

Midwest Borzoi Club Board Meeting
Agenda
April 15, 2024 7:30 pm EST / 6:30 pm CST

,Attendance:

Anne Midgarden	X	Liz Duncan-Burge	X
Tina Wismer	X	Amy Balthrop	X
Rebecca Drollinger	X	Pam Leichtnam	X
Amy Sikula	X	Kristen Suhrenbrock	X
Frank Zajac	X	Jamie Bobrowski	X
Jenni Steele	X	Jennifer Morgan	X

1. Meeting began at 7:31 EST. Board members present (see above). Board members absent:
2. Minutes from last two Board meetings (January 2024 & February 2024).

Motion to Approve January and February 2024 board meeting minutes – Amy Balthrop
Second – Kristen Suhrenbrock
Motion passed.

3. Report of the Recording Secretary – Amy Sikula.

January meeting minutes are available on the website and were sent to the membership.

Motion to Approve Recording Secretary report – Pam Leichtnam
Second – Tina Wismer
Motion passed.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Rebecca Drollinger.

- Here are the approved specialties and judges for 2024-2025:
 - May 25, 2024 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday, concurrent)
Sweepstakes – Judy Dennis
Regular Classes – Robin Casey
Show Chair – Rebecca Drollinger
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, Anne Midgarden
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts 1 – Amy Sikula
Regular Classes 2 – Patti Neale
Show Chair 2 – Sandra Hilbert, Anne Midgarden
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts 2 – Amy Sikula
*Site is reserved and AKC has approved both specialties.

- May 24, 2025 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday, concurrent)
Sweepstakes – TBD
Regular Classes – Daniel Dowling (pending signed contract)
Show Chair – Jamie Bobrowski
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – TBD

- August 9, 2025 - Caledonia, WI (Saturday, concurrent)
Sweepstakes – TBD
Regular Classes – Amy Sorbie
Show Chair – Jennifer Morgan
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Diane Bilak

- May 23, 2026 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday, concurrent)
Sweepstakes – TBD
Regular Classes – TBD
Show Chair – TBD
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – TBD

- October 10, 2026 – Crown Point, IN (Saturday, independent)
Sweepstakes – TBD
Regular Classes – TBD
Show Chair – Anne Midgarden
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – TBD

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report – Liz Duncan-Burge
Second – Amy Balthrop
Motion passed.

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

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's report – Liz Duncan-Burge
Second – Pam Leichtnam
Motion passed.

6. Report of the Committees.

- **Annual Awards** – Tina Wismer.
- **Digital Archive** – Amy Balthrop & Amy Sikula. Amy S found 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 B touched base with Lynne over the summer, but wasn't able to work out a date. Amy S has reached out to Lynne to plan a weekend this spring.
- **Document Proof Reader** – Christiana Hartenstein. (no report needed).
- **Hall of Fame** – Barbara Tyler-Lord. Next Hall of Fame mailing will be in July of 2024.
- **MBC Bulletin Editor** - Claire Breen.
- **MBC Website** – Jamie Bobrowski.
- **NBRF Delegate** – Liz Duncan-Burge.
- **New Membership** – Diane Bilak. We need to write up a description of these duties. Tina was working on the SOPs.
 - 1)Standard notification of acceptance
 - 2)Membership booklet
 - 3)List of events
 - 4)List of people in their area with borzoi
 - 5)Standard notification of denial – not a part of the New Membership Chair responsibilities
- **2024 Nominating Committee** - Anne Midgarden. Sandra Hilbert is chair of the nominating committee. Members remain the same for 2024.
- **Ribbons** – Jamie Bobrowski. We ordered ribbons for all three 2024 specialties, and has flat ribbons. They should be labeled Show 1 and Show 2. Pam will do all the plaques for spring and fall 2024 and bring them to Kalamazoo. She will also do the judges gifts for May.
- **Statistics, Conformation** - Lynne Bennett.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA** - Amy Sikula. Provided to Jamie for the website and Tina for awards on 1/18.
- **Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC** – Kristen Suhrenbrock.
- **Statistics, Obedience & Rally** – Anne Midgarden.
- **Sunshine** – Michelene Nash.
- **Supported Entry Committee** – Amy Sikula. We had our second conference call in February. We have some recommendations for supported entries in 2025 under new business.
- **Ways & Means (Fundraising)** – Jamie Bobrowski.

Motion to Approve the Committees' reports – Frank Zajac

Second – Tina Wismer

Motion passed.

7. Membership – Amy Sikula.

New Applications – 1st reading:

- Kim Ketelsen
- Lauren Bagley & Mathew Marrash

Motion to Approve New Members – Amy Balthrop

Second – Kristen Suhrenbrock

Motion passed.

8. Old Business.

8A. 2025/2026 Specialty/Event Committee Reports

BCOA Rep Update: Our 2024 show will be in Pasco WA June 1-8. Final negotiations are taking place for 2025 but no information can be released until the contract has been signed. We are still looking at April 19-26, 2025. We are researching two possible locations for 2026 but no site visits have been made.

2024 MBC All-Breed Fall Lure Coursing Trial on October 26/27 in Muncie IN – field is reserved.

Motion – Kristen Suhrenbrock

Second – Jamie Bobrowski

Motion passed.

2027 Spring Specialty to be held in Kalamazoo, MI.

Motion – Rebecca Drollinger.

Second – Frank Zajac

Motion passed.

8B. KC Artley's resignation.

Anne Midgarden has appointed Jenni Steele to replace KC Artley, effective immediately.

8C. Health Clinics in 2024.

There are a lot more health clinics being offered, so maybe there isn't as great a need for multiple clinics. We should monitor this going forward. Discussion will continue next meeting.

- Report on March 2024 at Midgarden Vet Clinic. Moved to Lima Kennel Club due to the size.
- July 20, 2024 with Lima Kennel Club. MBC members will get first opportunity for appointment slots in exchange for members working at the clinic.

8D. Annual Club Picnic, 2025

Where do we want to hold the 2025 picnic?

Pam recommended that if we want to have something in WI, we either consider a picnic with the specialty or we can ask Racine KC if we could use their grounds for a picnic without a show. We could also hold an independent specialty at the Racine KC grounds.

8E. 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.

- 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. They will continue to look into this.
- Frank will contact Laura Hyatt to see if she would like to present something about her breeding program at a picnic or independent specialty. Laura cannot commit at this time.
- We received a request from Magdalena Krasny for a canine first aid course at a future event. She volunteered to help coordinate and set up the event if we can find a presenter. Anne spoke to Teresa West-Holmes and she has a presentation developed and is willing to come and present whenever we invite her.

8F. Write/update procedures explaining how to put on MBC events.

Rebecca will start updating the show committee guidelines starting in January 2024. She is still in the planning stages. She wants to make an interactive document with links and screenshots. Rebecca has created the document and is working on it.

8G. Should MBC apply to be a 501c organization?

Frank downloaded a copy of the application form. There is a filing fee of \$600.00. We would need to provide a copy of the constitution and by-laws. We would need to file taxes each year, and only 35% of our income can be from non-members. There are additional considerations that we need to review, possibly with an attorney or other expert.

We will not be ready to present anything at the May membership meeting. Amy Sikula will ask some friends who are involved in 501c organizations if they know of anyone who consults with clubs and organizations on this process.

8H. Medallions – Frank Zajac.

Large medallions were ordered. Jenni is going to go to Traverse City to pick them up in person so she can be sure they are correct. She will also put together a proposal for the small medallions.

9. New Business.

9A. Supported entry proposals.

Amy Sikula and Gayle Snoddy propose a supported entry in Indianapolis IN on January 31, 2025. The cluster dates are Wednesday January 29 - Sunday February 1.

Motion to hold a supported entry in Indianapolis IN on January 31, 2025 – Amy Sikula
Second – Frank Zajac
Motion passed.

9B. Kristen Suhrenbrock has stepped down, effective immediately.

Anne Midgarden has appointed Jennifer Morgan as a replacement.

9C. May membership meeting. Amy Sikula.

Review the agenda.

- Remove the 501c topic from the agenda, as we are not ready to present at this time
- Under 10B – update Fall 2026 with Crown Point information and add Spring 2027 in Kalamazoo
- Add Kim and Laur/Mat to section 8.

Motion to Approve the May membership meeting agenda – Pam Leichtnam
Second – Liz Duncan-Burge
Motion passed.

9C. Meeting schedule for 2024/2025. Jamie Bobrowski.

Jamie would like to make a motion to change the meeting time to 6:30PM EST. Rebecca will still have a conflict in October and we still need to meet on Tuesday October 8th. No other conflicts.

Second – Amy Balthrop

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn – Pam Leichtnam

Second – Tina Wismer

Motion passed.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.