

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting
Agenda
April 18, 2022 8:30 pm EST / 7:30 pm CST
Conference call number 614-721-0867
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Attendance:

Anne Midgarden	X	Liz Duncan-Burge	X
Tina Wismer	X	Amy Balthrop	X
Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger	X	Pam Leichtnam	
Amy Sikula	X	Dana Thompson	X
Frank Zajac	X	Jamie Bobrowski	X
Tami Marshall	X		

1. Meeting began at 8:32PM EST. Board members present (see above). Board members absent:
Pam Leichtnam
2. Minutes from last Board meeting (January 2022).

Motion to Approve January 2022 board meeting minutes – Tina Wismer
Second – Frank Zajac
Motion passed.

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

January meeting minutes are available on the website and were emailed/snail mailed to the membership.

Motion to Approve Recording Secretary report – Frank Zajac
Second – Jamie Bobrowski
Motion passed.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Rebecca Heighton Drollinger.
 - The 2022 judges are available on the club website. Here are the approved specialties and judges for 2021-2023:
 - May 28, 2022 - Kalamazoo, MI
Sweepstakes – Pam Leichtnam

Regular Classes – Anne Midgarden
Show Chair is Frank Zajac and Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts is Amy Sikula.
Frank will organize the picnic for the meeting.

- September 24, 2022 - Independent @ Crown Point
Superintendent - Erie Canine Event Services
Sweepstakes – Terry Ann Doane
Regular Classes – Dr. Jim Sillers
Show Chair – Judith K Dennis
Ring Steward - Judith K Dennis
Borzoi Lure Coursing Borzoi Judges – Don White & Paul Kytta
Lure Operator – Joe Shoemaker
Field Trial Secretary – Amy Sikula
Field Clerk – Connie Brunkow
All Breed Trial on September 25, 2022
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts for conformation and coursing is Amy Balthrop.

There was a conflict with this specialty and KCCI. The kennel club has contacted the AKC and removed Borzoi from their panel.

There was a second conflict with SKC in WI, and they are going to vote to remove Borzoi from the panel on Wednesday night.

Both clubs have asked us to encourage entries to their shows on Sunday in our premium list.

- May 27, 2023 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday)
Sweepstakes – Joyce Law
Regular Classes – Jon Titus Steele
Show Chair – TBD (Rebecca is going to ask Judith K Dennis)
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Anne Midgarden
- August 12, 2023 - Caledonia, WI
Sweepstakes – Kristi Arnquist
Regular Classes – Prudence Hlatky
Show Chair – Pam Leichtnam
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – TBD (Rebecca will talk with Pam about finding someone local to be trophy chair)

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report – Dana Thompson
Second – Liz Duncan-Burge
Motion passed.

5. Report of the Treasurer – Frank Zajac. Attached separately.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's report – Liz Duncan-Burge

Second – Tina Wismer

Motion passed.

6. Report of the Committees.

- **Annual Awards** – Tina Wismer. Certificates have been printed and Anne has them.
- **Document Proof Reader** – Christiana Hartenstein. (no report needed).
- **Hall of Fame** – Barbara Tyler-Lord. (2022 report needed) Barbara is bringing the plaque to Kalamazoo. We only have space for 4 more awards, and then we will need to order a new plaque or lengthen the amount of time between awards. She is working on the nominees and will get this sent over after the National Specialty.
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - KC Artley. Published in September.
- **MBC Website** - KC Artley. Up to date.
- **NBRF Delegate** – Liz Duncan-Burge.
- **2022 Nominating Committee** - Anne Midgarden.
- **2022 Spring Specialty.**
 - Checks for the sweepstakes judge
 - MBF was advised we are providing our own rosettes again.
 - Frank has the trophies, and will bring them to the show so Amy can set up the trophy table.
 - Frank will order toys for the fall specialty as well.
- **Ribbons** – Jamie Bobrowski. Order was placed with Steineman for spring and fall.
- **Statistics, Conformation** - Lynne Bennett. Published in the February Bulletin and on the MBC website.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA** - Amy Sikula. Published in the February Bulletin and on the MBC website.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC** - KC Artley. Published in the February Bulletin and on the MBC website.
- **Statistics, Obedience & Rally** - KC Artley. Published in the February Bulletin and on the MBC website.
- **Sunshine** - Michelene Nash.
- **Trophy Supported Entries, 2022** – Anne Midgarden
- **Digital Archive** – Amy Balthrop & Amy Sikula.

Motion to Approve the Committees' reports – Frank Zajac

Second – Tina Wismer

Motion passed.

7. Membership – Amy Sikula.

New Applications – 1st reading:

- Mary Graber

Motion to Approve – Jamie Bobrowski

Second – Tina Wismer

Motion passed.

8. Old Business.

8A. 2022 Fall Specialty

- Do we want to offer 4-6 month class with specialty? Not this year.
- Who is in charge of potluck/picnic at specialty? Jamie Bobrowski will coordinate the food.

8B. 2024 Committee Report

Discuss options for Spring 2024 specialty. No BCOA National specialty site has yet been proposed.

Discuss options for Fall 2024 specialty. No BCOA National specialty site has yet been proposed.

Ideas proposed: IN – Terra Haute, Fort Wayne, and Muncie; IL – Grayslake, Chicago; MI – Kalamazoo, Monroe; OH – Wilmington, Columbus; WI – Madison

Tabled for next meeting.

8C. 2025 Committee Report

Discuss options for Spring 2025 specialty. No BCOA National specialty site has yet been proposed.

Discuss options for Fall 2025 specialty. No BCOA National specialty site has yet been proposed.

Tabled for next meeting.

8D. Discuss creation of a Supported Entry Committee. It would be nice to have at least one supported entry in each member state every year.

Motion to Approve – Frank Zajac

Second – Jamie Bobrowski

Motion passed.

8E. Annual club picnic – proposed date of August 20, 2022.

Report from Jamie Bobrowski. There is a large field that we could reserve for free, with a shelter that costs \$200.00.

Motion to Approve – Tami Marshall

Second – Frank Zajac

Motion passed.

8F. Other club activities, such as member picnics, health clinics etc.

MBC and LKC co-sponsored health clinic on July 23 will include cardiac, eyes, thyroid, dental, semen collection/freezing, patellas,

Are there other activities the club should be doing? Liz is willing to have lure coursing trials on her field.

Tami Marshall suggested that we offer a 50/50 raffle to raise money for borzoi health.

Jamie suggested getting member suggestions. Amy Sikula suggested a FaceBook poll on the group site.

Amy Sikula made a motion to offer a 50/50 raffle at Kalamazoo in May, and give half the money raised to the winner and the other half to the Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation towards the study on cardiac and sudden death. Amy Sikula will organize this.

Motion to Approve – Amy Sikula

Second – Jamie Bobrowski

Motion passed.

9. New Business.

9A. T-Shirt Fundraiser discussion. Amy Balthrop & Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger.

In order to offer t-shirts, we need an email and paypal account.

Rebecca states: In regards to the T-shirt fundraiser, I have been in discussion with Pam Mohn, who did the T-shirt fundraiser for the Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club. She said they have used two different companies to do the fundraiser, but they preferred Bonfire. It is easy to set up an account with Bonfire. All we need is a Paypal account. I have a personal PayPal account I would be willing to use if the club just wants me to reimburse the club from my account. OR we can just create a club PayPal account, which I would be willing to do. We just need to decide amongst ourselves which method is the easiest.

Tami moves that MBC open a PayPal account, and a corresponding email address specific to the club.

Motion to Approve – Tami Marshall

Second – Frank Zajac

Motion passed.

Rebecca made a motion to move forward with the t-shirt fundraiser using Bonfire.

Motion to Approve – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

Second – Tina Wismer

Motion passed.

9B. Anne Midgarden would like to have everyone's cell phone numbers or preferred way to contact, as e-mail is apparently not reaching the officers and board.

Board members indicated their preferred methods of contact.

*Meeting adjourned at

Motion – Tami Marshall

Second – Amy Sikula

Motion passed/failed.