

**Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting**  
**December 27, 2020**

President Rita Rice called the meeting to order at 6:04PM Pacific Time. In addition to the President/Treasurer, VP Danielle Steenkamp, Secretary Ashley Cirimeli, Directors Chelle Griffith, Nancy Hopkins, Vickie Littleton, and Leslie Walenta were present. A quorum being present, President Rice began the meeting.

President's Report: It has been a busy end of the year with the auction to benefit Lynn and Victor Whitlock, and the launch of Valentine's Fund.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report: Expense report from the Whitlock fundraiser is still pending. We have \$8,700 including \$4,000 from BCOA for Whitlock. There is \$1,500 worth of fundraising for our next project, from nonspecific donations, facebook campaigns, etc. \$766 was the general operating income. Valentines donations are at \$7850. We are waiting on invoices from 2 clinics to pay for the first valentines fund costs. There are 3 hearts at the lab and a 4th heart incoming from Canada.

Chelle moves to accept the financial report. Vickie seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Nominating Committee: Julia Merriam and Maryanne Rose have been nominated to fill our two vacant positions.

Nancy moves to accept the current slate of officers. Danielle seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Valentine's Fund: This fundraising effort is based on a borzoi who unfortunately dropped dead. Her diagnosis was Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM). There is a possibility that all or some of the sudden deaths might be caused by HCM. We have a cardiologist researcher interested in looking at borzoi hearts to help us figure out what is causing dogs to drop dead. We are trying to get people whose dogs have dropped dead to send the heart to this cardiologist. BHWF is paying for the collecting, shipping, and analysis of the heart. We have not received a pathology report yet.

There is a borzoi in Canada who is a good candidate for the loop recorder, however the owner isn't a BCOA member and won't have access to phase 2 of that study. Danielle suggests we rent a loop recorder from a cardiologist for those who are not BCOA members. The loop recorder is implanted under the skin, needs to be calibrated, and data collected by the cardiologist in person.

Vickie moves to fund the implant of the loop recorder in the Canadian borzoi. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Old Business: We need to schedule a meeting for the new year in order to bring in our Julia and Maryanne, wrap up discussion for auction funds, and figure out what to do with the remaining unused UC Davis coupons.

Danielle: Renee McCartin has reached out to a number of artists to get donations for Valentine's Fund. We have signed originals. We need to decide on whether to host another silent auction or a raffle.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Hopkins and seconded by Leslie Walenta. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM Pacific time.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Ashley Cirimeli

Recording Secretary, BHWF