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BCOA Announcement

Electronic Balloting

BCOA will again try to move forward with our electronic balloting option. We are asking all members willing to Opt-In for electronic ballots to please fill out the Opt-In Form. Each member will require an individual email address, including household members.

We do have some forms on file, if you want to check on your status contact secretary@basenji.org.

If you do not want to participate in electronic balloting please let the secretary know, with a message saying no electronic balloting at this time. Those with no email will not need to respond, they will receive paper ballots.

See form at the end of this Newsletter.

Members may email their completed form to secretary@basenji.org or US mail: to Janet Ketz, 1912 Oakland Ave, Crest Hill, IL 60403.

Judges Selection Results

2024 Sweepstakes & 2025 Conformation Tally Report
From Dianna Sanders/Pat Marshall

Sweepstakes 2024

Erin Roberts	487
Tiina Tavitsainen	396
Veronica Nagy	383
Brad Phifer	312
Eugene Biller	288

Conformation 2025

Jeff Gillespie	445
Susan Coe	433
Marianne Klinkowski	416
Patricia Trotter	293
Ron Spritzer	284

Contracts will be sent to Erin Roberts & Jeff Gillespie.

Sweeps 2024	
Erin Roberts	487
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Ron Spritzer	284

News From the Secretary



Janet Ketz, secretary@basenji.org

Eastern time, 815-325-5908

Updating your information with BCOA.

Note that all members can update their own information on the BCOA website. Sign in as a member and then go to Members > Member Links > Member Profile. You can also still contact the club at secretary.org.

National Specialty Bid Request for East Region in 2027

Bids are now being taken for the 2027 National Specialty. It would be held in the eastern region. Any affiliate clubs or 8 members in good standing are encouraged to ask any questions regarding submitting a proposal. All proposals will be considered. Proposal form is available from Secretary@basenji.org or online at <https://www.basenji.org/ClubDocs/NationalSpecialtyAppendixD.pdf>

AKC Ramp for Conformation Judging

The use of the ramp for judging basenjis in AKC conformation was approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Minutes can be found in this [Bulletin Board Newsletter](#).

A member petition, per the BCOA ByLaws, was received in September requesting that approval of the ramp be balloted and voted on by the entire membership prior to BCOA moving forward with updating our judging procedures.

The BCOA board is looking into our bylaws, all rules/regulations and the process with AKC along with the laws of the State of Texas (our state of incorporation). The board will use all of this information to put together a complete report on our findings and future plans.

Annual Meeting Minutes and Board Ballots are included in this **September BB**. See following pages.

Of particular note: "... As Dr. Johnson nears retirement, a generous gift from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) will establish the Dr. E. A. (Al) Corley OFA Endowed Program in his honor to ensure a bright future for canine molecular-genetic research at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. A new, yet-to-be-named, program director will lead the program into an era of artificial-intelligence-assisted research to identify the genetic mechanisms underlying complex canine diseases and behaviors."

Respectfully submitted by:

Katie Campbell, AKC Delegate

New Member Applications

In accordance with the Bylaws any member in good standing may send comments on applicants for membership to the BCOA Secretary within a period of fourteen days following the date of the newsletter publication. Comments will be sent to these person(s) for reply, and all comments and replies will then be sent to the Board.



Sponsors were omitted in Aug BB
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Occupation: CPA/Facility Manager
Katie Campbell, Brad Phifer

Colleen & Marty Timko
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Occupation: Business Owner – Hound Hut
Other Clubs- previous Co KC & Mid Ohio own-
er handlers
Positions: Secretary
Jeff Gillespie, Sue Kite

Quick Reference

Send address & email changes to:

Laura Mae Hesse, Treasurer@basenji.org

Sunshine Committee

To ask the BCOA to send a card regarding an ILLNESS, BIRTH, MARRIAGE or DEATH of a member or a member's immediate family, notify Stella Sapios. stellasapios@gmail.com

Submitting expenses to BCOA Treasurer

Per BCOA Ballot 2004–48, published in January 2005 Bulletin Board:

"BCOA members incurring expenses covering BCOA budgeted items during the fiscal year shall submit invoices to the Treasurer on or before March 1st of the next year to be eligible for reimbursement. Expenditures incurred by members that are not covered by the Budget shall require Board approval. These bills shall be submitted to the Treasurer on or before February 1st of the next year. Committee Chairs shall be responsible for notifying committee members to submit receipts for expenses within this time frame."

The link to the reimbursement form is on the Members' page of www.Basenji.org

BCOA Bulletin Board Subscription information

The Bulletin Board Newsletter is published in conjunction with membership in the Basenji Club of America, Inc. Dues are \$30 for single members; \$42 for household memberships. All applications for membership require the signatures of two BCOA members in good standing. Send membership inquiries to Janet Ketz, Secretary@basenji.org

Send submissions to:

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Annual Meeting Minutes

Basenji Club of America Annual Membership Meeting

August 9, 2023 Auburn WA, Argus Ranch

Meeting was called to order at 5pm by Secretary Ketz was the Chairman for the meeting.

Members Present: Julie Alpert, Kathy Britton Sanchez, Christine Bunn, Karen Butler, Connie Camp, Katie Campbell, Brenda Cassell, Ciara Cassell, Pat Cembura, Mary Ellen Chaffin, Stephanie Cheng, Karen Culver, Jon Curby, Theresa Cuzzetto, Sarah Smith Falkner, Jeff Falkner, Lynn Garel, Jeff Gillespie, Laurie Gregory, Bryan Gregory, Holly Hamilton, Janice Harrison, Laura Hesse, Susan Howard, James Johannes, Carrie Jones, Julie Jones, Kathy Jones, Janet Ketz, Sue Kite, Adam Kozikowski, Stacy LeBlanc, Julie Leicht, Pat Marshall, Chris Maxka, Sandy McArthur, Veronica Nagy, John Predale, Barbara Reisinger, Carolene Rose, Stella Sapios, Jenifer Sealy, Annie St Claire, Andrea Stone, Marcia Woodard, Michael Work, Tonda Work, Sally Wuornos, Bruce Wuornos. (49) Guest Jennifer Powers, Australia, ASE Judge. Total Members was calculated as 414. Quorum 10% - 41.

Secretary Report:

Thank you to the Host group for all their work and a great event.

2024 Sweepstakes and 2025 Conformation Judge Selection Ballot was US mailed to all voting members in early September.

Treasurer Report:

All current financials are posted in the Bulletin Board Newsletter. No questions.

Committee Reports:

AKC Gazette – Marha Woodard reported that she has been writing our breed column for 20 years. She won the Dog Writers Association of America's 2016 Maxwell Medallion award for her humorous essay, "If they don't bark, how do you know someone's at the door?" She was happy to announce she received the medal and shared it with the membership.

AKC Delegate – Kate Campbell reminded us that she is available to help any member with AKC issues. She noted that the Lure Coursing Muzzle issue has been resolved to only allow basket muzzles, no fabric/no bite muzzles will be allowed. AKC is considering offering reserve best points to all clubs. This will come up in December at AKC Delegate Meeting. AKCTv is filming our National here. This is usually reserved for top 20 breeds but AKC agreed to film our event. It will be live and available on ACK site.

Yearbook – Mary Ellen Chaffin reported that she is interested in doing an annual yearbook again. She will need to be completely staffed before she will take on this venture. All members present seemed to support her and the board would welcome the return of an annual Yearbook. Contact ME if interested in helping. mechaffin@gmail.com

Ramp – Connie Camp made a motion to Have Basenjis made a ramp breed for AKC conformation. There was a second and the motion passed with only a few disproving. It was noted that this would have to go thru proper AKC channels. Also noted that optional ramp use is at the discretion of the judge. More research and information will be needed on this topic.

2024 National Specialty – Barbara Reisinger reported that there has been an increase in Missouri Department of Agriculture inspections for health certificated for out of state dogs at events. The host group (Barbara Reisinger, Sharron Schmigdall and Nat Spec Advisor Jon Curby will be getting more information on this topic.

The next Annual Membership Meeting will be held at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO during October. Date to be announced.

With no other business, there was a motion and second to adjourn. Motion Passed.

Janet Ketz, BCOA Secretary

BCOA BALLOT 2023-07 APPROVED**SUBJECT: Nat Spec Logo 2023**

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA National Specialty Procedures
Effective: February 23, 2023

Please indicate your vote to approve the 2023 National Specialty Logo. A signed release by the artist is on file with the secretary.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

**BCOA BALLOT 2023-08 APPROVED****SUBJECT: Live Stream of our National Specialty Shows**

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws
Effective: February 23, 2023

Since the retirement of our videographer, PureBred Studios, the BCOA board has made the move to Live Stream options used for future National Specialty Shows, when conditions allow at a host location. (Not available for Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA). The Live Stream expense will be a BCOA expense, not a National Specialty responsibility. For 2024, at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO, Laura Hesse is in contact with Performance PC.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BALLOT 2023-09 APPROVED**SUBJECT: BCOA Lure Coursing Specialty**

Effective: March 14, 2023

Please indicate your vote for BCOA to host a LC Specialty/Fundraising event.
Coursing Event will be held in Michigan on June 30, 2023.
Michelle Hogan is the point of contact for BCOA.
Held with the MI Gazehound Assoc.
Pay \$6 per basenji for the MGA to manage the work.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2023-10 APPROVED**SUBJECT: Judge Education Chair**

Circulated in accordance with BCOA Bylaws
Effective March 14, 2023

The board wants to thank Marianne Klinkowski for her work as our Judge Education Chairperson for many years. She has shared her basenji knowledge with many of our current basenji judges. She is retiring from the position.

Please indicate your vote to name Jon Curby as our Judge Education Chair. He can add members to his committee as needed.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2023-11 APPROVED**SUBJECT: 2024 Nat Spec Proposal & Chairs**

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedure and the BCOA Bylaws.
Effective: April 12, 2023.

A National Specialty proposal has been received from 8 members in good standing for the 2024 National Specialty. Purina Farms has been reserved. Chairs will be Barbara Reisinger and Sharron Schmigdall. Proposal is on file with the BCOA Secretary.

Please indicate your vote to approve both the proposal and the Chairs for this event.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2023-12 APPROVED**SUBJECT: 2025 Nat Spec Proposal**

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedure and the BCOA Bylaws.
Effective: April 12, 2023

The Copper State Basenji Club, AZ, has submitted a proposal approved by BOD. It is planned for early November 2025, in Tucson, AZ. Host Club: Copper State Basenji Club assisted by the South Coast Basenji Club. Tari Parish is currently the contact person for this event.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2023-13 APPROVED**SUBJECT: Junior Liaison**

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws
Effective: April 12, 2023

Please indicate your vote to name Ciara Cassell, TX, as our BCOA Junior Liaison/chairperson. She may add members as needed to the committee.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2023-14 APPROVED**SUBJECT: New Members**

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws
Effective: April 14, 2023.

Please indicate your vote to approve the following new member applicants. They were published in the Bulletin Board Newsletter; no comments were received.

Kara Havens & Tara Hall, CA; Heather Hettick, OH; John & Nancy Predale, PA; Carlos Rodriguez & Javier Ventura and Jr Member Taylor Chisler, TX; Michelle Wingo, TX.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2023-15 APPROVED**SUBJECT: New Members**

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws
Effective: July 15, 2023.

Please indicate your vote to approve the following new member applicants. They were published in the May 2023 Bulletin Board Newsletter; no comments were received.

Christina Bunn, WA; Darci Merollis, MI; Scott & Rachel Osborne, NC; Janell Burnett, IL; Dennis McCloskey, MD.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2023-16 APPROVED**SUBJECT: New Members**

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws
Effective: July 15, 2023.

Please indicate your vote to approve the following new member applicant. They were published in the Bulletin Board Newsletter; no comments were received.

Kim Keleman, TX.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2023-17 APPROVED**SUBJECT: New Members**

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws
Effective: September 15, 2023.

Please indicate your vote to approve the following new member applicants. They were published in the August Bulletin Board Newsletter; no comments were received.

Marisa Lue & Kevin Tsu, CA; Raquel (Rocky) Flores Jr – Gabriel Flores-Ruland, CA; Christine Morgan & Paul Gantt, WI; Kelly Wisch Shupp, PA.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

National Specialty Dates

Any questions or volunteers for any of the upcoming National Specialty Events should contact **National Specialty Advisory Committee (NSAC)**, Jon Curby at jcurby@offa.org

All judges are pending AKC approval.

2024 October 7-12, Purina Farm, Gray Summit, MO

Chairs Sharron Schmigdall and Barbara Reisinger

Judges: Conformation **Edna Martin**,
Sweeps **Erin Roberts**

2025 November, Tucson AZ

National Specialty will be hosted by the Copper State Basenji Club in Tucson, AZ

Judges: Conformation **Jeff Gillespie**
Sweeps *Pending*

2026 Central

Per Procedure, this host bid is due in 2023.

The board will consider any bids submitted from any region. If your affiliate club or 8 BCOA members in good standing are interested, please let the NSAC know ASAP.

2027 East Region

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Proposal form is available from Secretary@basenji.org or online at <https://www.basenji.org/ClubDocs/NationalSpecialtyAppendixD.pdf>

Check this BCOA Fundraising Auction on Facebook

We are so very grateful for amazing members and volunteers that work hard to support our club and our National(s). Please support them, too, by following the BCOA Fundraising Auction group, having fun bidding on some special Basenji items. Currently fundraising for the 2023 National.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bcoafundraising>



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Beverly Bland, AZ

Damara Bolté, VA

Jon Curby, MO

Susan Coe, Australia

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Dr Gary Johnson, MO

Sally Wallis, England

Robert Vavra, Spain

Michael Work, TX

Region, Year of Event and Bid Year

West 2025	Bid 2022
Central 2026	Bid 2023
East 2027	Bid 2024
West 2028	Bid 2025
Central 2029	Bid 2026
East 2030	Bid 2027

Basenji Club of America 2023 National Specialty Website



Photographer (Candid) **Kaitlyn Price**

<https://www.kaitlynpricephotography.com/>

Photographer (Win Photos) **Anthony "Toni" Leitão**

<https://sirius6photo.com/>

Event Secretary **DogZibit, Lorraine Yu** at www.DogZibit.com

Marked Catalog with Results

[www.basenji.org/BulletinBoardNewsletters/2023/2023 BCOA NATL Show Results.pdf](http://www.basenji.org/BulletinBoardNewsletters/2023/2023%20BCOA%20NATL%20Show%20Results.pdf)

The Basenji National on AKC-TV

<https://akc.tv/event?id=9961>

Thank you to member Andrea Stone for submitting photos for this recap of the 2023 National Specialty.

Please see the following pages.





**BCOA 2023 National Specialty
Made the Cut**





LGRA RACING



BOS



GCH DC Sarosa FoPaw's Warp Factor Won
SC CA BCAT TKA SGRC



Best in Meet



MBIF DC Relic's Tribal Dance with Zamaradi
SC DCAT TKA SGRC3 SORC

Hula	Race Distance / Time	Race Distance / Time	Race Distance / Time	Place	GRC	NRC	BA-497
22.00	43-1	42-1	43-2	1		5	St Clair/Smith Falkner/Sand
Gage	44-3	31-1	41-1	2		3	BA-493
17.82	45-9	8	17-17	Final			Stone/Allen/ eimback
Clover	41-2	44-2	44-3	3		2/15	BA-549
14.00	6	4-10	4-14	Final			Lopez/Johns n/Phillips
Toby	31-1	41-3	42-4	4		2	BA-546
12.68	5	3-8	3-11	Final			Smith-Falkner
Scotti	32-2	33-3	31-1	5			BA-518
11.23	3	2-5	5-10	Final			Smith-Falkner/Falk
Griffyn	33-4	17-1	22-1	6			BA-542
12.45	5	5-5	5-10	Final			Burns/Stone
Zamaradi Maya	21-2	32-2	33-2	7		.5	BA-539
8.82	3	3-6	3-9	Final			Falkner/ Samarati
Dozer	12-1	43-4	32-3	8		.5	BA-538
8.45	5	2-7	2-9	Final			Smith-Falkner/Falk
Nia	23-3	21-2	21-2	9			BA-529
9.91	2	3-5	3-8	Final			Gregory/Gre
Rowan	24-4	11-2	13-1	10			BA-543
9.95	3	3-5	3-8	Final			Stone/Allen
Pink	13-2	22-1	23-3	11			BA-550
4.00	3	5-8	SC	Final			Gregory/Gre
Phaser	11-3	12-3	23-3	12			BA-494
7.36	2	4	2-6	Final			Stone/Allen/L back
Scooby	42-4	34-4	11-2	13			BA-507
16.24	3	3-6	6	Final			Thomas
Enzo	22-1	SC	14	Final			BA-541
9.50	5	5	5	Final			Albuquerque/St
Betty-F	14-4	13-4	12-3	15			BA-512
3.53	3	3-2	2-2	Final			Falkner/Falk er
Tony	34-3	23-	16	Final			BA-547
10.32	2	2	2	Final			Smith-Falkner



AKC Lure Coursing

PHOEBE



Judges
Brad Briscoe
Ping Pirrung

Best Veteran
FC Saorsa Fopaws Notorius
RI SC CA BCAT TKP
L1V L1E L2C L2I ELT1 GRC MVB



Best of Breed
Takari's Feels Like a Party

Pedigree Database

An update from Sally Wallis. The **Basenji Pedigree Database** is now on an SSL security certificate. The address has changed slightly.

The database is now <https://pedigrees.zandebasenjis.com/>



Our **AKC Delegate, Katie Campbell**, invites you to contact her by email at **taji@kccampbell.com** with any questions you have about the AKC, issues you have encountered, or praises that you'd like to sing. She is happy to have you reach out to her and looks forward to facilitating solutions.

The AKC Rally® Virtual Program has been made a permanent sport feature with AKC.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry/>



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