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The following was forwarded to me by Loretta Kelley - hopefully some of you out there will be interested in responding:

"Dear Miss Kelley,

Pure-Bred Dogs/American Kennel Gazette has expressed interest in an article on a new element of Basenji history that I stumbled onto while researching my doctoral dissertation. I located your name and

address in the 1981 edition of Successful Dog Show Exhibiting by Anna Katherine Nicholas. I hope that you can do me a big favor. First, I should give you a brief outline of the article.

In an excerpt from Christopher Columbus's journals of his second trip to the new world and his first landing on Jamaica I found a reference to "small dogs alcos (untranslatable) which never barked". The core question is how could Basenjis have greeted Columbus in Jamaics in the late 16th century if they were confined to Africa until well into the 20th century? (I have good reason to believe the dogs Columbus described were Basenjis) and based on some historical research that I've done in the last two years I have come upon two likely explanations. The truth may never be known due to the lack of physical evidence and

written evidence corroborating Columbus. But I decided Basenji owners and enthusiasts should at least be informed of the question, and I wrote a letter to the Gazette.

To complete the story I need two favors of you. First I need a copy of the original American Basenji breed book written in the 1930's or 40's, (this has been harder to locate than Columbus's journals). I don't even know the author's name - Verondica Tudor-Williams? I have given up. Would appreciate photo-

copies of the section of that book that deals with breed history.

Just as important to the story, I need some official reaction of Basenji people to this new bit of history. I don't own one myself - we have a horse, a Dachshund, and a Belgian Tervuren puppy - but have been fascinated with them for a long time. My feeling is that Basenji owners, accustomed to the beauty and mystique of their dogs, won't be too surprised.

Please help me find that old breed book and call or write with your reaction. I'd like to hear from you even if you're no longer an officer.

Sincerely, Kathy Harris 327 Jockey Club Drive Athens, GA 30605 (404) 353-6443

REQUEST FROM THE SECRETARY:

Lately I have had to return several applications to people asking them to return it with the proper amount. The reason for this is that the application they are given has not been updated as regards the membership Please make the necessary changes on your supply of applications before you hand them out to potenmembers. The current membership fee is \$12.00 per individual, and \$18.50 for a family membership of Juniors remain at \$5.00 and \$1.00. Thank you - by doing this you will help the process move along fee. tial members. two. more expeditiously.

Melody Russell - Secretary, BCOA

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B.C.O.A. BUSINESS

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

Bryan L. Gregory 517 N. 85th Seattle, WA 98103 Melody Russell Sheila Smith Don & Jean Kaufman *Leigh Thompson 4300 42nd Way Sarasota, FL 33580 Margaret Grundman Jimmie Phillips Joel & Becky Lanclos PO Box 116 Leonville, LA 70551 Jean Phillips Margaret Grundman Jane Lodge 17801 New Hampshire Ave. Ashton, MD 20861 Mrs. J. H. Symington Damara Bolte

BALLOT NO. 20 - January 23, 1985 - PASSED SUBJECT: NEW WAYS & MEANS CHAIRPERSON, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested for the appointment of Gerene Bagnell of California to replace Russell Hendren as Chairperson of the Ways & Means Committee. Comment: Russell Hendren suggested her as his replacement. APPROVE: Coe, DeWhitt, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte

BALLOT NO. 21 - January 23, 1985 - PASSED SUBJECT: 1986NATIONAL SPECIALTY TREASURER, Circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested for the appointment of Marilyn Beach of Seattle, WA as 1986 National Specialty Treasurer.

APPROVE: Coe, DeWhitt, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell NO. RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte

BALLOT NO. 22- January 23, 1985 - PASSED SUBJECT: 1985 NATIONAL SPECIALTY CHAIRPERSON, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested for the appointment of Susan Peters of Middleburg, VA as specialty Chairperson of the 1985 BCOA National Specialty.

APPROVE: Coe, DeWhitt, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell
NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte

BALLOT NO. 23 - February 4, 1985 - PASSED SUBJECT: 1985 BUDGET, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested to adopt the enclosed 1985 budget.

APPROVE: Bolte, Coe, DeWhitt, Grundman, Hewes*, Hendren, Jimenez**, Kelley, Mankey DISAPPROVE: Russell***

*Hewes Comment: Are we not supporting health and research this year?

**Jimenez Comment: A big thank you to all who gave of their time, effort and money to help put the BCOA back on its feet.

***Russell Comment: I don't think \$1,000 should go to the Central Ways & Means account. I think it should go back into the account from which the front money came.

BALLOT NO. 24 - February 4, 1985 - PROPOSALS 1 & 3 CHOSEN SUBJECT: 1987 BCOA NATIONAL SPECIALTY SITE PROPOSALS, circulated at the request of President Camp.

You are requested to vote for what you consider to be the two best proposals for the site of the 1987 BCOA National Specialty. Comment: Barbara Jimenez, 1987 site/judge chairperson has noted that proposals 1 and 2 conflict with affiliated club specialties. (Proposals enclosed.)

*Bolte Comment: Wish there was a better choice of dates. My help teaches school. Hate to conflict with regional specialties.
***Hendren Comment: If proposals conflict with affiliat: Tubs they should not be included for a vote if we are indeed to have a national. Why should members have to choose which show to attend/support?

***Mankey Comment: These dates should be cleared with Mrs. Woodcock BEFORE this goes to the Board for vote. That is why the Board has appointed her to that position.

****Hewes Comment: I feel I should abstain since I am connected with one of the proposals.

*****Coe Comment: I voted for only one site because the other two sites conflict with affiliated club specialties. Our national should bring our members together rather than bringing conflict and bad feeling.

****Russell Comment: I can't vote for any specialty that would conflict with an affiliated club's specialty. BCOA should be supportive of their affiliated clubs - not in conflict with them!

BALLOT NO. 25 - February 13, 1985 - PASSED, EXCEPT FOR JILL DYBUS 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 January, 1985 BCOA Newsletter. A comment has been received by the Secretary regarding Jill Dybus, as follows: "Regarding new member applicant, Jill Dybus, whose name appears in the January Bulletin Board: In November the check of the applicant was returned to her because it was not the correct amount and a note asking her to resubmit a check in the correct amount accompanied this. I received no answer, so on December 19, 1984 sent a follow-up letter reminding her to please send her check so we could process her application. No dues have been received as of this date (2/3/85)."

(signed) Margaret Grundman, Treasurer. No other comments have been received regarding any other applicants. Your approval is requested to accept them as members.

Janet & Arlen Schibig of Milpitas, CA

J. W. & Ann Patterson of Tuscaloos, AL 3. Robert A. Barkan of New York, NY

4. Jill Dybus of Des Plaines, IL
5. Stella Sapios of Santa Barbara, (
6. Karen Sims-Bundy of San Jose, CA

APPROVE: Bolte, Coe*, Grundman**, Hewes***, Jimenez****, Kelley*****, Mankey*****, Russell***** DISAPPROVE DYBUS: Coe, Grundman, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell NO RECORD OF VOTE: DeWhitt, Hendren

*Coe Comment: Approve except disapprove #4, Jill Dybus.

**Grundman Comment: Approve all, except disapprove Jill Dybus.
***Hewes Comment: All but Jill Dybus whose application is not complete.

correct amount.

*******Russell Comment: Except Dybus.

BALLOT NO. 26 - February 22, 1985 - PASSED

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

Your approval is requested for the following to be appointed as the Nominating Committee for the next annual election: Marti Reed of Colorado as Chairperson, Ted Hagemoser of Ohio and Diane Laue of Texas as committee members, and Scott Henderson of Louisiana and June Young of California as alternates. APPROVE: Coe, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte, DeWhitt

BALLOT NO. 27 - February 22, 1985 - PASSED

SUBJECT: TALLIER FOR ANNUAL ELECTION BALLOTS, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested to appoint H. K. Sam McKee of Alaska, a Certified Public Accountant, as the official tallier of the annual election results. He is not charging a fee for this service. APPROVE: Coe, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte, DeWhitt

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JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

(Submitted by BCOA Junior Showmanship Chairman, Francis Bercher)

With the March issue of the AKC Gazette, we now have the final tally of Junior Handler wins for 1984. The Top Junior Handler is determined by the number of competitors defeated during the calendar year by each Junior Handler showing a Basenji. While being awarded Best Junior Handler at a show is an honor, and we try to make note in this column of each such award, this win is not counted toward the final tally since not every show offers this award even though they offer the Junior Handling Classes. Here then are the results for 198h:

Junior Handler	# Defeated in 1984	Junior Handler	# Defeated in 1984
Maurine Atkinson	8	Charlotte Larsen	37
Anna August	6	Lori Perkowski	9
Karyl Bailey	47	Christopher Pate	8
Susan Channell	16	Elizabeth Pleiman	2
Alyssa Coe	73	Jennifer Shafer	5
Kelly Diehl	í	Carl Siegle	33
Chris Funchess	8	Amy Stephenson	. 8
Brett Doty Garner	49	Crystal Thomson	2
Tara Kay Harris	16	Karin Ann Weaver	5
Jenny Hobbs	22	Susanne Wilson	19
Shannon Hurley	7	Kari Wournos	138
Kim Lange	195	Mikki Youngbauer	31
Kristin Lange	20/1		-

The Besenji Club of America's Top Junior Handler for 1984 is Kristin Lange of Kent, Washington. Congratulations to Kristin on having defeated 204 competitors in the Junior ring during 1984, and being named Best Junior Handler at 5 all-breed shows.

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