

President Curby called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Members present: Curby, Ketz, Geoffroy, Vertrees, Brown, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones (by phone), La Croix, Work and Guests - Katie Campbell, AKC Delegate and Laure Mae Hesse, recently elected 2016 BCOA Treasurer.

Results of Election of Officers/Board 2016 were circulated.

A motion by Geoffroy with a second was approved for the National Specialty Eastern Region proposal received for the 2018 National Specialty. The proposal was submitted by Suzanne La Croix. She will be the Specialty Chair. The event will be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan during the week of October 15 - 21, 2018. The show will be held in the Harvey E. Kern Community Pavilion, <http://www.frankenmuthcity.com/facility-reservations/kern-pavilion>; the host hotel will be the Bavarian Inn Lodge, <http://www.bavarianinn.com> (BCOA Ballot 2015-34)

Due to the lack of a proposal for the 2017 National Specialty, (due in April of 2014 and extended with no proposals received as of this date), the 2014 Board of Directors reserved Purina Farms Sept 9-15, 2017 for the event. There are currently no volunteers to host the Specialty. If the management of the National Specialty falls on the Officers/Board due to a lack of volunteers, the board needs to limit the amount of additional work it takes on to manage the event. With a motion by J. Jones, and a second, the board approves the following: If no group or individuals make a proposal for a national specialty when it falls to their geographic rotation, then the board will host it in that region, but will decrease the events to only those that are mandatory and to only those additional events which the board chooses to offer. (BCOA Ballot 2015-35)

#### AKC Delegate Report

Our AKC Delegate, Katie Campbell reported that our \$1000 donation for the AKC Disaster Trailer Project is still available. She suggests 2 options.

1. Katie has been successful in setting up a trailer in the Seattle area. She is willing to help anyone interested in raising the \$12,000 required to have a trailer for any area that is in need. 2. Our \$1000 could be directed at a trailer already in the fund raising stage.

Katie would like to encourage and assist, if anyone is interested in starting a trailer project. She will send information for the BB Newsletter and give appropriate time for anyone interested in investigating a project. If no one steps forward, she can assist in designating our \$1000 to a trailer already in the works.

Katie also discussed the *Bred with Heart* Program from AKC. The annual fee is \$25. It is a stepping stone on the way to the AKC *Breeder of Merit* Program. She noted an AKC kennel audit is possible within 5 years. More information is available at the AKC website.

Health & Research Committee member Laurie Stargell spoke to the board in favor of supporting a new Research Proposal from Dr. Gary Johnson, University of Missouri - College of Veterinary Medicine Columbia, MO. With input from the Health & Research Committee, the board plans to work with Dr. Johnson on both parts of the proposal. With a motion by Hutchison and a second, the BCOA board approves and supports the use of the MassARRAY equipment and also supports the investigation of the mapping of the basenji Genome following acceptance of a satisfactory research proposal from Dr. Johnson. The funds for these projects would come from the Basenji Health Endowment and the BHE Board will ballot the funding. (BCOA Ballot 2105-36)

The original proposal, from Dr. Johnson, is included in the Annual Membership Meeting Minutes in the November BB Newsletter and is available by contacting [jlketz@aol.com](mailto:jlketz@aol.com) or 815-325-5908.

Next annual board meeting is planned for the week of August 10-14, Longview, WA.  
Motion to adjourn by Brown and second, motion passed. Adjourned at 6:40

Submitted by Janet Ketz, BCOA Secretary