



**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

No report received.

Club Inventory and Medals – Tom Carroll

13 TSE packages were mailed out in 2003, one package was returned when scheduling problems affected the actual holding of the event. An additional event was cancelled before the TSE package could be mailed. 100 championship medals for confirmation were mailed to the responsible chairperson and an additional 25 mailed to the lure coursing chairpersons were returned on Jan.2, 2004 with the usual "could not deliver" message stamped on all six sides of the box. This will be re-mailed as soon as possible.

Championship medals are in good supply, TSE medals are critically low but Madam President assures me that new ones are on order and will be available before they are needed. TSE posters are also in short supply and solutions are being considered.

2004 Futurity - Barbara O'Neill

The 2004 Futurity judge selection process is complete and Jennifer Beach-Buda has been selected by the breeders to judge the 2004 Futurity. Account balance is \$3815 to date.

The 2005 Futurity currently has 30 litters with 13 litters forwarded from 2004. There are 13 new bitch nominations and 9 new litter nominations. Account balance is \$300 to date.

Gazette Columnist – Jennifer Beach-Buda

No report received.

Health Committee – Virginia Jones

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DIRECTION AND/OR ATTENTION:

- A. I need confirmation that the microchips were ordered through BCOA rescue for the Nationals chip clinic and how and when they will be delivered to the health committee.
- B. Request the board revisit their previous decision rejecting the request for another health survey. We cannot apply to the CHF to begin our heart research study without a more current breed survey. Barbara O'Neill contacted me with the name of an individual who had approached Maureen Bardwell (why rescue?) about doing a breed survey. This is the same individual who I had several discussions with over the course of last year. When I approached her about doing our breed survey tabulations, she declined. As a biostatistician, she was looking for something more in the line of a research project. In order to get a significant response from our membership, the survey tabulator needs to be someone completely independent and outside our borzoi community. Request that the board approve funding for the cost to have an independent source tabulate all responses and provide us with complete statistical data charts. Please advise what the maximum approved fee for this service will be. Currently, I am unable to locate any statisticians willing to take on a project of this magnitude for under \$2000. Rlynn Shell has confirmed that she can create the online format for the survey, but we need to include the email account the data will be sent to once completed and submitted. This may reduce the statisticians fee somewhat, but I do not have a counter offer price at this time. Immediate attention to this is required if the health committee is to have hard copies of the survey available for the Nationals this year since they must include the address of where the completed forms are to be sent.
- C. Will projector equipment be available for the seminar speakers or do we need to rent it from the Kings Island Resort, or does the speaker need to bring it with them?

REPORT DETAILS:

1. FUNDRAISERS:

All items have been purchased for the grooming bag raffle. Photo and information will be posted to the BCOA Health Committee web site and linked to the Nationals information location as soon as possible

2. SEMINAR & CLINIC FEES:

Dr. Ann Metzler-Gemenski has confirmed to provide her services for the eye CERF clinic. Her fee is only \$22 per dog with a 40-dog minimum plus minor mileage travel expenses. Day she can conduct the clinic to be confirmed the week of Jan. 26

3. REGISTRY DATA

Health registry files were sent to Rlynn Shell to post to our website. She will get these loaded as soon as possible

4. PURINA PPCP PROGRAM

Application registering the BCOA with the PPCP program was submitted on January 18. A copy of the completed form was sent to Karen Mays.

5. OFA LIAISON

OFA has included me as their liaison from BCOA to submit end of the year OFA statistics for the borzoi breed. Statistics will be provided in both hard copy and text file. A copy of the request was submitted to Karen Mays. If size permits, the text files can be loaded to the HC web site. Otherwise a condensed summary will be provided as the hot link to the OFA web site should provide the same detailed information.

6. OTHER NATIONALS PREPARATIONS

- Pamphlets from OFA, CHIC, AKC and CERF will be ordered the first week in March and provided to the hospitality coordinators for the hospitality bags. Flyers including information on all of the clinics and the seminars will be provided to the hospitality coordinators as well for the bags.
- Confirmation on MSU discounted lab fee for thyroid analysis still not confirmed yet.

Judges Education – Patti Neale, Kathleen Kapaun

Judges Education at the National Specialty will be held on Friday and Saturday as in years past. Due to a prior commitment, I will have to leave the specialty on Thursday afternoon, but will coordinate the activities for the following days.

The Friday night classroom seminar at 7:00 PM will be presented this year by Pat Murphy, who has given the program on two other occasions. The following hands-on session from 9:00 to 10:00 PM will be led by Jennifer Beach-Buda and Marilyn Polsfuss.

The Schedule at the national in the last few years has made participation in the Judges Study Group more difficult for both Judges, and for scheduling of mentors. In the earlier years that I was working with the JSG, judges came in on Friday and were mentored during the Bitch classes, had the formal education on Friday night, and then were able to fine-tune on Saturday. Now that we have little or no class judging on Friday, and virtually all dog activity in the morning if there is any judging, it cuts out a large amount of time in which the student judges might be exposed to Borzoi and mentors.

Those breeders who are on the list for ringside mentoring are basically needed for Saturday only, a time when many are tied up in the ring with their Specials. I point this out, not that BCOA should make schedule changes for the benefit of the small number of judges that show up each year, but to let the Board know how the schedule has affected participation by student judges and BCOA mentors. Of course, there are some Student judges that can come in for more days of judging earlier in the week, and if they can come, I will always make arrangements for them to have seating and mentors. Those people are generally the exception, but their extra effort and interest is appreciated and noted.

The response has been light for judges interested in the Borzoi Judges Study Group. The AKC's Sighthound Institute in 1992, and the ADSJ last summer allowed many judges to fulfill enough requirements in the judges application process that some find it unnecessary to attend the National Specialty to be approved.

The Chairman for one of the regional clubs contacted me for the names of Borzoi student judges for possible sweepstakes assignments and the names and particulars of Study Group attendees from that club's geographical area were provided. Other clubs may wish to do the same and I would be glad to facilitate the contacts.

Last summer, I was asked to present Borzoi at a Judges Ed event in Boston in December. That was soon changed to a request to talk about the sighthounds as a Group, so ended up not as Borzoi specific. Due to the big snowstorm that weekend, attendance was half of those who had preregistered.

My request and listing of the photos needed for the Borzoi Standard PowerPoint program was once again met with only a few submissions. I will give the presentation on Wednesday night in Cincinnati to an open audience, and ask for photos once again. I will make the same request list available again as a handout.

There are no other judges' education seminar plans or requests at this time.

Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata

No report received.

LGRA- Carol Enz

82 Borzoi were registered with LGRA in 2003.

The rule proposal for starting boxes to become mandatory in 2 years was voted down. All other rule change proposals were passed.

We are looking to another great year of Borzoi Racing.

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 the premium list packet is printed and in the mail as of this date. The Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club has generously donated \$150 toward sponsoring morning coffee on a conformation day. Prudence is actively coordinating Specialty needs. Specialty information has been added to the BCOA website and entries are starting to arrive. Specialty sales item orders are also arriving.

2005 National Specialty - Barbara O'Neill

The following judges have accepted the judging assignment and have been sent contracts for the 2005 National Specialty:

Lure Coursing: Mr. Jack Downing & Mrs. Linda Stilwell

Obedience Classes: Mrs. Ginger Pugh

Junior Showmanship: Mrs. Murrel Purkhiser

Rescue Committee – Dr Maureen Bardwell

The possible large rescue of Borzoi in Northern California was again delayed when a county meeting was held in early November. It is currently being suggested that this rescue may take place in the spring however no definite dates have been given. We will continue to apprise the Board on any further activities here.

Inadvertently, the line items for donations to the Rescue and Health committees was omitted from the 2004 dues notice. Barbara O'Neill did manage to "stop the presses" and insert a line on the "One Stop Shopping Form" for the national specialty so donations could be made with the national specialty entries. I would appreciate it if all regional governors could mention to their members that a small donation to each committee included with their show entries would be helpful. By not receiving these annual donations, each committee is short approximately \$1500 in donations for the 2004 calendar year.

The Rescue Committee is finalizing its plans for participation in the Centennial show and will hold a raffle/silent auction for its fundraising activities.

Standardized Trophies - Barbara O'Neill

The special Centennial Specialty trophies have been ordered and will be shipped directly to Prudence. Prudence reported to the Board on the missing lure coursing challenge trophy. I will contact Jessica Baker, Dannyquest distributor, and see if she can help.

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

Below please find listed the children showing Borzoi in juniors yet whose families are not currently members of the Borzoi Club of America: Erin McCarter, Brenna Barger, Mavis Mary Inez Greenhill, Gary Edward Meyers and Jason Kreger.

We have two other children whose families have recently joined BCOA and will be eligible to compete for the 2004 Best junior award: Jordan Davis and Stuart McGraw.

Please note that we have a total of two other children who are currently eligible to be considered for BCOA top junior. One of these aforementioned children resides in Canada and rarely gets to any US shows except possibly for the National each year.

After discussion with Barbara O'Neill, might I suggest that we make an effort to contact each of these non member kids and invite them to join the BCOA as junior members, which would allow them to compete for the annual top award. While doing this, I feel it is important that we make sure we hold them to the same standard we do any other person applying for membership with our club. We need to remember that in a way, the individual who eventually wins the top junior award will be representing the BCOA when out in the 'dog world'.

During my recent discussion with Barbara, I did offer to contact each of the non-member juniors handling Borzoi, once we round up their names and addresses. I would appreciate it if the BCOA would please provide me with at least a dozen junior applications and, if possible, some stationary to make the letter we send out as professional as possible. Please advise as to whom I should send this letter to for approval prior to my mailing these juniors.

Finally, please be advised that the next issue of the Borzoi Connection BCOA Junior Page will feature an interview with Lisa Brauner.

LGRA/NOTRA – Barb Ewing

I would like to give up the job of racing stats and medallions because of the work involved with the ROM. Carol Enz has volunteered to take over the racing stats.

Reported by Carol Enz: For the first time a Borzoi is # 1 (all breeds) in LGRA for 2003. "Drake" Avalon Jericho Mile - SGRC2 owned by Kim & Patrik Henriksson A big congratulations to Drake! "Flareon" was #4 in the All Breed stats. Another milestone by Drake - he set a new one year record of 62 National points in his first year of racing.

Lure Coursing – K.C. Artley

No report received.

Obedience – Bonnie Nichols

No report received.

Open Field – Karen Ackerman

No report at this time.

Register of Merit – Barbara Ewing

No report received.