



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Annual Awards – Nancy Reimer

One of the plaques had a spelling error and we are in the process of having that corrected. The manufacturer again had to be badgered to return the photos so they were just sent to the BC the end of June.

Annual Versatility Awards – Karen Ackerman

I will not be submitting a report this time

Aristocrat – Maureen Bardwell

No report received.

BCOA Website – Jennifer Beach-Buda

Updates to the BCOA web site content are made as directed by the BCOA board. Regional club secretaries are invited to send updates and changes to their club's listing on the BCOA site. A special section for the 2004 Centennial National Specialty show was created and can be found at <http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/national2004/>

Centennial Historical Book – Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Sue Vasick

No report received.

Club Archives – Barbara Yoon

For the past several weeks, I have been researching the Archives and have found year after year - back to 50's, items including Aristocrats, Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, Board Meeting Minutes, special notices, etc. are not dated or even have the heading of Borzoi Club Of America, Inc. From the Archival standpoint, this makes the job of organizing materials extremely difficult. From a legal standpoint, only an attorney can answer this. I would request that the current Board Of Directors issue a policy to correct this deficiency.

Club Education – Jennifer Beach-Buda

The Club Education event at the 2004 National Specialty Show will be "You Be The Judge," a participatory educational seminar.

Club Historian – Laurie Kasowski

No historian report at this time.

Club Inventory and Medals – Tom Carroll

Sent out 5 TSE packages in the 2nd quarter. Received 1000 new championship medallions, sent out 100 to Chris Danker and 2 dozen to Bonnie Nichols. Sent "All-Stats" to Helen Lee for July BC.

Color Committee – Patti Neale, Valori Trantanella, Bonnie Dalzell

The color committee has completed the list of colors to be used for registering Borzoi. The new list adds greatly to the number of colors and marking that will be available in the near future (early Fall 2003).

In April, right after the National Specialty, Bonnie Dalzell produced a web page, <http://borzoi-color.batw.net/index.html> with many photos, to describe the various coat colors. Input, via the various on-line computer lists, was solicited from the fancy for three months.

The only change from the list submitted to the Board at the April meeting, was the inclusion of "silver" on the Alternate Colors list. This replaced "cream brindle" since the Standard Color "brindle" covers the generic brindle coloring that "cream brindle" represents.

I spoke with John Brading at AKC on July 31. While he has moved to a different department within AKC, he will take care of the BCOA project and ensure that the new color list is implemented for registration ASAP. He anticipates a month or less from the time we make the formal submission. I will aid our Secretary with this soon as I am notified of approval by the Board.

AKC assists people with questions about color registration, and will send people to the breeder-referral contact if their department cannot answer the color/markings question. We anticipate, with the expanded list, that there will be few "color calls" to the AKC on that subject in the future. John indicated that Bonnie Dalzell would be a better contact for that purpose than the breeder-referral contact. Bonnie is willing to field color questions for people that AKC can't answer.

After the color list is approved by the Board, we need to notify and educate the Borzoi fancy in the following ways:

- Publication of list in the Borzoi magazines; Borzoi Connection, Borzoi Digest
- Permanent color list page on the BCOA website.
- Notification on the various Borzoi information computer Lists.
- Article in Aristocrat about registering colors and markings
- Possible seminar at National Specialty on registering colors and markings.

This committee will take care of the first four items as soon as practical.

2004 Futurity - Barbara O'Neill

The 2004 Futurity will close on October 19, 2003 and currently has 31 new Bitch Nominations, 25 new Litter nominations and 17 litters that have forwarded from 2003 Futurity. We have 49 puppies paid in full to date. Balance is \$2065.

Gazette Columnist – Jennifer Beach-Buda

AKC Gazette Borzoi Breed columns have presented information on a variety of subjects of interest to Borzoi fanciers. Article titles include *Evaluating Conformation in Borzoi Puppies*, *Tails and Details*, *The Sport of Coursing*, and *Visualization of the Borzoi Standard*.

Health Committee – Virginia Jones

No report received.

Judges Education – Patti Neale, Kathleen Kapaun

The next event scheduled for Judges Education will be in Indiana, Pennsylvania on Monday, August 11th at the American Dog Show Judges weeklong Advanced Institute. Borzoi are presented every other year, as the curriculum includes half a Group each summer. This is Sighthound year.

I will prepare a CD with photos in Powerpoint to use at the Borzoi booth at the invitational. Christine Bradley asked if these could be put on tape to use on a small television in the booth. Chris Neale has the hardware and software to put videotape on CD now, but no way to put the computer images on tape.

The alternative is a large-screen laptop, or the BCOA LCD projector. The projection method requires more space than is likely to be available in the 10x10 booth. We will work with the booth group on a solution. Patti Widick Neale Judges Education Coordinator

An email request to update the candid photos on the CD for use at the AKC Invitational in California was sent to Patti as Barbara O'Neill requested. Respectfully Submitted, Kathleen Kapaun

Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata

No report received.

LGRA- Carol Enz

No report received.

Membership Committee – Edna Ogata

No report received.

National Show Committee and Guidelines - Barbara O'Neill

The 2003 Income & Expense report was submitted and will be found in this packet. There was a profit of \$10,600. We, of course, can't thank the 2003 Show Committee enough for doing a fabulous job of putting

on a Specialty. As an aside, the hotel was so happy with us, and their first dog show, that we are invited back anytime. Nice to hear that all went well from a hotel.

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up to date

2004 National Specialty - Barbara O'Neill

A site visit in April to the Kings Island Resort, Cincinnati, OH, was very worthwhile and a report was submitted to the Board. Jennifer Beach-Buda did a great job with the Specialty Website. It is nice to look at and easy to find the information needed. It is ongoing as we are still waiting for information from the various chairs. We are in the process of purchasing 12 - 10' x 10' Caravan Canopies to be resold at a discount to the membership immediately following the 2004 National. As soon as the discount price is determined, we will take deposits on a first-come-first-served basis for the canopies.

All the committees seem to be active in planning their part of the Specialty and we have a November 15 deadline for the premium list. It will be sent to Prudence for proof reading around December 1 and to the printer before December 15. It should be in the mail immediately after the first of the year.

2005 National Specialty - Barbara O'Neill

Plans are underway for the 2005 National in Mesquite, Texas. The hotel contract has not been signed and a site visit may be necessary this fall.

Rescue Committee – Dr Maureen Bardwell

The Rescue Committee is currently taking a small hiatus from activities. The last fundraiser we held was the auction which benefitted TAINA--the organization which helps needy pet owners with extraordinary vet bills. I hope to be able to make some further plans for later in the fall. We do have plans for a Companion Parade for the Centennial Show, and my Committee members are helping by sending out invitations to Borzoi owners who might like to participate but are not members of the internet lists.

As of July 2003, we have not as yet issued a \$500 grant to the NBRF for the calendar year 2003. I was holding back on this request until we could see how much money we may need to assist in the possible Solano County Rescue. Since the need for strong financial support for a rescue effort in California seems unlikely, I am respectfully requesting that the NBRF be issued a \$500 check to help them with medical expenses for rescue Borzoi they are placing.

Even though I sent a financial summary of the Rescue Committee to everyone previously, I am including it one more time so everyone has had adequate time to look it over.

Standardized Trophies - Barbara O'Neill

We are missing one bronze that Jan Swayze still has from the 2002 Atlanta Specialty. A number of people have tried to persuade her to send it to Todd & Toby Brandtman. What should be done next?

A new challenge trophy is seeking approval. The "The Majenkir Challenge Trophy", offered by the "Friends of Karen Staudt-Cartabona and Majenkir Borzoi", is a bronze sculpture on a base, for the breeder of the Best of Breed at the National, beginning with 2004. Included will be an appropriate shipping crate.

Ways & Means – Barbara Yoon

I have no need to send reports as Barbara 'O' has all my figures from the National.

Statistical Committees

Agility – Gale Snoddy

Statistics sent to Maureen Bardwell for inclusion in the Aristocrat section of the BC.

Conformation – Christopher Neale

No report received.

Conformation Championship Medals– Chris Danker

I am not sending you a report.....but I don't think I need to any more since the AKC is sending the report regarding new Champions to the Club. Now that I have medals again, I am catching up for the last 4 months. Let me know if you need anything from me.

Junior Showmanship – Barbara Lord

I really have nothing to report regarding junior showmanship. I will be interviewing another junior for the junior page in one of the upcoming issues of the BC. Stats (although very few kids are competing right now) will be forwarded on to Helen and Maureen.

LGRA/NOTRA – Barb Ewing

I'm compiling the information to send out medallions to new title earners for the first half of 2003. Top ten stats have been sent to Helen Lee on a quarterly basis.

Lure Coursing – K.C. Artley

The Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club passed a change to the rules for Lure Coursing at their July board meeting. That change effective in January 2005, would require all dogs to have a Junior Courser title before the dog could be entered in the Open Stake. Currently ASFA Field Champions and Canadian Field Champions can be entered in the Open Stake, without having earned the Junior Courser title. I am checking into what is the current procedure for submitting changes to the rules for AKC Lure Coursing. I have asked Karen Cartabona for assistance. I have had BCOA members request 4 different changes to the rules for AKC Lure Coursing. All four proposed changes are reasonable, and would make AKC Lure Coursing similar to ASFA Lure Coursing.

Obedience – Bonnie Nichols

No report received.

Open Field – Karen Ackerman

No report received.

Register of Merit – Barbara Ewing

No report received.