

BCCA Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Colombo at 8:38 PM.

Present: Barnes, Beddoe, Bond, Colombo, Corn, Edwards, Means, Norteman, Poliak, Taylor

Absent: Minner

Report of the Recording Secretary (Norteman) - The minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed. Motion to accept: Passed.

Report of the Treasurer (Means) - The Treasurer's report is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes. The documents show normal profit/loss and balance. In addition, the club's taxes have been prepared. Don will file them after the board meeting in case we have questions.

Membership: 64 members haven't paid yet. 16 more days of renewals. Don will wait to see what comes in this week, and will divide the remainder of those who haven't renewed among the rest of the Board to call.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

- Casey was traveling, but attached her report.
- We have until the end of August to nominate someone for an AKC Lifetime Achievement Award as a Board – people can also nominate people individually. The Board discussed a possible nominee. Lynne would help polishing any text before it was submitted. Contact Pat with any other nominations by the end of this week.

Old Business

- Database: Karen reported on her conversation with Rosie. The easiest option is to have Casey install FM11 and see if it runs. We could buy a license and hand it down to the CS each time we get a new one, and the license would belong to the BCCA. **Follow-up from Claris Support/Karen:** The new client doesn't run on server software that old. We can only gain database access for people who can run the old client software.
- Disposition of trophies: Lynne met with her committee last night. She requests that all Board members please read her report and be ready to discuss next month.
- October Board meeting: Was scheduled to take place during the Specialty. Pat will poll the Board members to determine the best date after the Specialty.

New Business

- New members: Motion to approve the new members passed.
 - Deborah Gentile
Single/Full
Tucson, AZ
Sponsor: Meg Naylor
 - AJ Maclean
Single/Full
Jersey Village, TX
Sponsor: David Williamson
 - Dora Murphy & Joshua Courter
Joint/Full
Cincinnati, OH
Sponsor: Patricia Sherwood
- New applicant: Miranda Mulders (former member returning) . Application was read.
 - Sabal Palm 14
Kralendijk, Bonaire
Caribbean Netherlands
Sponsor: Debbie and Glenn Alexander
- Motion: Merilynn joined the discussion about online voting. Merilynn contacted 5-10 other dog clubs to ask about their judge nominations. Some use the Board to decide, many do online voting. **Follow-up from Molly:** Shared the Whippet Club's e-voting ballot. Karen discussed the process (Google Forms). Karen will create a pilot project, present in September, and implement for this year's judging. We hope for greater participation, especially since many people don't even own printers. This would also eliminate the risk of the ballots getting lost in the mail.

Don is concerned with the members who don't have emails. They can still send the paper forms. The pilot will go to all the Board members. We will offer the paper ballot option to anyone who still wants to use one, with the same system, sending paper to Don. We can put an item in the *Bagpipes* to introduce the idea to the membership and solicit comments for a month. Maybe it won't work, but maybe it will. Say we're transitioning over to voting online. Motion for Testing Phase: Passed.
- Motion to present keepsakes to the top 2 conformation winners in 2022 in lieu of the Spot and Brigadoon trophies. This might become a practice in later years, but we are only addressing 2022 winners. We will need to amend the standing rules for the future. Herding and other events have keepsakes, as does the Chip Award, but conformation doesn't. It is not prohibited in the Standing Rules. Motion passed.
- September Board meeting: 9/19. Zoom works better, so we'll continue to use it.

- AGM: Will be a Zoom meeting, to take place on 10/22 at 7:30 PM ET. There will be door prizes: The first 3 people to join after the Board each get a prize. We might also draw random names and award prizes during the meeting.

For the Good of the Order

Discussed the Specialty, publicity for the club, judge nominees for 2025, and how to get people to sponsor trophies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 PM

Next Meeting: September 19 at 8:30 PM ET.

October Annual Board Meeting: The Annual Meeting will once again be held virtually. Pat will poll Board Members for a good date and then publish the results.