

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting
Agenda
July 17, 2023 7:30 pm EST / 6:30 pm CST
614-721-0867
Phone Conference ID: 381 286 343#

Attendance:

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

1. Meeting began at 7:35PM EST. Board members present (see above). Board members absent: Pam Leichtnam, Tina Wismer
2. Minutes from last Board meeting (April and June 2023).

Motion to Approve April 2023 board meeting minutes – Kristen Suhrenbrock
Second – Frank Zajac
Motion passed.

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

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

July mailer information has been sent to the printer.

Motion to Approve Recording Secretary report – KC Artley
Second – Liz Duncan-Burge
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:
 - August 12, 2023 - Caledonia, WI
Sweepstakes – Kristi Arnquist

Regular Classes – Prudence Hlatky
Show Chair – Jennifer Morgan
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Diane Bilak & Pam Leichtnam

○ May 25, 2024 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday)

Sweepstakes – Judy Dennis

Regular Classes –TBD

Show Chair – June Mintchell

Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Jamie Bobrowski

○ October 12, 2024 - Lima, OH (2 Specialties on Saturday w/ picnic)

Sweepstakes – Joyce Law

Regular Classes 1 – Chris Neale

Show Chair 1 – Sandra Hilbert

Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts 1 – Amy Sikula

Regular Classes 2 – Patti Neale

Show Chair 2 – Sandra Hilbert

Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts 2 – Amy Sikula

*Site is reserved and AKC has approved both specialties.

Jamie Bobrowski and Tina Wismer are trying to put on a LGRA trial on 10/13/24.

○ May, 2025 - Kalamazoo, MI (concurrent, date TBD)

Sweepstakes – TBD

Regular Classes – Daniel Dowling (pending signed contract)

Show Chair – TBD

Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – TBD

○ August, 2025 - Caledonia, WI (concurrent, date TBD)

Sweepstakes – TBD

Regular Classes – TBD

Show Chair – TBD

Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Diane Bilak

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report – Amy Balthrop

Second – Kristen Suhrenbrock

Motion passed.

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

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's report – Liz Duncan-Burge

Second – Kristen Suhrenbrock

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.
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - KC Artley.
- **MBC Website** - KC Artley.
- **NBRF Delegate** – Liz Duncan-Burge. 16 dogs in rescue in 2023. Received Beverly Taylor Fund distribution. Reminder to breeders: NBRF will do home visits free of charge upon request.
- **2023 Nominating Committee** - Anne Midgarden. Sandra Hilbert is chair of the nominating committee. Members remain the same for 2024.
- **Ribbons** – Jamie Bobrowski. We need to order ribbons for three 2024 specialties.
- **Statistics, Conformation** - Lynne Bennett.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA** - Amy Sikula.
- **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.
 - We need to provide estimates on the amount of material to be scanned in order for these companies to quote us a price.
 - Amy & Amy spoke with Lynne in Kalamazoo about picking a weekend to go through the physical archives this summer. More detail to come.
- **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). Amy is planning to set up the first conference call in July.

Motion to Approve the Committees' reports – KC Artley

Second – Kristen Suhrenbrock

Motion passed.

7. Membership – Amy Sikula.

New Applications – 2nd reading:

- Jennifer Morgan & Melissa Graham

Motion to Approve – Kristen Suhrenbrock
Second – Amy Balthrop
Motion passed.

8. Old Business.

8A. 2025 Committee Report

No BCOA National specialty site has yet been proposed for 2026. BCOA is going to be reviewing proposals over the next few months.

BCOA: 2025 we will be in Region 1 (Northeast) but no location has been determined.

Discuss options for Fall 2026 specialty.

Amy will talk to the Madison clubs to see about doing a Saturday supported entry.

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

MBC and LKC jointly sponsored health clinic will be on 7/22/23.

Could we have a health clinic in Illinois? As long as a state licensed vet is in charge, Anne could do thyroid blood draws. Someone would need to find a location and find local vets for echocardiograms or eye exams.

8C. Fundraiser discussion.

- 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.

Amy Sikula reached out to Turquoise Trail Club. They are a 501c3 and we are not.

Frank spoke with his acquaintance, and the information she provided didn't give us anything new to add to the conversation.

We will not be able to offer the t-shirts through that site again.

8D. Annual Club Picnic, 2024

We have held picnics in OH, IN and MI. No new locations were brought up.

9. New Business.

9A. MBC Member Education Series.

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.

Tina will call Nancy Reimer to see if she would be interested in doing a presentation, or write something for the website. Amy will reach out to OSU to see if Dr Runcan would give a presentation in 2024 October.

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.

Could NBRF put on a presentation about how to select a good home? What do people who surrender their borzoi have in common?

Amy Sikula sent an email to the Theriogenology Dept at OSU and received a reply.

I am the current resident here at OSU (I am the AKC sponsored resident here) and got the information about a presentation at the specialty in Lima on October 12, 2024. I am happy to come and do this presentation! How long would the presentation be? Also, I have been here for 1.5 years so I do not know what information was shown to you a few years back. Do you have any topics you would like me to go over? In the recent past I have gone over information on diet for the bitch, when to breed, progesterone timing, taking care of the bitch during pregnancy and whelping, and emergencies. If there is something in particular you want me to touch on, please let me know. I can also go into stud dog information as well. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Gail

Gail McRae, DVM

Theriogenology Resident

The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Are there specific topics that we think should be the focus of the presentation? General discussion was that care of the bitch during pregnancy and whelping might be the most useful topic. Amy will circle back to Dr. McRae.

9B. MBC Club Website

"Shenwebs" which had provided a free server for the MBC website for many years, has retired. If MBC wants to keep a website, MBC will have to pay for the server space. KC Artley will no longer be able to maintain and update the MBC website and bulletin.

Jamie Bobrowski volunteered to build a new website and take over managing the MBC site. Jamie's web server costs \$60.00 annually on the basic plan. We also have to purchase/transfer the domain name.

We will advertise to the membership for a new manager for the bulletin?

KC Artley made a motion to advertise to the membership for a new manager for the bulletin.

Second – Kristen Suhrenbrock

Motion passed.

9C. We need judges for October 21/22 AKC lure coursing trials in Muncie IN. Tina will work on this with Kristen Suhrenbrock.

Holly Hamilton is replacing Wayne Olson, who sadly passed away recently. Sandy Simmons and Anne Midgarden will also be judging.

9D. All Breed ASFA trial for 2023. Liz is happy to volunteer as secretary and use her property. There is a SLASH trial on October 21/22. They plan to have the MBC trial on Friday, October 20 at Liz's farm, and rent the equipment from SLASH.

Liz Duncan-Burge made a motion to have the MBC trial on Friday, October 20 at Liz's farm, and rent the equipment from SLASH at a charge of \$100 or \$5 per dog, whichever is greater.

Second – Frank Zajac

Motion passed.

9E. Write/update procedures explaining how to put on MBC events.

Rebecca will start updating the show committee guidelines starting in January 2024.

9F. New members.

- Notification when new members are officially accepted into the club.

- If an application is declined, we should provide a reason to the applicant and the sponsors.

We should add a new position – Membership Chair. This person would be responsible for letting new members know when they are officially voted into the club, and possibly provide a membership booklet and officer list.

KC Artley made a motion to advertise this new committee chair position.

Second – Kristen Suhrenbrock

Motion passed.

9G. Tabulator discussion. Judy Collopy has been MBC's tabulator for many years. KC no longer has a current address for her. KC wanted to let us know in advance, before we have to send out judges' ballots. We need to find a person who is not involved with borzoi to be the tabulator.

We pay the tabulator \$50.00 to sort through the votes and provide the results to the recording secretary.

Amy will ask some of her non-borzoi friends if they would be willing to do this.

9H. Do we want to continue to mail minutes to the membership? Fewer and fewer people are receiving paper copies, and the cost of printing and mailing the minutes is increasing. We should talk to any of our acquaintances about this and discuss again at the next board meeting. Then we can decide if we want to add this to the agenda for the next membership meeting in May, 2024. The board agreed we do not want to make this decision at a board meeting.

Motion to adjourn – Kristen Suhrenbrock

Second – Amy Balthrop

Motion passed.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.