

BPCA Board of Directors Meeting

April 17, 2025
8:00 ET via Zoom

ROLL CALL

Judy Thompson – present	Valerie Black – present
Jacqueline Carswell - present	Kami Lanigan - present
Jenny Scifres – present	Celestia Lensky – present
Patty Newgard – present	Nancy Draper - present
Ailynn Collins – present	

Judy Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM ET.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March Board meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Valerie moved to approve the minutes. Jacqueline seconded the motion.

Yea Votes: 9

Nay Votes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carried

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President – Judy

Judy thanked Celestia for working on the Member Survey

Vice President -Valerie

Trophies were picked up for the Waukesha designated specialty. Dr. Heidi Kellihaan will conduct a cardiac clinic. There will be several performance events (see the Region 3 report below).

Recording Secretary – Jenny

Celestia and Valerie checked to see if Groups.IO email addresses for membership are correct for distributing minutes and financial reports.

We are evaluating other meeting platforms besides Zoom. We have added the polling feature for meetings to our current Zoom account.

We will start adding updates for To-Do items from the previous meeting.

Corresponding Secretary – Kami

Kami sent the membership roster to AKC for Parent Club registration. The latest report from the AKC is probably incorrect because the roster had not been updated recently. The report has yet not been distributed to the membership since it may be incorrect.

The process for new members was changed to streamline it and provide more information to new members. Kami will send the initial email to new members and copy the Board.

Kami is updating the website to reflect the correct join date of members. This function was not available when the website was launched, so this information was missing for members.

A matter was reported to the Corresponding Secretary that needed to be addressed in an executive session.

The Board went into executive session at 8:17 PM. The session ended at 8:39 PM.

Treasurer – Jacqueline

Jacqueline submitted financial reports to the Board.

AKC DELEGATE’S REPORT

Delegate - Jacqueline

The next AKC Delegate meeting is in June. Jacqueline may have a conflict and be unable to attend.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1 - Celestia

There will be a Picardy Party and supported entries the week of the National.

Region 2 - Patty

Patty is working on a letter to send to Region 2 members.

Region 3 - Nancy

The premium list for the Waukesha designated specialty and supported entry July 26-27 will be available soon. Honey Ann Glendinning of Canada judges Saturday and Kathy Wilkins, a provisional judge from Georgia, judges Sunday. FastCAT, Dock Diving and AKC Trick Dog will also be offered.

Supported entries are also planned August 22-24 with the North Star Herding Group, Lake Elmo, Minnesota, and August 29-September 1 at the Amana Dog Cluster in Amana, Iowa.

Region 4 - Ailynn

Nothing to report.

OTHER REPORTS

Rehome – Ailynn

Nothing to report.

Membership Applications:

The following applicants for Active Membership are ready for review: Laurie Marlow, Amanda Giles, and Julia Foster-Hess.

Judges Education - Valerie

The Judges Education Committee met and would like to work on an illustrated breed standard. There is someone that has experience producing illustrated breed standards. The Committee would like to procure her services for the Club. The cost should be around \$2,000.

Motion: Jacqueline moved to set a budget from the Education Fund not to exceed \$2,000, for the photography and graphic work for an illustrated standard of the breed. Patty seconded the motion.

Yea Votes: 9

Nay Votes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carried

The Club is signed up to provide judges' education for herding at the Royal Canin show in December this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nominating Committee:

Cheryl Landry had to withdraw from the committee for Region 1. On April 8, 2025, the Board responded unanimously in the affirmative for Ellie Pieper to fill this vacancy.

The committee met for the final time on April 17. They completed and voted on a slate of candidates. The Committee Chair sent the list to the Recording Secretary per the Club Bylaws.

2025 National:

Kami, Celestia and Ailynn researched companies that provide promotional materials and apparel and found a potential candidate that offers a wide variety of products. The Show committee members are testing the quality of some of the products.

There was a discussion on the markup on products.

Celestia found some trophy charms from Woodbury Pewter. Jacqueline offered to try to negotiate a competitive price for the Club.

There will be some nice trophies for the Devon and Hatboro supported entries.

Constitution and Bylaws Update:

The AKC approved the first draft of the Constitution and Bylaws as presented. On the advice of the AKC, since we are currently in the process of reincorporating in the state of Illinois, Jacqueline sent the draft to Illinois attorney, Eugenia Hunter, for review.

Eugenia's response stated that she had reviewed them and that "the proposed bylaws amendments and noticed that the AKC provisions for written ballot to be done electronically was not included. Those should be revised to include that if you are going to this trouble. Saves time and money. Provisions were included for the board to conduct virtual meetings."

Jacqueline reached out to the AKC (Christa Vat and Aneke McPhail) for help with the exact wording and placement in the already approved draft so that we don't have to go back and forth until we get it right. They recently responded with what to do. Jacqueline will continue working on this.

Judges Selection:

Ballots will go out soon along with other materials from the Board.

Update on BPCA Incorporation and Merger to Illinois:

Attorney Eugenia Hunter will continue working on this taking into account the recent response from the AKC concerning what needs to be done to update the Constitution and Bylaws regarding virtual meetings.

2025 Trophy Donations:

This topic was not discussed at the meeting.

2026 National Specialty:

Purina is not responding to Jacqueline. We will move this National Specialty to Des Moines by default. Nancy is moving forward with this.

2027 National Specialty:

Ailynn sent information to the Board about different location in Colorado. She will send this information to the Board again.

Realignment of Regions:

Kami proposed options for realigning Regions. Region 1 and Region 2 do not meet the current guide of being approximately equal in the number of members.

After a discussion of the pros and cons of the options, a motion was made to realign the Regions.

Motion: Jacqueline moved to relocate Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina from Region 2 to Region 1. Valerie seconded the motion.

Yea Votes: 9

Nay Votes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carried

The rest of the states that were previously in each Region will stay in the same Region.

Artist Contracts:

Kami is developing a contract for the Club for procuring artwork. The intent is for procured artwork to be the property of the Club with retained rights of the artwork.

Other Old Business:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Site of the Next Working Board Meeting for Documents:

Working Meeting is scheduled for May 23 and 24th at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Next Board Meeting: May 15, 2025 at 8:00 PM ET.

Celestia moved to adjourn the meeting. Valerie seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm ET.

Jenny Scifres, Recording Secretary