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MAY '84 URGENT MEMO

FROM A RED-FACED CHRIS OLSEN:

Due to a 'Chris'puter error in tallying nominations for the 1986 National Specialty judges, Sandy Bridges' name was omitted from your ballot. She was legally nominated for Sweepstakes Judge and may be written in on your official ballot. If you have already returned your ballot and wish to change your vote, you may send me a signed letter to that effect. Votes and letters will be accepted through May 25, due to this oversight.

Apologetically,
Chris Olsen
Gould Farm
Monterey, MA 01245

LETTERS

Dear Penny,

A couple of things - first of all, it has been pointed out to me by several people (and I have noticed as well) that my name is consistently spelled wrong in the Bulletin Board. The correct spelling is JIMENEZ. I know it's easy to get wrong because many people do - still, I'd appreciate it if you could correct it. Thanks!

(the second part of Barbara's letter is an answer to The Forum)

Keep up the good (and I'm sure hard) work...

Best regards,
Barbara Jimenez

EDITOR'S NOTE: My sincere apologies, Barbara - I do know how frustrating it is to have your name continually misspelled. As a matter of fact, if you ask my 4 year old to tell you his last name - he spells it! (He is used to my response of "I N A N, just like 'in' and 'an'!")

B.C.O.A. BUSINESS

BALLOT NO. 21 - March 15, 1984 - PASSED

SUBJECT: 1987 SITE/JUDGE SELECTION CHAIRPERSON, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested for the appointment of Barbara Jimenez as Site/Judge Selection Chairperson for the 1987 National Specialty.

APPROVE: Camp, Curby, Dye, Hauri, Hendren, Kelley*, Mankey, Russell, Zaretsky

ABSTAIN: Jimenez

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte

*Kelley Comment: Heartily approve - excellent choice.

BALLOT NO. 22 - March 15, 1984 - PASSED

SUBJECT: NOMINATING COMMITTEE, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested for the appointment of Lucretia Dye of Ohio as Chairperson, and Catherine Cant of Maryland and Jeanette Gill of California as committee members of the Nominating Committee for the next election; with John Loukota of Illinois and Bill Putscher of Texas as alternates.

APPROVE: Camp, Curby, Hauri, Hendren, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell, Zaretsky

ABSTAIN: Dye

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte

BALLOT NO. 23 - March 15, 1984 - PASSED

SUBJECT: NATIONAL SPECIALTY ASSISTANT TREASURER GUIDELINES, circulated at the request of President Camp

Your approval is requested for the appointment of Don Murphie as Chairperson, and Norm Wallace and Peg Grundman as committee members to formulate proposed guidelines for the Assistant Treasurer for the National Specialty.

APPROVE: Camp, Curby, Dye, Hauri, Hendren, Kelley*, Mankey, Russell, Zaretsky

ABSTAIN: Jimenez**

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte

*Kelley Comment: Guidelines that are much needed.

**Jimenez Comment: I feel this committee should be made up of people who have worked on previous national specialties - I know Peg has, but what about the others?

BALLOT No. 24 - March 15, 1984 - PASSED

SUBJECT: BUDGET COMMITTEE, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested for the appointment of Russell Hendren as Chairperson, and Jon Curby, Loretta Kelley, and Sandra Bridges as committee members, to prepare a recommended budget plan for the 1984 Club year. BCOA Treasurer Debbie Hauri will be an ex-officio member of this committee.

APPROVE: Camp, Curby, Dye, Hauri, Hendren, Jimenez, Mankey, Russell, Zaretsky

ABSTAIN: Kelley

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte

BALLOT NO. 25 - March 15, 1984 - PASSED

SUBJECT: BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Your approval is requested for the appointment of Melody Russell and Forrest Dye as members of the Bylaws Committee. (Una Gigous has already been appointed Chairperson.)

APPROVE: Camp, Curby, Dye, Hauri, Hendren, Jimenez, Mankey, Russell, Zaretsky

ABSTAIN: Kelley*

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte

*Kelley Comment: Didn't realize we were going to go through the agony of changing the Bylaws. What areas are planned for revision?

BALLOT NO. 26 - March 15, 1984 - PASSED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS, circulated in accordance with the Bylaws.

The following persons have applied for membership in the BCOA and their names, along with a request for comments, have been published in the February, 1984 BCOA Newsletter. No comments have been received by the Secretary. Your approval is requested to accept them as members.

1. Rogue and Maria Castro of Miami, FLA. 2. Wesley W. Wagner of San Jose, CA. 3. O. Jeffrey White of Tucson, AZ

APPROVE: Camp, Curby, Dye, Hauri, Hendren, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell, Zaretsky

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte

BALLOT NO. 27 - April 5, 1984 - PASSED

SUBJECT: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested for the establishment of a BCOA Ways and Means Committee, consisting of a member from each region, with Russell Hendren as Chairperson.

APPROVE: Bolte, Camp, Curby, Dye, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell, Zaretsky*

ABSTAIN: Hendren

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Hauri

*Zaretsky Comment: It's about time, we should have done it years ago. Now, how about setting up a BCOA foundation to fund these guys who are doing research into Basenji diseases, so that we can do something besides just talk about our problems.

Here's YOUR chance to win a . . .

DREAM TRIP to CRUFTS 1985



Includes: Round trip air fare for one person (apex-coach economy) from the international airport in the continental U. S. A. most convenient to the winner's home.

Transportation to and from London's Heathrow Airport.

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Returned checks ineligible to win.

CRUFTS 1985 TRIP

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Phone number (____) _____

(Photocopy for extra chances.)

BALLOT NO. 28 - April 5, 1984 - PASSED

SUBJECT: BASENJI SLIDE SHOW, circulated at the request of President Camp.

You are requested to approve the script and slides in the AKC slide program on the Basenji. Any change, addition, or substitution of either the slides or the script will require prior BCOA Board approval.

COMMENT: The slide program was not mailed to Board Members Polte, Curby, Dye, and Hauri, who viewed the program in New York in February.

APPROVE: Polte, Dye, Hendren*, Jimenez*, Mankey, Russell*, Zaretsky

DISAPPROVE: Camp*, Kelley*

ABSTAIN: Curby*

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Hauri

*Hendren Comment:

I appreciate all the time and effort Jon Coe put into making up the slide program. He deserves appreciation from all the BCOA members. However, since he was very specific requiring all photos to be of Basenjis without people, I was very surprised to find a photo of dogs running free accompanied by his wife included in the presentation!

*Jimenez Comment:

Excellent, with the exception of the voice-over which I assume is not the final version.

*Russell Comment:

Slide 10 - should say "Congo Basin", not "Congo Basenji". Slide 26 - I think 'A' should say "Very well. While looking at these slides, I would like to emphasize that you should keep your attention on the area of the dog that is being discussed at the moment, and not let your concentration be diverted to other parts of the dog."

*Camp Comment:

I am voting no for two reasons. The recording for the slide program was amateurish and detracted from the rest of the program. The recording was unacceptable and should be re-accomplished. It reflects a rush to complete the program even if it means sacrificing quality. On 21 March '84, I wrote AKC to advise them that I could not give them permission to show the slide program in conjunction with the Chicago show 31 March '84, & 1 April '84. I reminded them that BCOA approval/disapproval of the slide program was a BCOA function and that approval/disapproval action was still in progress. The program should not have been shown at Chicago without prior Board approval. I had intended to vote for approval until I heard about the showing in Chicago.

*Kelley Comment:

Thanks Jon Coe for volunteering to be the "go-for" for the BCOA to AKC on this project. Also thanks to Susan and all the Akusba Basenjis who volunteered to be stars in this show. The slide show is okay...it probably won't help much, but neither will it do much harm. However, as a Basenji breeder and BCOA Board member I would be embarrassed to have this slide shown to anyone, because: 1) "A picture is worth a thousand words." Over and over and over a slide shows an entire dog while the narrative struggles to rivet the viewer's attention to one part of the dog. The narrative is speaking to a good point in the dog, but with the whole dog visible the viewer doesn't focus on the good point. Quite frequently the remainder of the dog is a glowing example of a bad point(s), which the viewer is distracted by. This slide presentation would be a thousand times better if the slide had been taken or could be cropped to show only the specific good or bad point being spoken to in the narrative. On this one area I could nit pick over half the slides to be changed. 2) The audio portion is awful, it sounds as if AKC had two fifth graders reading the script for the first time! Couldn't AKC get some better narrators. 3) Slide 94, page 12 of script - are we, Basenji breeders, confused about the colors of the tri? No, tris are black, tan and white. The last sentence with Slide 94, suddenly says "red" instead of tan. 4) Slide 10 - script mentions 3 countries, but there are 4 Basenjis shown on map. 5) Slide 76, page 10 of script - show only rear of dog, say from shoulders back. After all page 4 of the script speaks of "hackney" as inefficient and fatiguing and an action unacceptable in Basenjis. 6) Slide 50a, b, & c, page 7 of script - surely there must be an example of small ears someplace. 7) Slide 55a & b, page 8 of the script - slide and narrative should be deleted unless illusion caused by other markings are illustrated. 8) Slide 72a & b, page 10 of script - awful slide! The background in the slide is too dark to see topline of dark color dog before or after. Absolutely useless slide to illustrate narrative. 9) Slide 51, page 8 of script - terrible slide! The bite is not visible at all. A slide taken straight on to the mouth would illustrate the bite. 10) And on and on! My most loved slide - the puppy smelling the flower.

*Curby Comment:

We should not vote on this ballot until all Board comments can be reviewed and considered by the Committee and the Board.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

In accordance with BCOA Bylaws, if any member wishes, he may send comments on any applicant to the Secretary of the BCOA. Applicants are listed with their two sponsors.

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Robert W. Hampton

Karen K. Adams & Jason
944 Palmilla Dr.
Modesto, CA 95356
Harry Bagnell
Gerene Bagnell

NATIONAL SPECIALTY NOTE FROM VICKI CURBY:

We need for everyone to stay at the Ramada Inn on the night before the specialty because they will decrease the amount of the big room for each sleeping room we use. I cannot imagine anything more convenient than walking out of one's motel room and into the show ring. I only regret that I live so close and cannot do that! Also, we're selling t-shirts, with the national specialty logo, for \$7.00.

EDITOR'S APOLOGY:

I humbly ask your forgiveness for the unbelievable lateness of last month's issue, and the repeat lateness of this month's! I can only plead that old saw "I bin sick!" My yearly asthma arrived concurrently with a cold and a case of the stomach flu, so I'm only just now able to raise my head and yodel - instead of the bark that goes with the asthma. I must offer another apology I appear to have lost the current Junior Tally sent to me by Francis Bercher. I'm so sorry, Francis - you have been so faithful and so timely, I can't believe that I can be so stupid as to lose your tally. Please forgive me, if you can, and send another. I promise sincerely that it will never happen again (see above excuse).

WAYS \$ MEANS

*PEANNY
Penny
(P.S. THE FORUM will return in July - spare problems again!)*

The BCOA Ways and Means Committee was established at my suggestion, after serving as the Budget Chairman for 1984. The BCOA is in very sad financial shape and it will take a collective effort on the part of all BCOA members to balance the 1984 budget, and put the club on sound financial footing for the future. Now is the time for all the membership to become involved in raising funds. If you wait for another year, many will be asking - what happened?

At the present time the BCOA is facing almost a \$1,000.00 deficit. Unlike the government, the BCOA cannot print more money or borrow on future income, to meet expenses. For the past several years, the BCOA savings account has been used to supplement the necessary funds to run the club, and as you can imagine, it is getting smaller and smaller. This cannot continue! The savings account has gone from \$6,075.78 in 1980, to \$1,379.00 in 1984.

The BCONC has generously offered to share the profit, in fact donate, all profit over expenses, to the BCOA Ways and Means Committee from their 1985 Specialty fund raising effort. Mrs. Elspet Ford, of Taysenji Basenjis in England, has generously offered to give board, room, and transportation to one person attending the prestigious 1985 "Crufts All-Breed Dog Show" in London. The BCONC is offering the round-trip airline ticket. The ticket chances are being raffled for a \$10 donation and surely anyone in dogs will be interested in winning this fabulous and free all-expense paid trip of a lifetime. The drawing will be held in October of 1984, so the winner will have plenty of time to arrange for the trip.

All BCOA members may support this fund raiser by acquiring a raffle chance, or better yet, get one chance a month. Anyone may make copies of the flyer, take them to local all-breed club meetings, dog shows, training classes, etc., for distribution. For anyone acquiring ten donations on this free trip, he/she will receive one raffle chance free for themselves, if the 10 filled-out flyers come in one envelope. Now is your opportunity to support the BCOA and at the same time increase your chance to win this exciting holiday in England.

Anyone interested in serving on their regional Ways and Means Committee and making a contribution to the Club may contact me. We need workers, creative ideas, and supportive attitudes. We need YOU!

Russell Hendren
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