

BCOA Board Meeting

9/24/14

Meeting called to order by President Curby at 8:40 am at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO.

Members Present: Jon Curby, Pam Geoffroy, Linda Siekert, Janet Ketz, Kim Brown, Bryan Gregory, Karen Hutchison, Suzanne LaCroix, Michael Work in attendance with Lisa Auerbach and Jackie Jones by phone.

Guests present: Denise Vertrees, Carole Kirk and Sharron Schmidgall.

BCOA hosted/sponsored lure trials – as was done two years ago as an agility trial... Ohio members want to talk about it at the annual meeting – let's work through it for 2015; ask Becky Blansett to come up with a protocol since they did it before.

H&R Committee -Per Lisa Hart – apply to BHE for funds to print up new health info; nice to put into booklet form.

AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards - we didn't know any of the people except for Conformation, so sent in a vote for Bivens. **BALLOT 2014-46.**

BRAT Donation -will we sponsor their convention next year? Sponsor their luncheon, or Dr. Gonto presentation; Curby – maybe have BHE sponsor this instead of BCOA – sponsor Dr. Gonto – Ketz will get more info and bring it up at October meeting. Consider having our Rescue Liaison develop criteria for who we can “recommend” in breed rescue (501(c)(3), active, limit to basenji only. We still have the BCOA rescue fund (approx. \$6900K in it)

Breeder/Kennel Name Project - Carole Kirk – As part of our history, can we put together a list of breeder/kennel names; Carole will manage the project, Linda Siekert wants to work on it with her – will use Sally Wallis' pedigree database; start with American & UK & Canada kennels then go to other countries – maybe get some of the foreign members to help out too.

Website – is home page truly friendly? Gets some novice folks to give us feedback on it...

BCOA History - Carole Kirk spoke to the board. BCOA made AKC history with bringing in the African imports; create a video record of the original two Africa trips featuring Jon, Stan, Mike, Damara, etc. before we lose this resource. Start with the original interviews and articles (incl. Breed All About It) to develop a list a questions to circulate to principal characters. Maybe find a university student; publicize to members to find help; Mike, etc, can send any articles already done to Suzanne to file as resources for this project; Jon may know a student who can work on this.

Membership Ballot Updates - Current member ballots Native Stock Changes and Versatile Basenji Program are planned to be counted on Oct 10/11.

National Specialty – Issues with finding host groups, among other updates needed has prompted the board to redo/update the guidelines to allow any region to put in for any year so we don't run into this problem of no host group every round, go to a four year advance notice (because sites like Purina book that far in advance), going to every other year at Purina Farms and then one east, one west... or use Roberts Center in OH, but if neutral site is MO and OH, then how does that affect WI/TX clubs? Jackie Jones – to create a specific committee to revise the National Specialty guidelines – remove the roving national requirement, remove weekend requirement, set up a nationals treasurer, have a regional locations list, in years of no submissions, have a backup plan that kicks in (a minimal specialty)...Jon – good idea for a committee, include people that

were recent specialty chairs to review those guidelines. Jon would like a Special Committee to work to revise the National Specialty Guidelines. He will add this topic to new business at the Annual Membership meeting. Jackie Jones, National Specialty Oversight Committee chair will ask for volunteers in the October BB to find people to assist with this work.

AKC Delegate Report:

Katie Campbell – AKC Delegate – goes to all the meetings, really enjoys the networking opp. Has APHIS contact – Julien who thought the following might be a good idea. New APHIS legislation has 4 intact bitch rule with exception for “working” dogs – dog with proof of breeding program (e.g. our African Stock project). Katie wants to work for getting an exception for those breeders with (1/4 or better) would receive a BCOA certificate to have on file in case of inspection. The ASE catalogs can be a starting point... This may fall under Pam’s NS committee – a single bitch exemption; member would submit evidence to BCOA that they have a bitch with ¼ Af blood that is “eligible” to be bred and receive a letter that this individual is a “working” bitch and would be exempt from your APHIS intact female exemption. Our communications to members needs to be very clear that we are not doing this to “exclude domestics” – per Linda: exemptions are not generally available for domestic stock, however, there seems to be a loophole here we can take advantage of and glean an exemption for the Africans. Digression to discuss the current APHIS regulation that was passed – Jon recommends – have the APHIS person consult with us on the topic of creating an exemption.

AKC Disaster Relief Trailers - we are one of the few parent clubs that have not donated to the “AKC trailer project” which provides for dogs during community disasters. Katie recommended that we draw these funds from the clubs’ “Rescue” funds... You can give to the “General Fund” or for \$1000 you can put your clubs’ emblem on a trailer. Hutchison made a motion to donate \$1000 from rescue funds, Brown seconded the motion. Approved Unanimous. **BALLOT 2014-47.**

Donations to AKC PAC. Group cannot donate, but can club remind members to donate? Yes – the board will support a reminder at the annual meeting. Katie can solicit PAC donations outside the Annual Meeting.

Blood drives - Basenjis have one of the largest blood banks (some 5000 samples from all over the world) and Jon has talked with Dr. Johnson (who is 70ish) about donating the samples to OFA at some time in the future... Our records are better than OFAs... Our health committee should promote collecting contemporary samples – Katie proposed that we do a blood draw every five years at nationals...(requires a small staff of techs to draw the blood and transport it appropriately)...

Dock and crop policy - dewclaw removal is being included. Do we need to change our standard, “Dewclaws are usually removed.” Most bod immediately said, what we have in the standard is fine. Just FYI – more basenji breeders today, than 5 years ago, are leaving their dewclaws on. Need to educate our fancy that if exporting dogs, may currently be affected by other countries’ rules that require dewclaws be left. Mia should write up an article explaining. Some bod members said that we should maintain the option to remove/not remove for as long as we can.

CHIC - tests for last 10 years... If you do all the requisite tests, you get a # - it doesn’t mean that your dog PASSED any of the tests... Jon: it is more important that you are making that information public. Katie, “A CHIC number speaks more to breeder transparency than it does to the health of the dog.” CHIC is a good thing.

It was reported last year that AKC thinks that BCOA is soooo tech savvy. AKC has approached BCOA to be part of a prototype template that is like Judges Ed at nationals, and they will be filming here at Nationals 2014 – will be a very alpha release at this point...”about judging the breed” that other breeds can use in their own judges’ education.

2014 Meet The Breeds at Orlando - Kim Brown & Carole Kirk have submitted paperwork that they are doing it and are talking to folks that did it last year, etc. Kim – hasn’t seen any paperwork regarding the Westminster Meet the Breeds yet but is planning on participating there as well...

2017 National Specialty– Club can act as the event coordinator, just need to find a chair, if lots of people will help as they did this year. Guest -Katie from Purina Events Center –

OPTION: Ibizan specialty leads into the 3Rivers show Sept 11 – 16 with all-breed show on Sat/Sun, and we’d get 2 free days Thur/Fri, could lure course the Sunday before... This is now our FIRST option! J. Curby will talk to Katie Campbell and Ibizans to find out if they will share!

OPTION: share with Bearded Collie folks Oct 2-8, 2017. J Curby would contact them today and see if they will share. There should be a separate lure field by 2017 (so wouldn’t have to run after herding dogs were on the field.

Purina Katie penciled us in for 2020 at Purina Farms, after the all-breed cluster, so same dates as this year (2014)

Also penciled us in for 2019, after the cluster, so same dates as this year (2014)

These dates will give our club another option while we figure out what members’ want and in cased no regional proposal should come in for those years. We can hold those dates without a signed contract (\$) until another club challenges the date...

Motion to adjourn, Brown, second Siekert. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted,
Janet Ketz