



Protest Committee:

To be discussed via telephone conference call, rather than in writing.

Annual Awards – Nancy Reimer

I am currently contacting the 2002 Award winners and requesting photos. The conformation, coursing, and best junior winners have been contacted. I do not have the names of the winners in obedience, open field, and top versatility.

One thing that I would like the board to consider is the deadline for submission of information for the Top Versatility Award. According to the chairman this does not have to be submitted until two months prior to the start of the national. This hardly allows enough time for the statistician to contact me, me to contact the winner, the winner to submit the photo, me to submit the photo to the person making the award, and the manufacturer to have it ready in time for the specialty. I would like the board to change the deadline to a certain date. My suggestion would be January 15 at the latest.

Club Inventory & Medals – Tom Carroll

Agenda Item to change the TSE Application to include a Trophy Chairperson. This is from Tom Carroll. "Once again I've been receiving panic posts demanding medals & posters from the "Trophy Chairperson" of a TSE long after the medals and posters were mailed off to the TSE Chairman listed on the approved TSE application). No other name was listed on the application. Apparently, the TSE chairperson has not contacted the trophy chairperson if she has received the package, not has she contacted me if she has not received the package. This is not the first time this scenario had played out. Could we possibly add an entry to the application asking for the name & address of the person to send the medals & posters to if different from the TSE Chairperson. "

In summary, this has been causing Tom a problem, as he ends up sending a duplicate set to the trophy chairperson, then has to contact the TSE chairperson, to get a set of BCOA trophies/medals returned.

Judges Education – Kathleen Kapaun and Patti Neale

No report received.

Rescue – Maureen Bardwell

The Rescue Committee is preparing for its annual presence at the BCOA National Specialty. We will again do fundraising at the specialty this year but decided to not hold a Companion Parade as the schedule is a bit shorter and time is at a premium. We

already have most of our items that we will sell as fundraisers at the show. The Committee will again assist the show committee by holding a Costume Class for anyone who wishes to participate. This is a fun event and is open to an willing Borzoi (conformation, performance, veteran, pet, and/or rescue) and their owner.

A check for \$500 was sent to the BCNE to assist in medical expenses (which were very large) for the 5 Borzoi that were left by Lucy Garcia when she passed away. The \$500 was small as compared to all the bills that were incurred for these dogs. Many private donations from BCNE members helped cover most of the expenses. The BCNE members have voted to start a regional rescue group in response to the realization that any of our dogs could need rescue assistance if someone's personal circumstances changes dramatically. A great deal of effort was put into this first rescue effort by all of the BCNE Officers; in particular, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Club President and Secretary--Kevin & Karen Miller.

We sponsored an online auction benefiting the NBRF in December; this auction raised approximately \$1900. We have an auction scheduled at the end of February for a regional Borzoi Rescue Group, HalfPint Haven, in Florida. This group was sponsored by several BCOA members from Florida. I have already received a number of donation pledges for auction items.

Although the court case in California which may result in the need for a large rescue moves forward, actual action by the county to seize the dogs has not yet occurred. We are waiting to see the outcome and are keeping in close touch with Jacqueline Gregory, Lorrie Scott, and Carol Backers. All of these women have helped make contingency plans in case there is a need for transport and housing for a large number of Borzoi. Because we do not know how this case will go, we are continuing to be very cautious in expenditures from the BCOA Rescue Fund in case a large expenditure is needed to assist in this rescue effort.

Possible California Rescue – Chris Bradley

Lockrems have hired a new attorney; The Board of Supervisors voted to deny Lockrems application for a use permit. Matter is thus turned over to Planning Commission, and should take several months to implement. In the meantime, Lockrems have been granted a temporary business license to sell dogs. There are presently approximately 150 dogs on the property. Lockrems are likely to appeal, further extending any necessary action by rescue groups. The local Northern California group has the capability to temporarily foster all 150 dogs. Next hearing will probably be held in April, and it's very likely that no surrender of dogs will take place at that time. So we're in a holding pattern.

International Hospitality - Mission

The members of the International Hospitality Committee stand ready to assist visitors from other countries to ensure that their visit to the USA and the BCOA National

Specialty is enjoyable. Our focus is to provide assistance and information about details that are unique to the international guest.

Ideas:

Carolyn -

Brochure:

Hotel info

What airlines fly into the closest airport

Transportation info

How to reach us at the Natl

Free hotel vans that will pick people up or other such services in the area

Dates for particular events. (like when coursing is, when futurity etc.)

Nice invitation to the Natls,

Information on various local attractions

List of our useful numbers and e-mails of people like us to help them in the arrangements.

At the show:

1. Interpreters
2. Beepers for people with special language skills that we and the guests could have on a card or something to beep when help was needed, so we would not have to search high and low for language assistance.
3. Breakfast or party of some sort for foreign guests (not anything too fussy or in the way of viewing events, but some little notice where they could meet breeders of interest to them and others).
4. Rides to coursing events, if that is what interests them.
5. Recognize and welcome them at the show on the day of their arrival, so that the whole group will know that they are there and can introduce themselves.
6. We might also want to just know of any medical conditions they might have, as I know that it is useful to know an M.D., a dentist, and where and how to get to the nearest hospital (any allergies are especially important to know).

Packets:

Names of contact people, like us and those interpreters

Transportation info

Judging program and translation

Map of area and hotel

Glossary of "catalog" terms they might not be familiar with

A show medallion

Description of seminars that will be available

Invitation to an event for them

Borzoi Connection sample issue and info to subscribe

Borzoi internet site guide

List of area restaurants

Tourist brochures

Perhaps some special gift
Little magnifier to read fine print on any of our brochures
A few little goodies, like pens, candy, special name button or such

Sussi's Suggestions for International Visitors to Nationals -

- Or making a sort of FAQ out of it, meaning the webpage.
- Advertise the website in places where foreigners (Europeans to a large extent I guess) will see it. An ad in Baraka Book and European Borzoi would be seen. You don't need a full page, just a half of a page to advertise the show and some facts like where to find more info.
- It should be mentioned on the lists as well, also the European Borzoi lists.
- Dress Code for inside and outside the ring.
- The point system is one thing but as a foreigner I think I would like an explanation of the different classes. I mean - what is Bred by class? What does that mean? And you have other strange classes I never figured out how or why they exist.
- Can puppies be shown? At what ages? Do they compete for points?
- You don't seem to have the "Best male" class or "Best female" class.
- From what classes comes the dogs that will finally be able to compete for the points and the BOB and BOS?
- How do they qualify from each class to become part of that final competition?
- In Sweden every dog gets a little plastic band in different colors depending on the quality judgments. Red for quality 1 which means they can go on competing. Blue for second, means they will not compete any more that day.
- How can you as a bystander outside the ring see if the dog got a decent evaluation and will be back into the next steps competition in an American dog show?
- In what order are classes entered? Do you have males first - all classes and then females? Or all classes first, one by one, with males and then females or the other way around?
- All this is a complete mystery to me as far as American shows go.
- And there is also one thing you are afraid to do as a foreigner and that is breaking taboos.
- Are there any real no-no's foreigners should know about, something that you just shouldn't do at a show site? Something you shouldn't say or do?
- How about taking photos and videos? Can you or can't you? Are some times more appropriate than others? And when is it a no-no?
- Do you like us, applaud the old veterans when they parade around the ring?
- One catalog for all week or new catalogs each day? Price? Any risk of not getting a catalog if you don't show up during the first days? Any chance for foreigners to reserve a catalog beforehand? Imagine traveling half the world and not be able to follow what is happening because you could not get a catalog!

Eija - I'd like to see maps (like if the show site has many buildings which is the correct), info of transportation and possibly costs, traveling possibilities with animals (do taxi's take animals?). What should you do beforehand, how much before, things to beware, things to

look forward, what kind of things and fees should you prepare for (like benched shows have fees for seats I think?), timetables...

Lure Coursing – K.C. Artley

For the agenda - Lure coursing report. "(1) I would like BCOA to pay the registration fees (\$75) for one person to represent BCOA at the ASFA Convention, in Atlanta March 29. I have asked Susan Pennington, who said she would call me back after finding out her work schedule. There is an issue I recommend we vote against - which is allowing hounds, not registered with the AKC, but registered with other registries in the U.S. (such as the United Kennel Club), to compete at ASFA events. (2) I recommend we continue our membership in ASFA, by paying the annual dues of \$50. I will fill out the form and send to the treasurer.