

REGIONAL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Meeting Date: 11/5/2022

REGION 1 – Kari McCloskey

Region 1 has been pretty quiet.

- Sent request to Edna Ogata to send a get well card to Karen Staudt Cardabona, as she had an accident that resulted in her recovering at a rehab facility. She is now home.
- Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley is holding two supported entries to be held with The Winter Blast Cluster at the Valley Forge KC shows on December 10th and 11th. Location is Oaks PA.
- Sherry Besley is working on a proposal for the BCOA National for 2025, to be held in the Finger Lakes area of New York.
- I have spoken to a few BCOA members that attend our national and enter the Dual Champion Stakes competition. This is a topic that Prudence Hlatky and I have talked about this competition verses creating racing/coursing classes that progress to Best of Breed at the national show. The main issue that a number of exhibitors have in entering is the mystery judge. Several have told me that they will no longer pay a full price entry fee to not know who the judge is before they enter. To me, this is blind entry. Exhibitors are getting smarter with their entry fees and entering under judges they either feel they will do well under, or judges that they support as knowledgeable in judging our breed. I feel it is also a strain on the BCOA board to come up with a list of individuals that we feel would not have a conflict of interest and be able to keep this secret judging assignment secret. As we use up more and more knowledgeable individuals, we are going to end up in the situation where an entry is submitted where there is a conflict of interest and that exhibitor will be asked to not show after entry has been submitted. I suggest that we rethink the mystery judge aspect to the Dual Champion Stakes.

REGION 2 – Betsy Tolley

Emails

- Email regarding access to MembersOnly portion of website. 10/11/2022-10/18/2022
- Email regarding Borzoi medallions for agility invitational in Orlando. 10/19/2022
- Email to Region 2 members regarding trip to Founders Inn for BCCA National. 10/24/2022

- Two emails to Region 2 members regarding 2023 National Committees and request for volunteers. 10/31/2022

Other meetings and exchanges of information

- Several emails, texts, and phone calls with Rhonda Robins regarding hospitality for the 2023 National Specialty
- Obtained a written proposal for embroidery and silk-screening of specialty sales clothing from the vendor that made the embroidered tee-shirts which were displayed at the Awards Banquet of the 2022 at the 2022 National in Mesquite, TX.
- Phone call and email with Nancy Hopkins regarding possible health clinics at the 2023 National.
- Text messages with follow-up phone call with Olivia Abernathy regarding reserved grooming at the 2023 National.
- Text messages with a follow-up conference call with Corissa Fanning and Laurie Courtney regarding plans for inviting vendors to the 2023 National.
- Text messages with follow-up phone call with Lois Schultz regarding the Pee Wee and Toddler Competitions, obedience and rally, and CGC tests.
- Phone call and email exchanges with Joann Dougherty at Affordable Tents in Virginia Beach regarding a proposal for 80'x80' tenting for reserved grooming, i.e., 2 Navi Trac 40'x80' tents. Waiting on the proposal.
- Meeting in-person on October 13 with Brandon Ball and Anne Goessling of the Founders Inn regarding questions about (1) plastic covering for the carpet, (2) adjustments to the space utilization so that all dog activities could be kept on the ground floor, (3) recommendations for a DJ for a possible Friday evening social event, (4) measurement specifications for the rooms that BCOA will be using, and (5) relocating the bathing stations to the porch. Waiting for follow-up from Founders Inn regarding plastic, DJ, and specifications.

REGION 3 – Amy Sorbie

- Region 3 governor sent out September newsletter to region 3 members and Copied Ron so he can see format if he wants to use the same. Newsletter included BCOA- Winning 2024 National judges, AKC- new Fit Dog program, Region 3 new Champions, Breeder education on eyes and upcoming events/Specialties.

- Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club held a very successful independent Specialty on Sept. 5th in Longmont, Colorado.
- Lone Star Borzoi club will hold Designated Specialties on October 29th and 30th in Belton, Texas.
- Region 3 governor sent National Poll results out to membership 9/27/22. Received many notes of thanks from club members.
- RMBC members and local BCOA members will be participating in a local meet the breeds event on November 5th & 6th in Colorado Springs.

REGION 4 –Kay Novotny

- Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club News:
TTBC had a specialty on Saturday October 22, judge Amy Sorbie. There were 35 conformation entries, 3 puppy sweepstakes entries, and 2 veteran sweepstakes entries.
- Borzoi Club of California News:
Watch for information on next year's specialty coming up.
- Borzoi Club of Northern CA News:
 - BCNC had 2 specialties on Saturday, October 22, one independent in conjunction with the Del Valle Kennel Club, and the other a designated specialty. Conformation judges were Robert Frost and Keiko Shimizu. Pam Wild was supposed to judge, but unfortunately passed away before the date of the show. Sweepstakes judges were Brad Briscoe and Joyce Law.
 - Entries for the shows were 8 sweepstakes and 25 regular classes for the designated show and 10 sweepstakes and 28 regular classes for the independent show.
 - CNC plans to have another specialty in June, with the Woofstock cluster, for 2023.

REGION 5 – Kristina Terra

- The biggest event in Region 5 since the report submitted in the end of August was the Puget Sound Borzoi Club specialty, which drew Borzoi entries from Washington, Oregon, California, British Columbia, and Alberta. For the first time, since the COVID-19 pandemic began, we were happy to see our Canadian friends at our Borzoi event. The entries for the two back-to-back specialties were 66/74, the club held an auction

fundraiser, a sale of new and used dog-show items, a club dinner, and a chance to watch all the beautiful Borzoi in a huge outdoor ring.

- The BCOA 2024 National preparation work has continued in September: working with the Olympia hotel, which submitted a new version of the contract and has addressed many of the issues raised. The version is being reviewed. In the meantime, the BCOA club members in the region are coming up with ideas as to the theme and are in contact with the potential coursing sites.

REGION 6 –Kim Horn Janek

Since my last report dated 08/29/2022:

- I participated in all of Summer BCOA Board telephone conference calls.
- I received numerous emails from Corresponding Secretary, B. Danieli including AKC Notices, BCOA Nominating Slate and AKC Lure Coursing Numbers inquiry.
- I received an email from President, R. Williams giving me permission to welcome new Region 6 members to BCOA
- I sent Region 6 an update welcoming new members, reminding them of voting deadlines, requesting participation in AKC Meet the Breeds Tour, encouraging making hotel reservations for the 2023 National and expressing my regret that I would not be able to be at the MBC Independent Specialty due to puppies at home. Sadly, this is the first time I had no response or comments received back from my region.
- I received a phone call from BCOA member B. Todd informing me that she never received her 2020 Pedigree Book. After several emails to K. McCloskey, R. Williams and KC Artley it was determined that all of the extra copies were in the POD. I sent her my personal copy and will replace it when we open the POD in April, 2023.
- I received a follow-up email from R. Williams re: 2022 AKC Meet the Breeds Tour scheduled for Columbus, Ohio.
- I received numerous emails from Board members discussing future Board meeting schedules.
- I contacted Recording Secretary, J. Katona re: BCOA members that had not received the final judge's ballot.
- I received correspondence from Treasurer, L. Hoflin, B. Danieli and Vice President, S. McFadden re: the invoice to repair the damaged Charles Kubiak Perpetual Trophy.
- I received correspondence from various Board and Committee members re: By-Law Amendments, the National Poll Results, DC Stakes Judge Suggestions, location of the national lure coursing field and Quarterly BTRC Update.

- I received an email from member G. Snoddy that after numerous requests she only had one volunteer to staff the Columbus, OH MTB Booth and would have to cancel our participation.
- I submitted my signed Code of Conduct/Confidentiality Agreement to B. Danieli.
- I advised J. Katona that I had not received the Nominating Committee Report as of 9/30/22. I received an email blast on 10/1/2022 with the information.
- I made suggestions to the 9/6/2022 and 9/15/22 Board meeting minutes.
- I received email from R. Williams re: Proposed Nomination By-Law Change.
- I received the Breed Tri-Fold via USPS from JEC P. Neale. The Board exchanged emails re: where we should place it on the BCOA website.
- I sent agenda items to R. Williams for the Fall Face-To-Face Board Meeting.