

Annual Membership Meeting April 29, 2016 Frederick, Maryland

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm EST. A quorum was established per the sign in sheets.

The agenda was approved.

Introduction of officers and members

Introduction of Parliamentarian

Motion by Ramona Kraft to approve 2015 BSCA Annual Meeting minutes as printed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Spencer Harrill.

Unanimous Yes Vote

Motion Passes

### **Officer Reports**

- a. President's Report – Read message as printed in newsletter.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sherry Hanley –  
The end of 2015 and beginning of 2016 became difficult for me to participate in the board business due to my illness and hospitalization. I want to extend thanks to my fellow board members for their understanding and support. And to my fellow BSCA members for numerous cards and emails wishing me well.
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Melinda Andric  
Nothing out of the ordinary to report. Participated in discussion and voted on numerous items in the course of the last year.
- d. Coresponding Secretary Carleen Wiles
- e. This past year, the most rewarding aspect of this job is being the 'Front' so to speak, for the Club. I've met many people as our contact person and hopefully, made a good first impression, answered their questions, directed them to the right people, but most importantly, educated them a bit about our Breed as well as presented our Breed as the wonderful dogs we all know and love.  
As of this date:  
\*All the necessary information required by AKC has been filed – 2016 List of Officers and the 2016 BSCA Membership List.  
\*To date, we have had 7 New Member Applicants this year. Five have already been approved, two are pending approvals.  
\*Newsletter Mailing Lists are correct, current and the most recent one is provided each month to the Newsletter Team as well as the printer prior to mailing.  
\*All Breeder requests are answered in a timely manner. All responses are the same, I advise the requestor to contact all the breeders listed in our Breeders Directory as they have a networking system which will usually provide a list of contacts. I also advise the requestor to contact Rescue.  
\*Certificates for the Invitation to Crufts will be created and mailed to the 2016 recipients shortly after this event.

I would like to thank our Members and the Board for their trust in me to hold this position as the Corresponding Secretary for the past two years. It has been a rewarding experience for me, enabling me some new opportunities.

I sincerely wish all the best to our new Slate of Officers.

f. Recording Secretary – Jana Behm

g. Treasurer Marion Heise

#### Financial Report

Total receipts for calendar year 2015 were \$60,963. Total disbursements for the year were \$70,399. Net decrease for the treasury as of December 2015 \$9436.

Motion by Marion Heise to add \$3.50 service fee per transaction to pay pal transactions. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ira Breines Discussion followed. Yes: 19 No: 20 Motion Fails

Motion by Kathay Lovell to add 3% fee to Pay Pal transactions. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Grace Buckwalter Discussion followed. Yes: 5 No: 34 Motion Fails

Motion by Marion Heise to increase membership late fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> Llewellyn Allison Discussion followed. Yes: 12 No 27 Motion Fails

Motion by Marion Heise to eliminate late fee. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tami Worley. Discussion Followed. Yes: 6 No: 33 Motion Fails

Motion by Terri Votava to include a \$5.00 Health Assessment in dues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Patricia Barrett. Discussion Followed. Yes: 15 No: 17 Abstain: 2 Motion Fails

Motion by Patricia Barrett to increase dues as follows. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Estelle Breines.

Single \$65 per year

Household: \$80 per year

Junior: \$45 per year

Lifetime Members: \$0 - Newsletter subscription \$40 per year

Yes: 35 No: 0 Abstain: 5

Motion Passes

h. Board Members: Jan Powers, Cynthia Ryder, and Kathay Lovell

#### Area Club Reports

a. Barbary Coast Belgian Sheepdog Club

b. Belgian Sheepdog Club of Oakland County Michigan

Last year the BSCOCM held their annual UKC Obedience Trials on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We held 2 trials on the same day. Though we are a small club, we managed to pull off a well attended, fun trial with a great comradery and plenty of food. Our trials are held in the beginning of November. If you are interested in attending this year, contact Linda Brady at Starburstgr@att.net

- c. Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Rockies
- d. Downeaster Belgian Sheepdog Club
- e. Northwest Belgian Sheepdog Club
- f. Potomac Valley Belgian Sheepdog Club
- g. Raritan Belgian Sheepdog Club
- h. Trinity Valley Belgian Sheepdog Club

We are continuing to hold our two Regional Specialties. The first one of the year is held in conjunction with Nolan River Kennel Club in Glen Rose, TX. It is held the first show weekend of the year. The second one is held with Tyler, Texas Kennel Club in Canton, TX. Usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of October. Come on down and join the fun.

- i. Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Blue Ridge

The Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Blue Ridge is a new club, formed within the last year, because there was an interest for a Belgian Sheepdog Club in the south east. Our members are from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama & Florida. While encompassing a large area, our goal is to grow the club with the intention of becoming AKC licensed, which may lead to an eventual split into smaller groups to meet AKC membership requirements.

As our first official club endeavor, The Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Blue Ridge is sponsoring the Belgian Sheepdog entry on June 5, 2016 at the Victory Lane Classic, a four day event in Concord, NC. We invite all Belgian fanciers to join us. (Infodog.com Salisbury NC Kennel Club June 5).

Recently approved by the BSCA as a regional club, this enables us to hold BSCA Regional Specialties and Supported Entries. We are contemplating when and where as we have a number of options since we have a variety of All-Breed Clubs we can work with, thanks to our resourceful members.

Our main goal is to promote the Breed we love, encourage our fellow fanciers, educate the public, and to

have fun with our dogs and each other!

- j. Sierra Nevada Belgian Sheepdog Club

k. Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Rockies

The Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Rockies held one BSCA regional specialty with supported entry in 2015, with new herding group conformation club Continental Divide Herding Association and Buckhorn Kennel Club in Greeley, Colorado in October. BSCR members from all over the West, from Texas, Nevada, Washington, New Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado and Montana converged on Colorado for this show with the regional specialty on Friday, October 23, 2015, with Judge Jimmy Moses, and the supported entry on Saturday, October 24, 2015 with Judge Hildy Morgan. Catalog with results attached and published in newsletter. Sweeps was judged by Thom Stanfield with nice entry and Juniors judged by Molly Clara Gard with two super entries. Jimmy Moses judged a fantastic entry of 30 Belgian Sheepdogs.

As usual, we all indulged in a wonderful potluck get-together and fun and exciting raffle at the conclusion of the shows.

After the membership voted at the annual meeting in Montana in 2015, to strongly recommend to the Board that they immediately lift the moratorium on the \$50 stipend to local clubs hosting regional specialties and supported entries, the board at their second meeting in Montana voted unanimously to lift the moratorium on the stipend. The request for the BSCR regional specialty and supported entry was received and voted on by the Board prior to the 2015 national and meeting and prior to the new guidelines for regional specialties and supported entries voted on in August 2015 and revised in November 2015. Nothing has been received by the Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Rockies to date in the way of support. We strongly urge the BSCA Board to please encourage their local clubs and members and continue to support all the hard-working BSCA members and regional clubs who strive to put on these events year after year. Without some encouragement from the board, the Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Rockies will not be able to host any BSCA specialties or supported entries in the future.

### **Board Appointed Committees**

- a) AKC Delegate Barb Swisher – No Report
- b) Historian – Sharon Lafuse

This past year I have had very few requests for historical information. The club has many different types of records- copies of old newsletters, stud book information and many photos. I need to work on better organizing and digitizing the information

- c) Newsletter – Marygrace Buckwalter reporting for Barb Swisher

With the continuing team of Barbara Swisher, Sherry Hanley(both since summer 2014) and Mary Grace Buckwalter (since summer 2015), the newsletter has been on track and distributed in a timely manner. Articles and photographs are collected by Sherry, proofed by Barbara and formatted by Mary Grace as a general rule, with lots of cross over and support amongst the three.

In the summer of 2014, the BSCA changed printers, moving to a company in Bozeman, MT. Working with this printer has been a pleasure, however, our printing costs increased greatly. From 2013 to 2015, we saw a 40% increase in costs. We do not find this to be agreeable. Therefore, in early April of 2016, Mary Grace began the process of securing bids from new printers. The final of four bids came in just hours before the annual meeting.

Moving forward, the newsletter team hopes to reduce the current costs and reorganize under a clear division of responsibilities that allows for support and teamwork. We would also like to

revisit our policies and guidelines, including putting together a “How To” manual for future coordinators and editors. If you are interested in being a part of the team, please contact Barbara Swisher [BswisherB@aol.com](mailto:BswisherB@aol.com) or Sherry Hanley [fuzzybadge38@msn.com](mailto:fuzzybadge38@msn.com) or Mary Grace Buckwalter [buckwalters@verizon.net](mailto:buckwalters@verizon.net) .

## Committee Reports

a) 2016 National Specialty – Jim Reise

It is a good year despite the weather. Performance event entries doubled and conformation entries dropped some. Please email [reise@vewrizon.net](mailto:reise@vewrizon.net) with any suggestions that you have for this site.

b) 2016 National Specialty – Mary Stephens

Dates: April 23-29, 2017 in Wilimington Ohio at the Roberts Center. Website to be up soon.

c) Audit Committee – Cindy Hermann

Review of January 2014 – December 2014 BSCA accounts. March 31, 2016

Audit Committee: Christrpher Curran, Kathy Champine, and Cindy Herman

Copies of all financial reports, disbursements, and bank statements with cancelled checks and deposits in the form of electronic files were given to the committee. Then BSCA account’s reports and statements were easy to follow and complete. Statements of Financial Position showed assets that were unrestricted and restricted. Reports contained information explaining the transactions. Disbursements had copies of receipts/invoices explaining the reason for the expenditure along with proper approval for payment from the board. Book balances were tied back to balance of the statements, transfers and general entry transactions were reviewed. Deposits had copies of checks being deposited. Reports had a listing of who the check was from, and where the money was credited. The reports, copies of checks and deposit shown on the bank statement matched. No issues or unusual activity was found.

d) Breeder’s Education – Lorra Miller No report received

- e) BSDRT – Marion Heise  
The Belgian Sheepdog Rescue Trust  
Calendar Year 2015 Annual Report

The Belgian Sheepdog Rescue Trust had in-take of 9 dogs for the year. Three of these were accepted at the same time as a result of an animal cruelty case. As of the end of the year, five of the dogs in rescue had been adopted into permanent homes.

The Trust also donated \$10,923 to the gastric carcinoma study at Tuft's University. This was the direct result of the matching challenge sponsored by Judy Johnstone.

Total funds in the Trust as of the end of the year were \$47,471. Of this, \$7,791 was held for disbursement to various health initiatives and \$39,679 was held for support of on-going rescue operations.

Below is a summary chart of rescue activities since the inception of the Trust in 2008:

<u>Year</u>	<u># of Dogs</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Avg. Cost/Dog</u>
2008	15	\$5,370.20	\$358.01
2009	11	\$1,393.68	\$126.70
2010	17	\$7,201.19	\$423.60
2011	7	\$2,493.82	\$356.26
2012	11	\$5,935.16	\$539.56
2013	7	\$1,620.00	\$231.43
2014	2	\$2,453.61	\$1,226.81
2015	9	\$14,804.98	\$1,645.00

Costs per dog have increased dramatically due to the poor health and/or existing medical condition of the dogs taken into rescue.

Looking forward to 2016, the Trust is again facing the intake of four dogs from a neglect case and we are in desperate need of foster homes to help evaluate and assist with placement of these dogs. Please consider fostering a needy Belgian Sheepdog!

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Heise  
Treasurer & Trustee  
Belgian Sheepdog Rescue Trust

- f) Webmaster – David Jackson  
Ongoing website support includes software updates, backups, committee specific content, updating and archiving minutes, financial reports and digital newsletters. We also provide online membership renewal and end of year donations. Every year we also support each national by providing web space and any support needed.
- g) Code of Ethics – Cara Greger No report
- h) Designated Specialty/Supported Entry – No report
- i) Education – General – No report

j) Judges Education – Linda Robey

The Judges Education Committee consists of: Chair, Linda Robey, committee members Marcy Spalding, Peri Norman, Jill Miller and Sandy Shaw.

**Ringside mentoring:**

-No official seminars were given the last 12 months. BSCA mentors have mentored potential judges at several shows. Debra Nordby from MN, David & Carolyn Alexander from CA, Al Ferruggiaro of MD, and Allen Odom of CO are a few of the potential new judges.

**Planned education events:**

April 28, 2016, A Judges Education workshop was scheduled with the National Specialty. Special thanks to Lisa Leffingwell who will handle the presentation.

JEC members and BSCA-approved mentors continue to provide ringside mentoring at the National and selected Regional specialties. We continue to work with prospective judges on a one-on-one basis as requested.

**Outside Communications:**

Feb/March, 2016 - Linda Robey wrote article on judging the BSD for The Herding Dog Digest magazine.

**Illustrated Standard:** Linda Robey is still hopeful that a new illustrated standard can be completed.

**Other activities:**

**Mentors:** The AKC has changed the judges application process. The JEC is working on updating our mentor guidelines. Peri Norman is working on this.

When new judges are studying the breeds they have many options for education. Ringside mentoring and tutoring are a couple of them. The person can be a parent club approved mentor but it does not have to be. The AKC has defined the requirements. The potential Judge should know the requirements when asking you to assist them!!

Here are the AKC requirements for ringside observations:

*\*Observer may observe with parent club approved mentor or individual with a minimum of 12 years' experience exhibiting or judging the breed in conformation. Observations with mentors not meeting the criteria will not be accepted. (Mentors will be permitted to participate on days they are exhibiting, but should not mentor for classes which they are competing. Mentor should be available for discussion during major entry. Mentors will be asked to document their own experience on the Observation Form when they sign it.)*

Linda Robey participated in a AKC Focus Group on Judges Education. Linda Robey continues to answer inquiries from the AKC and the dog magazine editors.

k) Finance Committee – Marion Heise – No report received

l) French Style Herding – Peggy Richter

French Style Course Herding program report

To date there have been 22 separate trials

No	Date	Stock	Event #	judge
1	7 Feb 2014	Sheep	2014BSCA01	Roy sage
2	8 Feb 2014	Sheep	2014BSCA02	Roy Sage
3	9 Feb 2014	Sheep	2014BSCA03	Robin Elliott
4	1 Nov 2014 -- AM	Cow	2014BSCA04	Linda Holloway
5	1 Nov 2014 -- PM	Cow	2014BSCA05	Linda Holloway
6	2 Nov 2014 -- AM	Cow	2014BSCA06	Rich Godfrey
7	2 Nov 2014 -- PM	Cow	2014BSCA07	Rich Godfrey
8	7 Feb 2015	Sheep	2015BSCA01	Larry Favereau
9	8 Feb 2015	Sheep	2015BSCA02	Larry Favereau
10	1 May 2015 AM	Cow	2015BSCA03	Roy Sage
11	1 May 2015 PM	Cow	2015BSCA04	Roy Sage
12	4 Oct 2015 Sat	Sheep	2015BSCA05	Sean Hathaway
13	5 Oct 2015 sun	Sheep	2015BSCA06	Sean Hathaway
14	13 Feb 2016 am	cow	2016BSCA01	Larry Favereau
15	13 Feb 2016 pm	cow	2016BSCA02	Larry Favereau
16	14 Feb 2016 am	cow	2016BSCA03	Robin Elliott
17	14 Feb 2016 pm	cow	2016BSCA04	Robin Elliott
18	5 March 2016	Sheep	2016BSCA05	Larry Favereau
19	6 March 2016	Sheep	2016BSCA06	Larry Favereau
20	1 Oct 2016	Sheep	2016BSCA07	Roy sage
21	2 Oct 2016	Sheep	2016BSCA08	Roy sage
22	1 may 2016	Sheep	2016BSCA09	Roy sage

Thirty four dogs have earned legs and/or titles in the program (see attachment) 13 of these are Belgian Sheepdogs, 5 are Belgian Tervuren.

The first trial outside California is being held 1 May, 2016 in Colorado. It is expected that an additional trial will be held in Rockfield, KY later this year. A possible additional trial is hoped for in Washington state.

The trials have uniformly been successful, with handlers expressing appreciation of the program and the type of work the dogs are expected to do as well as the scoring system.

Some minor comments as a result of the program to date:

1. The original program did not specify a "tie breaker" and doesn't discuss time to run in the course. After consulting with traditional judges in France as to the methodology employed in the traditional course there, the following recommendations are made:

a. TIME is never to be a tie breaker and in fact, while a general "time for the course" may be set by either a "dog in white" (an unentered dog demonstrating the course) or the first dog to run, penalties for overrunning this time should only be assessed if there is lack of progress. Stock should ideally never be run on the course as the intent is to demonstrate good stockmanship with an eye to weight gain and care of the stock. Stock should ideally WALK thru the course.

b. Tie breakers may be set based on the overall work followed by conduct and maneuver. (see attached scoresheet). The scoring is designed to favor the higher level classes.

2. the jump. It is traditional to have a dog jump into the enclosure for the "take pen" portion. Originally, This was based on traditional type pens (rock built) or railing where the dog could easily climb or slip through the panels. In a program where a variety of different breeds may participate and where the



Belgians involved may be either at the small end of the standard or the tall end of the standard and of varying ages, it is recommended that either a means to climb over/ slip thru be provided or a jump of no more than 24' be used.

The following judging guidelines are recommended:

It is not the intent of these guidelines to provide specific penalties for stated infractions. In general, Judging should be on efficient, practical work as if evaluating an actual shepherd or herdsman doing a daily task. Stock should be walked, not run. Good stockmanship is to be rewarded. Teams that accomplish the course in reasonable order should qualify. The ideal is calm, confident control of the livestock and deviations from this ideal should be penalized to the degree they depart from that ideal. It should be remembered that this type of course and evaluation was initially instituted to encourage the average stock owner to exhibit their working dogs and not primarily for professional competitors. While an excellent team should always score highly, excellence should also be accorded the calm, if not flashy, competent stock work.

1. The course should, as much as possible, emulate real life type tasks. Consequently, where possible and practical a task involving crossing a real bridge or a bridge where water or other hazard is created is to be preferred to artificial ones. A real road or path is preferred. Obstacles such as passing through a lane of trees, turning past an actual field are to be preferred. It is, however, also understood that artificial obstacles such as free standing panels are necessary in a competition course.
  2. The judge is allowed, and indeed ENCOURAGED, to plot out a course or to modify a proposed course keeping to the essence of the requirements of the program. This is desired to preclude any "course trained" or "course patterned" livestock or drilling by handler/dog teams on a specific, known route with known static obstacles. Reverse directions, mirror imaging, or relocation of obstacles are all allowed. Innovation (turn at tractor and circle back, turn here and go thru that lane) is encouraged. CONSEQUENTLY, a judge should be secure in the level of tasks being imposed and their ease or difficulty given the resident livestock and if possible, a judge should run the course themselves either the day before or as a demo at the beginning of the trial to both demonstrate what is desired and to ensure that the time estimate is reasonably accurate. TIME may be adjusted. It is not the intent to penalize a team that is making reasonable progress simply because they overrun the expected time. On the other hand, clear lack of progress should be penalized.
  3. Particularly in advanced levels, the judge may set up tasks that none of the contestants would be expected to accomplish without flaw (an example would be an animal going off line on a road or not penning all the stock without a few tries). Solving a difficulty with good stockmanship and without a disaster is part of the evaluation.
  4. As this style is intended to emulate tending type tasks, except where specifically required (such as work at a distance), the handler should always be in close proximity to the livestock. The position of the handler may vary (in front, to the side, behind), but they should be part of the group.
  5. Dog and handler teams that accomplish the course in a reasonable stockmanlike fashion should pass. The intent of the program is to promote dogs that could reasonably be expected to be of value in a real farm/ranch system using tending techniques.
3. LIVESTOCK should be in good physical condition. Each head may be used up to 10 times. A judge should consider sheep or cattle as in riding horses – a fit, well-conditioned animal can be moved at a reasonable pace for most of a day. An unfit animal cannot. Rest periods and water should be accorded to animals at reasonable periods (as providing water during a graze period or in providing water and rest when alternating stock. Animals showing distress (panting, etc) should immediately be removed from the group and if necessary to keep the numbers required, replaced.

7. Livestock should be well accustomed to being worked in a tending type style by the types of dogs entered. Animals which panic at the calm approach of a dog are not well accustomed. Livestock should calmly accept the dog's presence and control. It is not necessary to use "specially trained" livestock, but it is not appropriate to use animals which have not been well familiarized with dogs working in a typical tending style (close working, upright dogs).

m) Future Messenger Dog – Anabelle Cambier

### 2016 BSCA Messenger Dog Committee Report April 17, 2016

The committee writes a column, "A Message for You", in each issue of the BSCA Newsletter. Topics include tips for participating in the evaluations and historical articles on Belgian Sheepdogs serving in the military. Most recently sharing the story of the famous Belgian Sheepdog, Dyck.

As the time of this writing, Annabelle Cambier is looking forward to attending the BSCA National Specialty in 10 days and giving the FMD and JMD evaluations. She will bring with her the Military K9 Jacket from long time Messenger Dog supporter, Hank Snow. Pat Snow is the Messenger Committee liaison to the Board. While the committee does not have enough staff attending this Specialty to take photos, participants are welcome to take their own photos of their Belgians wearing the jacket.

Committee member Jean-Luc Cambier purchased dog tags reading "Future Messenger Dog", "Junior Messenger Dog", and Belgian Sheepdog Club of America", for each dog passing the evaluations. Annabelle Cambier made neck ribbons for these. We are also bringing red, white and blue bandanas for each dog, and of course, certificates.

The committee is in support of the combined breeds National at Purina Farms in 2018. Plans are underway for accommodating a larger number of teams.

Work continues on the database of all dogs that have an FMD and/or JMD. Once completed this can be on the BSCA website if the Club desires.

We continue researching our breed's history and finding unique ways to support and express our gratitude for the breed's service.

The committee members; Karin Andreen, Sue Bonness, Annabelle Cambier, Jean-Luc Cambier, Glenna Logan, Carol Morris, Kathleen Roberts and Nan Sanders invite BSCA members to join at any time during the year. Our emails are not time consuming, and fresh input is always welcome.

n) Health Committee – Rory Friedow – No report Received

o) Judges Selection – Rachelle Bailey-Austin

2<sup>nd</sup> Round for 2017 National will be going out in the next 2 weeks.

p) Jr. Showmanship – Samantha Niemeck

We have 3 Juniors actively showing Belgian Sheepdogs in 2015. One qualified for the Eukanuba Jr. Showmanship and all three plan to continue to show in 2016. Please make a point to look for our Juniors at shows and to support them.

q) Legislative Action – Peggy Richter – No report received.

r) Mediation & Arbitration – Cara Greger – No report

s) Membership Committee – Penny King

Membership renewals seemed to go much smoother this year with the PayPal option and online applications. The committee initiated a new membership outreach program to Belgian Sheepdog Owners who gain new titles. New title information is gathered by Claire Trethewey, those who gained title(s) and are not yet current BSCA members are then sent an application along with a letter congratulating them on their new title(s) and inviting them to join the BSCA, mentioning the many benefits to do so. Thank you to Claire for coming up with this great idea, to Melanie Reiswig for creating the letter and volunteering to send them out, and to the BOD for approving this outreach program.

t) Merit Achievement

## AWARDS

### New Titles for 2015

85 dogs getting new titles which is actually down from the previous years.

Medallions and certificates will be awarded at the banquet

### VERSATILITY AWARD

Participant Rosettes have always been given in the past years. This was started as an incentive to enter and there is no entry fee for this award. Each year the number of participants has gone up and this year we have 23 dogs entered for the Versatility Award. It is hard to order enough rosettes in some cases we have not had enough. Rosettes are getting expensive, too. This committee has decided that starting next year a Participant Certificate will be given instead of a Rosette.

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE TROPHY

12 dogs have signed up for the award and as in the past, it will be awarded this year at the banquet.

### PERFORMANCE AWARDS

This year Cathy Sheeter has volunteered to handle this award. Thank you Cathy !

I also would like the website to reflect that our committee is in charge of ONLY these awards and that the MERIT AWARDS and GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD is handled by different committees

- u) National Specialty Advisory – Melinda Andric  
Worked with 2016, 2017, and 2018 committees/individuals to answer questions and concerns. Future plans are to go through and revise the National Specialty Guidelines that are currently on the website.
- v) Outstanding Sportsmanship – Julie Coding – No report received
- w) Performance Events – Susan Spinhirne – No report received
- x) Sunshine – Pat Porter – No report received

## Unfinished Business

- a) Merit Committee Proposed Change – Lynn Sharke  
Motion by Pat Barrett to accept the recommendation of the merit committee as printed in the Jan/Feb 2016 Newsletter Vol 66.1 2<sup>nd</sup> Tami Worley Discussion Followed Yes: 38 No: 0 Abstain:  
1 Motion Passes

## New Business

- a) Announcement of 2016/17 BOD  
President: Cara Greger  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Sherry Hanley  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Penny King  
Treasurer: Cindy Hermann  
Recording Secretary: Jana Behm  
Coresponding Secretary: Julia Fliechter  
Board Members: Cynthia Ryder, Jan Powers, Kathay Lovell
- b) 2018 National Specialty – Chair Lorra Miller Dates: April 9-14, 2014 Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO
- c) Memorials – Tami Worley  
Motion by Tami Worley – If a current member passes and the family notifies the board, then the BSCA will donate the amount of that year’s membership dues in that member’s name to the dog related charity designated by the family. If no charity is designated, the funds will then go to the BSDRT. 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny King. Discussion followed. Yes: 28 No: 2 Abstain: 9 Motion Passes
- d) AKC Exploratory Committee – Lorra Miller  
Motion by Lorra Miller for the BSCA to form a committee of 3 members to work with the representatives from the Terv and Malinois parent clubs to explore options of registration by AKC as well as benefits and ramifications. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Sullivan Discussion Followed. Yes: 28 No: 4 Abstain: 7 Motion Passes
- e) Motion by Cara Greger to rescind any policies and procedures that penalize any member for exploring reunification of the Belgian Breeds. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Sullivan. Motion Withdrawn
- f) Motion by Tami Worley that all BSCA Delegate information be posted to the BSCA Notice list or other format. 2<sup>nd</sup> Julia Fleichter Unanimous Yes Vote Motion Passes
- g) Motion by Marion Heise to form a committee to revise the existing Policies and Procedures to clean up Archaic Policies. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn South. Yes: 38 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Motion Passes

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pat Barrett. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marion Lloyd.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm EST

Respectfully Submitted,

Jana Behm

BSCA Recording Secretary