

Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc .
Board Meeting
March 6, 2009
St. Louis, Missouri

A duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors was convened at the Drury Inn in St. Louis, Missouri on March 6, 2009. The following members of the Board of Directors were present at this meeting: Mary Remer, President; Naomi Waynee, Executive Secretary; Claudia Sharp, Corresponding Secretary; Dale Schuur, AKC Delegate; Jacquie Smith and Glenna Wright, Members at Large. Present by conference call were: Brent Ruppel, First Vice President; Becky Poole, Second Vice President; and Norma Shepherd, Treasurer.

Members at this meeting were: Jane Killion, Miriam Hopkins, Paul Hopkins and Christine Schuur.

President Remer served as the Chairperson and Executive Secretary, Naomi Waynee served as Secretary.

The Chairman called this meeting to order at 12:00 pm and announced that this meeting was being held pursuant to due notice and a quorum was present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED to approve of the minutes of the last meeting as published.

ACTION: Motion made by Becky Poole and seconded by Dale Schuur. Approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – Mary Remer

- We received a letter from the AKC thanking the BTCA for supporting the AKC Meet the Breeds program. Over 145 parent clubs participated. They look forward to our supporting this year's 125th anniversary show.
- On December 17th, 2008 the BTCA and the BTCTB received a letter from the Wyndham Orlando Resort releasing both clubs from all financial obligations with regard to the 2008 Silverwood penalties. A contract between the Wyndham Orlando Resort and the BTCTB has been negotiated for Silverwood 2011. The BTCA is not named in this contract.
- A Finance and Budget committee is in place. The committee consists of Norma Shepherd, chair, Gail Harlamoff and Ted Martin
- A Trophy Sponsorship/Solicitation Sub-committee has been created to look at trophy options. The members of the committee are Jane Killion, chair Miriam Hopkins, Alison Ibbitson and Dede Wilson. This committee works with and reports to Trophy chair, Theresa Spurr.
- We are currently running a poll to see how the membership feels about having sweeps, futurity or both on Silverwood weekend.
- A donation button for Blue Ridge Bull Terrier Club has been added to the Rescue web site.

Executive Secretary's Report – Naomi Waynee

- Dale Schuur and Becky Poole have agreed to assist with the review and revision of the "Blue Book" policies and procedures manual
- Request from BTC of New England to have the Summer Board meeting on their weekend.

Corresponding Secretary's Report- Claudia

Treasurer's Report – Norma Shepherd

- Norma Shepherd distributed the year end report at the Board meeting in St. Louis, MO.
- Norma Shepherd read the financial report.
- Credit Card Charges for Silverwood and Specialty entries will be charged the additional 3%
- Norma Shepherd asked for clarification for where the funds for the Silverwood cash prizes comes from. The Best White Dog and Best White Bitch prizes come from the Doble fund and the Best Colored Dog and Best Colored Bitch prizes come from the General Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Show – Jacquie Smith**
 1. Five judges currently are scheduled for the maximum number of ROM shows. They are David Merriam, Jon Cole, Ray Sharp, Desmond Murphy and Robert Shreve.
 2. Ken McDermott was unable to fulfill his assignment in Palm Springs. He was replaced by Diane Foote. He also was scheduled to judge in Dallas. He has been replaced by Desmond Murphy. The ROM points for Mr. Murphy's day in Dallas have been changed to David Merriam's day since Mr. Murphy is already scheduled to judge his maximum number of ROM shows.
 3. Regional clubs that do not submit officers and show information to the show chair will not receive ROM points for their shows.

- **Trophy – Theresa Spurr**
 1. Trophy sponsorship and solicitation sub committee
This subcommittee was formed by the President on 11-5-2008. The subcommittee was given the instruction to "research opportunities and come up with suggestions for the BTCA to involve our membership and others in the sponsorship and solicitation of suitable trophies." The subcommittee had some very good research and ideas in regards to sponsorship. Their report is separate from this and is quite detailed. Congratulations on their fine work.
 2. The Board decided to focus on solicitations for the National Specialty/Sweepstakes/Performance only. Naomi Wayne noted that the Breeders Class only has one placement and not four.
 3. Trophy selection will be the responsibility of the Trophy Chair.
 4. All sponsors will be listed in the catalog as well as in the Record. The committee will work with Trophy Chair, Theresa Spurr on the specifics of the trophies.
 5. The Board thanked Jane Killion for the committee's hard work.

RESOLVED to accept the Trophy sponsorship and solicitation proposal as presented for the National Specialty (Regular and Non-regular classes), Sweepstakes and Performance only for 2009.

ACTION: Dale Schuur made the motion. Becky Poole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Budgeting information. Following is excerpt of the trophy information sent to the Treasurer and Show Chair.

6. Items in Inventory:

1. Silverwood Bronzes: 3
2. Silverwood Bases: 2
3. Brood Bitch Trophy: 1
4. Stud Dog Trophy: 0
5. Stud Dog Base: 0
5. Silverwood Medallions: At least 8
6. Boland Bronze Plaque: 1
7. Versatility Plates: 8
8. Versatility Excellent Plates: 10
9. High Combined in Trial Plate: 1

Five year Plan for major trophy expenditures:

Following is a list of some approximate costs for our major trophy expenditures. These approximations are for long term planning only, and are based on some historical experience with these items.

No quotes have been obtained to perform this work.

To spread the cost over a five year period, these assumptions are in place:

1. The BTCA will continue to purchase stud dog trophies one at a time until we run out of waxes
 2. That the versatility plates will last until 2011
 3. That two more years will be squeezed out of the SW medallion mold
- THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE NORMAL ANNUAL TROPHY EXPENSES!**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Create New Mold for Silverwood Bronze		\$600			
Purchase 10 Silverwood Bronzes		\$5,500			
Purchase 10 Bases for Silverwood Bronze		\$750			
Create New Mold for Brood Bitch Bronze	\$550				
Purchase 10 Brood Bitch Bronzes	\$3,500				
Create New Mold for Stud Dog Bronze					\$550
Purchase 10 Stud Dog Bronzes					\$3,000
Purchase 10 Stud Dog Trophy Bases					\$750
Create New Mold for SW Medallion Bronzes			\$150		
Purchase 150 (approx 5 years worth) of SW Medallion Bronzes			\$4,050		
Create New Mold for Boland Bronze (BOV Colored)	\$200				
Purchase 10 Boland Bronzes	\$750				
Purchase 20 Versatility Plates			\$1,000		
Purchase 20 Versatility Excellent Plates				\$1,000	
Total Per Year	\$5,000	\$6,850	\$5,200	\$1,000	\$4,300

7. Approvals needed from BOD:

- Purchase mold for Brood Bitch Trophy. The order for the mold needs to occur within the next 60 days in order to have a brood bitch trophy for October. Also need to know *how many* of the brood bitch bronzes the BOD would like to purchase.
- Purchase mold for Boland Bronze. The order for the mold needs to occur within the next 60 days in order to have a Boland trophy for October. Also need to know *how many* of the Boland bronzes the BOD would like to purchase.
- The Board opted to investigate the use of different materials and vendors for the trophies.
- **Futurity – Alison Ibbitson**
 1. Alison Ibbitson had no report.
- **Special Awards – Gregory Anderson**
 1. No report submitted
- **Performance – Jane Killion**
 1. No report submitted
- **BARKS – Linda Maddox**
 1. The winter issue of BARKS brought in \$4027.00.
 2. Production costs for 593 copies \$3028.01.
 3. Total profit this issue \$998.99.
 4. The back cover, inside front and inside back covers for the spring issue (deadline March 31st) have been sold.
 5. I have been in communication with the publishers of THE BULL TERRIER YEARBOOK, a book which comes out annually and records show winners from all across the world. They have in years past Emailed Silverwood winners (finalist up) for photos, pedigrees and owners/breeders. Unfortunately, they have not received all the information or inaccurate information the last couple of years, so in an effort to correct this, they have asked if I would supply them the results. When I am finished with the winter issue of BARKS (approved the final draft), I would then Email the SW section for inclusion in the book. It would be no problem to do this, but would like the BOD's approval to release BTCA information.

RESOLVED to release the Silverwood and National Specialty information to the publishers of THE BULL TERRIER YEARBOOK with the clause that three copies will be given to the BTCA for use in auctions.

The Board decided notification be made to exhibitors whose photographs will be included.

ACTION: Claudia Sharp made the motion. Jacquie Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. I would also ask the BOD to revisit the front cover of BARKS. Several months ago, there was an exchange of Emails regarding the front cover, but no definitive answer was made. At the present time, the winter issue is the SW winner, the spring issue is the stud dog and brood bitch winners and the summer issue is just a “generic

“photo. If these are changed to, (for example), Winter issue Silverwood winner, Spring issue National Winner and Summer issue Stud dog and Brood bitch winners, that would free up the back cover for someone to purchase for the winter issue. Since this year is underway, the above change would start for the winter issue (09-10).

RESOLVED to utilize the front cover of BARKS in the following manner: The Winter issue will feature the Silverwood winner; The Spring issue will feature the National Specialty Winner; and The Summer issue will feature the Raymond Oppenhiemer Stud Dog Trophy and Eva Wetherill Brood bitch Trophy winners.

ACTION: Naomi Waynee made the motion. Brent Ruppel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. I will be sending out an Email to all the lists regarding the new section, to be called “PROUD PETS”. It was suggested this section include therapy dogs. I would ask the BOD to consider the possible liability issue having a dog/owner’s picture taken with an elderly person/handicapped person/etc. Therapy Dog International (the group a majority of dogs are certified through) requires a release form be signed before any photos can be used in their newsletter. I am wondering if we need to do this too. I would appreciate the BOD discussing this and giving me direction with the matter.
 8. The Board approved the implementation of a release form for elderly person or handicapped individuals appearing in photographs with therapy dogs.
- **RECORD – Naomi Waynee**
 1. I have sent several emails reminding the membership of the new deadline date.
 2. Submissions have been slow in coming in. I plan to email past advertisers and ask them to continue to support the RECORD. If we can get the same number of advertisements as previous, we would come closer to making the RECORD more cost efficient with the new size.
 3. I would propose waiting to see what the outcome of this year’s issue will be financially. With the current economic situation we may need to make a decision regarding the future issues of the RECORD being given versus sold to membership.
 - **Ways and Means – Alison Ibbitson**
 1. Alison Ibbitson had no report
 - **Website – Alesia Cooke**
 - **Health – Susan Murphy**
 1. Heart Clinic – Silverwood Weekend
 - The Health Committee is extremely pleased with the success of their Heart Clinic this year. In total, Dr. Spier tested fifteen Bull Terriers, beginning at 1:00 PM and ending around 7:00PM.
 - Owners of all fifteen participants released their test results to the Heart Study being conducted at Michigan State University by Bari Olivier for the Bull Terrier Club of America.
 - The Health Committee has begun contacting participants of past health clinics who did Echo/Dopplers at those clinics in order to obtain those test results for the study.
 2. BTCA Health Database and Disease Incidence Survey 2008
Excerpts from report by Kevin Welch
 - The BTCA Health Committee administered a member survey in the Summer of 2008, conducted by Kevin Welch. The purpose of the survey was to obtain member perspective in regards to the incidence of disease conditions among Bull Terriers and to ascertain the members’ perception of the relative importance of diseases present in the breed today. It had been many years since such a survey had been conducted
 - In addition the survey sought to gather member opinions on the potential usability of a health test registry under consideration for development. Without adequate member support the considerable resources and time investment in such development would be wasted. Results of the survey would help the BTCA decide how best to proceed with such a project. (Pg 1).
 - Approximately 510 personalized email invitations were sent out using current member roster and other address sources. Initial return rate from bad email addresses was under 5% leaving us to believe we eventually reached approximately 500 potential respondents.
 - Over the 6-week period 249 survey responses were gathered on the website yielding a remarkably high estimated response rate of nearly 50%.
 - Demographics of BTCA respondents:
 1. 1 in 6 members now have 5 or more BTs on the premises(!)
 2. 31% have other breeds at home, too.
 3. Median yrs in BTCA: 11.5
 4. 51 (20%) have bred 3+litters
 5. Estimated 50% can be expected to have a litter of BTs within 2 years
 - Health Database Registry:

1. Majority think any database registry should include all dogs and littermates, yet
 2. 30% think a registry should be for breeding dogs only
 3. 100% think a registry should include tests for Cardiac, Kidney and hearing disorders, less so for patellar tests
 4. 4 out of 5 would like to see show results, titles and other data included to boost usability
 5. 7 in 10 say they would most certainly include test data on their dogs.
 6. 79% say they would most certainly update registry with unfavorable test results
 7. 4 in 5 say they would refer to a database when selecting breeding partners
- Disease Incidence Rankings
 1. Results pertain to a sizeable convenience sample of 1202 Bull Terriers
 2. 39% Males, 61% Females
 3. 47% Whites, 53% Coloreds
 4. 361 deceased since 2000 (30% - approx. 4.3% per year)
 5. 133 per thousand reported to have a heart murmur
 6. 78 per thousand reported to have deafness
 7. Greater than 200 per thousand reported to have mange or other skin disease!
 8. Aggression reported to hit 62 Bull Terriers per thousand.
 9. OCD and other non-aggressive temperament problems exceeds 100 per thousand
 10. Kidney disease considered overall as the primary problem in BTs; but second among breeders of 3+ litters who rank skin disorders first.
 11. (Pg 2,3)
 - These demographics along with the very high response rate of 50% suggest that these survey results well reflect the perceptions of BTCA members. (Pg 3)
 - Meanwhile it must be remembered that these BTCA data while useful are still merely survey data and reflect subjective impressions that are neither standardized nor validated.
 - There are no previous surveys of these same Bull Terrier data within the breed club for comparison purposes.
 - Thus, it is uncertain whether either or both the facts of or the perceptions of breed health are advancing or in decline. A similar survey should be performed in the future in order to determine change and direction, and the impact of any program or interventions that may be put in place by the club in the meantime. (Pg 4)

(*Kevin Welsh provided the Board of Directors with copies of his report on the Silverwood weekend. Please refer to this report for additional details.)

- **Silent Auction – Skip and Lisa Greaney**
 1. Skip and Lisa Greaney had no report
- **New Member Liaison – Stuart Cairns**
 1. No report submitted
- **Regional Club Liaison – Gail Harlamoff**
- 3. I've sent out many requests for Regional Reports and updates on officers with minimal returns. I can only speculate because we aren't publishing the reports in Barks, clubs aren't as interested in sending them in. There have been a couple of people who told me they were saddened by the loss of reports in Barks.
 - Those who did send reports for the web site, also sent accompanying photos (as we've done in Barks). I was told that photos could not be included with reports on the website which caused some upset with those regional clubs.
 - My question to the board is do we want to continue with Regional Reports? It appears that without them being published in Barks, clubs aren't interested in doing them.
 - I would like to suggest that if we are to continue publishing reports on the website that we set up a timeline for clubs for submitting reports, that we do some advertising with clubs to help generate interest in the website, and allow photos to be included on the website.
 - The Board will run a poll regarding regional reports.
- **Education – Carl Pew**
 1. No report submitted
- **Rescue – Glenna Wright**
 1. Rescue stays at an all time high with the owner surrender at a steady intake.
 2. Because of the lack of foster homes we cannot take all the dogs that want to come into the system, whether from a shelter or an OS.
 3. The temperament on many of the rescues dogs is less than to be desired and consequently some have been euthanized.

4. BTCA rescue volunteers that house the dogs continue to do their best, without more volunteers we are limited to the dogs we can take in.

SPECIAL STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- Bar Sinister Committee – Claudia Sharp informed the Board of Directors that the committee did not have a report
- Approve for the following year:
 1. Silverwood/National Specialty Judges

Silverwood judges:

1. Norma Smith
2. Mary Remer
3. John Young

National Specialty: Dr. Carl Pew

Sweepstakes: Linda Maddox

Brent Ruppel read the Silverwood rule regarding co-ownership and exhibiting at Silverwood. The rule states: An officiating judge shall not own, co-own or exhibit an entry at that Silverwood. An exhibitor may not exhibit under a judge that bred the entry, owned the entry within the last twelve months or has handled the entry during the last twelve months. Any other possible conflicts of interest should be brought to the attention of the Show Chairman for referral to the BTCA Board. The BTCA Board will determine whether in fact conflict of interest exists and rule accordingly. The Board determined that since it has been brought to the boards attention, individuals that co-own with a Silverwood judge may exhibit any other animal they own, but not the animal co-owned with the judge.

RESOLVED to add following verbiage to clarify the Silverwood rule regarding co-owners exhibiting in the Silverwood competition: An exhibitor who co-owns a dog with a judge at Silverwood may show any dog underneath that judge, with exception of the dog co-owned by the exhibitor and the judge.

ACTION: Brent Ruppel made the motion. Dale Schuur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Becky Poole made the motion to a RESOLVED to approve the Silverwood and National Specialties judges as submitted by the Judges Selection Committee:

Silverwood judges:

1. Norma Smith
2. Mary Remer
3. John Young

National Specialty: Dr. Carl Pew

Sweepstakes: Linda Maddox

Brent Ruppel seconded the motion. In favor: Brent Ruppel, Becky Poole, Claudia Sharp, Norma Shepherd, Dale Schuur, Jacque Smith and Glenna Wright. Naomi Waynee abstained. The motion passed.

- Appoint Nominating Committee
 1. The Board of Directors appointed the following Nominating Committee: Linda Maddox (Chair), David Merriam and Barb Deavers. Alternates: David Alexander and David Croucher

OLD BUSINESS

- **Futurity Judge criteria**
 1. Revised Futurity judge selection guidelines:
 - Candidates for judging the BTCA Futurity shall be approved breed judges or experienced breeders. The following criteria should be used to determine suitability:
 - a) Consider judging record – Have top placements gone on to similar recognition by other BT judges.
 - b) Twelve years minimum of involvement in the breed. Four litters of Bull Terriers raised on premises. Three homebred Bull Terriers campaigned to championship title.
 - c) Bred at least two ROM titled dogs.
 - d) On-going involvement in breed (i.e. attendance at specialty/supported shows)
 - Item (a) required of all candidates and Item (c) a minimum for breeders. Candidate pool: licensed breeder judges, talented all-round judges, experienced successful breeders. After all, we are looking for someone who clearly has obvious talent at the breed and that they have demonstrated it in two or more ways.

RESOLVED to accept the above recommended criteria for Futurity judges.

ACTION: Naomi Waynee made the motion to accept the criteria. Dale Schuur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Silverwood Schedule** – Gail Harlamoff

<p>2009 Silverwood and National Specialty Schedule</p>
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Thursday

8:00 am – Silent Auction Set Up	Santa Clara/San Jose Rooms
8:00 am – Barbary Coast Welcome Table	Front Lobby
9:00 am – Health Clinics	Zinfandel Room
3:00 pm – Handling Clinic	TBD
6:00 pm – Vendor Set Up	Bayshore Foyer
6:00 pm – Barbary Coast Merchandise Pick-Up	Bayshore Foyer
6:30 pm – Sweepstakes (puppy and veteran)	Bayshore Ballroom

Friday

8:00 am – Vendors Open	Bayshore Foyer
8:00 am – Silent Auction Open	Santa Clara/San Jose Rooms
9:00 am – 1:00 pm - MBTCA Van Hildrekhusen show MBTCA National Specialty	Bayshore Ballroom (main) Bayshore Ballroom (main)
9:00am – 12:00 pm – CGC testing, Obedience, Rally -- Rally Demonstration/Clinic	Bayshore Ballroom (Donor Pass)
10:00am – Junior Showmanship	Convention Entrance Covered Patio
12:00pm – 1:00pm – Newcomers Seminar	Carmel Room
1:00pm – 2:00pm – Judges Seminar	Monterey Room
2:00pm – 3:00pm – Performance Training Workshop	Bayshore Ballroom (main)
2:00pm – 3:00pm – Reproduction Seminar	Carmel Room

Friday continued

3:00pm – 4:00pm – Breeder’s Seminar	Monterey Room
5:00pm – 6:00pm – General Membership meeting	Monterey or Carmel (or both)
6:30pm – Welcome party (no host bar, hors d'oeuvres) Rescue Parade Futurity (following Rescue Parade)	Bayshore Foyer Bayshore Ballroom Bayshore Ballroom

Saturday

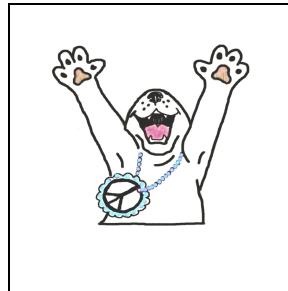
8:00am – Silverwood competition	Bayshore Ballroom
4:00pm – 6:00pm – MBTCA Parent Club Specialty	Bayshore Ballroom
6:30pm – 7:00pm – Banquet Cocktails (No-Host Bar)	Gateway Ballroom (upstairs)
7:00pm – Banquet	Gateway Ballroom (upstairs)
Following Banquet – Silent Auction OPEN	Santa Clara/San Jose Rooms
11:00pm – Silent Auction CLOSES	Santa Clara/San Jose Rooms

Sunday

8:00am – BTCA National Specialty	Bayshore Ballroom
4:00pm – MBTCA Regional Specialty (or Convention Center covered patio if they want it earlier)	Bayshore Ballroom
Sunday night or Monday morning – BTCA Board Meeting	

Please note: BCBTC and MBTCA have been discussing collaborating during the weekend. MBTCA has agreed to contribute funds, volunteers and a person to work directly with BCBTC to keep communication open.

Please note: The drawings on this schedule are not the Silverwood logo. We will be sending the official logo separately for BTCA perusal.



RESOLVED to accept the submitted Silverwood Weekend schedule.

ACTION: Claudia Sharp moved to accept the schedule as submitted. Dale Schuur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Silverwood Update – Gail Harlamoff
 1. We are negotiating with the hotel to try and lower room numbers or something comparable. Apparently many organizations are worried about room numbers and the hotel is willing to talk to us. When we first negotiated the contract, we negotiated the numbers to be lower than our last SW but we feel it's prudent to talk to the hotel now rather than later about numbers and costs due to the economy.
 2. The www.silverwood2009.com website is up and running. We are posting information as it comes. When the board approves the schedule, we'll post that for the membership. The store is almost complete as well. The final logo is attached. In addition, I have attached the proposed embroidery logo.
 3. We have negotiated with the MBTCA to work with us this year. They have assigned a liaison, Linda Schaeffer, to help coordinate between Barbary Coast and MBTCA. Linda is a member of Barbary Coast and the Mini club so she can communicate between both with ease. We've had several conversations with the MBTCA president regarding what we need from them and what they need for a successful show. It's going very smoothly.
 4. The BCBTC team came up with a list of things that we understand we are paying for and things we think BTCA is responsible for:
 - BCBTC will pay for:
 - Rings and ring set up (fencing)
 - Plastic on floors
 - One room night for judges (National Specialty and Silverwood judges)
 - Up to two banquet tickets for each judge
 - Meeting rooms

Advertising for event
BTCA will pay for:
Placards (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, BOV, BOS and BOW)
Judge's meals
Judge's fees
Board function meals
AV equipment for BTCA seminars
Split the cost with BCBTC on Audio for ringside and banquet.

5. We are currently looking for a dog food sponsor for the event.

- **Sweepstakes 2009**

1. Sweeps are on the schedule. We'll need to rescind our previous decision to not hold sweeps.
2. If sweeps, will we still have Best BBE, Best Veteran and Best Puppy competitions.

RESOLVED to return Sweepstakes to the 2009 Silverwood weekend and remove Best Bred-by Exhibitor, Best Puppy and Best Veteran competition at the National Specialty.

ACTION: Naomi Waynee made the motion to return Sweepstakes to the 2009 Silverwood weekend and remove Best Bred-by Exhibitor, Best Puppy and Best Veteran competition at the National Specialty.. Dale Schuur seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Website Review**

1. The Board moved to Executive Session.
2. The Board returned to Regular Session

- **Votes to be read into the minutes**

1. Dallas ROM show to be awarded to Desi Murphy in place of Ken McDermott with the ROMs to be transferred to the show with David Merriam judging. All Board members in favor.
2. A donation button to be placed on the BTCA rescue site to help Blue Ridge. In favor: Dale Schuur, Norma Shepherd, Glenna Wright, Naomi Waynee, Jacquie Smith and Claudia Sharp. The motion passed.

RESOLVED to accept the email votes regarding approving Desi Murphy to judge in Dallas in place of Ken McDermott with the ROMs to be assigned to David Merriam and to approve the donation button on the website for the Blue Ridge BTC.

ACTION Dale Schuur made the motion to accept the votes into the record and Becky Poole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Isis Vabo Trophy** – Tabled.

- **Silverwood Handling seminar** – Victoria Corse

1. The Board approved the request for a handling seminar during Silverwood weekend.

- **Silverwood Judges Symposium**

1. The Board of Directors elected to have the symposium topic to be body type.
2. Mary Remer requested it be presented as "Pieces of the Puzzle – Part 2" and be presented similar to last year's symposium.
3. Mary Remer asked Naomi Waynee to oversee the project.
4. David Harris and Winkie Mackay-Smith will be contacted to be presenters.

- **501c3 update – Dale Schuur**

1. Becky Poole requested the Treasury reports from the 501c3 be detailed. The following verbiage will be added: approved detailed Treasurer's reports and any other information as requested by the BTCA Board of Directors.
2. Mary Remer requested spay and neuter be added to the support and medical care of rescue animals.
3. Discussion ensued regarding the removal process for directors.
4. Dale Schuur will research the answers to the questions raised regarding the removal process and will inform the Board via email of the answers.
5. The Board thanked Dale Schuur for his time and worked involved on this project.

- **Pilot program for non-breeder ROM judges**

1. Jacquie Smith requested the non-breeder ROM judges pilot program be extended for one year. The Board of Directors approved the request. The program will be continued through 2010.

RESOLVED to continue the non-breeder ROM judges pilot program as is for an additional year.

ACTION: Jacquie Smith made the motion to continue the program. Dale Schuur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Finance committee** – Norma Shepherd
 1. Glenna Wright questioned the interest rate on the Sally Spillane funds and if we could investigate getting a better rate. She will work with Norma Shepherd on this.
 2. Norma Shepherd presented the projected budget from the Finance Committee. She stated the budget is only a projected budget as there are too many variables involved with expenses
 - The publication expenses include postage expenses.
 - Projected trophy expenses are based on the actual expenses for 2007 and 2008.
 - Suggested savings ideas were presented:
 1. Graphic design expenses could be reduced by purchasing Adobe InDesign versus having the printer do the setup.
 2. Become a commercial mailer. Dale Schuur has requested information from the Postal Service.
 3. Send BARKS to Canada as a first class mailing rather than priority.
 4. Gord Williams has proposed sending him ALL the Canadian BARKS via UPS or whatever is cheaper to his US address in Niagara Falls, NY. He would go over and get the package & re-mail them. There are new postal rates in Canada, but under the old ones it was \$2.08 Canadian. It would also save 20% on the dollar. The Board has opted not to pursue this at this time and utilize first class mailing to Canada instead.
 5. Add a mailing surcharge to all members to cover increase in mailing costs.

RESOLVED to purchase two licenses for InDesign for use with the publications.

ACTION: Dale Schuur moved to purchase two licenses for InDesign. Seconded by Becky Poole. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to purchase the first class mailing envelopes for mailing publications to Canada.

ACTION: Claudia Sharp moved to purchase the first class envelopes for the Canadian mailings. Naomi Waynee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Floating specialties savings – The possibility of regional clubs assuming the costs of floating specialties was discussed at length. Jacquie Smith will contact the clubs that would be affected regarding the floating specialties. Reduce expenses paid to judges for floating specialties.
7. Trophy solicitations
8. Increase fees for litter listings from \$10.00 to \$20.00 and add a \$5.00 per change on listing on Breeders page.

RESOLVED to increase the charge for litter listings from \$10.00 to \$20.00 and charge \$5.00 per change on the Breeders Page.

ACTION: Naomi Waynee made the motion in increase the fees to the recommended amount. Dale Schuur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. The Four Seasons Prints – The first painting is completed. It is “Summer” by Cynthia Lord Ruddy. Dale will be working with the printer on reproducing the print. The size is 11” by 14”. Price will be determined.
 10. Club store on the website – tabled.
 - Norma Shepherd thanked Ted Martin, Gail Harlamoff, Claudia Sharp, Dale Schuur and Jacquie Smith for their assistance in preparing the budget.
 - Mary Remer thanked Norma Shepherd and the committee.
- **International trophy** – The Board determined the Silverwood Winner and the Best of Opposite Sex to the Silverwood winner will be nominated for the International Trophy. Norma Shepherd asked if a letter had been sent to Terry Hyland. Claudia Sharp will send the letter.

The Board recessed at 5:00 pm.

The Board reconvened on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Legislation** – Jan Dykema/Judy Schrieber
 1. Jan Dykema and Judy Schreiber are faced with an increasingly daunting task of disseminating anti-dog legislation information. Claudia Sharp and Naomi Waynee will work with Jan to create a membership list sorted by state. Legislative issues pertinent to states will be e-mailed to members accordingly.
 2. Jan would be grateful to any volunteers to help battle this cause and is also looking for any lawyers who would lend their expertise. Norma Shepherd will check the volunteer forms for individuals willing to help. Members should contact her directly if you they are able to help in any capacity.
 3. Naomi Waynee has donated the print, “The Domino Effect” to be raffled off at Silverwood. The proceeds will go to the Legislative Committee help fight anti-dog legislation. An advertisement is to be placed in BARKS and The RECORD.
- **ROM Rule Interpretation**
 1. The winner and reserve winner in each class at Silverwood receive a 3-point ROM. (This rule was enacted in October 2004.) For the first time since the inception of this rule, two of the reserve winners received their first 3 point ROMs at Silverwood. After consulting with Gregory and Cleo the feeling is that neither of the Silverwood judges should be permitted award another 3-point ROM to finish the dog’s ROM title. I am proposing that this addendum to the ROM rules:

ROM points must be won under at least three different judges. The two minimum 3-point wins must be under different judges. In the case where an animal receives a 3 point ROM at the Silverwood competition, the animal must receive the required second 3 point ROM from a judge other than the two judges who awarded the Silverwood win. This rule would also apply to judging at the Bronze Trophy Show.
 2. When the rule was made we had no idea, nor did we discuss the fact that in the future only ten dogs would be entered in any of the four categories at Silverwood. We were of the mindset that entries would only increase.
 3. With the entries as low as they were at the 2008 Silverwood and if they continue to be low, there is a possibility that a dog (especially Reserve) could receive a 3-point ROM by defeating less than eight (8) with the rule as written.
 4. The Board determined there needs to be nine (9) dogs competing in the class for the Reserve Winner to receive a 3-point ROM.
- **ROM System proposed changes** – After a tied vote (For keeping current ROM system: Becky Poole, Brent Ruppel, Naomi Waynee; Opposed: Jacquie Smith, Norma Shepherd, Glenna Wright; Abstained: Dale Schuur) the topic was tabled until the May 2009 meeting and at that time review data for the first five (5) months of 2009.
- **Conflict of judging assignments** – Jacquie Smith
 1. Jon Cole is unable to judge at the Canfield show in August. His contact with Tonawanda Kennel Club prohibits his judging at Canfield. The Buckeye BTC will be submitting a replacement judge as soon as possible.
- **Orange Coast BTC request**
 1. The Orange Coast BTC would like to permanently move their shows to the first weekend in December starting in 2009. This would give them seven ROM shows in one year. The Board determined Orange Coast BTC may move their shows starting in 2010 and if desired may split the shows (2-2) between Palm Springs in January 2010 and Shoreline in December of 2010.

RESOLVED to deny the request by Orange Coast to move their shows from January 2010 to December 2009.

ACTION: Claudia Sharp moved to deny the shows requested for 2009. Dale Schuur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **New Puppy information from AKC** – The correct information has been sent to AKC. AKC is utilizing old stock until it is gone. Dale Schuur will contact AKC.
- **Request from BTC of St. Louis**
 1. Regional clubs are allowed three ROM shows per year. The only time the BTC of St. Louis has three shows a year is when a BTCA floating specialty is held on their weekend.
 2. The BTC of St. Louis requested the Board allow them a fixed BTCA specialty in name only on their weekend to allow them to hold three shows each year. BTC of St. Louis would do all the required work, assume all expenses and retain all proceeds.
 3. Other licensed regional clubs could also qualify to do this

RESOLVED to allow a fixed BTCA specialty in name only to be hosted by the BTC of St. Louis.

ACTION: Jacquie Smith moved to approve the BTC of St. Louis in BTCA name only to be held on an annual basis. Glenna Wright seconded. In favor: Dale Schuur, Norma Shepherd, Naomi Waynee, Glenna Wright and Jacquie Smith. Claudia Sharp abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Alternate methods of communications for the Board** – The Board decided to have a committee look for a more efficient method of communications to conduct Board business. The committee will consist of Claudia Sharp, Jacquie Smith, Brent Ruppel and Becky Poole.
- The Board of Directors determined the next meeting will be on Friday, May 29, 2009 in conjunction with the BTC of New England weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Claudia Sharp moved to adjourn. Jacquie Smith seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Waynee
Executive Secretary