

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, May 28, 2022

1. Roll-Call: 10% of members residing in the Midwest region (12 members) required for quorum. 12 members were in attendance.

The following officers/board members were in attendance:

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

2. Reading of the minutes of the last membership meeting – Anne Midgarden

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the last membership meeting: Amy Balthrop

Second: Gale Snoddy

Motion passed.

3. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

As of this date, we have 116 active memberships. A total of 66 memberships are life members. We added 7 new members this year.

Motion to Approve the Recording Secretary report: Amy Balthrop

Second: Gale Snoddy

Motion passed.

4. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

- September 24, 2022 - Independent @ Crown Point Superintendent - Erie Canine Event Services Sweepstakes – Terry Ann Doane; Regular Classes – Dr. Jim Sillers
 - New pottery trophies
 - Borzoi only lure coursing after the specialty show
 - All breed lure coursing trial the following day
- May 27, 2023 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday) Sweepstakes – Joyce Law; Regular Classes – Jon Titus Steele (pending contract)
- August 12, 2023 - Caledonia, WI Sweepstakes – Kristi Arnquist; Regular Classes – Prudence Hlatky

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report: Raphael Finkelstein

Second: Gale Snoddy

Motion passed.

6. Report of the Treasurer. Frank Zajac's report attached.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer report: Ameerah Hoffman

Second: Pam Leichtnam

Motion passed.

7. Report of the Committees.

- The Nominating Committee members for 2022 are: Chairperson Kim Horn Janek (IN), Kristen Suhrenbrock (IL), Judy Dennis (MI), Sandra Hilbert (OH) and Kristi Arnquist (WI).
- Any other committee reports:
 - Hall of Fame – Due to COVID, Amy S misread the schedule and didn't send the nomination form last year, so it will be sent in July's mailing – huge apologies to all!

Discussion was held regarding space on the existing plaques, for Hall of Fame and Breeder awards, which is limited.

Gale Snoddy made a motion to create two new plaques, one for each award, and add all the existing names from the existing plaque, so no history is lost.

Second: Raphael Finkelstein

Motion approved.

- NBRF – discussion regarding fostering of Borzoi in the Ukraine
- Events – all breed lure coursing November 5th/6th in Lima OH

Motion to Approve the Committee reports: Amy Balthrop

Second: Frank Zajac

Motion passed.

8A. Second Reading of new members – Amy Sikula

- Mary Graber, OH.

8B. First reading of new members – Amy Sikula

- Ashley Huehn & Adam Hipsher
- Kaley Novak

Motion to Approve the New Members: Jamie Bobrowski

Second: Adrienne Hopple

Motion passed.

9. Unfinished Business. None.

10. New Business.

10A. The board recommends that the members vote to hold the 2023 annual Membership meeting at Kalamazoo MI, Saturday May 27, 2023, with the MBC specialty show.

Motion to Approve: Frank Zajac

Second: Amy Balthrop

Motion passed.

10B. Election of officers & board members.

There were no petitions to run for a board position. As a result, the nominating committee's slate is elected: President Anne Midgarden DVM, Vice President Tina Wismer, Corresponding Secretary Rebecca Heighton Drollinger, Recording Secretary Amy Sikula, Treasurer Francis (Frank) Zajac, Directors: Tami Marshall (returning) and KC Artley.

Thanks to Dana Thompson for her time serving on the board. Welcome to KC Artley!

10C. Discussion of Upcoming Specialties

Does anyone have suggestions for venues for 2024 and/or 2025?

Kalamazoo MI for Spring 2024 Specialty.

Motion to Approve: Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

Second: Pam Leichtnam

Motion passed.

10D. Welcome to new members from 2021/2022:

- Angela & Susan Campbell
- Emily Johnson
- Kristina Knowski
- Jamie McCallum and Michael Krisel
- Julie Madison
- Lauren McVey-Rush
- Rebecca, Chris and Deborah Strieby

10E. Does the membership want to give any additional ribbons at specialties for special awards (ex. Owner-Handler), and if so, what are suggestions?

Stud Dog and Brood Bitch were recommended, but they would be new classes. More discussion is needed.

10F. Membership suggestions for club activities, other than specialties and lure coursing events (ex. Picnics in member states, Fundraisers, Health clinics?)

10G. Fundraiser for Borzoi Health & Welfare Fund

- Quilt auction
- 50/50 raffle with gift baskets

More discussion is needed to plan fundraiser events.

10H. T-Shirts

T-shirt promotion will run in June/early July. For the next fundraiser, we will look at tumblers, hats, towels, jackets, letter openers, different t-shirt styles.

10I. Presentation of member owned borzoi “Top 10” Annual Awards

Awards and Recognition

- MBC Top 10 Awards – Anne Midgarden

10J. Any other new business.

2023 venues for annual picnic. We have now held picnics in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. Is anyone willing to find a venue for Wisconsin or Illinois? (Jamie Bobrowski).

Motion to Adjourn: Raphael Finkelstein

Second: Amy Balthrop

Meeting adjourned.