scan or copy material stored in physical archives. At OSU, copies are 15 cents per page, but scans \$5 per page for first 25, \$10 per page thereafter. At 15 cents per page, a box holding a thousand pages can be copied (not scanned) for \$150, but materials copied have to be retyped to put online. A year's worth of BCOA publications is estimated to average 200-400 pages at a cost of \$2000-4000.

Provide our own online portal using expertise from club volunteers.

BCOA has copies of some documents outside of OSU archives which can be scanned for the online archives. Obtain permission for copyrighted materials. Visit OSU to identify unique historical material.

You Can Help-

Locate documents and publications (especially old Bulletin Boards and Bulletins from 1968 and earlier), Scan documents for us, Help put scans together into Adobe pdf's,

Type copied documents, Proofread.

Volunteers contact Donna DeFlorio at [bcoaarchives@aol.com](mailto:bcoaarchives@aol.com)

**Breeder Education Committee** Susan Coe and Laurie Stargell, Co-Chairs

The Basenji University of the Basenji Club of America

The Basenji University offers online study about all facets of Basenjies

Courses with information online, Workbooks online, Certificates of Completion mailed to qualifiers.

The Colleges of The Basenji University-

College for Basenji Owners

College of Basenji Activities

College for Basenji Breeders

College for Basenji Judges

Web Address: <http://www.basenji.org/BasenjiU/niversityIndex.html>

Be sure to get a free bookmark to remind you of our details! Email: [BasenjiU@basenji.org](mailto:BasenjiU@basenji.org)

**Breeder Referral Committee** Sandy Beaudoin, Chair

AKC Breeder Referral is gradually falling by the wayside as more breeders use the BCOA referral listing and are also building personal web sites. I have had only 27 email inquiries this year and get about 1 phone call every two months. I do feel there is a continuing need for the listing however, as this is the way other entities such as researchers and writers find us.

**Budget Committee** Carole Kirk, Chair

Reviewed historical expenditures and income from 2006 to present. Developed projected income and expenses through end of the current year. Currently working on 2011 budget – will contact committee chairs after Nationals for their input on their individual budget needs for 2011. 2011 budget will be published in an upcoming issue of the Bulletin.

**Health and Research Committee** Lisa Auerbach and Katy Scott, co-chairs

Members: Jon Curby, Pat Fragassi, Cindy Griswold, Lisa Hart, Carrie Jones, Mia Lowbeer, Chris Maxka, Sandy Kernan McArthur, Laurie Stargell, Lisa Voss, Dr. Jo Thompson, Carol Webb.

Health pages on the BCOA website have been updated.

Latest information on research, Latest information on testing, Expanded information, Separate sections for breeders and owners where applicable, Set up in pdf file that can be downloaded and printed easily, Bookmarked to make finding information easier.

*Subcommittee to track Exocrine Pancreatic Deficiency (EPI)*

Cindy Griswold and Lisa Voss

EPI has a low incidence on Canine Phenome Project (CPP), high concern with owners. Subcommittee assignment is to identify “affecteds”, get a feel for incidence, and look for familial patterns. Encourage owners to participate in CPP and provide DNA samples.

*Subcommittee to track Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)*

Lisa Hart and Mia Lowbeer

Will work to put together good family clusters. Will encourage owners to participate in CPP and provide DNA samples. Will coordinate their work with our researchers.

*Updating Endowment health pages-* Consolidating health information and Updating outdated information.

### *Research Status*

Update from Dr. Johnson-Still working on direct test for Fanconi.

At least 4 inconsistent results (carriers that have become affected) out of 1089 carriers. Error rate relatively low but errors can occur. Still need to strip test occasionally

Research plans for Fanconi and PRA. Need to raise \$ for BHE.

### *Review of Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Grant Requests-*

Review and recommend, Provide expertise, BHE Board makes the decision on these grants.

### *Purina Partnership-*

Recommended acceptance to the Board, BCOA Board approved, Breeders who participate in Purina, if they designate BCOA, will have a percentage match go to us for health research and other charitable uses

### *Fanconi Testing-*

Now through OFA, Order online, Cheek swab only.

### *Fanconi Inconsistent Results-*

“Impossible” results, Very small number, If parentage is correct, these dogs are extremely valuable for research, Jon Curby is developing an FAQ for owners

Notify Jon, Lisa A., and Katy immediately if you have a dog with inconsistent results.

### *Going Forward-*

Review CERF statistics for changes in PPM incidence, Help update BHE documentation such as the Fanconi Test FAQ, Work with researchers, Work with Nationals committees when health seminars are given.

## **Judges Education Committee**            Marianne Klinkowski, Chair

This has been a very productive year for the committee as we have made great strides in refining the Judges Seminar presentation and handouts and have been working with design guru Susan Coe to put together an online tutorial for the breed. Committee members have presented the breed seminar across the country with presentations at the BCOA National in Kentucky, AKC Lure Coursing Championships in Texas, the Western States Dog Judging Association in California, the Carolina Dog Judges Study Group in South Carolina and the American Dog Show Judges Advanced Institute in Pennsylvania.

The breed seminar will be presented at the National in Colorado and we are already scheduled for 2011 with the Nolan River Kennel Club in Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth Judges Association, also in Texas. Sincere thanks to all the dedicated breeders who have participated by either leading the presentations or by bringing their lovely Basenjis often-great distances for the education of our future judges. Breed mentors are available for prospective judges and a complete list should be posted on the BCOA website in the near future. Please contact me for more information if you are willing to serve the breed in this capacity.

**Lure Coursing Committee** Russ Jacobs, Chair (report presented by Vicki Jacobs)

As the BCOA delegate to the American Sighthound Field Association, I attended the American Sighthound Field Association Annual Convention of Delegates in San Jose CA in March of 2010. A report on the Convention was submitted to the BCOA Bulletin.

Congratulations to all new title holders, and especially to our “top dog” Basenjis. □As always, the Committee welcomes your comments and suggestions.

**Native Stock Committee** Pamela Geoffroy, chair; Damara Bolté

Three dogs completed the process and were issued AKC registration. They are Avongara Ziki, Lukura Lema and Lukura na Liboso Mopaya.

Deadlines for the 2011 process:

December 1, 2010 applications are due.

December 31, 2010 judges' evaluations are due to the Native Stock Committee.

**Public Education Committee** Kyle Cabral

As part of the AKC's eligibility requirements to hold future dog shows, all Specialty, Group, and All-Breed dog club that does not hold a benched show must meet certain public education requirements--Meet-the-Breeds

This year we created business cards to pass out at these events

If you would like some of these business cards, please contact me at: [hapachyld@gmail.com](mailto:hapachyld@gmail.com)

In 2011 we will begin work on updating old handouts and creating new ones to be used in public education.

We welcome new thoughts and ideas for these documents. If you have thoughts and ideas, please feel free to share them with us.

We are also looking for those with artistic talents to help with illustrating some of these handouts

[Hapachyld@gmail.com](mailto:Hapachyld@gmail.com)

**Rescue** Liaison-Carrie Jones

The rescue committee has been disassembled and was replaced with a Rescue Liaison Position.

The rescue policy has been revised and is pending Board approval.

Thank you to everyone who steps forward to donate money, volunteer their time, or offer some form of support to Basenji rescue.

**Sunshine Committee** Peg Grundman, Chair

Contact: [mgrund1035@aol.com](mailto:mgrund1035@aol.com)

**Website Committee** Lisa Auerbach and Kyle Cabral, Assistant Webmasters

New system will have capabilities like login-protected areas and polling, be able to support Online Archives and Basenji University, be cost-effective, standardized and easy to maintain.

How you can help?

Can always use helpers--Technical and non-technical

Technical – any or all of HTML, Joomla, PHP, MySQL experience

Non-technical – proofread content, update message board, and more.

**Unfinished Business:**

Bulletin costs were discussed in 2009. Any additional information or discussion with/from the board of directors?

The Bulletin will stay at the same quality as it is right now.

**New Business:**

**2010 Unsung Hero Award:**

Donna DeFlorio

Congratulations! And THANK YOU!!!

**2010 National Specialty Auction Announcement**

Ballot 2010-53

Each year, BCOA will donate an amount equal to 50 % of National Specialty Auction profits (not to exceed the maximum IRS allowable donation) to the Basenji Health Endowment.

**Amateur Owner/Handler Class**

A motion was made by Donna Lubbe --the amateur owner/handler class will be required at all future BCOA affiliate club specialties, all supported entries and BCOA national specialties. Motion passed.

**National Specialty Lure Coursing**

This motion was made by Tracy Leonard—All future BCOA national specialties will offer AKC lure coursing, if coursing is to be offered.

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Laura Mae Hesse—The 2011 National Specialty is exempt from the requirement to hold AKC lure coursing at BCOA national specialties. (Discussion included information from 2011 host members that the 2011 coursing event is already well along in the planning process.) Motion passed.

**Announcements:**

Damara Botle` was voted for lifetime Membership at the 2010 BOD Mtg. Ballot 2010-55

Marsha Woodward received the Dog writers Assoc of America Award for her breed column in the AKC Gazette

Motion to adjourn was made by Damara Bolte`, second by Carol Webb. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Ketz, 2010 BCOA Secretary



