

Combined Standing Committee Reports

August 2015

Breed Welfare (Dee Jones)

The Placement Assistance Program was approved at the last Board meeting and presented at the Annual Meeting at Nationals. Links to the program will soon be available from the Breed Welfare/Rescue Page of the BCOA Website.

In the next quarter, we will be updating the In-Home Visit Volunteer List. I want to remind all breeders to never place a Borzoi without an in-home visit. If you cannot find someone from the Volunteer List, contact me and I will help you locate someone. NBRF officers will also help you with that. If someone refuses an in-home visit, it is a warning flag that something is not right.

NBRF – Liz Duncan-Burge Reporting:

In the second quarter of 2015 (April 1 June 30), NBRF had 6 borzoi come into rescue and has successfully placed 5 of those borzoi in loving forever homes, with the last one coming in for the second quarter being fostered by a wonderful family that will likely suffer foster failure soon and adopt 9 year old Anya. Our vet bills for this period were \$769.13. NBRF still has one borzoi that is a permanent foster due to a chronic medical issue that while it does not affect the quality of life for the dog, it would be a financial burden on any person who would choose to adopt a borzoi with such special needs. We still have a lovely and healthy 10 year old young rescue girl named Mikayla who is being fostered in Virginia and is still looking for her forever home.

This quarter NBRF has created a flyer for a lost re-homed borzoi and provided search tips and coordination assistance, contacted two Craigslist ads for borzoi puppies and provided NBRF contact information, received five volunteer and adoption applications, developed NBRF database which will help us facilitate and organize easier access to our volunteer information, joined the AKC Rescue Network Group on Facebook and shared fundraising strategies, reviewed and analyzed partnering with a pet insurance company but determined it would not be cost effective at this time, manned a sales table of donated items at the 2015 BCOA Nationals which resulted in sales of over \$1,300 and donations of over \$400, developed two NBRF decals as fundraisers <http://www.nbrf.org/fundraisers>. Work continues on the updated Borzoi Estates Wine labels with new labels targeted for release by Fall 2015.

May was Canine Cancer Month & we posted 25 articles related to canine cancer on our NBRF Facebook page in addition to 213 health, welfare, & recall related articles for a total of 238 articles. <https://www.facebook.com/nationalborzoirescuefoundation> We have over 250 articles scheduled out to mid January 2016 for the NBRF page & will be adding to that. Also, we are pleased to report that we have over 2,650 "Likes" on the NBRF page. This page has helped to facilitate general canine & Borzoi information sharing, generation of new NBRF volunteers, fosters, transportation, adopting homes, & fundraiser support & donations.

We are thrilled to announce that Barb Lord is our new Vice-Director and Danielle Skelly is our new Facebook Administrator. Barbara Michalick is still very much a part of NBRF however due to personal commitments she can't give us as much time as she has in the past. We are extremely grateful to Barbara Michalick and all that she has done for NBRF and for still being there as we move forward.

BR-NC – From BR-NC Website

(Nancy Joeckel submitted report, but my e-mail account is suddenly missing months worth of e-mail.)

Dogs in Rescue

All Borzoi placed through BR-NC Adoption are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm/lyme

tested, and current on all vet care before placement. Adoption Applications are required, references are checked, and home inspection visits are done.

We are delighted to report that our long-term rehabilitation effort with Shanti has paid off. Shanti

has gone to his forever home and is settling in very well. This delightful Borzoi boy had the bad luck of living in conditions where he was routinely attacked by other dogs. While loved by his former owner, he was not protected and learned to live in fear. Long, gentle, patient rehabilitation by Jacqueline Gregory has given this fundamentally sweet boy a new lease on life. We have always felt Shanti needed and would succeed in long-term rehabilitation, and we are very grateful to have been able to provide him with that.

Second Quarter Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program

BR-NC's Referral Program gives owners/breeders access to excellent pet homes while retaining full control over all aspects of placing their dogs. In return, BR-NC receives a \$100 donation to help cover the expenses of the Borzoi we take into Rescue.

Two senior sisters, Priscilla and Esmerelda, were in our Referral Program this quarter.

Other Dogs Assisted by BR-NC

Several former adopters requested our help this quarter who were bringing home adult Borzoi being placed by breeders. These owners wished to refresh their skills for bring home a new adult

dog, to review the veterinary history of the dogs, and/or to get our feedback on the temperament

and socialization of the dogs involved.

We are always happy to be a sounding board for anyone considering bring home a new Borzoi. None of these dogs required any use of BR-NC funds.

Champion Medals (Chris Danker)

For the first half of 2015, 66 Borzoi completed their Championships. Of these dogs, 45 are owned by first-listed BCOA members.

Deb Vidaver-Cohen wrote and told me she never got a medal for her dog Sage that finished in 2013. According to my records, a medal was sent to Deb's address in Florida. I will be sending her another medal.

KIT Committee (Edna Ogata):

Activities:

May 22, 2013 - Birthday card to R. Barger

National Specialty-Related (BJ O'Neill)

Futurity

There are 22 new bitch and 19 new litter nomination. There are 26 litters eligible to forward to 2016. Currently, there is \$1,945 in the 2016 account.

2015 Yearbook

The Yearbooks were available at the 2015 National Specialty in Huron, Ohio. K.C. Artley took on the responsibility of selling and for sending Yearbook to those that did not pick up in Ohio. All requests for purchase of the 2015 Yearbook should go to K.C. Thank you, K.C. The Yearbook had a profit of \$22,549.06 which will be sent to the Treasurer.

National Specialty Guidelines

Guidelines are currently up-to-date. Region 5, with Carol Enz, as Show Chairman, will be up next for 2018 with a bid/proposal due April 2016. All Guidelines were sent to Roy Silguero to pass out to 2017 Show Committee.

As show secretary, I need to make it clear to all exhibitors that non-AKC titles cannot be in the specialty catalogs. If someone passed a CGC/CGCA test but did not apply to the AKC, the CGC/CGCA cannot be listed as a suffix. You just send CGC Test Summary Form that you received from evaluator to the AKC for use of CGC/CGCA as a suffix.

The BCOA has sent a listing of ROM titles to the AKC that can be added as a suffix in catalogs as well as certified pedigrees but you must download and send in AKC form for title use. Go to akc.org, Events, Downloadable Forms, and you will find Parent Club Titles. Print out application and send to the AKC.

2015 National Specialty – Huron, Ohio

The only thing that can be said is – Well done, Joyce and Committee! It was a raving success and I didn't hear one complaint. Per a motion at the Annual Membership Meeting, checks to those wanting a grooming room refund have been sent. In addition, a rosette reorder has been done for those who accidentally received the wrong rosette. Final income/expenses have not been determined but it looks like a good profit.

2016 National Specialty – Lawrence, Kansas

Kay Cassella, Facility/Specialty Coordinator, continues with event plans. Prudence Hlatky has resigned as co-coordinator. The AKC will approve specialty date when they hear from two clubs that are in conflict. Sweepstakes, Judge Panel, & Rally has been approved and AKC Lure Trial has been approved.

Per my previous report, "Pet oxygen mask kits will be replaced with some other donation to the community because another national breed club has donated them to the fire department in 2014", I have been in touch with the Lawrence Police Department K9 Unit. After several conversations, they would not want a donation of a bullet-proof vest. They suggested a monetary donation to the K9 unit for the general care of the dogs. I will speak more on this at the meeting.

Some additional events are being considered this year. They are: 1) a Power Paws Competition for those who are entered in all three field events; 2) a Novice Handling Workshop; 3) a Generation Class (Special Attraction) and 4) a Thursday evening casino party in the "Running Dog Saloon." None of these additions would extend the National.

The question was asked about the National trophies and the response was clear that the current standardized trophies are appreciated and honored. The trophies will remain the same. Please note that you are welcome to return any class placement trophies for repurposing as a donation.

2017 National Specialty – Region 2

A site visit occurred on July 8 at the Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD, with Carol Enz, Roy Silguero & Curtis Judd, Facility Coordinators, & Harry Van Vliet, Field Events Coordinator, in attendance. The group will hold an AKC & an ASFA trial. We have a contract for the week of May 14, 2017. A deposit of \$1,000 was given to secure the dates.

The following judge names, listed in order of preference, will need Board approval.

<u>Obedience/Rally</u>	<u>Junior Showmanship</u>	<u>Lure Coursing</u>
Sara J. Steele	Anne O'Rielly	Don Ewing
Debra Barrows	Dora McDonald	Dean Wright
Phyllis Broderick	Mary Childs	Donna Richards
		Ian Davies
		Kathy Sanders

Club Inventory & Medals

The sending of TSE medallions is up-to-date. The TSE medallion was sent to Christy Shaw for the AKC National Lure Coursing Championship Best of Breed winner, to be held November 7-8, 2015 in Oklahoma.

Registry of Merit (Barbara Ewing)

Applications have been received for the following dogs, who qualify for the ROM with the designations shown:

SIREs:

Ch. Virshina Joshua Man 'o Morozova	ROM-C
DC Avalon Victorian Pyre, GRC, FCh, RE	ROMX (upgrade from ROM)
DC Tahoe's Bold Bidder, SC, FCh	ROM
GCh Aashtoria Wildhunt Hidden Agenda, CGC	ROM-C

DAMS

Ch. Tahoe's Belle O'Chihawk, JC	ROM
DC Kirov Windrift Fire & Rain, MC, FCh	ROMX
Ch. Svora's Secret Rendezvous, JC	ROM-C
Ch Aashtoria Irishbrook La Rochelle, JC	ROM-C
DC Valinor's Circuit de Monaco at RiverRun, RN, SC	ROM
Stillwater Ice Blue Secret	ROM-C