

REGIONAL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Meeting Date: 8/29/2022

REGION 1 – Kari McCloskey

Region 1 has been pretty quiet. I sent out notice of an upcoming specialty to be hosted by Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey. I reminded their club president to send me the specialty request when being sent to the Corresponding Secretary, so that I can send out notice further in advance. I was copied on a comment from a region 1 member about one of our new membership application.

REGION 2 – Betsy Tolley

1. Reservations have been made for all judges and for the Board members who responded by the date required by the hotel for making reservations prior to the official opening date. NOTE—Setup and takedown must occur on very short time lines. These activities will require the help of all Board members and any volunteers that we can recruit. It will require “All Hands on Deck” on Monday, April 24 and Saturday evening, April 29.

2. Outdoor setups can occur prior to Monday, April 24, 2023. I will be attending the 2022 Bearded Collie National Specialty in October and will contact various hotel-preferred companies regarding tenting and auxiliary power (generators) for the outdoor grooming area. I will be getting information regarding costs, setup and takedown. I also plan to explore what arrangements have been made for the Bearded Collie grooming indoors, including space, restrictions, power distribution and costs. Outdoor setups also include space for the POD and for bathing. I will be meeting with Anne Goessling (hotel services coordinator) and Stephanie Marques (reservations).

3. I plan to discuss with Anne Goessling the hotel's meal and other refreshment services during my visit. No food trucks are available in the Dendron, VA area for lunches for the field events. I will discuss logistics of providing food and beverages to the field.

4. I will also be determining the extent of plastic-covered surfaces required for the Beardies and how they handle this requirement.

5. The following judges have returned contracts or will do so shortly: Russell Hornfisher for Obedience and Rally; Eddie Kominek and Donna Rogers for ASFA Lure Coursing; and Selma Kominek and Julie Cramer for AKC Lure Coursing, Lure Tests and QC Tests. Judges for DC Stakes and Stud Dog & Brood Bitch Classes have not been selected at this time.

6. The BCOA Specialty Photographer is Steve Surfman.

7. Selection of veterinarians and veterinary technicians for Health Clinics are in progress with potential candidates identified. A speaker for the Health Webinar has been identified. A topic for the Member Education Seminar is under discussion.

8. Rhonda Robbins has been working hard as Chair of the Hospitality Committee. She has some great ideas for center pieces for the two dinners. She is also working on the Welcome Bags and on the dinner favors. She is also making preliminary plans for a borzoi/companion/costume parade, followed by a casual “beach party” for Friday evening.

9. Torie Cassano has identified the volunteers who will be making up the field committees for the performance events. ASFA and AKC lure coursing will be held at the Dendron, VA field of SHOT (Sight Hound Association of Tidewater). There are currently two locations under consideration for LGRA: the SHOT field and a horse farm in Chesapeake, VA closer to the hotel. Susan Cecere is co-chair for LGRA. There will be a \$50 charge for use of the portapotty plus whatever the cost is for emptying it. There is a cost of \$100/day for rental of the field from its owner Lori Sebritz. The rental fee for SHOT equipment is \$2/dog entered with a minimum of \$50 per event. If LGRA is held in Chesapeake, Anne Midgarden will bring her drag equipment and Torie Cassano has obtained a promise for the other required equipment.

10. Dean Eelman is writing two articles for the Aristocrat promoting obedience and rally.

11. Caryl Dumaine has agreed to be the Auction Chair. We are considering making the event entirely online in advance of the Specialty. Alternatively, we are considering making most of the Auction online with only a few select items offered at the Specialty but with online bidding.

12. We have tentatively identified a chair for trophies and are working on details at this time.

13. Laurie Courtney will be working with Corissa Fanning on the Vendor Committee.

14. The Tentative Schedule is as Follows;

a. 6:30 AM Saturday April 22 ASFA Lure Coursing, Dendron, VA

b. 6:30 AM Sunday April 23 AKC Lure Coursing, Tests, QC, Dendron, VA 4:00 PM Sunday April 23 Board Meeting, Founders Inn

c. 6:30 AM Monday, April 24 LGRA racing, TBD 2:00 PM Monday, April 24 PVBC Specialty, Founders Inn outside

d. 8:00 AM Tuesday, April 25 Obedience 10:00 AM Tuesday, April 25 Rally 1:00 PM Tuesday, April 25 Futurity, Afternoon Tea, Futurity Continues

e. 8:00 AM Wednesday, April 26 Puppy Sweepstakes 1:00 PM Wednesday, April 26 Veteran Sweepstakes
3:00 PM Wednesday, April 26 DC Stakes

4:00 PM Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Competition Evening Health Webinar Online

f. 8:00 AM Thursday, April 27 Triathlon 8:30 AM Thursday, April 27 Altered 9:00 AM Thursday, April 27 Dog Classes 1:00 PM Thursday, April 27 Veteran Dogs 3:00 PM Thursday, April 27 Member Education 6:00 PM Thursday, April 27 Dinner followed by the Annual Membership Meeting

g. 8:00 AM Friday, April 28 Bitch Classes 12:00 PM Friday, April 28 Veteran Bitches 1:30 PM Friday, April 28 Brace 2:00 PM Friday, April 28 Team 2:30 PM Friday, April 28 Rescue/Companion/Costume Parade 7:00 PM Friday, April 28 "Beach" Party with Jan&Dean, the Beach Boys, and others

h. 8:00 AM Saturday, April 29 BOB Dogs 11:00 AM Saturday, April 29 Junior Handling 11:30 AM Saturday, April 29 PeeWees 12:00 PM Saturday, April 29 BOB Bitches, NOHS, Best Veteran, Best Bred-By, Best Puppy 4:00 PM Saturday, April 29 Ballroom Cleanup

6:30 PM Saturday, April 29 Cocktails

7:00 PM Saturday, April 29 Annual Awards Dinner

REGION 3 – Amy Sorbie

1. 4/23-30/2022 National Specialty Show in Mesquite, TX. It was a great National! Great job LSBC, BCOA Board and all BCOA members!
2. 5/1/2022 Sent out Region 3 May newsletter included photos from National Specialty
3. 6/1/2022 Sent out Region 3 June Newsletter.
4. 6/11/2022 RMBC B Match/Club Meeting and Club Picnic.
5. 6/24-25/2022 AKC Meet the Breeds in Dallas Texas. Many Region 3 members from Texas participated and brought their Borzoi. The event was successful and fun. Great job Lone Star Borzoi Club and BCOA Members!
6. 7/1/2022 Sent out Region 3 July Newsletter including nominating committee information and positions open, Photos from AKC Meet the Breeds in Dallas, photos from RMBC B match and picnic.
7. July 2nd & 3rd RMBC Designated Specialty in Colorado Springs with Colorado Springs Kennel Club. Successful Specialty with amazing ribbons and trophies. Great Job RMBC!
8. 7/14/2022 sent out notice to Region 3 that minutes from Annual meeting were available on BCOA website.
9. 8/1/2022 Sent out Region 3 Newsletter including re-print of Ron's letter outlining Hotel information for 2023 National.
10. 8/4/2022 composed National Poll sent preview to board for suggestions.
11. 8/7/2022 Sent National Poll to Helen to send to all BCOA Members to be completed by 8/24/2022.
12. 8/8/2022- forward to meeting. Will compile results and feedback from National Poll to review at August/Sept meeting.

REGION 4 –Kay Novotny

1. Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club News:
 - TTBC is having a specialty on Saturday October 22, Judge Amy Sorbie. The specialty is in conjunction with the shows in Las Cruces. There is an echo clinic the same weekend.
 - BaRay is the superintendent.
 - The May specialty was well-attended.
2. Borzoi Club of California News:

- BCOC April specialty held on Friday before the Western Hound shows was a success with a nice entry.
- Watch for information on next year's specialty coming up.

3. Borzoi Club of Northern CA News:

- BCNC has a specialty planned in October in conjunction with the Harvest Cluster, October 22. Conformation judge is Pam Wild and sweepstakes judge in Brad Briscoe.
- BCNC will also have a designated specialty on the same day, designating the classes of the Del Valle show as a specialty. Judges for that show are Keiko Shimizu for conformation and Joyce Law for Sweepstakes.

4. Suggestion for a National site.

<https://www.sycamorelanekennels.com/>

This place takes very good care of their lawn so they have decent footing for dog shows. I have been to a show here that was three days of Basset hounds. They started with sweeps on Friday evening, then there were two shows and two sweeps on Saturday and a third show on Sunday. For me, that would be worth it. Three judges - three possible points and beautiful grounds. There are plenty of local hotels there (not high end) and several in nearby Stockton.

The Oakland International, SFO, San Jose are all fly in options. It is wine country so that is a big draw and there are some great restaurants there. They must have a caterer for the show site also. The photos there are beautiful in front of their pond. There are also separate areas that are fenced for obedience/rally and agility. I'm trying to think of a lure coursing site but I'll bet there is one close by. It would change the dynamic of the national from a slow burn to race through like every other show but it would be great if we could have three shows at one time.

bunny kelly

REGION 5 – Kristina Terra

Many emails, texts, private messages and telephone conversations have been exchanged with Region 5 members about the 2024 BCOA National site, preparation, organization, and committees. The process is fluid. We have had a contract from the hotel in Olympia since April. Hillary Tregillus has put together a very nice deal working with a hotel manager, which whom she had worked together before. The contract is in its refining stages, so far I have sent the document to the hotel manager, the BCOA National co-chairs and to a professional in the field that happens to be a BCOA member in Region 5 (Patty Anderson). The last version of the contract (the third version) now has additional 64 comments that Patty and I have sifted through. Heather Lukashin, Hillary Tregillus, and I had two hotel-contract zooms. Also, Marie Yoesl and Marie Agun have been working on the performance site contracts. At this point, we are waiting for a call back from the hotel manager.

I have sent informational emails and alerts to the Region 5 membership about the 2024 BCOA National planning, BCOA judges ballots, and BCOA judges nominations.

In other region 5 news, the Puget Sound Borzoi Club has a new specialty location, we are pairing with the All-Hound Club of Bellingham, which was formed by a BCOA member, the late Steven Kass. The back-to-back specialty entries are 66/74 and we hope for a successful event in early September. Summer is the main dog-show season in the Pacific Northwest, so it has been very nice to see people coming back to dog events after a two-year break.

REGION 6 –Kim Horn Janek

Since my last report dated 04/11/2022:

Leading up to and following the 2022 National we had a lot of last minute details that we made decisions on via email and/or telephone.

These included the following:

- Fabrication of ring placement signs and final ribbon counts with Shirley McFadden
- Coordinating merchandise sales from the previous year with Sharon Loertscher
- Follow up acknowledgements with BaRay regarding the catalog and shipping address to Mesquite
- Reconciliation of checks and online payments for the 2022 National with Lyn Hoflin
- Reconciliation of Echo counts with Leonore Abordo
- Contact with Judith Newton for pricing on the Gary Newton Heads (Veteran Sweeps awards)
- Correspondence with Lauren Crenshaw regarding the price increases for the 2022 National meals
- Conference call with Facility Chair Kay Cassella to make sure the rooms would be available as needed
- Correspondence with the AKC regarding Live-Streaming our National Specialty
- Email from Karen Staudt-Cartabona inquiring about transportation from the airport to the Host Hotel
- Correspondence from Helen Lee requesting the name of the photographer that would be doing Ringside Candid
- Updated the Trophy Book for 2023 and advised Betsy Tolley that I would hand deliver it to her in Mesquite
- Contacted JEC Patti Neale regarding the number of individuals she had scheduled for Judge's Ed
- Reconciliation of Field Event Expenses with Leslie Walenta and Lyn Hoflin
- Correspondence with Prestige Pedigrees regarding a Show and Trial Entry Program
- Contacted a 2022 Exhibitor for lack of payment on a grooming space. It was later resolved with payment

I participated in several conference calls regarding the AKC CHF MOU.

I received and responded to several Region 6 members' complaints regarding the Judge's Ballot issue. It seems to have been resolved with the hiring of our new Tabulator.

I sent out a note to my region with an update on the National Specialty and congratulated the Lifetime Achievement Award winners that all came from Region 6. I had quite a few concerns since two of them were not present at the Awards Banquet and had no idea they had won. Several members suggested that it should not be a secret and the winners should be notified ahead of time. I feel it is okay the way it is currently done but we may need to address that in the future.

Additionally, I:

- Participated in several special BCOA Board Meetings regarding the 2022 National Specialty Reconciliation.
- Participated in the June 1 BCOA Board special meeting regarding the Judge's Ballot Issues and Nominating Committee.
- Updated Kay Collins' address with Recording Secretary, Joyce Katona.
- Discussed the National Specialty Survey with Amy Sorbie and copied the rest of the Board.
- Received the Futurity and Sweepstakes Critiques from the Judges and forwarded to Helen Lee for inclusion in The Aristocrat.
- Received an email from Guy Fisher, AKC, thanking me for chairing the National Specialty.
- Worked with several board members to write a letter to the membership regarding the 2022 National Specialty, advising them of new practices that will be put in place for 2023.
- Received emails from several Region 6 members regarding their Futurity Nominations and forwarded their requests to Rebecca Neal.
- Sent a note to my region acknowledging the President's Letter to the membership, asking them for ideas regarding future National Specialties
- Received a proposal from Cindi Gredys to add a Breeder's page to the BCOA website (and notified Ron Williams for inclusion in the agenda)
- Received an email from Lisa Hisey regarding a donation for BCOA from her parents' estate. I made arrangements with her and drove to Springboro, OH to obtain the collection. I have cataloged the items and will send an inventory to the Board.
- Received several comments and suggestions from my region regarding the National Specialty Poll which I will submit at our next scheduled meeting.
- Have participated in two Field Committee Meetings and one General Meeting via conference calls for the 2023 National Specialty.
- Have participated in a conference call with Barbara Danieli and Kristina Terra regarding the facility contract for the 2024 National Specialty. Made suggested changes to K. Terra.