

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Karen Mays)

11/01/16 – 02/16/17

11/02/16 Received dues notice from AKC. Forwarded to Rita Rice for payment.

11/03/16 Received a request from Amanda Dorn, Amanda.s.dorn@gmail.com, for breeders near North Carolina. Sent.

11/03/16 Received a request from Christopher Hinton, hintonct0207@yahoo.com, for information about Borzoi. Sent.

11/04/16 Received a request from Helena Sample, Helena.m.sample@gmail.com, for information about Borzoi. Sent.

11/04/16 Received October Beverly Taylor Trust statement from Charles Schwab.

11/07/16 Received a request from Allison Levis, Allison.levis@acdellovade.com, for breeders near Pittsburgh. Sent.

11/09/16 Received a request from Eva Dukerschein, edukerschein@gmail.com, for breeders in the Midwest. Sent.

11/11/16 Received a signed Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement from Barbara O'Neill.

11/11/16 Sent BCOA Specialty Application Form to Mary McDonald.

11/18/16 Received a request from Lyn Snyder Hoflin for a Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty to be held with the Plum Creek Kennel Club on Friday, February 17, 2017 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds in Aurora, Colorado. Conformation Judge: Linda More. Sweepstakes Judge: Leonore Abordo. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Pam Buffington. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

11/21/16 Received notice of updates recently approved by the AKC Board from Event Operations.

11/22/16 Received correspondence from Rebecca Peters-Campbell regarding our Meet the Breeds Booth in Orlando. AKC had been notified in September that we would be having a booth but they have not sent acknowledgement to the Neales. Contacted Gina DiNardo at AKC to confirm that we are on the schedule.

11/30/16 Received a request from Marilyn Polsfuss for a Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club Independent Specialty to be held on Friday, August 25, 2017, at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Stillwater, Minnesota. Conformation Judge: Jon Steele. Sweepstakes Judge: Deborah Butt. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Marilyn. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

11/20/16 Received a request from Marilyn Polsfuss for a second Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club to be held on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Stillwater, Minnesota. Conformation Judge: To be determined. Sweepstakes Judge: Joyce Law. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Marilyn. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

11/20/16 Received an updated Officer and Membership List for the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club from Marilyn Polsfuss.

12/03/16 Received notification from Rita Rice that she would be submitting our dues to AKC asap.

12/04/16 Received a request from Helena Gentry, arlspace7@aol.com, for breeders in Texas. Sent.

12/06/16 Received an email from Shen Smith regarding the establishment of a second BCOA-BTRC Rescue.

12/06/16 Received a signed Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement from Shen Smith.

12/10/16 Received November Beverly Taylor Trust statement from Charles Schwab.

12/12/16 Received the December 2016 Newsletter from N.B.R.F.

12/12/16 Received a request from jazeic1@gmail.com for breeders in the New York area. Sent.

12/16/16 Received AKC approval for our National Specialty to be held at the Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD.

12/20/16 Overnighted paperwork for the new BTRC Account #2 to Charles Schwab. Forwarded to Barbara O'Neill.

12/20/16 Received a request from Joyce Maria Craig for Pat Murphy's email address. Sent.

12/20/16 Received a signed Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement from Kelly Brunarski.

12/22/16 Received confirmation of a new Name/Registration/Address from Charles Schwab.

12/27/16 Received a signed Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement from Joyce Katona.

12/27/16 Received a signed Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement from Dedra Jones.

12/18/16 Received acknowledgement from Charles Schwab of our opening an additional Schwab brokerage account with an Account Agreement and Disclosure Information.

01/04/16 Received confirmation of the initial cash sweep to Charles Schwab Bank.

01/04/17 Received a request from Katsuko Healey, okinawakat@yahoo.com, for information on Rescue. Sent.

01/05/17 Received a copy of Ron William's correspondence with Gina DiNardo at AKC regarding BCOA participation in the Meet the Breeds Booth at Westminster.

01/07/16 Received a request from Mary McDonald for a Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley Independent Specialty to be held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at Tinicum Park, Erwinna, PA. Conformation Judge: Amy Sorbie. Sweepstakes Judge: Eileen Flanagan.

Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Mary. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

01/07/17 Received an updated Membership and Officer List for the Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley from Mary McDonald.

01/07/16 Received the December Beverly Taylor Trust Statement from Charles Schwab.

01/09/17 Received a request from Michele Rober, mrober@kent.edu, for breeders near Cleveland, OH. Sent.

01/16/17 Received a request from Randy Paxson, rpzx@live.com, for breeders in Kansas and surrounding states. Sent.

01/19/17 Contacted AKC regarding receiving the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Medallion.

01/21/17 Received notice of two changes to Lure Coursing Regulations from AKC.

01/23/17 Received a request from Amy Sikula for a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty to be held with the Cudahy Kennel Club Show in Franksville, Wisconsin on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Conformation Judge: Grant Winchell. Sweepstakes Judge: Holley Eldred. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Amy. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

01/23/17 Updated Officer List for the Midwest Borzoi Club was received from Amy Sikula.

01/25/17 Received notice of four Trade Confirmations from Schwab.

01/25/17 Received minutes from the Budget Proposal Meeting of the Beverly Taylor Trust Committee from Shen Smith.

02/01/17 Received a request from Grace Tydings, graceatthedogshow@gmail.com, asking for information on the Borzoi Top 10 Lifetime Breed Points, Top 10 Lifetime All Breed Points and Top 10 Best in Show wins for the Borzoi page on her site: <http://www.dogshowrecords.com/borzoi.html>.

02/01/17 Received a request from John Burkard, john.burkard@flcomputerconsulting.com, for breeders in New York. Sent.

02/02/17 Received a thank-you from Denise Morales, dmorales@thewaterpage.com, for the great information on our Borzoi page that she will be sharing with children who will be participating in an upcoming Pet Safety Day. She suggested that we add a list of pet-safe house plants, <http://www.improvenet.com/a/guide-to-pet-safe-house-plants> to our list of resources.

02/02/17 Received information regarding the Crufts Qualifying Certificates from AKC.

02/03/17 Received a request from "Sandra" moru5431@comcast.net, for breeders in Florida and surrounding states. Sent.

02/04/17 Received a request from Kim Plache for a Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Independent Specialty to be held on Monday, September 4, 2017 at Thompson Park in Longmont, Colorado. Conformation Judge: Jan Bishop. Sweepstakes Judge: Nora Haines. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Kim. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.

02/04/17 Received updated list of officers for the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club from Kim Plache.

02/06/17 Received a request from Leslie Alan Degler, leslie@ladinteriors.com, for information on Borzoi. Sent.

02/06/17 Received a signed Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement from Karen Denning.

02/06/17 Received the January Beverly Taylor Trust statement from Charles Schwab.

02/06/17 Received a request from AKC to update our list of officers. Sent.

02/06/17 Received a request from "Cristelyn S." cristelyn@me.com, for breeders in Colorado. Sent.

02/08/17 Received a notice from AKC that the winning slogan from over 400 submissions is: "Healthy Puppies Start with Me and AKC." There is a digital version that responsible breeders that register their dogs with AKC can download for their use on their personal or club website.

02/14/17 Received a request from Christian Miller, christiangmiller@gmail.com, for information on Borzoi and breeders near Boston, MA. Sent.

02/09/17 Received confirmation of our change of email address for our Schwab account.

02/16/17 Received an educational piece regarding the AKC Marketplace that the AKC is using as the primary resource to the public for information on breeds. Sent to Board members.

Treasurer (Jan Leikam)

Please contact the Treasurer <treas@bcoa.club> for a complete report.

AKC DELEGATE (Barbara O'Neil)

The AKC Delegate meeting was held Thursday, December 16, 2016

AKC Chairman, Ron Menaker, addressed the Delegate body about the accomplishments of the AKC in 2016. One specific item is that registrations have increased 8% overall, signaling a strengthening of breeders' confidence in AKC and sustained consumer demand for responsibly bred puppies.

There are four vacancies for the Class of 2021. Candidates are:

(Nominating Committee)

Rita J. Biddle, Ingham County Kennel Club

Dominic P. Carota, Pharaoh Hound Club of America

Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club

Harvey M. Wooding, Westminster Kennel Club

(By Petition)

Jeffrey David Ball, Ramapo Kennel Club

Thomas Powers, Kennel Club of Beverly Hills

Julian Prager, Central Florida Kennel Club

John L. Ronald, Samoyed Club of America

Daniel J. Smyth Esquire, Burlington County Kennel Club.

The following amendments to *Rules Applying to Dog Show* was voted on at the March meeting.

Chapter 6, Section 9: The amendment would extend the closing time for entries to be no later than 11:59 p.m. As there was not 2/3 in the majority, the amendment was not adopted.

The following amendments will be voted on at the March meeting.

Chapter 2, Section 3, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which would enable the AKC upon receipt of an appeal, to approve a club for the holding of a show at a site within the area of another club on a case-by-case basis, if it believes the permission of the host club has unreasonably been denied.

JL/JW vote in favor Y: JK JL, KM, BJO LS, RW, JW NO: PH ABS: KA_v, KA_k, CE

Chapter 14, Section 14, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers*, which would encourage new owners of young dogs to train and participate with their dogs in AKC retriever field trials. All subsequent sections in this chapter will be renumbered.

From the HEC Committee – At the February 9-10 meeting, the AKC Board will vote to allow ASFA Certification to be accepted for any AKC Lure Trial Open & Veteran Stake.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017. An agenda has not been determined.

Regional Governors Reports

Winter 2017

Region 1 (Ron William)

I was contacted only once by someone in my region. Lena Tamboer ask about receiving her 60 year award from BCOA. She also mentioned Jesse Hamersma hadn't receive her award either. I've sent emails to Joy, Barbara, Carol, and Rebecca. The last I heard was Rebecca was to mail them out. I haven't been able to confirm whether they have actually been mailed out. I've given Lena incorrect information on two occasions regarding when they would be mailed. Lena has responded several times that she still hadn't receive it and losing her patience with BCOA Board. Upon my request she is giving me some time to rectify the problem before going to Facebook!

I've forwarded the following to my region:

- AKC information emails I've received
- NYC Meet The Breeds information for the upcoming event
- The solution to the 2017 Sweepstakes issue
- Reminders for the 2017 National (taken from Joyce's email to Region 6)
- Results of the 2017 BCOA Board Officers (including soliciting someone to run next year for Region 1 Governor)
- Notice of the AKC changes in Lure Coursing.

Region 3(Prudence Hlatky)

First, let me wish everyone and your families a happy and healthy New Year.

This is somewhat long, but please read it as it addresses several concerns raised by the membership.

Our 2017 National is fast approaching and your premium list should be received shortly. Please review the list of activities for this year's National. What would you add or remove? How would you change the activities? Please contact me or another BCOA Board member with your thoughts and suggestions. I will be at Region III shows every weekend in January, so I will be readily available in person or via email.

Futurity:

History – Proposed to the BOD by Barbara O'Neill in 1988. It was approved by the BOD, but was not voted on by the membership.

Historically and currently – question on judge's qualifications to judge the Futurity. Case in point 2017, 35 breeders nominated litters, only 12 bothered to vote (via email) for the 2017 judge, on the final ballot was, 1st place – 4 votes, 2nd – 3 votes. Are we using the wrong criteria to select the panel to vote on, or is a case of voter apathy? What changes would you suggest?

Sweepstakes

Currently: This is an area of strong feelings:

The BOD has voted to extend the sweepstake classes ages to 24 months, on a trial basis at the 2017 National. From Region III, I received emails from two members, and one non Region III member, opposing the age increase. A third did not contact me directly, but sent an opposing email to the President and Secretary. Region III has over 65 members, so for my specific region an opposition of three is not a huge outcry against the increased age and did not direct me to cast an opposing vote. I had received more positive comments than negative.

There are already standing rules in place allowing for the increases in the ages of the sweeps entry. Listed below is the 28-year-old Standing Rule SR M45, which removes an upper age limit from sweepstake classes.

1) Making a motion to increase the age brackets to 24 months supports and clarifies SR M45.

SR M45: Sweepstake entries M45 Sweepstakes, Puppy June 1989, Warren NJBCOA will allow Sweepstakes classes to be greater than 18 months at those Specialties where, due to the shifting of Specialty dates, puppies will be unable to compete in two sweepstakes in a row. (Some puppies may be too young for one year's sweepstakes and too old for the following year's sweepstakes.)

Under this SR rule, it's allowed for 24 month olds to be included in sweepstakes. If a National was held in April one year and October the following year that would take the crop of puppies up to 24 months under SR – M45. Maybe a group up in the northern tier decides to put on a Fall National, it's unlikely that a national would be offered during the summer heat, the dead of winter or November or December, but a late fall is conceivable.

2) Financial: This was an area of discussion in regards to the sweepstakes. The Borzoi are already on site and available to compete. Financially it helps the members and non-members to have another chance at recouping some of the expenses of the National by placing / winning in the sweepstakes. It also increases the BCOA's chances of a hopefully profitable National.

- 3) The thread that a 6-9 month puppy cannot hold its own against a 24-month-old entry was not an area of concern. Judges do and will put up a deserving younger entry. I myself have given 6-9 puppies majors over adult competition.

Increasing the age also aligns the ages with the Futurity. Many Borzoi folks have dogs that are not bred by a non-BCOA member breeder or have not been nominated for the Futurity. This gives them a chance to compete within their own age group.

- 4) Addressing the self-interest question by myself and other BOD member.

Yes, I have puppies that will be eligible for the 2017 sweepstakes and they would have been eligible even without the added age classes. I did not need to propose an increase the ages of sweeps entries to make one of my puppies eligible to compete in the sweeps in 2017. There are a couple of standing rules already in place that would make them still eligible. Last year's National was in April, this year is in May. The sweeps age groups are historically flexed to adjust for the additional month, in this case the age breakdown would be through 20 months. I've already review SR M45, which removes an upper age limit from sweepstake classes. My puppies would be eligible for the 18-20 classes regardless of whether or not the age increase was in effect. My sole entry last year at the National, Futurity, Sweeps, and Regular classes was a 6-9 puppy bitch, DOB 9/23/2015.

Board role:

The Board has proposed and brought forth many programs and improvements to the BCOA and for the membership. The membership has been accepting of this order of doing business. Recent notable BOD incentives include: the BCOAMembersOnly Yahoo Group, Dual Champion completion, Generation Group competition, TSE for Performance Competition, LGRA, Rally, Futurity competition, adding photos to the BCOA website, supporting AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers, and next new event at the 2017 National, a Pee Wee class for our junior juniors.

I had wanted to respond to questions about the Futurity and sweepstakes, so this has been primarily addressing these issues. I will follow this up with a second report going over the November BOD meetings.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns. I have several items members have requested I bring before the board at the next meeting and would be happy to add yours.

Region 4 (Lorrie Scott)

I sent a "Hello!" message to the region, introducing myself as the new (returning) governor.

Region 5 (Karen Ackerman)

Greetings for 2017 and Happy Valentine's Day

The BCOA Board met face to face in San Antonio, Texas on November 5th, 2016.

Of the many topics discussed one was extending the puppy sweepstakes classes to include 18-21 and 21-24 months on a one year trial basis as per the futurity classes. The membership at the annual meeting would then vote on this expansion.

Several members expressed their consternation with this, which resulted in a special conference call board meeting being held to address this particular issue. With input from all the board members in attendance, the BOD again voted (5Y, 4N, 1Abstain) to stand by its original decision to offer this trial class in 2017 at the National Specialty.

Based on conflicting information from the AKC, the BCOA Board had decided to continue this. In the interim, however, the AKC has written to the club to say we cannot offer this extension to the puppy sweepstakes. A puppy is defined as being up to twelve months in age. However, we can offer a Breeders Sweepstakes, should the BCOA desire.

In my previous Region 5 report, I noted the addition of the Pee Wee class. Please address your concerns over this being added to the 2017 National Specialty on a trial basis.

Along with this change to the National Specialty, the BOD agreed to revise the Triathlon. When participating in multiple events, the highest score in each category will count. A participant will no longer be required to designate which event will be the one included in the final tally. The board asked the committee to consider extra points for the more difficult obedience/rally (off leash) classes. Any input is needed should you have concerns or issues.

Regarding the elections of officers to the BCOA Board, President Rebecca Peters- Campbell instructed the Recording Secretary to cast one ballot to elect the slate as put forth by the nominating committee. This passed unanimously.

On the topic of rescue, it was voted to allow The Beverly Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue to disburse funds from the reserve rescue account on a case by case basis.

Please note your calendars, as both echo-cardiograms and thyroid testing are being offered at the Maryland Specialty this year. The Holter Monitor proposal is still in the pending column. Hopefully, it will be finished soon.

Should any of you have accrued multiple medallions over the years and you are interested in donating them back to the BCOA, the board will be offering a special raffle of a gas card to be held at the National Specialty in May 2017 for your generous contributions.

Two borzoi were accepted into ROM. Based on the ROM committee's recommendation, there will be no additional points awarded for ROM offspring. It was agreed to recognize additional Grand Champion levels with one point per level. In addition, ROM offspring will be recognized as such: ROM equals 3 points and ROMX equals 5 points.

In order to standardize the annual awards, the board decided to award plaques for Top Producing Sire and Dam, and for High Scoring Rally Borzoi. Furthermore, Rally would be added to the Top Five Rosettes.

Presently, for next scheduled conference call set for February 20th, 2017, items in the agenda include:

- Clarification of the Canine Ambassador Program
- Judges Education Update
- Mentor Qualifications
- Management of Membership Roster and Directory.

As always, please feel free to contact me. My daytime phone number is (307) 468-2486 and in the evening (307) 468-2696. Email at adii@tribcsp.com. Should you not want to contact me, please feel free to contact any of the other BCOA board members. Please note, my report is a summary of our latest meetings. I may, inadvertently, leave out something considered important by you. Please feel free to read the free minutes of the Board meeting on the BCOA website.

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

In my January 2017 update to BCOA region 6 members, I:

1. reported on the MBC November Specialty and reminded the members of the upcoming MBC event for 2017. I commented that the only region 6 event that was on the BCOA website was the MBC, May 27th Specialty. (Since then the second MBC Specialty has been added.) I asked the other regional clubs to contact Joy or me to have the information for their Specialties added to the BCOA website. To date, I have received none.
2. welcomed the new region 6 members and gave their info to be added to the membership booklet.
3. informed the region of the newly elected Board of Directors and gave the dates of their terms.
4. reminded the region about the 2017 National Specialty and mentioned the health clinics, Power Paws, costume contest and theme, stuffed crate raffle (accepting donations), art auction, PeeWee classes and the now eliminated additional sweeps classes. I indicated there will be tickets required for the opening Futurity reception and the Friday evening events.
5. named the new ROM recipients and included the point changes in the ROM to include GCH levels and ROM offspring.
6. reminded members to contact Enda Ogata when there is a member who would appreciate being remembered and to send Edna any of their extra Borzoi-themed notecards.
7. informed the region of the new Triathlon rules that will no longer require participants to designate which events will count for the points. The highest scores will be used.
8. mentioned the addition of plaques for the Top Producing Sire and Dam and the High-Scoring Rally Borzoi to the annual awards and adding Rally to the Top 5 Rosettes.
9. gave a summary of the reasons and conditions surrounding the Board's decision for the additional sweeps classes which have now been eliminated.
10. ended my report by encouraging members to advertise in the Aristocrat and listed the items that were to be discussed at our February meeting.