



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Annual Awards – Nancy Reimer

Nothing to report.

Annual Versatility Awards – Karen Ackerman

I will not be making a report this time

Aristocrat – Maureen Bardwell

No report received.

BCOA Website – Jennifer Beach-Buda

No report received.

Centennial Historical Book – Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Sue Vasick

No report received.

Club Archives – Barbara Yoon

No report at this time.

Club Education – Jennifer Beach-Buda

No report received.

Club Historian – Laurie Kasowski

Nothing to report at this time.

Club Inventory and Medals – Tom Carroll

14 TSE packages send out as of 10/1/03

Championship medal supply refilled with 500 medals. 80 shipped to various chairpersons

TSE medals & posters are running very low as there appears to be a total of 17 TSEs approved for 2003.

Color Committee – Patti Neale, Valori Trantanella, Bonnie Dalzell

No report received.

2004 Futurity - Barbara O'Neill

The 2004 Futurity closed on October 19, 2003 and there are 44 new Bitch Nominations, 37 new Litter nominations and 17 litters that have forwarded from 2003 Futurity. Balance is \$2770 to date. Judge nomination and balloting has begun. We will again be faced with the issue of an election of officers and the futurity ballots to the same tabulator at the same time.

The 2005 Futurity is now open and has three new bitch nominations. Application for 2005 has been sent to the membership and is on the BCOA website.

Gazette Columnist – Jennifer Beach-Buda

No report received.

Health Committee – Virginia Jones

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DIRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL:

- A. Request the board approve expenditure from health committee fund of \$270 for fundraising projects – *see item #1 FUNDRAISING* for details.
- B. Request the board approve expenditure from health committee fund of \$450 for Nationals Health Seminars – *see item #2 SEMINAR/CLINICS FEES* for details. And also request the board approve that we do not charge participants a fee for the health seminars this year in celebration of our Centennial and due to the subject matter of the seminars.
- C. In order to offer microchip clinic for \$20 (the same fee Mary Childs is volunteering to chip dogs for at the Nationals) we will need to order more chips under the auspices of BCOA rescue. Currently I have only 6 chips left from the original 50 received from Maureen Bardwell when we split the 100 she had purchased from Shering Plough. Request that the board authorize Maureen to order another 100 chips. Request that the board authorize payment for these chips to be transferred from the Health Committee fund to Rescue to cover the cost of 100 chips.
- D. Request that the board authorize funding from the health committee account to cover at least 75% of the OFA & CERF registration fees at the Nationals clinics in celebration of our Centennial. The balance of the registration fees to be incorporated in the participant's clinic fee. *see item #2 SEMINAR/CLINICS FEES* for details
- E. Request the board approve the expenditure from the health committee fund of \$2000 for research assistant to receive, compile, analyze and report statistics from our breed health survey. – *see item #4 – BREED SURVEY* Payment schedule TBD pending overall length of time survey is to be conducted. I would recommend half be paid at the onset of the survey period to accommodate expenses for P.O. Box, software system set up and statistical analysis tools. The balance to be paid upon conclusion of the survey and final statistical data submission to our club. Total time period not to exceed 1 year.
- F. Request that the board provide me with approval to submit membership of the BCOA into the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. *see item #5 – PURINA PPCP Program.*

REPORT ITEM # DETAILS:

1. FUNDRAISERS:

- As a fundraiser for the health committee, we would like to sell stuffed toys at the 2004 Nationals. Cost per toy is \$1.19 and resale at \$5 each or 6 toys for \$25. Request board approval to purchase 100 toys for resale at 2004 Nationals. Total cost of toys: \$119.00 plus shipping. Resale total: @\$450. Profit: @\$331. (Approximate costs based on estimated number of purchases of 6 toys vs individually purchased toys)
- As a fundraiser for the health committee, we would like to raffle a borzoi embroidered grooming bag full of grooming equipment. Approximate total cost of item inclusive \$150. Raffle tickets to be sold at \$1 each or 25 for \$20. Approximate number of tickets to be sold: 500. Approximate profit: \$350

Combined profit from both fundraisers: @\$681.00

2. SEMINAR & CLINIC FEES:

- Eddie Dzuik, CEO OFA – seminar **NO FEE OR EXPENSES!**
- Dr. Kate Meurs - \$200 per hour + \$0.36 per mile travel expenses for approximately 2 hour seminar – Total expense: @\$450.00
- Dr. Kate Meurs has agreed to provide the heart clinic at \$25 per dog for heart exam
- Dr. ? eye cerf – fee ? Still working on this. I have one specialist but his fee is a bit higher than what I hoped to receive. Waiting for acceptance on the dates from a different specialist at a lower fee.
- Drs. Nash & Norelli – Microchip, Thyroid & DNA – no fee associated for chip implant, blood draw and DNA Swabbing.

- a. AKC has agreed to register chips at a discount price of \$9.00. CAR request form submitted to AKC on 9/25/03. CAR mailing package and info already received from AKC.
 - b. Eddie Dzuik, OFA CEO agreed to register thyroid & cardiac for \$7.50 per dog. No cost for recertification.
 - c. I still need to confirm if the MSU laboratory will give us a discount for our lab-associated fee for thyroid testing.
- DNA – AKC agrees to provide us with reduced rate of \$30 per dog for registration. Additional expense = postage for mailing – all swabs must be return mailed together to receive a clinic rate.

3. REGISTRY DATA

- Lou Avant agreed to send me the files from the health registry she had set up on the health committee web site. Information that is not incorporated in our CHIC database will be posted to the current web site. It will not have the various search features like the previous database due to data size restrictions.(Files received on 10/14)

4. BREED SURVEY

- We are currently combining the best questions from the International Borzoi Council survey form and several other sample survey forms supplied by CHF. Once completed, Rlynn Shell has agreed to load the breed health survey to our health web site and set security for the responses to go automatically to our independent survey analyst. Hard copy forms will also be available to download from the web site. We would also like to include the hard copy form in with the next appropriated general mailing of BCOA information. And intend to include the forms in the National's hospitality bags, and made available at the health committee information table.
- I've located a veterinary graduate student from MSU vet college who is willing to take on the work of receiving all completed surveys directly from the respondents, totaling the results and providing us with the statistical data to publish to our membership for a very reasonable cost. The total fee would be \$2000.
- There is also the option of hiring Dr. Glickman to conduct and tally the survey, but, although more experienced with survey data, his fee is substantially more. His total fee would be \$10,000.
- A recent breed survey is required to start the request process for our CHF Donor Advised Fund research project.

5. PURINA PPCP PROGRAM

Ralston Purina will match our member's Purina reward circles with monetary donations to our CHF Borzoi Donor Advised Fund once we submit our intention to participate in this program. When I first requested we participate, Purina had restrictions on participating clubs. Clubs could not be recipients of other pet food manufacturers financial backings or similar specialty programs and also participate in the PPCP Program. They have since backed away from this restriction and now I request that the board authorize me to submit our application to the program and advertise it to our membership.

Judges Education – Patti Neale, Kathleen Kapaun

No report received.

Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata

No report received.

LGRA- Carol Enz

No report received.

Membership Committee – Edna Ogata

Nothing to report at this time.

National Show Committee and Guidelines - Barbara O'Neill

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up to date.

2004 National Specialty - Barbara O'Neill

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. Specialty information was submitted for publication in the Fall issue of the Borzoi Connection. Due to the election, our timetable for sending premium to the printer has been extended to December 29. It should be in the mail approximately January 15. Several issues relating to the Centennial is on the agenda to be discussed at this meeting.

2005 National Specialty - Barbara O'Neill

On the weekend of October 10, I flew to Mesquite, Texas, to do a site visit of the Hampton Inn and to sign the contract with the hotel. A meeting was held with local members and I was very impressed with the attendance and enthusiasm. Some of the participants drove 3-4 hours to attend. The guidelines were distributed and reviewed. It should be a very fun Specialty. Judge suggestions for Obedience, Junior Showmanship and Lure Coursing will be available for approval at the November Board meeting.

Rescue Committee – Dr Maureen Bardwell

The BCOA Rescue Committee has not undertaken any new projects since the August Board Meeting. However, we do have several concerns/projects currently underway.

I continue to keep in touch with Carol Backers & Nancy Joeckel & Jacqueline Gregory. The current deadline date for a potential seizure of the Pickle Hill dogs is the first week of November. Thus, this rescue may be underway when the actual Board Meeting takes place. The rescue organizations involved in the actual moving & housing of these dogs have done a significant amount of planning--the BCOA Rescue Fund may be called upon to provide assistance to these organizations. If so, there currently is approximately \$5000 in the BCOA Rescue Fund.

BCOA dues are currently being collected and donations to the Rescue Committee do usually come in with the dues. We are also tentatively planning on a Christmas sale of dog toys as a fundraiser--Dee Jones, BCOA Rescue Committee member, has agreed to do the mailing for this sale. The Committee has also made plans for participation at the Centennial Show by holding a raffle/ silent auction and by helping sponsor the Companion Parade.

I will keep the Board apprised of any news I have from California and will be available by telephone the day of the Board Meeting.

Standardized Trophies - Barbara O'Neill

A new challenge trophy is seeking approval. The Charles Kubiak Memorial Trophy, offered by the Friends of Charles Kubiak, is a bronze sculpture on a base, for the Lure Coursing Best of Breed at the National Specialty Lure Trial, beginning with 2004. Photo and detailed description will be available at the November meeting. Included will be an appropriate shipping crate.

Ways & Means – Barbara Yoon

No report at this time.

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

No report received.

Junior Showmanship – Barbara Lord

No report received.

LGRA/NOTRA – Barb Ewing

No report received.

Lure Coursing – K.C. Artley

No report received.

Obedience – Bonnie Nichols

No report received.

Open Field – Karen Ackerman

No report received.

Register of Merit – Barbara Ewing

I am receiving applications for the Register of Merit. One potential problem I see is that according to the job description that was sent to me, I am to maintain in the database the names of all of the progeny that qualifies the sire or dam for the ROM. To date, I have received 7 applications for bitches, with 46 offspring. So rather than needing to maintain a database for 7 dogs, it is now a database for 53 dogs. This problem will escalate as more dogs are added to the ROM, especially in the case of sires. With current sires and dams, the progeny may continue to earn additional titles, requiring that much of the offspring data be updated from time to time. This seems unnecessary, considering the purpose of the registry is to recognize the sires and dams, not the offspring.

Every other organization that issues titles does so without publishing the details of how that title was earned. Once the title requirements have been met, the title is issued. I recommend that this practice be followed with the ROM. If the names of all of the offspring are kept in the database and published in the Borzoi Connection, it will require several pages to publish the names of the ROM qualifiers. It is much more practical to only publish the names of the dogs admitted to the ROM.

Also, on a number of occasions the ROM Committee has suggested using the "Borzoi Champions" books as a starting point for the ROM. A list was compiled which lists sires and dams which qualify for ROM status based on AKC Championships earned by their progeny through 1986. While the list may not be 100% accurate, it is more accurate than leaving these dogs out of the ROM. In many cases, the owners of these dogs are deceased or no longer active in dogs, yet many of these dogs are the influential sires and dams of the past, and should be included in the ROM. A list is attached showing these sires and dams. Note that ASFA titles were not included in the calculations. Applications may still be submitted on these dogs indicating other titles earned by their progeny. While another Borzoi Champions book has recently been published, I would suggest not using that information, since a number of new programs (AKC Coursing, Racing, Agility) have started since 1986 and would not be reflected in the newest Borzoi Champions book. I would like to have a decision by the board to either use this list or not, and if the Board votes not to use this list, by what means do they suggest these dogs be included in the ROM.