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JULY 1985

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

(Submitted by Junior Showmanship Chairman for the BCOA, Francis Bercher)

CORRECTION: Due to an oversight on my part, and some incorrect information published by the Gazette, I concluded that the Junior Handler with the most wins in 1984 was Kristin Lange; however, after a lot of double checking by myself and some wonderful cooperation from the Lange family, it has been ascertained that the Top Junior for 1984 was KIM LANGE with 220 competitors defeated. Sister Kris was runner-up with 197 competitors defeated. My apologies for the error, but as Kim and Kris' mother, Judy, so aptly put it, "As a family, we can't lose either way!" Again, congratulations to Kim, and sister Kris.

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Sept. 1 to Oct. 15, 1985 is the nomination period for site & judge selection for the 1988 BCOA National Specialty. PROPOSALS FOR SITES SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Date - The Specialty should take place between July 1 and November 30.
3. Independent or as classes within an all-breed show.
4. Facilities - i.e. indoor/outdoor, air-conditioned, tents, equipment, etc.
5. Accommodations - hotels/motels, camping & hook-ups, restaurants, airline accessibility.
6. Host Group - individuals (at least 5) or affiliated club willing to assume responsibility.
7. Name of person living in or near proposed site who will accept chairmanship of National Specialty.

NOMINATIONS FOR JUDGES SHOULD ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

CONFORMATION JUDGE:

1. Must meet the requirements set forth by the AKC governing the awarding of AKC championship points to the Basenji breed.
2. Only judges who have not judged the regular conformation classes of a BCOA National Specialty within the past five (5) years shall be eligible.
3. The selected judge shall be requested not to accept Basenji assignments within 300 air miles of the specialty site within six months prior to this specialty. Failure to comply with this request may disqualify that person from serving as judge at the National Specialty.

SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE:

1. Only those persons who have not judged the conformation or sweepstakes classes at a BCOA National Specialty within the past five (5) years shall be eligible.
2. The sweepstakes judge need not be an AKC "approved" judge. A breeder, handler, exhibitor, or anyone else in good standing with the AKC may serve in this capacity.
3. The sweepstakes judge shall not live within a 500 mile radius of the National Specialty site.

NOTE: In the event that the first place sweepstakes judge DOES live within a 500 mile radius of the selected site, the person with the next highest number of votes NOT residing within the 500 mile radius shall become the selected judge.

BOTH CONFORMATION AND SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF THREE NOMINATIONS IN ORDER FOR HIS/HER NAME TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT.

Send site proposals & judge nominations to: Sandy Beaudoin, 2910 Fountain View, Houston, TX 77057.

REMEMBER: They must be postmarked by October 15, 1985!!!!

B.C.O.A. BUSINESS

BALLOT NO. 32 - May 2, 1985 - 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 April, 1985 BCOA Newsletter. No comments have been received by the Secretary. Your approval is requested to accept them as members.

1. Bryan Gregory of WA. - 2. Don & Jean Kaufman & Leigh Thompson of FL -
3. Joel & Becky Lanclos of LA - 4. Jane Lodge of MD

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

BALLOT NO. 33 - May 16, 1985 - PASSED

SUBJECT: 1987 BCOA NATIONAL SPECIALTY CHAIRPERSON, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested for the appointment of Una Gigous as Chairperson of the 1987 BCOA National Specialty.

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

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Hewes

BALLOT NO. 34 - May 16, 1985 - PASSED

SUBJECT: 1987 BCOA NATIONAL SPECIALTY TREASURER, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested for the appointment of Paul Gigous as Treasurer of the 1987 BCOA National Specialty.

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

DISAPPROVE: Coe

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Hewes

*Grundman Comment: I hope the Gigous' aren't going to find themselves too overwhelmed with responsibility. These are 2 BIG jobs!

BALLOT NO. 35 - May 16 - PASSED

SUBJECT: PAYMENT TO PHOTOGRAPHER FOR GAZETTE ARTICLE PICTURES, circulated at the request of President Camp.

At the request of AKC, 1984 National Specialty photographer Don Petrulis sent six 8x10 pictures for inclusion in the Gazette article about the Specialty. You are requested to authorize the Treasurer to pay Don Petrulis \$45 for these pictures from the National Specialty Reserve Account.

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

DISAPPROVE: Kelley*

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Hewes

*Kelley Comment: AKC asked for them, let them pay for them. What article about the Specialty?

**Russell Comment: I think the pictures should be sent to the Historian.

BALLOT NO. 36 - May 16, 1985 - PASSED

SUBJECT: REIMBURSEMENT FOR FOLDERS, circulated at the request of President Camp.

You are requested to authorize the Treasurer to reimburse Jon Curby for folders mailed to Andie Paysinger in the amount of \$6.12 out of the contingency fund.

APPROVE: Bolte, Coe, Hendren, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell

DISAPPROVE: DeWhitt*

ABSTAIN: Grundman**

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Hewes

*DeWhitt Comment: Folders for what? Are we paying postage or what? Did Andie request this? If so, doesn't she have money? Explain more please.

**Grundman Comment: I am not familiar with this. What folders? What is in them?

BALLOT NO. 37 - May 16, 1985 - PASSED

SUBJECT: SITE/JUDGE CHAIRPERSON FOR 1988 NATIONAL SPECIALTY, circulated at the request of President Camp.

You are requested to approve the appointment of Sandy Beaudoin of Houston, Texas as Site/Judge Chairperson of the 1988 BCOA National Specialty.

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

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Hewes

BALLOT NO. 38 - May 16, 1985 - PASSED

SUBJECT: SITE/JUDGE SELECTION DEADLINES FOR 1988 SPECIALTY, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Your approval is requested to combine the deadlines for the 1988 BCOA Specialty site/judge selection as follows: September 1 would be the beginning of the nominating period for judges and requests for site proposals. October 15 would be the deadline for both. December 15 would be the deadline for the Board to vote on two sites. Ballots for both judge and site selection to be mailed by February 1, and be returned postmarked no later than March 1. Ballots to be counted by March 8. By March 15, the chairperson conveys the results to the BCOA President and Special Chairperson by phone, and the Secretary in writing, and contacts potential judges.

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

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Hewes

*Jimenez Comment: I approve, but we need a permanent revision of the guidelines. There are many shortcomings with the 2 sets of guidelines currently in use.

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:

Joe Hill
1733 Golden Gate Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94115
Judy Kent Cunningham
Harry Bagnell

Jon & Jacqui Bradshaw
11 Corinne Dr.
Newbury Park, CA 91320
Renee Harris
Richard Harris

EDITOR'S NOTE: The point of the Jan/Feb/Mar Bulletin "cover story" is that WE, the Basenji Club of America, Inc., CANNOT AFFORD TO PUBLISH A BULLETIN WITHOUT THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT afforded by cover and interior advertising. No personalities involved - just statement of fact. Another statement of fact - all letters received by the Editors are published unless otherwise noted by their authors.

Sincerely,
Penny Inan, Bulletin Board Editor

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

In light of the receipt of the nominations for BCOA officers and members of the Board of Directors which has recently been sent to the membership, I should like to share the following information.

Since January 1, 1985 there have been 36 ballots sent to the Board and Officers for their vote. Here is a tally of the number of times those receiving ballots did not vote or did not vote in time for it to be recorded. This information has been taken from the BCOA Bulletin Board, January through May 1985.

Bolte	20	Coe	15	DeWhitt	8
Grundman	0	Hendren	12	Hewes	15
Jimenez	2	Kelley	0	Mankey	10
Russell	0				

It appears that five members have been making most of the decisions; perhaps the board should have a smaller number, or perhaps the board should have more members who are able to vote most of the time.

In my opinion, participating in board affairs is the primary job of board members. Therefore the above information is worthy of note.

Sincerely, JoAnn Weller

Penny,

The series of letters between Sandy Bridges and Robin Hardison raises so many issues - many of which must be disconcerting to you as the Editor of the Bulletin (board).

First some wise philosopher once said if you're visible, somebody will take potshots at you. Further, should you express an opinion, lots of people will take shots at you. So be it!

Next, the diatribe raises an important issue, that of responsibility. When one accepts the responsibility of a dog, particularly a dog like the Basenji that is not high on the popularity list, one also accepts the responsibility of support. This is not a minor, nor an inexpensive load. Most of us belong to BCOA, an affiliated club, and an all-breed club. Each of them require both time and financial support. The dogs require support and the dogs' activities require support - be it conformation, obedience, coursing or just plain care.

I suspect that very few first time owners even begin to recognize this responsibility. Perhaps this is the reason that so many owners are in and out of dogs within five years.

Beyond that, the owner that involves itself with the competitive functions is generally personally competitive, but not necessarily combative. It takes time to discover that the owner of the dog that beat

yours today is not a terrible person, nor is the dog a terrible one. Nevertheless, few of us smile and accept defeat. If we were that fatalistic, we probably wouldn't even start any sort of exhibitionism.

What responsibility do we of the fancy have to new owners? It must be a positive, but not overwhelming introduction to the dog world. We must first explain the initial responsibility to the dogs themselves, then initiate them to the rest of the world - dog shows, coursing, the club. But it must be done positively and perhaps slowly. It's a big world, this one of dog business, not everyone understands and not everyone will participate, not even if we're effective as introducers. We must still try.

It's always an 80-20 world. Twenty percent of the people or products account for eighty percent of the effort or revenue. That's another of Murphy's Laws - and another truism.

I've been reminded of my responsibilities. I will be more responsive and that, after all, is the real use of the exchange of information provided by the Bulletin Board.

Continue the good work.

Sincerely, Robert W. Burgess

Dear Sandy:

I too am a fairly new member of a couple of years and personally think you and almost everyone connected with the BCOA do an honest-to-good job to the best of your ability and beyond, with the whole membership's interest at large.

The Bulletin and the Basenji Magazine are interesting, informative, up-to-date, neat, precise and well edited.

Mrs. Hardison's was well answered by you, and everyone who shows dogs knows the ever ending gruell to make ends meet, show expenses, food and etc.

Advertising is an expense, but a necessary one to support our Bulletin, Basenji Magazine, our National organization, but most of all our breed, the Basenji.

They are our love and deserve our support, advertising is just one way, and if you can afford it, everyone should, at least in the Breeder's Directory, as you stated, it costs only \$6.25 once a year.

Keep up the good work, I for one appreciate it.

Fellow Basenji Lover, Carol L. Stephenson

EDITOR'S NOTE - PART II:

We receive many requests during the year for BCOA Decals and Medallions. Unfortunately, we don't have them! Please contact your Treasurer, Peg Grundman - it'll be much more effective! (Keep writing us, though, we like it!)

Penny

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (Submitted by BCOA Junior Showmanship Chairman, Francis Bercher)

The following Junior Handlers have posted wins with Basenjies at AKC Shows as reported thru the June Gazette:

Junior	# Defeated	Junior	# Defeated	Junior	# Defeated
Susan Cannell	11	Jenny Hobbs	8	Lori Perkowski	7
Alyssa Coe	4	Kim Lange	14	Kari Wournos	32
Brett Doty Garner	32	Kristin Lange	29	Mikki Youngbauer	5

On February 24, Kari Wournos defeated 9 competitors to win Best Junior Handler at the Minneapolis KC Show.

URGENT NOTICE * * * * * URGENT NOTICE * * * * *
A tricolor male Basenji has been found in Needles, California, on June 9th, at a rest stop on I-40. He appears to be young as he is only 16", with a left front white leg, 1/2 white front right leg, full collar, facial blaze. His whiskers have been trimmed, and it has been suggested that he may have been lost by someone attending shows either in Arizona or California. He is tatooed with what appears to be a Social Security Number. Please help us find his owner by contacting anyone who might have lost this dog. For further information, contact:

Angel Smith - PH: 818/968-9808

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