

BULLETIN BOARD

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FROM THE EDITOR'S TERMINAL.....



Welcome to a new decade! Enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin Board is the Nomination Form for the 1993 National Specialty & a National Specialty Survey. Do mail these to the appropriate address listed at the bottom of each of the inserts; the nomination ballot to the Vice President, the survey to the Secretary. Thanks! Now on to the business. . . I CTH



COMMITTEE REPORT



Report of the committee to investigate alleged improprieties of Basenji Club of America Members. Members of this Committee agreed to the following:

The "suggested" slate of officers & Board Members mailed with the BCOA Sanctioned B Match flier by Connie Reid was inappropriate action, regardless of the motive. We do recommend that no further action be taken in this matter.

We do not feel that Carmella Troisi-Hoerr has committed any improprieties by publishing the resumes sent to her in the August issue of the BCOA Bulletin Board. We feel Carmella is trying to do the best job she can as the new editor of the BCOA Bulletin Board & we feel she should be encouraged for her effort in her new position.

We are in hopes that Penny Inan will continue to make herself available for guidance & advise for Carmella whenever Carmella requests it.

We do recommend that the BCOA President not be the editor of the Bulletin Board. Articles to be published in the Bulletin Board should not require the President's approval. If approval is needed for articles to be published in the Bulletin Board, we recommend a special committee be appointed. We do suggest, for the future, that guidelines for publishing letters & resumes be established. We feel the President should be allotted a portion of the Bulletin Board for publishing BCOA presidential business.

Regarding Jane Williams' motion, "I move that Sandy & Penny should take responsibility for the "printing & mailing costs of this 'special edition' of the BCOA Bulletin Board" was an improper motion, as a motion cannot be made through a letter. We do not believe that Sandy & Penny should be responsible for the cost of the mailing & printing costs of this "special edition" of the BCOA Bulletin Board as, in fact, it was published & mailed to submit the report of the Standard Committee's Standard Advisory Vote tabulations to the general membership.

Patricia Edgerton's concerns of the Standard Advisory vote tabulations have been answered at the Annual Meeting & the minutes of this meeting will be published in a future issue of the BCOA Bulletin.

In answer to Patricia Edgerton's question of who the inspectors of election were for the ballot of the slate of BCOA officers & Board members for 1990: according to the Secretary, Marti Reed, it was the CPA firm of Hines, Condon & Zarlingo.

We, the Committee, are aware there have been some failures in meeting deadlines by the BCOA officers & board members, but we feel that this has

not affected the work they have accomplished. We do suggest that ballots, memberships, etc, should be mailed in a more timely fashion, & all ballots should be dated & numbered.

We would like to compliment the officers for the overall excellent job they have done this past year. We are all aware of the time & personal sacrifice involved. We would also like to thank the BCOA members for their input; we do feel there should be an open forum for the exchange of ideas within the BCOA.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melody Russell, Chairperson Forrest Dye
Linda Ehlers Anne Graves



CLUB BUSINESS



BALLOTS CIRCULATED DECEMBER 1989

Ballot # 1 - PASSED

Amendments to 1989 Proposed Revision to the Standard, telephone ballot conducted by President Bridges: Due to the tremendous volume of comment, from those voting both for & against, regarding the same two items (A & B) in the new standard; & to a structural error (C) your approval is requested that the following three amendments to the 1989 Standard Revision passed 10/31/89 be put to a constitutional ballot of the general membership. Changed wording is underlined.

A. General Appearance: The Basenji is a small, shorthaired hunting dog from Africa. It is short-backed and lightly built, appearing high on the leg compared to its length ...

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

B. Head: The head is proudly carried. Eyes - Dark hazel to dark brown

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

C. GAIT: ... Coming and going, the straight column of bones from shoulder joint to foot and from hip joint to pad remains unbroken ... (Per Rachel Page Elliot, The New Dogsteps, page 88)

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

BALLOT # 2 - PASSED

Administrative Procedures, circulated at the request of President Bridges: Your approval is requested for the following administrative procedures for the 1989-90 club year.

1. Unless otherwise indicated on the ballot, all Board ballots must be in the hands of the President & Secretary within 14 days of the postmarked date of the ballot.
2. Ballots may be initiated by Board members or by petition signed by 20 members in good standing & shall in all cases be presented to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary or by the President if necessary for expedience.
3. When necessary for expedience balloting may be conducted by telephone by the Secretary and/or the President.
4. An affirmative vote shall require a majority of those voting except where otherwise specifically provided by the By-Laws. A "Vote Withheld" shall (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

not be included in the ballot count.

5. The President will cast her ballot only in the case of a tie.
6. The Treasurer will submit a quarterly report to the Board members & the Bulletin Editor.

APPROVED: Bolte, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Work, Wournos

DISAPPROVED: Coe: "1] I would like more time. Some ballots require a bit of thought. 21 days would be better; 2] & 3] It is not the President's job to send out ballots. Telephone ballots should be used very little; 4] "Vote Withheld" is rather creative but I think we should stay with terms normally used in Robert's' Rules of Order. 'Abstain' should be counted as a vote." Russell: "1] Only the secretary should circulate ballots. 2] There should be a provision for 'abstain' which indicates that a board member cannot decide how to vote 4] 'Abstain' counts as a negative vote when tallying votes." Williams: "1] Would like to see a little more time given. 2] This procedure should remain the same as for previous years. The ballot should be received by the president & circulated to the membership through the Secretary. 3] Telephone ballots should be used ONLY when a situation arises where a telephone ballot is absolutely necessary. Expenditures are far too great & we seemed to have gotten along without them in the past. 4] Leave 'abstain' in - changing the wording to "vote withheld" serves no real purpose. If you were to follow Robert's' Rules of Order the word ABSTAIN is used with no mention of vote Withheld. Changing the wording may only serve to confuse people."

BALLOT #3 - PASSED

Affiliated Club Dues, circulated at the request of President Bridges: Your approval is requested for the Liaison Officer to withhold BCOA approval for affiliated club specialties unless that club's dues are current at the time of approval.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

BALLOT #4 - PASSED

Deadline for paying 1989 bills, circulated at the request of President Bridges: Your approval is requested that no reimbursements for 1989 bills will be made to committee chairpeople after the end of the fiscal year (December 31, 1989) without Board approval.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

BALLOT #5 - PASSED

Termination of Affiliated clubs, circulated at the request of President Bridges: Your approval is requested to terminate the affiliation of a club whose dues have not been paid by March 31, 1990. The Treasurer will notify the Liaison Officer, Secretary and Bulletin Editor of any affiliated club which has not paid its dues by that date so the club's name can be removed from the list of affiliated clubs.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

BALLOT #6 - PASSED

N.S.F. Check charge, circulated at the request of President Bridges: Your approval is requested to levy a \$10.00 service charge against any person whose check is returned unpaid by his/her bank account to BCOA.

APPROVED: Bolte, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Work, Wournos

DISAPPROVED: Coe, Williams: "Usually if the check is not 'good' when sent to the bank the second time, BCOA would be hard put to collect a fee. Membership would be pulled & record of problem kept."

BALLOT #7 - PASSED

By-Laws Amendment Petition, circulated at the request of President Bridges: Per Article VIII, Section 1 of the BCOA By-Laws, your recommendations are requested regarding the following petition to amend the By-Laws. Received 10/11/89.

In accordance with the Basenji Club of America Constitution & By-Laws, Article VIII, we members in good standing in the Basenji Club of America request that the Constitution and By-Laws be amended to include the following:

ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"No BCOA Officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) shall serve as Editor or censor the Official Bulletin of the Basenji Club of America while in office."

SIGNED,

JoAnne FMLaid	Ovid Varin	Patricia Edgerton
Carol Kelly	James S. Reid	Lillian Iacofano
Eleuterio Fonesca	Connie Reid	Phyllis G. LoBue
Robert N. Forcier	Lilla Burnell	Susan M. Campeau
Mary Lou Kenworthy	Les Butler	Dennis Woodcox
Gloria Anderson	Lynn Arrand	Russell Brown

YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS (for submission to the General Membership with the Ballot):

Bolte: "Better to spread the work around. However, our current President did both & was re-elected with the full knowledge that she is also the Bulletin editor."

Coe: "Perhaps none of the officers or Board members should be in charge of the Bulletin or Bulletin Board to avoid the appearance of censorship - whether or not such censorship is happening. Additionally, it might be good to have more club members active in club activities."

Curby: "President & officers do not have censorship rights under the current by-laws. There is no reason to limit the participation of the officers in other club activities."

Grundman: "No"

Jimenez: "I have no problem with an officer serving as Bulletin of Bulletin Board editor if he/she is capable & willing to perform both tasks. Our current President has proven she is & was elected by the membership with the knowledge she would be serving in both capacities. The title 'Editor' implies that the person serving as such has the right & duty to edit material submitted for publication."

Russell: "After the word 'Bulletin' add 'or Bulletin Board'. I approve this ballot even though there is no official format for this."

Williams: "This is a valid idea if for nothing other than appearance. Perhaps this should also include the Bulletin Board. No officer OR Board member. Whether correct or not - if an 'Editorial Note' is made regarding a letter, etc., in either publication, it would appear to be an 'official' comment."

Work: "I feel this to be solely aimed at Pres. Bridges. There must be some censorship. A lengthy letter (of 20 pages) would have to be censored. Untruths in advertising should be censored; a total blast on another person is another example. Be it the President or Editor, a line must be drawn somewhere. The Editor should censor the Bulletin. The membership has enough faith to vote for these people as BCOA officers. So they should have enough faith in these people to be the Bulletin Editor."

Wournos: "Disapproved. The amount of time any member of this club wishes to donate should not be discouraged!"

BALLOT #8 - PASSED

New members, circulated in accordance with the By-Laws: The following individuals have applied for membership in the BCOA. Their names along with a request for comments have been published in the October issue of the BULLETIN BOARD. No comments have been received by the secretary. Your approval is requested to accept the following applicants as members:

Bill & Georganne Harris	TX	Edward J. & Joni Bosse	CA
Charles Thomas Allison	MS	Nancy Good	NJ
Jeanna Leaden	NE	I.L. Brisbin	SC
Darrell Duszka	MI	Gary F. Atherton	CA
Patricia Kushuir	TX	H. Scott Paris	SC
David Kempf	OK	Tony & Robin White	MO
Elza G. McFarland	MO	Francis M. Kawabe	CA
Jessica E. & Elizabeth R. Anderson	CO		
Terry L. & Ruby L. Jefferies	OH		

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

BALLOT #9 - PASSED

Committees, circulated at the request of President Bridges: Your approval is requested for the following to serve as chairpersons of the stated committees for the 1989-1990 club year:

ACK Delegate: Robert House	Education: Iris Craven
Junior Showmanship: Connie Reid	Annual Awards: Jane Williams
Code of Ethics: Ken Linberg	Liaison Officer: Mary Woodcock
Conformation Tallier: Jan Bruner	Lure Coursing: Ken Leighton
Data Information: Robert Hodge	Membership: Linda Ehlers
Judges Education: Forrest & Lou Dye	Obedience: Mickey Rubin
Health & Research: Tracy Leonard	Historian: Andrea Paysinger
Stud/Brood Tallier: John & Joan Harper	Ways & Means: Sally Wournos

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

BALLOT #10 - PASSED

1992 National Specialty Chairman, circulated at the request of President Bridges: You are requested to approve Cecelia Wozniak as Chairman of the 1992 National Specialty to be held in Indianapolis IN September 21 - 24, 1992.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

BALLOT #11 - PASSED

1992 National Specialty Treasurer, circulated at the request of President Bridges: You are requested to approve Susan Patterson as 1992 National Specialty Treasurer. Ms. Patterson is aware of the requirement that she become bonded per Part VI., Section A. of the BCOA Independent National Specialty Guidelines.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

BALLOT #12 - PASSED

1992 National Specialty Sweepstakes Judge, circulated at the request of President Bridges: Damara Bolte has received the most votes to judge the 1992 National Specialty Sweepstakes in Indianapolis IN. Ms. Bolte has been contacted & has agreed to judge for two night's lodging, banquet dinner & 50% of reasonable travel expense (coach air fare) as per the BCOA Independent National Specialty Guidelines, Part IV, Section C.4. Ms. Bolte has also agreed to the judging restrictions in Part II, Section D.4 of the BCOA Independent National Specialty Guidelines. You are requested to approve the hiring of Ms. Bolte for the above-mentioned expenses.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

BALLOT #13 - PASSED

Bulletin Expenditure over budget, circulated at the request of President Bridges: Your approval is requested to reimburse the Bulletin Editor \$637.49 expenses over budget incurred due to the inclusion of the amended National Specialty & Hosting Guidelines in the October/November/December 1989 issue.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

BALLOT #14 - PASSED

1992 National Specialty Judge, circulated at the request of President Bridges: Robert W. Cole of Ottawa, Ontario (Canada) has received the most votes to judge the 1992 National Specialty in Indianapolis IN. Mr. Cole has been contacted & has agreed to judge for economy air fare, Ottawa taxi ground transportation (\$20 to and \$20 from airport), out of country health insurance (\$20), lodging & meals during the event, and ground transportation from & to airport & to and from show as per the BCOA Independent National Specialty Guidelines, Part V, Section B.1. Mr. Cole has also agreed to the

judging restrictions in Part II, Section C.6 of the Guidelines. You are requested to approve the hiring of Mr. Cole for the above-mentioned expenses.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wournos

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

In accordance with the By-Laws, if any member wishes, comments concerning applicants may be sent to the Secretary. Applicants are listed with their two Sponsors (*):

Russ W. Avery
12033 Hartsook St. N. Hollywood, CA
91607

*Julie Jones & Kathleen Jones
Donald & Kimberly Etherson
500 Washington Blvd. Browns Mills, NJ
08015-5435

*Jon & Susan Coe
Irene M. Johnson
Rt 1 Box 157 North Branch, MN
55056

*Sally & Bruce Wournos
Dorothy W. Kopac
34 W. Union Ave Bound Brook, NJ
08805

*Shirley J. Jones & Carmella Troisi-Hoerr
Geoffrey & Catherine Cant
Ashcrest 5601 Green Landing Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
*Elizabeth A. White & M. Kathleen Klinkiewicz

NATIONAL SPECIALTY DATES

- 1990 Santa Rosa, California
September 13, 14 & 15
 - 1991 Pineville, North Carolina
September 26, 27, 28 & 29
 - 1992 Indianapolis, Indiana
September 21, 22, 23 & 24
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In Memoriam . . .

Reported is the loss of B.C.O.A. member Mr. Donald Goff (Fort Payne, Alabama) on December 29th, 1989. Don and his wife, Kay, founded Ituri Basenjis in 1983. Our heartfelt condolences are offered to Kay and to their families.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following (on the back page) is a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Jon Curby from American Kennel Club Secretary, Mr. James Dearing. Along with the letter, reprinted are the BCOA General Membership Ballot from 1988 and the Board Ballot that applies to the circumstance heralded in the recent AKC correspondence. CTH

AKC Opens Stud Book to African Imports

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB



November 15, 1989

Dear Mr. Curby:

This concerns the request submitted on behalf of the Basenji Club of America for the registration of additional foundation stock for Basenjis in the American Kennel Club's stud book.

The Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club, at its recent meeting, acted favorably upon the above request. In order to implement this, we will need the specific information on the dogs that are to be included in this action.

The African imports, with no pedigrees, will be entered directly as foundation stock. If the progeny and get resulting from breedings between these African imports with registered Basenjis are also to be included, any pedigree information available would be needed for these dogs.

The Board wishes to emphasize that this is a one-time action, and no assurance can be given that any parallel action might be taken at some future date. Once the dogs in question have actually been issued AKC registration numbers, they would be eligible to compete in AKC events, and any litters sired or whelped by these would be eligible for registration with the American Kennel Club. However, while any brindle dogs may participate in obedience trials immediately after the issuance of registration numbers, they should be withheld from breed competition until final approval is obtained for the standard with a provision for the brindle color.

Mr. James Crowley, Director of Dog Events, has been assigned the task of coordinating the registration of this new foundation stock. Therefore, the information on the dogs to be included should be submitted directly to his attention.

Yours truly, James E. Dearing Secretary, The American Kennel Club

The general membership ballot passed by a 73.7% majority in September of 1988: The American Kennel Club arbitrarily closed the registry for basenjis over thirty years ago. Until that time only four native african basenjis had been registered. There had been fewer than a dozen dogs imported

into Great Britain and these along with the four native dogs registered by the AKC make up the basenji breed as we know it.

The BCOA board of directors supports the registration of native african basenjis and their descendants, but we must demonstrate to the AKC that this is also the desire of the BCOA general membership.

This ballot seeks the approval of the membership for the BCOA board of directors to petition the American Kennel Club to reopen the registry for the basenji to include new native african bloodlines as foundation stock. The BCOA board of directors would approve each native dog, or it's descendants, on a case by case basis.

THE RESOLUTION READS AS FOLLOWS: THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA REQUEST THAT THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB STUD BOOK FOR BASENJIS BE REOPENED TO INCLUDE BLOODLINES FROM NATIVE AFRICAN BASENJIS IMPORTED FROM AREAS WHERE THERE IS NO OFFICIAL REGISTRY. INDIVIDUAL DOGS TO BE REGISTERED IN THE STUD BOOK SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

COPY OF THE BALLOT APPROVED BY THE BCOA BOARD THAT OUTLINES THE GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATION OF NATIVE BASENJIS: The committee for the Registration of Native African Basenjis request your approval for the following criteria to be used by the BCOA board to evaluate native dogs and/or their descendants as candidates for inclusion in the AKC stud book.

Required documentation, for the use of the BCOA board of directors, to evaluate African bred basenjis and their descendants to be included in the American Kennel Club stud book.

- Export or shipping documents, or photographic evidence showing the dog in the country of origin.
- At least three 8 x 10 color photographs showing both sides and the front.
- The sponsorship of at least three BCOA members, excluding the owner, who have examined the dog in question.
- Copies of health test results and eye examination reports from a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist.



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