

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. AKC Gazette – John Steele

Nothing to Report

2. Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas

As usual I sent the 2020 Top BCOA winners my final award list and had one winner that failed to get her correction to me on time. After receiving her award, she noticed that it was not corrected. When she contacted me in September she found her email to me in her "DRAFT" folder, so I never got the information. I have put her in contact with our Trophy/award company and she fully understands that it is her financial responsibility to assume any additional cost.

This is why I like to contact the winners directly for correction as often what is reported to me from committee chairs does not always have names and titles correct. I am also careful that all titles and names are correct for the year the award is won, not the current presenting year.

Nothing else to report. Stay well, have fun with your dogs, hope to see everyone in 2021.

3. Aristocrat – Helen Lee

Starting with the upcoming issue (deadline November 15), memorials for our lost Borzoi family members will now be published in the issues. The upcoming issue will contain the ones which should have gone into the 2020 catalogue. Future ones will be published in the issue following the national. Notification and written memorials should be emailed to Sandra Moore-Doby, avalonborzoi@blomand.net.

With so few shows due to the pandemic there has been a slow-down in advertising but KC Artley has been diligently working to submit "From the Archives" articles. As always, Nancy Hopkins has sent some very informative health information.

4. BCOA Archivist – KC Artley

Ron Williams asked me to post this.

Question to the members – Do you have an opinion about the historical material, that we are selecting and displaying on the BCOA website, under "History" ? The club archives belong to you. What do you think is important about our breed and our club that should be saved? In particular, are these four topics: (1) "National Results" starts with 2019, and goes back in time, displaying the BCOA show catalog pages and pictures. This is an ongoing project as we locate the older BCOA show results and pictures. (2) Under "Pedigree Books", click on a dog's name to see picture, pedigree, and other information about that dog. This information was scanned by Helen Lee, from out-of-print books. (3) "Titles Earned" are scanned lists of AKC titled dogs from old books and from

the New Titles articles published in the Aristocrats. I am working on finding and adding the non-AKC titles that BCOA recognizes, to the dogs' names. Eventually, I hope to have one "searchable" list on the BCOA website. (4) Articles in the Aristocrat. As I find these articles in old books and magazines, we are re-publishing them, listing the author and where previously published. Also, in the most recent Aristocrat (Fall 2020), I wrote an article "Showing Borzoi in 1960". I plan to continue this series, as a way to display a lot of data from the old AKC magazines, the Aristocrats, BCOA meeting minutes and show catalogs. Much of this information cannot be scanned as the ink has faded and the papers are coming apart. Do you want see the national Top 10 rankings saved? Do you want complete minutes, or selected information from the minutes saved, or no minutes saved from the 1950s-1970s? Thanks in advance for your input. KC Artley kcartley@earthlink.net.

UPDATE: First, I got 4 responses to the question I posted on the BCOA-Members-Only-at-IO-groups list: Do you have an opinion about the historical material that we are selecting and displaying on the BCOA website, under History? The 4 responses are:

1. "I think the most critical materials would be the old photos, pedigrees, etc. So few new Borzoi people ever look back at the history of the breed and what is behind the dogs they have."
2. "It reads wonderful! what you are posting."
3. "Personally, the Top 10 rankings, and the complete minutes aren't that important; selected minutes might be interesting but am leaning towards no minutes. I truly appreciate the four topics that are available now and am thankful for the all that have worked on making this information available."
4. "Would like the Top 10 rankings included, or at least the Number 1 borzoi who defeated the most dogs from breed, group and BIS wins".

Second, the plan is to continue adding material to these four topics, under "History" on the BCOA website: (1) "National Results" starts with 2019, and goes back in time, displaying the BCOA show catalog pages and pictures. (2) Under "Pedigree Books", click on a dog's name to see picture, pedigree, and other information about that dog. (3) "Titles Earned" and (4) Articles in the Aristocrat. With Helen Lee's help, we are re-publishing articles listing the author and where previously published. Also, I will be continuing the series of articles "Showing Borzoi in 19--", combining data from the old AKC magazines, the Aristocrats, show catalogs, top 10 stats, and summaries of BCOA meeting minutes.

If the Board wants any changes, please let me know.

5. Bev Taylor Trust – Barbara O'Neill

A meeting of the BTRC was held on October 5 to review and discuss application for funding of the BHWF. Minutes will be submitted to the Board. (see Supporting Documents for Minutes)

6. BCOA Shop – Carol Enz

I received the Tee Shirts and the Sweat Shirts last week. I'm mailing the items out as fast as I am able. Shipping costs are being requested to be repaid to BCOA (send check to Barbara O'Neill).

Pedigree Books - I'm still getting requests and filling these requests.

7. BCOA Web Site – Helen Lee

I apologize for not reporting website usage statistics for the past year! The attached table covers the 11 months since I last reported and will try to remember to do them for each Board meeting.

I would appreciate it if someone (or a committee of someones) could go through all the PDF files on the site and send me corrections. I see that some of them are still out of date and I don't feel comfortable changing them myself as they are official BCOA documents.

Also, Ron and I have been discussing ways to have a "calendar" page on the website, listing all club events including meeting dates, deadlines, etc. with the information to come from the two secretaries.

(SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR STATISTICS REPORT)

8. Borzoi Welfare – Danielle Steenkamp

Texas: In June of 2020, BCOA members along with the Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation (BHWF) assisted in a welfare/rescue situation involving 19 borzoi of various ages owned by BCOA members. This is an update on the status of those dogs.

- All but 2 borzoi have been placed – there is a 3 year old male and a 5 year old male, both heartworm positive, still available.

- BCOA Board approved relief money to support the dogs. The BCOA check was mailed to the wrong address the first time and was not received.

No other news to report at this time.

9. Championship Medals

a. Conformation – Chris Danker

As of the end of August, only 23 BCOA member owned Borzoi have completed their Championships. Because of such few shows, I will be sending all the medals for 2020 after I receive all the results for the current year.

10. Canine Ambassador – Susanne Cecere

The Ambassador program is basically not operating at the moment. Due to Covid19 we are not able to do any of the visits.

11. Club Inventory & Medals – Barbara O’Neill

Club Medallions are up to date.

12. Futurity Event – Joyce Katona

Nothing to Report

13. Futurity – Barbara O’Neill

The 2021 Futurity currently has 32 new Bitch nominations and 28 new Litter nominations with a total of \$2,165.00. Judge selection will begin November 25, 2020.

14. Health – Nancy Hopkins

2021 BCOA National Specialty Health Clinics and Seminar Report

At the 2021 National Specialty we are offering two days of OFA clinics. Due to anticipated demand, cardiac sign-ups will be limited to two (2) per household, with additional hounds waitlisted. Please see health clinic insert with the premium; for questions contact Leonore Abordo at Oxota@yahoo.com

Wednesday, 26 May 2021:

- OFA Cardiac (echo) Clinic \$75 - Megan McLane DVM, DACVIM
- OFA CAER (eye) Clinic \$20 - Bill Greentree, DVM, DACVO
- Health Seminar - Tina Wismer, DVM, MS, DABVT, DABT will speak on Toxicology Myths and Facts - What people need to know about things that are dangerous to their hounds, and what to do.

Thursday, 27 May 2021:

- OFA Thyroid Clinic (blood draw) - \$70
- CHIC DNA Repository (blood draw) - no charge
- OFA Cardiac (echo) Clinic \$75 - Megan McLane DVM, DACVIM

Thank you to all the generous donors to the BCOA Health Committee fund to help offset the full expenses associated with these clinics; YOU are the reason we can offer these clinics for borzoi at a substantial discount. We hope that the offerings at the 2021 National will help to take the sting out of last year’s cancellation.

Leo Abordo will be at the National overseeing the Clinics and Seminar. Due to dual knee operations Nancy Hopkins will not be able to make the trip this year.

Borzoi Research and CHF

Ginger Jones is setting up a meeting with our contacts at CHF. There is no information at the time of this report.

The amount of funds in the Borzoi Donor Advised Fund is \$76,000.

OFA Quarterly Report

Test	Number New	Normal	Abnormal/ Affected/At Risk	Carrier / Equivocal
Congenital Cardiac	5	5	0	NA
Advanced Cardiac	26	26	0	0
Basic Cardiac	3	3	0	0
Thyroid	9	9	0	0
Dentition	14	0	0	0
Degenerative Myelopathy	51	43	0	8
Eyes	44	44	0	0
DNA Data Bank	11			
New CHIC	30			

These tests represent a huge commitment by breeders to the Borzoi breed. Congratulations to all on the excellent results of these tests and to the 30 new dogs who can proudly call themselves CHIC!

Change in CHIC Requirements

Borzoi Health will be changing the Borzoi CHIC requirement starting the first day after the 2021 National specialty. The only change that is being made is a change from cardiac basic/congenital/advanced to Advanced cardiac only so that the CHIC requirements will read:

- [Eye Examination](#)
Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist [↗](#)
- [Autoimmune thyroiditis](#)
OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory [↗](#)

- **Cardiac Evaluation**
Advanced Cardiac Exam [↗](#)
- **Degenerative Myelopathy**
DNA based DM test results from an approved lab [↗](#)
- **Hip Dysplasia** (Optional)
OFA Evaluation [↗](#)
PennHIP Evaluation (min age 12 months)
- **Elbow Dysplasia** (Optional)
OFA Evaluation [↗](#)

DM Lab Results

There has been a report of a breeder who tested puppies for DM only to find later that the results were incorrect. This is not an isolated occurrence. Because the stakes are so high with DM testing, please consider retesting dogs one time through another company prior to breeding if you are not using a lab that has well known, high standards. This will help assure that you know the true DM status of the breeding partners. Genetic testing is NOT REGULATED so just because a company offers a test, does not mean it has a high level of reliability or validity. Please make use of the tool available through the <https://dogwellnet.com/> IPFD Harmonization of Genetic Testing For Dogs to help find labs that will better meet your needs.

If you run into a situation where your dog received an incorrect result on the DM test, please notify Nancy Hopkins at celestialbz@mac.com.

15. Health Foundations – Virginia Jones

- All quarterly reports have been received from OFA for the first 3 quarters of this year and forwarded to Nancy Hopkins
- Research grants lists and support inquiries have been received from Morris Animal Foundation for 2021CY and CHF grants proposals for 2020CY. Proposals for 2021 CHF grants will be sent out in the first quarter of 2021. At this time, pending the required costs to support the Sudden Death Arrhythmia study we are working with Drs. Gelzer and Meurs to establish, we are not pursuing requests to support additional studies from either group. It is still unknown what the costs will be associated with the Arrhythmia project.
- I will be scheduling another conference call with Andrea Fiumefreddo, grants director of CHG to review the latest information we have received from our last conference call with Drs. Gelzer and Meurs. We want to make sure they are aware we are continuing to pull together data results

that will support their requirements for the submission of an MOU and see if they might have additional insight that will help us.

- Dependent on COVID-19 status, I am tentatively planning to assist with the clinics at the 2020 National.

16. Judges Education – Patti Neale

Most of the educational institutes and seminar weekend have been cancelled, some well into next year, so we have no formal event scheduled before the 2021 National.

I have not gotten a printing quote yet for the Visualization

17. Junior Showmanship – Barbara Tyler Lord

BCOA 2020 Junior Statistics

As per Canine Chronicle

(January 1, 2020 up to and including September 30, 2020)

- ❖ Raina McCloskey - 21 points
- ❖ Emma Lloyd – 2 points

Note to ALL BCOA Club Members: Please reach out to me privately with any contact information you may have for any of the above listed Junior handlers currently not listed as BCOA club members. I will use this information to reach out to non-club member juniors handling Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition, and invite them as well their families to join the Borzoi Club of America.

Note to ALL Junior BCOA Club Members: Please feel free to contact me with any corrections or comments to the current statistics. warwindfarm@gmail.com

18. Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata

August 8, 2020	Birthday card – D. Kostishack
August 28, 2020	Birthday card – W. Reddick
August 16, 2020	Sympathy card – W. Katsarelas

19. Legislative Issues – Lyn Snyder Hoflin

July 30 - Virginia Attorney General's Animal Law Unit has sent a [letter](#) to animal control officers around Virginia highlighting the new animal cruelty laws that went into effect on July 1 and providing guidelines for enforcement.

August 3 - In June, staff of the [Texas Sunset Advisory Commission recommended](#) that the state's Licensed Breeders Program should be eliminated due to fundamental flaws with the law that created it, the program's ineffectiveness, and significant operational costs. The Sunset Advisory Commission will meet on Thursday, August 20, to accept testimony on recommendations to eliminate 15 regulatory programs currently managed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, including the Licensed Breeders Program.

August 7 - California Senate committee will be considering a bill on August 8 that seeks to further clarify the 2017 law that limited consumer choice in the state by banning the sales of dogs and cats at pet stores, unless they are sourced from a shelter or rescue.

August 8 - Georgia Senate Bill 359, which was amended as the "[Georgia COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety Act.](#)" provides certain immunities for COVID-19 related tort claims that are not the result of gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm.

August 11 - public hearing was held in Aiken County South Carolina in June 2020 regarding a proposed animal ordinance which contained overreaching requirements.

August 12 - Legislation continues to advance in California that would make further clarifications and amendments to the law passed in 2019 that requires those who hire independent contractors to provide them the same benefits as full-time employees.

August 15 - Carteret County, North Carolina Animal Control is considering updating their animal control laws and wants feedback from county residents.

August 18 - The Aiken County South Carolina Council is scheduled to again consider an overreaching animal ordinance at its meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

August 19 - The cities of Denver and Aurora both considered measures on August 17 to decide how to handle their breed-specific laws.

August 21 - On August 20th, the California Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously approved a bill that makes clarifications and amendments to the law passed in 2019 that requires those who hire independent contractors to provide them many of the same benefits as full-time employees.

August 24 - [Potential changes](#) to Albany, Georgia's, animal ordinances and dangerous dog laws were presented to City Commissioners at their August 18, 2020, meeting. Resident dog owners are urged to contact their city commissioners to learn more about this issue and how to participate in the development of new animal laws.

August 24 - On August 24, 2020, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) [announced](#) that an updated version of its Public

Search Tool, which provides access to Animal Welfare Act (AWA) compliance records, will launch on Monday, September 21, 2020.

September 1 - Bills are advancing in the Virginia Senate and House which will provide immunity from civil claims related to the transmission of or exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

September 4 - The Governor of Idaho has signed [House Bill 6](#), which provides certain liability protections when there has been exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

September 4 - [Assembly Bill 2257](#) has been passed unanimously by both chambers of the California State Legislature. The bill makes clarifications and amendments to the law passed in 2019 that requires those who hire independent contractors to provide them many of the same benefits as full-time employees.

September 5 - The Pasco County Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, on a [proposed ordinance](#) that seeks to limit pet stores in the county to offering only dogs and cats obtained from an animal shelter or an animal rescue organization. An enacting vote could be held immediately following the public hearing.

September 14 - **The Michigan House Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to consider a bill tomorrow, Tuesday, September 15, 2020**, that seeks to protect the rights of responsible dog owners in the state by prohibiting municipalities from enacting breed-specific policies.

September 23 - AKC has published an election guide toward identifying dog-friendly candidates who will protect the rights of responsible dog owners, exhibitors and breeders.

September 23 - California Governor Gavin Newsom recently signed several bills impacting dog owners, exhibitors, and sellers in the state:

September 30 - The Burke County North Carolina Animal Advisory Board has scheduled another a public hearing for Wednesday, September 30, 2020, to further discuss proposed county breeder permits, tethering regulations and, according to the notice, “possibly an unaltered impounded animal fine”.

October 2 - Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) introduced a bill that would make changes to the federal [Animal Welfare Act](#) to mandate arbitrary new requirements for certain professional and small hobby dog breeders. [S. 4757](#) – the “Puppy Protection Act of 2020” – is a companion measure (with the same language) to [HR 2442](#) introduced last year by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1).

October 8 - On Monday, October 19, at 7:00pm, residents in Marshfield, Massachusetts, will be asked at a special town meeting to vote on three proposed dog ordinances.

October 12 - The next meeting of [Texas' Licensed Breeders Advisory Committee](#) is scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2020, at 10AM. The meeting will be held via video conference and will be broadcast live on the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation's [YouTube channel](#).

October 12 - [New Jersey Senate Bill 975](#), which seeks to establish animal trunk fighting as an animal cruelty offense, is scheduled for consideration by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee on Monday, October 19, 2020.

October 13 - The next meeting of [Texas' Licensed Breeders Advisory Committee](#) is scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2020, at 10AM. The meeting will be held via video conference and will be broadcast live on the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation's [YouTube channel](#).

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20. Meet the Breeds (NYC) – Ron Williams

Nothing to Report

- a. Philadelphia, PA. - Corissa Fanning
- b. Nashville, TN

21. Members Education – Prudence Hlatky

UPDATE: 2020 Member Ed presentation is ready

22. National Specialty

- a. 2021 – Wilmington, OH. May 23 – 29, 2021

The 2021 National is moving forward cautiously. Anne Midgarden has put a lot of thought into keeping everyone safe next May. Lure trial will be held at the Twin Towers Park about 20 to 30 minutes from the hotel.

- b. 2022 – Mesquite, TX. April 23 – 30, 2022

Signed contracts have been received for the approved 2022 judges.

Obedience/Rally: Lure Coursing:

Judith Brown Jack Downing

Laura Young

Amy Balthrop

Currently we are in the process of filling all Show Committee positions.

23. Nominating Committee – Barbara Danieli

One petition for office was received. See Supporting Document for report

24. Registry of Merit – KC Artley

No applications received.

25. Standing Rules