

Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation
Minutes of the Board Meeting
November 21, 2021

President Rita Rice called the meeting to order at 6:00PM Pacific Time. In addition to the President/Treasurer, VP Danielle Steenkamp, Secretary Ashley Cirimeli, Directors Chelle Griffith, Nancy Hopkins, Vickie Littleton, Leslie Walenta, Julia Merriam, and Mary Ann Rose were present. A quorum being present, President Rice began the meeting.

President's Report: Discussed having a meeting in December. 9 sudden death necropsies were paid for by BHWF. Dr. Gelzer and Dr. Muir of the holter study, are seeking additional funding from the Canine Health Foundation in hopes of finding a gene for sudden death.

Vice President's Report: If any BHWF board member is contacted about heart necropsies, send inquiring parties to Danielle and/or Nancy.

There is a lack of devices available for veterinary use for additional loop recorders. We are also having trouble getting someone to download the data. Not every location has the necessary equipment to download the data and there aren't a lot of cardiologists across the country. Several factors are working against us.

Discussion was had with regards to collecting DNA of canine families with close relatives who have dropped dead, and submitting that DNA to the CHIC repository. We need more family lines to work with. There is potential for BHWF to offer funding.

Treasurer Report: Rita will get accurate financial statements to everyone. The bulk of the \$20,000 is for Valentine's Fund. Facebook fundraisers have been very successful.

Old Business: Tabled

New Business: We need to designate someone to be in charge of silent auctions. Maren Couch expressed interest.

Ashley nominated Maren to be the new director of silent auctions.

Nancy seconded.

Motion carried.

Julia expressed interest in reaching out to universities about a pannus study.

Danielle was contacted about 8 puppies, 12 weeks old, on craigslist. There is the potential need for funding vet care, placement, and spay/neuter the owner's adults.

Nancy motioned to help with these puppies if needed.
Leslie seconded.
Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Chelle Griffith and seconded by Leslie Walenta. Meeting adjourned at 7:03PM Pacific time.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Ashley Cirimeli

Recording Secretary, BHWF