

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 11, 2018, October

President Bryan Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:06 EST at Lions Club meeting room, Kern Pavilion, Frankenmuth, MI.

Members present: Lynn Arrand, Dennis Arrand, Damara Bolte`, Carolyn Boutchyard, Betty Jo Bradshaw, Kathy Britton, Kim Bryd, Katie Campbell, Mary Ellen Chaffin, Stephanie Cheng, Brenda Cassell, Terry Colbert, Nancy Craigie, Jon CURby, Tonda Curry, Terry Fielder, Chris Frost, pam Geoffroy, Jeff Gillespie, Bryan Gregory, Laurie Gregory, Kelli Harmon, Julie Hartigan, Laura Mae Hesse, Tim Huff, Joyce Hughes, Fred Hughes, S. Anne Humphreys, Karen Hutchison, James Johannes, DanielleJohnston, Sylvia Jordan, M. Susan Joyner, Janet Ketz, Carole Kirk, Sue Kite, Marianne Klinkowski, Suzanne La Croix, Jane Lodge, Shelia Lund, Jean Martin, Susan McCord-Ledbury, Sara McMurrey, Annette Muentner, Barb Narehood, Dennis Narehood, Laura Owen, William Patrick, Brenda Phillips, Veronic Predale, Bethany Redo-Rahm, Kathy Sanders, Stella Sapios, Andrew Sawler, Sharron Schmidgall, Scotti Slonaker, Jeffery Slonaker, Laurie Stargell, Andrea Stone, Karen Terry, Richard Terry, Sandy Tucker, Carol Webb, Rita Webb, Michael Work, Cecelia Wozniak and Jr Member Brooke Baker. Guests: Karen Weaver, Louise Marsden, Jolene Krohn and Cherie Reitzel along with Parliamentarian Steven Britton. Quorum was 52. There were 64 members present.

2017 Meeting Minutes were published in the September 2017 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments or corrections were received. A motion by Sharron Schmidgall and a second were made to accept as published. Motion passed.

President's Report: Thanks to all for coming. Bryan noted that committees do the work of the club and encouraged all members to volunteer for a committee. Interested members should contact President, Bryan Gregory.

Treasurer's Report: 3rd Qtr financial information will be published in an upcoming BB. The club has again lost money in 2018. Increase in Dues (if passed) will help with operating expenses/losses.

Secretary's Report: Two membership ballots are out for consideration with the membership. Judge Selection and Bylaws Revisions. The results will be reported in upcoming BB Newsletters.

Committee Reports:

AKC Delegate: Katie Campbell noted she is available to all members for info or help with any AKC issues or problems. She noted that AKC is in good shape financially at this time. She discussed the Disqualification (DQ) rules, noting that any dog seeking reinstatement will have had to be microchipped before the DQ occurred. She shared an experience from a recent conformation show where a judge put 2 basenjis on the table at one time. She felt strongly enough about this practice that she spoke up during the event. She encourages all members to talk with local clubs on this and she has discussed this with AKC Representatives.

Publishing Committee:

Mary Ellen Chaffin noted 2019 will be her last year to manage the Publishing of the BCOA Bulletin, Roster and Bulletin Board Newsletter. Publications can always use volunteers and if anyone has interest in helping out contact Mary Ellen. She included a hand out as part of her report. It will be included in the BB Newsletter.

Health & Research: President Gregory noted that current H&R Chair Katy Scott will be stepping down from the committee. Many Thanks to Katy for her service! Anyone interested in volunteering for the committee should contact Bryan. A medical background would be useful for the position. Jon Curby reported on the status of the Genome project in a recent BB. Dr Johnson is continuing his work and will share updates, as available in 2019. Jon hopes to invite Dr. Johnson to an upcoming Nat Spec to speak on the project.

Judges Education: Marianne Klinkowski noted there will be Judge Education Workshop tomorrow, all are welcome. There will be Judges Education at the Orlando weekend in December. If any member has items that could be added to the Judge Ed Workshop Power point presentation, they can send them along to Marianne. Member Suzanne La Croix (exhibitor) shared that she will talk with provisional judges after an event to see if they would like to discuss basenjis or are interested in more information. Marianne noted that we are always in need of BCOA Judge mentors. Contact her for more information on the program.

2018 National Specialty: Suzanne La Croix Thanked all for coming. Noted upcoming events for the week.

2020 National Specialty: Mesquite Texas. Brenda Cassell talked about the site and local area. The need for visitors to support the host hotel and enjoy the amenities and comradery that staying at a host hotel, (Hampton Inn & Suites) offers exhibitors and members. She encourages everyone to plan to visit Mesquite, Texas in October 2020. More information will be available, as it becomes available, in the BB Newsletters.

2021 National Specialty: Eastern Region. A group of BCOA Members is considering a proposal in the Tennessee area. No official information at this time.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Member Jo Bradshaw discussed offering a "class" for our senior exhibitors to be able to get into the ring with their basenjis for some competition. Discussion noted AKC rules on age discrimination, options for Fun classes, or special attractions. Jo made a motion to add this "class" for exhibitors to our National Specialty events with a second. The motion passed. President Gregory noted

that this idea will need to be investigated by the National Specialty Advisory Committee, so they can supply guidelines based on AKC rules and options.

2018 National Specialty: Brenda Phillips Thanked Chair, Suzanne la Croix and her committee for all the hard work on this years Nat Spec. Everyone was in agreement with the Thank You.

With no further business, a motion by Suzanne La Croix and a second were made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Submitted by Janet Ketz BCOA Secretary