

**Midwest Borzoi Club  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Draft Minutes  
Date: May 27, 2017  
Place: Kalamazoo, MI**

1. **ROLL CALL – 10% of members residing in the Midwest region (11 members) required for quorum. 20 members signed the roll.**

<b>OFFICERS/BOARD</b>	<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>
K.C. Artley	X
Kalen Dumke	ab
Amy Sikula	ab
Barbaranne Benjamin	X
Nancy Reimer	X
Laura Hyatt	X
Pam Leichtnam	X
Michelene Nash	X
Liz Duncan-Burge	ab
Dana Thompson	ab
Mike Bilak	X
Lynne Bennett	X

\* Meeting commenced at: 3:30 pm

2. **READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Barb Benjamin**
- Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes and approval of those minutes by Janell Burnett with a second by Joan Tierney. Motion was approved unanimously.
3. **REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Barbaranne Benjamin**
- As of this date, we have 111 active memberships. At total of 52 memberships are life members. Family memberships total 33. At total of 82 memberships (109 members) reside in the Midwest region.
4. **REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY –Amy Sikula**
5. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Nancy Reimer (see handout)**
6. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES –**
- *Annual Awards* – KC Artley – Annual Awards to be presented at meeting
  - *Archives* – Lynne Bennett – Archives are up to date and in climate controlled storage.
  - *AKC Legislative Liasion* – Michelene Nash – no report at this time
  - *Breeder Referral* – Pat Murphy – no report at this time

- *Hall of Fame* – Barbara Tyler Lord – 2016 Service Award to be presented at meeting.
- *Lure Coursing Trials* – Nancy Reimer
- *MBC Bulletin Editor* – KC Artley – Bulletin posted on website
- *MBC Website* – KC Artley – The website is up to date
- *NBRF Delegate* – Liz Duncan-Burge – no additional report at this time
- *New Membership* –Lynne Bennett –Seven new memberships have been received this year.
- **The Nominating Committee** -- Patricia Murphy (IL) chairperson (members: Kirsti Arnquist (WI), Kim Janek (IN), Lynne Bennett (MI) and Gale Snoddy (OH)) provided the slate of officers recommended to the membership:
  - President: K. Carol Artley
  - Vice President: Kalen Dumke
  - Corresponding Secretary: Amy Sikula
  - Recording Secretary: Michael Bilak
  - Treasurer: Nancy Reimer
  - For the two expired director terms and the one vacant director position, the following individuals have agreed to serve:
    - Laura Hyatt (Michigan/3-year term)
    - Pam Leichtnam (Wisconsin/3-year term)
    - Barbara Danieli (Michigan/2-year term replacing Michael Bilak)
- *Statistics – Confirmation* – Lynne Bennett – see website
- *Statistics – Junior Handling* – Barbara Tyler Lord – none identified this year
- *Statistics – Obedience and Rally* – K. C. Artley – see website
- *Statistics – Lure Coursing ASFA*-- Amy Sikula – see website
- *Statistics – Lure Coursing AKC* – KC Artley – see website
- *Sunshine Committee* – Michelene Nash – no report at this time
- *NBRF Delegate* – Liz Duncan-Burge –no report at this time
- *Specialty Chairperson for 2017 Kalamazoo* – Laura Hyatt
- *Specialty Chairperson for 2017 Cudahy* – Pamela Leichtnam

7. **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS** – Second reading of Sussie and Ingvar Nilsson’s (Greenwood, IN) and Ann Katona and Ivan Lally (Munfordville, KY) applications for membership. No objections were raised from the floor.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – N/A

9. **NEW BUSINESS** –

- The 2016 Hall of Fame Service Award was read by Joan Tierney and presented to Laura Hyatt.
- Results of Officer/Board Member Election announced by President Artley. (See Nominating Committee report above)
- A certificate of appreciation was given to Barb Benjamin for her service on the board and her service as Recording Secretary.
- Additional information may be found on the MBC website for MBC sponsored AKC Lure Coursing trials, tests and practice for all AKC sighthound breeds on

October 21 and 22 at Stoney Run park in Leroy, Indiana. Also on the MBC website is information about the MBC concurrent Specialty on August 12 in Franksville Wisconsin with the Cudahy kennel club all-breed show. Borzoi can be entered and shown twice that day, at the all-breed show and at the MBC specialty. A memorial catalog will be available at the August specialty.

- The 2018 specialty at Kalamazoo will be held on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend.
- A motion to hold the 2019 MBC as a concurrent specialty with regular judging in the morning on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at Kalamazoo and a fall specialty at Lima (Columbus) in November was made by Lynne Bennett with a second by Laura Hyatt. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Annual Awards were presented by President Artley to those present. The awards to members who were not present will be mailed.
- Laura Hyatt has re-donated the Best of Winners trophy that she retired last year. A motion to purchase a new plaque for the trophy was made by Nancy Reimer and seconded by Anna Midgarden. The motion passed unanimously.

**\* Meeting Adjourned at: 3:47 pm**