

BCOA Officer Reports
Summer 2017

BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.



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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT 04/23/17 – 08/13/17

- 04/24/17 Contacted Karen Miller for a confirmation of the show date of her Specialty.
- 04/24/17 Received a request from M.J. Nelson asking for names of members with multi-titled dogs for a field/performance story for DN Magazine. Sandra Moore and K.C. Artley were contacted and they each sent suggestions for breeders of multi-titled dogs. Several names were submitted with the suggestion that that Ms. Nelson send a photographer to our National Specialty where she would be able to obtain photos and information.
- 04/24/17 Received an additional list of breeder/owners of multi-titled dogs from Rebecca Peters-Campbell.
- 04/24/17 Contacted R. Lynn regarding information for the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club Specialty that is not on the Web Page.
- 04/25/17 Received a notice from Karen Miller that the conformation judge for the Borzoi Club of New England Specialty is Robert Hutton. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell.
- 04/25/17 Received an AKC Approval Notice for a BCOA Sweepstakes on 07/21/17 with the Houston Kennel Club event.
- 04/25/17 Received a request from Marilyn Polsfuss that an update for the GTCBC Specialties on 8/25, 8/26 and 8/27 be made to the Web Site. Forwarded to R. Lynn Shell.
- 04/27/17 Received a notice from AKC Event Operations Department regarding items recently passed by the AKC Board of Directors concerning event closing dates.
- 04/29/17 Received a request from Nessie Lichy, nesimka.lichy@gmail.com, for breeders in Washington, Oregon and California. Sent.
- 05/01/17 Received a request from R. Lynn Shell for a Lone Star Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Saturday, September 23, in Belton, TX. Conformation Judge: Barb Ewing. Sweepstakes Judge: To be determined. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to R. Lynn Shell.
- 05/01/17 Received a list of names of survey participants from Jon Steele.
- 05/03/17 Received the monthly statements for April for our Beverly Taylor accounts from Charles Schwab.
- 05/03/17 Received a further request from Nessie Lichy for advice in finding a good breeder with questions she should be asking. Sent.
- 05/03/17 Received a phone call from Richard Dana informing BCOA that his mother,

- Mary Lou Dana had passed away and he wants to give her collection to the club in her name. Phone: 440-487-1159.
- 05/05/17 Received a request from Monty Mahoney, montemailbus@comcast.net, stating he was planning to attend our National Specialty and asking which day would be the best to attend the show. Sent.
- 05/05/17 Received notice from Karen Miller that the Sweepstakes Judge for the Borzoi Club of New England Specialty will be Eileen Turchan. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell.
- 05/05/17 Printed Life Membership certificates to be presented at the Annual meeting for: Mary Ewing, Karen Haberkorn Veni Harlan, Paula Moore, Terry Steele, Kris Taylor, Valori and John Trantanella, Kris Woddail and Barbara Yoon.
- 05/05/17 Printed 50 year Gold Star certificates for Jane Bishop, William Brumlow, Lois Cooper and Angela San Paolo.
- 05/06/17 Received an Electronic Delivery Alert from Charles Schwab regarding information concerning Baird Funds, Inc. Forwarded to Shen Smith and Barbara O'Neill.
- 05/06/17 Received an invitation from Michael Canalizo to hold a Designated Specialty (National or Regional) with the National Championship show in Orlando.
- 05/10/17 Received a request from Chelle Konig, chellekoenig@icloud.com, for a copy of our Breeder's Directory. Informed her we do not share our Breeder's Directory but would be happy to send her a list of breeders in her area if she would let me know where she lives.
- 05/10/17 Sent a follow-up letter to Tim Thomas at AKC requesting a copy of the Judges Exam for Borzoi for our Board to review. This was received.
- 05/11/17 Received a request from Jessica Dinowitz, jessdinowitz@gmail.com, for breeders in the Northeast. Sent.
- 05/11/17 Received a notice from AKC Event Operations regarding Non-Regular Classes at Specialty Shows.
- 05/19/17 Received a phone request from Mike and Colleen Ellenberg for breeders near Phoenix, AZ.
- 05/23/17 Received a request from the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club to retire the kennel name **Rising Star**.
- 05/29/17 Received information from Bonnie Castle Resort and Marina in Alexandria Bay NY indicating they are a dog friendly hotel and asking that we consider their venue for a future event.
- 05/30/17 Received a request from Cynthia Brown, cynjbrown@me.com, for a list of breeders in Ohio. Sent.
- 06/06/17 Requested a check for \$125.00 from Jan Leikam for the AKC medallions that are awarded at the National Championship Show in Orlando.
- 06/06/17 Received the May statement for our accounts at Charles Schwab.
- 06/06/17 Received a copy of the Theriogenology Foundation newsletter.
- 06/07/17 Received the closeout notification for our 2017 Specialty from AKC. Forwarded to Barbara O'Neill.
- 06/08/17 Received a notice from M.J. Nelson from DN Magazine indicating she has given up doing a feature regarding multi-titled Borzoi because, of all the names I submitted to her, Patti Neale was the only one who responded with information she could use and, "although the comments were very interesting, a single person's comments in a national publication like DN is not fair to the breed."

Two additional breeders responded but with only a half a dozen sentences and these she could not use. She indicated if I could find more Borzoi folks interested in being part of the story in the future she would be happy to give it another try.

- 06/08/17 Received a notice from AKC that correspondence to Rebecca Peters-Campbell was returned as undeliverable and asking for a corrected email address. I notified them that they had the correct address and I don't understand why their correspondence was returned.
- 06/08/17 Returned Medallion Pledge Form to AKC with our \$125.00 check.
- 06/08/17 Notified Patti and Chris Neale that we have again been asked to participate in the Meet the Breeds in Orlando and that I would send them a copy of the completed form when I mail it to AKC to avoid last year's misunderstanding.
- 06/09/17 Contacted AKC to get the process to apply for the AKC Humane Fund grant program for Parent Club Breed Rescue. The response indicated the application materials are located on www.akchumanefund.org and any AKC Parent Club is eligible to apply. If the applicant is not a Parent Club it must be a 501c3 charity with a letter of referral from an AKC Parent Club.
- 06/10/17 Sent a letter to Nancy Joeckel, Treasurer of Borzoi Club of Northern California Rescue, with the request information above.
- 06/10/17 Received concerns about our mentor approval system from Karen Staudt-Cartabona.
- 06/14/17 Returned reservation to AKC for our Meet the Breeds booth at the National Championship Show with a check for \$110.00 (#1125) for the electrical hook up. Copy of the form and the check sent to Patti and Chris Neale for their records.
- 06/15/17 Received a copy of the AKC Canine Health Foundation's Annual Report.
- 06/18/17 Received a notice of Trade Confirmations with Goldman Sachs and Royal Bank Canada from Charles Schwab.
- 06/19/17 Requests for nominations for an AKC Humane Fund Award for Canine Excellence (ACE). AKC annually pays tribute to five dedicated, hardworking dogs that make significant contributions to an individual or entire community.
- 06/26/17 Received notice from AKC that they have acquired several new Canine Retreat locations that offer daycare, boarding, training, walking, and grooming bathing services.
- 06/26/17 Received a request from AKC Judging Operations for our current list of parent club approved mentors. Sent.
- 06/26/17 Received notice of Trade Confirmations with Baird Core.
- 07/03/17 Received June statements from Charles Schwab.
- 07/11/17 Received an announcement from the Westminster Kennel Club that it will donate \$5,000.00 each to three (3) randomly selected AKC recognized National Parent Clubs to support their rescue activities. Form and supporting documents to be returned by September 30th to the Westminster office.
- 07/12/17 Received a request from Amanda Sutton for a Borzoi Club of Northern California Specialty to be held with the Del Vale Dog Club on Monday, October 21, 2017, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA. Conformation Judge: Daniel Foran. Sweepstakes Judge: Lize Edland. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Amanda Sutton. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the Calendar.

- 07/12/17 Received an updated Officer and member list for the Borzoi Club of Northern California.
- 07/14/17 Received a request to submit a list of AKC parent club-identified rescue groups as a communications medium to circulate ideas, identify areas of concern for rescue groups, broadcast solutions and successes, and help the group to work together to develop resources to meet their common needs. Sent.
- 07/18/17 Received a request from Judy Smith, judy.smith329@yahoo.com, for a list of breeders in Florida. Sent.
- 08/03/17 Received the July statements from Charles Schwab.
- 08/05/17 Received a request to use the BCOA logo on the hospitality table for the BCOA medallions for a proposed Supported Entry with the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa Kennel Clubs and to use copies of the BCOA Ready Borzoi as handouts from Jill Zamowski.
- 08/08/17 Received a trade confirmation for 08/07/17 from Charles Schwab.
- 08/10/17 Received an offer to “upgrade” our event by utilizing the IN FOCUS by Miguel National Specialty photography services.
- 08/10/17 Received a notice from AKC regarding the modifications to the Disqualification and Reinstatement Process.
- 08/11/17 Received a phone request from Richard about breeders in Oregon.
- 08/13/17 Received a request from Don Runyan, Donrunyon@cox.net, for breeders in AZ and surrounding states. Sent.

Treasurer (Jan Leikam)

BCOA does not make public this report. Members, please contact Jan for the report.

AKC Delegate (Barbara O’Neill)

The AKC Delegate meeting was held Tuesday, June 13, 2017. I was unable to attend.

The following amendments were voted on at the June meeting.

The proposed amendment to **Chapter 16, Section 6**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which would include the non-regular (eligible for Best of Breed/Variety) class entrants in the calculation of Grand Championship points. Currently, dogs that win Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Select from a non-regular class (such as Veterans) can earn GCH points but are not included in the count for GCH. Amendment was adopted.

The following amendment to **Chapter 9, New Sections 3 and 5**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules*. **New Section 3** would allow Beagle Federations to hold one licensed derby stake per calendar year. **New Section 5** would allow a Beagle to earn up to one-third of the requirement for a Field Champion title from derby stakes. This amendment was brought forward by the Beagle Advisory Committee. Amendment was adopted.

The following amendment to **Chapter 9, New Sections 2 and 7**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules*. **New Section 2** would allow licensed clubs, associations and federations to hold FC only stakes at their regular licensed field trial or as an FC only stand-alone licensed field trial. **New Section 7** specifies the requirements for a dog to earn a Grand Field Champion title. This amendment was brought forward by the Beagle Advisory Committee. Amendment was adopted.

The following amendment to **Chapter 14, Section 4, (Second Paragraph)** of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers*, which would give clubs the freedom to use a system of rotation if they desire. This amendment was brought forward by the Field Trial Advisory Committee. Amendment was adopted.

The following amendments were read at the June meeting and will voted on at the September meeting..

Chapter 16, Section 6, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championships*. This amendment would include the dog awarded Select Dog or Bitch in the calculation of Grand Championship points for the award. The proposal was brought forward by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Staff recommendation.

Chapter 11, Section 8A, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*, would require permanent identification for a dog that is disqualified if it is ever to be considered for reinstatement. Reinstatement would be conducted by AKC staff. Judges would not participate in the process. The name, AKC number, and the contact information for the owner of the disqualified or reinstated dog would be conveyed to the show superintendent. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. The AKC Board of Directors unanimously disapproved the amendment.

Chapter 14, Section 22A, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds*, would allow for a National Gun Dog Championship for Gordon Setters, limited to walking handlers.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held Friday, December 15, 2017. An agenda has not been determined.

Regional Governors Summer 2017

Region 1 (Ron Williams)

I wasn't contacted with any new issues from Region 1.

I communicated the following to my region:

- In the beginning of August, I solicited the region for any new issues to be included in my Regional Report. Joy added to my request; any updated contact information should be forwarded to Joy or myself. I only received one response; just stating, "nothing to add"!
- Forwarded several AKC information emails I received.
- July, I sent a review of the BCOA Mentoring Program. The purpose was to gain input from the Region. I receive no responses!

- The same email included some discussion points from the annual member luncheon meeting held in Hunts Point.
- By request, I forwarded information regarding an August 6th match show The Borzoi Club of Central NJ held in conjunction with the Afghan Hound club of NJ.

Re-purposed BCOA medallions & medals

- Paula W. Moore July 2017:
 - 6 – BCOA Borzoi Head 1 in. New Champion medallions
 - 1 – BCOA Borzoi Head 1 in. pin
 - 4 – Double Eagle medallions
 - 2 – Double Eagle medallions with sash
 - 1 – BCOA ½ in. lapel pin
 - 1 – BCOA 1 ½ in. lapel pin
 - 1 – Futurity medallion
- Maureen Bardwell July 2017:
 - 2 large boxes of Borzoi figurines

Region 2 (Katie Averill)

Sent request mentor qual input & fwd to BoD Supporting Jill Zamoski's efforts for TSE

Region 3 (Prudence Hlatky)

As I wind down my time as your Regional Governor, it's a time to look back and reflect. Of interest is that which has been proposed, brought forth by this Region. For my next and last Governor's report I'll list as many as I can remember or can document. In the end I think you'll find, 'we done good.'

In the Summer minutes will be the Nominating Committees slate of officers. I fully support the nominated panel and believe they will do a great job in the interest of the BCOA and Borzoi.

Congratulations to the following:

New Region III 2017 BCOA Life Member: Veni Harlan, Terry Steele

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club for a very successful first ever BCOA Performance TSE

To the two July BCOA TSEs in Region III (Shelby, MS and Houston, TX) that drew large entries and majors.

Leslie Walenta for GCHB DC Jedawn's Princess Aurora MC CGC NA FCH for achieving ROM-C status.

Upcoming events:

Specialties

Sept 4: Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club, judges Jane Bishop/Nora Haines

Sept 23: Lone Star Borzoi Specialty, Judges Barbara Ewing/ Mike Helms

TSEs

January 2018 - Alexandra, LA – See Veni Harlan, www.veniharlan.com for information

Please support these entries and all upcoming events with your entries, trophies and willingness to work.

Of Interest:

Several hot items have been before the BCOA BOD. Three that I'm currently working on are the Judge's Education Brochure, the Conformation Mentor Guidelines, and the Guidelines for retiring Kennel Names.

Under consideration is the thought of choosing three National Specialty locations (one eastern, one central, and one western) and going back to them rather than searching for sites/hotels each time the specialty is being sponsored by a region. Regions would take care of supplying show committees and sponsoring events, but the site would remain the same.

Input from Region III is always welcome and appreciated. As usual I've been holding short BOCA member updates in conjunction with the Lone Star Borzoi meetings.

Again, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Region 4 (Lorrie Scott)

I email my regional updates in June and August.

- I received communication from 3 members with suggestions and ideas regarding the proposed changes to BCOA mentor program. Forwarded to other committee members.
- I've received input from 2 members regarding the idea to go to a 3 regional specialty - one eastern, one central and one western. Both in favor with the comment to keep it central north/south as well.
- BCNC is having their specialty Saturday October 21, 2017. I was sent a flyer with all the details and the TSE on Sunday which I included with my regional update.
- For the annual Top Producing BCOA Stud Dog and Brood Bitch awards I received input from one member.
- BCOA Holter monitor program – The information regarding this program and the link was included in my August update.
- Our region is set to host the 2020 specialty. I've heard from 1 member who wants more information. I expect to hear from a couple of others.

Region 5 (Karen Ackerman)

On June 30, I emailed Region 5 members, the mentor program revisions with all the material Lorrie Scott graciously provided for their review. As of today, I have heard from one Region 5 member regarding the program. However, I did have a few other BCOA members call me personally about the modifications.

This week I will be sending out my regular Region 5 report to my members. Hopefully, at the phone conference call on 8/14, I will have some additional comments to report.

Region 5 Report

Salutations! Since my last correspondence to you, a lot has transpired with the BCOA. First of all, let me welcome new members, Cindy and Peter Klein and Marie and Mark Yoesel to the BCOA. Should you see them, please extend a hearty welcome! Secondly, I would like to extend a thank you to all who participated in the May National Specialty in Baltimore, MD. An even "heartier thank you" to all from Region 5 who helped make it a wonderful event. We appreciate your efforts. "What a Drive!"

Personal Interest Items

- Your borzoi welfare should be of utmost concern and a priority. Should something happen to you individually (for an example an accident, illness, or death) who will take care of your dogs? Have you made provisions for them? Is the information readily accessible? For example, should a person be involved in a car accident and is unconscious, who will be responsible for your dogs (feeding, care, vetting and so forth), while being incapacitated. Should one of your dogs need to be euthanized due to medical reasons, who has the authority to do this? Please consider these issues and make appropriate arrangements for your hounds. Of utmost importance is that this information is readily available. Post it on your refrigerator, for example.
- The Holter Monitor is available on a rental basis to BCOA members/owners. This can be leased by an individual or a club for a small fee. This allows your borzoi's electrical heart function to be monitored for 24 hours. It does not replace an echocardiogram, though. Should you or your club be interested, please contact Nancy Hopkins @ celestialbz@mac.com for more details.

For Your Review

From the Annual Meeting May 19, 2017

- At the National Specialty, a motion was made and passed that the funds from the Beverly C. Taylor Trust only be paid to BR-NC, NBRF or other BCOA recognized 501C3 rescue groups who return intact all borzoi back to their breeders.
- BCOA has donated \$215,000 to rescue in 10 years with no loss in principal.
- Having Veteran Sweepstakes before Puppy Sweeps has been left to the show committee of the sponsoring region. They have the option to reverse the order as they deem appropriate.
- Sweepstake Age Limits have been returned to Puppy Sweeps: 6-9 and 9-12 months per AKC guidelines.

Topics to Ponder and to Provide Feedback

- The Judges Education brochure is in the process of being updated. Material to be included will be based on previously published BCOA brochures.
- Mentor Program criteria is being revised. Thanks to Lorrie Scott who put together an email presentation, which was sent to all of you.
- A committee has been formed to deal with a national disaster relief fund. Should you be interested in volunteering for this, please advise.
- The home visit report is being updated.
- National Specialty Rotation currently stands as:
 1. 2018- Region 5
 2. 2019- Region 1
 3. 2020- Region 4
 4. 2021- Region 6
 5. 2022- Region 3

Under consideration is the thought of choosing three National Specialty locations (one eastern, one central, and one western) and going back to them rather than searching for sites/hotels each time the specialty is being sponsored by a region. Regions would take care

of supplying show committees and sponsoring events, but the site would remain the same. Need input on this. Thanks.

- Constitution and Bylaws revisions are being considered. Please contact me on any other officer, should you be interested in helping with this process.
- For the Annual Award Stud and Brood Bitch, should the BCOA include more than conformation titles or have a separate award for producing performance titled hounds? What do you think?
- Tabulating Top Obedience and Top Rally Borzoi. For those of you competing in these spheres, we need your input. This was tabled at the 2017 National Specialty as a motion was made to weight the classes based on their difficulty.

The BCOA Board is having a tele-conference call on August 14, 2017 plus our annual face-to-face meeting in Orlando on November 4, 2017. Please review the above and let me know your input for the upcoming meetings.

As always, please feel free to contact me. Please note, my report is a summary of our latest meetings. For my detail, please go the BCOA website for additional information from the BCOA minutes.

Sincerely,
Karen Ackerman

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

I contacted the region and informed them of the most recent Board actions and decisions. I shared the results of the most recent vote and welcomed the newly added BCOA region 6 members.

I reminded them to join the members only group and provided the link.

I announced the amount BCOA had donated to rescue from the BTRC funds and stated that in the ten years it has been in existence, there has been no loss of principle from the BTRC.

I informed the region that the Holter program is up and running and provided the link that explains how to rent a unit.

I asked for feedback on the following items:

1. In response to Chris Danker's motion, I asked obedience participants to share their thoughts on the scoring at the National Specialty with her.
2. I again requested any feedback they may have on the Mentor Criteria Revision be shared with the three committee members.
3. I asked for thoughts on the idea of having a 3-site rotation for the National Specialty.

Cindi Gredys requested that I make sure the proposal she submitted for the 'Borzoi-Finders' was on the agenda for our next meeting. I sent an email to Rebecca requesting the same.