

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting
Minutes
January 16, 2023 7:30 pm EST / 6:30 pm CST

Attendance:

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

1. Meeting began at 7:31 PM EST. Board members present (see above). Board members absent: Tina Wismer, Tami Marshall
2. Minutes from last Board meeting (October 2022).

Motion to Approve October 2022 board meeting minutes – Amy Balthrop
Second – KC Artley
Motion passed.

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

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

January mailer has been sent to the printer. Thank you, KC for proof-reading the membership booklet.

Motion to Approve Recording Secretary report – Pam Leichtnam
Second – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger
Motion passed.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Rebecca Heighton Drollinger.
 - The 2023 judges are available on the club website. Here are the approved specialties and judges for 2023-2024:
 - March 25 & 26, 2023 - Lima, OH
Judges – John Arvin, Amy Balthrop, Paul Kytta, Anne Midgarden

Show Chair – Adrienne Hopple
Field Trial Secretary – Amy Sikula

- 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 – Judy Dennis
Regular Classes – TBD
Show Chair – Frank Zajac
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Jamie Bobrowski

Kalamazoo did not hire any of our judges for 2024. Rebecca is now working to hire a judge for this event.

- October 12, 2024 - Lima, OH (2 Specialties on Saturday w/ picnic)
Sweepstakes – TBD
Regular Classes 1 – TBD
Show Chair 1 – TBD
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts 1 – TBD
Regular Classes 2 – TBD
Show Chair 2 – TBD
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts 2 – TBD
Lure Coursing (Sun)
Chair – TBD

*Site is reserved and AKC has approved both specialties.

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report – KC Artley
Second – Frank Zajac
Motion passed.

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

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's report – Amy Balthrop

Second – KC Artley
Motion passed.

6. Report of the Committees.

- **Annual Awards** – Tina Wismer.
- **Document Proof Reader** – Christiana Hartenstein. (no report needed).
- **Hall of Fame** – Barbara Tyler-Lord. All board votes have been received, and she has written to the top 3 to request needed information.
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - KC Artley.
- **MBC Website** - KC Artley.
- **NBRF Delegate** – Liz Duncan-Burge.
- **2023 Nominating Committee** - Anne Midgarden. Sandra Hilbert is chair of the nominating committee.
- **Ribbons** – Jamie Bobrowski. Jamie will be ordering ribbons for both specialties. We have enough lure coursing ribbons.
- **Statistics, Conformation** - Lynne Bennett.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA** - Amy Sikula. Provided to KC for the website.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC** - KC Artley.
- **Statistics, Obedience & Rally** - KC Artley.
- **Sunshine** - Michelene Nash.
- **Digital Archive** – Amy Balthrop & Amy Sikula. Amy Balthrop will be reaching out to Lynne Bennett to get access to the physical archives. Amy Sikula will find a company to quote us a price for the work.
- **Supported Entry Committee** – Amy Sikula. Amy is looking for members from each state. Interest expressed by: Jennifer Morgan (WI), Gale Snoddy (OH), Mia Paletta (IL), Kaley Ross (MI), Angela Campbell (IN), Tina Pickett (IN). Amy will be reaching out to members directly by phone to try to drum up interest in mentoring. Offers to mentor in their region include: Pam Leichtnam (WI/IL), Jill Zamowski (any – currently in AL), Amy Balthrop (MI).

Motion to Approve the Committees' reports – Frank Zajac
Second – Pam Leichtnam
Motion passed.

7. Membership – Amy Sikula.

New Applications – 2nd reading:

- Emily Lynn
- Magdalena Krasny
- Lori & Scott Meister
- Katlyn O'Neill

- Maria Sabella
- Neil Trilokekar

Motion to Approve – Jamie Bobrowski

Second – Amy Balthrop

Motion passed.

8. Old Business.

8A. Specialty Judges

Anne did the research on the new AKC rule allowing non-AKC judges for Specialties (attached). We need to discuss creating a new Standing Rule to address this new scenario, per Tina's motion in October.

Amy Sikula made a motion to not create a new standing rule at this time.

Second – KC Artley

Motion passed.

8B. 2025 Committee Report

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

Schaumburg, IL: Rebecca spoke with some other regional club members about their 2025 locations and dates. The Schaumburg weekend conflicted with the Lone Star Specialty, and BCOA will probably not approve for us to have specialties that conflict. Lone Star members told Rebecca that Lone Star will probably combine with a couple of other clubs for their specialties, and will not use the same weekend. Pam reports that Schaumburg is also being moved to the third weekend of January.

Pam made a motion to do a supported entry in Schaumburg, IL on January 20, 2024 with the International Kennel Club.

Second – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to hold a concurrent specialty in Kalamazoo, MI in May of 2025.

Second – Pam Leichtnam

Motion passed.

We will look at options for fall in 2025 for our next meeting now that we have determined to have the spring specialty in Kalamazoo.

BCOA: Kim can tell us that we will be in Region 5 for 2024 (Pacific Northwest) but a contract has not been signed. 2025 we will be in Region 1 (Northeast) but no location has been determined. No additional information about 2024 can be made available until it is announced to the membership at the meeting this spring.

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

MBC OFA clinic March 4, 2023 in Wapakoneta OH – Echoes and Thyroid testing available.

Do we want to do a large all breed clinic with Lima KC again this year in late July?

Anne made a motion to hold another all breed clinic with Lima KC in late July, 2023.
Second – Frank Zajac
Motion passed.

Does anyone want to put together a Facebook poll? N/A, no one had any specific ideas for this.

8D. Accepting applications and dues electronically. Amy Sikula

Amy provided an electronic fillable membership application form and a new dues notice with updated verbiage in PDF format for review.

Updated verbiage needs to be reviewed and approved before we publish to the website.

Motion to Approve – Amy Sikula
Second – Frank Zajac
Motion passed.

8E. Fundraiser discussion.

1) We didn't do a second fundraiser in the fall with black logo and different colors. Are we doing one this winter/spring? Amy Balthrop & Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

Rebecca reported that the fundraising site we used was connected to her PayPal account, because we couldn't use the club's account. She was charged taxes on the money we made, and does not want to go this route again.

Frank is willing to inquire how an acquaintance's company handles this.

Amy will reach back out to Turquoise Trail Club and find out how they set this up.

2) Online auction of quilt from Grace Conally. Jamie Bobrowski

Jamie posted on Facebook for ideas about how to auction the quilt. She found an app that will randomize a “wheel” in order to draw a name to win the quilt. She will charge \$10.00 per slot on the wheel. She will do the drawing in the February time frame.

Update from Jamie? Feb 5 through the following Sunday, \$15 per “raffle” slot on randomizer, and it does a draw for us. She can collect money through Zelle, PayPal and check.

Motion to Approve – Jamie Bobrowski
Second – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger
Motion passed.

8F. Annual Club Picnic, 2023

We have held picnics in OH, IN and MI. Frank Zajac has offered to “host” this for 2023. He is talking to Kalamazoo KC about renting their facility. Jamie offered her back yard and suggested some local parks. Frank will report back next meeting.

9. New Business.

9A. Frank has a report on the hotels near Kalamazoo shows.

Frank spoke with members of the Kalamazoo show committee. The hotels that members complained about were not on the list of recommended hotels. Michigan Department of Correction is using Red Roof and other low budget motels to house parolees throughout the state. It is possible to assemble a list of recommended motels for our members.

9B. MBC Member Education Series. Frank Zajac

Long standing members and Breeder making presentations at MBC events on subjects like their breeding program, starting a breeding program, improving the breed, kennel design, feeding, etc. could be stand-alone event or part of a Specialty or picnic.

Tami will call Nancy Reimer to see if she would be interested in doing a presentation, or write something for the website.

Amy Balthrop/Jamie Bobrowski are looking into putting together an education panel for members, with experienced breeders and the opportunity to put their hands on multiple dogs.

9C. Recap of 2023 meeting schedule.

January 16, 2023

April 17, 2023 7:30PM

July 17, 2023 7:30PM

October 16, 2023 7:30PM

Motion to adjourn – Pam Leichtnam

Second – Amy Sikula

Motion passed.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.