



BORZOI HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION

MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES - 7/15/2018

Initial Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

New Business

- Constitution and Bylaws Discussion and Ratification
- Funding of UC Davis Study
- Additional Directors (tabled for future discussion)
- "Official Launch Date" Meet Aug 5 for progress report
- Initial Fundraising Auction - Launch after FB/Website launched

Attendees

Ashley Siemons, Danielle Steenkamp, Nancy Hopkins, Rita Rice and Chelle Griffith

Scribe

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Minutes

- Meeting Called to Order - Rita Chair
- First Meeting Ever, so no "Old Business"
- **Item 1 of New Business, Constitution and Bylaws Discussion and Ratification- Proposed Constitution and Bylaws** put together by Rita. She states that:
 - a) the contract portion/legalese is what's required to be a Texas nonprofit, and she used the Corgi Club's documents as a base template. These documents are to be considered a "work in progress."
 - b) Some parts are a little vague rather than having a standing rule for everything right away so things don't get too confusing too soon and end up with things bogged down and tabled.

c) Transparency is one of the big important things this organization hopes to achieve, and wants EVERYTHING to be transparent. Books, study funding, donation records, and everything. Better to dispel rumors bad gossip and get help and traction on the fundraising efforts when people can see exactly what their donations are paying for.

- **ARTICLE I-Purposes** accepted as is, informal unanimous vote
- **ARTICLE II-Offices** accepted as is, informal unanimous vote
- **Article III-Board of Directors**, all informally accepted "as is" except:
 - Item 3.2.1- After discussion decided to keep as-is. Motion Danielle, second Vickie. Rita mentions she never plans to vote except to break a tie, and will be down as "abstention."
 - Item 3.2.2- After discussion, motion to accept the revision. Motion Nancy, second Danielle.
 - Item 3.5- After discussion, motion to leave as-is. Motion Chelle, second Vickie.
- **Article IV- Officers** Rita suggests accepted as is, informal unanimous consensus
- **Article V-Committees** all informally accepted "as is" except:
 - Item 5.4 Advisory Council- Changed from President appoints advisors to the board appoints advisors. No formal vote on this, just unanimous consensus.
- **Article VI- Misc** Unanimous informally accepted "as-is"
- **Article VII-Indemnification of Officers and Board Members** Unanimous informally accepted "as-is"
- **Article VIII- Dissolution & Winding Up** Unanimous informally accepted "as-is"
- **Article IX- Amendments to Bylaws** Unanimous informally accepted "as-is"
- Motion to Accept All ByLaws as amended by ____, Vickie 2nded.
- **Item 2 of New Business- Funding of UC Davis Study** The UC Davis study on genetic diversity in the borzoi population is the foundation for many of the other studies that the borzoi community hopes to do in the future, so getting it done sooner rather than later is a priority. Danielle asked Ashley how quickly the Embark study went, as an example. To get the ball rolling, Rita is offering to make a \$5000 interest-free loan to get the UC Davis study off the ground, sooner rather than later. Funds can be reimbursed to her via donation, members covering their own swab costs and auction proceeds. Chelle suggested that we do a quick script we can say when we are soliciting donations of swabs and money from kennel owners and borzoi enthusiasts.

Motion to accept offer of funding loan from Rita: Chelle motions, Vickie Seconds. 4 in favor, 1 dissention, 1 abstention. Dissenting voter was concerned about timeline to pay her back.
- **Item 3 of New Business- Additional Directors** for Membership in the organization. Brainstorming on potential officers. This was tabled until after the official launch of the website, when we have some visibility.
- **Item 4 of New Business- Set "Official Launch Date"** The sooner the better, but we're shooting for no later than the end of August, so auctions can begin in September and October when people start thinking about buying Christmas presents. Web copy and photos still needed, Ashley and Chelle working on it.
- **Item 5 of New Business- Initial Fundraising Auction** - Launch after FB/Website Launched, tabled until next meeting

Action Items

- Website copy and photos to Veni Harlan - Ashley and Chelle
- Facebook page fleshed out with copy and photos. Ashley volunteered via instant message chat.
- Begin prepping for auction
- Fundraiser for legal help for distressed lady?

- Rita: List of charities we want to partner with, delegate to who you want to contact them, so we can get them on our website.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Brief Script for UC Davis Study - What do we need to know to get people to participate?
- Nominations for other BOD members.
- Set Launch Date
- Delegate work for Auction