

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting
Minutes
July 18, 2022 8:30 pm EST / 7:30 pm CST

Attendance:

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

1. Meeting began at 8:31PM EST. Board members present (see above). Board members absent:
2. Minutes from last Board meeting (January 2022).

[Motion to Approve April 2022 board meeting minutes – KC Artley](#)
[Second – Pam Leichtnam](#)
[Motion passed.](#)

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

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

May membership meeting minutes are ready to be put on the website.

Summer dues mailing has been sent to the printer to be mailed out.

[Motion to Approve Recording Secretary report – Frank Zajac](#)
[Second – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger](#)
[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:

- 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
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts for conformation and coursing is Amy Balthrop.
All Breed Trial on September 25, 2022

Trophies have all been delivered, and are in Amy B's possession.

- May 27, 2023 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday)
Sweepstakes – Joyce Law
Regular Classes – Jon Titus Steele
Show Chair – 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 – Diane Bilak

- May 25, 2024 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday)
Sweepstakes – TBD
Regular Classes – TBD
Show Chair – Frank Zajac
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Jamie Bobrowski

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report – Amy Balthrop
Second – Pam Leichtnam
Motion passed.

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

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's report – KC Artley
Second – Tina Wismer
Motion passed.

6. Report of the Committees.

- **May Specialty – Frank Zajac.** 31 dogs entered, 10 sweepstakes entries \$1055.00 paid to MBF. Entries by state = 3 IL, 1 IN, 1 MD, 12 MI, 1 NC, 9 OH, 2 PA, 3 WI (6 agents handling 9 dogs). Few people took advantage of the indoor grooming facilities. The club and MBF were very accommodating and bent over backwards to resolve the issues with the ring.
- **Annual Awards** – Tina Wismer.
- **Document Proof Reader** – Christiana Hartenstein. (no report needed).
- **Hall of Fame** – Barbara Tyler-Lord. (2022 award will be provided in 2023 Membership meeting.)
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - KC Artley. Published in April, and deadline for the next issue is 1 August.
- **MBC Website** - KC Artley. Up to date.
- **NBRF Delegate** – Liz Duncan-Burge. 5 senior borzoi surrendered, and 5 nine month old puppies surrendered. Cost for the seniors is high.
- **2022 Nominating Committee** - Anne Midgarden.
- **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.
- **Digital Archive** – Amy Balthrop & Amy Sikula. No update.
- **Supported Entry Committee** – Amy Sikula. Amy is looking for members from each state.

Motion to Approve the Committees' reports – Frank Zajac

Second – Amy Balthrop

Motion passed.

7. Membership – Amy Sikula.

New Applications – 1st reading:

- Claire Breen
- Patricia Mandernach
- Mia Paletta
- Steven Rush & Migdiel Hiram Moretta

New Applications – 2nd reading:

- Ashley Huehn & Adam Hipsher
- Kaley Novak

Motion to Approve – Amy Balthrop

Second – KC Artley

Motion passed.

8. Old Business.

8A. 2024 Committee Report

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

Ideas proposed: IN – Fort Wayne, IL – Grayslake, Chicago; Monroe; OH – Wilmington, Columbus; WI – Madison

Tabled for next meeting.

8B. 2025 Committee Report

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

Ideas proposed: Schaumburg, IL for January 2025.

Pam provided some information for the board to review. Tabled for our next meeting.

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

Tabled for next meeting.

8C. Annual club picnic – August 20, 2022 – Jamie Bobrowski

JC/QC AKC approved.

Taco Bar for the potluck and Claire Breen will bring some vegan options.

Fun match – Frank will bring stuffies, and some slip leads as prizes.

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

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 was ill the weekend of the May specialty. Do we want to move this to September?

We will have the raffle in September.

Jamie suggested getting member ideas. Amy Sikula suggested a FaceBook poll on the group site. If we are going to do this, someone will need to take ownership of the poll and results.

Amy Balthrop and Jamie Bobrowski will look at putting together something similar to the judges' education panels, where different owners/breeders bring dogs for attendees to go over and talk about strengths and potential improvements.

8E. T-Shirt Fundraiser discussion. Amy Balthrop & Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger.

Each fundraiser runs for 21 days. We sold 97 items in the first run.

Some people ordered after the first fundraiser closed, which started a second fundraiser. Should we take this down and then do a second one in the fall? Should we change the logo from white to black?

Rebecca made a motion to end this fundraiser in seven days and close this campaign out. We will start a new campaign the second week of August.

Motion to Approve – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger
Second – Frank Zajac
Motion passed.

9. New Business.

9A. Accepting applications and dues electronically. Amy Sikula

Amy Sikula made a motion that we connect our club account to our club PayPal account, and some members of the board pay their dues via Paypal for 2023 as a test run.

Amy, Anne, Rebecca, Jamie will be the pilot group.

Motion to Approve – Amy Sikula

Second – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger
Motion passed.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:03PM.

Motion – Pam Leichtnam
Second – Tina Wismer
Motion passed.