BCOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Basenji Club of America, Inc. was called to order at 4 pm on July 13, 2012 at the Eisenhower Hotel, Gettysburg, PA by President Carrie Jones, with Secretary Janet Ketz present. The required Quorum (67) was met.
The following Members were present: Tony Ackerman, Dennis Arrand, Lynn Arrand, Lisa Auerbach, Christopher Battistelli, Sandy Beaudoin, Sam Bishop, Becky Blansett, Damara Bole, Kimberly Brown, Kyle Cabral, Connie Camp, Katie Campbell, Susan Campeau, Stephanie Cheng-Rutherford, Susan Coe, Terry Colbert, LeeBeth Cranmer, Iris Craven, Elda Cross, Tom Cross, Jon Curby, Doris Daniels, Alice DeBellis, Michael DeBellis, Donna DeFlorio, Jacelyn Dering, Gail Dluzeski, Maxine Elliott, Terry Fielder, Nicole Freedman, Rob Freedman, Teresa Gavaletz, Pamela Geoffroy, Laura Gilchrist, Anne Graves, Christine Graves, Mike Graves, Midge Greenlee, Bryan Gregory, Laurie Gregory, Holly Hamilton, Kelli Harmon, Janice Harrison, Julie Hartigan, Laura Mae Hesse, Cindy Horan, James Johannes, Jane Johnson, Jarod Johnson, Julie Jones, Sylvia Jordan, Sue Joyner, Jan Kahl, Marianne Klinkowski, Suzanne LaCroix, Felicia Lang, Dixon Lee, Therese Leimback, Jane Lodge, Shelia Lund, Elizabeth Lundell, Jean Martin, Tammy McQuigg, Jennifer Miller, Shelby Miller, Barbara Narehood, Dennis Narehood, Kim Noel, Brad Phifer, Brenda Phillips, Wanda Pooley, Veronica Predale, Bethany Redo-Rahm, Bob Reed, Lisa Bauer Saban, Kathy Sanders, Andrew Sawler, Katherine Scott, Cynthia Shattuck, Sid Sher, Linda Siekert, Kirsten Sigirist, Jeffery Slonaker, Scotti Slonaker, Laurie Stargell, Andrea Stone, Joe Toney, Sharon Unrau, Gretchen Van Alstyne, Andrea Walters, Carol Webb, Elizabeth White, Nancy Wilson, Ronald Wilson, Kelly Wisch, George Woodard, Marcia Woodard, CarolAnn Worsham, Mike Work, Bruce Wuornos, Sally Wuornos, Celestino Zapata and Parliamentarian - John Tatum.
The September 23, 2011 Annual Meeting minutes of the BCOA were approved as published.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President's Report
We have received positive feedback by using the Power Point format, initiated in 2010, and are continuing in that tradition.

Recognition and Thanks
2012 Membership Ballots: Lure Coursing, Native Stock for Studbook Inclusion, Studbook Extension

Call for Volunteerism
Controlling the Board of Directors

Secretary's Report
National Specialty Proposal for 2015 was submitted and BOD approved for Gettysburg, PA. Eisenhower Hotel October 2015. Lisa Auerbach will chair the event. A big “Thanks You” to LeeBeth Cranmer, Lisa Auerbach and the Mid-Atlantic Club for Hosting the
2012 National Specialty and for volunteering to do it all again in 2015!
14 New Member Applications thru June 2012. 73 BOD Ballots to July 1, 2012
3 Membership Ballots to July 1, 2012- Lure Coursing at Nat Spec, African Stock Dogs and Studbook Extension. Kimberly Brown for all of the Tallies
2 additional Membership Ballots possible. (BY-Laws and 2013 Election of Officers) Thanks to Kimberly Brown for all of the Tallies. Membership Total for 2012 US and Foreign is 535.

New Committee-
Volunteer Coordinator Chair Heather Ervin heather@echelonbasenjis.com
Volunteer Coordinator will:
Solicit volunteers via 1) online media (Facebook, email lists, surveys), 2) club publications (BCOA website, Bulletin & Bulletin Board) 3) at the request of committee chairs and/or BOD.
Keep in contact with all committee chairs re: their needs and any new volunteers. Volunteers wanting a specific position would be put in contact with the appropriate chair.
Maintain database of volunteers (including all current volunteers, their positions, etc.)
The volunteer coordinator could also be utilized by National/regional specialty groups.
If you are interested in being a volunteer or if your committee needs additional volunteers please contact Heather. And Thanks to all of our volunteers!-
I am available to help anyone anytime just drop me an e-mail at jlketz@aol.com or call at 815-325-5908.

Treasurer’s Report
Dec 31, 2011 Balance Sheet

ASSETS
Current Assets
Checking/Savings
Chase Bank-Checking 3,766.73
Chase Bank-Savings
African Stock Project 1,768.41
Archive Maintenance 111.51
Contingency Fund 44,633.36
Public Education Program 247.42
National Specialty Reserve 583.93
Rescue Fund 13,231.75
Total Chase Bank-Savings 60,576.38
Total Checking/Savings 64,343.11
Other Current Assets
Petty Cash - Bulletin Board 250.00
Total Other Current Assets 250.00
Total Current Assets 64,593.11
Fixed Assets
Equipment
Club Projector 472.49
Total Equipment 472.49
Total Fixed Assets 472.49
Other Assets
National Specialty Advance
National Specialty Advance-2012 7,670.00
Total National Specialty Advance 7,670.00
Total Other Assets 7,670.00
TOTAL ASSETS 72,735.60
LIABILITIES & EQUITY
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## Treasurer Profit and Loss – December 31, 2011

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### Committee Reports

**African Stock Project** - Presented by James Johannes

Co-chair James Johannes has reported the ASP website has been updated July 2012. The 2012 ASP CD will be available on August 1, 2012. Visit the shop page at basenji.org to order your copy. Cost is $11USD

Co-chair Linda Sickert reports - as with years past, very little new information has been forthcoming. We can only update information we are provided.

**Animal Legislation Committee** - Chair Vickie Jacobs

It seems that there is always something happening with Animal Advisory in every state and this year is no different. As the alerts come in I am sending them to your secretary and she is notifying the board of all inclusive legislation. All other notices are sent out to the Regional Directors of ASFA to send on to everyone in their region.

If you would like to be notified of any legislation in your area just send me you name and state and I will put you on the list.
Breeder Referral Committee-Sandy Beaudoin, Chairman
There has been a large uptick in referral requests since last year. Two reasons come to mind. The economy is improving and/or our social network endeavor is being felt. The numbers below speak for themselves.

- 2010 - 17
- 2011 - 36
- 2012 - 76!!!

Remember, I track numbers from Specialty to Specialty since that is the only time this committee really reports, so this has been a "short" year to boot. Phone inquiries remain at 7 to 10 per year, which has not changed much in the last 3 years.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR WEB SITES UPDATED AND FRESH! I KNOW OF AT LEAST ONE SALE THAT WAS MADE PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF AN UP-TO-DATE AND INFORMATIONAL WEB SITE.**

Breeders Education Committee -Susan Coe and Laurie Stargell
Breeder Education has been working in three areas this year.

1. The BEC helped the 2012 National Specialty group with the ABC of Dog Breeding seminar, which just took place. We would be happy to help out other National groups planning educational seminars. Please contact either of us if you think the Committee could help.
2. The Basenji University continues to develop with new quizzes, new courses and updates. If you have people inquiring about the breed or buying a new puppy, the College for Basenji Owners is a good internet source of information for you to recommend. There are several new self-graded quizzes for the Owners Guide and there will be more added as we continue to grow. The Basenji Timeline has had some new items uploaded as well during the year. A few additional books are now included in “Books to Read”.
In the College of Basenji Activities the agility, obedience and rally courses are now online. An interesting article about flyball with basenjis is available too. Work is progressing on the additional courses such as breed handling and coursing.
The College for Breeders has a new item entitled “Basenji Breeders Answer the Question: What advice do you have for a new basenji breeder getting started?” Reprinted from “The Basenji” Meet The Breeder interviews.
A voice-over for the Judges Education Seminar came online in December in the College for Basenji Judges. It makes the slides easier to follow and understand. Also the new article Suggestion for Judging Procedures offers strategies for examining basenjis in the show ring.
If you have suggestions for the Basenji U, contact either Laurie or Susan.
3. The newest BEC project is the Basenji Measurement Survey.
The Survey is designed as a learning tool not only for the owners and fanciers of today but for those in the future as well. Results of measurements of height, weight, and length of dogs (with no names of owners or dogs) will be collated and presented as a Bulletin article so everyone can see the breed trends for themselves.
The first Measuring Station is set up just outside the ring entrance...look for our banner. The Station can be repeated in additional years so a broader view of the entire USA basenji population can be obtained.

Breed Standard-Damara Bolte’, Co-chair; Midge Greenlee, Co-chair; Andrew Sawler, Trainee

The Breed Standard Committee has had a quiet first half of the year, during which time no matters arose that dealt with the breed standard. We look forward to working with the newly-formed Illustrated Standard Committee as it develops a full-color illustrated standard booklet to replace the black and white “Review of the Basenji Standard” that was prepared by BCOA in 1991.

By-Laws And Corporate Documents Committee Midge Greenlee-Chairman, Wanda Pooley, Karla Schreiber

**OVERVIEW:** Created to have all the By-laws, policies, procedures, instructions, and forms under one umbrella.

- BENEFITS:
  - Organized system.
  - Continuity of language
  - Assures that when change occurs in the operation of the club, related documents are updated.
  - Revisions to these documents are balloted, either by the Board or the general membership.

**IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS:**
- CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
- BCOA POLICY MANUAL
WHAT'S BEING REVIEWED:
• ALL club documents that affect policy, procedures, standing committees, and publications.

BCOA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
• AKC recommends each club review its By-laws every 5 years.
• Last revised in 2007

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS:
• By-laws & Corporate Documents Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board
• Board reviews amendments.
• Approved amendments are sent to AKC for preliminary approval.
• Members vote on the approved amendments.
• Amendments approved by the Membership are sent to AKC for their final approval.
• All approved amendments are effective when final approval is received from AKC
New 2012 Constitution & By-Laws are posted on the BCOA website.

WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING RECOMMENDED:

HIGHLIGHTS:
• GLOBAL CHANGE: updated the entire By-laws language to a more contemporary format of word usage. Reformatted some Sections to an outline format to make them easier to read.
• ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP
• Defined a “Member in Good Standing”
• Clarified the four member types.
• Made this a BCOA policy.
• No change to the current circulation of club publications to its members.
• DUES - defined a cap on dues. Does NOT increase the dues. This amendment just defines the highest level.
• ARTICLE II - MEETINGS
• Most significant change adds how motions are permanently recorded that are made at Annual General Meetings.
• Further describes the quorum at annual Board meetings. This is not a change. It just clarifies attendance via electronic means.
• ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS
• Moved publishing of internal Club financial reports to the members-only Bulletin Newsletter.
• ARTICLE IV - THE CLUB YEAR, VOTING NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS
• Biggest change adds an option to use E-Balloting for general member voting.
• Uses a secure e-ballotting service.
• Easy and fast voting.
• Saves money for the members.
• Less paper - we go GREEN!
• Non-Internet members will still receive a paper ballot.
• ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES
• Defines how committee chairs and committee members are appointed.
• ARTICLE VI - DISCIPLINE
• Amended to describe how disciplinary charges are handled.
• Changed word ‘HEARING’ to ‘INVESTIGATION’ - which is really what happens.
• Added a time frame for the INVESTIGATION to conclude.
• ARTICLE VII - EXPENDITURES - No changes
• ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS
• Revised to include option of E-Balloting amendment added in ARTICLE IV.
• ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION - No changes
• ARTICLE X - ORDER OF BUSINESS - No changes
• ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY - No changes

Fund-Raising Committee—Chairperson—Sue Campeau, Sharron Schmidgall
Projects:
• Phase I Tee-shirts, hoodies with the BCOA logo screen-printed on them and polo shirts and caps with the logo embroidered on them.
• Challenges—getting the logo camera ready. We need someone that can clean up the lines on the logo and put stripes on the brindles and white feet on some of the dogs that do not have white feet. We do not have the original of the logo, which was done only in black and white by Carlos Jimenez. In 2008, Carmella, as webmaster, digitally added the colors as we know them. We have permission from Carlos to use the logo as long as it is not changed significantly and it retains his signature.
• Once the logo is finished, the apparel will be available within 3 weeks. They will be listed on the website.

Projects:
Volunteers Needed
• We also need artists to donate artwork and help with the BCOA logo.
• As we increase our sales, we will need extra volunteers to help store and mail the orders.
• If you have any other ideas, please let me know. Jackets? Throws?

Logo – old and revised on next 2 slides

Health and Research Committee
Updated Committee Description
• Purpose: The BCOA Health and Research Committee supports the club and membership in their efforts to encourage Basenji health research and its applications to improve Basenji health.
• Responsibilities: BCOA Health and Research Committee members should have an interest in Basenji health and health research. A science or research background is not required, although it can be very helpful. Members come from a variety of backgrounds, bringing a variety of strengths to the group.
• Members are expected to participate on the yahoo group, which is the committee’s main method of communication, and to be actively involved in the committee.
• Committee activities will be regularly reported to the membership via reports in BCOA publications and on the website. All BCOA members are encouraged to share their ideas and questions about canine health and research with any member of the committee. Committee members often help with functions such as DNA blood draws, eye clinics, educational speakers, and other functions at regional and national specialties.

Current HRC members
• Kirsten Sigrist (Co-Chair): Previously HRC chair/co-chair, involved with basenjis since 1991 and bred one litter. Biomedical researcher involved with the generation of genetically modified mice for research for 20 years. Lives in Medway, MA.
• Kristen Marshall (Co-chair): Long time basenji breeder and previous HRC member. Kristen is a veterinarian. Lives in Fairfax, VA.
• Stan Carter: Basenji breeder involved with basenjis since 1968, previous HRC chair, previous BOD member, and veterinarian. Stan went to the Congo in 1988 to find native dogs. In 1992 he suggested that we approach Dr. Gary Johnson about the possibility of developing a genetic marker test for Fanconi and gathered many of the first blood samples used in the research that produced the test. Lives in MO.
• Lisa Hart: Long time breeder and has been involved in basenjis since 1982. She has been a member of the HRC for several years. Lisa has been a BSN, RN since 1984 and is currently enrolled in a graduate program studying Environmental and Occupational Health Research. Lives in North Bend, WA.
• Susan Harbison: Has owned Basenjis for 16 years and bred one litter. Is a principal investigator for the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in the area of systems genetics, which includes the association of whole-genome sequence with complex traits. Lives in Rockville, MD.
• Mia Lowbeer: Been in the breed 52 years, bred her first litter in 1966. Founded the Swedish Basenji Society in 1977 and has served as president for 14 years. Member of the breeding committee, responsible for health issues and wrote, together with Henriette Folke, the Breed Specific Breeding strategies for Basenjis in Sweden. Have been working together with ophthalmologist Berit Wallin Hakansson on the Basenji retinopathy issue in Sweden.
Recent activity

Updated Committee Description
- Communicated with Dr. Johnson about initial issues with the new direct DNA Fanconi test and forwarded the cause and resolution to the BOD and the membership.
- Updated the text to the Fanconi FAQ and other affected web pages to reflect the new test.
- Reviewed CHF research proposals and recommended BCOA CHF funds be used to support: 1480 Leptospirosis: A Forgotten Disease in Dogs

Future Direction
- Work to promote retesting of all basenjis with the new Fanconi test.
- Encourage BCOA members to participate in the Canine Phenome Project http://www.caninephenome.org/
- Provide information and support for the BOD and BHE as needed.
- Work to identify and address health issues within the breed.

Internet Security - Lisa Corell Auerbach
Internet Security works to help protect the security of the BCOA website, and to keep backups and software so that, if there is ever a problem with the site, it can be successfully restored.
The BCOA website is installed in compliance with recommended Joomla security measures, and receives regular backups, including database backups.
The BCOA website currently has 244 registered users, of whom 200 have logged in at least once. Logins can be requested from webmaster@basenji.org
We hope to upgrade the software for the site in the next year, to a newer version of the same software. By running parallel, we should be able to switch over with minimal downtime.

Judges Education Committee - Marianne Klinkowski, Chair
The Judges Education Committee presented judging seminars in December, 2011 in Orlando, FL and in Portland, OR in January, 2012. Many thanks to everyone involved in helping to make these seminars a resounding success! Our next scheduled presentation will be held at the National on Saturday, July 14, following the conclusion of bitch judging. Sweeps BOB and BOS as well as all first place winners in the regular and non-regular conformation classes are invited to the hands-on portion of the seminar. Owners and handlers please let me know if you will be able to attend.
The mentors program is going very well and we still have openings for qualified mentors. Applications may be found on the BCOA website or see me this weekend and I will have some available.
Our slide show is still a work-in-progress and we again invite the submission of clear photos which demonstrate excellence in breed type.
The AKC has tightened the requirements for ringside mentoring for judges and will now only give credit for formal mentoring sessions held in conjunction with national or regional specialties. If any of our local clubs would like to offer ringside mentoring at their annual specialties, please let me know and I can get the word out to interested judges.

Judges Selection Process Committee - Kim Noyes-Chair, Sheila Lund, Jean Martin
Stage 1 of the Judges Selection Process was completed June 15. We are in the process of verifying eligibility of those nominated and will post the final list of Judges from Stage 1 in the July and August Bulletin Boards as well as on the BCOA website.

Junior Liaison
Sharon Unrau plans to provide multiple resources to prospective and current Jr Showmanship participants and their families. This will include welcome/info packets, referrals to BCOA members with successful experiences in the breed, quarterly reports by Liaison and Jr members, Jr’s newsletter and school/portfolio letters for juniors.
Junior Showmanship Tallier

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Lure Coursing Committee--Russ Jacobs-Chairman, Karla Schreiber, Judy Lange
1. As the BCOA delegate to the American Sighthound Field Association, I attended the American Sighthound Field Association Annual Convention of Delegates in Cary, North Carolina, in March of 2012. A report on the Convention was submitted and published earlier.
2. ASFA Statistics for 2011: 160 Basenjis competed in ASFA Field Trials in 2011, earning the following titles: 11 Field Championships, 1 Lure Courser of Merit, 1 LCM 2, and 1 Veteran Field Champion for a total of 14 titles. The #1 ASFA Lure Coursing Basenji for 2011 was Searsha, GCh DC N’Focus Santa Baby, LCM, SC, GRC, CGC, VB, owned by Kathy Sanders.
3. AKC statistics for 2011: Basenjis entered in AKC field trials earned the following titles: 28 Junior Coursers, 30 Senior Coursers, 6 Master Coursers, 26 Field Champions, two LCX and 1 LCX2, for a total of 93 titles. The #1 AKC Lure Coursing Basenji for 2011 was FC Ntomba Mosika SC. (Many thanks to Pam Geoffroy for compiling statistics for the committee.)

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

Membership Ballot Tallier--Kimberly Brown
- 3 Ballots thus far in 2012
  o Lure coursing ballot 2012-01
  o National Host club to decide which type of LC event to run
  o African Stock ballot 2012-02
  o All 4 dogs approved
  o Studbook Extension 2012-03
  o Extension approved until 2020
- Make sure you ballot is valid and follow these few rules.
  o Put your vote in the small envelope marked ballot or ballot ballot
  o Single members must vote in the single member designated section not in the household section
  o Do not put your initials or make annotations/comments on your ballot.
  o Make sure your envelope is post-marked by the specified date in the voting instructions

Obedience Tallier Report Katy Scott, Chairman
The obedience committee is currently reviewing various ranking systems in order to determine which system(s) would be most beneficial to the BCOA in compiling a yearly ranking of basenjis that compete in the AKC companion sports of Obedience and Rally. Reports for the year 2011 will be available by the end of 2012.
The expectation is that the reports for 2012 will be available in the first half of 2013. I cordially invite any BCOA member interested in sharing views on rankings for AKC Obedience and Rally dogs to write to me at katheris@email.arizona.edu.
Native Stock Committee—Co-Chairs—Pamela Geoffroy, Damara Bolte
Members: Susan Coe, Andrew Sawler, Linda Sicker
Damara Bolte Reporting
The Native Stock Committee submitted ten dogs to the BCOA board for consideration. The 2012 BCOA board approved four of these ten dogs to move forward to be voted on in membership ballot 2012-02.
Avongara Akua, Avongara Makala, Avongara Naziki and Avongara Nilli were all imported from the same area of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
These applicants were approved with a 254 in favor and 30 not in favor from 284 valid ballots. So these four dogs met the 2/3rds of the voting membership approval to be sent on to AKC for registration
These dogs are currently in the process of being registered by the AKC.
The 2012 BCOA board has provided the Native Stock Committee with some suggestions for changes to the procedures in submitting native stock. The Committee is in the process of reviewing these suggestions and is accepting suggestions from the membership, evaluators, importers, owners and the committee itself.

Performance Events Committee
Performance Events Committee (incepted 2011)
Who:
• Cindy Griswold & Suzanne La Croix, co-chairs
• Kim O’Neill, Dolores Brigham, Susan Marsicano, members
• Thank you to Brenda Phillips for her years of committee service
What:
• Administrate the Versatile Basenji Program; support members &
• other committees on performance event matters
Versatile Basenji Program To-date
33 Versatile Basenjis (VB)
• Including TWO 2012 awards:
  BIF GCH DC Meisterhaus Neon Nights SC GRC (Tempest) owned by Joe Stewart & Tad Brooks
  and
  FC Maximillian RA SC AX AXJ (Max) owned by Alyce Sumita and Glenn Fukuma
8 Versatile Basenji Excellent (VBX)
15 Master Versatile Basenji (MVB)
Versatile Basenji Program News
• Teacup Agility advanced titles will now count toward VBX & MVB
• UKC’s GCH title now accepted as a Qualifying Title
• Need dogs’ call names for updated “Hall of Fame” Honor Roll
We value members’ input:
• Please email any member of the committee with questions or suggestions
Thank you
Farewell & Hail
• Thank you to Brenda Phillips for her years of service on this committee. Welcome to Susan Marsicano, our newest committee member. Not only does Susan have many versatile basenjis, she has spent the last 10 years artfully producing the Versatile Basenji award certificates!

2012 Versatile Basenjis
• During the first half of 2012, TWO new versatile basenjis were recognized. Congratulations to BIF GCH DC Meisterhaus Neon Nights SC GRC (Tempest) owned by Joe Stewart & Tad Brooks and to FC Maximillian RA SC AX AXJ (Max) owned by Alyce Sumita and Glenn Fukuma!
Program Changes
• The committee has reviewed the following Versatile Basenji Program Categories and made changes as noted:

Agility:
• Teacup Dogs Agility Association titles were reviewed at the request of a club member. The advanced agility titles of this organization will now be accepted for credit as intermediate and advanced performance titles in line with the advanced agility titles offered by AKC, USADAA and NADAC. These titles will be listed in the revised award application grid.

Conformation:
• UKC’s Grand Champion Title will now be accepted as a Qualifying Title and will be listed in the revised award application grid.
• AKC’s Grand Champion Title, like the AKC Champion Title, will also be listed as a Qualifying Title in the revised application grid.

Additional K9 Work
• UKC’s Weight Pulling Titles were reviewed at the request of a club member. It was decided that these titles will remain in the category “Additional K9 Work.” Weight pulling titles will continue to be accepted as Qualifying Titles but will not be credited as intermediate or advanced performance titles.

Additional K9 Sports
• Flyball titles will remain in the category “Additional K9 Sports.” Flyball titles will continue to be accepted as Qualifying Titles but will not be credited as intermediate or advanced performance titles.
• Freestyle obedience/dance titles will remain in the category “Additional K9 Sports.” Freestyle titles will continue to be accepted as Qualifying Titles but will not be credited as intermediate or advanced performance titles. The committee has also noted that only titles earned at a live performance competition would be accepted.

Versatile Basenji Program
• The committee is currently reviewing the Versatile Basenji Program to identify ways to further accommodate the increasing number of venues in which competitors can be active with their dogs.

Calling All Dogs!
• Please help us update our “Hall of Fame” Honor List. We need your dog’s call name!! And while you’re at it, email us an updated list of titles for your dog and a photo of your versatile basenji in action! Please send your information to lacroix@animalink.com.

Best of luck in the rings!

Rescue Liaison--Carrie Jones

2012 rescue reimbursements in the amount of $2,620.00 have been paid to reduce some of the financial burden to BRAT (Basenji Rescue and Transport) for a second group of rescues from Wimauma, Florida.

Rescue Funds balance: $10,615.88
The rescue policy was updated in early 2012 and a change was made to allow the Board the opportunity to pay rescue organizations directly rather than work side-by-side because after using this policy for several years, there were instances when making direct donations would have been simpler and more timely for all involved.

Public Education Committee--Chair(s): Lisa Voss and Brad Pfiifer

Committee Members: Kyle Cabral, Lisa Marshall, Jo Thompson, Andrea Steel-Walters, Therese Leimback, Keath Rhymer, Katie Campbell, Laura Pond, Susan Campeau, and Clay Bunyard.

Purpose:
• Offer educational information to the public encouraging responsible Basenji ownership and purchase through ethical breeders
• Educate the public about the responsibilities of owning the breed and the benefits of owning a purebred Basenji
• Promote BCOA sponsored resources and encourage participation in AKC events, programs, and breed registration

Recently Completed Activities
In March 2012 the BCOA Public Outreach Committee and the BCOA Public Education Committee were combined into the one committee.
mittee

Added five committee members

Voted to approve two ads promoting BCOA as a resource to potential Basenji Fanciers to be published in Dog Fancy, and DOGS USA.
  o The Dog Fancy ad will run for 14 months beginning in August 2012
  o The DOGS USA ad will be published in October 2012
  o Total cost is $974

Updated Public Education Committee Charter
Obtained Public Education Coordinator packet from AKC.

Current Activities
Gathering information on the educational activities of other parent clubs. Will use the information to shape future BCOA Public Education efforts
Working to recruit liaisons from the regional breed clubs to offer educational resources at a regional/local level
Coordinating with members of the Rip Van Winkle Basenji Club to take part in the AKC Meet the Breeds event at the Javis Center in October 2012. Chris Maxka will work with the BCOA Public Education Committee to represent BCOA – Thanks Chris!

Future Activities
Update the educational documents on the BCOA site and the LEARN site
Network with BCOA Social Media Manager to provide content on for Facebook page
Create new educational resources that place BCOA as a leader amongst AKC Parent Club Public Education Committees
Want to volunteer?
Contact Brad Phifer at 317 408 8018 or bradley@bradleypifer.com

Social Media Committee---Clay Bunyard, Chair

- facebook.com/basenji.org
- Primary focus - create engaging and informative content to support BCOA outreach & public education efforts
- How’s it going?
- Significant number of fans are non-BCOA members
- Audience is growing (+16% fans past 30 days) and interacting with the page
- Several breeder inquiries since late April

If you are on Facebook
- Please like the page
- Share the page with your friends
- Interact and share content with the page

If you are part of an affiliate club
- Share your club activities with the Social Media Committee (or the BCOA Facebook page) so we can cross-promote and connect the greater basenji community to local activities and contacts
- Build a club page if you don’t already have one

If you are a breeder…
- Consider building a page for your breeding program
- Easy way to connect and share information with “puppy people”
- Easy to maintain
- Bonus: If you are on the BCOA Breeder Referral, you can get more exposure via the BCOA Facebook page (coming soon)
People love basenji pictures! Share yours and help us engage the public.

Questions or suggestions?
Contact Clay Bunyard at wisenji@gmail.com

Sunshine Committee
Hello Members and Guests,
The report January-June 2012 is as follows:
Cards were sent to the following persons: Sterling Family, Van Alstyne, Webb, Sher, Jacobs, Graves
Medallions were mailed to: Cranmer, Quinnett
Total current expenses: $22.68.
Good luck to you all. Peg Grundman

Other Committee Reports—Reports not presented will appear in the 4th Quarter Bulletin Magazine.

Unfinished Business
No unfinished Business was reported.

New Business
Unsung Hero Award
Sandy Tucker, T'zn Basenjis submitted by Lisa Marshall

The Equivalent of a Lifetime of Selfless “Behind the Scenes” Work For BCOA
I am delighted to nominate Sandra “Sandy” Tucker of Rockford, Illinois for the BCOA Unsung Hero Award. Sandy joined BCOA in 1976 so that makes 36 active years in our national breed club, always working behind the scenes and never looking for the spotlight! Of all the jobs associated with a national specialty, the trophies are one of the most intense there is. Sandy has volunteered for the “behind the scenes” trophy work at more than a few national specialties from 1996 right up to 2011. She never wants to be trophy chair, but she eagerly takes on the responsibility of making sure each day’s trophies and ribbons are laid out and ready early each morning – and by ready I mean ready for the show ring, ready for the coursing field, ready for any event. It is an incredible amount of work that needs a person who has great organizational skills, physical strength, and an attention to detail surpassed by none. In doing so, Sandy is the right arm of her trophy chairs over the years who counted on her to have it done - and done right - every day.
At the 2011 BCOA national specialty, Sandy not only worked the trophy table from set up each night to handing them out all day long until the last dog was out of the ring, but she also mentored our trophy chair who was a newcomer to national specialties and the huge job that is trophies and ribbons.
No matter what or who needs help, just about every national will find Sandy pitching in behind the scenes to help out whether it is taking banquet tickets, setting up a coursing fence, helping with hospitality and making coffee, or just cleaning up anywhere it is needed. The one thing about Sandy is that she gives her all, but steadfastly remains happily behind the scenes, not caring if anyone knows she is back there working.
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Congratulations Sandy Tucker!

J Johannes – Motion: The Board’s role for applications submitted for Native Stock to be considered for registration will be to review the administrative process and ensure applications are complete. The Board can include a recommendation to the membership to accept or deny an application. Applications which are complete will be presented to the membership for their vote.

President: Current Club Documents put the decision with the BOD, so the motion to change that process is out of order. To present business items for Board action, a written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20 members (see the Board Business petition process in the By-Laws) shall be voted on by the BOD within six weeks of the date petition is received by the Secretary. The
African Stock Committee-Pam Geoffroy/Damara Bolte' are currently looking at the process for possible changes and are accepting member suggestions and input.

J. Curby – Motion: Any changes, other than those generally considered housekeeping, to the approval process for including new native dogs into the AKC registry be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote of the BCOA membership.
Motion passed.
The next Annual General Membership Meeting will be held July 12-17, 2013 in Auburn, Washington. Without objection the meeting was adjourned.

Due to an omission by the Secretary, the annual meeting was re-opened on Sat, July 14, 2013 for one motion: the Lifetime Membership of Anne Graves. Motion passed. Thank you Anne for your lifelong dedication to basenjis and BCOA! Meeting adjourned with no objections.

Submitted,
Janet Ketz, Secretary

Post Meeting Awards:

The Reveille Re-Up Award for Stud Dog (producing most champion get for the year)
Ch Sonbar's Seventh Son of Djakomba with 7 Champion between Jan 01 and Dec 31, 2011.

The Diane Coleman Award for the top-winning dog in all-breed shows.
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