

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting  
August 15, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Anne Midgarden at 8:02PM.

**Attendance:**

Anne Midgarden	X	KC Artley	X
Kalen Dumke	X	Liz Duncan-Burge	X
Rebecca Heighton Drollinger	X	Mickey Nash	X
Amy Sikula	X	Pam Leichtnam	X
Nancy Reimer	X	Dana Thompson	X
Tami Marshall	X	Laura Hyatt	

1. Minutes from last Board meeting (March 2019) need approval. (The question about the BCOA medallions will be answered under Old Business).

Motion to Approve – KC Artley, Second Kalen Dumke. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

- Dues Notices/ Life Member Notices were mailed to the membership. Current information was included.
- Minutes from the General Membership meeting, attached, need approval so they can be sent to the membership.

Motion to Approve the Recording Secretary's report and the May 25, 2019 membership meeting minutes made by KC Artley, Second Nancy Reimer. Motion approved unanimously.

3. The Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Rebecca Heighton Drollinger. Contacted the first name on the list for sweeps judging; Needs to talk to Kalamazoo contact James about judges for 2021.

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary's report made by Dana Thompson, Second Nancy Reimer Motion approved unanimously.

4. Report of the Treasurer – Nancy Reimer.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report made by KC Artley, Second Liz Duncan-Burge Motion approved unanimously.

5. Report of the Committees

- Sunshine Committee – Mickey Nash: Sympathy Card sent to Lynne Bennett (passing of husband, Mike) and to Jennifer Zucker (passing of mother). Memorial for Mike Bennett on 10/11. Pat Ulloa also passed recently.

Motion to Approve report of the Sunshine Committee made by Kalen Dumke, Second Liz Duncan-Burge Motion approved unanimously.

- Specialty, May 25, 2019, Kalamazoo MI - Laura Hyatt - no report given
- TSE with sweepstakes, August 10, 2019, Wisconsin – Pam Leichtnam – no report given
- Specialty, November 16, 2019, Columbus OH - Amy Sikula

All trophies have been turned in for the catalog; medallions are for placements at Specialties (not supported entry). Anne will talk to KC about medallions and plaques.

Motion to Approve November 2019 specialty report – KC Artley, Second Kalen Dumke Motion approved unanimously.

7. Membership. (Any applications received?) None.

8. Old Business.

- 8A – KC Artley. There was a question at the March 7, 2019 meeting about the BCOA medallions. Per Barbara O’Neill, the BCOA Medallions will be automatically sent to the regional specialty’s show chairperson, upon receipt of the regional specialty application. The gold medallion is for Best of Breed, and the silver medallion is for BOS.

No discussion.

- 8B – KC Artley. Clarification of who is eligible to run for an MBC office. Per the MBC Constitution: “Article I, Section 3. The Club shall restrict its activities, pertaining to Specialties, Supported Shows, Board Meetings, General Membership Meetings and all Club-titled functions to the states of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin. Hereafter referred to as the Midwest.” And “Article IV, Section 1, paragraph A. The officers shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members in good standing and who are residents of the Midwest as stipulated in Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution and bylaws.” And “Article IV, Section 3, paragraph F. The Directors shall consist of

six (6) other members in good standing that are residents of the Midwest as defined in Article I, Section 3 .....

There are no standing rules about who is eligible to run for an MBC office. There was a brief discussion at the March 7, 2019 meeting, about “unwritten” rules concerning eligibility. This needs to be clarified, so that the 2020 nominating committee can be given the club’s “written” rules on eligibility. KC Artley asked if anybody wanted to introduce any addition rules (standing rules) concerning eligibility to run for office. (There were none).

In addition, there is confusion about the role of the board to review the report of the nominating committee, before that report is sent to the membership, and this should also be clarified. One MBC member complained to the secretary that the 2019 nominating committee report was illegal, and that it should not have been sent to the membership until the Board had approved the report at a meeting. Amy Sikula pointed out that nowhere in our rules, does it state that the Board has to approve the nominating committee report.

Per the Constitution: ARTICLE V - CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, AND ELECTIONS.

C. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one (1) or more candidates for each office and two (2) or more candidates for the other two (2) positions on the board. After securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall report his or her nominations in writing to the Recording Secretary 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee or the Recording Secretary shall submit the slate of nominations in writing to the membership by first class mail 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

There is agreement among the board members that the Nominating Committee will be responsible for telling people who are contacted about their availability and interest in serving on the board, but that this is not a guarantee that they will appear on the ballot.

We will add a new standing rule as follows:

*Whenever the Nominating Committee contacts potential candidates, they will make it clear in their communication that it is an inquiry regarding their availability and interest, and not a guarantee of their inclusion on the ballot.*

Motion to approve new standing rule– Kalen Dumke, Second KC Artley. Motion approved unanimously.

- 8C. Updates to Standing Rules - KC Artley. These updates to the standing rules were presented at the March 7, 2019 meeting, but were not voted on, due to time.

Some minor changes are recommended to the following 6 Standing Rules, to document what we have been doing. Words to be added are in bold italic. Words to be deleted are underlined.

- Under Annual Awards:

Update "A4. The wins of a new member's dog will be counted for Annual Awards starting 30 days after the person is voted into membership by the Board. This does not apply to former members, who are reinstated by the Board." With "**A4. *The wins of a new member's dog will be counted for Annual Awards starting on the date the applicant becomes a member, which is the date of the second reading of his application at a board meeting or at a general membership meeting.***"

Motion to update standing rule A4– KC Artley, Second Mickey Nash Motion approved unanimously.

- Under Hall of Fame:

Update D3. The Board will cut the list of suggested nominees to a maximum of 3 in each category. Then the Hall of Fame chairperson will write each nominee asking for information on committees/offices served on, or the number of litters bred and number of Borzoi titled. ***If more than one member qualifies for the award, the Hall of Fame chairperson will send a ballot to each officer and director, to vote for one person. Ballots to be returned to the Hall of Fame chairperson.*** When the Hall of Fame chairperson reports back to the Board, all information about all the nominees will be provided to the Board, including why a nominee doesn't meet the requirements for the award. The Board also decided that one person is enough to man this committee. A page of revised guidelines for the chairperson was approved.

Motion to update standing rule D3– KC Artley, Second Dana Thompson Motion approved unanimously.

- Under Specialties:

Update L5. MBC will allow up to 4 Awards of Merit to be given at the discretion of the Judge at any MBC specialty show. These awards are not given to BOB, BOS, ***Select Dog, Select Bitch***, WD or WB.

Motion to update standing rule L5– KC Artley, Second Kalen Dumke Motion approved unanimously.

- Under Specialties/Judges:

Clarify M5. The Tabulator **will be given two copies of the ballot and will record the total number of votes received from the members, by each name on the Ballot. The Tabulator will also be given stamped addressed envelopes to mail this**

**marked ballot report to the Corresponding Secretary and to the Treasurer. When the Treasurer receives this ballot report from the Tabulator, the Treasurer will pay the Tabulator the amount approved by the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall list Specialty Judges in order of total number of votes received, with the Judge receiving the highest number of votes listed first. If there is a tie, the Board will decide how to break the tie. The same applies to the list for Sweepstakes Judges.**

Motion to clarify standing rule M5 – KC Artley, Second Tami Marshall Motion approved unanimously.

- Under Trophy Supported Shows:

Delete P1. BOB at MBC trophy supported shows will get a 3" Club Medallion. Change P5. MBC will donate \$100.00 toward a Midwest supported event held in conjunction with a MBC specialty weekend.

Motion to combine and change standing rules P1 and P5– KC Artley, Second Pam Leichtnam Motion approved unanimously.

- Under Sweepstakes:

Update Q2. Classes to be offered are 6-9, 9-12, 12-15 and 15-18 months. No champion of record (published in the Gazette confirmed by the AKC as of the closing day of the show) may be entered. We will follow AKC guidelines for foreign-bred dogs.

Motion to update standing rule Q2– KC Artley, Second Kalen Dumke Motion approved unanimously.

## 9. New Business

- 9A. September 21, 2019, picnic - Anne Midgarden.

Motion to hold a picnic, lure coursing practice and fun match at the Lima kennel club show grounds, made by Anne Midgarden, Second KC Artley Motion approved unanimously.

- 9B. Selections of dates for future specialties – KC Artley. In order to try and “share” the costs of our specialty breed judge with the all-breed kennel clubs, we need to decide on where and when our two specialties will be, 3 or 4 years in the future. Already approved by the Board are: May 23, 2020 concurrent specialty with the Grand Rapids kennel club at Kalamazoo MI, November 14, 2020 designated specialty with the Lima kennel club at Columbus Ohio, May 29 or 30, 2021 concurrent specialty at Kalamazoo MI, and August 14, 2021 concurrent specialty with the Cudahy kennel club at Franksville WI.

History: Past specialties held in Michigan May 2018, May 2017, May 2016, May 2014, Jan 2013, Jan 2012, Jan 2011, July 2010.

In Ohio: November 2016, May 2015, Nov 2013, Nov 2010.

In Wisconsin: August 2018, Aug 2017, Aug 2015, August 2014, Aug 2012, Aug 2011.

- Pam would like to do another trophy supported entry in WI in August of 2020.

Motion – Pam Leichtnam, Second Amy Sikula Motion approved unanimously.

- Motion to hold an MBC specialty either Saturday or Sunday at Kalamazoo in May 2022 and in Columbus Ohio with the Lima Kennel club in November 2022, made by KC Artley, Second Pam Leichtnam Motion approved unanimously.
- Motion to hold an MBC specialty either Saturday or Sunday at Kalamazoo in May 2023, and in Wisconsin with the Cudahy kennel club in August 2023, made by– KC Artley, Second Nancy Reimer Motion approved unanimously.

**\*Meeting adjourned at 9:06PM**

Motion – KC Artley, Second Liz Duncan-Burge Motion approved unanimously.