

**Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 5, 2018**  
**Conference Call**

1. Meeting began at: 8:05 pm CDT Members in attendance: K. C. Artley; Kalen Dumke; Amy Sikula; Mike Bilak; Nancy Reimer; Laura Hyatt; Pam Leichtnam; Micheline Nash; Liz Duncan; Barbara Danieli; Dana Thompson Members absent: None

2. Minutes of the last board meeting. Attached

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – M. Bilak

- Final closeout of the 2018-2019 dues and trophy collection:
  - Dues - \$1350.00
  - Trophy Donations \$1345.00
    - ✦ Membership - 107 Active Member
    - ✦ 36 Single Memberships/ 15 Family Memberships/3 New Memberships – Total 54
    - ✦ 53 Life Members
    - ✦ 6 Dropped from rolls –
  - 3 No dues/ 1 Deceased/ 1 Moved/ 1 Life Member Mail returned
  - Cost for mailing dues notice - \$78.81 postage. This year, all other associated expenses were covered with no expense to the club.
  - The 2022 Specialty Judge nominees were presented to the board. The board recommends the following 10 finalists to the general membership for consideration for the 2022 Specialty judge.

Jane Bishop  
Mrs. R. Ellen Fetter  
Cindi Gredys  
Celeste Gonzalez  
Sharon Lyons  
Anne Midgarden  
Patti Neale  
Jim Sillers  
Ron Spritzer  
Elliott Weiss

- The 2022 Specialty Sweepstakes Judge nominees were presented to the board. The board recommends the following 10 finalists to the general membership for consideration for the 2022 Specialty Sweepstakes judge.

Lynne Bennett  
Liz Durand  
Pam Leichtnam  
Kay Mcmillin  
Christopher A. Moyer  
Karen (Cricket) Murray  
Gary Nash

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Mickey Nash  
Lydia Pruett  
Melanie Richards

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- The Breeder Hall of Fame nominees were presented to the board. The list of nominees will be sent to BarbaraTyler- Lord to verify eligibility.

**Motion to approve** the list of 2022 board recommended nominees was made by N. Reimer and seconded by M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to approve** the Recording Secretary's report made by M. Nash and seconded by N. Reimer. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary – A. Sikula**

- Permission has been granted by BCOA, Grand Rapids Kennel Club, and Lima Kennel Club for both 2019 specialties.
- Applications for both dates were submitted to the AKC. The May specialty has been approved.

**Motion to approve** the Corresponding Secretary's report made by P. Leichtnam and seconded by N. Reimer. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Report of the Treasurer – N. Reimer. Report attached.**

**Motion to approve** the Corresponding Secretary's report made by K. Dumke and seconded by M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Report of the Committees**

- **Annual Awards** - KC Artley. Plaques and certificates were given out at the May 2018 membership meeting, and mailed to those members not present.
- **Audit** – Dana Thompson. Dana and Barbara Lord met with Nancy Reimer at shows to pick up, and return, the treasury documentation for 2017. The board reviewed the 2 page audit report. All 2017 checks and deposits were verified as correct.

**Motion to approve** the Audit Committee's report made by P. Leictnam and seconded by N. Reimer. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Fidelity Bond Insurance** – KC Artley. (Report given under Old Business).
- **Hall of Fame** - Barbara Tyler-Lord. No report. The list of Board reviewed nominees will be sent to BarbaraTyler- Lord to verify eligibility.
- **Lure Coursing Trials** – Nancy Reimer.

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- Report on the October 5 borzoi only AKC specialty coursing trial at Twin Towers park, Yellow Springs Ohio. This event drew 12 open borzoi, 3 field champion borzoi and 2 veterans. We shared the field that day with the whippet club's specialty trial. Thanks to Amy Sikula, Adrienne Hopple and Joan Tierney for helping, to chairperson KC Artley, and to whippet owner Judy Lowther, trial secretary. Profit for MBC is \$ 165.50.
- Report on the October 20 & 21 AKC coursing trials, for all AKC sighthounds, held at Lima Ohio. There were 79 sighthounds run on Saturday, including 20 open borzoi, 5 field champion borzoi and 1 veteran borzoi. There were 77 sighthounds run on Sunday, including 20 open borzoi, 5 field champion borzoi and 3 veteran borzoi. Profit for MBC is \$ 986.20. Thanks to trial secretary Amy Sikula, Anne Midgarden (chairperson and lure operator), and our other workers Joan Tierney, Adrienne Hopple, Jamie Bobrowski, Amy Balthrop, Nancy Reimer, KC Artley. Thanks also to Chris Moyer and Kelly Brunarski; Kelly took pictures Sunday of many of the sighthounds running and then she put the pictures on a website, offering the pictures free for downloading.
- In summary, the lure coursing trials, as a fund-raiser, raised \$1151.70 for MBC this year.
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - KC Artley. The Fall Bulletin was published in September.
- **MBC website** - KC Artley. The website is up to date with information about the planned 2019 events
- **Specialty, August 11, 2018**, Cudahy WI - Pamela Leichtnam
- **Specialty, May 25, 2019**, Kalamazoo MI - Laura Hyatt
- **Specialty, November 16, 2019**, Columbus OH - Amy Sikula
- No reports for statistics will be given at this meeting, since our award year ended 31 August, and not all results have been published by the AKC and by ASFA.
  - **Statistics, Conformation** - Lynne Bennett
  - **Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC** - KC Artley
  - **Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA** - Amy Sikula
  - **Statistics, Obedience & Rally** - KC Artley
- **Sunshine** - Michelene Nash. A "Condolence Card" was sent to P. Keifer's family but was returned by the post office.

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- **Request for Committee Changes/Formation** - KC Artley requesting Board approval for the following:
  - Anne Midgarden to replace KC Artley for **Annual Awards**
  - Christina Hartenstein for a new committee "**Document Proof Reader**" for MBC premiums and the Bulletin

**2019 Nominating Committee.** KC Artley - The nominating committee's report would be due no later than February 22, 2019, 90 days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting May 25. The Nominating Committee slate will be presented at the next meeting.

**Motion to approve the Annual Awards, Document Proof Reader positions and to table 2019 Nominating Committee** made by N. Reimer and seconded by N. Reimer. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 7. Election of New Member(s)

- Second reading for the following Membership Application: Amy Balthrop, Taylor MI – Single Membership - Proposed by: Amy Sikula Endorsed by: Anne Midgarden

**Motion to approve** made by P. Leichtnam and seconded by N. Reimer. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 8. Unfinished Business

- **Need/Cost of Bonding Insurance.** KC Artley. **Discussion:** The MBC Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, paragraph D(2) states "The Treasurer shall be solely responsible for any and all club funds and transactions and shall be bonded in such amount as the Board shall determine". Years ago, the Board decided that the bonding amount would be zero. MBC also has 2 standing rules about bonding, which are recommended for Board review: "S.R. R3 Treasurer's books to be audited yearly and the treasurer to be bonded" from 1980, and "S.R. R4 The treasurer should will be bonded for \$10,000" from 1991.
  - **Fidelity Bond.** KC Artley contacted a number of insurance companies. No company contacted will issue a fidelity bond for \$10,000. The minimum seems to be \$25,000. So what is a fidelity bond? "A fidelity bond is a form of insurance protection that covers policyholders for losses that they incur as a result of fraudulent acts by specified individuals. These insurance policies protect from losses of company monies, securities, and other property from employees who have a manifest intent to i) cause the company to sustain a loss and ii) obtain an improper financial benefit, either for themselves or another party." A quote for New Business Fidelity Bond" from Sportsmen's Insurance, the company that MBC has liability insurance with, was provided. . That company's premium, was one of the lowest. Attached is a second file "MBC-Bond-short.pdf" that has selected pages from the 41 page quote with marked items that would pertain to

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MBC. Note the requirements for making claims in writing, proof of loss, sworn statements, amount of deductions, audits.

- **How do the MBC members handle and protect the club's money?** Is there an opportunity for theft? The Treasurer provides a detailed report for each board meeting, and a financial report for the year at the annual membership meeting. Members have the opportunity to ask question about income and expenses, and to ask for written proof (like a receipt or bank deposit).

**MBC Income.** In a year, MBC takes in between 4 and 6 thousand dollars. MBC has 3 types of income: (1) dues and trophy donations sent by checks to the Recording Secretary, who provides a detailed list, and gives the list and checks to the Treasurer, who verifies the amounts and deposits the checks. (2) Income from specialty shows. For concurrent and independent specialties, the show superintendent collects the entry fees, deducts his expenses and gives the MBC treasurer a check for the balance, along with a detailed written report. For each show, we have a contract with the superintendent that specifies what we will owe him, and what services he will provide (such as number of catalogs). For designated specialties, we have a contract with the host kennel club. MBC provides breed trophies and gets AKC approval for a specialty. The host kennel

club gives MBC a rebate check, such as \$2 per borzoi entered. (3) Fund raisers, such as lure coursing trials. The person or persons responsible for collecting income are approved in advance by the MBC board, and must provide a detailed written report to the Treasurer. For example, this year, the lure coursing trial secretary provided a detailed list of all entry fee checks received, plus the amount of cash received. Since we accept day of trial entries, there can be cash accepted for entry fees. Another club member (usually a club officer), also counts the cash the day of the event, and signs the report, verifying both the amount of checks and the amount of cash.

- **MBC Expenses.** Annual expenses are between 4 and 6 thousand dollars. (1) Fixed expenses, such as liability insurance and rent for the storage facility (for club property) are approved by the Board. (2) Expenses for club mailings (meeting minutes, ballots) are covered in the standing rules. (3) Before a new event (show, coursing trial, fund raiser) is put on the agenda to be approved by the Board, estimated expenses are reviewed by the event chairperson, the Treasurer and/or the President, and sometimes, reviewed by the entire Board. Some expenses are covered by the standing rules, such as the maximum amount the club pays for the plaques given at our specialty shows. Before a contract is signed by a club officer, the contract is reviewed by the Treasurer, and either the event chairperson or another officer. A contract with our specialty show judge, is signed by the Corresponding Secretary, but the terms of the contract are specified by our standing rules (which have been approved by the Board).
- In summary, whatever decision(s) this Board wants to make about our procedures for handling money, please keep in mind, that we are a non-profit

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organization, totally run by volunteers. The more rules we make, require our Treasurer and other members, to volunteer more of their time doing more tasks, writing reports, filling out forms and answering questions.

**Motion to amend** Standing Rule - R3. Treasurer's books to be audited yearly and the treasurer to be bonded. (12-13-80 Rule of Order) to read **Treasurer's books to be audited yearly.** made by A. Sikula and seconded by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to delete** Standing Rule - R4. The treasurer will be bonded for \$10,000.00. (4-14-91 Rule of Order) made by P. Leichtnam and seconded by A. Sikula. Motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business

- Request board approval for an MBC supported entry show in conjunction with the Cudahy Kennel Club, at Franksville WI, August 10, 2019. Chairperson - Pam Leichtnam. Borzoi judge will be Robin Casey. Sweeps judge to be determined.

**Motion to approve** made by P. Leichtnam and seconded by K. Dumke. Motion passed unanimously.

- Request board approval for MBC to hold AKC lure coursing trials for all AKC sighthounds at the Lima Ohio field, in the Fall of 2019. Date will likely be the third weekend in October, but first, we have to find out when we can rent the field. Trial Secretary - Amy Sikula.

**Motion to approve** made by P. Leichtnam and seconded by K. Dumke. Motion passed unanimously.

- Request board approval for MBC to hold at least one supported entry show at the 2019 Michigan cluster in Kalamazoo, Memorial Day weekend. Borzoi judges are Daniel Dowling (Thursday), James Frederiksen (Friday), Stephen Dainard (Saturday), Robert L. Robinson (Sunday) and Linda C. More (Monday). KC Artley can be trophy chairperson for the May 25 TSE, the same day as the MBC specialty.

**Motion to approve** made by P. Leichtnam and seconded by K. Dumke. Motion passed unanimously.

- When and Where, MBC specialties will be in 2021. Discussion: A decision will be needed at our February/March board meeting, in order to report to the membership at the May 25 General Membership meeting. The potential problem is not the second specialty, but the first (annual) specialty. The 2021 BCOA National will be in Huron Ohio, but the hotel is not under contract, so exact dates are not known. It will likely be the second or third week of May. Options for the 2021 specialties are:
  - (1) Have an August specialty in Wisconsin and a November specialty in Ohio;
  - (2) For the first specialty, hold an independent specialty on the Sunday after the National at the same site. Before the Board can approve this option, it will be

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necessary to have an MBC member who has agreed to be chairperson and work with the BCOA, and have a Show Secretary (who cannot have dogs owned or co-owned at the MBC show, per AKC rules; or,

- (3) Plan on the first specialty at Kalamazoo Memorial Day weekend, and hope that the National does not reduce our entry.

**Motion to table** made by P. Leichtnam and seconded by K. Dumke. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to adjourn** made by D. Thompson and seconded by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm CDT with a follow-on meeting to complete the Board's business to be scheduled for 12 November 2018.